

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## 1820 BALES COTTON TO THURSDAY NOON

The receipts of the Merkel cotton yards Thursday at noon amounted to 1820 bales of cotton as compared with approximately 400 bales received here on the same date last year.

The reports from New York Cotton Exchange Thursday morning showed a drop of 23 points between the close Wednesday night and the noon call of Thursday, but in spite of the drop Merkel cotton was continuing to bring good figures. Many bales going at 10.80 and above with the top at noon of 10.85.

## SHIPS FIRE CAUSED BY SPY, BELIEF

New York, Sept. 14.—Additional information reaching the Faoro line officers here today strengthened the theory that the liner Sant' Anna, carrying 1703 Italian reservists, was set fire by a spy.

The fire started in the baggage of third-class passengers just before midnight Sunday, spread quickly and burned fiercely for seven hours before controlled. Shipping agents here said private detectives searched the vessel the night before she, but that it was possible an incendiary bomb, timed to burst into flame when the liner reached mid-ocean, was concealed in a trunk. Company officials expect a complete report from Capt. Pavey as soon as the Sant' Anna reaches the Azores.

## NABBED 2 TIMES PAYS ONE FINE

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 15.—When W. P. Joslin of Roysse City was drowsy last night he decided to get a bed at the Cozy rooming house, 1706 1-2 Elm-st.

According to Joslin, Earnest Dundan showed him to a room and suggested an illegal proposition.

Joslin informed the police. Clothes men Fick and McLaughlin placed Dundan in the city jail on a vagrancy charge.

Duncan pleaded guilty and paid a \$10 fine.

A few minutes later Joslin was passing Bolton's cafe 1702 Elm-st., as Duncan came out. No words were wasted. Duncan's right fist shot out, and Joslin went down. The same policemen placed Dundan under arrest, this time on an assault and battery charge. Dundan made bond.

## WEEVILS CLEAN CROP OF ELLIS CO.

Waxahachie, Sept. 15.—The boll weevils have made a clean sweep of the top cotton crop of this county according to statements here of those who are in a position to know.

This county, which produced last year more than 130,000 bales of cotton, it is now believed, will produce only 70,000 this year.

Miss Martha Ellis of Athens, Ga., who has been here visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Shelton the past few weeks returned home Tuesday morning.

Pure California Syrup at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

## COTTON SEED \$24 PER TON IN ABILENE

Cotton seed is now bringing \$24 per ton on the local market. An advance of about \$2 the ton was made Wednesday. The Abilene price now compares favorably with that of any town in this section.

Cotton itself was strong Wednesday, as high as 10:40 being registered during the day. This is about the highest level the staple has attained since the opening of the great war. Owing to wet weather, the days receipts were very light on both cotton and cotton seed. —Wednesday's Abilene Reporter.

## MEXICAN TROUBLE GROWS VERY ACUTE

Laredo, Sept. 15.—Mexicans hidden in the brush on the Mexican side last night fired about fifty shots into the little town of Simon, twenty miles up the river from Laredo. Residents deserted the town. Workmen at irrigation pump plants fled, and a hurry call was rushed to the scene, but no further shots were fired. All cavalry stationed at Fort McIntosh was sent to patrol the border in every direction today. A close guard is maintained at the international bridge.

San Benito, Sept. 15.—Heavy cavalry and infantry patrols, which were rushed to this city of 5,000 during last night, kept off a threatened attack by Mexican bandits. Evidences of a plot to attack the city last night were strengthened by reports to army patrols during the night of activities of Mexicans outside of town. Just before dawn, the time which the commanding officers here suspected was chosen for the attack, infantry details were sent out along the roads to meet the attack.

The army's quick work during the night evidently stopped the Mexicans from carrying out whatever plans they had. Soon after sunrise, ranchers who had come into town for the night, started back to the country to resume work.

## QUADRUPLETS ARE GIVEN PRESENTS

Two autos and about \$1,000 in cash are presents that have been given the famous Hollis, Oklahoma, quadruplets of Mr. and Mrs. Flake Keys, born about eleven weeks ago. The babies are all girls and at the age of eleven weeks are hearty and robust. Recently the father and mother went to Paducah, Texas, for a visit to Mrs. Keys, Parents. They stopped at a hotel in Puanah. Very soon it was learned they were there with their babies and the hotel soon became crowded with visitors to see the children. This is said to be the only case on record of quadruplets where they are all girls and living.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hampton of Slayton is here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burns.

## MERKEL MARKETS ARE THE BEST IN THE WEST ON COTTON AND SEED

Prices Given on Fleecy Staple is Always at Top. Merchant Buyers pay Customers Good Price at All Times

HIGHEST PRICE PAID THIS SEASON 11.00 PER POUND

Prices on Goods Sold Here at Figures That Bring Trade From Adjacent Country and the Courtesies That are Extended the Public are Above Par

A common expression with the man who brings his cotton to Merkel for sale is "I can always get a good price here and usually can sell at figures that exceed markets elsewhere in this section of the country." This has been a record of our town for years and if the Mail is not badly mistaken the cotton grower will always find a ready market among our buyers and in turn will find prices on goods equal if not lower than they can be bought for in any town the size of Merkel. Merkel merchants have their expenses down to the minimum, their taxes are not excessive, all of which enables them to sell at a fair profit and for less.

The prices of cotton during last week is evidence of the better market our town affords, the highest record made here last week was 10:20 while cotton seed sold at \$24.00 and closed Saturday at a price of \$25.00 per ton. The amount of cotton sold here Saturday was 161 bales, of which amount 118 bales sold for 10 cents and above.

Grain, such as wheat, oats and maize have found a steady sale. The latter however selling on a more unsteady market than wheat and oats. Prices for grain last week ranged as follows: Oats 32 to 33 cents, wheat \$1.00 while thrashed maize sold around 70 cents per hundred and headed maize at 40 cents. Grain this week up until Wednesday afternoon has been selling as follows: Oats 33, wheat \$1.00 and maize at 65 and 40.

The following table of cotton sales beginning Thursday of last week up to Wednesday night of this week was taken from the books of buyers here and is absolutely correct to the number of bales and price paid.

No. bales sold and prices paid each day beginning Thurs. Sept. 9

Per Pound	Thur.	Friday	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.
11.92 1/2					1	1
10.92 1/2						2
10.90						5
10.87 1/2						2
10.85						2
10.80						2
10.75					6	32
10.72 1/2					3	1
10.70					8	15
10.67 1/2					10	5
10.65					54	8
10.62 1/2					11	3
10.60					29	5
10.57 1/2					6	
10.55				1	7	2
10.52 1/2				14	18	
10.50				7	17	
10.47 1/2				55	23	
10.45				1	1	
10.42 1/2				8	5	
10.40				1	1	
10.30					5	
10.27 1/2					2	
10.25					17	
10.22 1/2					5	
10.20		1	2		2	
10.15	3	2	2		5	
10.12 1/2	2	1	4			
10.10	8	13	25	11		
10.07 1/2	7	6	11	2		
10.06 1/2			4			
10.05	14	15	44			
10.02	6	11	21	4		
10.00	61	69	115	6		
9.97	4	1	3			
9.95	5	11	14			
9.92	2	10	1			
9.90	6	19	4			
9.87	2	4				
9.85	4	4	2			
9.80	1		1			
9.77						
9.75	7	2				
9.72	2					
9.70	4					
9.67			1			
9.65	1	1				
9.60	2					
9.57 1/2	1					
Total	171	174	253	148	201	86

Out of a total number of 1001 bales sold in Merkel during the above period shown in tabulated form, 882 of them sold at 10 cents and above, 399 sold for 10.25 and above, 357 at 10.50 and above, and 53 for 40.75 and above.

Compare the above list with the market that prevailed in other surrounding towns on the same dates and if Merkel's cotton mar-

## COTTON SEED \$26 PER TON IN MERKEL

Cotton seed was selling in Merkel Wednesday of this week for \$26.00 per ton and the same price prevailed on Thursday, which price compares exceedingly favorable with that of any town in this section.

On Wednesday as can be seen by our tabulated cotton report, the lowest price cotton sold for in Merkel that day was 10:55, and only two bales were sold at that price. One bale of cotton was paid for at 10:50 during the day but it was contracted for on Tuesday and is listed in our Tuesday report. The top of the Merkel market as the report further shows was 11 cents, one bale having reached that figure.

## OUR ORIGINAL ON COTTON REPORTS

The tabulated form in the center columns of this page gives the price of every bale of cotton sold in Merkel from Thursday morning of last week until Wednesday night of this week. It also shows the number of bales sold daily and the different prices at which it was marketed.

The first column on the left shows the price paid per pound. To illustrate; on Wednesday of this week a person can tell the number of bales that sold at 10.75 cents per pound. Take a straight edge and draw a line squarely across from the price of 10.75 in the first column to the right edge of the tabulated form and the line will cross directly under the figures 32 in the Wednesday column. Thus you have the number of bales that sold for 10.75 on Wednesday, the amount being 32 during the day. The figures are in correct position and where no numbers appear in a column, no cotton was sold during the day at that price.

Arkansas Cream Meal at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

ket justifies you bringing your cotton here, our people extend a cordial welcome.

We challenge and West Texas town to show as good a market for cotton as the above tabulated report gives and we guarantee the correctness of the report. The figures were taken in every instance from the check stubs and books of the Merkel cotton buyers without them first having any knowledge whatever of why we wanted it.

It is for this reason that this issue of the Merkel Mail is sent to non-subscribers of the Mail who live in the Merkel country and in communities adjoining the Merkel country. The management of the Mail will appreciate a comparison of other town prices to the above report by any man who has sold a bale of cotton at any West Texas town on the dates given above, and we will go one better and challenge any town in Texas to show a street market where the prevailing price has stood at all times equal to if not much above the spot markets of New York, New Orleans or Galveston.

TRADE AT MERKEL AND BRING YOUR COTTON HERE. "There is a Reason."

## NEW ORCHESTRA FOR COZY THEATRE

Manager H. F. Groene of the Cozy Airdome and Theatre was in Dallas the first of last week and made purchase of a new Wurlitzer seven piece mechanical orchestra, which he now has installed in his show house here.

The new machine has a combination of musical instruments consisting of piano, violin, flute, triangle, trap drum, snare drum and bass drum and is a credit to the management of the Cozy.

## HEY, KIDS! CIRCUS IS COMING SOON

Hey, kids, there's a circus coming! When? Next month, October 14th at Abilene. What show did you say? Sells-Floto and Buffalo Bill will be there with their two big shows combined.

It is sure coming alright kids, and there is going to be a big street parade. Ever see a street parade? Well, they are the most interesting part of a circus except the clowns, and the trained dogs, and the elephants, and—oh; there will be lots of sights to see and you can kill two birds with one pebble for the Abilene Fair will be going on at the same time. You boys who want to go to the big show had better begin to save your nickels now and maybe your Paw will have to go down that day on business and you will have company.

## WOMAN LOSES HER MONEY. STRANDED

Yesterday as the Santa Fe rolled in from Snyder and Mrs. T. S. Smith of Ennis, Texas, was getting off the train her purse was snatched from her by a thief.

When questioned she stated that she was sure it was snatched, as the car in which she rode was thoroughly searched and no trace whatever, of the purse was revealed.

Further she stated that a suspicious looking individual had sat across the aisle from her and had seen her open her purse, and that he had followed close behind her when she got from her seat to alight at Sweetwater.

When questioned by a reporter further, she stated that she remembered that there was an awful jam and push as the passengers alighted from the train, and that just as soon as she was out of the crowd her purse was missed. Yes, she was quite sure she had it when she got up to leave her seat, as, in fact, she dropped it to the floor and stooped to pick it up, which goes to prove that she did not leave it lying on the car seat.

Mrs. Smith is a member of the Woodmen Circle, and Lodge friends here cared for her last night and this morning until she could wire her husband to send her funds to get home on.—Wednesday's Sweetwater Reporter.

## Soldier Boy At Home

Joe Owen, U.S.A., arrived here Monday to visit his parents Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Owen.

Mr. Owen has been stationed in California for some time, having visited various parts of the Pacific Coast and has just completed his time of enlistment.

We are expecting a new car of Peacemaker flour today.

J. T. WARREN, President

No. 7481

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

Depository of The  
Federal Government for  
Postal Savings



A Member Bank  
In the Federal Reserve  
System

## Capital and Surplus Over \$50,000.00

We invite the banking public to inspect rigidly our 55th statement of condition, as submitted to the Comptroller of Currency at Washington. This large line of deposits, larger than has ever been shown by any other bank in the history of the town, at the same season of the year, has not been brought about through mergers or consolidations with any other institution.

## THE FOUNDATION

WAS LAID OVER TEN YEARS AGO upon solid business principles and these principles have been rigidly adhered to at all times.

**THE ONLY NATIONAL BANK AND THE OLDEST AND LARGEST BANK** in Merkel. Our facilities are the very best for the safe and quick handling of your banking business. Our Directors are men who have a reputation for good business methods. Our active officers are trained through many years of service in their respective places. Our accountants are able and efficient and take pleasure in giving information to patrons.

We have the means, the experience and the facilities for rendering the very best of banking service and we invite you to call on us.

J. T. WARREN, President

G. F. WEST, Vice President

HENRY JAMES, Vice President

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

BEN T. MERRITT, Asst Cashier

C. P. WARREN, Director

ED. S. HUGHES, Director

J. T. HOWARD, Bookkeeper

RAYMOND TOUCHSTONE, Bookkeeper

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

## Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

In Merkel, Texas

At close of Business Sept. 2, 1915

### RESOURCES

Loans .....	\$130,434.89
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 Exchange .....	71,814.81
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$224,412.20</b>

### LIABILITIES

Capital .....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits .....	31,637.49
Circulation .....	6,250.00
Bills Payable .....	None
Rediscounts .....	None
Other Borrowed Money .....	None
Deposits .....	161,524.71
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$224,412.20</b>

I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.

### NEWS ITEMS FROM THE NUBIA COUNTRY

With the exception of a little hard wind the weather continues to be favorable for the gathering of cotton, which is about half open already as a consequence of the continued warm weather we have been having.

Misses Annie and Sada Collins returned to Merkel Saturday after having spent a week at the home of Mr. Butman.

An interesting entertainment was given at the home of Mrs. Bird Friday night. Some new plays were introduced which were enjoyed by all.

There was singing at Dr. Martins Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Anderson visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Perry Sunday.

There are several Mexicans in this community picking cotton. We had much rather give the jobs to those of our like, than to the Gringo haters to the south of us.

The writer, by overhearing a few of the farmers talking has discovered that they are aiming to plant more feed another year because of the appearance of the boll weevil.

We all should feel disposed to share in the felicitations made possible by the timely advance in the price of cotton and seed which is as it should be.

There will be held a quarterly meeting at Butman next Saturday and Sunday. All are invited to come.

Several from here are in Abilene this week rendering an account of their stewardship as well as an account of the demands of others. The writer hopes they will fail to find a bill against him as he prizes so highly the right of pursuance of liberty.

Several young people from here are contemplating going to

school at Merkel this winter. They believe the reorganization there spells "merit."

Wishing the Mail and its readers ever pleasure that they long for the chronicler will now bring his letter to a termination.

#### Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications as they cannot reach only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

### NEWS ITEMS FROM SHILOH COMMUNITY

Rev. Robinett of Truby preached here Sunday. Rev. Horn of Abilene preached here Sunday night.

Singing was well attended Sunday afternoon.

J. H. Grayson and wife, Ulric Wheeler and family visited Edgar Wheeler and family near Noodle Sunday.

Miss Della Goode of Trent attended services here Sunday.

Miss Thelma Phillips of Trent visited relatives here Saturday night and Sunday.

Tom Neal and sister and Miss Willie Fay and Mable Gowdy of the Golan community spent Sunday with Mr. Maynard and family.

Mrs. Brown and children and Miss Thelma McCright were visiting friends in the Golan community Saturday afternoon.

Misses Albertine Winters and Edith Mayberry left this week for Abilene where they will enter school at that place.

Misses Maude and Della Greene Alice Brown and Thelma Phillips were guests of the Misses Winters Sunday.

Rev. Pope of Abilene attended services here Sunday night.

Charlie Seago has been suffering with a rising on his face.

Mesdames Seago and Grayson were Merkel visitors Saturday.

Floyd Barnes and Miss Maude Walker of near Sweetwater creek attended services here Sunday night.

Those visiting W. B. Beavers and family Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Grayson and baby, Misses Willie Hardy, Edith and Effie Mayberry, Lena, Ruth and Ida Bomroy and Vera Phillips.

Miss Cora Scott of Trent visited her brothers family of this place last week.

Cotton picking is the order of the day out this way.

#### Acute indigestion

"I was annoyed for over a year by attacks of acute indigestion followed by constipation," writes Mrs. M. J. Gallagher, Geneva, N. Y. "I tried everything that was recommended to me for this complaint but nothing did me much good until about four months ago I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and procured a bottle of them from our druggist. I soon realized that I had gotten the right thing for they helped me at once. Since taking two bottles of them I can eat heartily without any bad effects." Sold by all dealers.

#### Notice to Hunters

No hunting or fishing allowed on any of my property or on any of the John Sears property which is under my charge. Persons violating same will be prosecuted. J. M. Williamson. 173

#### Mattress Work Guaranteed

All persons wanting Mattress work done will please see me at once as I will only be here a few days longer. Phone 214. R. J. Bassett. pd.

## We Pay Highest Prices For Country Produce

Headquarters for cotton pickers. Mr. Farmer phone us we will gladly do our best to get you pickers.

## WE HAVE THE QUALITY GOODS OF MERKEL

Service and cheap prices our pass word. We meet any honest competition. Give us a trial and be convinced as our many customers have.

## Our Buzz Wagon Enables us to Give more prompt city deliveries

Phone 1-7-9 for fancy groceries and fresh vegetables, Abe will get them down.

## E. L. Rogers, The Grocer "So Different"

# Everything for Men and Boys

We have but the one line and can keep up with the latest styles, and we cater to your wants. See us when you are in need of any thing you need. We carry the best at prices others sell the cheap grades.

**Made to Order \$15** Correct Styles for Fall and Winter  
See us for your Tailored Suit and Overcoat, made to your order. Don't wait until zero weather, order now.

**Shoes** We have the fullest stock of shoes we have ever carried. Dress shoes from \$3.00 to \$6.00 and all big values. The celebrated Florshemi, the best shoe on earth is what everybody says that wear them. A customer is a walking advertisement for them. Our stock is complete now. **Shoes**

<p><b>Underwear</b></p> <p>See us for your Underwear. We have all new stock. No old junk to offer.</p>	<p><b>See Our Hats and Caps</b></p>	<p><b>Work Clothing</b></p> <p>See our Work Clothing, the best \$1.00 Overalls 85c See our \$1.00 work Pants.</p> <p>We have a good line of Boy's Knee Pants for school.</p>
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SEE US FOR EVERYTHING BEFORE YOU BUY  
**THE STAR STORE**  
MERKEL, TEXAS

## Come on Fellows

**Eat, Drink and Be Merry**

Enjoy a few moments and refresh yourself. The making of cool refreshing drinks is a matter of our attention at all times. Try our service and see for yourself. The drink business is no side line with us.

## Fresh Candies on Ice

The very best lines of bulk candies and box goods are what we sell to our trade.

Buy your wife, or sweetwater a box of candy. If your wife is not your sweetheart, she ought to be.

—THINK ABOUT IT AND—

Come to the

**Elite Confectionery**

## MAN'S HAIR WHITE FROM WAR HORROR

Chicago, Ill., Sept.—An unusually interesting war letter was made public here last night. It was from Robert Beck, former owner of a taxicab business in Chicago, to his friend, Charles Grand. Beck joined the allies as driver of an armored automobile. His hair has turned white from his experience.

"I am glad to have the chance to tell you that I am alive and that is all," the letter reads: "My hair is nearly white now. I am sorry to tell you that I am deaf and dumb through shocks and wounds. I am a motorcycle dispatch bearer and armored car driver.

"I was driving a 60-horsepower armored car. I could not drive fast enough through the dead bodies, because the bodies and horses were so thick that I could not get through. All at once a shell hit my car and blew it up.

"When they got me from beneath the wrecked car I was deaf and dumb, with my ribs crushed and spine hurt. The other three men I carried with me in the armored car were blown to bits.

"This was a month ago. The doctors have tried to bring my speech and hearing back, but they can not. The doctors say they will come back in time because now my nerves are shattered through hardships.

"Charlie, I am tired of killing people. I have been driving an armored car with three Maxim guns inside of it and three men working the guns. They fire 500 shots a minute. The car weighs four tons, so you can see what fun we have on the battle field. I have seen times when I drove my car forty miles an hour in to a regiment.

"We have crushed men to

death by the mad driving. I have had my radiator thick with blood and pieces of legs and arms stuck out of my wheels. Many a time in a charge I have been so weak that I could not pull my bayonet out of bodies that I bayoneted.

"This summer has been bad for flies. There were millions of flies around us, because there are thousands of dead bodies of men and horses not buried properly. The bodies are thrown anywhere."

**To Drive Out Malaria And Build Up The System**  
Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is quinine and iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the iron builds up the system. 50 cents

Ladies laced trimmed corset covers only 5 cents at J. A. Ducketts.

## DRINK MORE WATER IF KIDNEYS BOTHER

**Eat less meat and take Salts for Back-ache or Bladder trouble—Neutralizes acids.**

Uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish, ache, and feel like lumps of lead. The urine becomes cloudy; the bladder is irritated, and you may be obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night. When the kidneys clog you must help them flush off the body's urinous waste or you'll be a real sick person shortly. At first you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, you suffer from backache, sick headache, dizziness, stomach gets sour, tongue coated and you feel rheumatic twinges when the weather is bad.

Eat less meat, drink lots of water; also get from any pharmacist four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active. Druggists here say they sell lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The Price is the Thing. J. A. Duckett.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Jones and Children have returned home from Hamlin where they have been visiting relatives the past week.

\$35.00 Bicycle for sale. Very cheap. Burroughs Drug Store. t2

Mrs. J. J. Shelton and guest, Miss Martha Ellis, of Athens Ga. were visitors in Sweetwater the latter part of last week.

J. A. Duckett will save you money. He says the Price is The Thing.

Freshest Box candy, at Burroughs Drug Store. 2t

Marvin Costephens of Roscoe came in Friday to visit his mother Mrs. J. E. Costephens, Saturday he taken his bed with typhoid fever.

\$35.00 Bicycle for sale. Very cheap. Burroughs Drug Store. t2

Miss Jesse Sutphen has gone to San Angelo where she resumes her teaching in the schools.

Save money by buying your cotton sack Duck from J. A. Duckett.

S. P. Rister of El Paso who has been here visiting his parents will remain on leave of absence from his duties in the El Paso postoffice until the latter part of this month.

New cretonne, a beautiful dress material at Woodroof's store.

Charlie Williams, son of Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Williams, left Saturday night for Kansas City to enter the Eclectic Medical College. This is the first year of what Charlie proposes to make a six years term study of medics and their uses.

Cotton scales at J. A. Ducketts at bargain place.

# Jewelry

## Drugs

### Drinks

#### Our New Department

Showing a line of jewelry comprising of a \$2500.00 assortment of the newest things possible to be bought. We extend a special invitation to our friends to call and see this display.

Everything New

#### Drugs and Sundries

We never keep too large a stock of drugs in order to have absolutely fresh pharmaceutical supplies at all times. Every line of medicine in our store is fresh, beyond a doubt.

Let Us Serve You

### Service

## Satisfaction

# T. L. Grimes, Druggist

Jewelry

Drugs

Drinks

Drinks

Drugs

Jewelry

### 3 SOLDIERS SHOT IN BORDER RAIDS

Brownsville, Sept. 13.—One United States trooper was killed and two others wounded, one probably fatally, early today when a gang of Mexican bandits attacked the American patrol of seven men at an irrigation pumping plant several miles up the river from this point.

The soldier killed was Private Kraft, who received a wound through the head. Private Fourney was shot through the back and is expected to die. Private Walsh was also wounded, but his condition is not considered serious.

The firing was heard by nearby detachments, who located it at the pumping plant on the Los Indios project, but assistance which was rushed to the men came too late to prevent the casualties. The squad of troopers was fired upon from the darkness by a gang estimated at forty. It is thought that the bandits have crossed into Mexico.

The men were from Troop C, Twelfth cavalry, and were in charge of a noncommissioned officer.

Immediately upon receipt of a report of the fight, Col. A. P. Blocksom, commanding at Fort Brown, left for the scene to make an investigation.

The arrest of two Mexicans by Gen. E. P. Nafarra, commanding in Matamoros, had been requested by Colonel Blocksom on the charge that they are known as the ring leaders in troubles lately caused on the lower Rio Grande. While they have been reported as leading gangs, it is not known whether they directly participated in fight at Los Indios today. They have been in complete security in Matamoros.

Before leaving for Los Indios,

Colonel Blocksom issued orders doubling the United States army guard both at the international ferry and the international bridge here, lest a renewal of the border warfare occur.

#### YOUR BODY

##### Protest Against Calomel

You have noticed the disagreeable effects of calomel, that sickening nausea that is characteristic. There is no reason for tearing up your system in such a drastic manner.

**LIV-VER-LAX**, that wonderful vegetable compound, is just as useful as calomel for toning up your liver and ridding your system of stagnating poisons, and it does not make you feel badly like calomel. It is pleasant to take with no unpleasant after effects. Keep it in your home for health's sake.

If **LIV-VER-LAX** is not entirely satisfactory, your money will be returned without question. The original bears the likeness of L. K. Grigsby. For sale at 50c and \$1 by Mrs. E. M. rust, Druggist. (Sept.)

##### Rust Proof Oats

Latest improved genuine red rust proof oats, free from smut, rust, weeds, and Johnson grass. 50 cents per bushel at my place 7 miles southeast of Merkel. Address Walter Hammond, Tye, Texas. 17t4pd.

G. W. Ely of Mineola has moved to Merkel and will make his home here in the future, Mr. Ely having accepted a position as book-keeper for the McDonald Stith Gin Co.

J. A. Duckett has broke the record on big values, you should look in his show window, \$1.50 values only 25c.

J. C. Hancock was in Abilene Saturday on business, Mrs. Hancock being the guest of Mrs. E. P. McMillen during the day.

Have you got yours?—95c for shoes worth \$2.50 to \$3.00; small sizes, at J. A. Duckett's.

Plenty bran and cow feed at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.



FOR SALE—Good work mule 14½ hands high. J. S. Burkhead 17t2pd.

FOR SALE—One team coming three years old broke mules and one team good horses. See E. L. Horton Noodle. 17t4pd.

FOR SALE—Good four room house with bath, four lots, windmill and water works. See Robert Hicks at the Anchor Company. 17t4.70

BUGGY FOR SALE:—Good buggy and harness for sale. See F. Y. Gaither at Harkrider store.

FURNISHED ROOM—Close in and desirable for two young men. Apply to Mrs. Wm. O'Briant.

WANTFD:—Good all-around farm and ranch hand would prefer man with family. Phone, write or see Sam Butman, Nubia, Texas.

FOR SALE—Good milch cows. Chas. Orr, two miles southeast of Merkel. Oct20pd.

LOST—Size 18 silver open face Waltham watch, having leather fob. Reward for return to Asa Sheppard.

LOST OR STRAYED—From J. H. Graysons farm a red horse mule known as the Derrington mule. J. D. Beasley. tf

FOR SALE CHEEP—160 acres in mountains, 50 acres cultivated, half sand, running water, 5 miles west Buffalo Gap, 4 miles south View, J. J. Smith, Buffalo Gap. 10t4pd

Fine and fresh chocolate candies at Burroughs Drug Store. t2

J. G. Jackson of Abilene has been in our city several time during the past week in interest of his real estate work.

## 12 Cent Cotton

### Is Going Some

But some people seem to think it will reach that figure. WE HOPE SO. But we cannot prophesy though we can tell you something about the lumber market. It is sure to

## GO UP

Extensive war orders will cause it and people in need of lumber can take our advice that a purchase of needed lumber now will mean a saving within the next few months, due to these facts

### BUILD A HOME NOW

on anything you need and save money by doing so. Let us figure with you on your lumber bill.

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Austin Boyd, Manager

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## DO YOU?

Consider the quality, the style and the value of an article instead of the price alone. When you buy goods do you consider well the service and the satisfaction you are later to get from what you buy? If you do, you will always appreciate the class of goods we offer. We see to it, first, that the goods are right, then make the price as low as we possibly can.

NOTE THESE PRICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE STATEMENT, THEN COME AND SEE THE GOODS

All 12 1-2c Gingham, September price.....	10c	Men's all wool Clothing .....	\$12.50
All 10 Gingham September price .....	8½c	Men's all wool fancy worsted Clothing.....	15.00
All 7c Gingham, September price.....	5c	Men's all better grade Clothing.....	17.50
Dresses of all kinds—cotton, wool and silk.		Special premium on each suit given on Sept. Sales	
Ladies Skirts \$3.50 to .....	\$6.50	\$1.50 Dress Shirts .....	\$1.25
Ladies Suits \$12.50 to.....	\$25.00	1.25 Dress Shirts .....	1.00
		1.00 Dress Shirts .....	85c

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Electric Range in your kitchen is not only a luxury, but cheaper and cleaner. No sut, no smoke, no odor, no flame. Heat is applied directly to the vessel.

Let us explain our winter arrangement for your Electric Kitchen and special rates and terms. Phone 202.

## Merkel Power Co.

Mesdames Will Howell and Mack Martin of Dora, were guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black the first of the week, having accompanied them home.

Summer goods almost given away at J. A. Ducketts.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling P. Miller of the Canal Zone and their little daughter, Velvia Elizabeth, visited friends in Abilene Friday.

Fine brown sugar for making preserves and sweet pickles, Bob Martin Grocery Co.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Always something New at J. A. Ducketts.

Miss Nell Tracy has entered Simmons College in Abilene for the year.

Wm. O'Briant is in the tin business at his old stand. Call and see him.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferguson have gone to Big Springs where they will reside.

Say! Have you seen those New Goods that J. A. Duckett is getting in at money saving prices?

Mrs. D. D. Goldman of Dallas, who has been visiting Miss Leola Norris, returned home Thursday.

Eat Bryan hamburgers next door to City Meat Market. pd

Miss Mattie Paylor of Big Spring has returned home after visiting Misses Eva Walters and France Burroughs.

The Price is the Thing and the Quality the Same at J. A. Ducketts.

Miss Bess Swann of Tyler, has returned to her home after visiting her cousins, Misses Irene and Willie Swann.

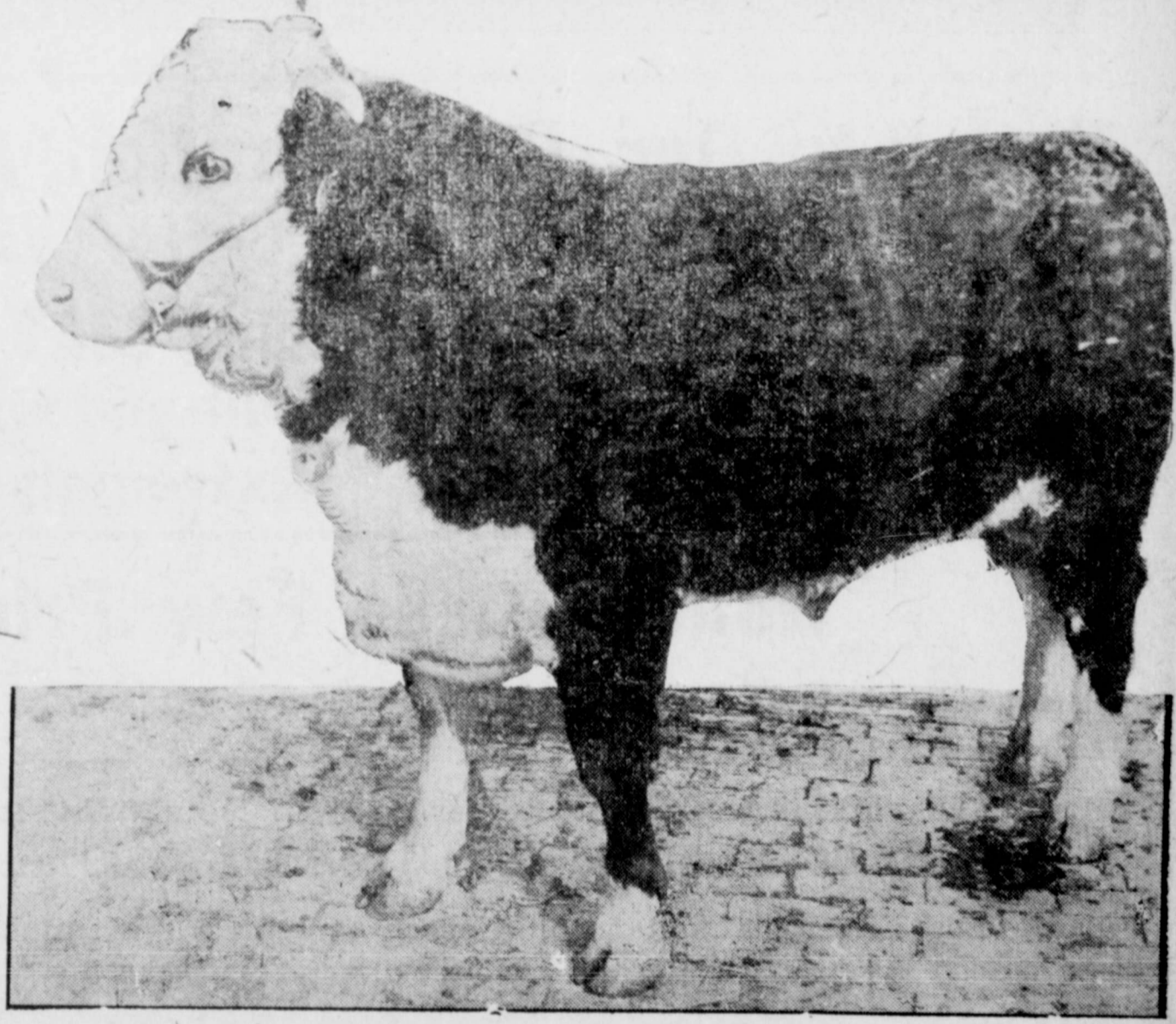
You should see that new lot of Torchon Lace at J. A. Ducketts for 5 cents.

Miss Mae Underwood of Monahan who has been the guest of Miss Leola Harris, left Thursday to visit friends in Dallas.

Let Wm. O'Briant do your tin work. Satisfaction at all times at his old stand rear of Crown Hardware Co.

Mrs. G. H. Johnson and little daughter, Eva Mae, came in Sunday and are at the bedside of the formers brother, Marvin Costephens, who has typhoid fever.

J. A. Duckett left Monday night for another bunch of BAR-GAINS.



**\$700 Beauty Goes to Bogulasa, Louisiana.**

This ten months old bull calf together with another, two heifers and one cow were shipped last Saturday to Daniel T. Cushing of Bogulasa, La. Mr. Cushing was in Merkel last Friday and viewed the Largent cattle and was highly pleased with them, stating that he believed them superior to any he had seen in the south and equal to any northern herds. Mr. Cushing is a prominent cattleman of his country and a breeder of registered stock.

### For Sale

Good Edison Phonograph and about 40 records, also good Organ. A. L. Jobe. 1t.

Miss Virginia Swafford has been visiting in Coleman the guest of Miss Kate Henderson.

I have my Millinery establishment at the J. A. Duckett store for this season where I will be pleased to have my friends call and see me. Miss Ona Stanley.

Have O'Briant the tinner figure on your tin work.

Miss Floy Dinwiddie of Winters visited Miss Agnes Lassiter the past week.

Ladies don't fail to visit me and see my new fall and winter hats at the J. A. Duckett store. Miss Ona Stanley.

Miss Annie Collins is at home from Butman ranch where she visited Misses Lottie and Marjorie Butman.

Tell your husband to look at Woodroof's new fall suits. The noted Hart-Shaffner & Marx line.

Mrs. Cordie Mangum of Parsons, Kansas, was here the past week visiting her father B. M. Black and family.

Fine brown sugar for making preserves and sweet pickles. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Miss Maude Jinkens has gone to San Angelo where she has accepted a position in the school.

Wool taffeta, new shades and designs for ladies fall dresses at Woodroof Bros.

Cretonne collars cuffs at Woodroof Bros.

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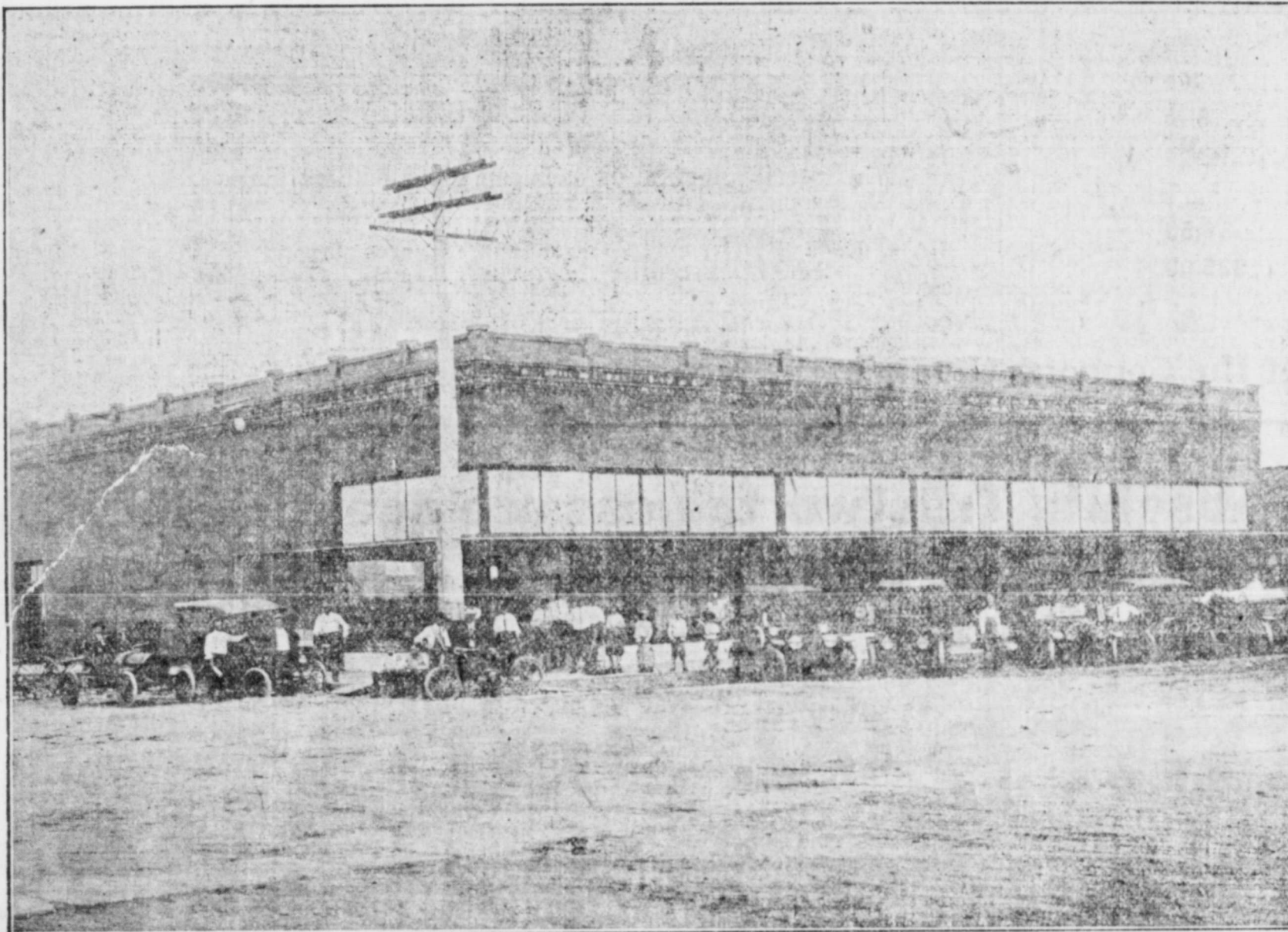
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Latest Skirts in blues, blacks and browns as low as .....\$3.00

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\$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00 and \$20.00

Ladies and Misses coat suits in blue, green and brown at unusual values in prices of  
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One sack best Pearl Meal.....	.70
One 25 lb sack Eagle brand Sugar.....	1.60
10 lb bucket Lard Compound.....	.90
5 lbs Arbuckle Coffee.....	.95
5 lbs good Peaberry Coffee.....	.95
7 lbs good Bulk Coffee.....	.95
Best wrapped strip Bacon, per lb.....	.14
Best Salt Pork Bacon, per lb.....	.13
3 lb can best Tomatoes, per can.....	.10
2 lb can best Tomatoes, per dozen cans.....	.90
Good Grade Corn per dozen cans.....	.90
One box, 25lb dried Peaches.....	\$1.75
One case (6 gallon pails) Ribbon cane syrup.....	\$3.00

Many other good edibles at less Prices than you ever bought them

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# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## MANSFIELD MAN IS KILLED—GUN SHOT

C. P. Thompson, 55, a farmer living two miles east of Mansfield was shot in front of the home of J. H. Sanford, a neighbor, at 6:45 o'clock Monday morning and died four hours later at his home.

Sanford was arrested by Constable Morison and is now being held at Mansfield. Justice of the Peace Gibson of Mansfield has not completed the inquest.

Family troubles are alleged to have been the cause of the shooting.

Thompson got up early Monday, and started to walk to Mansfield to catch a train for Fort Worth. He stopped at Sanfords mail box, it is said, and Sanford came out and demanded to know what he was doing there.

Sanford's son-in-law, named Lively, said the two argued a few minutes, then Sanford turned toward the house, and Thompson continued down the road toward Mansfield. Lively said he saw Sanford come out of the house with a shotgun, and followed Thompson down the road. Lively said the two men were soon lost to view by a clump of weeds, but presently he heard two gun reports and he saw Sanford coming back to his house.

## ABILENE COTTON SEED \$28.50 PER

One firm was quoting \$28.50 a ton for cotton seed in Abilene Wednesday morning. The market Tuesday was \$25.50 and \$26.50 while the Wednesday market ranged from \$25 on up to \$28.50. This was the highest price of the season in the county, so far as known.

Owing to the uncertain weather condition of the past few days receipts have been comparatively light.—Abilene Reporter.

The above report it good as far as it goes, but it don't go far enough. Seed in Merkel were selling for \$28.00 on Saturday of last week and on Monday an advance of 50c per ton was made and the price of \$28.50 has prevailed all this week.

## FARMERS TRYING TO SAVE CROPS

Houston, Texas, Sept. 20.—Farmers living in the Colorado river bottoms are toiling day and night gathering their cotton and corn ahead of the coming flood, which is sweeping toward the Gulf, and which will cause a total loss of the crops unless they are taken in before the waters arrive.

The crest of the flood is approaching Columbus today where drifts of dead animals, furniture and other commodities are floating by.

It is not believed that there has been heavy loss of life along the river, although the waters have reached beyond the flood stage and are causing a large amount of property damage to many sections through which they have passed.

### Here From Whitewright

Thos. Sears of Whitewright, came in Saturday to visit his brother, Jno. Sears and family and to look after business interests. While in this section of the country Mr. Sears will go to the Midland Fair.

Mrs. Ruby Harris, Misses Almedia Harris, Bess Touchstone and Jno. West motored to Rotan Sunday where they visited relatives. Miss Mamie Ellis accompanied them home.

Mrs. R. A. McClain returned to Abilene Sunday after a short visit with her mother Mrs. J. M. C. King of this place.

## CATTLE SHIPPED TO MIDLAND FAIR

Several head of Merkel cattle have been shipped to Midland and are there on exhibit this week at the Midland County Fair, which is said to be one of the best live stock exhibits ever held in the western part of the state.

C. M. Largent shipped about twenty head, a larger portion of which were show cattle, and J. M. Williamson is there with two young Hereford bulls from the Sears herd. Several Merkelites who are interested in better cattle, are in that country attending the Midland Fair and incidentally to see the Merkel cattle win their usual amount of blue ribbons.

## MYERS SANITY IS ISSUE AT HEARING

Ft. Worth, Sept. 21.—The sanity of C. A. Myers, sentenced to be hanged for the murder of A. W. Montague, at issue in the hearing here today before District Judge Swayne.

A jury will pass upon the condemned man's mentality. Myers was recently saved from the gallows by a stay issue by the Court of Criminal Appeals in order that his sanity might be tested.

## COTTON RECEIPTS AVERAGE 200 PER

Cotton has been coming on the Merkel market and to the Merkel cotton yards during the last week at the rate of 200 bales per day and during the last two weeks up until Wednesday night of this week the receipts averaged 200 per day.

With this record daily, a continuance until the first of January in addition to the present receipts would place between 17,000 and 20,000 bales of cotton in Merkel, but this daily average is not likely to continue, yet it should daily be large enough to make the Merkel receipts near the 15,000 mark by the ending of the Xmas Holidays.

### Statement

Statement of the ownership, management, circulation, etc., of Merkel Mail, published weekly at Merkel, Texas, required by the Act of August 24, 1912.

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Homer L. Easterwood, Editor. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23 day of Sept. 1915.

C. D. Mims, Notary Public, Taylor County. (My commission expires June 1916.)

## MERKEL COTTON RECEIPTS REACH 3210 MARK. HIGH PRICE OF \$28.50 FOR SEED

Receipts Have Been Unusual Heavy During The Past Week and Gins Have Been Running on Overtime Daily.

## COTTON REACHES PRICE OF 11.86¼ CENTS PER POUND

Merkel Markets Continue to be Above an Average and Farmers can Make Money by Selling Their Fleecy Staple here.

An illustration of the favorable prices paid at Merkel is shown by sales of a cotton grower who does not live in the Merkel country who came eighteen miles with six bales of cotton, just before reaching Merkel he was offered a price of 10.80 per pound another market. The six bales of cotton sold for 11.25 on the Merkel market and the cotton grower made approximately \$15.00 by marketing his fleecy staple here. This case is only one of many who have found the Merkel market to be the "BEST IN THE WEST" on cotton and seed.

The price paid for seed during the last week has been even greater than at any time during the present season the top being \$28.50 per ton.

No. bales sold and prices paid each day beginning Thurs. Sept. 16.

Per Pound	Thur.	Friday	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.
11.68½						3
11.55						3
11.50						11
11.47½						3
11.45						8
11.42						5
11.40						29
11.37½						19
11.35						4
11.32½						2
11.31½						3
11.30						23
11.27½					3	11
11.25					34	131
11.22½					1	10
11.20					7	10
11.17½					2	4
11.15					21	6
11.12½					26	1
11.10					22	3
11.07½					8	
11.06½					2	1
11.05					24	3
11.02½					4	
11.00				3	45	
10.95		1		2	6	
10.92½	6	2		1	14	
10.90	0	20		6	12	
10.87½	4	12		7	2	
10.85	20	11	2	4	6	
10.82½	5	3		2	1	
10.80	18	21		7	6	
10.77½	7	3		12	1	
10.75	20	34	15	22	4	
10.72½	2	5	2	3		
10.70	5	6		11		
10.67½	3	2	8	8		
10.65	1	10	14	12	2	
10.62½	0	0	9	6		
10.60	0	3	20	6		
10.57	0	0	10	3		
10.55	1	1	19	2		
10.52½			9	2		
10.50		0	37	12		
10.47		0	3	2		
10.45		0	11	0		
10.40		1	9	0		
10.42			12	4		
10.37			3	2		
10.35			8	3		
10.32			1	3		
10.30			2	2		
10.27				1		
10.25				2		
Total	92	139	204	150	253	293

Of the above 1130 bales sold in Merkel beginning Thursday Sept. 16th., 552 of that amount sold at 11 cents and above.

### Improving Residence Property

Mrs. West Edwards is having extensive improvements made to her residence in west Merkel. A second story is being added to her home in addition to other improvements that are being made.

### Preaching Sunday

I will preach at the Church of Christ Sunday at 11 o'clock and Sunday night. W. G. Cypert.

J. A. Duckett will save your money on shoes Dry Goods and Notions, the price is the thing, Quality the same.

### Property For Sale

Two houses close in, for sale and also my home with about 30 acres of land near the new school building and 960 acres near Stanton to sell or trade for good improved land. S. F. Haynes. 24tf.

### Notice to Hunters

No hunting or fishing allowed on any of my property. Persons violating same will be prosecuted. Jno. Sears. 17t3

Holland Teaff returned to Baylor College at Waco Sunday stopping off at Abilene to visit his sister who is attending Simmons.

Messrs and Mesdames E. L.; W. D. and Luke Woodroof; C. J. Sherrell of Bellevue; Misses Aora Sprague and Gladys Wright motored to Abilene Sunday and were guests at the Grand Central.

Miss Gladys Haynes is visiting her sister, Mrs. Roy Isom of Granger.

## BULGARIAN ARMY NOW MOBILIZING

Washington, Sept. 21.—Bulgaria has ordered mobilization.

The announcement was made here this afternoon, based on a message received yesterday by Minister Paenareloff from Bulgaria.

The reason given is "in the interest of armed neutrality."

It is generally believed here that Bulgaria's action will soon be followed by mobilization in all the Balkan countries.

The Bulgarian army is reported to be well equipped. Four divisions of 120,000 men are ready for immediate action. Ten other divisions of 300,000 men of the first line reserves could be mobilized in a few days.

## COZY THEATER TO OPEN VERY SOON

The Cozy theatre which has been undergoing repairs for sometime is now nearing completion and manager Groene hopes to have his house completed within the next few days.

Alterations in the plans started last season have been made and the building will be comfortably arranged and modestly decorated on the interior within a very short time.

## ABILENE FAIR TO EXCELL THE PAST

Abilene, Texas, Sept. 23.—The Texas and Pacific has granted the lowest rates for the Central West Texas Fair and Fat Stock Show to be held here October 12 to 16, ever granted to a similar attraction. A popular round trip rate less than half one-way fare will be given from stations between Big Spring and Milsap for Friday, October 15th. From all stations Dallas to El Paso, inclusive, the Tee Pee will offer a round trip rate of a fare and a third for October 15th, and the same rate will prevail from all stations between Big Springs and Milsap for October 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, good for final return October 17th.

The rates from the west will be as follows: Round trip rates: Tye 50c; Merkel 50c; Trent 70c; Eskota 75c; Sweetwater \$1.00; Roscoe, \$1.00; Loraine \$1.25; Colorado \$1.50; Westbrook \$1.50; Iatan \$1.50; Coahoma \$1.75; Big Spring \$1.75.

### James Moore Jr. Dead

James Jr., the fifteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Moore of Route three was brought here for burial Wednesday afternoon, and interment given the body in Rose Hill Cemetery at 4 o'clock. Rev. A. A. Baker preached the funeral.

Death to the deceased resulted after an extended illness of stomach trouble and later heart trouble. The Mail joins the many friends of the family in extending tender sympathies to the parents in their bereavement.

## STUCCO EXTERIOR FOR NEW HOTEL

The new hotel being constructed by J. A. Collins and son, Grady, will be given an exterior coating of stucco and no doubt will be one of the most handsome buildings in this section of the country.

No denial can be given the belief by some, that the construction of a large hotel building under the direction of a local boy who had previously had no experience in managing construction work, would probably prove too large an undertaking for the youthful contractor and help for finishing the building would be necessary. Such beliefs has been dispelled for some time and it is clearly evident that Grady Collins will be credited with successfully having superintended and erected one of the best combination frame buildings yet erected in our town. The new hotel will not be ready for occupancy for some weeks yet, as the work is being done slowly at a nominal expense by the owner and his son. Some little outside help has been employed but when the two story structure is finished, eighty per cent of the actual work can be credited to the owners.

## RETURN AFTER TWO MONTHS IN NORTH

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Lasater returned Tuesday afternoon from a two months visit in states of the north and north east.

While away Mr. and Mrs. Lasater visited the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. K. Scapper at Grand Junction, Mich., and Mr. Lasater's parents at Bransville, Mo.

In describing the condition of the eastern states Mr. Lasater stated that weather conditions were worse than he had ever seen them in that section of the country and he found excessive rains to have fallen from Kansas City all the way to New York, making it necessary in places for farmers to cut corn in water soaked fields to keep from losing all their crop. Small grain was greatly damaged over the same area.

## BIG LOAN TO THE ALLIES ARRANGED

New York, Sept. 20.—The huge loan to the Allies has virtually been arranged in the undertaking of the project by a syndicate to raise the fund.

The price at which the syndicate will put out the loan will be at par and bonds at five per cent interest will be a mortgage on the entire British Empire, all France and their respective colonies.

All other obligations of the two nations will be subordinate to the debt. The Allies plan to get \$1,000,000,000 in the United States.

### Exhibits Fine Maize

Jno. Childress of the Salt Branch country was in town last week exhibiting some fine maize. Out of six large heads he brought to the Mail office the total weight was 2½ pounds. Mr. Childress says he has a large crop of maize and the samples shown were only fair representations of what the entire crop was.



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### EQUINOCTIAL DAYS BRING NORTHER

Summer held on until the very last moment but was crowded out of her period of time by the norther of Monday afternoon, just three days in advance of the first day of Autumn.

Weather conditions in and around the Merkel country have been exceedingly favorable to the Merkel cotton growers in comparison with conditions that have existed in much of the surrounding country. In the vicinity of Winters, Ballinger and other towns east, heavy rains have been reported of late with a record of as much as seven inches of precipitation in places. Farmers in this section are taking advantage of every moment of the good weather to gather the fleecy staple while the premium prices are being paid by Merkel cotton buyers.

#### Get Acquainted Meeting

At the Methodist church Friday evening at 8 o'clock September 24. The following program to be rendered.

Song:—by the Congregation.  
Invocation.  
Song.  
Merkel Methodist Church 20 years ago—H. C. Williams.  
Vocal Solo—Miss Burkett.  
The church of to-day and her opportunity—N. D. Cobb.  
Instrumental Solo—Miss Hill.  
Some of the difficulties that we must overcome.—T. A. Johnson.  
Quartette.  
We welcome the new members—M. H. Morris.  
We are glad to be here—W. F. Dupree.

Light refreshments will be served at the close of the program.  
W. P. Garvin, Pastor.

Luther Watson returned to Sweetwater Saturday evening.

C. G. Pierce of Winnsboro is here visiting his brother S. E. Pierce of the Compere community. Mr. Pierce states that conditions in the Winnsboro country have been depressed to an extent this year on cotton due to the shortage in crop that prevails over much of that section of the state.

Miss Jewell Pate returned Monday from a two months visit at Del Rio with the family of J. M. York. While away Miss Pate spent a greater portion of her time on a large ranch near Del Rio, in company with relatives.

Miss Almeda Harris is at home from Snyder where she has been visiting her sisters Mesdames Walter Duckett and Steve Duckett.

Grandma Phillips who has been here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Sam Foster, left Sunday morning for Gorman where she will visit relatives.

B. D. Pressley of route 5, was in our city Tuesday, and had his name enrolled in the Mail's subscription book.

Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Sherrell of Bellevue have returned home after having visited the latter's sisters, Mesdames W. D. and E. L. Woodroof.

**Buy your window shades and putty from Grimes Drug Store.**

H. C. Coit of Plano is here this week visiting the family of J. T. Warren.

Miss Agnes Hall is in Abilene this week the guest of Mrs. Jno. G. Jackson and other friends.

Mesdames Sharpe, Hall and Wainwright of Abilene were visitors in our city Monday afternoon.

#### Second Hand Lumber

Am back at the old Hamm Lumber Yard and will sell second hand lumber at real bargains this and next week.

Jno. C. Hamm.



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Bradshaw, Charley  
Dalling, Mrs. Mattie  
Ratliff, S. O.

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Merkel, Texas.

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All persons wanting Mattress work done will please see me at once as I will only be here a few days longer. Phone 214. J. R. Bassett.

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You have noticed the disagreeable effects of calomel, that sickening nausea that is characteristic. There is no reason for tearing up your system in such a drastic manner.

**LIV-VER-LAX**, that wonderful vegetable compound, is just as useful as calomel for toning up your liver and ridding your system of stagnating poisons, and it does not make you feel badly like calomel. It is pleasant to take with no unpleasant after effects. Keep it in your home for health's sake.

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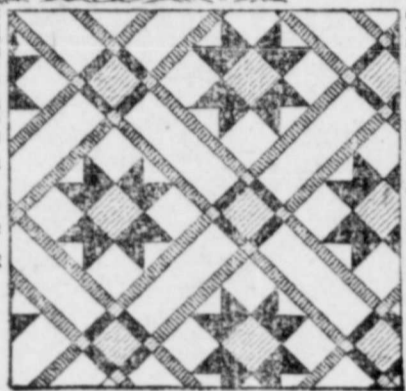
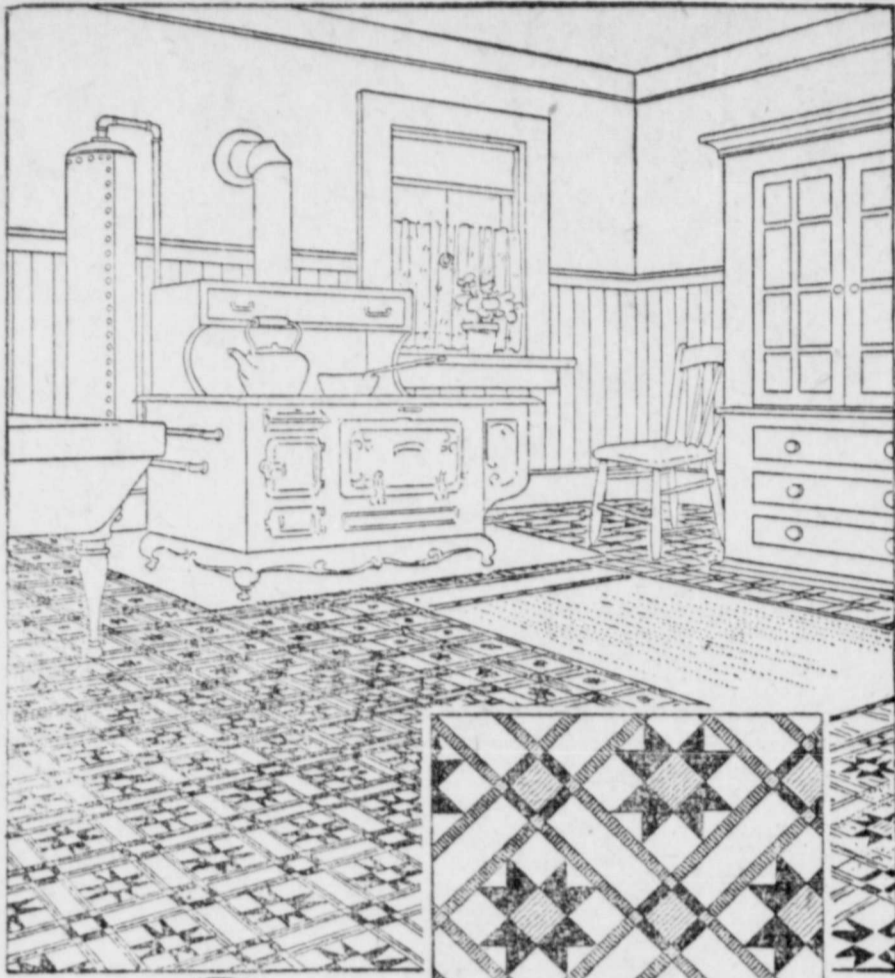
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Cover your kitchen floor with Armstrong's Linoleum. Stop the scrubbing that produces stooped shoulders.

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Come in and give us your bid on the 9x12 CONGOLEUM RUG. Retail price is \$8. It is to be sold to the highest bidder—bids opened next Saturday. We are selling some real bargains each Saturday to the highest bidder.

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See J. A. Duckett for your shoes at money saving prices.

Pure California Honey at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

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Cretonne collars cuffs at Woodroof Bros.

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Miss Artie Cypert is visiting relatives in Trent this week.

Wool taffeta, new shades and designs for ladies fall dresses at Woodroof Bros.

Miss Era Brady is at home from Plainview where she has been visiting relatives.

Up-to-date coat suits and dresses, bargain prices at J. A. Ducketts.

Miss Gladys Bandy of Mexia is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Jno. D. Gaither and family.

Tell your husband to look at Woodroof's new fall suits. The noted Hart-Shaffner & Marx line.

W. C. Dickinson and family of the Golan community, were trading in Merkel Saturday.

Say, have you seen the new Goods at J. A. Ducketts store. Bargains galore.

Mrs. J. M. C. King and daughter, Peggy, spent the past week with the former's daughter, Mrs. R. A. McClain, of Abilene.

Arkansas Cream Meal at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Miss Olive Teaff who is attending Simmons College at Abilene visited homefolks the latter part of last week.

Call and see my Millinery at the J. A. Duckett store. Miss Ona Stanley.

Ralph Bigham, son of C. V. Bigham has taken up studies in the Peacock Military Academy in San Antonio, going there week before last.

Don't fail to get your Scrub Mop and slob jar Saturday 25c each at J. A. Ducketts you will save at least \$2 on this 50c Purchase.

Miss Gladys Daniels who has been employed by the Southwestern Telephone Co., at Sweetwater, resigned and returned home Sunday.

Friendship Link Bracelets the latest fad. Which will be a lifelong reminder of your friends. Sterling silver links 25c. Initials engraved on each link free.

Mrs. E. M. Rust.

J. Rhodes and family of the Dora community were in town Saturday on their way to Putnam to visit relatives. On their return Mr. Rhodes will stop at Baird and visit his daughter.

Wm. O'Briant is in the tin business at his old stand. Call and see him.

E. Dickenson a pioneer of this country, but lately of Dallas, returned here last week to look after his ranch property north of Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hughes who have been visiting in Birmingham, Ala., since July, returned here Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have numerous friends and relatives in that state and made extended visits at different places.

Merritt Bland a prosperous young farmer of near Trent, was in town Wednesday. He tells us that he has sold his farm there and will move near Stanton next year. Hate to see him go but are sure that it will not be long before he will again be a resident of the Merkel country.

Phone 80. The Bob Martin Grocery Co.

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Plenty bran and cow feed at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Edgar Boaz was here from his Clear Fork ranch Saturday.

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Bulk candies of all kinds. The Elite Confectionery.

Mrs. Ollie Dye was in Abilene the first of the week visiting relatives.

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Clyde Mathews of Abilene was here Saturday looking after business matters.

Johnstons. Learn the name, it signifies the best in box candies. On sale at the Elite.

Chas. Hutchens of the Golan community marketed a load of watermelons here Saturday.

I have the Bermuda Onion seed and now is the time to sow and save expense of onion sets next spring. W. F. Hamblet. It

Miss Flossie Cypert is visiting her uncle, J. Owens and family, of Nugent.

Buy wifey a box of Johnston's chocolates. The Elite.

Miss Leila Nesbit of Fluvana enroute to Dallas visited her sister, Mrs. Carl Evans, the past week.

Have just received a car of flour, meal, bran and shorts. Come to see me before you buy. Bring your circulars. Can meet the prices easy. Will appreciate your patronage.

## All Women ARE Beautiful

in some form or other. Some have beauty of face, others of form, and still others of character, while some combine all three.

This drug store can aid you wonderfully in preserving and improving your personal attractions. Our numerous safe and effective remedies are compounded by the most noted experts of the world with this one definite object in view, and they are eminently successful in many millions of cases. They can be the same with you.

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Miss Willie Mae Mitchell of Lancaster who visited here, the guest of Miss Rena Burns, has returned home.

Miss Mamie Ellis is at home from Rotan where she visited her cousin, Evangeline Turner.

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Among those in Midland this week attending the Midland Fair are Jno Sears, C. M. Largent, J. M. Willianson, Clyde and Claud Sears and Ira Armstrong.

Penny & Son's new Vulcanizer has come. Come and see it. Bring your casings and tubes. They know how to do the work.

Miss Gladys Wright of Bellevue visited her sister, Mesdames E. L. and W. D. Woodroof the past week.

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The following program of the work for the week and the closing devotional services for today.

Tuesday 8 p. m.

Opening sermon by Moderator—Rev. S. D. Crouch.  
Constituting prayer.  
Calling the roll.  
Election of Moderator.  
Report of Progaam Committee.

Wednesday Morning

8:30-9—Devotional Service, led by Rev. Green.

Appointment of standing committees.

Selection of the next place of meeting.

Reports of permanent committee.

11 a. m. Sermon by Rev. Jno. B. Bigbee.

Wednesday Afternoon

2 p. m. Reports of permanent committees continued.

"How to reach men" led by Hon. J. H. Beall.

"How to reach children" led Rev. A. B. Norrell.

"To what extent should the pastor and the church be engaged in soliciting members?" led Mr. F. W. Melvin.

"The Church Efficiency Conference in Het Springs" Rev. S. D. Crouch.

Wednesday Evening

8 p. m. Report of committee on Foreign Missions.

Address by Rev. F. E. Emerson, of the West African Mission.

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Report of Commissioners to General Assembly.

Election of Delegates to Synod. Presbyterial business.

Adjournment.

The next meeting will be held at Stamford.

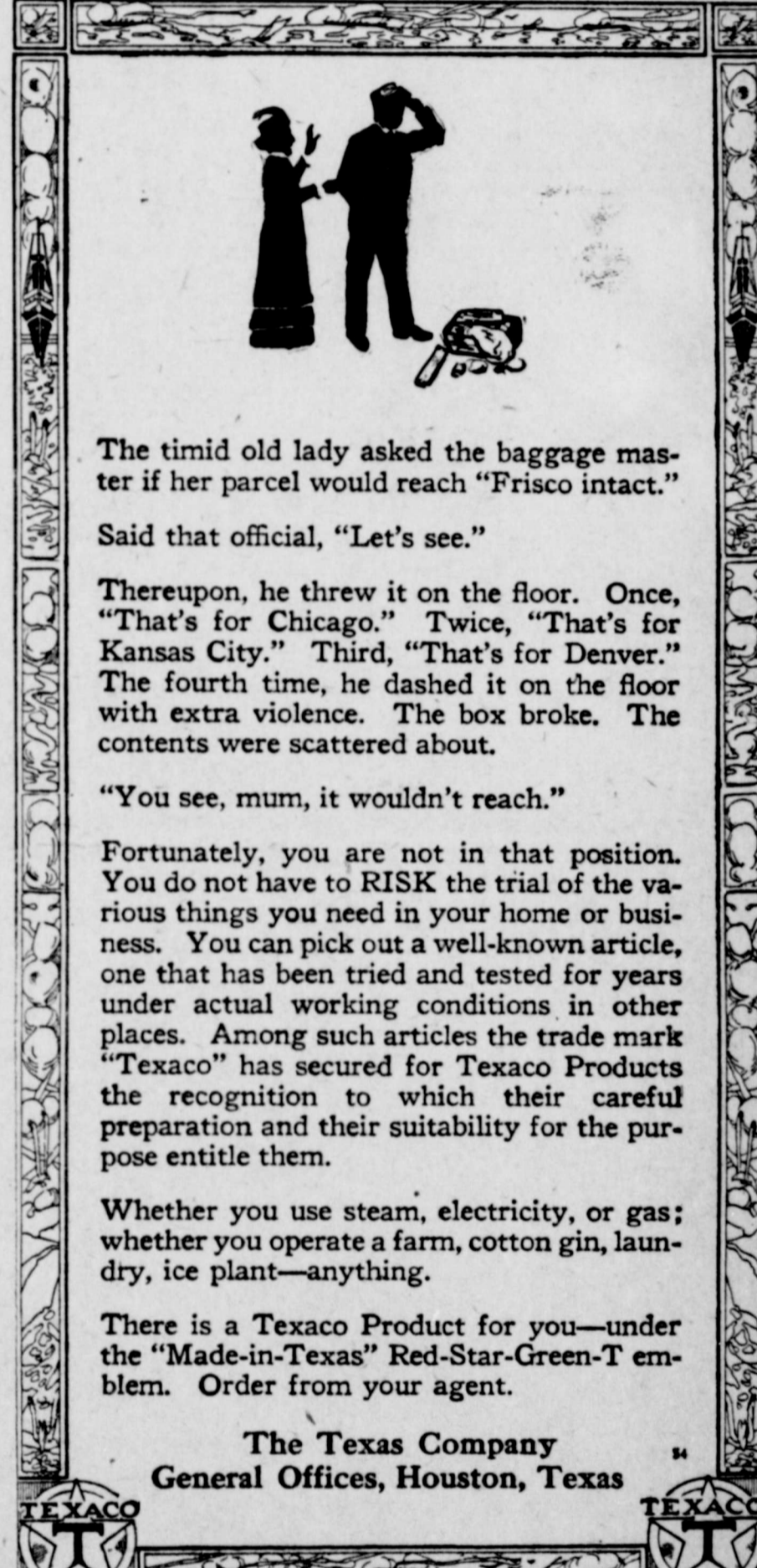
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	Case	Case	Grey	Red
	Bead Tread	Non-Skid	Tube	Tube
30x3	\$ 9.40	\$10.55	\$2.20	\$2.50
30x3 1/2	11.90	13.35	2.60	2.90
32x3 1/2	13.75	15.40	2.70	3.05
34x4	19.90	22.30	3.90	4.40
34x4 1/2	27.30	30.55	4.80	5.40
36x4 1/2	28.70	32.15	5.00	5.65
37x5	35.55	39.80	5.95	6.70
38x5 1/2	46.00	51.50	6.75	7.55

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### Farm Wanted to Rent

I want to rent a good farm. Describe what you have, location and terms. Reference furnished. W. A. Jackson, Rt. 2, Trent, Texas. 24t2pd.

Miss Flossie Cypert is in Nugent this week visiting the family of J. W. Owens.

S. P. Rister and little daughter who have been here visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rister, left Monday evening for their home in El Paso. They were accompanied home by W. L. Johnson, Jr., who has been here visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler.



## Good News For You

The message contained in the list of prices and bargains at our store is a message direct to you, to help you in solving your grocery problem satisfactorily.

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"I was annoyed for over a year by attacks of acute indigestion followed by constipation," writes Mrs. M. J. Gallagher, Geneva, N. Y. "I tried everything that was recommended to me for this complaint but nothing did me much good until about four months ago I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and procured a bottle of them from our druggist. I soon realized that I had gotten the right thing for they helped me at once. Since taking two bottles of them I can eat heartily without any bad effects." Sold by all dealers.

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The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c

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For SATURDAY we offer the Following FOR ONE DOLLAR

### MENS' DOLLAR DAY SPECIALS—

\$1.50 Men's Shirt, Dollar Day Special.....\$1.00  
Three 50c Men's Ties, Dollar Day Special.....\$1.00  
Five pair 25c Men's Hoes, Dollar Day Special.....\$1.00  
\$1.50 pair Men's Dress Gloves, Dollar Day Special..\$1.00

### LADIES DOLLAR DAY SPECIALS—

15 yards 10c Domestic, Dollar Day Special.....\$1.00  
25 yards Cotton Checks, Dollar Day Special.....\$1.00  
6 pair 25c Towels, Dollar Day Special.....\$1.00  
5 pair Ladies 25c Hose, Dollar Day Special.....\$1.00

## Our Ladies' Tailored Suits

The line of Suits we are offering this season from \$15.00 to \$18.50 has created the most favorable expression from our patrons. The styles, the fit, the workmanship, materials and trimmings are the very best that have ever been created at this popular price.

A wonderfully varied and appealing collection of Tailored Suits will be shown here this week, aggregating a variety of styles which offer the broadest scopes for selection.

## New Dress Goods and Silks

We again invite you to visit our Dress Goods Department and see the wonderfully new stocks of Silks and Woolen Goods display. All the new weaves are here, and it is here you can get the very choicest values.

## HART SCHAFFNER AND MARX CLOTHES ARE MADE TO FIT

There are some men who think the fit of clothes depends on measurements; they have to pay a good price for thinking so. But we've learned that fit depends more on scientific designing, tailoring and lines drawn for the average figure. VARSITY FIFTY FIVE SUITS are made to fit; and the fact that so many of the most critical young men choose them and wear them is evidence that they're right, in fit, in fashion, in tailoring, in all wool quality of fabrics and in fair prices.

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# WOODROOF BROTHERS

## THE HOME OF HART SCHAFFNER & MARX CLOTHES

### The Merkel Mail

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### SHILOH

Sunday school was well attended Sunday.

Rev. G. W. Scott preached at Hebron Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. T. Winters Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ulric Wheeler on Sweetwater creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips are the proud parents of twin baby girls who made their appearance Sept. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Pomroy of Sweetwater creek spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hale.

Harvel Jones and sisters, Misses Lettye and Beulah, spent Sunday with friends in Noodle.

There was singing at Wilner Graysons Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Winters entertained the young people with a candy breaking Saturday night.

Misses Bamma and Nina Winters, Maude and Della Green and Effie Mayberry were guests of Miss Alice Brown Sunday.

Grover Tyner left last week for Abilene to enter Simmons college.

A number of young people took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Woods Sunday.

Mrs. Brown and children and Mrs. Maynard and daughter, Miss Eula, were visiting friends in the Golan community Monday afternoon.

Chas. Williams and little son of near Anson, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barnes. Guy Cade spent Sunday night in Anson.

Mr. Carter is having a well drilled at his home near Shiloh.

Mrs. Pheobe Green was visiting

fier son and wife near Sweetwater creek Sunday.

Prayer meeting was well attended Sunday night.

### NUBIA

We have been having favorable weather up till this, Wednesday morning. Perhaps the great incomprehensible with all his attributes of omnipotence, has decreed that today he designated as a day of rest and repose wherein weary humanity may recline to the extreme delight and recuperation of its aching and exhausted bones.

It is becoming apparent that the nounce's utopian fancy namely: that cotton and seed shall advance in price is beginning to materialize into reality in spite of the bears and war.

It is with deep regret that we learn of the misfortune which has saddened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moore, in the death of their little son, Jimmie. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the writer.

The protestant Methodists held their quarterly conference at Butman last Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Wilson of Buffalo Gap presided.

The prayer meeting at Butman has been changed from Sunday night to Sunday evening at 5 o'clock.

There was singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Sunday night.

We children were delighted to learn that the circus was coming soon. Guess we will all have to godown and see the elephants.

The gin at Butman has been busy for the past few days disposing of the fleecy staple, which the fine weather has occasioned the picking of.

We now have a store at Butman with goods already installed. Verily Butman is getting on the map.

Boil weevils are as thick here as flees on a shepherd dog.

## PIANOS AND

# Player Pianos

Are you going to be in the market this fall for a Piano? If so, do not buy until you have seen my pianos. I have a sample piano on my floor for \$195 that is just as good or a little better piano than the wagon man would ask you \$450 for. It is fully warranted for 10 years by the factory.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Turner visited Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Lattimer Sunday.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank those who so kindly assisted us and spoke consoling words to us during the short illness and at the death of our son. It is our wish that God's richest blessings may be bestowed upon you.

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