

THE MERKEL MAIL

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BASEBALL GAME HERE TODAY, 4:30

This afternoon at 4:30 the Merkel Boosters will attempt to recover from the Simmons Federal's the beating they received at the hands of the Simmons College team Wednesday afternoon on the home grounds.

The game today will be between Merkel and Abilene at Highland Park, this city. Each team will begin workouts at 4 o'clock and the game called at 4:30 o'clock sharp. For the locals Stamford will toss to Ferrier unless a change is made before the game is called. Another change will be seen in the infield line-up, which will likely be Howard, Woodrum, Adams or Derrington or King or Dye. The outfield will be held down by Sharp, Boring, Burroughs or Ferrier. This line-up may be changed, however, before the game starts.

The game on Wednesday afternoon was somewhat of Keystone Comedy. Much squabbling was in evidence both to the sorrow of the spectators and management even though Merkel was more than likely correct in all their contentions. Of the eight scores piled up by the Simmons team six of them were caused by errors of Merkel players of which Renfro and Adams made three each. Stanford, who pitched for Merkel, was in exceptionally good form but could not win with the loose fielding of the Merkel boys. He was credited with five strikeouts and allowed only three hits, one of which was a scratch. Today's game with Abilene promises to be a cleaner game in every respect and the locals are anxious to redeem themselves.

Ladies silk hose 25 cents at J. A. Duckett's. The Price is The Thing.

GOES TO WACO TO FIREMEN'S MEET

Merkel at Waco this week consists of Firemen John T. Morgan, Otice Burns and Bernie Ben, who are there in the capacity of representatives of the Merkel Fire Department to the Annual Convention of Volunteer Firefighters.

No doubt a gloom will be over the Waco meeting this year owing to the recent death of Chief Prescott of the Waco department, who was, with the exception of J. J. Clinton at Abilene, the oldest chief in the State and one of the most popular chiefs in the United States. Memorial services were held by the convention in honor of the deceased chief.

NO SMALLPOX IN MERKEL COUNTRY

There is not a single case of smallpox in Merkel or in the nearby country, according to Health Officer Dr. W. V. Cranford of this place.

The erroneous report is circulated in some of the nearby towns that smallpox is raging in Merkel, one inquiry being to the effect that the writer heard there were over fifty cases here. There have been but few cases here and the last one, which was extremely mild, was released some four or five weeks ago.

NOODLE

Health of the community is very good at this writing.

Joe Callaway has returned after a three weeks visit in Colorado City.

A number of young people enjoyed a party at Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Green's last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Mangum of Trent were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Richards Sunday.

Mrs. A. J. Barbee and children returned to their home near Paducah last Friday.

Luther Richards and Wesley Ely, who are attending school at Simmons College, spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks.

Miss Myrtle Barbee is visiting in Paducah and Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walker of Kale spent Sunday with Wm. E. M. and family.

Miss Lucile Beens spent the latter part of last week with her sister, Mrs. F. E. Church, of Merkel.

The Children's Day at the M. E. church Sunday was well attended and a splendid program was well rendered from 11 to 12 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church of Merkel attended the children's day program Sunday.

Rev. Gaddis preached at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon and that night.

There was quite a number of young folks of this place visited the singing school at Shiloh last Friday night.

W. J. Bicknell purchased a new suit last week.

Miss Mary Thompson has returned to her home at Sinclair after a two weeks' visit with relatives here.

Mrs. A. C. Sosebee spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Dock Thompson of Sinclair.

A number of Shiloh people attended the children's day service at the M. E. church Sunday.

Clarence Eoff and Miss Allene Barbee attended the show at Merkel Monday night.

Uncle Henry Wheeler and wife of Colorado City are visiting relatives in this community.

Mrs. E. L. Eason spent Sunday with her mother in the Shiloh community.

J. E. Jones and family of Shiloh were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell Sunday.

E. L. Eason is attending court in Anson this week.

Grandma Horn has returned home after a visit with her son, W. K. Horn and family of Abilene.

Come out, Mr. Editor, and you correspondents, and let's go fishing. I know we would enjoy it.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Ussery spent Thursday and Friday with Wm. Eoff and family.

Practicing Our Preaching.

It is a good policy to at least do as you advise others. For this reason we have taken steps to have the paint and clean-up campaign extended so as to take in the Merkel Mail building and the Postoffice adjoining.

W. S. Smelser, owner of the two buildings above mentioned, seeing the bright green front we treated his place with decided to go us one better and have the awning to both the Mail and Postoffice remodeled and painted and also paint the front of the postoffice.

Notice of Sale.

I have sold out to Stanley-Ayers Company my produce business; also the egg business. They will run the business at the same old stand, the Kent Street Wagon Yard. W. P. Duckett.

FRANCHISE EXTENDED TO GET 24 HOUR ELECTRIC SERVICE AT MERKEL

Final Consummation of Purchase of Merkel Plant is Now Practically Closed. New Owners of Franchise Will be an Abilene Co.

What Merkel people have wished for for the last few years may now be secured after five years or more of watchful waiting, that distinction so noticeable only with the American people.

Monday night at the regular meeting of the City Council G. H. Caffery, who represented the Abilene Light & Power Co., together with W. E. Britain, of the local Light & Power Co., met with the Councilmen and presented a franchise for the approval of the body, the franchise asking for a fifty year extension to the one now held by the Merkel Electric Company.

Much discussion was held as to the probability of getting a continuous service even though the extension was given but any such fears seemed to be quickly allayed when Mr. Caffery addressed the body in behalf of his company. The proposition of the Abilene company is to operate a central power plant in Abilene and extend transmission wires to this place connecting to the wires now used by the Merkel company. This, however, depends on final consummation of the deal now pending between W. E. Britain, manager of the Merkel company; and the Abilene people who propose to purchase the entire holdings of Mr. Britain in this city.

Mr. Caffery also stated that his company had already purchased the material for building a line from Abilene to Cisco and told the members of the city council that he expected on the closing of their trade with Mr. Britain to have continuous power within the city in from sixty to ninety days.

With this assurance the Council gladly extended the franchise without changing a phrase, word or syllable of the entire document. So eager were they to get a 24 hour light service in Merkel they would have no doubt given the promoters a lease on the town for all time to come if it had only been asked. The Abilene representative returned home Monday night and further negotiations are now in progress between the Abilene company and Mr. Britain as to the closing of their deal. Promptly after the Abilene company become the owners of the Merkel franchise work will begin on transmission lines which should be complete in less than sixty days. With the Abilene company operating in Merkel, the management, temporarily will be with Mr. Britain. He has also been tendered a permanent position but has not accepted, only saying in answer to our question of "What-er-u goin-a do Brit?" that he intended to continue to make Merkel his home even after he had sold his Merkel property.

A RECORD OF OVER SIXTEEN YEARS ESTABLISHED BY THE MERKEL BANKS

Business Conditions More Promising Than Ever Before at This Season of the Year. Deposits Have Shown a Daily Increase With Our People.

Financially and every other way the Merkel country has improved during the past sixty days. On March 4 a statement of condition of the Merkel banks showed that there was a deposit of \$366,520.93. Since that date up until the first of May Merkel country money on deposit increased to \$374,408.42. On March 4 the cash on hand in the Merkel banks amounted to \$212,928.19. To this amount there has been an increase to \$221,484.46, while the demand for money is somewhat slow at both the Merkel banking institutions and their total loans have only increased \$1,383.47 since they filed their sworn statements on March 1. This showing is indeed a good one and, according to Cashier T. A. Johnson of the Farmers and Merchants Banks, it is the first time in sixteen years that he has experienced such conditions in the banking business. To the man who has good security the Merkel banks evidently would be glad to go the limit in extending him credit.

SHILOH

There was quite a number of Shilohites attended the children day services at Noodle Sunday. Misses Albertine Winters and Edith Mayberry of Simmons College came in Friday to spend the week-end with homefolks.

The singing school is progressing nicely considering the rainy weather we have been having.

A number of Shiloh people went to Anson Sunday to attend court this week.

Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy of Noodle spent Thursday and Friday night with Misses Lyda and Nina Beavers.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox left Thursday for their home in Waco after a three weeks' stay with Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wheeler, who have been visiting their son, U. E. Wheeler, for the past week, spent Sunday night with their son, Edgar, of the Noodle community.

Sam Seago of Noodle spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago.

Wilmer and Edgar Grayson and Johnnie McDaniel spent Saturday night in Merkel.

Editor's Comment--Please deliver me from such a work. I don't want to spoil the nice paper by having my likeness dabbed all over the paper, but to avoid this would be pleased to have each and every correspondent call at the mail office when in Merkel and ask that you feel perfectly at home when you do.

SALT BRANCH

Everything is looking fine since the rain and especially the weeds.

W. B. Robertson was called to the bedside of relatives near Rochester this week.

Mrs. W. B. Robertson is visiting relatives in the Mt. Pleasant community this week.

W. L. Barker and family attended church at Stith Sunday.

Mrs. Rush Buford is reported very sick at this writing.

Austin Robertson and wife spent Sunday with relatives in the Mt. Pleasant community.

The Salt Branch singing class sang at Mulberry Sunday.

There will be singing at Salt Branch next Sunday afternoon. Everybody come.

"THE THIEF"--5 ACTS

A Wonderful Melo Dramatic Story Elaborately Produced at The Cozy Saturday, May the 8th.

A young woman of weak character but with an infinite capacity for love has centered her affections upon a man of social position.

Without wealth or beauty she has no means of attracting his attention. To make herself desirable in his eyes she steals money from her friends to buy beautiful clothes. Her peculations are discovered and attributed to a young man, who knowing the truth, remains silent to shield her.

The love which at first led her astray has enabled and strengthened her character so that in the wonderful climax she confesses her guilt. Admission 5 and 10c.

To Preach Sunday.

Eder T. R. Burnett, who is well known in Merkel, will preach at the Church of Christ Saturday night and on the following Sunday. Elder Burnett makes at least one trip to Merkel yearly in interest of his paper, Burnett's Budget, of which he is editor.

AGRICULTURISTS TO BE HERE MAY 15TH

The following letter concerning the visit of Mr. H. L. Bentley to Merkel on Saturday, May 15, is self explanatory and will no doubt be of interest to many people. If the members of the Department of Agriculture of this State go to the trouble to make these visits and expend money in so doing the people of the country should take advantage of their experience and in this instance give Mr. Bentley a good audience.

Austin, Texas, April 28, 1915.
Editor Merkel Mail,
Merkel, Texas.

Dear Sir:
The Department of Agriculture is exceedingly anxious to lend its assistance to the farmers of the State in improving farm conditions in general. And in view of this fact, a system of institutes is to be organized and attached directly to the Department for the purpose of placing it in closer contact with the people that are being served through the Department. Our representative, H. L. Bentley, will be at Merkel May 15, 2:30 p. m.

It is our desire that he address the people at the hour set for the afternoon meeting and the people in general who are interested in the various lines of improvement of agricultural conditions such as organization, improvement of farm conditions, diversification, co-operative marketing, etc.

The business of farming is as important as the labor on the farm. It is useless to expend all the time in labor and leave our business alone for someone else. So let's get together and do our own planning.

Very truly yours,
Fred W. Davis,
Commissioner.

NUBIA SCHOOL TO CLOSE ON MAY 21

Reports from Nubia of the closing of school on May 21 have reached us. The Nubia school from all accounts had been a most successful one and a term that has been highly appreciated by both teacher, parents and students.

On the closing night the Nubia Literary Society will assist in the exercises. The Literary Society at Nubia has been found to be highly profitable to those who participate and a source of pleasure to those who attend. The last meeting was held Friday night of last week at which there was not enough seating room in the building to accommodate the crowd.

NEW COURT HOUSE WILL BE OPEN SUN.

The new county courthouse will be open for inspection to the public next Sunday afternoon between the hours of 2:30 and 4 o'clock, inclusive. County Judge E. M. Overshiner made this announcement today, issuing an invitation to the public to go through the building. After 4 o'clock the doors will be closed, and no one permitted to enter.—Abilene Reporter.

We are not hoarding our money. We want safe loans. Farmers State Bank.

No. 366

Condensed Statement of
Condition

THE Farmers State BANK

OF MERKEL

As Reported May 1st, 1915

RESOURCES

Loans	\$117,138.96
Overdrafts	NONE
Banking House	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	2,938.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Interest in Guaranty Fund	1,091.16
Revenue Stamps	33.58
CASH AND EXCHANGE	90,034.45
Total	\$225,236.15

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	6,063.51
Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	184,172.64
Total	\$225,236.15

In calling attention to the above statement we wish to impress the fact that this Bank commenced business in 1912 and now has over One Thousand Individual Accounts, making the largest Individual Deposits in Merkel.

We have no City or School funds nor due to Banks among our deposits. We have a large cash reserve and want some good acceptable loans. We are willing and able to serve you.

We solicit your account.

J. S. SWANN, President
JOHN SEARS, Vice President
R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier
B. C. MOORE, Assistant Cashier



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Saturday afternoon Miss Ruth Jones celebrated her birthday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones, on Elm Street. The guests were entertained with in and outdoor sports and games of various kinds. Many beautiful gifts were left in remembrance of the happy occasion. Cake and cream were served to the following playmates of the little hostess: Ruby Harris, Cora Johnson, Ouida Shannon, Tina Moore, Loel Merritt, Ruth Jinkens, Sybil Evans, Lenora Williams, Loyce Dry, Mollie Sears, Lucile Simmons, Eula Frederickson, Ruby Evans, Ina Mae Adams, Nellie Sharp, Alva and Hazel Bullock, Ruby Lee Warnick.

A conference and teachers meeting of the Presbyterian church was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen Thursday evening. At the conclusion of the business meeting Mr. and Mrs. "Maek" invited the guests to meet them at Quentin's where tables had been reserved. Roses were used in the decorations. Cream, strawberries and fancy cakes were served to Messrs. and Mesdames J. G. Sadler, Wm. Elliott, R. L. Bland, H. E. Bullock, Mesdames J. L. Gilliland, Ernest Kelley, Lake Renfro, W. H. Dickson, Misses Mamie Ellis, Beatrice Nediver, the host and hostess.

Miss Maude Jinkens entertained the Northside teachers and a few friends Tuesday evening with a luncheon at her home. The occasion being the birthday of the hostess. Music and conversation put wings on the time. Covers were laid for Misses Payne, Fletcher, Huffaker, McLendon. Messrs. Jones, Diltz, Burroughs and the hostess.

On Friday evening May 31 the teachers of Merkel High School were entertained by the senior class at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland. Music and games were enjoyed throughout the evening. The contest and egg race was fun for all. We regretted that Miss Payne could not be present on account of a pressing engagement elsewhere, but were consoled by the fact that Mr. Witt and his pets were there. The High School colors were used in serving a delicious ice course. All reported a delightful time as is always the case at Mrs. Bland's. Here's hoping she will let us come again.

Mrs. Ben T. Merritt entertained the members of the Twentieth Century Club together with a few friends at her home Saturday afternoon. The lesson was delightfully carried out.

Miss Fletcher entertained a few of her friends with a five course dinner on last Friday evening at Quintins. Red carnations featured in the decoration. Those enjoying her hospitality were: Messrs. Burroughs and Diltz, Misses Huffaker, McLendon, Jinkens and the hostess.

Mr. H. C. Burroughs, Jr., was host at a beautifully appointed dinner at high noon Sunday. Covers were laid for six courses. Roses were favored in the decorations. The dinner party for this occasion were: Messrs. Jones, Diltz, Misses Huffaker, Jinkens, Payne, Fletcher, McLendon and the host.

Dr. and Mrs. McMaster entertained the Banner Class. The winner were the class of boys taught by Miss Maude Jinkens at the Methodist church. This class won the banner by being present for three consecutive

Sunday. The entertainment was given at the McMaster home Friday afternoon. Nineteen members of the class and nineteen girl friends were present. Cream and cake were served to those present.

Mothers Day

Program at the Presbyterian church at the Sunday School hour, 9:45 to 11:00. Special music, readings, essays and "Tribute to Mother" by each department of the Sunday School.

Preaching service at 11:00, sermon appropriate to the day with special music.

Come, and bring your mother and father. Conveyance will be provided, gladly, for any one who desire it. Phone the superintendent.

"Tell Mother I'll be there."

E. P. McMillen, Supt.

Hubert E. Bullock, Pastor

Ernest C. Counts, who has been in China for the past few years, returned to Merkel yesterday and will make this his home for awhile at least.

COTTON RECEIPTS 22,514 BALES NOW

At closing time Wednesday afternoon there had been weighed in the Merkel yards the amount of 22,514 bales of cotton.

These figures are correct and cancel the last report made in the Mail in which an error was made in getting the exact amount weighed from one of the yards.

New Perfection means the highest quality in coal oil cooking stoves. If you have not investigated the merits of the new Fireless Cooker oil stove please do so at once. We are always glad to show you whether you buy or not. G. F. WEST CO.



FOR SALE—Standard cultivator in first class shape; at a bargain. See plow at Porter's Shop.

EGGS FOR SALE—Thoroughbred White Leghorn eggs for sale at 50 cents per setting. Small supply on hand at all times. Phone Mrs. J. A. Woodard. Phone 230.

NOTICE—If you are sick with any chronic trouble and want to get well, write Prof. J. H. Surles, Putnam, Texas.

FOR SALE—Good eight room house, has sleeping porch, barn and good garden. At a bargain. Call at Collins House.

FOR SALE:—Good buggy horse and surrey in 1st class conditions also practically new piano. Will sell cheap for cash, good notes or for cattle. Mrs. S. E. Tarlton. Phone No. 58 (tf)

FIRESTONE means better auto tires. Get them from G. F. WEST COMPANY.

Get pure Sudan Seed at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Safety for your savings.

Farmers State Bank.

Notice to Breeders

I will make stand at Diltz old place, 2 1/2 miles southwest of Merkel, a Rattler Brooks bay horse called Charlie, known as the Boney horse. \$10.00 to insure a living colt. Will not be responsible for accidents should and occur. Fred Peterson, Merkel Texas, Route 5 30t2pd

W. O. W.

Merkel Camp No. 719 meets second and fourth Friday nights of each month.

W. M. Elliott, C. C. S. Hamilton, Clerk

LIV-VER-LAX stimulates the liver. A harmless vegetable compound. Any child can take it safely. Ask Mrs. E. M. Rust.

No. 7481

Statement of Condition

Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

of Merkel

Close of Business Saturday
May 1st, 1915

RESOURCES

Loans	\$100,743.56
Overdrafts	NONE
U. S. Bonds—Par	10,250.00
Stock in Federal Bank	1,500.00
Five per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real Estate	6,500.00
CASH AND SIGHT EXCHANGE	131,450.01
Total	\$254,356.07

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits—Net	32,870.29
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	190,235.78
Total	\$254,356.57

With total resources of over a

Quarter Million Dollars

with cash on hand and in other banks of over \$131,000.00; a surplus fund larger than our capital, amounting to \$32,870.00, and total DEPOSITS over

\$190,000.00

we invite your account on the basis of our ability to take care of it.

It is through the co-operation of the banking public that we are able to make this statement.

We thank you for your business and invite you to call on us freely.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

Too Busy to Write an "Ad"

But Never Too

Busy to Give Your Wants

Our Prompt and Capable Attention

BURROUGHS DRUG STORE

Saturday's Specials

MAY 5TH

35c Dress Goods, Saturday's price	25c
25c Dress Goods, Saturday's price	20c
20c Dress Goods, Saturday's price	15c
17½c Dress Goods, Saturday's price	12½c
15c Dress Goods, Saturday's price	10c
12½c and 10c Dress Goods, Saturday's price	9c

With every pair of Ladies' Slippers sold Saturday we will give one pair of Silk Hose Free

COME AND SEE AND PRICE OUR GOODS

J. P. SHARP, Merkel, Texas

GRIMES DRUG STORE

Everything in the Drug Line

PHONE 105 MERKEL, TEXAS PHONE 105

Why Swat Flies All Summer Long

and let them jeopardize the health of your family when for a small sum you can equip your home with

Screen Doors and Windows

We're prepared for a big trade in screens this summer and can fit your home on short notice. A variety of regular sizes carried in stock—others obtained with little delay if ordered early.

BURTON-LINGO CO.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Gaither and children left Wednesday noon for Dallas for a short visit. From Dallas Mrs. Gaither and children will go to Kirvin, in Freestone county to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Harris, while Mr. Gaither will return to Merkel.

The Farmers State Bank—a Guaranty Fund Bank.

German millet seed for sale at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Claud Sears who has been sojourning in El Paso, Kansas City, Fort Worth, Big Springs and other towns during the last few weeks in interest of the cattle industry has returned home for a short stay.

Mrs. J. W. Mayfield was in Abilene Tuesday visiting her son, James, who was operated on there last Friday. The operation was not serious, the extent of it being to remove the young man's tonsils.

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 1st day of May, 1915, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 7th day of May, 1915.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$112,364.96
Loans, real estate	3,774.00
Real Estate (banking house)	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	2,338.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net	76,894.86
Cash Items	768.84
Currency	8,520.00
Specie	3,325.00—13,007.84
Int. in Depositors Guaranty Fund	1,091.16
Other Resources as follows	165.29
Total	\$225,236.15

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$35,000.00
Surplus Fund	1,500.00
Undivided Profits, net	4,196.83
Individual Deposits sub. to check	180,107.33
Time Certificates of Deposit	8,416.49
Cashier's checks	648.82
Other Liabilities as follows:	
Reserved for taxes	366.68
Total	\$225,236.15

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, J. S. Swann as president, and R. O. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. S. Swann, president.
R. O. Anderson, cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of May, A. D. 1915. C. D. Mims (SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas
Correct—Attest: B. C. Moore, John Sears, J. S. Swann } Directors

German millet seed for sale at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. J. L. Tucker of Blair visited relatives here Saturday.

Better get one of those 19 cent brooms at J. A. Duckette.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Stanley visited relatives in Nubia Sunday.

Pure California honey, new crop, at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Stith of Abilene were in the city Monday.

We want some good safe loans. Farmers State Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes were in Abilene last week.

New California honey, new crop, at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Miss Artie Cypert visited relatives in Trent the past week.

Don't fail to see J. A. Duckette's ad in this paper.

Misses Jenkins, McLendon, Huffaker and Fletcher motored to Abilene Saturday.

Safety, service, stability and satisfaction. Farmers State Bank

Miss Gail McCarty of Sweetwater visited Mrs. W. H. Dickson Sunday.

Mrs. Eunice Darr of Abilene visited her brother, J. T. Warren and family, the past week.

J. H. Grayson was in town Wednesday on his way to Abilene on business.

Mrs. Rogers of Peecos was the guest of Mrs. M. A. Woodrum the past week.

I thank you for your patronage. W. G. Whetzel, the barber.

Jesse Ferguson returned home from Marlin Friday where he has been for the past three weeks.

Miss Eather Williams of Abilene spent the week-end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Williams.

Organized 1912. Success proven by our large line of individual depositors. Farmers State Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Barnett left Tuesday for Mineral Wells where they will be for some time.

Misses Magga Smith and Alice Riley of Trent were guests of Miss Cora Hodge Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Payne, who have been spending the winter here, have gone to Abilene.

Let your money work for you. We pay 4 per cent interest on time deposits. Farmers State Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Jennings of Abilene were here Sunday visiting the former's mother, Mrs. J. W. Jennings.

Elery Smith and family of Trent were here Sunday visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson of Stamford were here Sunday visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson.

Notice our published statement. We have the largest line of individual deposits in Merkel. Farmers State Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nelson of Bronte attended the bedside of the former's mother, Mrs. M. C. Nelson, who recently died.

Mrs. V. D. Jones and son, Edward, of Bagwell, came in Sunday morning to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Collins.

We have purchased the egg and poultry business of W. P. Duckett. Bring us your farm products. Stanley-Ayers Grocery Company.

Ocie Burns was called to Big Springs the first of the week to take charge of the affairs of Bob Hampton who received a message from Peacock telling him of the dangerous condition of his mother, Mrs. W. R. Hampton. Mrs. Hampton formerly lived here and has a host of friends who are eager to learn of her speedy recovery.

NO 7481
Report of the Condition of
THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL
In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business, May 1st, 1915

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts (notes held in bank)	\$100,743.56
Bills of Exchange—Cotton and Grain	1,062.85—101,806.41
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds pledged to secure postal savings dep. (par val)	4,000.00—10,250.00
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve bank	3,000.00
Less amount unpaid	1,500.00—1,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Other Real Estate owned	6,500.00
Due from Federal Reserve Bank	5,506.56
Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis	18,388.83
Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	46,416.53—64,755.36
Due from banks and bankers (other than inclu. in 8 or 9)	38,492.36
Checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	769.62
Outside checks and other cash items	882.12
Fractional currency, nickels and cents	100.39—982.51
Notes of other national banks	4,790.00
Lawful money reserve in bank: Total coin and certificates	14,369.25
Legal-tender notes	500.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 per cent on circulation)	312.50
Total	\$254,134.57

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	\$10,742.29
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	2,872.00—7,870.29
Circulating notes	6,250.00
Due to banks and bankers (other than included in 5 or 6)	13,514.79
Demand Deposits:	
Individual deposits subject to check	161,175.64
Cashier's checks outstanding	75.00
Postal savings deposits	2,848.85—164,099.49
Time deposits:	
Certificates of deposit due on or after 30 days	12,400.60
Total	\$254,134.57

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of May, 1915.
G. W. JOHNSON, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: J. T. WARREN, G. F. WEST, BEN T. MERRITT, Directors.

Big Bargains

We have just received another lot of Bargains. It will pay you well to look over this list carefully and compare prices. It means a Big Saving to You.

Just received another lot of Best Grade Matches, 2 boxes for 5c; per dozen	30c
Four sewed Broom, 35c grade	19c
Child's Rompers, good grade and well made, sizes 2 to 6, very special at	25c
Large Bed Sheets, size 72x90 inches, regular \$1.00 value, our price	69c
Ladies new Middie Aprons, regular price 75c, our price	50c
Don't fail to see our children's White Dresses, 50c to	\$3.50
LADIES' HATS MUST GO—Choice any Hat, worth up to \$5 00, only	85c
Ladies' Kimonas 85c to	\$1.95
Children's Embroidery Trimmed Drawers, only	10c
Ladies' House Dresses	95c
Men's Hats, worth \$2 50, only	95c
Boys' and Men's Caps, worth 50c, only	25c
Most up-to-date line of Ladies' Waists in Merkel, 25c to	\$1.25
You will have to hurry as these bargains will not last long.	

Bring Us Your Chickens and Eggs
If you don't trade with me we both lose money

J. A. DUCKETT
THE PRICE IS THE THING

Organized for success. Farmers State Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Fannin of Hamlin were here the first of the week visiting the latter's aunt Mrs. C. P. Stevens.

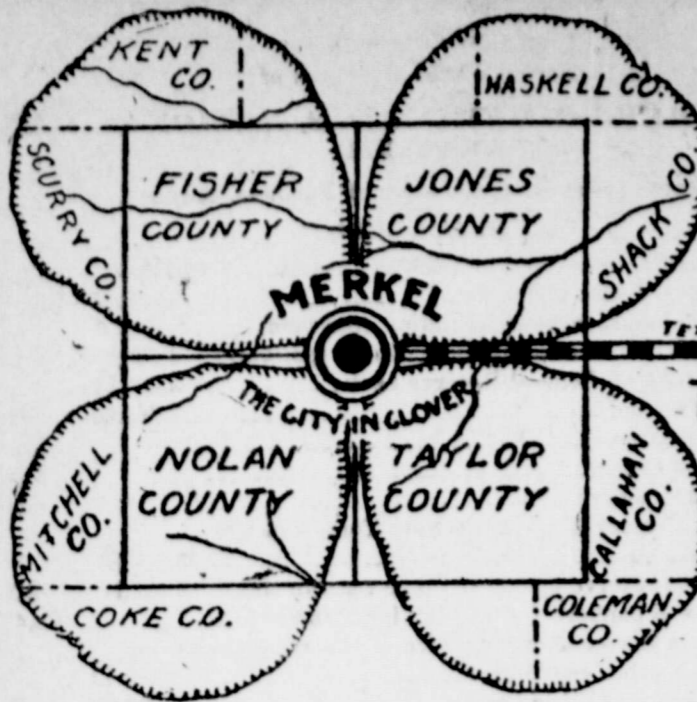
Baseball today at Highland Park. Merkel --vs-- Simmons College Federals at 4-30 Admission 25 cents, school children 15 cents. Come out.

Barney Garrett, who has been at Zulch, near Houston, during the winter returned home Sunday, his school at that place having ended. He was called to Tye Wednesday to assist in the Tye school, one of the teachers having suddenly resigned.

German millet seed for sale at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Mrs. B. F. Ferguson has joined her husband, Agent Ferguson, of the Wells-Fargo Express Co. They are at present keeping temporary rooms at the Bland home.

J. A. Hamner, who has been with his daughters, Mesdames E. A. Oualline and J. T. Rollo of New Caney, returned here Sunday for the summer. Mr. Hamner stated that the Merkel country was in better condition than any portion of country through which he passed in coming here from Houston via Austin and Georgetown, at which places he stopped over for several days.



MERKEL

GOOD HOMES, - GOOD SCHOOLS,
GOOD CHURCHES, GOOD PEOPLE, -
THE CITY TO LIVE IN, -
THE CITY TO INVEST IN

THE MERKEL COUNTRY, -
OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,
GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,
EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR MAN,
INVESTMENTS FOR THE RICH MAN
PROSPERITY FOR ALL.

The MERKEL MAIL

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TELEPHONE No. 61

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

INSTALLATION OF NEW CITY OFFICERS.

The newly elected officers of Merkel took their oaths of office Monday night and we are now living under a new reign, directed from the same sources but under different influences.

Taking the place of the outgoing aldermen were Messrs. J. O. Hamilton, re-elected and Geo. Boyce, a former alderman, who showed his ability to come back, a thing that most men cannot do once the trend of politics fades from their grasp. Appointed City Secretary Frank J. Ferrier closed his books and turned the job over with profound sympathies to G. W. Johnson who now has on his hands the duties of assessing the city taxes, a job that should have been done under the direction of the outgoing assessor, W. N. Hall, who has moved to his farm just east of the cemetery. The office of City Marshal is now under the direction of Ben Walters, who has already shown his ability to be where he is needed at the proper moment.

One thing the people of Merkel can now expect if the talks of the meeting on Monday night are carried out, and that is a strict enforcement of the city laws.

In the beginning of the duties of the new city officials we sincerely trust their deliberations will be friendly in every respect and that co-operation on their parts will be noticeable at all times.

TODAY'S QUEEREST STORY.

The Mail will let mistakes of all descriptions pass unobserved but forbearance ceases to be a virtue when our sister town of Abilene attempts to publish to the outer world that one of Merkel's most popular families is a resident of the city of Abilene.

Here are the facts. In the Abilene Reporter of Tuesday, May 5, there appeared under the head of "Today's Queerest Story" the statement that three former sweet girl graduates of Dublin who were of the same class had recently married and had recently moved to Abilene, none of the contracting parties having ever made Abilene their home before. In this list of newlyweds that had chosen Abilene as their home the Reporter named Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Merritt.

The "Scoop" who fed his readers on this story was certainly misled. Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Merritt are residents of Merkel and have never lived in Abilene a day in their lives and state that they never expect to, so great is their content with their congenial surroundings in Merkel. It is a fact that Mrs. Ben T. Merritt, nee Miss Welch, was a graduate of the Dublin High School, but when she saw fit to leave her happy home the city of Abilene had no charms whatever and Merkel was the gainer along with Ben T. Merritt, Assistant Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank. We can't see that the story was very queer only from the fact that it is funny that the composer did not know the citizenship of his town better.

The Trent Enterprise, the new newspaper now being published in the sister city of Trent, is patronized liberally by the merchants of that place, all of which is good business, both for the merchants and the editor. The Trent Enterprise going to the people of the Trent country should carry messages every week from Trent stores. For the merchants to fail to patronize their paper they gradually kill a good enterprise but at the same time cut off their own noses to spite their faces. The Enterprise has our best wishes for continued success.

MEN ARE QUEER DUCKS.

If, when most men went home to their meals they had to climb upon a high stool in front of a table on which there was no cloth and eat in that fashion, wouldn't there be a roar? Yet a majority of men when they go to a restaurant to eat, will pick out the high stool and feed board with no cloth on it in preference to a comfortable chair and a covered table. A man will borrow a chew of tobacco and most of them will set their teeth into the plug where some other man has gnawed out a chew. Offer him a piece of pie at home from which his wife or one of his children had taken a bite and he would hollow his head off.

At home he will not drink out of a glass or cup from which one of the family has been drinking. Call him into the back stall of a livery barn, pull out a bottle and he will stick the neck half way down his throat in order to get a swig, after a dozen other fellows have had the neck of the bottle in their mouths. A man is a queer duck. -Exchange.

You can't tell where the country paper goes to, says an exchange. Some of them are like the editor who wrote to a catalogue house for some advertising. They replied that they would be glad to use his space, but would like to know what territory his paper covered, whereupon he told them: "This paper goes from New York to San Francisco, from Canada to the Gulf, and it keeps me working until two o'clock in the morning to keep it from going to hell."

The editorial writer of the Star-Telegram in their issue of April 30, dug down deep in the circumstantial evidence convictions, keeping in mind a recent case at Abilene in which a young man was all but given the third degree only to escape a trial on the capital charge of murder when his supposed victim came to life in a dime novel way.

Governor Ferguson did more when he asked the legislature to appropriate \$1,000,000.00 for the country schools in the State of Texas than any previous governor has done toward advancement of the educational interests of the State. That the rural schools of the State are in need of better advantages is too well known to deny and this action of our governor is highly commendable.

The Sweetwater Daily Journal of Vol. 1, No. 1, reached our desk May 1, being edited by J. C. Hopkins and published by Geo. M. Hill, the latter a former Merkel citizen. The initial appearance of the Journal was a newsy one of seven columns, four page dimensions and a credit to the management's opening exploit.

The Abilene city commissions have cut down their own salaries. Here is a fine example in the world of "watch dogs" of the treasury. -Taylor County Vidette.

Yes, they did themselves noble in this, but what about their spring house cleaning. Seems that it was fortunate they did not have absolute canning power to hand out as they saw fit.

The Midland Reporter on April 30 furnished its readers with a Pre-Fair Edition of twenty-eight pages, everyone chock full of interesting reading matter and readable advertisements. The Reporter is strong for the Midland country, a country strong for itself.

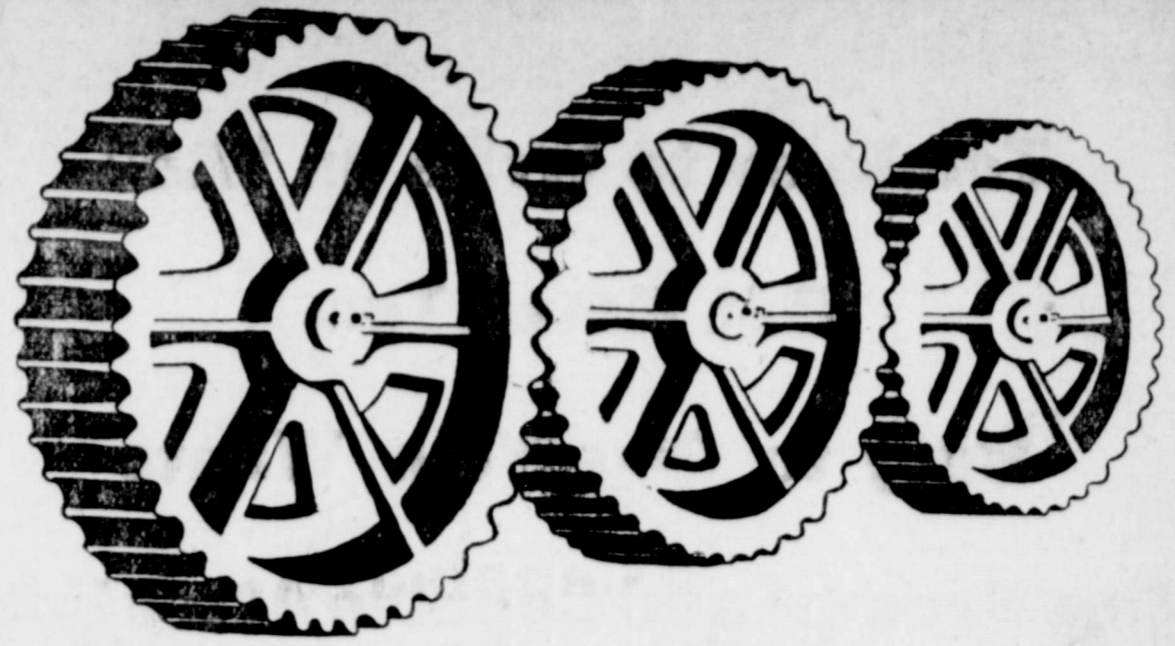
German scientist say the human brain admits a faint glow "under certain conditions." We presume that is when the individual is "all lit up."

The Memphis Commercial says there is nothing in a name and cites the instance of an Indiana girl being named "Ima Man."

"I sell a car for every joke that is made on the Ford," says Henry. Which shows how busy his men are kept.

Is that barley water that King George is drinking the fermented stuff?

Once more Italy is "going to get" into the war - some other day.



Without Trouble— For the First Time in Ten Years

This is what a brick manufacturer in Illinois said when he had used one barrel of Texaco Crater Compound for the heavy gearing of his brick-making machinery.

Before this we have had to buy new gears every spring because the difficult work imposed upon them caused them to wear out very rapidly.

I do not know just how much longer these will last, but we won't need any new ones this year, and that saving will pay a good many oil bills.

TEXACO QUALITY

was responsible. Working under these difficult conditions, as it operates under any circumstances, performing service second to none, saving more in the wear and tear upon this heavy gearing than many times its cost.

Texaco Quality and Service will work out your problem just as efficiently as in this case.

Call on our agent in your town. Give him your hardest problems. Texaco Red-Star-Green-T Products, made in Texas will solve them for you.

The Texas Company
General Offices, Houston, Texas

No. 35



The Telephone Joy of Farm Life.

Life on the farm is made pleasanter and more secure by Bell Telephone Service.

Pleasanter, because it brings messages of cheer and companionship from friends far away, more secure because it brings help immediately when there is need.

Write our nearest office for information.

The Southwestern
Telegraph &
Telephone Company



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Hackney Horse Notice.

I will stand the Hackney horse at the Hellums Wagon Yard this season. \$10.00 to insure living colt. Not responsible for accidents. J. G. Hale. 30t4

The most miles per dollar—Firestone auto tires. G. F. WEST CO.

You are losing money if you are not trading with J. A. Ducketts.

Ice Deliveries

We will deliver ice

to all parts of the city in quantities of 15 pounds

or more. No sales from the wagon will be made

in amount of less than 10 cents or 15 pounds of ice

Phone Us Your Orders

H. M. WARREN
ICE

Addressed Letters

Jones, C. W.
Martin, J. J.
Perry, W. L.
Rollins, Mrs. Pearl
Walker, R. L.
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office May 15.
H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas

The largest and most complete stock of auto tires in town.
G. F. WEST CO.

Grain Growers Notice.

Book your thrashing dates now. New Case separator. Size 36x58 with gas engine power. Beasley Bros., Noodle, Route 1.

Breeders Notice.

I am standing the Britain jack at my place 2 1/2 miles east of Noodle. S. H. Meeks. 26t4

Breeders Notice.

Am standing my French Coach horse, Registered Black Spanish Jack, Jersey Bull and Duroc boar one block east of the postoffice at Merkel. G. R. Gazzaway.

Wake up your liver. A lazy liver brings on the worst of diseases. Take LIV-VER-LAX now. Ask Mrs. E. M. Rust.

German millet seed for sale at the Bob Martin Grocery Co. Is your liver inactive? LIV-VER-LAX will wake it up.

PARTEN'S GREAT MAY SALE

WE HAVE HAD THE GREATEST BUSINESS IN THE WHOLE HISTORY OF OUR CAREER

The Direct Result of Extreme Low Prices and the Best Goods the World Produces.—With Constant Replenishing, However, our Big Stock Remains in Size the Same it was at the Starting Point and is Too Large at This Time of the Season, Consequently it

MUST BE REDUCED AT ALL HAZARDS AND OUR GREAT MAY SALE PRICES WILL DO THE WORK



The Leader That Leads
discriminating women to our store is the Style and Beauty of our stock of Corsets.

The well-dressed woman knows that a perfectly fitting Corset is the foundation to a correct appearance.

Our Corset Figures are especially attractive and we would like to Lead You our way.

All \$1.25 La Resista corsets for only \$1.00
This is the greatest line of corsets we have ever carried and it will pay you to take advantage of these prices. Up to \$5 corsets for only \$3.85



A Good Stroke

of business which we were fortunate enough to "Swing" at a recent date has enabled us to surprise the Purchasing Public by offering some Stupendous Values in Millinery.

Through this excellent Stroke we hope to "Swing" a big part of your trade Into Line, and also maintain our reputation as Leaders in Value-Giving.

Ladies \$7.50 hats for only... \$3.75
Ladies 6.50 hats for only... 3.25
Ladies 5.00 hats for only... 2.50
Ladies 4.50 hats for only... 2.25
Ladies 4.00 hats for only... 2.00
Ladies 3.50 hats for only... 1.75
Ladies 3.00 hats for only... 1.50
Ladies 2.50 hats for only... 1.25
Ladies 2.00 hats for only... 1.00

These comprise a big variety of the very newest things going in ladies spring and summer hats and it will pay you to be one among the first to grab the opportunity this sale affords



Boom! Boom! Boom!
Prepared for Action

Yes, and we expect Action a plenty when you hear the reports from our store.

PRICES SHOT TO PIECES

You had better come prepared for Action, for you will find the Values well worth your while.

Big \$1 Ladies Waist Sale.

All ladies waists in our store including all silks as well; values up to \$4, all newest styles, for only \$1.00



"Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep,"

But happiness great she's found, For by Hook or Crook she's run for a look

At the Classiest Shoes in town.

The great variety of these children's shoes makes it impossible to quote prices but we have the greatest surprise in prices you ever heard of.



The Bride

will find in our stock of Laces and Embroideries just the exquisite patterns she will require for Dresses and Lingerie.

The Sheerest of Laces—intangible as Milady herself—are those which are most in favor and these we are showing in great variety.

Truly, this is a Season of Lace.

10c to 20c val laces only only... 5c
10c embroideries only... 5c
20c embroideries only... 10c
35c embroidery flouncing only 18c
50c embroidery flouncing only 25c
75c voile flouncing only... 45c
85c voile flouncing only... 50c
\$1.00 voile flouncing only... 65c



Minute Scrutiny

of the following list of Prices will convince you of our Unprecedented Offer.

Our Prices mean the Best Possible Value for your Money, which is True Economy.

Ladies New Spring Skirts

All \$3.50 skirts for only... \$2.45
All 4.50 skirts for only... 3.45
All 5.00 skirts for only... 3.85
All 6.50 skirts for only... 4.95
All 7.50 skirts for only... 5.85
One big lot fine new spring ladies waists, \$1.25 to \$1.75 values, for only \$1.00



Alight and A Light

1915 New Model Ford Automobile

Free Free Free Free

Don't forget your votes.

OUR PLAN

The plan by which we are giving this Auto away is the fairest possible to conceive of.

Under the plan it is possible for the customer trading only \$25 to get more votes than the customer trading \$50. Or the customer trading \$5.00 to get more votes than the customer trading \$10. Let us explain it to you. The customer with small trading capacity has equal opportunity with the customer with larger trading capacity.



We Set The Pace

in the sale of Men's and Boys' Clothing for this community.

If you want to take your place among the Well-Dressed, come in and let us Clothe You in one of our New Ready-to-Wear Suits.

Pick and choice of our men's \$10 and \$12.50 suits for only... \$6.95
Pick and choice of our men's \$15 and \$20 suits for only... \$9.95
Pick and choice of our boys' \$5 new spring suits for only... \$3.75
Pick and choice of our boys' \$4 new spring suits for only... \$2.95
Pick and choice of our boys' 7.50 suits for only... \$4.45



If you're going out to see "Her" And want to look your best, Just take along a smile or two, Our Shoes will do the rest.

\$6.00 Packard shoes for men for only... \$4.95
\$5.00 Packard shoes for men for only... \$3.95



For the Promenade

The Dance, or in the ordinary walks of life, great emphasis has been placed upon the Feet.

If you would show good taste in dressing, this important detail should receive your most careful consideration.

See our Stylish, Well-Fitting Shoes before making your selection.

Slippers For Ladies and Children

\$1.75 ladies Oxfords, only... \$1.45
2.50 Baby Doll patent leather Slippers for only... \$1.95
\$3.00 patent leather Baby Doll Slippers for only... \$2.45
\$3.00 patent Colonial Pumps for only... \$2.45
\$3.50 patent cloth counter Pumps for only... \$2.95
All other \$3.50 new style slippers for ladies for only... \$2.95
\$4.00 slippers for ladies, including any and all styles and kinds for only... \$3.45



Obey That Impulse

For it's time your head was safely hid

Beneath a covering of straw—a Stylish, new Spring "Lid." Then leave that time-worn winter Hat—

It's duty now is o'er, And Top yourself becomingly In one from Parten's store.

Men's \$1.50 new spring Straws, latest models, for only... \$1.10
\$2.00 new spring Straws and Felts for only... \$1.45
\$2.50 new spring Straws and Felts for only... \$1.95
\$3.00 new spring Straws and Felts for only... \$2.45
\$3.50 new spring Straws and Felts for only... \$2.95
One lot John B. Stetson new spring styles for only... \$3.50

\$4.50 Packard shoes for men for only... \$3.75
\$4 shoes for men for only... 3.45
\$3.50 shoes for men for only 2.95
\$3 shoes for men for only 2.45
\$2.50 shoes for men for only 1.95
\$2 shoes for men for only 1.50



The Last Word

in Exclusiveness. Our new stock of Dress Goods is a select showing of Authentic Style.

Never before has our buyer been confronted with such a bewildering array of materials and varied assortment embodies the newest weaves, colorings and fabrics and is, without a doubt, the greatest early Season showing of Dress Goods ever seen in Merkel.

We invite the discriminating shoppers of our vicinity to come in and look over our immense line and be convinced that we are as well prepared to supply their requirements as though they had the stocks of the city stores at their command.

15c printed crepes only... 10c
20c printed voils only... 12 1/2c
25c printed mulls only... 15c
35c plain and printed lace cloths, mulls rice cloth and many other new weaves for only... 25c
50c embroidered lace cloths and other new spring weave for only... 35c
75c silk lace cloths and messalines, extra special... 50c
Yard wide all silk faille for only... \$1.00
Yard wide fine quality voile for only... 15c



We Are Bound To Attract

your Attention, because we know we can interest you with our Special Offerings in Silk Hose.

The present modes demand that Milady's Hosiery be in harmony with the rest of her attire. Our stock includes all the new Styles and Shades to match Milady's gowns.

75c and \$1.00 silk hose for ladies for only... 50c
50c silk hose for ladies for only... 35c
35c silk hose for ladies for only... 25c
30c silk lisle hose for ladies for only... 25c
25c lisle hose for ladies for only... 20c
20c lisle hose for ladies for only... 15c
15c hose for ladies, extra special for only 3 for... 25c



Recruits Wanted

Every able-bodied man between the ages of fifteen and ninety years is wanted at our store.

We have a fine line of Overalls and Work Shirts that is sure to enlist your attention.

Join the Army of Well-Dressed working men. Buy your Work Clothes from us.

Big, full-size men's 50c Work Shirts for only... 39c
Best grade Overalls made—"Interurban Special"—only... 88c
\$1.25 extra fine work pant for only... \$1.00
75c checked jumpers for men, "Made Right" kind, only... 50c
Men's 50c, all fine silk ties, extra special, only... 39c
Men's silk ties, the 35c kind, extra special, only... 19c



Grab it. Don't Miss It.

Never let a good thing slip by you.

Bargains are always worth Grabbing and here are some Veritable Values for discerning buyers.

Yard wide heavy brown domestic for only... 5c
7 1/2c apron check ginghams for only... 5c
10c heavy cheviott shirting for only... 7 1/2c
10c extra heavy yard wide brown domestic for only... 7 1/2c
10c light and dark percales for only... 7 1/2c
And hundreds of others too numerous to mention at ridiculously low prices.



A Wide Assortment

of Sizes and Styles assures you of getting fitted when buying Underwear from us.

We handle the best makes of Men's Under-Garments.
50c Elastic seam drawers for only... 35c
50c white fine balbriggan under shirts for only... 30c
\$1.00 Summer balbriggan union suits for men only... 69c
Boys' 50c meeb and muslin summer union suits only... 45c
35c bleached and flesh colored under shirts and drawers for men for only... 25c

Greatest Values at Any Time Were Never Offered by Any Store and only a Little Visit and Inspection Will Convince You of This Fact

Hurry, Hurry, to Parten's Great May Sale

PARTEN DRY GOODS CO.

THE SPOT CASH STORE

WITH THE SPOT CASH BARGAINS

<p>AT The Home Store That fresh, sweet, pure, Bee Comb Honey at 12 1-2 Cents Per Pound</p> <p>AT STEVEN'S STORE North of the Blacksmith Shop</p>	<p>City Barber Shop</p> <p>THE SANITARY SHOP Hot and Cold Baths</p> <p>CAPABLE WORKMEN AND PROMPT ATTENTION</p>	<p>DANIEL'S Livery Stable</p> <p>Good Rigs at Good Prices Especially Solicit the Traveling Man</p> <p>PHONE 44</p>	<p>R. L. PORTER</p> <p>General Blacksmithing Practical Horseshoeing Expert Wagon Repairs</p> <p>"Nuf Sed"</p> <p>NORTH FRONT STREET</p>	<p>Tip Top Work Guaranteed</p> <p>Tanks, Gutterings, Flues, Chimney Tops, Etc. Modern Sanitary Plumbing</p> <p>Figure With Us MONDAY & McMURRY Plumber, Sheet and Metal Workers</p> <p>Sweetwater - Texas</p>	<p>TIP TOP VALUES IN REAL ESTATE</p> <p>Rentals, Farm Lands, Etc.</p> <p>FIGURE WITH C. E. Whitaker Real Estate</p>
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THE QUALITY
of our stock is as
high as our flag and ap-
pears waving an invita-
tion for your patronage.
Quality tells and price
sells at
G.M. Sharp Grocery
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DAVIS BROS.
CAFÉ AND
RESTAURANT
Tables For Ladies
QUICK SERVICE AT
THE COUNTER FOR THE BUSY MAN
Try Us Once--Then Always

From a complete stock you can buy right,
and **THE PEOPLE'S STORE OF TRENT** will
TREAT YOU RIGHT
A NEMIR, Prop.
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PURE APPLE CIDER
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J. M. WESTENHOFER

ON TOP
ALWAYS
PURE DRUGS
Sundries Prescrip-
tions carefully com-
pounded on short notice
at the **REXALL STORE**
MRS. E. M. RUST, Prop.
A Complete Line of **EASTMAN**
KODAKS and Supplies

LOOK OUT FOR TICKET SPECIALS
ONE MOTORCYCLE TICKET
With Each 25c worth of Sox and Supporters
TWO Tickets with each 50c Tie
THE STAR STORE

Worthy of a Place in Every Home
A SLEEPEZY MATTRESS
PHONE 227 North Front Street

Spring is here
Styles are here
I am here, ready
to please you in all **SPRING**
NOVELTIES in
Millinery
MISS LIZZIE MAE FREEMON

Everything in **HARDWARE**
Shelfware and Queens-
ware that Wear at
CROWN HARDWARE CO.

The House of Quality
BEST VALUES
AT LEAST PRICES
J. P. SHARP

QUENTIN'S HOME
BAKERY
The best of ma-
terials used in the
construction of our
Home Made
Breads, Cakes,
Pies and
Confections.
You have tried
the rest, now try
the best.
Phone 78

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and
EYEGASSES
Unexcelled Optical Service
can be gotten in Sweetwater
You don't have to go to Dallas
or Fort Worth to have your
eyes fitted correctly by a
specialist. Sweetwater is near-
er to you and service the best.
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PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY
F. H. DENNIS
Jeweler and Watchmaker
Delicate Repairing a Specialty
We Want Your Business

EVERY LITTLE THING AND MANY BIG
THINGS for the HOMEFOLKS at
THE RACKET STORE
J. M. DRY, Prop.

"Put Your Duds in Our Suds"
and you will be pleased
ABILENE LAUNDRY AGENCY
at the
IDEAL TAILOR SHOP
PHONE 48

No Home is Complete Without a
SINGER SEWING MACHINE OR ACOTE PIANO
E. D. COATS, North Front St.

J. A. DUCKETT
The Price is the Thing
at the
HOME of GOOD BARGAINS
Good Goods at **GOOD PRICES**

LET US BE YOUR HOME DRUGGIST
We Specialize in Compounding Pre-
scriptions from **PURE DRUGS**. Also,
Complete Line of Sundries for Your
Health, Home and Happiness.
GRIMES DRUG STORE

Start the Home Now
By Your Savings
A SAFETY FIRST BANK is a SAFE BANK to BANK
Not only will your return checks be a life time re-
ceipt, but a Bank connection simplifies all business
transactions. Come in today and let us ex-
plain the many other advantages in being
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START THE FOUNDATION RIGHT
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Yards at Sweetwater and Abilene