

AGENT AL. LEIGHTY PAINFULLY HURT

Agent Al. J. Leighty, of the Texas & Pacific Co., escaped a serious injury Sunday at noon when two heavy trunks fell from overturned baggage truck and struck him about the lower ribs. Agent Leighty was assisting a local force in loading baggage on passenger train No. 4 when the accident occurred. He was attempting to turn the baggage truck around when the load became top heavy, trunks falling everywhere while two of the larger ones pinned him to the ground one striking squarely on the right knee and the other one on his foot.

As a result of the accident Agent Leighty is confined to his bed and from all indications it will be several days before he will be able to resume his duties. The worst of his injuries seen confined to his knee in which a fracture has been located.

MERKEL COUNTY IS NEEDING RAIN

During the past few days much complaint has been heard among those who have planted winter grains and the complaint in nearly every instance is directed at the weather man.

Much small grain has been planted in this section of the county and while the majority will stand much more dry weather it is all badly in need of a good rain. The ideal fall weather for the farmer to gather their cotton has begun to work a hardship, on our people and we are all now watching for the first appearance of Col. Jupe with the water bucket.

STORE BUILDINGS ARE ALL OCCUPIED

For the first time in many moons every store building in Merkel is occupied. Not all ground floor business houses have retail establishments but all available rental property has been taken.

Buildings that have been vacant for many months are now in demand as ware rooms and indications are that property investment in Merkel and Merkel county are safer investments now than ever before in the history of the town and country.

HARRISON LAW IS A POWERFUL ONE

The effect that the Harrison Anti-Narcotic law is having on the country was demonstrated in Fort Worth Monday morning when Federal Court opened there. It was the first day of the criminal docket and a dozen pleas guilty were entered during morning.

Among these pleas of guilty were the following: Charley Warner, having cocaine in possession; Will Stephens, bootlegging; Z. T. Searcy, having morphine in possession; George Hudson, morphine in possession; W. T. Ford, morphine in possession; Guy Fox, opium in possession; Eugene F. Gilbert, using the mails to defraud.

Buy it before Xmas

MERKEL BANKS OF THE TOWN

Bank Deposits Increase Over One Hundred Cent Over Same Period in 1914--Heaviest Recorded by Merkel Banks--Exceeds High Mark of 1906

The Bank showing as published in this and last weeks Mail speaks of prosperity over the Merkel country. Never before has the financial showing of Merkel banks been so promising, never before have the books of the banks shown the good line of deposits that they now show.

In past years when prosperity seemed to be favoring our town, much of the financial showing could have been attributed to foreign money. Money brought here by investors who saw the sound business judgement of investing a dollar in Merkel property. In nineteen hundred six following the bumper cotton crop for this country the banks of Merkel showed combine deposits of nearly six hundred fifty thousand dollars. Of this total amount many individuals can be pointed out who came here during the boom and brought their money with them. These deposits often ranged in amount around \$1000.00 and were known to have gone as high as \$10,000 to the credit of one individual.

During this past year no such conditions have existed. The money now on deposit in the Merkel banks is wholly from the productiveness of our country. The deposits are credited mainly to farmers throughout the country and the showing can easily be said to far surpass any financial statement our town has ever before made.

At this season in 1914 the combine deposits of the Merkel banks showed to be **\$273,385.82**. This statement was taken December 31st, of 1914 and after practically all the crops had been gathered and sold.

The statement made November 10th of this year showed combine deposits of **\$664,043.16**. This amount however does not represent the total amount of deposits at the present time. Within less than a weeks time after the call had been made on Nov. 10, the deposits of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Farmers State Bank had increased to such amounts until the total was crowding the \$700,000.00 mark.

Something usual for a western country is to show a larger financial statement at the beginning of one cotton season than at the close of the previous season. But this was done by the Merkel banks in the call preceding the one of Nov. 10 this year. This call was made in July and showed a total deposits of **\$330,743.94**.

At the end of the cotton season of 1914 the deposits were **\$273,743.82** thereby given the town an increase of **\$67,358.12** in bank deposits during the spring and summer months. It is predicted by some that a better showing will never be made by local banking institutions but with continued prosperity as our country has had during the last two years the financial showing should continue to climb skyward.

CASHES TRAVELERS CHECK--ARRESTED

Mr. and Mrs. Victor P. L. Hoit of Lynn, Mass., passed through Merkel Monday afternoon on their way from San Francisco to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoit spent several minutes in Merkel and told of some of their experiences while motoring through the country.

At Toyah Mr. Hoit bought some gasoline and as his small change was short he presented an American Express, Travelers Check in payment of the bill and the boy gave him his change in return. Before he had time to leave the town however he was accosted by the sheriff and told that he was under arrest for trying to pull a hold up game of cashing a "phony check".

Mr. Hoit stated that it required a lengthy explanation to convince the banker and sheriff that the check was good and that they were in universal use. Neither sheriff or the president of the bank had seen such a check before.

TRENT COTTON AT 3,300 BALE MARK

Other News of Interest

Receipts of the Trent Cotton Yard at the present time amounts to slightly over 3,300 bales. Of this amount weighed up a goodly portion is still on hand in the yard at that place and many farmers have declared their intentions of holding until better prices are reached. Approximately 1,000 bales have been held in that section of the country a large portion of which has been weighed.

The receipts from the box supper given here Saturday night amounted to about 30.00.

R. H. Reaves one of the Trent cotton buyers is the proud owner of a new Studebaker touring car.

A Tip

Say! If you want any special Xmas present; just see "Mack," he will see that Santa Clause gets the news.

Mebane Seed For Sale.

Good Mebane cotton seed for sale at \$1.00 per bushel, from Mebanes best grade of seed. E. Barnes. 26t4pd

Feed Fields Wanted.

I will pay \$1.00 per month per head on cattle for good fields to graze. See or phone me at once. Sam Butman. Nubia 19 t. 2 pd.

New line of jewelry. Each express brings in something new nobby. Don't throw your money away on cheap jewelry, buy goods that are guaranteed by your local house. I guaranteed all my goods and have real bargains this year. Come and see for yourself. Mrs. E. Rust.

Otho Williams, Jr., has announced his arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Williams in Fort Worth Tuesday a. m. November 23rd. Mrs. H. C. Williams left on the evening train for Fort Worth to welcome this first grandson.

Mrs. Ray Younger of Walnut Springs came in Tuesday evening and will make an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. E. Sawyer.

Misses Willie and Pearle Shrock Mesdames Dolly Payne and Jno. Daily motored over from Abilene Saturday with Mr. Payne.

Miss Alice Bigham who is attending school in Sweetwater came in Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Bigham.

Let Wetzel cut your boys hair price 15 cents, all work guaranteed. Coats building.

WIFE IDENTIFIES MURDER HUSBAND

Saturday night Mrs. Howard, a refined and cultured lady, came in on the train from the east and with a number of city ladies went immediately to the undertaking parlors of Mr. Payne.

That night she was unable to determine whether or not the dead man was her husband, but Sunday morning further investigation proved that he was Walter Howard. She remembered that he had a scar on his left knee caused by a bullet wound received some years ago and another scar on his right. Upon examining the body these two scars were noted. Although the face is horribly disfigured, it resembles a great deal a picture she and the man had taken on their wedding day.

She gave out a statement as follows: About three years ago he sold some mortgaged property in Fort Worth, and deserted her. During their married life he had always refused to speak of his parents or tell of their whereabouts and she was unable to give the officers any information in that regard.

After deserting her she had never heard a word from him, or of his whereabouts, until she read a special in the Fort Worth Star Telegram stating that a Walter Howard had been killed here by the City Marshall.

After the funeral, Mrs. Howard leaves for Fort Worth.

A Journal reporter viewed the body in the undertaking parlors this afternoon and it is certainly a ghastly sight.

The bullet entered the left side of his head and came out the right.

The coroner's jury made an investigation of the wounds by tracing the path of bullet.

The left side of his face appeared to be beaten into a pulp or else burnt by the blaze of the bullet. And his right eye appeared to be injured in some way.—Monday's Sweetwater Reporter.

Coal, Hulls and Meal

Get your coal, loose hulls and cotton seed meal from G. R. Gazaway.

A CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY—MAYBE

When the Christmas Bells are ringing
On the morn that all are glad,
And you hear the children singing—
Listen—will your heart be glad?
Will your thoughts be of the season
That has just drawn to a close;
Will you think and think and reason
Why it failed? Alas, who knows?
Well, the season hasn't ended.
Anyone can tell you how
You can make it rich and splendid—
Get your advertising NOW!

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

of murder. Evidence brought out in seems that Mr. Davis had camping near the Childress home and on various times preceding the shooting, something had been taking edibles from the Davis tent without the consent of the owner. One night Mr. Davis said he was awakened from his slumber to see something at the grub-box in another part of the tent and the word fire was given. The dead hound was found about twenty feet from the scene next morning.

W. H. Sewell of Abilene, represented the defense while the prosecution was conducted protem by Attorney Graham, also of Abilene, acting in the capacity of County Attorney H. Rob Keeble. It is not known whether the regular county attorney was disqualified or was ill.

TRENT CHURCH IS TO BE DEDICATED

Dedication of the M. E. Church at Trent will take place December, 12th.

The Trent congregation of the Methodist church in all has had one of the best years in its history and recent report made to the Conference at Clarendon was indeed a splendid one. The dedication service will be under the direction of Rev. Griswood, presiding Elder of the Sweetwater district. Rev. G. H. Gattis pastor of the Trent church will assist in the services.

MANY VISITORS TO NEW SCHOLL BLDG.

Sunday seemed to be visitors day at the new school building and larger crowds visited the building than at any time since its construction was started.

The nearness with which the building is ready for occupancy makes every visitor feel a pride in seeing the work in the last stages of completion. Small boys, middle aged people and aged folks joined hands in criticizing or complimenting the work during the afternoon.

BOX SUPPER TO BE GIVEN FRIDAY EVE

There will be a box supper at Mt Pleasant school house Friday night Nov. 26. Everybody is invited to come and bring well filled boxes. There will be a thanksgiving program rendered. The proceeds will be used to buy desks or other school equipments. Yours Respectfully, Birdie Hogue—Teacher.

Cattle For Sale

140 head of good cows from 3 to 6 years old at prices right. See me in office next to F. & M. National Bank of Abilene. T. E. Driskill. 12t3pd.

State Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

Reported at Close of Business November 10th, 1915

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$159,507.95	Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Banking House	9,500.00	Surplus	3,500.00
Other Real Estate	5,500.00	*Undivided Profits	4,758.40
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00	Rediscounts not due	7,416.96
Interest in Guaranty Fund	1,080.05	Bills Payable	None
Cash and Exchange	176,623.70	Deposits	306,036.34
Total	\$356,711.70	Total	\$356,711.70

The above Statement is correct. R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

THE SAFE WAY---A STATE BANK

We desire some good Cattle Loans. Plenty of Money to loan on approved security
We call attention to our rapid growth---evidencing the confidence of the public in a

STATE BANK

DRY CLEANING AT HOME

Make a stock solution of eight ounces strong ammonia, one half ounce choloform and one half ounce ether. Cork tightly and keep away from the face.

Dissolve one bar of P. and G. naphtha soap in three gallons hot water, add one half teaspoon each of baking soda, salt and alum and three tablespoons of the ammonia-chloroform-ether mixture.

To clean oriental or other rugs to their original brightness make a lather and dip a scrub-brush in it, shaking out superfluous water. Go over the rug with this brush and the lather dries out almost immediately. No harm whatever is done to the best oriental rug.

To sponge spots from clothing, even delicate silk, and upholstery dip a soft sponge in the lather, wring as dry as possible and sponge off the spot.

To wash sweaters, blankets or other flannels let the mixture be come nearly cold, soak the garments in it half an hour or less, squeeze dry, rinse in clear water, squeeze dry and hang up.

The various ingredients used not only remove grease and dirt, but set and brighten colors.

Ferguson Donates \$1,000.00

Austin, Tex., Nov. 22.—Contribution of \$1,000 was made today by Governor Ferguson to the \$100,000 fund being raised by the city of Dallas to bring the national Democratic convention of 1916 to that city. The Governor tendered the check to Secretary of State John G. McKay, who is a member of the committee soliciting contribution to the fund.

Invigorating to the Fae and Sickly
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

THE GRIP THAT HOLDS

THE scientific shaping of the Firestone Non-Skid tread insures that you get all your money out in actual service.

Right-angled against skid in any direction, this massive good measure tread affords maximum safety as well as multiplied mileage. And only the powerful Firestone body could sustain the bulk and holding strain of the Firestone Non-Skid tread.

All this good-measure building is part of the Universal Service of Firestone Tires for any demand of road or season.

For Sale
by
G. F. WEST CO.



Firestone Net Prices to Car Owners

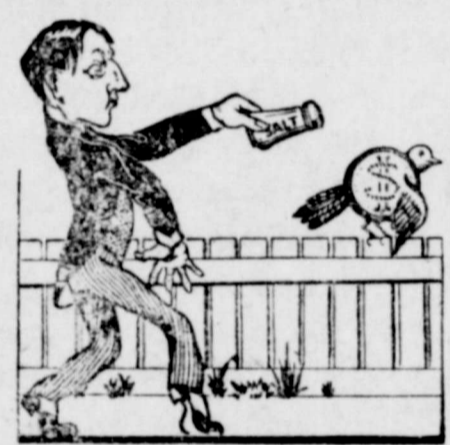
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Rad. Tread	Flow Skid	Tube Tube	Tube Tube
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33x4	11.00	13.35	2.60 2.90
33x5	13.75	15.40	2.70 3.05
33x6	15.00	22.50	3.00 4.40
33x7	17.20	20.55	4.50 5.00
33x8	20.50	22.15	5.00 5.65
33x9	25.50	32.50	5.25 5.75
33x10	45.00	51.50	6.75 7.50



COTTON RAGS WANTED

We will pay Five Cents per pound for white Clean Cotton Rags

MERKEL MAIL PRINTING COMPANY



We Can Help You Salt Down Your Dollars

if you come to us to buy your GROCERIES. Best of everything for less.

E. L. ROGERS
GROCERY



follow natural lines of body, are made for style, comfort, and good wear--\$1.00 up. Select your model today.

Parten Dry Goods Co.
Merkel, Texas

Special Prices

I will have some Special Prices on Groceries and Feed from now until December 1. Now is the time to get your Groceries cheap. It will pay you to lay in a supply for the winter. I have a big stock and am going to reduce it. I will give you a few prices

100 pounds Boquet Flour	\$3.20
Pearl Meal	65c
25 pounds Sugar	\$1.45
100 pounds Sugar	\$5.80
10 pound bucket Karo Syrup	45c
10 pounds Aira Syrup	55c
100 pounds Bran	\$1.25
100 pounds Shorts	\$1.50
100 pounds Chops	\$1.50
100 pounds Trico	\$1.00
100 pounds C. S. Meal	50c
100 pounds Michigan Salt	50c
5 gallons Coal Oil	50c

I have lots of bargains that I haven't mentioned, so it will pay every farmer to come and buy a supply, for everything is getting higher. Come and get them while they last.

Walter Clark

Chamberlain's Tablets
This is a medicine intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. It is meeting with much success and rapidly gaining in favor and popularity. For sale by all dealers.

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

"AIMEE FOSTER"

(By Mrs. J. T. L. Annis)
Read this sweet story. It will make a charming gift. Price 25 cents. Also "The Love of the Noble Earl of Fleetwood" price \$1.50. On sale at Mrs. E. Rust Drug Store. 1915
Ladies have your Fur set by Owen. Phone 1915

WOOD

Everything to Wear

BOX SUPPER AT TRENT SAT. NIGHT

The Trent high school will give a box supper Saturday night in the auditorium of the school building. The proceeds go to repair and paint the building. The boxes will sell for one dollar each. Everyone is invited to come and bring a box. There will be a program rendered in connection. No admission.

On last Thursday a party consisting of Misses Eula Johnson, Floy Leamon, Effie Duke, Lillie Nichols, Alma Gafford and Geta Beckham, Messrs. Winslow Beckham, Fred Pribble, Geo. Gafford, Joe Chunn, Luther Bankston, Alex Williamson, J. C. Hamner, W. A. Holt, motored to Sweetwater to attend the wedding of Miss Effie Duke and George Gafford. The bride is a daughter of C. D. Duke a prosperous farmer living three miles north of Trent the groom a son of G. H. Gafford. They will live in Trent where George has a Tailor shop.

Miss Robinson and brother, Dean, left Sunday for Sylvester where they will both teach school. Mrs. Sue Williams and children who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Simpson returned to their home at Ranger Wednesday.

E. D. Massey has purchased a new Studebaker car.

Rev. Fry of Abilene will lecture on the Girls Industrial Home Sunday at the Baptist church.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives ease and rest. 50c.

SALTS IF BACKACHE AND KIDNEYS HURT

Drink lots of water and stop eating meat for a while if your bladder troubles you.

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it generally means you have been eating too much meat, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and loggy. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels; removing all the body's urinous waste, as you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells; your stomach sour, tongue coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water scalds and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about 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, has been used for generations to stimulate sluggish kidneys, neutralize acids in the urine so it irritates, thus ending bladder

is a life saver for regular. It is inexpensive, cannot make a delightful, effervescent drink.



Keep Your Eye on Our Stock of HEATERS

Oil Heaters, Coal and Wood Heaters, Pipe and Supplies

Phone us and have your New Heater or Cook Stove put in at once

DON'T DELAY



Hardware Co.

2 EXTRA EDITIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

On November 26th and again on December 17th the Mail will be issued in special editions with increased circulation to the entire Merkel country.

Our issue next week will be for our advertisers benefit and will carry no increased advertising rates. On December 17th, the Mail will appear in special edition in what we will attempt to make the largest paper ever published in Merkel and will also attempt to give a larger circulation than has ever before been given by the Mail. This Christmas issue will contain information about Merkel country, about Merkel county people and Merkel country possibilities. It will be by the aid of outsiders be worth the price we are going to ask for it. We have already telephoned several good housewives in Merkel and in Merkel country who have agreed to hand in their hubby's picture "taken recently" and all such likenesses will be found in or about the columns of the Mail, on Dec. 17th. The price of these papers will be 5 cents each on all extra copies and persons desiring to have copies of this special for mailing to friends in Europe and other parts of Van Vandt county will place their orders by the 10th of next month as our circulating force will go on a strike at that time. Advertising rates for this Christmas edition will be quoted on application. A slight bit of "Who's who in Merkel will appear on this date.

SALTS IS FINE FOR KIDNEYS, QUIT MEAT

Flush the Kidneys at once when Back hurts or Bladder bothers—Meat forms uric acid.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which clogs the kidney pores so they sluggishly filter or strain only part of the waste and poisons from the blood, then you get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, constipation, dizziness, sleeplessness, bladder disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any reliable pharmacy and 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 flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which all regular meat eaters should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.

"TIZ" FOR ACHING, SORE, TIRED FEET

Good-bye sore feet, burning feet, swollen feet, sweaty feet, smelling feet, tired feet.

Good-bye corns, callouses, bunions and raw spots. No more shoe tightness, no more limping with pain or drawing up your face in a pout. "TIZ" is magical, acts right off. "TIZ" draws out all the poisonous exudations which puff up the feet. Use "TIZ" and forget your foot misery. Ah! how comfortable your feet feel. Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" now at any druggist or department store. Don't suffer. Have good feet, glad feet, feet that never swell, never hurt, never get tired. A year's foot comfort guaranteed or money refunded.



WE HAVE WITH US NEXT WEEK



THE BIRD OF THANKSGIVING

"TIZ" GLADDENS SORE, TIRED FEET

"TIZ" makes sore, burning, tired feet fairly dance with delight. Away go the aches and pains, the corns, callouses, blisters and bunions.

"TIZ" draws out the acids and poisons that puff up your feet. No matter how hard you work, how long you dance, how far you walk, or how long you remain on your feet, "TIZ" brings a restful foot comfort. "TIZ" is wonderful for tired, aching, swollen, smarting feet. Your feet just tingle for joy; shoes never hurt or seem tight.

Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" now from any druggist or department store. End foot torture forever—wear smaller shoes, keep your feet fresh, sweet and happy.



REE'S LAXATIVE COUGH SYRUP RELIEVES COUGHS AND COLDS

ELECTRIC BITTERS THE BEST FOR BILIOUSNESS AND KIDNEYS

ELECTRIC BILLS

SOME CAUSES

Do you use any **CARBON** lamps? If you do, you are paying for 50 per cent more current than you should for the same candle power by using Mazda Lamps. One **25-WATT** 20-candle power Mazda Lamp will cost you **15c** per 40 hours of light. One 16-candle power **CORBON** Lamp will cost **36c** per 40 hours light.

**If you are using any CARBON Globes you can readily see
it will pay you to break them and install Mazdas**

Learn to read your meter and check us up, and if you do not understand how to read your meter we will give you a book of instructions, "**How to Read Your Meter.**" Will also send a representative to assist you, by your request.

OUR MOTTO: "Efficient Service, Equal Rights to All, Special Privileges to None"

Yours Electrically

MERKEL POWER COMPANY

SHILOH

Rev. Horn filled his appointment at Shiloh Saturday and Sunday.

Singing was very well attended last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the proud parents of a little baby girl who made her appearance at their home November 7th.

A number of young people from here attended the Carnival at Merkel Saturday night.

Some of the Noodle young people attended singing here Sunday afternoon.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Bond November 10 Miss Lyda Beavers was shopping in Merkel Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Altas Phillips of Trent spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Winters.

Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Scott and family moved this week from Shiloh to Abilene where Rev. Scott will enter Simmons College in a short time. We regret very much to give these good people up but hope their stay in Abilene will be a pleasant one.

Rodger Grayson and Will Barnes spent Saturday night with relatives near Anson.

Rev. W. A. Scott and daughters, Misses Mattie and Cora, of Trent spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Conder have have bought the place vacated by Mr and Mrs. G. W. Scott and will move to same some time soon.

How to Prevent Croup

It may be a surprise to you to learn that in many cases croup can be prevented. Mrs. H. M. Johns, Elida, Ohio, relates her experience as following: "My little boy is subject to croup. During the past winter I kept a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house, and when he began having that croupy cough I would give him one or two doses of it and it would break the attack. I like it better for children than any other cough medicine because children take it willingly, and it is safe and reliable." Sold by all dealers.—adv

NOODLE

Health of our community is very good at this writing.

J. C. Thompson and A. C. Sosebee returned from Paducah Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee and Miss Evelyn Barbee, returned from Guthrie, last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Calloway moved to Guthrie the first of last week where they will make their home for awhile.

Quite a number from here Saturday and Saturday night at the Carnival in Merkel.

Eld. Simpson of Trent preached at the Christian church Sunday afternoon.

The young folks enjoyed a singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Wasson Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson were in the Shiloh community Monday afternoon.

Grandma Horn returned home Saturday from Abilene where she has been visiting.

Rev. and Mrs. W. K. Horn of Abilene were in our community Sunday and Monday.

\$100 Reward \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all the stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the systems, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Sold by all druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family pills for constipation.—Adv.

Ladies have your Fur set cleaned by Owen. Phone 194.

NUBIA

"The melancholy days are come, the saddest of the year. Of wailing winds and naked woods, and meadows brown and sere."

The belated cold weather which has been loitering along since it took its departure from its northern seat, finally arrived in these parts last Saturday night. On Monday morning, lo! there was ice.

Many from here attended the carnival at Merkel Saturday.

M. P. Latimer, has bought and erected a new wind mill.

Mr. Andy Hunter, one of the most prosperous farmers of the canyon country, is holding his entire cotton crop for a better price. It is obvious to presume that to him the recent reaction in the cotton market is a source of elation, without a counterpart.

There are many special reasons why America should feel grateful this year, even more so than heretofore. We have remained sensible with regards to the war. We have steadfastly refused to become embroiled even amidst temptation and provocation. While other nations are wasting there means, men and resources, we are husbanding ours for a peaceful purposes, and a day is sure to come when the war-tangled nation will rue with remorse, the circumstance of allowing themselves to become integrals of the war element. Let us remember these things on the occasion of Thanksgiving next Thursday.

Charlie Lewis spent Saturday night and Sunday with Ernest Moore of Blair.

The lack of knowledge with respect to affairs here necessitates the curtailing of this weeks news budget. This is getting to be a dull place no deaths to report, no sickness, only an occasional marriage or something of that kind.

The Price is the Thing Quality the Same

Prices speak louder than words, so read on and be convinced that we can save you money. **Prices don't make the quality.** We sell you same goods for less money. These are only a few of the hundreds of bargains we have to offer you. When you buy it here you have the satisfaction of knowing the price was right. How do these prices compare with what you have been paying?

Good four strand Brooms worth 35c, our price only.....	15
Childrens 10c hose, our special price only.....	5
Dress Gingham worth 7½c per yard, our price.....	5
Extra large towels worth 15c, only.....	10
Children's up-to-date gingham school dresses, only.....	48
Ladies kimono and house dresses from 65c to.....	1.00
Mens heavy fleeced underwear worth 50c, our price only.....	38
Mens dress shirts regular 1.00 values going at.....	75
Mens hats at a saving of 25 per cent, some as low as.....	50
Mens and boys 25c, 50c, and 75c Caps, SPECIAL LOT, choice.....	19
Mens Silk ties, regular 25c values for.....	15
Mens 15c value hose, while they last 7c per pair or 3 pair for.....	20
Boys 50c underwear, our price while they last only.....	35
Elgin or Waltham watch, 15 jewel movement, solid nickel case, regular price 12.00 to 15.00, our price only.....	5.95
Mens Overcoats worth regular 10.00, our price only.....	6.00

If you have not been trading here we have both lost money, so give us a call at once, spend your money where it goes farthest. **Don't forget that we will have a large stock of Holiday goods at our usual low prices.** Miss Stanley has an up-to-date stock of Millinery in our store at prices that will interest you.

**REMEMBER THE PRICE IS THE THING AND
QUALITY THE SAME**

J. A. Duckett

Merkel, - - Texas



COMPANY

Opposite Merkel Mail Office

Our stock is complete. We have just unloaded two cars of New Xmas Furni-
is to be here Dec. 1. We are prepared to fill your order now, no matter how small or how
and in order not to be disappointed you can select your Xmas present now and for a small deposit we will set
aside any article for Xmas delivery. Do not delay, you know the best goes first.

Belmont Miller Co.
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White Crest Cake Contest

Twelve Ladies of Merkel, Texas, will bake Twelve large Cakes, using White Crest Flour. The first prize will be 50 pounds White Crest Flour; second prize 50 pounds White Crest Flour; third prize One Strip Armstrongs Plover Bacon; fourth prize one \$1.00 Bucket Folgers Golden Gate Coffee; fifth prize one \$1.00 Jar of Heinz Cherry Preserves; sixth prize one Large can of King Komus Syrup.

These Cakes will be Judged at 3 p. m, Friday evening. These Cakes will be served with Folgers Golden Gate Coffee and Grape Juice. Everybody cordially invited to come and help us eat good home made Cake. Remember the date. From 3 until 5 p. m. Friday the 19, 1915. With each sack of White Crest Flour sold on that date, one thousand Bonus Votes will be given on Piano contest.

E. L. Rogers
THE GROCERY SO DIFFERENT

LOVERS OF GOOD BOOKS

You will be surprised to learn that I have written and had published a book, a fine story pertaining to North England and Scotland in the time of George I. of England. Friends who have read my book complement me highly on my success. I want all my friends to read "The Noble Earl of Fleetwood" and encourage me by sending their name for my next book "Lady Hawdon" or "Cupid at the Altar," which will be issued some time this year. In this exquisite romance friends whom I have known and loved need not be surprised to find a true description of themselves depicted in some lovable character, for in almost every instance my description of a character has emanated from some fond remembrance of a charming friend. This book is beautifully bound in red with gold stamping; another binding in dark green stamped with red (very dainty) can be had at the same price. Make your choice. \$1.50 per copy.

TWO OTHER CHARMING BOOKS

I also have of my own writing two other charming books, "Aimee Foster" and "The Love of the Lame Prince." The former, "Aimee Foster," is a charming story of the Old South when my grandfather owned great plantations and many slaves. "The Love of the Lame Prince," a German Classic, is an exquisite love story. Both these books are being sold at the price of 25 cents each. Address

Mrs. S. F. Annis, Merkel, Texas, or call at Mrs. E. M. Rust Drug Store

EAT
In Merkel at Latham Brothers
BUSY BEE CAFE

Open day and night, hot Waffles each morning 4 to 9 o'clock. Oysters on sale in bulk—always fresh.



Which?

Everything baked with Calumet is so tempting—wholesome—delicious—I want 'em all. For things hard to bake right it can't be equalled. Calumet is the world's best Baking Powder—it's moderate in price—pure in the can and pure in the baking—wonderful in leavening and raising power—the most economical to buy and to use.

Received Highest Awards

New Cook Book Free—See Slip in Food Can



Cheap and big can Baking Powders do not save you money. Calumet does—it's Pure and far superior to sour milk and soda.

Program.

The following program will be rendered at the Methodist Church Sunday night November 21st, Song by Choir. Scripture Lesson—Mrs. M. Armstrong. Prayer—Rev. Garvin. Woman's Missionary Work—Mrs. Garvin. Quartette. Misses Williams. Sears, McMasters, and Mrs. Templeton. Work Among the Orientals—Mrs. Morris. Solo—Mrs. Bobbier. Reading—Tragedy and Potatoes—Mrs. Mims. Offeratory—Piano and violin—Mrs. L. Woodroof, and Miss Hill. Quartette—Messrs Hicks, Woodroof, Armstrong, and Holdridge. Closing remarks—Mrs. Shelton. Benediction.

Sick Headache

This distressing disease results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by using Chamberlain's Tablets. For sale by all dealers.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Class number 20 of the M. E. church held its regular business meeting last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. P. Garvin. The attendance was splendid. One new member was added to the roll. Mrs. Bob Martin was elected associate teacher and four new committees were appointed which completed the organization of the class.

Mrs. A. L. Jobe entertained the Baptist Ladies Monday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock at her home in southeast Merkel. All seem to enjoy the afternoon immensely. Those present were Mesdames Meeke, Owen, Whitaker, Warren, West, Garrett, Hinds, Brady and Miss Era Brady. Rev. Owen, pastor of the church, was also an honored guest. Strawberry ice cream and cake were served.

The social event of the season was the dance given Thursday evening at the Groene Theatre complimentary to Miss Zora Coggin of El Paso who has been the guest of Miss Mabel Collins. Music was furnished by a string-orchestra. The chaperones were Mesdames Anderson, Boyd, Sharp and Brown. Punch and sandwiches were served to the guests. About thirty guests were present to share in the pleasure of this delightful evening with Miss Coggin, her hosts and chaperones.

Birthday Dinner by Parcel Post

Sunday Nov. 14, 1915, Mrs. J. L. Tucker served a joint birthday dinner at her home near Blair in honor of her husband, J. L. Tucker and Mrs. W. H. Dickson. The sudden drop in temperature made it impossible for Mrs. Dickson and Miss Amanda Curtis to make the ten mile drive, but on Monday a goodly portion of this splendid dinner was enjoyed by the absent honoree. Those who enjoyed the dinner in all its completions were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Ensminger, Mrs. J. P. Hamm, Wade Ensminger and members of the family. Owing to the timidity (?) of Mr. Tucker, the year on the mile stone will not be mentioned—only just to say that Mr. Tucker is two days the older.

Distress in the Stomach

There are many people who have a distress in the stomach after meals. It is due to indigestion and easily remedied by taking one of Chamberlain's Tablets after meals. Mrs. Henry Padghan, Victor, N. Y., writes, "For some time I was troubled with headache and distress in my stomach after eating, also with constipation. About six months ago I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. They regulated the action of my bowels and the headache and other annoyances ceased in a short time." For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.

Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without it tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 60 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. 1-60

Let Us Fill Your Coal Bin Now

Don't wait until winter overtakes you before having your coal bin filled. Let us do it now, before the rush begins. It costs no more now than later, and may save you considerable worry or annoyance.

We sell the McAlister, New Mexico, Dawson and Strawn Coal, known everywhere as clean burners and without waste. They are very satisfactory and very economical coal.

H. M. WARREN

WHEN IN ABILENE

EAT

AT THE MOZART CAFE JACK GILSTRAP, Mgr.

A WORD FOR MOTHERS

It is a grave mistake for mothers to neglect their aches and pains and suffer in silence—this only leads to chronic sickness and often shortens life.

If your work is tiring; if your nerves are excitable; if you feel languid, weary or depressed, you should know that Scott's Emulsion overcomes just such conditions.

It possesses in concentrated form the very elements to invigorate the blood, strengthen the tissues, nourish the nerves and build strength.

Scott's is strengthening thousands of mothers—and will help you. No alcohol. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure. The worst cases, no matter how long standing, are cured by this wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

New Light Six on the

Do not fail to see the Oakland-6 automobile, fully equipped for \$860.

F. P. Hamm.

Good Wood For Sa

Good dry mosquito wood, per cord on ground at 4 miles northeast of Still

A. B. Cranston.

The Quinine That Does No Because of its tonic and TIVE BROSQUO QUININE Quinine and does not ringing in head. Re look for the signat

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Nearly every Merkel farmer is ready to begin breaking land. If you need new Discs, the new car load just received. All sorts of Farm Implements, and more especially the

New Car Banner Buggies Unloaded This Week. Get You a New Buggy Now

The Hunting Season Opens in 13 Days

Don't forget the Anchor line of Guns and Ammunition. Get your new Gun and Ammunition now.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED CAN BE FOUND HERE. PAY US A VISIT.

Anchor Mercantile Company

DORT

The Inside Story of the Dort

Those who know the inside story of the Dort Motor Car Company are not surprised at the popularity of this car or the remarkable value that it offers.

In the first place the men who build the Dort have for thirty years been giving the greatest possible value in vehicles.

Many of you know these men, and have done business with them. They are: J. D. Dort, D. M. Averill, F. A. Aldrich, J. D. Mansfield, G. L. Simmons, all of the Durant-Dort Carriage Co., makers of the famous Blue Ribbon Line of vehicles.

The Dort Car was not laid out on paper, built and then put in the hands of the user. For two years before a single Dort car was ever offered for sale, Dort cars were touring the country and were being tested out under the most severe and unusual conditions.

When the Dort Car was finally put on the market all the cars Dort could build were contracted for at once by dealers who had already had business relations with these men.

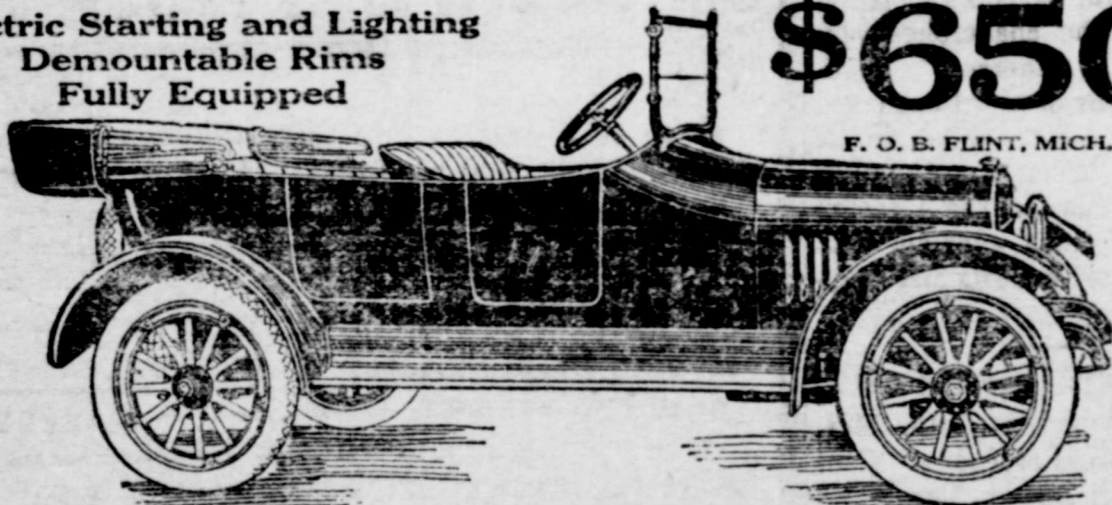
The success these dealers have had with the Dort and the recommendations of satisfied owners have made possible a very large increase in production, which enables us to offer the 1916 Model Five Dort Touring Car, fully equipped with electric starting and lighting and demountable rims for \$90 less than this car sold for early this year without this equipment.

Investigate the Dort before you buy a car.

Electric Starting and Lighting
Demountable Rims
Fully Equipped

\$650

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Anchor Mercantile Company, Distributors

WORDS FROM HOME

Statements That May Be Investigated. Testimony of Merkel Citizens.

When a Merkel citizen comes to the front, telling his friends and neighbors of his experience, you can rely on his sincerity. The statements of people residing in far away places do not command your confidence. Home endorsement is the kind that backs Doan's Kidney Pills. Such testimony is convincing. It proves it true. Below is the statement of a Merkel resident. No proof of merit can be had. Dennis, retired merchant, N. Main St., Merkel, says: "My Kidneys annoyed me, at times being congested. Kidney secretions were scanty and slow in passage and at times my back ached a little. Doan's Kidney Pills corrected these ailments and I took this medicine until I was quite free from the complaint."

50c. at all dealers. Don't simulate a kidney remedy—get Doan's—the same that Mr. Dennis of Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y., is pressing delivery. Phone 194

Advertised Letters.

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Bush, Boston
Cleveland, Cecil
Freelan, Betah
Gold, Clyde
Harris, nettie
Hendricks, Bascon
Hooper, Mrs. Ollie
Hunter, H.
Jones, Jeff
Lodginey, Tom
Lewellen, Seth
Marton, Mrs. Hattie
McDonald, Tom
Moore, Joel
Mosley, Hardy
Nicholson, Lummie
Price, W. B.
Price, M. J.
Robinson, I. Milton
Robinson, Jim
Welsh, Lee

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Nov. 27. H. C. Williams, P. M. Merkel, Texas.

Old hats made new at Owens.

What Would You Do?

In case of a burn or scald what would you do to relieve the pain? Such injuries are liable to occur in any family and everyone should be prepared for them. Chamberlain's Salve applied on a soft cloth will relieve the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a very severe one, will cause the parts to heal without leaving a scar. For sale by all dealers.—adv

"AIMES FOSTER"

(By Mrs. J. T. L. Annis)

Read this sweet story. It will make a charming gift. Price 25 cents. Also "The Love of the Lane Prince" 25 cents, and the "Noble Earl of Fleetwood" price \$1.50. On sale at Mrs. E. M. Rust Drug Store. 19t3pd.

Feed Grinder For Sale

Having bought a large feed grinder I want to sell my 2-horse power Bowser feed mill. See me quick. C. M. Largent.

"Buy it before Xmas at Mack."

TO PREACH SUNDAY

Elder W. G. Cypert will preach two sermons at the North Side Christian church Sunday, one sermon at 11 o'clock in the morning and one at seven in the evening.

The public is invited to be present at these services.

CHURCH SOCIAL.

At the Presbyterian church "Thanksgiving Day," at 12 o'clock. Every member is invited and urged to be present, for a social hour and a church rally. Bring your lunch to the church and let us eat together.

Church session.

SECOND HAND AUTOS

We buy and sell second hand Ford automobiles.

See us before you buy and see us before you sell. We rebuild cars. The Merkel Garage.

Will Preach Sunday

Rev. W. P. Garvin, will preach a Missionary sermon at the Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

For Sale

Three lots, seven room house, bath room, three porches, good washhouse, small barn, cistern, well, windmill, elevated tank, plenty of pipe. Situated near school building in town of Merkel, Texas. For price and terms call on or address G. W. Johnson, Merkel, Texas. 19t4.

Mules and Mares For Sale.

Some extra good young mules, also a few young mares, for sale cheap. See me at the Hellums Wagon yard. Grady Parmelly.

Coal, Hulls and Meal

Get your coal, loose hulls and cotton seed meal from G. R. Gazaway.

Good Corn Here Soon

The good corn shipments will be here Saturday or Monday. People desiring corn should get it from car and save money. C. P. Stevens.

Feed Fields Wanted.

I will pay \$1.00 per month per head on cattle for good fields to graze. See or phone me at once. Sam Butman.

19 t. 2 pd. Nubia

O. K. Restaurant

I have bought the O. K. Restaurant on Front street and will be glad to have you eat with me. Will give best of service and satisfaction. Come to see me. Alvin Lary. 1tpd.

POPULAR RATE EXCURSION

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Opening of the Great Race Track at Jaurez, Thursday, November 25th, with Special Thanksgiving Card

TICKETS GOOD FOR RETURN UNTIL SATURDAY

For Full Particulars See

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Ticket Agent

Help the Orphans

The Baptist Ladies Aid will pack a box for the Buckner Orphan's Home next Monday afternoon at the Baptist church. They hope to send something worthy. If you will help by donating cloth, clothing, shoes or anything to be worn please bring or send to the church by 3 o'clock Monday. Everybody is invited to help in this good work. There are nearly 700 children in the home and they need your help. Please don't forget the time and place.

Suits from \$10.00 up made to measure at Owens.

Mebane Seed For Sale.

Good Mebane cotton seed for sale at \$1.00 per bushel, from Mebanes best grade of seed. E. Barnes. 26t4pd

Beware of Croup Substitutes

In these days of keen competition it is important that the public should see that they get Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and not take substitutes sold for the sake of extra profit. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has stood the test and been approved for more than forty years. For sale by Dealers.—adv

Why buy a 4 cylinder automobile when a six costs no more. See the new Oakland 6 for proof. F. P. Hamm. 29t3d

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TROUBLES AT HOME

When they are first married husband likes to surprise her by buying something nice. We never forget the day when we ordered a \$12 sideboard. That afternoon we went home a little earlier than usual, but said nothing about the present that soon would arrive. When it came she embraced us right before the men who carried it in. But this didn't worry us. In fact we would have been disappointed if she had failed to embrace us. When the men left both of us stood by the sideboard. It looked nicer than it did at the store. We moved it around to different places in the room to find where it would look best. Then we fixed it so it could be seen from the parlor. We went in the parlor and looked back at it. All the time our hearts beat fast. We felt as proud as a little child does when mother is praising the wild flowers it has gathered. But there has been a change. When the wagon drives up these days and unloads something, she isn't the one who is surprised.—Claud Callan in Star-Telegram.

Claud Callan has more trouble with home life than any man since Biblical times. His name should go down in history as a martyr to the cause of XX Century men.

FRUIT FOR THE GRAFTER

West Texas throughout the past few weeks has been the stamping grounds of numerous beggars, grafters and skin games of various descriptions.

The presence of so many schemes and wayward ones in this section can be attributed to the prosperous condition of the country. Beggars find their solicitations more fruitful and grafters find fishing better. The Mail has made an effort all through the fall months to keep grafts from our town but it would be impossible to stop the work of them all, even if all the town were to lend their assistance to the work. The public in general can work a greater good on such skin games by refusing to patronize the grafter in any way.

HYPHENATED AMERICANS

Associated press reports of the sinking of the Ancona together with a description one of the Italian survivors gives makes us shudder with absolute ignorance of what an American really is. The survivor is credited with the following statement:

"I shall never forget the American Pasquale Laurino, who had the courage to put himself in evidence by mounting the deck railing. Standing upright, he waved a large American flag in a desperate effort to save the ship by showing that there were Americans on board. I don't know what became of him. I think he was killed, as he disappeared suddenly."

The name Pasquale Laurino certainly does sound American, no doubt is John Smith in the "Dago lingo" but war agitators have found out that he was an American and are crying their heads off about the sinking of a belligerent ship on which three Americans bearing most Italian names possible were to be accounted for. For the sake of every ship since that

went to its deep sea grave, all ships more or less have been burdened with a few Americans whose delineation bears contradiction to the contention. If the grand old U. S. A. is to raise a howl over ever Hyphenated-American life that is lost in this conflict our venerable old uncle will be yelling to the top of his voice all the time. Pasquale Laurino sought to involve the U. S. A. by waving the United States flag in the Austrians face but with a good strong periscope the Austrians no doubt saw that the "dago" was four-flushing and fired again for his special benefit. Pasquale Laurino, born of Italian parentage but now an American with all the rights and emoluments of our native sons.

PASTED PARAGRAPHS

LITTLE TRAGEDIES

The man speeded up to see if he couldn't beat the train to the crossing.
He couldn't.—Columbia State.

The man struck a match to see if the gasoline tank on his automobile was empty.
It wasn't.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The man patted a strange bulldog to see if the critter was affectionate.
The pup wasn't.—Zanesville Signal.

The man looked down the barrel of his gun and pulled the trigger to see if it was empty.
It wasn't.—Charlotte News.

The man asked the girl to marry him to see if she was engaged.
She wasn't.—Nashville Banner.

The man blew out the gas to see if the asphyxiation tales were jokes.
They were not.—Commercial Appeal.

"A fool there was," patted a mule on the hip to see if it was gentle.
It wasn't.

And,
Two men rocked a boat one day to see if it would sink.
Both bodies were recovered.

MORE HUMANE WAY

Death by hanging received a blow at Fort Worth Monday from which it cannot recover, and the next legislature will undoubtedly adopt some way less horrible for the dispatching of criminals. When C. A. Myers, a man 60 years old, was hung in Fort Worth Tuesday his head was literally pulled from his body by the rope. The dispatches say the head was left in the noose and the body fell to the floor, blood spurting from the body like oil from a geyser and covering the attendants. The greswomness of a horror like this sickens those who read about it, those who were forced to witness it are deserving of all pity. Texas is not ready to abandon capital punishment but Texas must find a more humane and less shocking way to kill.—Honey Grove Signal.

The Myer's hanging no doubt is the beginning of the end of the noose and hangman's loop in Texas, but what death is better? Did Becker die an easier death? Will Joseph Hillstrom pass into eternity through an easier method when he faces a firing squad at Salt Lake. The very fact of law taking human life is repulsive when considered from any point of view.

ABILENE'S TROUSERS

The Reporter hopes nobody will get mad at Abilene for being so large.—Abilene Reporter.
Not so long as she keeps inside of her pants.—Snyder Signal.

Now that retort from Scurry county was a cruel blow and in ring tactics would be called "hitting below the belt." Abilene is to be congratulated on her constant substantial improvements and modesty with which they have been brought about. It is lucky for Abilene that she is in Taylor county and not in Scurry, for if the localities were reversed Abilene wouldn't be near so large.

**Clean, White Cotton Rags
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**DEAR, won't you please buy my
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This Year**

You know we need a **New Rug** for the sitting room and a **New Kitchen Cabinet**, and he told me when I was in his store yesterday, he would take my old furniture in exchange for **New Furniture**. You know we have not had any **New Furniture** in over seven years. Lets get presents this year that are useful.

Just a Word Please

**If you will just tell "MACK" your
Xmas wants he will see that Santa
Claus gets the news**

*Belmont & Miller Co.
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Has Largest Body

of any car below \$1000—and it's the handsomest and most comfortable.

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Come, find out for yourself why Grant owners write "It's the best car on the market under \$1000—" "Greatest car in the world for rough, country roads."—"Easily handled."—"Attractive in appearance."—"A wonder for economy."

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New Shoe Shop opened up on Front street in the Coats building. I do all kinds of shoe work. Prices reasonable. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call and see me.
J. M. Jordan

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Penny & Son have moved their vulcanizing and rubber repair shop to the H. M. Rose building in the Crenshaw block. (adv.)

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Plenty of 8 per cent money to loan on farm and ranch lands.
V. E. Muir,
Abilene, Texas, 154.

Cleaning and pressing called for and delivered. Phone 194.
H. L. Owen.

Kid gloves cleaned at Owens.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

A Tip

Say! If you want any special Xmas present, just see "Mack" he will see that Santa Clause gets the news.

Bulk candies of all kinds. The White Confectionery.

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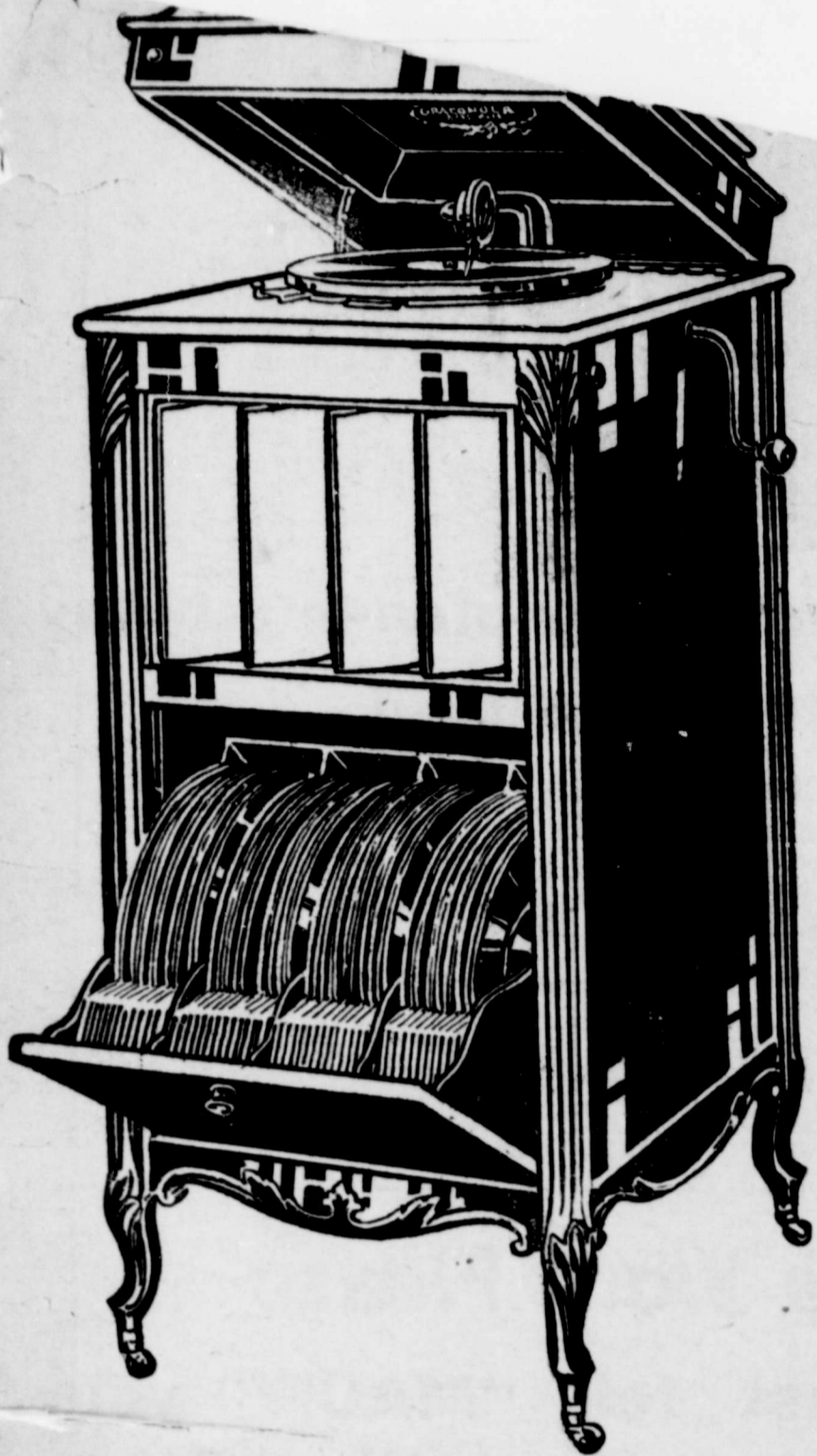
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FOR SALE:—Some extra good young mules, also a few extra good mares. I will sell them cheap. See me at the Hellums Wagon yard. Grady Parmelly.

LOST:—Receipt book of Oklahoma World, finder please return to this office. Miss Fay Grogan. Sweetwater, Texas.



LADIES' SHIRT WAISTS,

dainty lingerie, table linen and bed clothes are all handled with equal skill at the Sweetwater steam laundry. Of course they are not all handled together. We have a separate department for each class. Send us all your laundry work and have it done better than it can be done at home and at much less expense and with none of the bother attached to home washing.

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Mary had a little ring, 'twas given by Joe, and everywhere that Mary went that ring was sure to go. She took the ring with her one day, when she went out to tea, where she might show it to the girls, who numbered twenty-three. And when the girls all saw the ring they made a great ado, exclaiming with one voice: "Has it at last got round to you?"

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"What is that man over there—the one counting his fingers?" "That's Dobbs, the poet. But he isn't counting his fingers; he's counting his feet."—Boston Record.



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from

All the latest books ... Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Miss Lera Daniel is visiting friends here this week.

See me for good jersey milch cows. W. A. Scott.

Chas. Hutchinson of the Golan community was here Saturday.

John Dean was here from Golan the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Deavenport Gaither left Sunday to join her husband at Sanders.

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Miss Beulah Echols of Abilene was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brittan.

Miss Bellie Stanley of Nubia is visiting her brother E. F. Stanley and family, here this week.

Take her a box of Burroughs fine candy and—Well she will think more of you.

Miss Amanda Edwards of Whitesboro is here visiting Mrs. C. P. Stevens.

Miss Eather Williams is at home from Abilene where she attended the Institute.

Judge C. D. Mims left Monday night for Corsicana in answer to a telegram calling him there in a murder trial.

Miss Zora Coggin has returned to her home at El Paso after an extended visit here with Miss Mabel Collins.

C. V. Bigham left Wednesday morning for Marfa to look after interests he has in the cattle industry.

Ladies, have Bob McDonald shine your shoes at the City Barber Shop.

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Man with small family to do farm and ranch work. C. M. Largent. 19tf

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Daniels of near Pecos were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniels, last week.

A happy family is the one that has a fine Piano and a Singer Sewing Machine. E. D. Coats has them to trade for middling cotton at 12½ cents. 19tf.

Ed Massey of Trent was in the city the latter part of last week in a new Studebaker touring car, recently sold him by the G. F. West Co., of this place.

Arthur Browning was here Saturday and Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning.

L. F. Grimes of Meridian came in Monday night to visit the family of T. L. Grimes and to look after business interests.

Musical instruments Violins, Guitars, Banjos and Mandolins at prices from \$4.50 to \$12.50 each. Good sounding instruments. A bargain to those hunting high grade goods at Mrs. E. M. Rust.

B. B. McLeod of Goldthwait spent Thursday with his niece Mrs. Ben T. Merritt. He has been preaching in New Mexico.

NATIONAL BANK

of Merkel, Texas

At close of Business Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1915

RESOURCES

Loans	\$216,624.82
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	185,208.88
Total	\$423,996.20

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	34,739.38
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	358,006.82
Total	\$423,996.20

We invite the attention of the public to the above statement of condition, reflecting as it does the splendid financial condition of the Merkel country. Upon its merits we solicit the accounts of Business Institutions, Farmers and Stockmen, promising that same conservatism, liberality and fidelity to trust that has characterized this bank since its organization over eleven years ago

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

Condensed Statement of Condition of The Farmers State Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS
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RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$159,507.95	Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Banking House	9,500.00	Surplus	3,500.00
Other Real Estate	5,500.00	Undivided Profits	4,758.40
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00	Rediscounts not due	7,416.96
Interest in Guaranty Fund	1,080.05	Bills Payable	None
Cash and Exchange	176,623.70	Deposits	306,036.34
Total	\$356,711.70	Total	\$356,711.70

The above Statement is correct. R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

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oral strengthening tonic,
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OUR PUBLIC FORUM



Joe Hirsch
On Bankers Helping the Farmers

It is a great thing to make two bales of cotton grow where one grew before, but a much greater achievement to make a bale of cotton worth twice what it was before. It is a great thing for a banker to lend money on property he never loaned on before, but a still greater achievement to lend a dollar at one-half the rate of interest and make a greater net profit than he did before. The Texas Bankers, in co-operating with the Farmers' Union, are bringing about these happy results.

When the State of Texas established a warehouse commission it gave the marketing side of agriculture recognition and when it based success of the law upon co-operation the legislature paid a tribute to the intelligence and patriotism of the farmers, bankers and business interests.

Mr. Joe Hirsch, president of the Texas Bankers' Association, when asked to define the position of the Texas Bankers on cotton warehousing and financing, said in part:

"As a result of the vigorous cotton warehouse campaign now being undertaken, the Texas Bankers' Association, backed up by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, will endeavor to market the Texas cotton crop gradually and to obtain for the farmers of Texas a reasonable price above the cost of production.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas is urging the bankers to assist in financing the Texas cotton crop and is offering to rediscount, for its members, notes secured by cotton warehouse receipts, giving preference to cotton stored in bonded warehouses. With this powerful backing for the first time in the financial history of the state, Texas bankers are prepared to finance our cotton crop, but the success or failure of this movement depends entirely upon the construction of adequate warehouse facilities, upon the willingness of farmers to store their cotton and upon the co-operation of country merchants and bankers agreeing to extend credit facilities upon cotton when warehoused.

A cotton warehouse can be constructed at a cost of not exceeding \$1.00 to \$1.25 per bale capacity. Plans for warehouses, prepared for the Texas Bankers' Association, may be obtained by writing Nathan Adams, Chairman Texas Bankers' Warehouse Committee, Dallas. It is suggested that communities build warehouses in units of 1000 bales each, situated not less than 100 feet from each other. This takes a low fire rate. Call a meeting of your local merchants and bankers. Procure a guarantee of enough money to build your warehouse. Apply for your charter and start work immediately.

The Texas Bankers' Association is composed of seven units, or groups, comprising seven sections of the state. A group chairman is actively in charge of the work in his own district. A banker chairman has been appointed in every county who reports direct to the group chairman. The campaign has been conducted vigorously and applications for charters are pouring into the State Warehouse Department daily and it is hoped that, as a result of the campaign now being waged, the warehouse capacity of the State will be largely increased."

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A corset of ease, comfort and service. Made of quality materials. Your correct model is here \$1.00 up.

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Special Prices

I will have some Special Prices on Groceries and Feed from now until December 1. Now is the time to get your Groceries cheap. It will pay you to lay in a supply for the winter. I have a big stock and am going to reduce it. I will give you a few prices

100 pounds Boquet Flour	\$3.20
Pearl Meal	65c
25 pounds Sugar	\$1.45
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10 pound bucket Karo Syrup	45c
10 pounds Aira Syrup	55c
100 pounds Bran	\$1.25
100 pounds Shorts	\$1.50
100 pounds Chops	\$1.50
100 pounds Trico	\$1.00
100 pounds C. S. Meal	\$1.85
100 pounds Michigan Salt	75c
5 gallons Coal Oil	50c

I have lots of bargains that I haven't mentioned, so it will pay every farmer to come and buy a supply, for everything is getting higher. Come and get them while they last.

Walter Clark

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This is a medicine intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. It is meeting with much success and rapidly gaining in favor and popularity. For sale by all dealers.

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WHAT CATARRH IS

It has been said that every person has catarrh in some form. Science has shown that nasal catarrh often indicates a general weakness of the body; and local treatments the form of snuffs and vapors do little if any good.

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Later Wednesday a representative of one of the largest business houses in Merkel if not the largest house asked us to see if the town would not close for the day and with this backing we started to work.

Everything went well and the agreements came in bunches and it looked like Merkel was going to be closed on Thursday of next week as it has never been closed before, but never-the-less we were not to hopeful for all merchants had not then been seen, we had gone so far as to get the owners of all blacksmith shops to agree to close and usually the answer from each individual was "Yes we will be glad to close if all the merchants will." All we can say is that they are not all going to close and this is to serve notice on those who agreed, that our endeavor was a failure and a very complete one at that. The very last merchant we approached was very reticent on the subject and could see no good reason for closing and criticized the practice of closing in general. He even went so far as to accuse his competitor of wanting to use the day for soliciting business on the outside and for this reason said he might or might not close and charged some people with trying to close the town up all the time. After having received this trimming down we began to think that possibly this man was correct, maybe his competitor really wanted to use Thanksgiving Day to solicit business on the outside, maybe there is no good reason for closing on Thanksgiving but for the life of the writer we cannot see why Thanksgiving cannot be observed with all the solemnity that Christmas Day would be observed but with our endeavor having fallen completely into failure we hereby release those who gave a verbal agreement on this matter.

We sincerely hope that our glorious old day of Christmas comes that every merchant in the town will have agreed in his own mind and heart to close his establishment and observe it's sanctity with all the sacredness possible to his peculiar construction and general make up.

SWEETWATER WILL HAVE BOND ISSUE TWO MEN SERIOUSLY HURT

The commissioners Court of Nolan county have called an election for the 18th. of December for the purpose of voting on two propositions of much interest to their county.

The first to decide whether the county shall issue \$150,000.00 in bonds, the proceeds to be used in erecting and equipping a court house. Second, to vote a fifteen cent tax to be used in building roads in the county.

Baird, Tex., Nov. 13.—Two men, alleged to have been "hoboing" were brought here Friday night, after having been seriously injured in the freight wreck on the Texas & Pacific three miles west of Clyde. The names of the men were not secured. One of them sustained a broken leg and the other received a deep gash on the head. Their condition was said to be serious.

MURDER TRIAL IS HELD AT MERKEL

Charged with wilfully having killed a highbred Birdsong hound belonging to J. W. Childress of Route 4, one H. L. Davis was tried in the Justice Court here Monday.

Mr. Davis was exonerated and adjudged to have not been guilty. From all the evidence in the case it was the case it Jennings, a cattleman at Ellsworth, Kan. is ill with a case which has been diagnosed as the foot-and-mouth disease.

Al. A. Hutsell, a resident of Arlington, was shot and instantly killed Monday night at nine o'clock in the Rock Bar at the corner of Main and fourteenth streets, following the shooting Melvin Largen was taken into custody by Former Police Captain Bills and officer Holden.

When the trouble occurred the bar was crowded, Largen and his father being among those lined up in front of the bar. According to witnesses Hutsell entered the front door and immediately approached Largen, addressing a remark to the young man. A Colts automatic was drawn and Hutsell fell after 5 shots had been fired, every one taking effect.

13,800 BALES OF COTTON WEIGHED

Thursday noon the receipt of the Merkel Cotton Ginner amounted to 13,800 bales or an amount greater than one half of the total production of Taylor county up to the present time.

The ginners receipts of Taylor county taken a few days ago amounted to slightly over 10,000. The receipts of Merkel however are not taken from Taylor county fields all-together, but it is to be rembered that our section of the country to draw from is small and the above showing in comparison is indeed favorable for Merkel as a cotton market and the place for people to do their trading. Bring your cotton to Merkel and realize the best price and purchase your supplies along the same line. Every Merkel merchant extends a cordial welcome to the people of Taylor, Jones, Nolan & Fisher counties to visit for their Christmas shopping.

THANKSGIVING TO BE OBSERVED

Union services of the district, Baptist and Presbyterian churches will be held on next Thursaay morning at the Baptist church.

Rev. Hubert E. Bullock of the Presbyterian church will preach the Thanksgiving sermon and special song service music under the direction of Beulah Burkett will be given.

It is the request of the signed pastors that the churches of Merkel close at 1 o'clock on Thanksgiving and that the churches and store help these services. W. P. Garvin, M. E. L. B. Owen, Baptist; Hubert E. Bullock, Presbyterian.

Coal, Hails & Get your coal, cotton seed meal & sawdust.

U. S. AIR MAIL FLY THROUGH TEXAS

Fort Worth, Nov. 17th.

The six aeroplanes comprising the first aeroplane squadron of the United States army in command of Captain B. D. Foulois will leave Fort Sill, Okla. on their flight to Fort Sam Houston at San Antonio on Thursday.

The first leg of their flight will be from Fort Sill to Wichita Falls and the second leg of the first "aeroplane practice march" from there to Fort Worth.

The machines under the direction of Captian Foulois will leave Fort Sill a few minutes apart and will fly on an average of about ninety miles each day. A detachment of signal corps men with camping outfits and accessories for the aeroplanes will proceed with the aviators.

According to Captain Foulois message the machines will travel at an elevation of 3,000 to 4,000 feet and the squadron will camp where night overtakes them.

The squadron has been stationed at Fort Sill temporarily for the last three months and will return there next year to participate in maneuvers connected with the school of artillery fire stationed there.

The aeroplanes are used to find the location of masked batteries of artillery and to return to their own lines with the approximate ranges of the enemy's positions.

All of the aviators are commissioned officers of the United States army while the mechanics and men who assemble and repair the machines are enlisted men in the United States army signal corps.

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BANK OF DALLAS SETS NEW RECORD

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Richmond, Va., was second with \$16,739.

New York's gross earnings were \$30,478, these being the largest of any bank in the system.

Richmond was second in gross earnings with \$26,872 and Dallas third with \$25,642.

The expense of the Dallas bank were not so high as those of the Richmond bank.

Chicago's gross earnings totaled \$25,232.

Dort Club Organized.

The Anchor Mercantile Company, distributors of the Dort touring car have inlisted three charter members of the Dort club within the last week.

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Later Wednesday a representative of one of the largest business houses in Merkel if not the largest house asked us to see if the town would not close for the day and with this backing we started to work.

Everything went well and the agreements came in bunches and it looked like Merkel was going to be closed on Thursday of next week as it has never been closed before, but never-the-less we were not to be hopeful for all merchants had not then been seen, we had gone so far as to get the owners of all blacksmith shops to agree to close and usually the answer from each individual was "Yes we will be glad to close if all the merchants will." All we can say is that they are not all going to close and this is to serve notice on those who agreed, that our endeavor was a failure and a very complete one at that. The very last merchant we approached was very reticent on the subject and could see no good reason for closing and criticised the practice of closing in general. He even went so far as to accuse his competitor of wanting to use the day for soliciting business on the outside and for this reason said he might or might not close and charged some people with trying to close the town up all the time. After having received this trimming down we began to think that possibly this man was correct, maybe his competitor really wanted to use Thanksgiving Day to solicit business on the outside, maybe there is no good reason for closing on Thanksgiving but for the life of the writer we cannot see why Thanksgiving cannot be observed with all the solemnity that Christmas Day would be observed but with our endeavor having fallen completely into failure we hereby release those who gave a verbal agreement on this matter.

We sincerely hope that our glorious old day of Christmas comes that every merchant in the town will have agreed in his own mind and heart to close his establishment and observe it's sanctity with all the sacredness possible to his peculiar construction and general make up.

SWEETWATER WILL HAVE BOND ISSUE TWO MEN SERIOUSLY HURT

The commissioners Court of Nolan county have called an election for the 18th. of December for the purpose of voting on two propositions of much interest to their county.

The first to decide whether the county shall issue \$150,000.00 in bonds, the proceeds to be used in erecting and equipping a court house. Second, to vote a fifteen cent tax to be used in building good roads in the county.

Baird, Tex., Nov. 13.—Two men, alleged to have been "hoboing" were brought here Friday night, after having been seriously injured in the freight wreck on the Texas & Pacific three miles west of Clyde. The names of the men were not secured. One of them sustained a broken leg and the other received a deep gash on the head. Their condition was said to be serious.

FLY THROUGH TEXAS

Fort Worth, Nov. 17th.

The six aeroplanes comprising the first aeroplane squadron of the United States army in command of Captain B. D. Foulois will leave Fort Sill, Okla. on their flight to Fort Sam Houston at San Antonio on Thursday.

The first leg of their flight will be from Fort Sill to Wichita Falls and the second leg of the first "aeroplane practice march" from there to Fort Worth.

The machines under the direction of Captain Foulois will leave Fort Sill a few minutes apart and will fly on an average of about ninety miles each day. A detachment of signal corps men with camping outfits and accessories for the aeroplanes will proceed with the aviators.

According to Captain Foulois message the machines will travel at an elevation of 3,000 to 4,000 feet and the squadron will camp where night overtakes them.

The squadron has been stationed at Fort Sill temporarily for the last three months and will return there next year to participate in maneuvers connected with the school of artillery fire stationed there.

The aeroplanes are used to find the location of masked batteries of artillery and to return to their own lines with the approximate ranges of the enemy's positions.

All of the aviators are commissioned officers of the United States army while the mechanics and men who assemble and repair the machines are enlisted men in the United States army signal corps.

The flying school at San Antonio, which was established in 1909 by Captain Foulois, will be the permanent headquarters for the squadron.

BANK OF DALLAS SETS NEW RECORD

Washington, Nov. 16.—The federal Reserve Bank at Dallas during October earned more net profit than any other regional bank in the Federal Reserve System, according to the Statement issued today by the Federal Reserve Board.

The net earnings of the Dallas bank were given at \$16,772.

Richmond, Va., was second with \$16,739.

New York's gross earnings were \$30,478, these being the largest of any bank in the system.

Richmond was second in gross earnings with \$26,872 and Dallas third with \$25,642.

The expense of the Dallas bank were not so high as those of the Richmond bank.

Chicago's gross earnings totaled \$25,232.

Dort Club Organized.

The Anchor Mercantile Company, distributors of the Dort touring car have enlisted three charter members of the Dort club within the last week.

Sales of these new cars were made to Rev. W. P. Garvin, Phillip Diltz, and one to H. L. Propst of the Anchor Company.

MURDER HELD

Charged with killing a highbred belonging to J. Route 4, one H. tried in the Jus Monday.

Mr. Davis was adjudged to have

Topeka, Kan. Jennings, a cat Ellsworth, Kan. ease which has as the foot-an

Al. A. Hutse Arlington, was killed Monday o'clock in the corner of Main streets, following Melvin Largen custody by Forr Bills and officer

When the tro bar was crowd his father be lined up in f According to entered the fro diately appra dressing a ren man. A Col drawn and H shots had been taking effect

13,800 B COTTON

Thursday of the Merkel cottoned to 13,800 b greater than o production of to the present

The ginner county taken amounted to s The receipts however are r lor county fie it is to be ren tion of the co is small and in comparison for Merkel s and the plac their trading. to Merkel a best price an plies along Every Merke a cordial we ple of Taylor Fisher coun for their Chr

THANKS BE OBS

Union ser dist, Baptist churches w next Thurs Baptist chu Rev. Hub of the Pres preach the and special music under Beulah Bu

It is the r signed past houses of o'clock on clerks and these service W. P. Gar L. B. Owe Hubert E. church.

Get you cotton see zaway.

Big Reductions in Ladies Coat Suits

LADIES AND CHILDRENS COATS AT THE ANCHOR MERCANTILE COMPANY



Only a few more days until Xmas. Only a limited number of ladies suits left and as we have enjoyed a splendid sale on the above goods, we are going to offer what we have left (about 25 suits) at the following big reductions to close out as we will absolutely not carry over a single suit

In this lot we are going to offer anything in the house, suits as high as \$27.50 to close at your choice.....	\$15.00
\$20.00 and 22.50 suits.....	13.95
17.50 and 18.50 suits.....	12.95
15.00 and 16.50 suits.....	10.95
12.50 and 13.50 suits.....	8.95
10.00 suits.....	6.95

As we have only about 25 suits left it will pay you to be on hand early Saturday morning and take your choice of these wonderful suit values as they will absolutely be sold regardless of cost to us.



The Anchor Mercantile Co.

LOVERS OF GOOD BOOKS

You will be surprised to learn that I have written and had published a book, a fine story pertaining to North England and Scotland in the time of George I. of England. Friends who have read my book complement me highly on my success. I want all my friends to read "The Noble Earl of Fleetwood" and encourage me by sending their name for my next book "Lady Hawdon" or "Cupid at the Altar," which will be issued some time this year. In this exquisite romance friends whom I have known and loved need not be surprised to find a true description of themselves depicted in some lovable character, for in almost every instance my description of a character has emanated from some fond remembrance of a charming friend. This book is beautifully bound in red with gold stamping; another binding in dark green stamped with red (very dainty) can be had at the same price. Make your choice. 50 per copy.

TWO OTHER CHARMING BOOKS

I also have of my own writing two other charming books, "Aimee Foster" and "The Love of the Lame Prince." The former, "Aimee Foster," is a charming story of the Old South when my grandfather owned great plantations and many slaves. "The Love of the Lame Prince," a German Classic, is an exquisite love story. Both these books are being sold at the price of 25 cents each.

Address
Mrs. S. F. Annis, Merkel, Texas,
or call at Mrs. E. M. Rust Drug Store



Almost Like a Face-to-Face Chat

Mr. Jones had gone to a distant city on business to be away for several days, and had left his wife on the farm with no companion, except a small child.

But she was not lonesome, for each day her husband called up for a few minutes' chat by Long Distance Bell Telephone.

Have you a Telephone connected to the Bell System?

Southwestern Tel. & Tel. Co.

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Church Social Rally and Congregational Meeting

Thanksgiving Day was observed at the Presbyterian church Thursday. The occasion marked a red letter day in the social and business events of the church. A delicious dinner was spread by the ladies at the noon hour which was an opportune time for all to get better acquainted. The special guests were Rev. Crouch of Anson and Rev. Crane, (a former pastor) who was en route to Silverton from Mabank.

The business session was a very interesting one. The building campaign was launched and was met with enthusiasm.

Brief talks were made by a number of the members while the heart to heart talks made by Revs. Crane & Crouch met with a welcome response. All were united in voting for a new church and over \$3000.00 was raised in less than ten minutes.

Christian Endeavor program

Topic: Golden Fruit from the Prayer Life. Heb. 4: 14-16; 11:6 (consecration meeting)

Leader-Mr. Rynders.

Music.

Paper, "Prayer a vital port of life"-Mrs. John Bell.

Music.

Paper, The influence of the Prayer Life on the individual-Miss Eunice Armstrong.

Special Music-Misses Hill and Hairston.

Paper, "The Revealed Fruit of the Prayer Life" Miss Johnnie Warren.

Music.

Maj. L. B. Shook Here -

Maj. L. B. Shook one of the pioneer newspaper men of west Texas was here Thursday in interest of the Star Telegram Bargain Day.

Maj. Shook was connected with the Abilene Reporter for years and is well and popularly known over this section of the state. He enlisted a number of Star Telegram subscribers even though this place had already been worked by a special representative from the Telegram.

Money to Loan

Plenty of 8 per cent money to loan on farm and ranch lands.

V. E. Muir,
Abilene, Texas, 154t.

Did you get your Broom? Good ones only 15c at J. A. Ducketts.

WHEN IN ABILENE

EAT

AT THE MOZART CAFE
JACK GILSTRAP, Mgr.

For Sale

Three lots, seven room house, bath, room, three porches, good washhouse, small barn, cistern, well, windmill, elevated tank, plenty of pipe. Situated near school building in town of Merkel, Texas. For price and terms call on or address G. W. Johnson, Merkel, Texas. 19tf.

Hunters Notice

No hunting allowed on my property. R. B. Wells. 26t2pd.

Notice.

New Shoe Shop opened up on Front street in the Coats building I do all kinds of shoe work. Prices reasonable. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call and see me. J. M. Jordan. tf.

SECOND HAND AUTOS

We buy and sell second hand Ford automobiles.

See us before you buy and see us before you sell. We rebuild cars. The Merkel Garage.

SEWING NOTICE

All grades of sewing and fitting of garments neatly done. See me at first house north of Lasater home on Kent street.

Mrs. Iva Brummel. 3t2pd.

Card of Thanks

I take method of thanking my many friends for their loyal support in the piano contest at the E. L. Rogers Grocery Store, and ask them to be sure and give me their votes this month as the contest closes on Christmas eve. I need all your votes.

Thanking you in advance for the same, I am, Respectfully,
Ada Woodrum.

Breeders Notice

Am standing my jersey bull at Boney wagon yard until April 1. \$1.00 S. S. Brandon. 3t4pd

Invigorating to the Faint and Sickly
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILI 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 coal if more convenient. You don't have to come in person or be a coal expert to get good service from this office. We sell one kind of coal only, the best we can get. We always give correct weight and our price is always the lowest the market will permit. H. M. Warren.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill."

I wish every suffering woman would give

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

Get a Bottle Today!



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of any car below \$1000—and it's the handsomest and most comfortable.

Let us prove it to you.

Come, find out for yourself why Grant owners write "It's the best car on the market under \$1000." "Greatest car in the world for rough, country roads." "Easily handled." "Attractive in appearance." "A wonder for economy."

Recall that this is a six-cylinder car—112-inch wheelbase—carries five comfortably—and yields over 20 miles to the gallon of gas. We believe that in satisfying qualities it excels every other car.

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BUSY BEE CAFE

Open day and night, hot Waffles each morning 4 to o'clock. Oysters on sale in bulk—always fresh.

YOUR CHRISTMAS NEW SUIT

Will be here for Xmas if placed with us immediately

The Hart Schaffner & Marx represent the Best in Clothing
FOR MEN AND BOYS

For Next Saturd'y we offer

Some extra Special values. These prices should interest you as all the cold weather is yet before us. All departments are complete.



Extra Specials in Shoes

- 4.—One lot mens patent leather Shoes, Saturday...\$2.35
- 4.50 to 5.00—One lot mens patent leather Shoes.... 2.85
- 2.50 to 3.50—One lot of Ladies Shoes, patent leather in small sizes.....1.49
- 3.00 to 2.50—One lot mens Hats, Saturday special...1.95
- 10.00 and 12.50—One lot mens Suits, small sizes, Saturday special.....2.50
- 35c Mens Ties, Saturday special.....25c

Ladies Coat Specials For Saturday Only

- 15.00 Ladies Coat.....12.50
- 18.50 " ".....15.00
- 20.00 " ".....17.95
- 22.50 " ".....19.85
- 55.00 " ".....22.50
- 30.00 " ".....25.00
- One lot Ladies Coat Suits from 10.00, 12.50, 15.00 and 20.00, Saturday special only.....10.00

Ladies Hat Special

One lot ladies trimmed Hats 2.50 to 3.50, only.....1.00

Extra Special Ladies Hats

Saturday we offer all Ladies trimmed Hats at exactly Half Price.
 Some beautiful Silk dresses will go at Extra Special Prices Saturday.



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CHRISTMAS WANTS

WOODROOF BROTHERS, Merkel, Texas

OPEN LETTER TO JUDGE BLANTON

Judge Wagstaff Challenges Judge Blanton to Meet Him in Joint Discussion.

WANTS TO BEGIN CAMPAIGN

Selects Hon. T. P. Davidson to Represent Him in Arranging Details for Joint Discussion of Issues.

November 29, 1915.

Hon. Thomas L. Blanton,
 Abilene, Texas.

My Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that you in an open letter challenged me to submit our candidacy to preferential primary in Taylor county, Texas, and in view of the fact that you stated in your letter to me that your platform pledges greater benefit to the people than mine. I hereby suggest that we begin as early as practicable a discussion of our platform before the people of Taylor County, in joint discussion.

We can arrange an equitable division of time to discuss the measures which we stand for before the people to the end that all people may thoroughly understand our positions. If you accept this proposition I will have Mr. T. P. Davidson to represent me in arranging the time and places for the discussions, and he will confer with you or any party representing you to this end. I hope that we can have a full, fair and free discussion of the issues between us, free from any personality, and free from anything except the issues.

I have today furnished the a copy of my platform and to it that you still stand for the platform which you put out two years ago, and as there are no additional issues to submit to the people other than those which you ran on two years ago.

Yours very truly,

J. M. WAGSTAFF

(Political Adv.)

Laughter Aids Digestion.

Laughter is one of the most healthful exertions; it is of great help to digestion. A still more effectual help is a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. If you should be troubled with indigestion give them a trial. They only cost a quarter. For sale by all dealers.

Here From Deport

Messrs. R. C. Kimball and Robert Hutchens of Deport were here Tuesday and Wednesday to see their old friend J. C. Mason and to look over the possibilities of investments in our section of the state.

For Eczema, Tetter and Salt Rheum.

The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by all dealers.

New Station Agent.

J. E. Pitzer Jr., of Sweetwater formerly of this city was checked in as agent of the Texas & Pacific Co., here last week to relieve Agent Leighty who was injured Sunday week.

Bear This in Mind.

"I consider Chamberlain's Cough Remedy by far the best medicine in the market for colds and croup," says Mrs. Albert Blosser, Lima, Ohio. Many others are the same opinion. For sale by all dealers.

Will Return Sunday

Rev. W. P. Garvin pastor of the M. E. Church announces that he will return from the Plains country in time to fill his regular appointment here Sunday.

In communication with friends he stated that he was enjoying the visit to the Plains country immensely.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

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 GOOD HOMES; GOOD SCHOOLS,
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 THE CITY TO LIVE IN,
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THE MERKEL COUNTRY,
 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,
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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.

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STILL THE MAN WITH THE HOE

In the midst of nation-wide regret at the death of Booker Washington the New York Time tells a little story of another negro:

"Sam McCall lives on a small farm in Alabama. Twenty years ago he was a share cropper, a despised negro tenant, and he barely existed. Sterile land was cheap and so he grubbed together sufficient money to make a payment on 20 acres. For years it had produced one-third of a bale per acre.

Today Sam Call gets eight bales of cotton per acre against the South's average of two-fifths of a bale.

How did he do it? Well, he had a little farm where the top soil had been washed away, leaving the unproductive sub-soil exposed in many places. He did not know anything about soil conservation that appears in books. He is unable to read or write.

Too poor to buy commercial fertilizer, he employed his children and grandchildren to get leaves and leaf mold from the woods of the unused portion of his land.

Sam McCall owned a horse and two cows. The stable fertilizer was guarded carefully and returned to the soil. When he raised corn or cotton he did not burn the stalks but broke or cut them up and plowed them under. When he raised cotton this old negro returned to the soil all that it had produced except the lint and a portion of the seed.

He practiced crop rotation. He sowed cowpeas among his oats. He followed oats with corn and corn with cotton. The soil needed decaying organic or vegetable matter. Sam McCall fed the soil.

Year by year he plowed deeper until he broke his ground to a depth of 10 inches, thus obtaining a loamy soil lightened by the decaying corn stalks, cotton stalks and stable manure.

His neighbors sneered at him when he rejected their advice. This old negro said that the soil needed plenty of potash, nitrogen and phosphoric acid the three elements of plant food. He fed the soil and then he plowed to a great depth in order to conserve the moisture in times of drouth and absorb moisture in times of two much rainfall.

In 1898 his two-acre cotton patch produced seven bales. This was the highest report in the South up to that time. Then he studied seed selection and he believed that under perfect conditions he could raise nine bales to the acre.

In 1913 he came very near reaching that figure. On a measured half acre of perfect stands, he had 612 plants that produced on an average of 13 1-2 ounces of lint for each plant, or one bale for the eighth of an acre.

Marvelous; but on two acres he has produced as much as 320 bushels of corn in a season. On one acre he planted oats in rows and received a yield of 70 bushels. He harvested the oats in May and then planted cotton, and on this acre he procured three bales weighing 504, 506 and 510 pounds, respectively.

What did his acre net him?

He drew down \$42 for the oats and \$201 for the cotton, or a total of \$243 for a single acre which

20 years ago had suffered from neglect and abuse and had been brought to a high state of productivity by his former slave without the aid of one dollar expended for commercial fertilizer.

Sam McCall has a state reputation. He sells his cotton seed at a very high price for planting purposes and it is known as the Sam McCall seed. —The Dallas Dispatch.

The Dispatch certainly have gotten an interesting bunch of figures together and to a person in this section they almost seem impossible but we accept the above as true until it is proven otherwise.

THE BLESSING OF SLEEP

This is the age of electrical swiftness. We are speeding ever onward. Our tendency is to progress; to strive for some given goal, to do our best, forgetful of the physical dangers we are subject to.

The successful man of business overworks himself; he wins; his ambition is gratified, but at the cost of health and vitality. This is not true in every case, but it applies to the great majority.

We must work if we wish to live by the sweat of our brow, but we must rest, we must recreate and above all things we must sleep.

"Blessings on him who first invented sleep," remarked that remarkable philosopher, Cervantes who aroused the ire, the ridicule and later on the admiration of Spain, in the days of romance. "It covers a man all over, thoughts and all, like a cloak. It is meat for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, heat for the cold and cold for the hot. It makes the shepherd equal to the monarch and the fool to the wise."

Early to bed and early to rise makes a man a success in life, if during the hours of the day he conscientiously applies himself.

The person who can not sleep and sleep with a clean conscience, sleep honestly and healthfully, faces physical calamity.

One hour's sleep before midnight is worth two after, according to Fielding, and after all we know that it is a delicious moment when we are comfortably nestled in bed and drop gently to sleep. The good is to come, not past. Our limbs are tired enough to render the remaining in one posture delightful. A gradual failure of the perception creeps over us. Our spirit of consciousness disengages itself with slow and hushing degrees, like a mother detaching her hand from that of a sleeping child.

In order that we may exercise the best that is in us and that we may succeed, sleep is essential to man's worldly welfare. Rest will strengthen him for his day's responsibility and labor should sweeten his rest.

Industry and energy are dependent upon our ability to maintain our health, and sleep is essential. We must guard and protect our mind in order that we may effectively perform our allotted labors in life. A man should put off his cares with his clothes. —Commercial Appeal.

Some excellent advice but a dose that many refuse to take.

THE GOODFELLOW MOVEMENT

Will Merkel have a Goodfellow Club this Christmas.

Will the needy of our town and country have reasons to know the joy of Christmas?

Will somebody help answer this problem? Will your answer be given in time to be of service? Think about it and do it quick.

Come on, let's have that rest room. Everybody talk it until the place is obtained. How about last Saturday.

Will Merkel have a crowd of Goodfellows this year?

Is you fail to make some heart glad by the purchase of a present for Christmas your conscience will hurt for exactly one year. Better buy it early and avoid the rush.

Our friends need not think the Mail force is the least bit particular about our Christmas presents. Just anything you want to give will be cheerfully accepted.

Only three weeks until Christmas. Better buy it now.

Buy a Dort Car Now

and enjoy the Holidays entertaining those visiting relatives

Fifteen of these wonderful little cars have already made Merkel their Home

DORT

Dort's Rear Axle

An automobile moves by power being applied to its rear wheels. In turning corners the outside wheels must naturally travel farther and faster than the inside wheels.

To permit this without loss of power automobile engineers have provided a series of rather complicated gears, so arranged as to always allow the outside rear wheel to run free when corners are turned. These gears are located in the center of the housing which supports the axle shaft.

There are eight of these gears ranging in size from 3/4 of an inch face to 1 1/2 inches. The pressure coming on these gears runs into tons. The load carried by the little 3/8-inch gears is as heavy as that carried by the big ones.

All of these gears must be held in perfect mesh or the axle will be noisy. Dort puts strength into his rear axle by using the finest chrome nickel steel

gears procurable and by double heat treating each part.

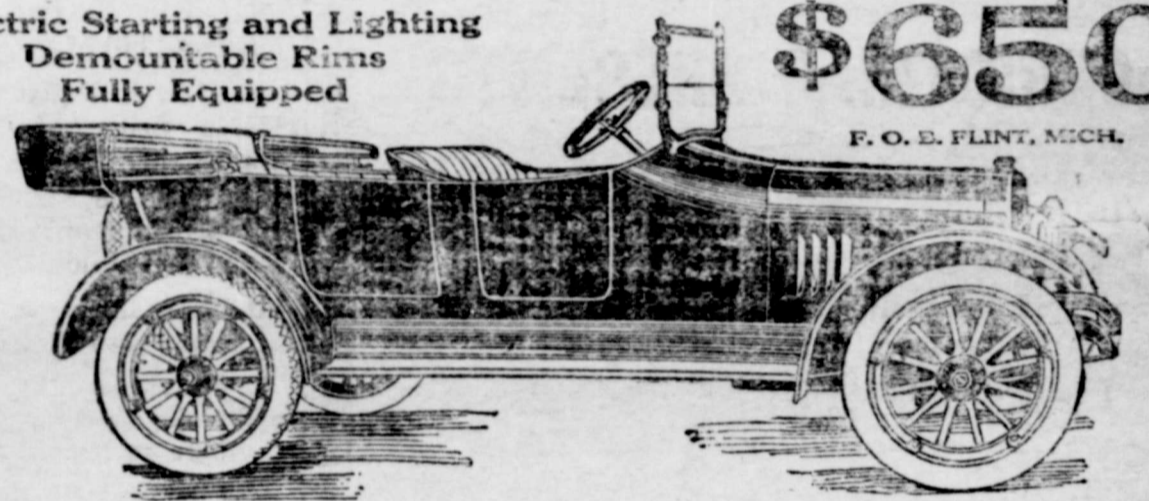
Dort gets silence in his rear axle by supporting these gears and their shafts on 6 sets of the finest ball and roller bearings that money will buy. The result is a rear axle that is as nearly perfect as engineering skill can make it. Like every other part of the Dort car the Dort rear axle is built for all kinds of hard use.

Investigate the Dort before you buy a car.

Electric Starting and Lighting
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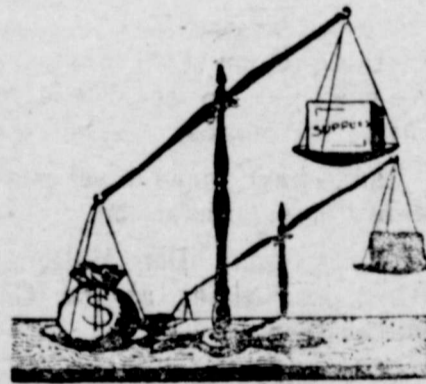
F. O. E. FLINT, MICH.



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An order given now will insure you a Car for a merry Christmas present

The Anchor Mercantile Company



KEEP THE BALANCE IN YOUR FAVOR

The present High Cost Of Living has made it difficult for many of us to strike an even balance between our Incomes and Expenses.

Care in buying your daily needs will lighten the burden and by taking advantage of our prices, your Dollars will Tip the Beam in Your Favor.

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What! Electric Lighting, Electric Cooking, Electric Heating, Electric Power.

Seventy per cent of the people of the United States are using electricity. Are you one of the thirty per cent.

We are prepared to give you service second to none. Nothing too small, nothing too large.

Get our Cabinet Installation proposition—it's FREE.

During this week—Electrical Prosperity week—20 per cent off on house wiring and Electrical appliances.

Order now for Xmas.

Yours Electrically

Merkel Power Co.

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Not a Close-Out Sale But a
Constant Sale
of

RELIABLE JEWELRY AT RELIABLE PRICES

A line of newest jewelry
embracing everything that
makes the most desirable

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Make your selections now, and
for a small deposit we will hold
any article for delivery to you on
Christmas

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You will find our stock of jewelry
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what you will want to make
some one happy.

Buy it NOW for Christmas
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who first experiences the fine
of our laundry work. After a
while he gets used to it and ex-
pects perfect laundering from us
as a matter of course. And he
is never disappointed. We do
good work first, last and all the
time. Send us your skirts, col-
s, etc., and you'll be happy in
linen ever after.

WATER STEAM LAUNDRY
& MARTIN, Agents, Merkel
Phone No. 194



ANYTHING BROKE ABOUT YOUR HARNESS?

If there is, take it to J. A. Brown,
the harness and shoe repair man
and have it fixed anew.

In The Crenshaw Bldg.

LOCAL NEWS LOCAL NEWS

Kid gloves cleaned at Owens.

Latest magazines at Burroughs.
"Buy it before Xmas of
Mack."

Miss Mae Green is visiting
relatives in Brownwood.

Your favorite in toilet articles
at Burroughs.

Dr. R. I. Grimes of Sylvester
was here Tuesday on business.

Why not candy from Bur-
roughs? It's better.

Suits from \$10.00 up made to
measure at Owens.

Mrs. J. W. Briggs visited in
Abilene Monday.

The leading brand of fresh
cigars at Burroughs.

Mrs. W. H. Dickson visited
friends in Abilene Sunday.

Figure at the Bob Martin Gro.,
Co., for best in groceries.

"Buy it before Xmas of
Mack."

Miss Virginia Hamblet visited
friends in Abilene the past week.

Let us fill your parcel post or-
ders. Service, quality and effi-
ciency. Burroughs.

Miss Elva Joe Payne returned
to San Angelo Sunday.

Nunnally's and Adolphus fa-
mous candies at Burroughs.

Miss Dovse Teaff has returned
to Abilene to resume her studies
at Simmons College.

See Bob Martin for your
Christmas bill of groceries.

Mrs. M. A. Defee of Brackin-
rige is visiting her daughter,
Mrs. G. H. Adams.

Let Wetzel cut your boys hair
price 15 cents, all work guaran-
teed. Coats building.

Better than mistle toe. A box
of Nunnally's from Burroughs.

T. J. Coggin of El Paso come
in Tuesday morning for a short
stay here on business.

All the latest books in fiction.
Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Mrs. E. C. Perry of Buffalo
is here visiting her mother, Mrs.
S. F. Annis.

Hibernate in Merkel's favorite
Drug Store. Burroughs.

Miss Ruby Payne returned to
Sweetwater Sunday after visit-
ing here.

Do not buy that Christmas
jewelry until you have inspected
our complete and fair priced line.
Burroughs.

Shipped here by express yester-
day. A new lot of Johnstons
box candies at the Elite.

Mrs. J. W. Daniel is at home
from El Paso where she visited
her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Chas.
Brown.

We will be glad to show you
anything in our store any-time.
We want you to see what we
have. Burroughs.

Ladies have your Fur set clean-
ed by Owen. Phone 194.

Ladies, have Bob McDonald
shine your shoes at the City
Barber Shop.

Miss Susie Penn visited Mrs.
W. R. Walker at the Grand Cen-
tral Hotel in Abilene the past
week.

Just received, the most com-
plete line of sundries ever shown
in Merkel. Burroughs.

Miss Tennie Brown who is
teacher of the Inkum school, is
at home sick.

Stop barking, use cough syrup
from Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hutchens
of the Golan community, were
trading and visiting in Merkel
Tuesday and Wednesday.

Cleaning and pressing called
for and delivered. Phone 194.
H. L. Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe left
Monday for Spur where they
will visit for a few weeks.

Plenty Bran at G. M. Sharps.

Cleaning and pressing deliver-
ed on time by Owen. Phone 194

H. E. Farmer of Route 5 was
in town Tuesday investigating
the flexibility of the present cot-
ton market.

Our Baker Boy flour, sold only
by Bob Martin Gro., Co.

Mrs. S. F. Annis left Wednes-
day afternoon for Colorado to
visit her son, J. B. Annis during
the winter.

Our Baker Boy flour, sold only
by Bob Martin Gro., Co.

Buy Merkel made bread from
the Pure Food Bakery. N Han-
cock, prop.

Mrs. J. A. Dowdy of Barstow
left for her home Tuesday after
visiting the families of Mrs. B.
Jenkins and G. W. Johnson.

If its Holiday goods J. A.
Duckett has it.

Our Baker Boy flour, sold only
by Bob Martin Gro., Co.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Perry of
Buffalo Gap returned to their
home Wednesday morning after
a short visit with Mrs. S. F.
Annis.

Good Jersey cow for sale. J.
M. Gilliland, West Front street
Merkel. 3t2pd

Save money by buying your
Holiday goods from J. A. Duck-
ett.

Remember 8-0, the Bob Martin
Gro., Co., for prompt and effi-
cient service.

Arch. Anderson of Dallas who
has been making Merkel his tem-
porary home for past few weeks
was in Dallas on business the
first of the week but returned
here Tuesday.

Johnston's is the best there is
in candies. Fresh in boxes at
the Elite Confectionery.

Holiday goods arriving daily at
J. A. Ducketts. "The Price is
the Thing."

Mrs. O. M. Sharp was in Lub-
buck the first of the week visit-
ing her sister Mrs. Lon. Simmons.
Mrs. Sharp reported on her re-
turn Monday that extreme cold
weather was prevailing over that
section with some snow.

All members of the Woodman
Circle are requested to be pres-
ent Friday Dec. 3. Election of
officers. Pearl Hallingsworth,
Clerk. 27t2pd.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harris,
Mrs. M. A. Counts and son Ear-
nest C. Counts were in Ringold,
Okla., the first of the week visit-
ing Mrs Counts' daughter Mrs.
Claud L. Gass. The trip was
made through the country in Mr.
Harris' automobile.

You will lose money if you
don't buy your Holiday goods
from J. A. Duckett.

Have Sublett the jeweler fix
your watch of clock. Expert
workmanship and satisfaction
given at all times. At Mrs. E.
M. Rust Drug Store.

Miss Lelia Poe, principal of
the South Ward school at Sweet-
water, spent a few hours in
Merkel Sunday afternoon on her
return to that place after having
spent the Thanksgiving holidays
with her parents at Caps.

A happy family is the one that
has a fine Piano and a Singer
Sewing Machine. E. D. Coats
has them to trade for middling
cotton at 12½ cents. 19tf.

Order your Christmas fruit
cakes from the Pure Food Bak-
ery now under new management.
N. Hancock, prop.

Buy bread checks from the
Pure Food Bakery and save mon-
ey. 3 ten cent checks for 25cts.
N. Hancock, prop.

Conner Warnick, son of Mr.
and Mrs. J. B. Warnick is quite
sick at the family home in north
Merkel from an attack of fever.

Old hats made new at Owens.

STATEMENT OF THE

Farmers & Merchants

NATIONAL BANK

of Merkel, Texas

At close of Business Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1915

RESOURCES

Loans	\$216,624.82
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	185,208.88
Total	\$423,996.20

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	34,739.38
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	358,006.82
Total	\$423,996.20

We invite the attention of the public
to the above statement of condition,
reflecting as it does the splendid finan-
cial condition of the Merkel country.
Upon its merits we solicit the accounts
of Business Institutions, Farmers and
Stockmen, promising that same con-
servatism, liberality and fidelity to trust
that has characterized this bank since
its organization over eleven years ago

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier