

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## FAST CONTEST BY WEIR AND HOLDER

Allen Holder set a new world's record in goat roping, and lowered his own time by one-half second, when he roped and tied a goat in nine and one-half seconds at Brownwood Saturday afternoon. He also defeated Geo. Weir in a contest of roping and tying fifteen goats by an average of 2.67 seconds on each goat.

Both men roped and tied with greater speed than they used in the contest at Merkel Wednesday of last week, when Weir defeated Holder, and only one miscatch was registered during the entire contest, this being on Holder's fourth goat. He recovered his loop, however, and tied in the fast time of 27 1/2 seconds. The work of Weir was faster than the time he made at Merkel and he was given a number of ovations on the remarkable long catches he made on fast running goats. On three different occasions he used practically every foot of his rope in reaching out to catch his goat.

Holder was fortunate throughout the entire first part of the contest in drawing slow goats and on two occasions it was noticeable that he had to check up his horse to keep from crowding the man who was starting the goats. This enabled him to make the fast time of 9 1/2, 10, 11 1-5, 11 3-4, and 11 4-5 seconds on five of the goats he roped.

Holder, in winning the contest, no doubt, showed greater speed than any person present had ever seen. Holder's average time was 14.44 seconds, Weir's average was 17.11. Immediately following the contest Holder went to the home of his parents who live in Brownwood while Weir made preparations for an early start to Oklahoma, where he enters his first steer-roping contest of the season.

### Piano & Player Pianos

The best on earth for the money. Twelve years of buying from the same factory makes it possible for me buy them worth the money. No rents or hotel bills to pay. Sold direct from the manufactory to you at a saving of from \$50.00 to \$75.00 on a medium priced piano. See me or the boys. E. D. Coats. 1212

### Land For Sale

I now offer my land for sale for a short time. Reason for selling is change of business. James Baker, Trent, Texas.

## \$26.05 RATE TO BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Selling dates for the Old Confederate Reunion at Birmingham, Ala., opens May 13 and continues through May 14, 15 and 16th, with a return limit of May 25th given.

Persons desiring to stay longer can do so by a deposit of their ticket at Birmingham and the payment of 50 cents validation charges. Three routes are given, by Memphis, New Orleans or Shreveport and Vicksburg.

### Ladies Free Rest Room

Ladies dont fail to take advantage of the Rest Room when in Merkel. It is free to you to use at any time you are in Merkel. Side entrance to Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Car choice North Texas hay at G. M. Sharps.

### E. L. Woodroof Improved

On returning from Mineral Wells, Wednesday morning, W. D. Woodroof reported that his brother, E. L. Woodroof, was greatly improved from his stay at the Texas Health Resort. Mr. Woodroof spent Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the wells with his brother and other friends who are there and apparently enjoyed the trip very much himself.

## FOUR MEN DEAD FROM DRINKING

Plainview, May 10.-- With in the past 24 hours four Plainview men have succumbed to alcohol which they drank Sunday.

When whiskey ran out they began on deoderized alcohol, it is alleged, Joe Dingler a barber of Paul Wallen's shop had. Paul Wallen, the youthful proprietor drank heavily and soon became unconscious and remained in a comatose state until death. The boys thought he was only drunk and did not summon medical aid until 2:30 Monday afternoon. Dingler, an employee bought and affixed crepe to the shop door, and before morning he was dead, the crepe also served as the insignia of death for "Mug" Brock another employe, who died later.

At 3 o'clock Tuesday Tom Earnest a young stockman, died at his sister's home, making four of the unfortunate men. There are others who are seriously ill.

## FOUR KILLED BY MEXICAN BANDITS

El Paso, May 7.--A detachment of nine American soldiers forming the patrol at Glenn Springs, Texas, was almost wiped out in a raid of Villista bandits across the border Friday night, according to reports received by Major General Grederick Funston Sunday from Major O. B. Meyer of the Fourteenth cavalry of Marfa, Texas.

According to Major Meyer, the raiders, numbering fifty men, set fire to the patrol camp, and fired on the troopers as they tried to escape in the dark. Three were killed, two were wounded, and four were not accounted for.

The bandits then looted Glenn Springs, killing, according to the reports received by General Funston, the 10-year-old son of Ellis Woods, a wax plant owner. One civilian is missing.

The same band of Mexicans are reported on Sunday morning to have raided Bouquillas, and then to have crossed back into Mexico, taking with them a storekeeper named Deemers.

Two troops of the Eighth cavalry from El Paso and two troops of the Fourteenth cavalry from Fort Clark, ten miles north of Spofford, have been ordered by General Funston to take special trains to Marathon, the railway station nearest to Glenn Springs. They will have to march eighty-five miles to reach the scene of the raid.

### Shetland Pony For Sale

One thoroughbred shetland pony, absolutely gentle for children to drive and guaranteed safe. Also set of harness and surry. See me if interested. W. Parten.

Famous Wamba Coffee, Wamba Coffee, Wamba Coffee

Try the famous Wamba coffee that made Houston, Texas, famous. G. M. Sharp. J7f

## National Defense and International Peace

What the Engineers are Doing

THIRTY thousand American engineers are making a card index survey of American industry so that it may be prepared for its vital part in defending the Country, if need comes. The past eighteen months have taught us here in America what lack of industrial preparedness has meant to some of the countries now at war. These nations had the ships and they had the men; but when the hour struck, their factories were not able to furnish the colors with arms and shells and powder. Their factories were not prepared. And our factories are not prepared.

But it is not enough to draw a moral. In the United States five great Engineering Societies -- Civil, Mining, Mechanical, Electrical and Chemical -- have pledged their services to the Government of the United States, and are already working hand in hand with the Government to prepare industry for the national defense. They receive no pay and will accept no pay. All they seek is opportunity to serve their country, that she may have her industries mobilized for defense.

All elements of the nation's life -- the manufacturers, the business men, and the workmen -- should support this patriotic and democratic work of the engineers, and assist them cheerfully when asked. There can be no better national insurance against war.

The Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, representing all advertising interests have offered their free and hearty service to the President of the United States, in close co-operation with these five Engineering Societies, to the end that the Country may know what the Engineers are doing. The President has accepted the offer. The Engineers have welcomed the co-operation.

This advertisement, published without cost to the United States, is the first in a nation-wide series to call the country to the duty of co-operating promptly and fully with the Engineers.

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## PARIS HAS VERY DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

Paris, Texas, May 8.--Fire which started from unknown causes at four o'clock this afternoon consumed the plant of the Continental Compress Company here. Originating in one of the sheds stored with linters and bagging the fire spread rapidly to adjoining sheds and platforms consuming about \$2,000 bales of cotton valued at \$130,000, altogether there are 5,000 bales of cotton stored at the compress and the plant is valued at \$150,000. The fire gradually spread across the large central platform and seriously threatened the warehouse of the Paris Warehouse Company with 1,000 bales of cotton nearby.

The plant of the Transcontinental Company is situated about 100 yards from the origin of the disastrous conflagration of March 21.

## AVIATOR MEETS SUDDEN DEATH

Dallas, May 7.--J. H. Worden of Dallas fell 2,500 feet and was instantly killed Saturday afternoon when his monoplane collapsed in a loop-the-loop flight at Vickery, north of here.

Worden was flying up side down when the wings bent double. Every bone in his body was broken.

Worden, who was a pioneer aviator, was a member of the army flying reserve and was subject to summons for aerial service in case of emergency.

Spectators watching the flight found the engine still running when they extricated Worden's broken body from the wreck. It was the aviator's intention to drop fireworks from the plane at dusk to mark the course of his flight. The plane completed one loop and was in the middle of a second when the wings were seen to collapse suddenly. The craft dropped like a plummet with the wings bent vertical and struck the ground with a crash heard a quarter of a mile away.

## NEW T. P. TIME CARD IS ISSUED

Faster time east and west was inaugurated Sunday when the T. & P. changed passenger schedule over the Rio Grande division and extended the fast Sunshine Special from Fort Worth on to El Paso.

Eastbound trains now depart as follows: Sunshine Special at 8:44 each morning, No. 4 at 9:54 a. m., No. 6 at 10:18 p. m.

West bounds trains depart: Sunshine Special at 8:22 each evening, No. 3 bringing Fort Worth, Dallas and Abilene daily papers arrives at 6:08 each evening, No. 5 at 5:55 each morning.

The Sunshine Special makes only seven stops between Fort Worth and this point. The west bound leaves Fort Worth at 2 o'clock each afternoon and the westbound arrives in Fort Worth at 3:15 p. m. each day.

## AGENT LEWIS IS HERE TO PLEASE

Agent Lewis of the Texas & Pacific Company requests the general public to come to him at any and all times wherein he can be of service to them in the discharge of his duties in connection with the railroad at this place.

In view of some complaints recently made that have come to his attention since he became agent, he asks that in the future all patrons who have grievances of any kind to come to him in person and give him an opportunity to adjust the matter without going through all the red tape of referring the matter to officials higher up who do not easily understand the conditions.

### Work Horses For Sale

We have some good work horses and mules for sale, also one team of three year old mules to let out for their feed, Anchor Mercantile Co.,

Get your cream and Pearl meal from the Bob Martin Grocery Company.

### Roses of Spring

At the beginning of spring the Mail office is always decorated with a beautiful bunch of roses from the garden of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ash. The bunch given us this year being one of the most beautiful we have ever seen. These tokens of friendship are among things we wish for, it being that we desire a portion of our flowers while here to enjoy them.

## AWNING LIGHTS ARE TURNED ON

Cisco took on the appearance of a real up-to-date city Wednesday night, when the awning lights recently installed were turned on. There were 27 lights of 60 watt power in a 12 inch bowl, and their brilliancy made the other lights on the street look dusky. The street is so well lighted that one can almost identify a person from one end of the street to the other. The lights will burn from dusk until eleven o'clock each night. --Cisco Round-Up.

On or about the same evening the awning lights were turned on in Cisco, lights of the same brilliancy, size and description were turned on in Merkel, making and establishing the fact that Merkel is the best lighted town of 3,000 or less in western Texas. In all, fifty-eight of the 60-watt power lights are burning each evening.

## SHERIFF DODSON IN RACE AGAIN

No sheriff that Taylor county has had, has made a better officer than has Sheriff J. T. Dodson, who announces to the readers of the Mail as a candidate for reelection to the office he now holds.

During nearly every day Mr. Dodson has held office he has been a busy man, his work taking him to the various corners of the county until he is acquainted with nearly every calf trail over the country through which he has traveled. He has filled the office to which he was elected without fear or favor and has made a public record that no doubt would be envied by any public county official. Without question Sheriff Dodson is entitled to another term of office if not even more, and we ask that you consider his claims.

### To Increase Ranger Force

Austin, May 8.--The Ranger force is to be increased by fifty men additional immediately and a call will possibly be issued for still another hundred.

Gov. James E. Ferguson made this announcement today. The ranger force will go to the border for duty there.

### Work Stock For Sale

We have some good work horses and mules for sale, also one team of three year old mules to let out for their feed. Anchor Mercantile Co.,

### For Sale

Car load of high grade Jersey cows and heifers. For cash or good notes. W. J. Sheppard.

The Bob Martin Grocery Company received a fresh car of Baker Boy flour this week. Order a sack.

Don't buy a monument for your loved one until you figure with A. L. Jobe. 5t4

## ALLIES TO LAUNCH GREAT DRIVE SOON

London, May 7.--Within the next thirty days the allies will unroll a great combined offensive against the central empires that will mark the turning point in the world war.

This is the belief now held in every capital of Europe. The activity being displayed by the Germans in improving their defensive positions on both the eastern and western fronts, as well as in the Balkans, indicates that the German general staff holds the same opinion. Where the allied armies will strike first is a matter of greatest speculation in the London clubs.

A popular guess is in the Balkans, where the allies only a few days ago established themselves in the Greek town of Florina, opposite Monastir, as if in preparation for an advance.

Another guess is that the blow will fall on the British front near Lenz, the scene of a British drive in the allied offensive of last September. On this front the Germans, despite the Verdun offensive, have held large forces of Bavarians and by persistent nibbling have been striving to put their house in order to meet the expected British attack.

The certainty in the situation is the fact that despite new peace rumors, apparently emanating from Berlin, there will be no peace made until after the allies have tested their strength in a mighty smash against the German fronts. If this offensive fails to make a big dent in the German lines, the warfare will settle down to another deadlock, with peace a possibility, providing Germany alters materially the latest statement of peace terms made by her chancellor.

Through the official statement from the French war office Saturday reports another serious attempt by the Germans northwest of Verdun, it is generally believed here that the Verdun battle is over. The German newspapers for several days have had little to say about the Verdun operations. The impression prevails here that some of the heavier German pieces and many of the German veterans who fought at Verdun in the early days of the campaign have been shifted to other sections for more important work. Paris dispatches report the arrival on the Verdun front of fresh German detachments, many of which have reached the firing line for the first time.

## TERRIFICALLY, IS INTEREST IN WAR

Since President Wilson's order for the Militia of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona to report for duty has been received much speculation has been made as to what it will lead to.

In Abilene where a company was recently organized the members have found themselves in somewhat of a predicament, over being forced to leave for border duty. The Abilene Reporter tells its readers that seven employees of one firm have received orders for a quick departure. The Reporter further states the boys seem to be "terrifically interested" in their new found employment. No doubt a number of Merkel boys would have been in the same boat had recent attempts to organize a company here been successful.



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**A WORD OR TWO ON  
SUMMER ACCESSORIES**

The Colonial Pump Once More a Favorite---  
The Blue-Bird Parasol a Charming  
Novelty. Lace and Embroid-  
ery Popular

New York, May.—Hats, veils, shoes, parasols, dainty little collar and cuff sets, and all the numerous other accessories which go to complete the costume are charmingly designed this season to fit in smartly with the new silhouette and the general lines of the costume.

Shoe manufacturers are loud in their praise of the short-skirt vogue. In former years skirts have varied in width and trimming, but until this season have always remained at a conservative length. With the modish short skirt of the moment, smart,



Spanish Dance Dress

trim shoes are absolutely necessary to the general effect of the costume. The high laced boot of tan, brown, black or gray is popular with the tailored suit; for afternoons, with the light silk or novelty cotton frock, the old-time Colonial pump, with its huge buckle of silver or gun-metal, is once more a low-shoe favorite.

**Veils, Parasols and Collars**

At the beginning of the season there were any number of novel effects in veilings, but with the advance of the season the call for veilings for street and general use, aside from motoring, dwindles usually to the face veil, of almost invisible mesh, intended merely to keep the hair in place. The trick of arranging the veil over the hair, under the hat, is practical and clever, especially with the larger hats. The hat may be readily removed and the veil remain, keeping the hair smoothly and neatly in place.

Parasols promise to play a more prominent part in this summer's wardrobe than for many summers past; they are oddly shaped and vividly colored. One of the newest ideas is the blue-bird parasol; these are embroidered, stencilled or appliqued and spread their wings all around the outside edge of the white or softly tinted parasol, or scatter here and there over the inside surface. It is an extremely dainty notion, completing the summer frock in a most fascinating manner. Ostrich feathers edging the parasol is another effective fancy.

Neckwear this season is as fascinating and offers many possibilities for individuality as ever. Some smart little novelty ruches from Paris, now being shown in the shops, to complete a costume effectively, are narrow and finished with buckle, or tie with ribbon.

**Popularity of Lace and Embroidery**

The extreme favor being shown the typical lingerie frock has brought lace and embroidery into wide use again this summer. Lace is being used for trimming dresses and blouses and often forms the greater portion of the garment. The sheer lace flouncings are particularly pretty for summer and evening dresses. Metal laces are effective on the more formal gowns for daytime and evening. A particularly pretty use of lace flouncing is illustrated in the little Spanish dance frock shown here; upper portion of skirt and bolero are of taffeta bodice and flounce of a thread lace flouncing. An effective bit of contrast is introduced in the dark girdle and narrow ribbon banding around the short puff sleeves. Another, a simpler, even more youthful dress, is illustrated of voile and embroidered flouncing; it is charmingly suited to the young girl for summer wear.

The tub-frock is more popular than for many a year; Paris herself endorses the cotton dress this summer. Many attractive novelties are being sent us from the French looms; among them are the artistic piques, voiles and other fabrics of Rodier, with



Voile and Embroidery Flouncing

their quaint patterns and effective colorings. A particularly pretty voile for blouses and frocks is a fine check in color with a solid selvage; this colored selvage is used as a finish for collar, cuffs, jabots and the like.

**The Colored Lingerie Blouse**

The colored blouse of organdy, voile,orgette, and wash satin, has taken such a hold on the popular fancy that is quite difficult to find a really attractive plain white blouse, excepting those for sport wear. Pale pink, all tones of tan and yellow, soft blues and grays predominate. The costume blouse of pale cream lace ororgette, usually has an interlining of the palest flesh chiffon; the blue waist is piped with pink, or another harmonious contrast. It is indeed a season of color and one may indulge to the heart's content.

For the sport blouse, handkerchief and butcher's linen are both popular; pongee, the rough Chinese crepes, and the coarser voiles are also practical and well liked. Costume-blouses and shirt-waists are mostly finished with the open throat or adjustable collar, although with the strictly tailored suit one sees now and then a fetching choker.

Statement of The

**Farmers & Merchants  
NATIONAL BANK**

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business Monday, May 1st, 1916

**RESOURCES**

Loans	\$199,858.10
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	5,900.00
Cash and Sight Exchange	125,485.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$346,905.76</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	40,663.28
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscouunts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>274,992.48</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$346,905.76</b>

We appreciate your business and are anxious to render good Banking service to our friends and patrons at all times.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

**AN ORDINANCE**

Protecting the lives and property of the citizens and Aerial Wire and Cable Companies operating in the city of Merkel and regulating the moving of structure through the streets of said city.

**ARTICLE I.**

Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Merkel that any person, persons or corporations, who may move or caused to be moved within the city limits of the city of Merkel any house or other structures of greater height than 16 feet from the ground from one location to the other, on or over the streets or alleys of said city, shall be wholly responsible for any or all damages to persons or property which may be caused by the tearing down or obstructing in any manner or in any other way interfering with wires, poles, posts, cables or other appliances charged with electricity and being used by any telephone or telegraph, electric light and power, or alarm system.

**ARTICLE II.**

It will be necessary for any person, persons or corporations who desire to move any buildings such as described in Article I., to obtain from the City Secretary a permit and to furnish a good and solvent bond in the sum of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$500.00 as a guarantee of protection against damages to life or property as hereinbefore described. The City Secretary shall have authority to pass upon the application of any person, persons or corporations that may apply for such permits and offer such bonds and satisfy himself that said bond is good and collectable by any citizen or Aerial Wire and Cable concern rightfully and lawfully operating within the city limits of the said City of Merkel under franchise granted them by the city and whom may be damaged through

the operation of moving said structure.

**ARTICLE III.**

It shall be the duty of any person, persons or corporations securing permits and giving bond to engage in moving of any structure hereinbefore described, to notify in writing the Aerial Wire and Cable concerns that are operating within the city limits whose wires and cables they expect to come in contact with during the operation and moving of the said structure of their intention to so move said structure and upon giving of such notice to the local manager or agent of any said aerial wire or cable concern it shall be the duty of such aerial wire or cable concern to assist any such person, persons or corporation having legal permit to move any structure within the city limits as herein provided at such times as such notice may designate, and at a cost to the person or persons so moving such structure of not exceeding sixty cents per hour for the time actually necessary for such assistance; provided, that should any such aerial wire or cable concern shall fail or refuse to so furnish assistance as hereinbefore required when so notified by the person so engaged in moving such structure, then in such event the person or persons so engaged in moving such structure shall not be liable in manner to such aerial wire or cable company or concern for any damage that may occur to any of its cables, wires or other property of such company or concern.

**ARTICLE IV.**

Any person, persons or corporations who shall cause any building or structure prohibited under this ordinance to be moved into any street or alley of the said city of Merkel without first securing permit as hereinbefore provided, shall be fined not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$500.00. This shall become an ordinance and in full force on or after its final passage. Read and passed this 1st day of May, 1916 A. D. Approved, J. J. Stallings, Mayor. Attest: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.



# NEW FOR LADIES---

**J**UST received for the sultry summer days, comfortable PALM BEACH SUITS with small awning stripes. Prices ranging \$8.50 TO \$10. Black Taffeta suits and dresses---suits at \$20.00, dresses from \$22.50 down to \$15.00. DRESSES FOR CHILDREN---Gingham wash dresses in hundreds of sizes and shades, from 50c TO \$1.75. Middy blouses, grades from kahaki cloth to silk, ranging in prices \$1.00, \$1.25 TO \$2.50, designs in plain, figured, white and awning stripes. Vanity veil and organdies for the new summer dresses. Palm Beach material for dresses, full 60 inch, from \$1.00 TO \$1.50. Everything for ladies at

Woodroof's

## WOODROOF'S

Woodroof's

### LOCAL NEWS

Shorts and Bran at G. M. Sharps.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCoy were in Abilene Tuesday.

Sewing machines, good ones, from \$20.00 up. See E. D. Coats.

Mrs. E. M. Rust and Miss Genevieve are in Anson visiting the family of J. K. Pittard.

**Don't forget, 105 is the number. Grimes Drug Store.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Emmons and son, Vernon, visited their daughter, Mrs. Jack Graves Sunday.

Car of cowfeed expected before Saturday. G. M. Sharp.

Miss Neva Warnick returned to Abilene Tuesday morning where she has been attending school for some time.

Be sure and visit Duckett's new Variety Store next door to Behrens-McMillen.

Mrs. W. V. Cranford has as guest this week her sister, Mrs. Will Link and infant daughter, of Aspermont.

**A complete stock of pure drugs. Phone us, that's all. Grimes Drug Store. Phone 105.**

Miss Mary Lena Longly who has resigned her position in the school here left Friday night for her home at Whitewright.

I want to sell you your groceries. G. M. Sharp.

Mrs. Fred Bigham of El Paso come in Tuesday morning and is the guest of friends and relatives.

Plenty of meal, bran, shorts and mixed feed. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

Dr. McMasters is in Dallas attending the Dental Convention which is in session there.

When you come to Sweetwater, Texas, drive your car in the National Southern Highway Garage, on the west side of the square near the hotels. No charges to tourists and visitors for day storage. Do not leave your car in the hot sun, it will ruin the varnish and upholstery on your car. You are welcome to make our place home while in Sweetwater. We have free air and water on the sidewalk. We carry a fine line of accessories and tires. Our readers are especially invited to call on them while in Sweetwater. — Adv. tf

J. F. Edmiston of Gainsville was here Friday viewing the Merkel country with a view of making this place his home.

**Listen people! Save time, order your drugs by parcel post. Grimes Drug Store. Phone 105.**

Dr. Ollie Shaffer has returned from Atlanta, Ga. where he has been the past seven months attending Dental College.

## Two Remarkable Paint Offers

**We call the hand of every paint manufacturer in the United States. We make these two offers and if we fail to back them up, we guarantee to stand behind the refund propositions. If you are going to paint take time to read this.**

### OFFER NUMBER 1

Paint half your house "Devoe," paint the other half in any brand of paint you like. If it doesn't take less gallons and cost less money, we will make no charge for "Devoe."

#### And Furthermore

If "Devoe" doesn't wear a year, two years or three years longer—longer and better—we'll give you enough to do it again. Come in and let us explain, we are prepared to back up "Devoe" against any other paint sold.

### OFFER NUMBER 2

Paint half your house lead and oil, paint the other half "Devoe." In three years the lead and oil will be hungry for more paint, with "Devoe" still sound. If not we will give you enough for the whole house.

#### Devoe Paint is Lead and Zinc

Maybe you are thinking of painting. Quite likely it runs through your mind to buy "cheap" paint. Better pay a little more for "Devoe" and get longer wear and at actual cost of less money.

**We want to figure on the gallons you will need. See us either before or after you have investigated other paints, but be sure and figure with us before you buy, then we'll be able to make a sale.**

## Burroughs Drug Store

### Massage Treatment

SCIENTIFICALLY ADMINISTERED

GETS RESULTS

### There's a Reason

It gets at the cause of your trouble and removes it, giving nature a chance. Try it in your case. DR. PUE from Grogan Wells is still here at your service.

Try the Famous Grogan Wells Water at your drug store

I will only be here a few days longer and those desiring treatment should see me immediately.

### LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Allen Abernathy of San Angelo the first of the week a guest of relatives and friends.

Miss Alice Mae Boyce of Abilene and Gail McCarty of Sweetwater were guests of Miss Elma Sheppards Sunday.

R. J. Adcock has returned from an extended visit with his daughters, Mrs. A. M. Rice of Uvalde and Mrs. R. E. Kunze of Fort Worth.

Miss Hattie Mae Smith of Midlothian arrived Saturday to spend the summer with her sister, Miss Ruby. The former will fill the vacancy in the school caused by Miss Longly's resignation.

**A message to every busy farmer. Phone us your parcel post orders. Grimes Drug Store. Phone 105.**

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Martin returned Thursday of last week from an extended stay at Arbala and Lone Oak. Mr. Martin seems satisfied to stay in his old stamping grounds now and expresses no desire of returning to Arbala to live.

The family of J. T. Dennis and Miss Venona Hamblett enjoyed an outing on Clear Fork Monday. The night spent out, with fishing all between time, made it a really true outing, tho' brief, as they returned to town early Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stevens and baby, Nookins, and Miss Maude Edwards motored to Hamlin Friday to visit relatives, returning home Sunday they were accompanied by Miss Viola McCrackin.

Miss Olive Garoutte returned this week from a stay of several weeks duration at Marlin Wells. Miss Olive is much improved in health.

Dr. M. Armstrong and T. L. Grimes returned the first of the week from a cross country drive to Meridian where they visited relatives and attended to business matters.

#### Mrs. Mays Dead

Mrs. Mary Madge Mays, wife of R. L. Mays, was born August 28, 1876 and departed this life May 5th. At the early age of seventeen Mrs. Mays was converted, becoming a member of the Rock Springs Baptist church of Tennessee, of which she remained a member until her death.

Tuberculosis the prevailing cause took from the home the loving mother of ten children nine of whom are living and most of whom were with their mother at the time of her death. Burial and funeral services were held Friday afternoon of last week with interment in Rose Hill cemetery Rev. L. B. Owen conducting the services.

### CLASSIFIED ADS

FOUND—Vanity purse in Bob Martin Gro. store. Owner describe and call for same.

FOR SALE—Eight or ten ton of headed maize and quite a lot of feedstuff, six miles northeast of Merkel. S. W. Buzbee. 21t4pd

WANTED—A good farm hand wanted. Apply to Sam Butman, Nubia, Texas.

FOR SALE—Mebane cotton seed for planting purposes. See S. F. Haynes. 21tf

FOR SALE—My home in northwest Merkel where I now live. A bargain. T. J. Evans. 17tf

#### Firemen to New Braunsfels

Firemen Arnold Dye, Forest Gaither and Roy Sheppard left Sunday for the annual convention of firemen, which is held this year New Braunsfels. They expect to enjoy the trip to the greatest extent possible. For New Braunsfels has proven to be one of the most enthusiastic fire convention towns in the state.



# The MERKEL MAIL

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## HEAD IN PORK BARREL

Congressman Smith's latest grab at the slowly vanishing votes he has heretofore held came in the form of an agreement to help Sweetwater get a weather bureau.

Congressman Smith, in reply to inquiries about the establishment, acknowledged that Sweetwater was somewhat within the limits prescribed by regulations concerning the location of new weather bureau stations. He qualified his knowledge of how awful bad Sweetwater really needs a weather bureau station, by remembering to his Sweetwater friends that it was so awful far east and so far south to where stations were located.

Now every reader of the Mail knows, or ought to know, what desperate circumstances Sweetwater people are in for want of a weather bureau. The town has needed this no doubt for the last fourteen years but Congressman Smith has been rather slow in finding it out. But now that he has seen a great light glistening through the darkened rays of July 22nd, he awakes with a declaration that he is against pork barrel methods, yet in so soon a time we find him seated at the sloppy slush of porkdom asking for such things—as a \$100,000 postoffice for Ballinger, a like one for Sweetwater and a like one for Big Springs. He also thinks a weather bureau will be a great benefit to this arid section, (it is to be remembered that there is no weather bureau station nearer Sweetwater than Abilene) and he tells Sweetwater people that it would be plausible to establish a station in their city.

We suggest, as a citizen of Merkel, that Congressman Smith be petitioned at once for numerous requests Merkel has! While this distinguished gentleman is in the humor to hand out thousands

of dollars in appropriations, we might have him get us a postoffice building and court house combined, to cost, say, \$75,000. No! We won't never need the court house—but then we'll have it. We also have an excellent opportunity to irrigate a small portion of the Mulberry creek valley, worldwide known for its fertility. Mr. Smith is specializing in irrigation projects at the present and sees great possibilities in some of the desert country of western Texas near the border of Mexico and for this arid country he is after the government to appropriate irrigation funds. Who knows but that he would give us about \$100,000 to dam up Mulberry creek, one of the rip-roaringest gullies that ever dried up and stayed that way for weeks upon weeks, all of a sudden to be refreshed by a shower in the head water country. Let's everybody get together and if we need a lot of the government's money for foolish extravagance, we'll ask Mr. Smith to look after our needs. We wish to make it impressive that all citizens need work fast for what pork they want, due to the great likelihood of our distinguished Congressman being out of pocket within the next few months.

## CLEAN-UP

Now let us give the war a rest,  
 The rout, the siege, the sally,  
 And gaily shed our coat and vest,  
 And go and clean the alley.

Let's gather up the dogs and cats  
 Which have this life departed,  
 And let tin cans and bricks and hats  
 Off to the dump be carted.

In winter you may voice your views,  
 Which you believe important,  
 And base long sermons on the news,  
 But in spring you'd ortn't.

Then every able-bodied man,  
 Should whoop the "Clean Up" slogan,  
 And chase the old tomato can,  
 The cast-off hat and brogan.

So let us clear our bulging brows  
 Of trifling thoughts and narrow  
 And gather up the old dead cows,  
 And work the rake and harrow.

The rubbish left by careless men,  
 And lazy human cheeses,  
 Will bring a host of germ again,  
 And they'll bring punk diseases.

And forty billion flies will come,  
 As many microbes bearing,  
 And round our weary heads they'll hum,  
 And keep us busy swearing.

Clean up! Clean up! on every block  
 Let all the workers rally!  
 No man should stand around and talk  
 Until he's cleaned his alley!

—Wait Mason.

## Here From Winkler County

A. H. Neill and family arrived Monday morning from Kermit, Winkler county, and will visit with the families of J. L. McRee of Route 2 and Thomas Neill of Trent.

When seen Monday morning Mr. Neill drifted into conversation touching times in the Merkel country some twenty-five to thirty years ago, when he was a ranch boss in this country and in the conversation mentioned names of numerous, well-known old-timers, many of whom are still here.

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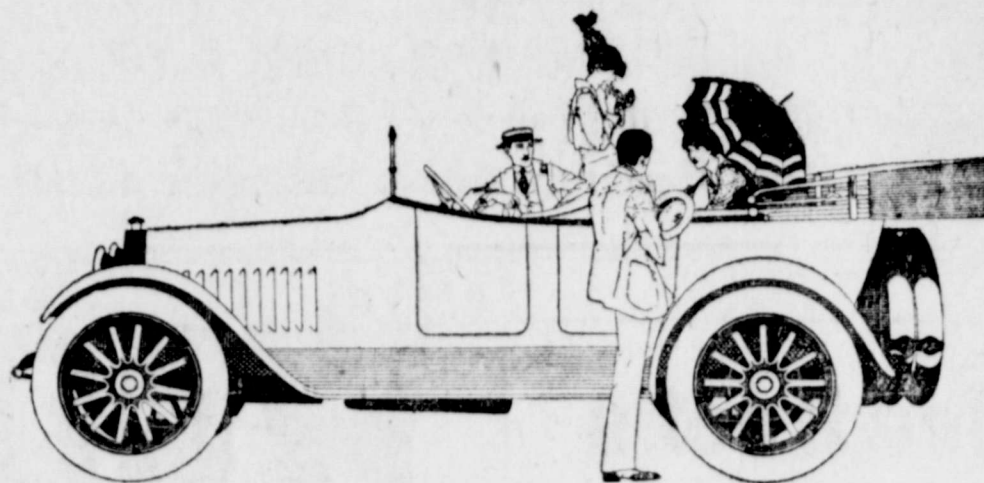
## Likes Merkel Country

G. W. Walters, of Wills Point, returned to his home Monday, following a two weeks' visit here with his sons B. A. and V. B. Walters. The Wills Point gentleman seemed reluctant in leaving this immediate vicinity, saying that he had had a glorious visit, enjoying every moment of his stay among the Merkel people.

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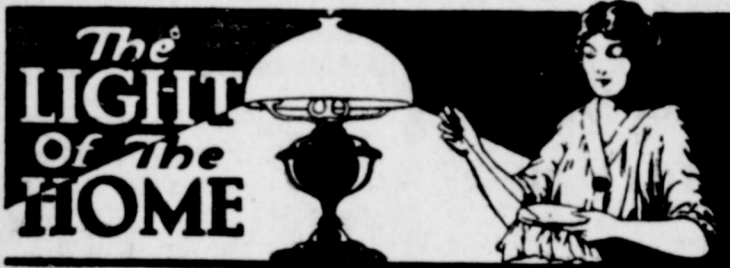
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## Kaiser Wants Armistice

London, May 8.—A Rotterdam dispatch says that it has been learned on high authority that Emperor William Easter Sunday sent an autograph note to Pope Benedict, expressing the hope that the Pontiff and the King of Spain would be able to construct a scheme to bring about a conference of the belligerents for

the consideration of armistice, hoping that eventual peace would be the result.

It is reported that envoys from the kings of Bavaria and Saxony have arrived at Rome.

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### T. & P. Time Table

EASTBOUND	
Sunshine Special	8:44 a.m.
No. 4	9:54 a.m.
No. 6	10:18 p.m.
WESTBOUND	
Sunshine Special	8:22 p.m.
No. 3	6:08 p.m.
No. 5	5:55 a.m.

### SHILOH

There was good attendance at Sunday school Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are the proud parents of a fine baby girl. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. Wilner Grayson, Mrs. Jones and daughters, Misses Lettye and Beulah, attended services at Noodle Sunday.

Mrs. Terrell Winters is reported improving this week.

Mesdames Will Bond and Bud Brown were shopping in Trent Saturday afternoon.

A fine baby boy came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gowdy last week.

Mrs. Altas Phillips of Trent spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Winters.

There was a musical entertain-

ment at Mr. and Mrs. Tabors Friday night.

Misses Lyda and Nina Beavers spent Saturday and Sunday with Misses Mattie and Cora Scott and attended services at Trent.

Mesdames J. H. Grayson and Chas. Seago were shopping in Merkel Thursday.

W. B. Beavers was trading in Trent Saturday afternoon.

Roy Cogburn conducted prayer services Sunday night. The report is he did splendidly. Roy is a young christian and we think he is setting a good example.

### CITY ORDINANCE

An ordinance declaring the keeping for service, or serving, in any manner, any stallion or jack to a mare, or bull to a cow, or boar to a sow, within certain limits in the business district of the city of Merkel to constitute a nuisance, and fixing a penalty.

Be it ordained by the city of Merkel:

Section 1. The keeping for service, or serving in any manner, any stallion or jack to a mare, or bull to a cow, or boar to a sow, in that portion of the business district of the city of Merkel embraced within the following limits, to-wit: Beginning at the N. E. corner of block No. 14; thence west with the south line of Pecan street to the east line of the alley in block No. 12; thence south with the east line of said alley and parallel with Kent street to the S. E. corner of lot No. 10, in block No. 21; thence east with the north line of North Front street to the S. E. corner of block No. 19; thence north with the west line of Lamar street to the N. E. corner of said block No. 14, the place of beginning, is hereby declared to constitute a nuisance; and any person who shall keep for service, or serve, or cause to be served, any stallion or jack to a mare, or bull to a cow, or boar to a sow, within the above designated limits shall be deemed guilty of committing a nuisance, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by fine in any sum not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars; and each day any stallion, jack, bull or boar shall be so kept or served shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Passed and approved this 8th day of May, 1916.

J. J. Stallings, Mayor.  
Attest: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.

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NO. 7481  
Report of the Condition of

### THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on May 1st, 1916

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts (except those shown on b)	\$211,167.00
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds pledged to secure U. S. deposits (par val)	4,000.00
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve bank	3,000.00
Less amount unpaid	1,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real Estate owned other than banking house	5,900.00
Net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank	11,484.35
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis	16,114.89
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	31,760.15
Net amt. due from banks and bankers (other than inclu. in 10 or 11)	27,349.38
Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	506.39
Outside checks and other cash items	118.36
Fractional currency, nickels and cents	197.70
Notes of other national banks	1,780.00
Coin and certificates	22,553.50
Legal-tender notes	2,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$346,594.21</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	19,205.61
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	3,542.33
Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
Net amt. due to banks and bankers (other than included in 29 or 30)	13,637.52
Demand Deposits:	
Individual deposits subject to check	242,759.05
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	400.00
Cashiers checks outstanding	35.00
Postal savings deposits	2,499.36
Total demand deposits,	
Items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40	\$245,693.41
Time deposits (payable after 30 days or subject to 30 days on more notice)	
Certificate of deposit	15,350.00
Total of time deposits, Items 41, 42, and 43	15,350.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$346,594.21</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:  
I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of May, 1916.  
G. W. JOHNSON, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest: J. T. WARREN  
BEN T. MERRITT  
G. F. WEST, Directors.

NO. 366  
Official Statement of the Financial Condition of

### The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 1st day of May, 1916, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 12th day of May, 1916.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$182,761.51
Loans, real estate	7,013.00
Real Estate (banking house)	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	5,700.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,960.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net	38,586.01
Cash Items	6,275.94
Currency	9,771.00
Specie	3,824.50
Int. in Depositors Guaranty Fund	1,492.09
Bills of Exchange on Cotton	39,420.98
Other Resources as follows	2,070.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$310,365.38</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$35,000.00
Surplus Fund	7,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	10,699.50
Individual Deposits sub. to check	245,518.50
Time Certificates of Deposit	10,455.00
Cashiers' checks	1,732.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$310,365.38</b>

State of Texas, County of Taylor:  
We, J. S. Swann as president, and R. O. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
J. S. Swann, president.  
R. O. Anderson, cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of May A. D. 1916.  
W. W. Wheeler (SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas  
Correct—Attest: J. S. Swann  
John Sears  
M. Armstrong } Directors  
Straight car of feed expected any day. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

### Uncle Terrell Winters, 65

Sunday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. Winters a number gathered to enjoy the well prepared dinner that was given in honor of Uncle Terrell Winters' 65 birthday. We congratulate ourselves for being one of those who were present there Sunday. We greatly enjoyed the music and good singing in the afternoon. Those present were Mrs. Altas Phillips of Trent, Miss Nancie Green, Mr. and Mrs. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. M. Winter, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rutledge and Lovel Rutledge. All report a good time and we wish Uncle Terrell a long happy life. A friend

### To Preach Here Sunday

Rev. W. R. Earp, one of the foremost evangelistic members Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth will preach at the Baptist church in this city next Sunday at both morning and evening services.

### Card of Thanks

We desire to thank those who assisted in preventing the destruction of our home by flames and especially do we extend our thanks to the fireboys for the assistance they gave. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

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# SOCIETY

MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

Too late for mention last issue was the dance given on Wednesday evening of that week at the Cozy. According to those present this was one of the most pleasant evenings of dancing that has been enjoyed here recently. An orchestra from Abilene to furnish the music made the dance all the more alluring. All in all it was an evening where pleasure solely held sway.

The regular meeting of the King Daughters class which was to have been held Tuesday of this week has been postponed until the regular time in June when the class will meet with Mrs. R. A. Martin.

The Sunday School class of Miss Winnie Warren's enjoyed a picnic party at Warrens lake Friday afternoon. Aiding Miss Warren in looking after the children were Mesdames J. S. Swann and Jno. Sears. About twenty were driven in the three cars of these ladies to the lake. The entire party was turned loose to have all the fun they could in the given time out which they surely did enjoy. A regular picnic luncheon with ice cream cones for dessert was served and in the early evening the drive back to town was made. Every child, happy from its outing and tired with the "sweet tiredness" known only to childhood.

On Thursday night of last week the Modern Woodmen Lodge entertained with a supper for its members with their wives



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mothers and sweethearts. In the last few weeks this lodge has taken on greater activity and this, one of their first attempts at entertaining, was a decided success and a happy gathering for all present.

Invitations have been issued for the birthday anniversary of Miss N. Olive Garoutte. This will be celebrated Saturday, May 20th, at Evilo Villa the country home of the Misses Garoutte.

### Miss Thomas Entertains

Last Friday evening Miss Charlie Bell Thomas entertained a few friends at her home in South Merkel. The young people assembled for the merry making after the revival services at the Methodist church and the first thing after they had arrived was left handed sewing contest. The greatest number of buttons sewn on in nearest straight line in three minutes, were the contest rules, and the winner was Miss Lorena Dry. In the guessing contest which followed Miss Mabel Laney and Mr. Joe Bickley were winners. Then all settled down to the game which never grows old forty-two, and this held sway until the service of cream and cake were in evidence in the late evening. Those enjoying Miss Charlie Bell's hospitality were Misses Lorena Dry, Eunice Russell, Beatrice Nidiver, Virginia Duckett, Mabel Laney and Josie Smith. Messrs. Leslie Brady, Ernest Duckett, Robert Rainbolt, Homer Laney, Stanley King and Joe Bickley.

### Owen Sharp

The wedding bells have again been rung in Merkel and this time for a sweet young bride so recently grown into womanhood that we hardly think of her as but a child.

At one thirty Sunday afternoon Joe W. Owens and Miss Winnie Sharp were married. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp, Rev. L. B. Owen, father of the groom, officiating minister. The only wedding guests were the immediate members of the families of the bride and groom. Early in life these two have pledged to each other the love vows. May it never lessen with the passing years but always abide. At present Mr. and Mrs. Owen are at the home of the bride where they are receiving congratulations and good wishes from a circle of friends.

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## NOT NECESSARY TO DIP CATTLE

Cattle free of ticks do not have to be dipped.

So says the chairman of the sanitary live stock commission.

J. F. Cunningham has returned from Austin and stopped over at Fort Worth and interviewed Dave Cunningham chairman of the livestock commission and is authorized to state to the public that parties whose cattle and pastures are free from ticks will not have to dip their cattle. Only those pastures or stock that are infested with ticks are required under the law to dip but the livestock sanitary board requests that all cattle be dipped as much as once or twice if possible in order to make more certain their pastures are free of ticks. This is a request and not a demand and until ticks appear on the cattle the commission will not require dipping.

## DOCTORS FORM PARTNERSHIP

Dr. James E. Adkisson and family have recently moved to Merkel where they will make their home. Dr. Adkisson will be associated in practice and have offices in connection with Dr. Miller.

For the past fifteen years Dr. Adkisson has been an active practitioner in Western Tenn. but owing to the effect of that climate on his wife's health has decided to give up a large practice there and come to our country. He is a man of pleasing personality and high professional and fraternal attainments and a brother to former townsman, Dr. J. A. Adkisson, to whom his likeness is very striking. The family consists of Mrs. Adkisson and two daughters who have been here for sometime and the Doctor who is expected to arrive today. We extend to them a most cordial welcome to our midst.

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### Grandma Cannon Deceased

"Grandma" Cannon as she was known to her numerous friends or Mrs. Kate Cannon was born in 1837 at Strawberry Plains, Tenn. and was converted to membership in the Baptist church at the age of 16. In 1864 she was married to Sam T. Cannon who now survives her and to this union were born eleven children nine of whom are living and are as follows: W. T. Cannon, Detroit; J. P. Cannon, Grayson Co. Sam Cannon, Abilene, L. J. R. T. and George Cannon, Mrs. W. E. Brady of this community Mesdames Roop and Wright of Hunt Co.

Burial services of the deceased were held Thursday at Stith the procession being a lengthy course of the many friends of the deceased and family who congregated to pay their parting respect to a christain lady, greatly loved by all who knew her.

### To Our Customers

We have established a regular egg market and will quote prices from week to week. Prices to be in effect from one quotation to the next. So don't be gulled into taking less for your produce and eggs than we are quoting.

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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!**

## DIAMONDS

\$100,000 worth will be on display at my store on May 15th and 16th, Monday and Tuesday.

## TWO DAYS ONLY

Two representatives of America's foremost Diamond Importers will be at my store in Sweetwater on the above dates with the largest and most complete line of Diamond Jewelry ever shown in West Texas, including everything in Diamond Rings, Studs, Scarf Pins, Ear Screws, Brooches and LaVallieres with all kinds of mountings in either gold or Platinum. This is your best opportunity to make that Diamond purchase, prices will be the lowest and the quality the best. Diamonds are going to advance 15 per cent on the first of June. Buy before they go up and while you have a large assortment to select from. Diamonds are a good investment. Come and look if you don't care to buy. Remember the dates.

## P. T. QUAST, Jeweler

Sweetwater, Texas

## Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

We want everyone to know that ours is the

## Nyal Quality Drug Store

T. L. Grimes, Druggist

## BREEDING NOTICE

With my combination horse, Gerald, and stylish black Spanish Jack, Tom, also Jersey Bull and Duroc Boar, I ask a share of your business. All care will be taken but not responsible for accidents. Office Boyce Bldg.

## G. R. GAZZAWAY

## WEAR A CLEAN SUIT

LET

## RENFRO THE TAILOR

AT THE CITY BARBER SHOP DO

## Your Cleaning and Pressing

**Masons to Meet Saturday**  
All members are requested to be present Saturday night, and visitors are cordially invited to be present at our stated meeting on tomorrow night, Saturday, May 13th. Work in the first degree will be done.  
Wesley Edwards, W. M.

**Breeders Notice**  
My jack will make the season at Mr. Beard's on Bettus Heights. \$10.00 to insure living colt. Precaution will be taken but will not be responsible for accidents. See some of his colts at my house 2 miles N. W. of town.  
R. A. (Bob) Sadler. 2873

## Our Tailored Suits

point the way to swell-dresserville. Join the line of satisfied patrons who have us build their clothes. Our prices together with quality goods and a guaranteed fit should prompt you to come here.

## F. E. Church

## GOOD BRAKES AVERT ACCIDENTS

There is nothing more dangerous to the autoist than faulty brakes. You not only risk your own life, but the lives of others as well. We can provide you with new brakes, brake linings or any accessories at very low prices. We positively guarantee everything we sell.

## MERKEL GARAGE

## TAKE TWO SHIRTS

One brand new, the other one that we have done up. It's dollars to doughnuts that you pick out the one we have laundered as the new one. Send your linen here if you want it to look like new all the time. It will take but one trial to convince you.

Sweetwater Steam Laundry  
Grimes-Howard Tailors  
Merkel Agents

## On The Right Track

Yes, when headed for our store you are on the RIGHT TRACK for any and everything in the line of Groceries.

Our customers will all tell you that we always give a little better Quality for the same money.

Don't be SIDE-TRACKED, for remember we can Save you money on every purchase.

## E. L. ROGERS

GROCERY

W. U. W.  
Merkel Camp No. 719 meets second and fourth Friday nights of each month.  
T. F. Compton, C. C.  
S. Hamilton, Clerk

Pure drugs, phone 105.

"No!— I Said Calumet!"

"I want what I ask for— I know what it would mean to go home without it. Mother won't take chances — she's sure of Calumet — sure of light, wholesome, tasty bakings — of positive, uniform results — of purity and economy. You try

## CALUMET Baking Powder

— lay aside your favorite brand once and you'll never go back to it. Calumet is the world's best Baking Powder — it's moderate in price."

Received Highest Awards  
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CALUMET BAKING POWDER  
CHICAGO

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



# No Such Thing as Higher Prices at Parten's

We hedged the market by enormous timely purchases. Our Spot Cash system is responsible for our ability at this time, as well as others, to locate an advancing market and thereby to favor our trade with the usual, if not the unusual price advantages, and as usual capture the cash that such foresight, extraordinary alertness and risk of over-stocking rightly deserves. While we have had a big increase in sales over any previous year, they have not been in proportion to our greatly increased purchases. To bring our stock down to that correct proportion and stimulate trade to a degree to bring about the above desired result by JUNE 1, 1916, we inaugurate, install and maintain minutely throughout this important period

## Our Great Stock Reducing Sale

In which we offer every customer within Merkel's trade radius an unlooked for and unprecedented opportunity to supply spring toggery at such a vast saving that it will pay each and every one enormously to select as early a day as possible and visit this oasis of resplendent marvels in spite of ordinary obstacles. This massive stock consists of \$30,000 worth of this Spring's newest fabrics, garments and articles of apparel of every conceivable necessity, and shoes direct from the best factories in the United States. Thousands of pairs of this spring's newest styles will be sold absolutely and unequivocally at prices pleasing to the most expectant economist. Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! It's a foregone conclusion that sizes and styles will be broken early and both are highly necessary to comfort and satisfaction.

All taffeta silks this sale only.....	\$1.00	25c huck towels, per pair, only.....	.20	2.50 boys Palm Beach suits.....	1.75
\$1.00 corsets this sale only.....	.85	15c figured lawns and batistes only.....	12½c	3.50 boys Palm Beach suits.....	2.75
10c laces this sale only.....	.05	\$1.50 hats, for men, only.....	1.00	5.00 boys wool Kool Cloth.....	3.45
10c embroideries this sale only.....	.05	2.00 hats, for men, only.....	1.50	Men's \$1.50 Kool Cloth pants.....	.98
Round thread cotton checks only.....	.04	2.50 Panama hats for men.....	1.95		

\$1.50 and \$1.75 Taffeta silks only.....	\$1.00	\$3.50 Newest style ladies patent slippers only.....	\$2.75	\$2.50 Newest style ladies patent slippers now only.....	\$1.75	\$10.00 Newest style men's Spring suits.....	6.95
\$4.00 Newest style ladies patent slippers only.....	\$3.00	\$3.00 Newest style ladies patent slippers.....	2.25	\$20 Newest style men's Spring suits.....	13.50	\$15.00 Newest style ladies Spring suits.....	9.95
						\$10.00 Newest style ladies Spring suits.....	6.95

### Beautiful New Spring Dress Goods and Silks at Monster Savings. Be on Hand Early

New spring dress gingham now worth 12½c now selling for.....	10c
New spring dress percales 38 inches wide guaranteed not to fade, now worth 15c now selling for.....	10c
New spring suitings now worth 20c now selling for only.....	12½c
New spring suiting now worth 25c now selling for only.....	18c
New spring suiting now worth 35c now selling for only.....	25c
New spring suiting now worth 50c now selling for only.....	35c
New spring woollens now worth 75c now selling for only.....	50c
New spring silks now worth 35c now selling for only.....	25c
New spring silks now worth 50c now selling for only.....	35c
New spring silks, now worth 75c, now selling for only.....	50c
New spring silks, now worth \$1.00, now selling for only.....	75c
New spring silks, now worth \$1.50, now selling for only.....	\$1.00
New spring lawns, now worth 15c, now selling for only.....	10c
New spring lawns, now worth 20c, now selling for only.....	12½c
New spring lawns, now worth 25c, now selling for only.....	18c
New spring lawns, now worth 35c, now selling for only.....	25c
New spring lingerie, now worth 50c, now selling for only.....	35c

### Clothing for Men & Boys

We are impelled by a natural kindly feeling for our our fellow being to implore every would-be good dresser to inspect our high-grade, perfect-fitting within-reason clothes—every suit is guaranteed to fit and wear and hold its shape and not fade. What more do you want for the price? If we don't save you money we don't want to sell you.

### New Spring Laces and Embroideries at Monster Savings

#### Beautiful to Behold—Better to Buy at These Prices

Beautiful new val laces, now worth 10c to 15c, now selling for only.....	5c
Beautiful new shaddow laces, now worth 15c to 25c, now selling for only.....	10c
Beautiful new embroideries, including baby sets, now worth 10c, now selling for only.....	5c
Beautiful new embroideries, including baby sets, now worth 15c to 20c, now selling for only.....	10c
Beautiful new organdie flouncing, now worth 50c, now selling for only.....	35c
Beautiful new shaddow laces, now worth 25c, now selling for only.....	15c
Other beautiful laces and embroideries in the newest, daintiest patterns and designs too numerous to mention at the same low prices.	

### Staples Staples Staples

These prices are good as long as the present stock lasts, only.

Bleached domestic, now worth 7½c, now selling for only.....	5c
Bleached domestic, now worth 10c, now selling for only.....	7½c
Bleached domestic, now worth 11c, now selling for only.....	8½c
Bleached domestic, now worth 12½c, now selling for only.....	10c
Brown domestic, now worth 10c, now selling for only.....	7½c
Bleached pepperell sheeting, now worth 35c, now selling for only.....	30c
Brown pepperell sheeting, now worth 32½c, now selling for only.....	28c
Extra quality mattress ticking, now worth 12½c, now selling for only.....	10c
Extra quality feather ticking, now worth 20c, now selling for only.....	15c
Extra quality canvassing, now worth 5c, now selling for only.....	4c
Extra quality blue denim, now worth 20c, now selling for only.....	15c
Full width best bleached sheeting only.....	25c

### Men's Furnishings

Here is Where our Sparker Is Superb

Mens work shirts, full made, now worth fully 60c, now selling for only.....	45c
Mens dress shirts, now worth \$1.00, now selling for only.....	75c
Mens dress shirts, now worth \$1.25, now selling for only.....	\$1.00
Mens sport shirts, latest degree, now worth \$1.50 now selling for only.....	\$1.00
Mens balbriggan undershirts, now worth 35c, now selling for only.....	25c
Mens balbriggan undershirts, now worth 65c, now selling for only.....	50c
Mens elastic seam drawers, now worth 50c, now selling for only.....	45c
Mens all solid leather belts, now worth 50c, now selling for only.....	25c
Mens all silk four-in-hand ties, now worth 50c, now selling for only.....	25c
Mens suspenders, now worth 50c, now selling for only.....	25c
Mens cotton gloves, now worth 15c, now selling for only.....	8½c
Numerous others at the same big bargains.	
Mens work pants, now worth \$1.00, now selling for only.....	90c
Mens work pants, now worth \$2.00, now selling for only.....	\$1.45
Mens work pants, now worth \$2.50, now selling for only.....	\$1.95
Mens work pants, now worth \$3.00, now selling for only.....	\$2.25
Mens dress pants, now worth \$2 to \$2.50 now selling for only.....	\$1.45
Mens dress pants, now worth \$3.00, now selling for only.....	\$1.95
Mens dress pants, now worth \$3.50, now selling for only.....	\$2.45
Mens dress pants, now worth \$4.00, now selling for only.....	\$2.95
Mens dress pants, now worth \$5.00, now selling for only.....	\$3.45

### Shoes and Slippers for Ladies, Men, Girls and Boys

We are prepared with both style and quality, both to a degree of the most eminent efficiency to supply every one of each and every family within Merkel's trade radius with the most marvelous values in spring footwear possible to wish for. If your feet are sore our shoes will ease them. If you've been getting sorry shoes we'll cure that—if the prices have been too high we have the only remedy—

#### 25 to 50 per cent Saved on Every Pair

And we guarantee better shoes. NO RISK TO TRY US.

### Men & Boys New Spring Hats and Caps The Best Ever

John B. Stetson, worth \$4.50 and 5.00, now selling.....	\$3.50
Now worth 1.50, now selling for.....	\$1.00
Now worth 2.00, now selling for.....	1.45
Now worth 3.00, now selling for.....	2.45
Now worth 3.50, now selling for.....	2.95

These are the biggest values ever offered at the beginning of any previous season. It'll pay you to buy now.

It would give us greater pleasure to describe in detail and price every article in our store, but the lack and cost of greater space prevents. We will pay you for your day's trouble, however, if you fail to find a day's compensation in the savings we shall make in your spring purchases. It is with better goods, better advantages and lower prices that we base our claims for your spring business.

Our big store will be aglimmer with the opulence of spring's hoardings and aglow, with phosphorescence of handsome savings for every cash buyer.

Merkel's Big Busy Cash Store

**PARTEN DRY GOODS CO.**

Merkel's Big Busy Cash Store



# MAY BARGAIN PRICES

**FOR NEARLY A YEAR YOU HAVE HEARD NOTHING BUT ADVANCE! ADVANCE! ADVANCE!**

Until it has become monotonous, but the time has come when we, as a whole, must wake up to the full realization of the fact that merchandise will be a matter of getting the goods and the price will be a secondary consideration. We are going to refresh your minds during the month of May by way of offering the public one of the best selected lot of merchandise in the country at much less than we can replace lots of it at from 10 to 33 1/2 per cent. Our foresightedness in buying these goods at from 6 to 12 months ahead is the only reason we can offer you such bargains today. These prices are to our customers only and no goods sold to merchants under any consideration whatever at these prices. We have enjoyed a splendid spring business, much in excess over last year's business and must make May the biggest month ever. **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.** But come today. Help us make May our Banner Month. Spend the money now you intended spending later and reap a great interest

## Men's High-Grade Clothing

At such prices as we will absolutely not be in position to duplicate later within a radius of \$5.00 per suit. The clothing market is hit worse than any other market in the business world today, from the fact that dye stuffs are unobtainable and mills are unable to fill the heavy demands being made upon them by foreign buyers.

One lot special serges in blues and grays that came in this week in a late shipment, and rather than send them back offer them at the extremely low prices to our customers in our May Sale Price at only **\$11.95**

Our \$22.50 and \$25 serges and worsteds in blues, grays and brown in our May sale only **\$15.95**

\$7.50 and \$6.50 Palm Beach suits in black and blue pin stripes, light, cool cloths, etc., our May sale price only **\$5.95**

One lot men's high-grade pants from \$1.50 to \$5.00 at a discount of one fourth off to close. All new clean merchandise but only a few sizes left of a number.



## WONDERFUL VALUES IN STAPLE COTTON GOODS

One lot 4-4, 36-inch full width LL brown domestic, the mills are asking today 5 1/2c per yard, our May price 20 yards to the dollar, or per yard **5c**

One lot sea island domestic well worth 12 1/2c today, slightly damaged in shipping, only a few hundred yards left at the extremely low price of **6 1/2c**

This is a winner—Canvassing well worth 4c per yard, our May sale price only per yard **3c**

One lot Amoskeag A.C.A. ticking, well worth 25c per yard, our May sale price only per yard **15c**

One lot fancy cotton ticking well worth 12 1/2c and 15c, in stripes and fancy plaids, at per yard only **8 1/2c**

One big lot book-fold fancy dress ginghams, fast colors, in grade, held today by many others over the country at 12 1/2c and worth by the manufacturers 9c. These are clean, new, fresh, seasonable goods, spring styles, all colors, stripes, plaids, small checks and solids, our May sale price **8 1/2c**

One lot fancy percales 36-inch goods in all colors, stripes, plaids, checks, etc., fast colors, well worth today 12 1/2c; our May sale price only **8 1/2c**

One lot full width 10-4 pepperel bleached sheeting, jobbers today are asking per yard 29c; our May sale price **28c**

One lot full width 9-4 pepperel bleached sheeting worth today 27c; our May sale price only **26c**

One lot full width 10-4 brown sheeting worth today by jobbers 28c; our May sale price only **26c**

One lot full width 9-4 brown sheeting worth today by the jobbers 25c; our May sale price only **24 1/2c**

One lot short length mill odds and ends in blue chevots, an excellent cloth for men and boys work shirts, well worth 12 1/2c; our May sale price only **7 1/2c**

One lot cotton checks in different colors in plaids and stripes, a big thing for quilt linings, special value; in our May sale price 25 yards to the dollar.

Mens white and ecru flat balbriggan summer weight shirts and drawers, all sizes from 30 to 44, regular price 35c; our special May sale price only **29c**

Mens one-piece union suits in small demity checks in athletic style, three quarter length, short sleeves and knee length, all sizes from 34 to 46, regular \$1 grade, May sale price **85c**

One lot mens high-grade dress shirts in all colors, fancy blue black and purple stripes, regular \$1.00 seller; our May sale price only **79c**

One lot mens high-grade shirts, regular 75c values; our May sale price only **49c**

All \$3.50 and \$5.00 silk shirts at one fourth off.

Mens high-grade hosiery in black and tans, 4 pair for **25c** Only one sale to a customer of this number

Mens 50c black cat hosiery in all colors and fancies, our May sale price only **39c**

Mens 35c grade silk hosiery in all colors, black, midnight blue, palm beach, tan and white; our May sale price **29c**

## Mens, Ladies, Misses and Childrens Shoes and Oxfords at Greatly Reduced Prices

but for lack of space cannot quote prices here. Bring your shoe bill to us and we will shoe the whole family

**OUR SILK DEPARTMENT** has been replenished recently by express shipments from the mill and we are now making a great showing in the new georgette crepes, silk taffetas, crepe de chines, chiffons, habutais, etc. A look in this department will please the most exacting, and at prices below the market value today.

## Anchor Mercantile COMPANY

## Ladies' Coat Suits, Sport Coats Skirts, Waists, Etc.

These are all new dependable goods and right direct from the New York fashion counter, so don't be afraid to buy from us in this line for we will never offer you anything but the newest goods and at much less prices than you will have to pay for junk in other places.



Our \$25 and \$27.50 coat suits in navy and tan with the new bell sleeve with combination trimmings made of very best grade light summer weight poplins and serges, our May sale price to close only **\$15.00**

Our \$18.50 and \$20.00 suits in pretty check with suitable trimmings; also navy and black included, our May sale price to close only **\$10.50**

All \$12.50 and \$15 suits in the different shades and colors at the extremely low May sale price of **\$8.95**

Ladies' Skirts and Waists, new ones right from the New York markets included in this sale at

**10 Per Cent Discount**

## The Ventilo Front Shield

Is a feature which adds to the value of corsets containing it. It consists of a Ventilo section with cloth on each side, is attached to the front shield with hooks and eyes. Women's figures are constantly changing in size and contour, so this clever device accomplishes a four-fold purpose. It prevents the flesh from protruding between the laces insures ventilation, permits greater range of adjustment and prevents the laces and clasps from marking the flesh. Ventilo features are patented and can only be found in



## LaGamille Corsets

Our No. 148 Carrick Cloth, elastic in back, six hose supporters, white only, all sizes from 19 to 30, regular price \$2.50, our May sale price only **\$2.00**

Our No. 205 CR Corset, similar to above, higher bust with 11 1/2 inch clasp, rubber section in back, made of reppo cloth, white and pink, all sizes; regular price \$3.00, special May sale price only **\$2.25**

Our No. 240 CR Corset—This model conforms to dictum of fashion, gives a handsome corseted effect, has medium bust and skirt, elastic in bottom of back, made of Carrick Stripe cloth with embroidery trimming, six hose supporters, in white only; regular price \$3.00, May sale price only **\$2.50**

No. 4202—For figures of average proportions and those inclined to stoutness, substantially boned, medium bust, has rubber section at bottom of back, material coutil, tailor trimmed in white and pink, fancy brocade; regular price \$5, our May sale price only **\$3.85**

## Ladies and Childrens Hosiery Department



### Dressy—Elastic—Durable Black Cat REINFORCED HOSIERY

High lustre and fine gauge assure splendid appearance. High tension elasticity gives permanently that desirable clinging trimness. High spliced heels and reinforced heels, toes, soles and garter tops guarantee great durability. Sanitary and non-fading. Made in U. S. A. For Over Thirty Years.



Headquarters At

This department is complete in every detail and are still in position to make some extremely low prices in everything in this line, however the dye situation has pretty near made it impossible to secure some lines of hosiery from the mills.

Our \$1.50 glove silk ladies hose in black, pink, bronze and all the leading shades; our May sale price only **\$1.29**

Our \$1 grade ladies hose in all the leading shades; our May sale price **79c**

Our 50c ladies silk hose in the different shades; our May sale price **39c**

Our regular 35c grade wool fiber hose in, black only, May sale price **29c**

All 25c black silk lisle and lisle hose, our May sale price **21c** Special black hose, a 3-for-25c, now during this sale four pair for a Quarter. Only one sale to a customer.

## CHILDRENS DRESSES

Big specials in childrens dresses in good fast color ginghams, plaids, checks and combinations, \$1.25 values, now **89c**

Many bargains in popular dress goods for spring and summer Our regular 19c popular priced voiles, batistes, lawns, etc., in all the dainty patterns; our May sale price only **11c**

Our regular 25c grade of tissues, marquesettes, voiles and batistes in small pink, blue and black checks and stripes; our May sale price only **19c**

One lot 27-inch chiffon faille, the best silk and cotton fabric on the market today for 50c, in all the leading shades; our May sale price only **39c**