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BOY'S LEG BROKE BY BUGGY WHEEL

Fred, the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Smith, was the victim of a peculiar and painful accident one day last week in having a leg broken in a buggy wheel.

The boy's grandmother had been visiting at the home and on her departure in a buggy did not notice that the child was swinging to the rear of the carriage. His foot became entangled in the spokes of one of the wheels, breaking the leg between the knee and ankle and twisting it completely around the axle of buggy. The child is well on the road to recovery.

INTEREST SHOWN IN ELECTION 18TH

Much interest is being manifested in the election to be held in this county December 18th, for the purpose of placing Taylor county above the quarantine line.

Little opposition has been shown in this section if any and the majority in favor of moving the line further east south will no doubt be overwhelming.

NEW WELL IS TO 670-FOOT DEPTH

Abilene Texas Dec. 5—So well is the work at the second Fox well that the drillers reported a depth of 670 feet early Saturday morning with everything running smoothly.

A small "fishing job" knocked four hours out of the schedule Friday, but it was attended by none of the mishaps that marked similar jobs in the old well which was abandoned on account of a jam of fishing tools, broken casing, etc.

From the fact that the drillers have the log of the first well to go by, the work on the second shaft is much simplified. Accordingly, much better headway can be made.

One of the peculiar features of the search for oil in the Abilene country is the almost total absence of that spirit of ridicule or doubt which often mars similar enterprise. Mr. Foxes wide reputation as a sincere workman is largely responsible for this, as is also the strong belief in the minds of many people that oil actually exists in this section in quantities.

AUTOMOBILE HIT FARMER'S HORSE

Last Saturday as Mr. Green was returning, riding horseback, to his home near De mot, he was met by an automobile which ran into him and broke his horses leg. The car bore the number of 422. The driver said his name was W. L. Jones and that he lived at Sweetwater.

Sheriff Merrel took the car up with Sweetwater and is informed that such a car is not known there and that the number on the car is more than that county goes. Mr. Merrel has learned from responsible sources that the man was not from Sweetwater but from Lubbock and that his name is not Jones. The sheriff has the correct name of the Lubbock owner of No. 422.—Snyder Signal.

NEARLY INCH OF RAIN ON MONDAY

The slow rain of Monday which started just before midnight amounted to over eight inches before Tuesday and was of untold benefit throughout all West.

People coming from the west reported the way from El Worth. From various part of this section it has been predicted that the small grain would hold out only a short time if extreme cold weather should precede rain but the exact opposite has happened and with a good rain and only cool weather, grain growers are expecting another enormous yield.

Notice.

Come to see me or ring 281 Try a sack of my Seal flour Breakfast Delight, Royal, Man house and Statesman Coffee. Prepared to make prompt delivery in the city or to country wagon where teams are not safe to con on Front street. Your patronage will be appreciated. Everything guaranteed. W. F. Hamblet.

Candies of all kinds confectionery.

Condensed Statement of Condition of The Farmers State Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

As 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

Money Saved--Positions Secured

POSITIONS. Business is booming in West Texas. New firms are being organized constantly and the trade of old firms is increasing. Bookkeepers and stenographers are being promoted to higher positions. All of these have made the demand for Draughn-trained students far greater than the supply.

ADVANTAGE OF LOCATION. Draughn's at Abilene is the only well known business college in all Central West Texas—a territory as large as many states. Thousands of big firms are nearer this school than any similar college, and these employ many more office assistants than we can qualify. During the last three months we have had ten times as many positions as graduates.

GRANTEE. We can, therefore, sign a printed contract to secure positions or refund tuition. This tells better than words the confidence we have in our Employment Department.

EQUIPMENT. Traveling men and former students of other schools who enroll here from time to time say that this is the best equipped, best arranged and most modern business college in the Southwest. It is the second largest Draughn College in Texas.

COURSES. More merchants and bankers indorse the Draughn bookkeeping course than indorse all other similar courses combined. Nine-tenths of the shorthand office and reporting in the United States is done through the principles and taught here. Consider these if you want the

long as the demand for our graduates so far exceeds supply and so long as there is a vacant desk here this ad will be accepted, in lieu of other discounts and rebates, as a \$10 cash payment on a full course—railroad fare paid to Abilene. The few remaining vacant desks will be reserved in the order in which enrollments are received. Write today for enrollment blank and full particulars.

Draughn's Practical Business College
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To Wichita Falls

Messrs J. S. Swann, L. L. Vills, Arch Anderson of this city and James Bright of Trent made trip to Wichita Falls the first of the week to look over the oil property in that section of the country. The trip was made in Ford belonging to and driven by Luther Grimes of this city.

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

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 garments neatly done. See first house north of Lasarome on Kent street. Mrs. Iva Brummel. 3t2pd



LOST several dollars by not trading at J.A. Ducketts.

FOUND a Place to trade where the Price is the thing. J. A. Duckett.

PIANO FOR SALE:—Will sell on easy terms or will trade. Write Post office Box 549. tf.

WANTED—100 customers at Wetzell's barber shop. 10 and 15 cents in Coats building.

FOR SALE—8 room house and lot; barn etc; one block of center of town, on Oak street. Price only \$1750; \$250 cash and \$250 per year. Jno. G. Jackson. 3t3

FOR SALE—At a bargain my home in Merkel; 5 rooms, bath and two porches; two lots; two barns; separate cow, horse and wood lots; cement sidewalks, shade trees and shrubbery; well and windmill. Cost over \$3000. Price \$2000 for quick sale. Jno. G. Jackson, Abilene. 3t3

CHEAP CORN FOR SALE.—In order to reduce our car of corn for the next few days only we will sell for 65 cents a bushel. Call at C. P. Stevens Mill.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. National Bank of Commerce, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Figure at the Bob Martin Gro., groceries.



The Unexpected Often Happens

It gives us UNEXPECTED pleasure to announce that we cater to the trade both in prices and quality.

E. L. ROGERS

GROCERY

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, 19tf.

Breeders Notice

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

Your favorite in toilet articles at Burroughs.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 5c.

COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst.

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off.

I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I firmly

believe I would have died if I taken it.

After I began taking Cardui greatly helped, and all three believed me entirely.

I fattened up, and grew stronger in three months, I feel other person altogether."

Cardui is purely vegetable acting. Its ingredients have a mild, tonic effect, on the womanly constitution.

Cardui makes for increased strength, improves the appetite, tones up the nervous system, and helps to make pale, sallow cheeks, fresh and rosy.

Cardui has helped more than a million weak women, during the past 50 years. It will surely do for you, what it has done for them. Try Cardui today.

Write for: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "How to Treat Women," sent in plain wrapper. J-4

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AT THE MOZART CAFE
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BOY'S LEG BROKE BY BUGGY WHEEL

Fred, the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Smith, was the victim of a peculiar and painful accident one day last week in having a leg broken in a buggy wheel.

The boy's grandmother had been visiting at the home and on her departure in a buggy did not notice that the child was swinging to the rear of the carriage. His foot became entangled in the spokes of one of the wheels, breaking the leg between the knee and ankle and twisting it completely around the axle of buggy. The child is well on the road to recovery.

INTEREST SHOWN IN ELECTION 18TH

Much interest is being manifested in the election to be held in this county December 18th, for the purpose of placing Taylor county above the quarantine line.

Little opposition has been shown in this section if any, and the majority in favor of moving the line further east south will no doubt be overruling.

NEW WELL IS TO 670-FOOT DEPTH

Abilene Texas Dec. 5—So well is the work at the second Fox well that the drillers reported a depth of 670 feet early Saturday morning with everything running smoothly.

A small "fishing job" knocked four hours out of the schedule Friday, but it was attended by none of the mishaps that marked similar jobs in the old well which was abandoned on account of a jam of fishing tools, broken casing, etc.

From the fact that the drillers have the log of the first well to go by, the work on the second shaft is much simplified. Accordingly, much better headway can be made.

One of the peculiar features of the search for oil in the Abilene country is the almost total absence of that spirit of ridicule or doubt which often mars similar enterprise. Mr. Foxes wide reputation as a sincere workman is largely responsible for this, as is also the strong belief in the minds of many people that oil actually exists in this section in quantities.

AUTOMOBILE HIT FARMER'S HORSE

Last Saturday as Mr. Green was returning, riding horseback, to his home near De mot, he was met by an automobile which ran into him and broke his horses leg. The car bore the number of 422. The driver said his name was W. L. Jones and that he lived at Sweetwater.

Sheriff Merrel took the car up with Sweetwater and is informed that such a car is not known there and that the number on the car is more than that county goes. Mr. Merrel has learned from responsible sources that the man was not from Sweetwater but from Lubbock and that his name is not Jones. The sheriff has the correct name of the Lubbock owner of No. 422.—Snyder Signal.

NEARLY INCH OF RAIN ON MONDAY

The slow rain of Monday which started just before dawn amounted to over eight inches before Tuesday and was of untold benefit throughout all West Texas.

People coming from the west reported the way from El Paso to Worth. From various part of this section it has been predicted that the small grain would hold out only a short time if extreme cold weather should precede rain but the exact opposite has happened and with a good rain and only cool weather, grain growers are expecting another enormous yield.

Notice.

Come to see me or ring 281 Try a sack of my Seal flour Breakfast Delight, Royal, Man house and Statesman Co. Prepared to make prompt delivery in the city or to country wagon where teams are not safe to con on Front street. Your patronage will be appreciated. Everything guaranteed. W. F. Hamblet.

Candies of all kinds confectionery.

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\$20,000.00 FIRE LOSS AT ABILENE

Abilene firemen had the battle of the lives at noon Tuesday when fire broke out in the old opera house at Chestnut and South First Streets, gutting the entire upper story and doing damage to all the lower floors.

Smoke was coming out the north windows of the building when first seen, and by the time the firemen were there the entire upper story was wrapped in flames. The wooden and sheet iron superstructure used to house the drop curtains and scenes behind the stage, soon fell in. It was there that the fire apparently concentrated and where the firemen had the greatest battle.

The building belongs to Col. Morgan Jones, who bought it from Dr. C. M. McCauley several months ago. Only a rough estimate can now be given of the damage done, which was mainly water damage. It is estimated that the damage to the building amounted to \$10,000.

Among the occupants of the lower floors were the following:

V. L. Cannon, furniture; J. R. Huffman, fruit dealer; a tailor shop and shoe shop; Lion Harness Co.; John G. Jackson, real estate and insurance office; W. D. Driskill & Son, cattle dealers; South First Street Tailors; Adams' Confectionery. These firms occupied the entire lower floor of the big building, covering the half block from South First to the alley on the south and extending from the Farmers & Merchants National Bank to Chestnut street on the west.

The opera house auditorium was unoccupied and with the exception of one or two offices over the Jackson office, the entire upper story was unoccupied.

In the office immediately over the Jackson offices carpenters had been busy during the morning preparing offices for Harry Tom King, an attorney who has just moved back to Abilene from Galveston. His library and office equipment were on the floor of the opera house awaiting the preparation of the office. These things were ruined, representing a loss of \$8,000, with \$3,000 insurance. He had \$6,000 worth of books destroyed.

The work of the fire department was splendid. They took many risks in getting the hose position around the windows of the building. Cheer after cheer went up from the immense crowd of spectators who watched the battle. The pressure was good and the work of the department effective. The blaze was stubborn and had to be literally beaten out with the streams of water.

Cress Watson, driver of hose wagon, was one of the heroes of Tuesday's fire. Unswaying, slender ladder he climbed to the top of the building side the scenery house, and crowd cheered. He took a fall along with him and stayed on top until the fire was out. The fire was so hot that he could hardly bear it, but he stuck to his post.

The Lion Harness Company got all their material and machinery out. The damage is about \$700 with no insurance.

The Abilene Tailoring Company and the South First Street Tailors, on opposite sides of the building, got their material and equipment safely out.

V. L. Cannon saved his fire stock by removing it. Horace Adams, owner of confectionery in the corner

some insurance. He could not tell the extent of his damage, but it was pretty heavy on the stock, mostly from water. The Abilene bargain store lost all its stock.

John G. Jackson, Driskill & Son and other occupants of the office on the ground floor next to the F. & M. Bank, got all their fixtures out with slight damage.

J. R. Huffman got all his stock of apples out with slight loss.

Harry Tom King loss \$8,000.00, insurance \$3,000.00.

Quintney's Electric Shoe Shop saved its machinery.

TWO MOTOR CARS TO BE ARMORED

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 3.—Because of the large number of bank robberies and postoffice robberies in eastern Oklahoma in recent months, armored bodies are being placed on two motor cars here for use of county officers in pursuing bandits. This information was obtained today from a local carriage builder, who asserted he is constructing the bodies. He declined, however, to make public the name of the officer who placed the order.

A number of recent bank robberies in the eastern counties motor cars have been used. The robbers have come down from the hiding places in the Kiamichi mountains and the Osage hills, and because of their more rapid method of transportation, officers have found pursuit on horseback useless.

The motor car bodies, under construction here, are of light steel. They are being painted black and have a somewhat box-like appearance. Behind the windshield is a plate of steel, which can be raised or lowered by the driver by touching a pedal. It was asserted the cost of the construction is \$1000 each.

CITY COUNCIL GET NEW YEAR SPIRIT

Members of the City Council voted Monday night to employ a regular driver for the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department.

Many other matters came up before the body among which was a discussion of the authority of the city council to regulate the building of structures within the fire limits of the town. No definite action was taken on the matter which was brought to their attention by numerous kicks from various parties.

Increased street lights and street work are some important things now demanding the attention of the city authorities.

Wednesday afternoon the council passed on the driver question and employed Willie Nelson for the position.

WILL COLLECT IN MERKEL JAN. 15

Tax Collector W. F. Dillard announces that he will again be in Merkel, January 15th for the purpose of collecting real and poll taxes.

Arrangements have been made by Mr. Dillard to be at the Farmers & Merchants Bank during the entire day of Saturday, Jan. 15th, and all tax payers who have not already looked after these matters can save a trip to Abilene by seeing him at this time.

THE EUROPEAN MAGICIAN.



—Lemen in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

MERKEL SCHOOL WILL OPEN PROMPTLY AT NINE O'CLOCK MONDAY JAN. 10TH

Unless Present Plans are Interfered with, New Building Will Positively be Thrown Open to Children on Above Date.

Superintendent H. M. Morris expects to have school start promptly at nine o'clock Monday morning even though some of the finishing touches to the building have not yet been completed.

It is thought that the work now necessary for the completion of the building will in no way hinder the work of the students and teachers who are more than anxious to resume their studies after a vacation of some seven months. Should the auditorium be ready for use Monday it is a desire of Superintendent Morris to have a public opening, this however cannot be advertised as this is one portion of the building not yet finished.

MODERN APARTMENT IS CONTEMPLATED AUTO MISHAP AT TRENT THURSDAY

We are in possession of information suggestive that in the near future a modern apartment house of unit-construction will be planned for Merkel.

At present no definite plans have been made, but conditions of rental property highly justify such improvement which undoubtedly will be made during the year. Within the last few months rent houses have been at a premium, and the less desirable places in the suburban part of the city have been rented with ease. More desirable places near the business section of town have been in demand for many months.

With these conditions a well-located apartment house, no doubt, would be a highly profitable investment for the owners.

Sewing and Dress making neatly and carefully done. Corner south 5th and Rose Sts. Mrs. W. T. Dennis, 1033pd

Call us, we'll call for four cleaning and pressing. Owen. Phone 194.

excited and forgot that he should drive to the right, his only excuse of the accident being that he thought Mrs. Bland lived in a nearby house and intended to drive toward it. The house was on the right of Mr. Cook, who had never seen Mrs. Bland before and could not have known whether she lived in Trent or some other part of the state.

Master Harry L. Merritt, our "devil," went to Sweetwater Tuesday with his brother Will who was returning to Canyon to resume his studies in school.

GEN. G. M. DODGE IS DEAD---BUILT T-P

"Daughter Named Merkel"

General G. M. Dodge of Council Bluffs, Iowa, died at his home Monday afternoon. He was one of the surviving generals of the Civil War.

Gen. Dodge was one of the greatest railroad builders in the country, having built the Texas & Pacific and Union Pacific. When making a trip through this section of the country in the early days of railroading his daughter accompanied him, and asked that she be allowed to name this town. The favor was granted her and she named it after a very dear friend, Miss Merkel, a noted singer.

In his many years of railroad work Gen. Dodge became a multi-millionaire and has thousands and thousands of dollars loaned on lands in this immediate section. His business was handled by J. G. Jackson, formerly of this city, and at the beginning of the present war, when all loan companies in this section had closed their loans, Gen. Dodge continued to place money on approved lands and ranches, as though no war was in progress.

MERKEL BAKERY IS NOW IMPROVED

Many Merkel people realize the conditions existing in the past in regard to a bakery in Merkel and will be glad to know that the Merkel Bakery under the new management it has greatly improved during the past few weeks.

Mr. Hancock, proprietor of the Merkel Bakery is to be congratulated on having completely renovated the place and giving the people such service that will tend to keep Merkel money in Merkel. An inspection of the Bakery shows that much work has been done of the late in making it a much cleaner place and the sweet flavor of fresh baked bread arising from the oven was indeed appetizing. Their ad in this issue of the Mail accounes completion of their work along this line.

WORK ON OAK ST. IS BADLY NEEDED

The work of bettering Oak St. is being carried forward under direction of City Marshal Walters and many residents of that section have agreed to donate personally to having gravel placed on the street after the grading is finished.

Portions of the street have already been repaired as well as work done on other streets of the town.

THE FIREBOYS GIVEN SUCCESS BANQUET

Some thirty-eight Merkel fire fighters, their wives and sweethearts partook of a joyous feast at the Collins House Friday night. Ministers and their wives, members of the City Council with their families were among the invited guests and enjoyed the evening along with the common slaves—the fire boys.

Music, solos, readings and oratorical demonstrations gave spice to the evening prior to the tolling of the "dinner bell."

Musical selections by Misses Mims, Hill and Gilliland and a reading by Master Roy Gilliland were prominent in this portion of the program.

A welcome address delivered by Thos. A. Johnson praised all volunteer firemen, with one exception. That exception being the fireman who never let it be known that he was a member until road tax paying time came around, who would then proudly assert that he was a member of the local volunteer fire department.

The address of Mr. Johnson was inspiring to the gathering, more especially to the honored guests of the evening.

Following the address of Mr. Johnson, a short talk was made by Chief Ferrier in relation of "The Past" of the Merkel fire department, even shorter were the address of the two speakers, to-wit John Morgan and the writer. These addresses were prepared in advance of this meeting and were looked forward to by each of the victims as an ice-breaking event into oratory but the crash came before Chief Ferrier had finished his remarks, the assemblage was thus deprived of a treat.

Seated in the spacious dining room of the Collins House were some seventy-five at the first tables who enjoyed the repast, the Rev. A. A. Baker being called to give thanks in prayer for the occasion, the ending year and the approaching new year.

Each and every member of the department voted to thank Mrs. Collins, and the good ladies who assisted, in making the evening an enjoyable one for all.

J. T. TUCKER FOR CO. REPRESENTATIVE

The announcement of J. T. Tucker of this city as candidate for Representative to the Texas Legislature from Taylor county is authorized to be published in this issue of the Mail.

To Captain J. T. Tucker is the credit of having been the author of the bill that culminated in the establishment of the Epileptic Colony, which was later founded at Abilene. His services in the 25th and 26th legislatures were creditable and his experience should fit him for even better services in that branch at this time. He is one of the oldest citizens in Merkel as well as in Taylor county, with a complete understanding of what our country is in need of in the way of legislation. We ask that you give Mr. Tucker's claims the consideration they are worth of when you cast your vote in the July election.

Heflin Bros. Produce Co., pays more for chickens, eggs and ducks than any house in Merkel. Located on front street, next to building.



THE BANK THAT PUBLIC CONFIDENCE BUILT

Large Enough to Accommodate You
Not Too Large to Appreciate You

The Safe Way—
A Guaranty Fund Bank

The Farmers State Bank

AMERICAN TELLS OF PERSIA SINKING

Alexandria, Egypt Jan. 4—Charles Grant of Boston, one of the two Americans known to have been on board the British steamship Persia when she was torpedoed in the Mediterranean last Tuesday, has arrived in Alexandria. Grant, so far as is known, is the only American from whom can come the story of the Persia's sinking. He gave to the Associated Press today the most detailed account yet received on the disaster.

"I was in the dining saloon of the Persia at 1:05 p. m.," he said, "when a terrific explosion occurred. The saloon became filled with smoke, broken glass and steam from the boiler, which appeared to have burst. There was no panic on board. We went on deck as though we were on drill and reported at the life boats on the starboard side, as the vessel had listed to port. I clung to the railing. The last thing done was to tie on Captain Strickley's life belt. As the vessel was then listing so badly it was impossible to launch the starboard boats, I slid down into the water.

"I got caught in a rope which pulled off a shoe, but I broke loose and crawled on some wreckage, to which I clung.

"The last I saw of the Persia she had her bow in the air, five minutes after the explosion.

"After floating about in the wreckage until 4 o'clock in the morning, I saw five boats. I was pulled into one of them. We rowed about looking for other stragglers. The boats became overloaded and the occupants were redistributed. Four boats were tied together and the fifth followed. The others in our boat followed.

The Merkel Bakery

THE PLACE FOR MERKEL PEOPLE TO GET MERKEL-BAKED BREAD

TRY
a
Pullman
Loaf
at

10
Cents

After several weeks of hard work in preparing our bakery for clean and practical work we have accomplished our endeavor in this line and are now able to offer the people of Merkel good, savory bread, baked in a clean oven and under the best of kitchen conditions.

We make Morning and Evening Deliveries
to all phone orders.
Our phone number is **118**

Patronize "Home Industry" as long as it merits your support. Under present conditions we believe we merit your support and when ordering bread from any place in town we will thank you to call for Merkel Bakery bread and see if it is not "BEST" Respectfully

THE MERKEL BAKERY :: N. HANCOCK, PROPRIETOR

der to search the more frequented steamship channels for help. We rowed for three hours. Then we saw a cruiser, explained that we were survivors of the Persia and gave directions to the cruiser as to where the other boats were. They were soon found.

"Robert McNeely, American consul at Aden, sat at the same table with me on the voyage. He was not seen, probably because his cabin was on the port side.

"It was a horrible scene. The water was black as ink. Some passengers were screaming, others were calling out good-byes. Those in one boat sang hymns."

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

J. D. HILTON FOR CLERK

The Mail is authorized to announce J. D. Hilton as candidate for the office of County Clerk of this county, subject to the Democratic primaries in July.

Mr. Hilton is serving his first term as County Clerk in a way highly commendable and has made hundreds of friends during his incumbency. His claims are deserving of your careful attention in this his race for office on the second term.

If you are in a hurry have Owen to clean and press your suit. Phone 194.

Pure Sudan grass seed. F. J. Smith.

JIM TOOMBS TO RUN AGAIN

J. M. (Jim) Toombs, elected public weigher at this place two years ago, announces for re-election to this office and asks the support and influence of his friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Toombs has served in a commendable way in this responsible position and no more popular public weigher has ever made Merkel their home. He is quiet, unassuming and careful of his duties and we ask that all voters give his claims careful consideration when they go to the polls next July.

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

Pure Seed For Planting

Pure dwarf cane seed, pure black cap, white kaffir seed a pure dwarf red maize for sale \$1.00 per bushel, f. o. b. Floydada, Texas. Samples are on display at the Merkel Mail office now. Address all orders to Ed Rainer, Floydada, Texas, Route 3, Box 51. 114pd.

U. C. Veterans to Meet

Merkel Camp No. 79 U. C. will hold its quarterly meeting Saturday, Dec. 8, at 2 p. m., in the public hall. Important business demands attention.

A. A. Baker, Com. J. T. Tucker, Adj. Old hats made new at Owens.

POPULAR MAN OF ABILENE IS DEAD

H. A. Reading of Abilene, for years ticket agent for the Texas & Pacific Co., at that place, died at his home Friday evening of last week.

Nearly every Merkel citizen was acquainted with Mr. Reading, either in a business way or personally. All travelers knew his face at the ticket window in Abilene, and none were ever heard to say but that he was one of the most accommodating public servants they ever met with. Burial was given the body Saturday afternoon at Abilene, under the auspices of the Elk Lodge.

A TWICE-TOLD TALE

One of Interest to Our Readers

Good news bears repeating, and when it is confirmed after a long lapse of time, even if we hesitated to believe it at first hearing, we feel secure in accepting its truth now. The following experience of a Merkel man is confirmed after three years.

J. J. Dodd, Elm St., Merkel, Texas, says: "For a long time I suffered day and night from kidney trouble. The first symptom was an inability to control the kidney secretions and my rest was broken at night. About three months ago Doan's Kidney Pills came to my notice and after using them, my kidneys and bladder were restored to their natural condition." (Statement given January 15, 1912).

Over three years later, Mr. Dodd said: "Since using Doan's Kidney Pills, I have had no trouble from my kidneys. I know this medicine to be a good one."

Get 50c at all dealers. Don't sit back for kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Doan used. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Full line climated nurse K. Pecan trees 15 cents a Send for price list. Clybery, Clyde, Texas. 10t

To Our Laundry Patrons

Beginning with the first of 1916 all laundry work will be strictly cash on delivery. We are compelled to adopt this method and will thank our customers to have money ready when your laundry is delivered.

Wishing for a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year to all, we remain
Yours to please

CHURCH BROTHERS TAILORS

Representative Abilene Steam Laundry

WHEN IN ABILENE

EAT

AT THE MOZART CAFE
JACK GILSTRAP, Mgr.

EAT

In Merkel at Latham Brothers
BUSY BEE CAFE

Open day and night hot Waffles each morning 4 to 9 o'clock. \$5.00 MEAL TICKETS \$4.50

TO THE PUBLIC

I am just starting a Feed and Livery business in Merkel and ask the people of Merkel and the Merkel country for a share of their business.

I now have on hand a large amount of oats, maize and hay and will also handle

WOOD AND COAL

Try me and I will treat you right.
See me at the old Miller Barn, just east of the Walker Cottage.

R. D. ALLEN

SERVICE CAR

PHONE 9 Night Phone 160. Phone me for quick service, Day or Night.

MARVIN BONEY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the Democratic Primaries of July, 1916

For Treasurer:
J. A. BOYCE
AUSTIN FITTS

For Tax Assessor:
W. T. (TOM) ST. JOHN
JOHN H. VANCE
L. R. (ROY) PARMELLY

For Tax Collector:
G. B. (BLUE) TITTLE

For County Clerk
J. D. HILTON

For Legislature
(Capt.) J. T. TUCKER

Public Weigher at Merkel
J. M. (Jim) TOOMBS
Re-election



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Merkel, Texas



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Have you a BELL TELEPHONE connection?

Ask our nearest Manager for information, or write



THE SOUTHWESTERN
TELEGRAPH &
TELEPHONE COMPANY

L. R. PARMELLY ANNOUNCES FOR TAX ASSESSOR

Roy Parmelly authorizes the Mail to announce his candidacy for the office of Tax Assessor and in a personal letter to the writer says in part, "I believe you know that if I am elected Tax Assessor I will make a capable, efficient and honest officer, and will certainly appreciate the place."

Mr. Parmelly was a resident of Merkel during the years 1906-7, and lived in the vicinity of Merkel for years. His friends in this section are numerous, he being a member of one of the pioneer families in the Caps country. If elected to this position we believe that Mr. Parmelly will be a creditable official, and we ask that our readers give his claims due consideration.

FROM WACO TIMES HERALD

The following clipped from the Waco Times Herald makes noteworthy mention of Merkel people and is from the pen of a well known west Texas correspondent to the Times Herald, T. E. Maury who visited in our town and vicinity during the holidays.

We have met quite a number of our quancam neighbors and chums, who were former residents of China Springs, including the Graysons, Deuchmans, Horns, Buskis, Hortons Williams, Camps, Aikens, Hatfields and Herrins—all of whom are prospering. Two of them merit special mention, they having achieved honorable distinction and an enviable name in their adopted home. We allude to Judge Lee Williams, who was elected magistrate of his precinct without being a candidate for the office, an unusual honor worthily bestowed. The other is Rev. Will Horn, a man who has achieved success and honorable distinctions under adverse conditions—a learned, eloquent and impressive Baptist minister, who is loved and revered by both saint and sinner for his kind and genial nature and inherent Christian Benevolence.

We had the pleasure of meeting Dr. M. Armstrong of Merkel brother of our staunch friend, Ira Armstrong, a refined and polished gentleman and learned disciple of Esculapius, a pleasant and fluent conversationalist, whom it was indeed an intellectual treat to meet.

Stomach Trouble Cured

If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klote of Edina, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble but find Chamberlain's Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by all dealers.

LOCAL NEWS

Kid gloves cleaned at Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe have returned to Merkel after several weeks stay at Spur.

Pure Sudan grass seed. F. J. Smith.

A deal has been consummated by which C. E. Conner has come in possession of the residence commonly known as the Holcomb home.

Cleaning and pressing delivered on time by Owen. Phone 194

Miss Elma Sheppard who has been visiting Miss Alice Reed of Winters returned home Tuesday evening. She was accompanied home by Miss Reed.

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

Mrs. S. E. Tarlton returned home Tuesday evening from Anson where she has been visiting.

Pure Sudan grass seed. F. J. Smith.

C. L. Tucker and family of the Canyon country have moved to Merkel and will make their temporary home here during the remainder of the school term.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Emmons and son, V. P. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Graves Sunday.

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

Miss Olive Teaff has returned to school at Simmons College.

Get your thrashed and crushed maize from R. D. Allen's feed barn.

The young lady students of Simmons who enjoyed their Christmas holidays at home and have returned again to their work are: Misses Wilma Garrett, Lula Sharp, Nell Tracy, Olive and Dovie Teaff.

Mrs. Jim Black and children of Stamford were here the latter part of last week visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Alice Rose

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

After spending the holidays in Merkel with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt, Will S. Merritt returned Tuesday to Canyon, where he is attending the West Texas State Normal.

Have your suits, coats, skirts and dresses dyed by Owen. Phone 194.

Mrs. M. R. Woodrum and daughter Miss Ada were in Abilene Tuesday visiting friends.

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

Charley Williams left Sunday night for Kansas City where he will enter school again after spending the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Williams.

Have your old hat made new at Owens. Phone 194.

Mrs. Geo. Brown and little daughter Madden were in Cisco Tuesday.

Mr. S. F. Haynes has sold his residence in southwest Merkel to Rev. C. W. Young formerly of Tye. Rev. Young with his family have already moved to make Merkel their home. Mr. Haynes will still continue to reside here.

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

M. W. Williamson of Gatesville returned to his home Tuesday, having visited the family of R. T. Stripling of this place during the holidays.

Fur sets look new when cleaned by Owen. Phone 194.

Miss Ellen Daugherty of near Fayetteville, Ark. was a visitor in the home of W. R. Bigham a few days during Christmas. She left on Sunday afternoon to join her father near El Paso where they will make their home in the future.

Statement of The

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Of Merkel, Texas, at the Close of Business Friday, Dec 15, 1915

Resources

| | |
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| Loans | \$222,6 |
| Overdrafts | |
| U. S. Bonds—par | 10,2 |
| Stock in Federal Bank | 1, |
| Five Per Cent Redemption Fund | |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 3 |
| Real Estate | 6 |
| Cash and Sight Exchange | 144 |
| Total | \$388,8 |

Liabilities

| | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Capital Stock | \$ |
| Surplus and Profits | |
| Circulation | |
| Bills Payable | |
| Rediscounts | |
| Other Borrowed Money | |
| Deposits | 38,8 |
| Total | \$388,8 |

We appreciate your business and anxious to render good banking service to our friends and patrons times.
THOS. JOHNS

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. M. E. Witt, principal of our Public school with his family has returned to Merkel to be ready for the opening of school. The time since the close of school last year has been spent by them in the country north of Noodle.

Why buy a new hat, have the old one cleaned and blocked by Owen. Phone 194.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Moore and family, formerly of Merkel but now of Abilene where Mr. Moore is a ministerial student in Simmons, spent the Christmas holidays in Merkel visiting Mr. Moore's mother, Mrs. M. A. Moore, and other relatives in the country north of Merkel.

Miss Garoutte came from Butman's ranch where had been during the festivities. She was invited home by Miss Pittsburg, Pa., who former an extended rural home "Evilo this city.

Cleaning and pressed for and delivered. H. L. Owen.

Mrs. W. A. Scott who quite ill at her home has been moved to a is still far from well stantly confined to the Collins House. friends here would speedy recovery.

Mrs. H. B. Leeton son who spent the holiday with Mrs. mother, Mrs. J. H. have returned to their Lenzburg, La. It is a pleasure to Mrs. Leeton's many visits to have her make these occasional visits home.

Mrs. J. E. Young of Latham who spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. W. R. Bigham has her home. Mr. Ralph of Peacock Military School, Antonio, and Mr. Fred Big of Presidio also had the pleasure of being in the home for Christmas have returned to their respective places.

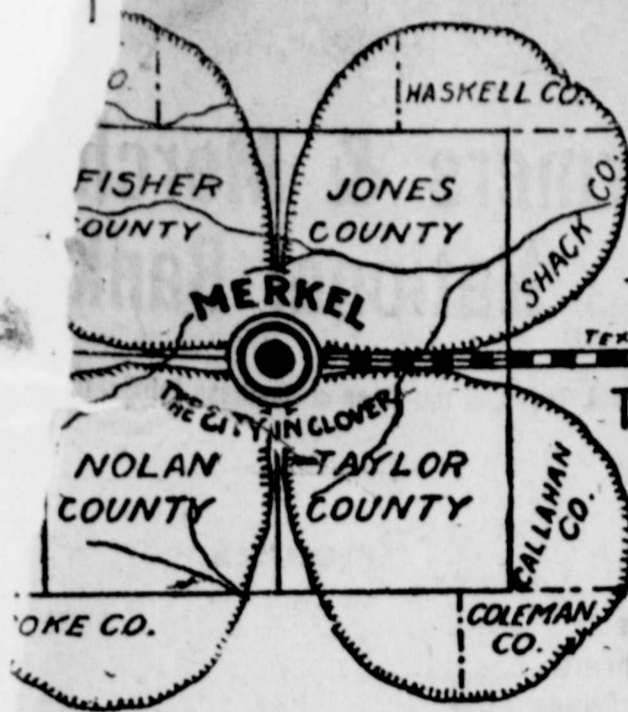
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 —Detroit Free Press.

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 And then she donned a string of beads
 And went out dressed in style.
 —Unidentified Exchange.

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 Said lovely mother Eve,
 But all the while the serpent was
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 This winds the series up—and
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with up-to-date machines such
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Am standing my jersey bull at
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Mebane Triumph cotton seed
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When your water pipes need
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The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head
 Because of its tonic and laxative effect. LAXA-
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Choice of any Suit or Overcoat in the house **\$9.95** || Also another lot of Suits and Overcoats **\$6.95**
 some very choic suits, now only now only

Cut price on everything in the house. Don't ask to have these goods charged. Strictly Cash!

Misfit Clothing Company :: Abilene, Texas

DR. C. S. HARLE ARRIVES HOME

An arrival in Abilene on the belated Texas & Pacific train Monday afternoon was Dr. Chas. S. Harle, chief surgeon for Gen. Francisco Villa since the latter began his operations in Mexico. At the train to greet him was his mother, Mrs. Anna L. Harle. Joy shone on her face and it was reflected on the face of her son. They walked to the family home at North Fifth and Cypress streets, the house in which Dr. Harle grew to young manhood. He was glad to get back home again, and the mother was so delighted that she could hardly keep still. It was one of the happiest moments in her life. "Yes, I think Gen. Villa has quit fighting," said Dr. Harle to Reporter representatives, who had gotten to the house almost as quick as he did. "I have not talked with him personally since Nov. 4th, last, but I talked to

second in command, General J. J. Rodriguez, only a few days ago. Gen. Rodriguez told me that he and Gen. Villa would go to Havana as soon as they could get out of Mexico, which will be easy for them to do. "General Villa is the 'boy' the United States should have recognized. He has fought a great fight and has done so with honor. He has his faults, but he ranks first as a Mexican and a general. He fought with the sincere object of establishing a stable government for the people in Mexico. He spent all the money he could get hold of on his men, buying his men clothing, fine guns, food, medicines and ammunition. In the saddle he has no equal. He is a general with singular foresight and undoubted ability. He has been my friend for years and I have the utmost confidence in him. "General Villa is so made that he would rather die than humble himself before an enemy. He cannot forgive nor forget an enemy. The only way he knows to

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A happy New Year to all. La Grippe is the order of the day. Several in this community are confined to bed with severe cases of La Grippe and sore throats. We had a jolly Christmas. Santa came to see everyone and undressed a real nice tree at this place. Mrs. W. N. Moore has been very low for the past three weeks and several of her daughters have visited her bedside. One from Bell county and Mrs. Zachry and Demere of Nolan county visited her Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Addison of Blair visited the latter's mother, Mrs. W. N. Moore, Sunday. Rev. Stewart, pastor of Hebrene, preached in Rev. Dawson's place Sunday evening. Jack Palmer and family of Stanton spent Christmas with homefolk and returned home Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Leerstang

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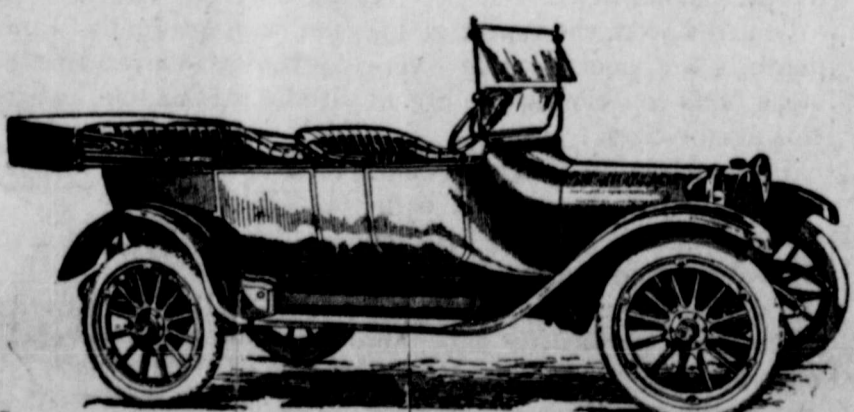
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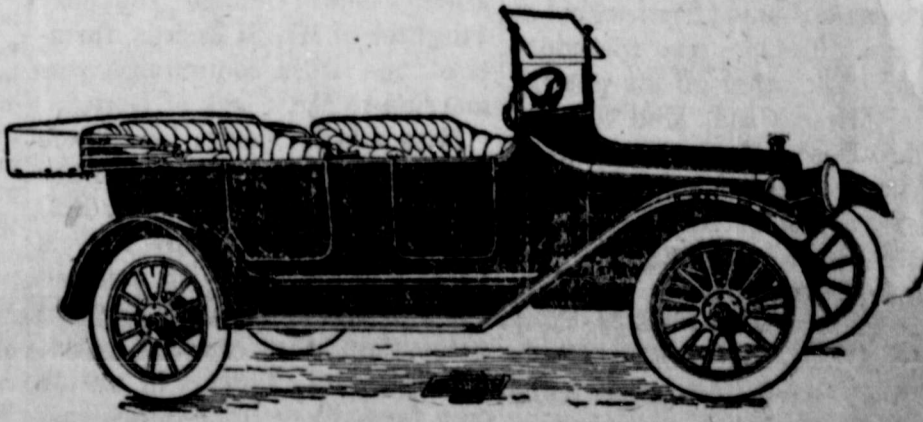
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New stock of spring gingham and percales now here. Come, see them.

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Ten Days Suit And Hat Sale

SOCIETY

Barbara ELYN WILLIAMS, Editor

Christmas festivities have been complete an evening of dancing who enjoy the past. On Thursday evening of last week an informal refreshments of punch and cake were served present were Misses Mana Irene Hairston and McSpadden. Messrs Stang, Loring Hamblet and

Dewey Brown entertained of his closest friends at his Old Year's Eve. The it was spent in the various of it will make time fly and all too short to the young Refreshments of punch am and cake were served present were Misses Mana Irene Hairston and McSpadden. Messrs Stang, Loring Hamblet and

Candy-making is a pleasure, and with the young people never grows old, so six couples of the younger set accepted, with all speediness, Mrs. L. E. Sanders' invitation to come to her home for candy-making on Monday of last week. Mr. Will Merritt, who was at home from school at Canyon, Texas, was the honor guest. The other guests present were Misses Ina Mae Adams, Madge Dean, Merle Clark, Nelle Brittain, Elsie Sharp and Ida Meeks; Messrs. Arl Sharp, Minor Burns, Jake Walters and Frank Armstrong.

Mrs. J. W. Blake and children of Rule have returned home after a two weeks visit among her brothers and sisters in and around Merkel, Trent, Stith and While she was here the and sisters enjoyed a day at

three miles southwest of Merkel. After a dinner most bountifully served the afternoon was spent kodaking and in various games. On their departure all reported a day pleasantly spent and they hope to enjoy many more happy reunions in the holidays to come. Fifty two were present at this gathering.

On Sunday, January 2nd, Mrs. H. E. Bullock honored her Sunday School class "The Protheus" with a dinner. This always pleasant home was merrier still when some eleven young ladies assembled to enjoy Mrs. Bullock's hospitality. The home was beautifully decorated in keeping with the holiday time. The Protheus colors and pennant being used on the dining table. The guests present on this occasion were Misses Geneva and Nina Warnick, Beatrice Nidiver, Johnnie Warren, Eunice Armstrong, Gladys McSpadden, Gladys Haynes, Leila Hill, Maude Martin, Mamie Ellis Irene Hairston and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen.

Clark-Dennis
A wedding took place at Dora Sunday, Jan. 2, in the home of Rev. Dunlap which will be of interest to many Merkel friends. Miss Velma Dennis, the only daughter of Mr. Si Dennis, farmer of the Dora community, was married to Mr. Clark of Dora.

Miss Clark made her home several years in Merkel with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Rhodes, and has many friends here who would wish her and her husband much happiness and success in the coming years. Mr. and Mrs. Clark will reside on a farm about four miles east of Dora.

Holland Teaff returned to Baylor University Tuesday night after an extended holiday visit here with his parents.

Hutchins-Hicks

One of the weddings of Christmas, which was lost sight of last week, was that of Mr. Alvah H. Hutchins and Miss Jewel Hicks. This young couple on Thursday evening, Dec. 23, in company with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hicks, and her sister, Mrs. Andy Brown, went to the Baptist parsonage where in the presence of the minister, Rev. L. B. Owen, and family, who spoke the words which would unite them for life.

Miss Jewel is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hicks and has grown into young womanhood in Merkel. She is very popular in her circle of friends and also in her church of which she is an active member. Mr. Hutchins is a young farmer, living south of Merkel and is a most honorable young man. They have gone to their new home four miles south of Sweetwater.

Preaching Sunday

Elder W. G. Cypert will preach at the Christian Church Sunday at 11 o'clock and Sunday night. All are invited to attend.

Bad Cold Quickly Broken Up.

Mrs. Martha Wilcox, Gowanda, N. Y., writes "I first used Chamberlains Cough Remedy about eight years ago. At that time I had a hard cold and coughed most of the time. It proved to be just what I needed. It broke up the cold in a few days, and the cough entirely disappeared. I have told many of my friends of the good I received through using this medicine and all who have used it speak of it in the highest terms." For sale by all dealers.

Stock For Sale

Team of mare mules and team of horses for sale on good note. Also have good young jack for sale.

R. A. Saddler. 17t3pd

Rust Proof Oats

Texas Red Rust proof seed oats, free of Johnson grass 45 cents per bushel. R. E. Golightly 7t3pd



WANTED—A furnished room for light housekeeping, down stairs. Call at Merkel Mail office.

FOR SALE—Work horses, mules and mares, second hand wagon and plow tools. All cheap for cash. Dr. M. Armstrong.

WANTED—To trade a \$25.00 Columbia disc graphophone with \$27.95 worth of records for a cow. Call at the Merkel Mail Office. 7t1pd.

PUMP FOR SALE—Good force pump, 60 feet of pipe and good cylinder. T. L. Grimes.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, a fine Duroc Jersey sow and male. If you want to raise the best hogs, get these. Bob Allen.

Advertised Letters.

Beauchamp, Willie
Byers, E. R.
Corley, Margaret, (2)
Doully, Richard
Fox, Allen
King, Other
Leggett, Shannon
Moore, Andrew
Murphy, Tom
Perkins, M. A.
Price, Mr. & Mrs. Dodd
Shngart, Bros. (2)
Tomonson, Mrs. E. A.
Tucker, J. J.
Wasner, A. T.
Williams, Alpha
Lazrine, Jesus
Urquidi, Tomas
Urquidi, Martini

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Jan. 15th.

H. C. Williams, P. M. Merkel, Texas.

Pump Soda Dispenser

Good pump soda fountain for sale. Cost \$20.00, for \$5.00. Jno. M. Westenhouver. 7t-3p

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

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

Patron, 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 of 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 its 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 50 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. 7t-3p

G. B. BODEN A U. C. V.

G. B. Boden, who died at the family home Thursday morning of last week was buried the following day in Rose Hill Cemetery, Elder John M. Rice conducted the services.

Omitted from the report of his death in last week's paper were some facts concerning the life of this aged citizen. He was born in Paris, Tenn., in 1843, and at the age of eighteen became a member of the Confederate army, and during the next three years he saw much actual service in the uniform of grey. Immediately following the war he was married to Miss Jennie Toombs and to this union nine children were born, seven of whom survive the father and are: W. M. Boden, Mount Pleasant; R. T., O. B., J. B. and H. E. Boden, all of this

city; Mrs. J. F. Abernathy, of Trent; and Mrs. H. E. Farmer of Nubia.

Mr. Boden came to the Merkel country with his family in 1903, and was among the most prosperous of those who came from Tennessee to this section. During the last four years his health had been gradually failing and for the last eleven months of his life he was unable to leave his bed. He was a member of the Church of Christ and a highly esteemed citizen.

Women of Sedentary Habits.

Women who get but little exercise are likely to be troubled with constipation and indigestion and will find Chamberlain's Tablets highly beneficial. Not so good as a three or four-walk every day, but very much better than to allow the bowels to remain constipated condition. They are pleasant to take and most effective. For sale by all druggists.

Have your old clothes dyed and made new by Owen. Phc

BALES SHORT OF MAIL ESTIMATE

There are yet to be weighed the Merkel yards seven red thirty-eight bales of before the Mail's estimate 500 bales will have been weighed.

One o'clock Thursday there 16,762 bales weighed in the yards. The following paragraphs re-printed from the Mail of September 3rd and shows that our guess at that time will not miss the total receipts very much.

Soon after the beginning of the season of last year we printed an estimate of 20,000 bales for the Merkel county and our town's receipts exceeded that amount by nearly 4,000 bales and while we do not look for our estimate to be raised that much this year it seems reasonably sure that 17,500 mark will be attained.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

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

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Starbuck Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Mrs. J. L. Cooper Dead

Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, wife of J. L. Cooper died Monday morning at the family home from a sharp and severe attack of pneumonia.

At the time of her death Mrs. Cooper was sixty-four years of age, the family having moved here about four months ago from Callahan county. The deceased was an exemplary Christian character, a lifelong member of the Baptist church and leaves to mourn her loss a husband, one son and one daughter, the latter Mrs. Julia Bennett having also recently moved to Merkel with her husband. The one son, J. M. Cooper is connected with the Armour Packing Company and represents them in this country.

The body was taken to Admiration in Callahan County for burial Tuesday morning, that place being the old home of the family.

Fever Sores

Ever sores and old chronic sores did not heal entirely, but could be kept in healthy condition, can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most efficient for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. Sale by all dealers.

NEW YEAR GIFT TO FIREBOYS

A New Year gift in the form of a \$5.00 check signed by W. L. Krider was handed Chief Ferguson on New Year's Eve, together with best wishes from Mr. Krider for a prosperous and content year for the department. The money was accepted with thanks by the department.

The Gist Of It

Last December I had a very severe cold and was nearly down sick in bed. I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a very few days until I was completely restored to health," writes O. J. Metcalf, Atherby, Mo. If you would know the value of this remedy, ask any one who has used it. For sale by all dealers.

Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head
Use of its tonic and laxative effect. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary quinine and does not cause nervousness or ring in the head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

The Undesirable Suitor

By EUNICE BLAKE

Bertha Henderson's father was in a quandary concerning his daughter's choice of a husband. There were two suitors for her hand, the one, Arnold Deane, a staid chap, not at all brilliant, but of latent force of character; the other, Algernon Page, a man especially adapted to pleasing a young girl, but with nothing to recommend him to any one of mature judgment. Mr. Henderson, realizing the danger of embittering his daughter's life and that opposition in such cases is often adding fuel to the fire, said nothing to her on the subject except to approve of Deane and express a lack of confidence in Page. But he took occasion to tell the former that he hoped he would win.

One day Mr. Henderson told his daughter that the son of an old friend of his he had not seen for years had called at his office and he had invited the young man to dinner. When he appeared in dinner costume it struck Bertha that he was not up to his clothes—in other words, he had not that refinement she would expect in the son of a friend of her father.

Henry Southwick—that was the young man's name—was about thirty years old and, despite his lack of refinement, had a way of ingratiating himself into one's confidence. Bertha, however, was too refined herself to overlook his falling. Still, he seemed to have her father's approval and came often to the house, where he met the suitors and soon seemed to be hand in glove with both of them, though he appeared to court Page.

One afternoon, while Page was with Bertha, Southwick came in, saluted both with that brusque manner of his which was especially objectionable to the young lady and asked if Mr. Henderson had come in. Bertha replied that he had not. Southwick seemed a bit perplexed, then, calling Bertha into an adjoining room, said in a low voice:

"I am in a hurry and can't wait for your father, so I must ask you to call his attention to something I shall leave for him. Since it is of value I will explain. Many years ago when my governor was down on his luck Mr. Henderson lent him \$200. I have received a check from the old man for three hundred, one hundred of it for me. I have cashed the check and have brought two hundred of the amount with me."

Southwick took a roll of bills from his pocket and was about to hand them to Bertha when he suddenly paused, seemed lost in thought, then continued:

"I am sure this payment of an old score will be a pleasure to your father, not on account of the money, but because it will show that his friend is honorable. I wish we might put it where your father will come upon it unexpectedly, with my old man's letter concerning it."

"Papa does his writing at home on that desk over there. You might put it in the drawer where he keeps his stationery."

"The very thing!" exclaimed Southwick, and, going to the desk, he opened a side drawer, put the money with the letter in it and, turning to Bertha, looked very much delighted with his scheme for surprise. Then he hurried away. He had no sooner gone than Mrs. Henderson called out from above:

"Bertha, come up here, quick!"

Bertha ran upstairs and found her mother gasping for breath. But she was not pale and gave no other sign of ailing except to put her hand on her heart. She dropped on a bed and appeared to be very much frightened. Bertha asked what was the matter, whether she should send for a doctor and many other questions. After awhile her mother seemed easier, but Bertha, not being willing to leave her, called a maid and sent her downstairs to Mr. Page with a request that he should excuse her on account of a sudden indisposition of her mother. Soon after the delivery of the message Page took his departure.

When Mr. Henderson returned his wife's condition had put all thought of the money left for him in his desk out of Bertha's mind. He did not use the desk that evening nor the next morning, when he went to business, leaving Mrs. Henderson quite recovered.

After his departure Bertha went to the desk to assure herself that the money was there. She did not like leaving it in an exposed position. What was her consternation to find it gone!

She hardly knew what to do. The theft—if it was a theft—should be reported at once and investigated. She ran upstairs and told her mother of the leaving of the money and its disappearance. Mrs. Henderson, instead of looking troubled, seemed to be pleased. She advised Bertha to wait till her father came home in the evening, then to tell him the story.

Nothing was done in the matter, and a week passed. Then Bertha was informed that Mr. Page had stolen the money. Southwick was a detective and had left marked bills in the drawer to trap the thief, having been introduced by Mr. Henderson for the purpose.

Mrs. Henderson was in the secret and had feigned illness to draw her daughter from Page in order that he might have a chance to steal the money. All that was desired in exposing Page's real character to his daughter having been accomplished by the detective's ruse, Mr. Henderson declined to prosecute the thief and kept the matter quiet.

Bertha married Arnold Deane.

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

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| 30x3½ | 11.00 | 13.35 | 2.60 |
| 32x3½ | 13.75 | 15.40 | 2.70 |
| 34x4 | 19.00 | 22.30 | 3.90 |
| 34x4½ | 27.30 | 30.55 | 4.80 |
| 36x4½ | 28.70 | 32.15 | 5.00 |
| 37x5 | 35.55 | 39.80 | 5.95 |
| 38x5½ | 46.00 | 51.50 | 6.75 |

STAR STORE OF TRENT TO MOVE

The Star Store of Trent, which is a branch house of the Star Store of this place will be moved here within the next few days and will occupy the building formerly used by the Douglass Racket Store.

The increase in bringing the stock of dry goods and groceries from the Trent store to this city will give the local Star Store a complete line of gents furnishings, dry goods and groceries which will be added to, to make it meet with local demands.

Constipation and Indigestion

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets and must say they are the best I have ever used for constipation and indigestion. My wife also used them for indigestion and they did her good," writes Eugene S. Knight, Wilmington, N. C. For sale by all dealers.

Card of Thanks

We desire to extend our thanks to the good people of Merkel for the assistance they rendered during the illness of our beloved wife and mother who passed into the Great Beyond January 3.

Respectfully,
J. L. Cooper and family.



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We have several cases of La grippe in our community but we hope they will soon recover.

Miss Bertha Ely who has been attending school in Abilene has returned home to finish the term here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee have moved from Guthrie to this place to make it their home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Herring gave the young people an entertainment last Saturday night.

Rev. Gaddis filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday.

Misses Allene and Evelyn Barbee returned home last Saturday from Matador, having spent a month with their sister, Mrs. W. L. Barclay.

Joe Callaway of Guthrie spent Sunday and Monday with his brother at this place.

Mrs. Frank Wasson returned home last Friday from Big Springs where she has been visiting relatives.

Clearance Eoff spent a few days in Matador the past week.

J. M. Rosson and family moved to Trent the first of the week. We regret very much to lose this good family.

Mrs. W. L. Barbee was the guest of her sister Mrs. W. C. Hill of Golan Sunday and Monday.

Jesse Green and family of Golan spent Sunday with the former's brother, R. W. Green and family.

The school teachers of this place returned Sunday to take up their school work again Monday after spending the holidays with homefolks.

HAVE YOU WEAK LUNGS?

Do colds settle on your chest or in your bronchial tubes? Do coughs hang on, or are you subject to throat troubles? Such troubles should have immediate treatment with the strengthening powers of Scott's Emulsion to guard against consumption which so easily follows.

Scott's Emulsion contains pure cod liver oil which peculiarly strengthens the respiratory tract and improves the quality of the blood; the glycerine in it soothes and heals the tender membranes of the throat. Scott's is prescribed by the best specialists. You can get it at any drug store. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

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

CLIMB HIGH.

No man or woman who has fallen can be restored to the position formerly held. Such must rise to a yet higher place, whence they can behold their former standing far beneath their feet.—George Macdonald.

Anthony Trollope's First Earnings.

A literary man recalls Anthony Trollope's little gloat over the first fruits of his pen. "I send you a copy of 'The Warden,'" he wrote to Lord Houghton in 1800, "which Mr. Longman assures me is the last of the first edition. There were, I think, only 750 printed, and they have been over ten years in hand. But I regard the book with affection, as I made £9 2s. 6d. by the first year's sales, having previously written and published for years without any such golden result. Since then I have improved even upon that." Trollope, of course, "improved upon that" in no uncertain fashion.—Westminster Gazette.

A Monster Vessel of Olden Times.

Ptolemaeus Philopater, one of the ancient kings of Egypt, is said to have built a vessel 420 feet long, 56 feet broad, 72 feet high from the keel to the top of the prow and 80 feet to the top of the poop. She had four helmets of 60 feet. Her largest oars were 50 feet long, with leaden handles so as to be more easily worked. She had two prows, two sterns and seven rostra or beaks. On both poop and prow she had figures of men and animals that were fully 18 feet high. She had 4,000 rowers, 400 cabin boys or servants, 2,820 marines to do duty on deck, besides being provided with immense stores of arms and provisions.—Westminster Gazette.

Life of Air Leaks Away.

Air seems to spoil easily. Air traveling through shafts and special air chambers—in fact, air going through anything that cuts it off from the ocean of atmosphere—loses some of its indescribable vitalizing qualities and is liable to cause weariness and a feeling of depression to those who habitually breathe in artificially ventilated houses. Scientific examination may show such air absolutely pure, but all the same it is poor stuff to take into the lungs. This also explains the real rock bottom difference between town and country air. Highly artificial food and highly artificial air, no matter how good they seem, are not the real stuffs themselves.—New York Press.

Telepathy in the Theater.

Sir Herbert Tree tells how some years ago, when playing Hamlet, he found himself in that scene on the ramparts when he awaits the approach of the ghost, gasping for breath and drenched with the dew of apprehension. "What a fool I am!" he cried to himself. "My back is to the audience, the scene is in darkness. Why should I waste so much mental force? Why not stand at rest, awaiting my cue with a cool pulse?" But a trial quickly showed him his error. He had difficulty to get back into the character, and, moreover, he discovered that the scene did not grip the audience with the same intensity at all. He had broken the spell.—Westminster Gazette.

Teaching a Parrot.

Don't try to teach Polly to talk unless she is perfectly tame and quite confident. Begin on a one syllabled word without "th" or "ch" in it; then let her pronounce her name. Repeat the word you're trying to teach her endlessly and always in exactly the same tone of voice. If, as sometimes happens, Polly can't be taught to talk, repeat over and over again a whistle, a catcall or any other unusual sound. This will teach her to imitate, and she may from that go to repeating words and sentences.

Balkan Characteristics.

The Rumanians are gay and graceful, the Bulgars genial, the Serbs witty, brave and charming. After them the Greeks seem a stunted, unfriendly people without any favor.—John Reed in Metropolitan Magazine.



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than a fire in the grate, provided the fire burns brightly and evenly without fireworks. Our special grate coal makes the warmest and cosiest fire you can imagine. Order a ton and start the fire going the first cool night or dismal day. You'll rather welcome such occasions after your first test of our grote (grate) coal.

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WORKING OAK ST. SOME DONATIONS

The following donations have been made by individuals for work of graveling and leveling up Oak street. The city will keep with street wagon going all the time and parties residing along the street and close to Oak street are "kicking-in" to make the work a success.

The contributors who have already offered their help are:

A. C. Rose \$10.00, Jno. Sears \$10.00, R. O. Anderson \$5.00, H. L. Easterwood \$5.00, all other contributions should be handed to City Marshal Walters.

NUBIA

Everything is moving along nicely here. The mirth and gaiety which attended the occasion of Christmas tide has given away to the more solid and sober fundamentals of business. The farmers are busy cutting stalks, breaking land and otherwise disturbing the sustaining globe. Wheat is looking thrifty. To say that the farmers here are a happy and contented people would be saying it approximately right. They are faring as though life had no irregularities or incongruities to mar the ideals and fancies they hold to.

There has been considerable moving and changing places by the farmers here, though not quite so much as in former years. We regretted to see those who withdrew from us go, but on the other hand we welcome to our midst the ones who have come to fill their places.

Several around here are "under the weather" or, to use Grandma Turner's statement, "nearly everybody is on the grunt." The varied weather with its alternate conditions accompanying Christmas, a time when many are visiting, is the reason attributed to so much sickness.

Miss Mildred Cook has returned to Braay to enter school there.

Mr. Watt Blair is building a nice bungalow home, which will cost about \$1,000 when completed.

There will be a joint debate at Nubia Saturday night between Mr. Blanton and Mr. Wagstaff concerning their candidacies for Congress. Everybody come out and witness the bombast and mud slinging.

Miss Jewel Anderson has returned to Snyder where she has been going to school.

The Nubia chronicler has been reading with pleasure the contributions from Mr. H. R. L. M. N. Junius savant of Shiloh. His articles smack with the indication that he, some time or other, has been studious in the application of his mind to study, and that he has almost mastered the art of singular expression. Go on, Junius, and write, for I'll vouch that Shiloh values you.

The Butman annual contribution to Buckner's Home this year will amount to about fifty dollars including money and provisions together. The box will be sent sometime this week. The willingness, on the part of our people to give, exemplifies their liberality and generosity.

A great show exhibited at Butman Saturday night for the benefit of the royal people of this imperialistic duchy and crown land.

With tenderest regards and sincerest respects to all, including Janius, after whom, in spite of his two-facedness, this month was named, the writer desires to wish weal and welfare to every reader of the Mail, and all his friends in general, during the New Year 1916, which we have now entered. So be it. More anon.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Your druggist will refund money if PAIN OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 3c.

PARTEN'S GREAT JANUARY After-Inventory Clearance Sale

A SALE THAT MUST CLEAR OUT ALL OF OUR REMAINING WINTER DRY GOODS
A sale of the most profound importance to our long practiced policy of carrying over no past season's goods. A policy we consider inevitable to the continued success of our business and for this reason we slash prices to the very lowest possible limit in our **LAST CALL CLEARANCE SALES**

Our big store is full to the brim with the thousand-and-one needful things in wearing apparel, and every arrangement necessary to, and in anticipation of the biggest clearance sale we have ever had, has been elaborately provided for. Big purchases of staples last year in anticipation of higher prices of 25 to 35 per cent that have already come will enable us to make this big saving for you as long as our present big stock lasts. It is highly important, however, that in order to secure these staples at this saving for you to make your purchases as early as possible, as in a great many instances these goods can not be bought at wholesale for the price we are retailing them for. These are stern facts you will realize later, if you do not now.

New Spring Ginghams Here at Big Saving

Five cases of the prettiest new spring Ginghams we ever bought. :: They are real 12½c values we are going to sell in this sale at 10c

Sale Begins Saturday, Jan. 8, and Lasts Till Feb. 1st

EVERY PRICE WILL BE A GENUINE EXTRA BIG BARGAIN AND IT WILL PAY YOU TO BUY ALL YOUR SPRING STAPLES DURING THIS JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

Mens and Boys' Overcoats

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| Men's \$15.00 overcoats for only..... | \$8.98 |
| Men's 12.50 overcoats for only..... | 6.45 |
| Men's 10.00 overcoats for only..... | 4.95 |
| Young Men's \$7.50 overcoats "..... | 3.95 |
| Boys' 5.00 overcoats for only..... | 2.95 |
| Boys' 3.50 overcoats for only..... | 2.35 |
| Men's 6.00 rain coats for only..... | 3.85 |
| Men's 4.00 rain coats for only..... | 2.95 |

Boys' High Grade Suits

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| Boys' \$3.50 suits, all latest models for..... | \$2.35 |
| Boys' 5.00 all-wool suits latest models..... | 3.85 |
| Boys' 6.50 all-wool suits newest "..... | 3.95 |
| Boys' 7.50 all-wool suits extra weight..... | 4.45 |
| Boys' 10.00 all-wool suits, fine quality..... | 5.95 |

Men's and Boys' Winter Underwear

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| Boys' heavy fleeced-lined union suits only..... | \$2.25 |
| Boys' fine heavy ribbed union suits only..... | .39 |
| Men's heavy fleeced and ribbed under shirts and drawers..... | .39 |
| Men's \$1.25 all-wool ribbed undershirts and drawers..... | .89 |
| Men's \$1.25 fine outing night shirts for only..... | .89 |
| Men's 50c work shirts only..... | .39 |

Men's High Grade all Wool New Model Suits

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| Men's \$10.00 suits, special for this sale..... | \$6.85 |
| Men's 12.50 suits, special for this sale..... | 7.85 |
| Men's 15.00 suits, special for this sale..... | 8.85 |
| Men's 18.00 suits, special for this sale..... | 10.00 |
| Men's 25.00 Brandegee-Kincaid High Mark suits only..... | 11.95 |

We positively cannot pay for any alterations that may be necessary on these suits.

Ladies Coats And Suits And Misses and Childrens' Coats

We are going to close 'em out at these prices.

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| Ladies' \$20.00 latest style suits only..... | \$10.00 |
| Ladies' 25.00 plush coats latest style..... | 12.50 |
| Ladies' 20.00 plush and corduroy coats..... | 10.00 |
| Ladies' 15.00 coats for only..... | 7.50 |
| Ladies and Misses' 12.50 coats for only..... | 6.50 |
| Ladies and Misses' 10.00 coats for only..... | 4.95 |
| Ladies and Misses' 8.50 coats for only..... | 4.45 |
| Ladies and misses' 7.50 coats for only..... | 3.95 |
| Ladies and misses' 6.50 coats for only..... | 3.35 |
| Childrens 3.50 coats for only..... | 1.95 |
| Children's 2.50 coats for only..... | 1.45 |
| One big lot ladies, misses and children's rain coats at almost half price. | |

Ladies, Misses and Children's Underwear

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| All \$1.00 garments, extra special for only..... | \$0.79 |
| All .75 garments, extra special for only..... | .49 |
| All .50 garments, extra special for only..... | .39 |
| All .35 garments, extra special for only..... | .19 |
| All .25 garments, extra special for only..... | .17 |

Big Sale Ladies' Corsets

We are closing out our entire present line of corsets to install another line. It will pay you to get your corset now, quick.

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| All \$.75 corsets close out price for only..... | \$.43 |
| All 1.00 corsets close out price for only..... | .78 |
| All 1.50 corsets close out price for only..... | 1.10 |
| All 2.00 corsets close out price for only..... | 1.35 |
| All 2.50 corsets close out price for only..... | 1.65 |
| All 3.00 corsets close out price for only..... | 1.95 |

All who want to save Big Money on their January purchases will find the biggest January stock to select from ever seen in Merkel and the prices will be ASTONISHINGLY LOW

Lack of space will not permit us to quote more prices but we have turned our entire stock into a bargain oasis for those who wish to buy any kind of goods during January. We want to call special attention to our big sale on all SHOES to make room for our big spring stock of SLIPPERS that will be arriving at an early date

Don't Delay. Look at it from a standpoint of strict business. Make your Dry Goods Savings pay other expenses

Bring the whole family and enjoy a Profitable Day

Parten Dry Goods Company

Merkel's Exclusive Spot Cash Quality Store. Remember the Date---Come early, stay late.