

AN UNPLEASANT OUTLOOK.



—Bronstrup in Los Angeles Chronicle.

H. S. 'DAD' WILSON BACK FROM EAST

H. S. "Dad" Wilson has returned from Birmingham, Ala., where he participated in the three days celebration of the Old Confederate Soldiers, held in that city last week.

"Dad" Wilson has nothing but praise for the management of the reunion, and complimented Birmingham very highly for the courteous way in which the old soldiers were entertained. Among the old warriors he met in camp he saw a few men whom he knew of during those fighting days, and did not meet a single member of the company to which he belonged, Company I of the 19th Arkansas Regiment. Mr. Wilson explained this by saying that only seven members of the entire company survived when the war was over, and for this reason he supposed he was the only living member of the slaughtered one hundred and twenty-five who started out. He praised the Boy Scouts in the most glowing terms and from the account of the gentlemanly manner in which the boys acted, they were deserving of much praise. Once when Mr. Wilson was about to catch a street car for the camp grounds a boy scout came running up to him and asked him if he had one of the old soldiers tickets good for transportation from the city to the camp. Mr. Wilson told the boy scout that he had no ticket and was going to pay his way. To this the little fellow remarked that such was not necessary and, calling another nearby scout commanded that he run to the Texas headquarters quick and get this gentleman a complimentary ticket before the next car came.

At any time an old soldier wanted to reach some point in the city he only had to ask a boy scout and the young man would take the stranger by the hand and lead him to his destination. Mr. Wilson remarked that it was singular how tireless those little fellows appeared, as they were up during the late hours of the night and by daylight several squads would be at the old soldiers' camp, six miles from the center of Birmingham, ready to do the bidding of any old Confederate who might express a wish.

"Dad" stated that he found some kickers among the old soldiers who attended but as far as he was concerned he had one of the most enjoyable times of his life, and would never get through thanking the people of Merkel who made him their personal representative to the reunion.

NEWS OF NOODLE; E. J. CALLOWAY DEAD

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Witt are the proud parents of a baby girl who made its arrival May 18th.

Quite a number from this place attended the closing exercises of the Shiloh school last Friday night given by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson.

Eld. Bankhead from Merkel filled his appointment at the Christian church Sunday.

Mrs. E. E. Church of Merkel spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Beene.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Rogers of Merkel and Miss Lola Harkins of Roscoe were the guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Eoff.

Mrs. J. M. Cook is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Shaffer near Lubbock.

Rev. Gaddis preached at the Methodist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker of Kale attended services at the Christian church Sunday.

M. E. Witt and family of Merkel were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Witt Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock and Mrs. A. J. Barbee were called Saturday morning to the bedside of their father E. J. Calloway, formerly of this place, but now of Matador. He has been very ill but a short while. The sad news came to us Monday stating that he passed away that morning and would be buried at that place Monday afternoon. There will be many who will regret to learn of his death, for he lived in our community for some sixteen years and was well known. He is survived by a wife and nine children.

Everybody is busy plowing their crops and will soon begin their chopping. We have fine prospects for a big crop. A large crowd from Noodle went to Shiloh Friday night to the play which was given by some of the young people of that community. It was enjoyed by all present.

A church conference was held at the Methodist church Saturday night. We have a large membership and have one hundred and fifteen members in our Sunday school.

Miss Alice Hill of Roscoe is visiting her niece, Mrs. L. G. Ely. We organized and are trying to carry on an "Upward League" at this place, and would like to have a large crowd of both old and young people. It meets the first and third Sunday afternoons of each month.

Luther Richards, from the business college of Abilene, visited his parents here Saturday and Sunday.

SECOND MONDAY IS NOT YET ASSURED

Whether a regular Second Monday will be held in Merkel each month is not yet assured but before next issue of the Mail we hope to be able to state positively that the second Monday will be observed each month.

In event local enthusiasts intend to promote this trades day, the management will likely be taken up through the Commercial League and the matters in question threshed out at an early date.

Dr. O. F. McMasters has been confined to his room several days suffering from erysipelas on the face. He is improving the last few days.

BAPTIST MEETING TO BEGIN SOON

A protracted meeting of the local Baptist church will begin the second Sunday in June at the tabernacle.

Rev. O. W. Dean of Seymour will assist in the meeting which will extend through a greater part of the month.

W. L. Clay of Charleston, Ark. and several years ago a resident of Merkel, returned here Wednesday to shake hands with the many old time friends he has in Merkel. Mr. Clay has sold his Arkansas interests and is contemplating a return to this section.

Shorts and bran at G. M. Sharp's.

WANTED—A PIN.



—Starrett in New York Tribune

ERROR IN PRINTED CANDIDATE CARDS

Last week in finishing a job of candidate cards for Judge N. D. Cobb, an error was made in our mechanical department by the proof reader that probably may cause some little criticism to be made of Judge Cobb's carelessness, when in fact, it was entirely a fault of the Mail.

The printed matter on the card reads in part as follows: "I favor a law prohibiting the shipment of liquor into prohibition territory, if it requires an amendment to the court." The statement should have been: "I favor a law prohibiting the shipment of liquor into prohibition territory, if it requires an amendment to the constitution. Judge Cobb called our attention to the mistake and we quickly saw our error, but not until after some of the cards had been mailed and handed out. In the manuscript copy given us by Judge Cobb the word constitution was abbreviated "cons't" and the printer mistook it to read "court" and the proof reader committed the same error, thus the mistake was made. We hope that our "bust" has no way placed Judge Cobb in an embarrassing position, and, in a way, alleviate our mistake by saying that the manuscript could have easily been read as "court" by any person in a rush to complete a reading of the article in which the mistake from the copy was made.

JAPANESE PLAY IS HERE TONIGHT

"Princess Crysanthemum" a Japanese play will be given at the Cozy Theatre tonight, Friday by Abilene talent under direction of Mrs. Mewshaw.

Mrs. Mewshaw has had other attractions at Merkel and her work has always met with approval. Read their ad in this issue of the Mail.

Returns To Merkel

W. H. Roach who formerly lived here is returning to Merkel from Royston where he has been engaged in the grocery business for some time.

Mr. Roach is moving his grocery stock here from Royston and will occupy the corner building where the Kent Street Gro. Co., formerly kept.

BRICK WORK ON CHURCH STARTED

Following the completion of the entire foundation and all the frame work of the new Presbyterian church, bricklayers started the veneer course of facing brick on the new structure Tuesday morning and within a very short time the building should take on the aspect of one of the most beautiful structures in west Texas.

Contractor Robertson has dispatched the work to date with an unusual amount of rapidity and before long the Presbyterian congregation should be able to enter their new home, one of the finest in the city.

ROY E. FOX WILL BE HERE MONDAY

Roy E. Fox a well known show man is coming to Merkel Monday for a week's engagement with his tented aggregation and will pitch his show immediately west of the Fire Station.

Mr. Fox is now traveling in a Pullman car thoroughly equipped with modern conveniences and is employing an almost entirely new cast of players and handsome new scenery for each and every production.

Ex-Senator Visited Here

We erred in not reporting the late visit of Ex-Senator W. P. Sebastian, now a member of the State Board of Pardons who was called to Abilene in a recent murder case held there and came on to Merkel to visit his old-time friend H. M. Rainbolt, though he had little time to talk with him from the fact that people from different sections of the country were calling on him in regard to their friends or relatives who are now being detained by the state either at Rusk or Huntsville. The visit here being a social one entirely, the Ex-Senator Sebastian delayed action in all the cases.

Candidates Here

Judge Mahaffy, W. J. Cunningham, H. Rob Keeble, J. S. Smith, Thos. St. John, Arthur Jones, W. F. Dillard, J. Fuller were among the candidates in Merkel Wednesday afternoon while on their way to Nubia to speak to the voters of that box.

I. S. ALLEN IS FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE

To the readers of the Mail who vote in this justice precinct, we are authorized to announce the candidacy of I. S. Allen for the office of Justice of the Peace, subject to the coming Democratic Primaries of July.

Mr. Allen is too well and favorably known for any comment the Mail might make of his standing in the community. He has lived among the Merkel people for years and his qualifications for the office are known. Give his claims careful consideration when you cast your ballot.

MAN IS DROWNED WEDNESDAY EVE

Shortly afternoon Wednesday a telephone message from Trent brought news of the death of Ted Cozart, by drowning, near the home of T. L. Stevens.

Mr. Cozart, a brother of Mrs. Stevens, had gone to a small tank near the Stevens home in company with Frank Stevens for an afternoon swim, and it is supposed that the victim was stricken with cramps while in deep water. Frank Stevens attempted to rescue Cozart but was forced to break away from the drowning man in order to save his own life. The body remained in the water something like an hour before being recovered.

Moving to Denton

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Adams among Merkel's foremost citizens are preparing to move to Denton where Mr. Adams has recently purchased property. Mr. Adams expects to leave for his new home today, Friday, as his new purchases at Denton demand his attention there at the earliest possible moment.

The Mail regrets that these good people are leaving our midst and commend them most highly to the citizenship of Denton.

Merkel Canned Fruit

Why not buy it canned in Merkel. I have a supply of choice canned peaches and will deliver in Merkel at \$1.00 per dozen 3 pound pie peaches and \$1.50 fancy table. Phone me your order. C. L. McNeas. 26t2pd

Several head of jersey cows for sale or will exchange for dry stock. Judd Sheppard.

NEW APPLIANCES IN TOWN STORES

Nearly every place in the city is making some spring improvement or doing something to lend a new phase to their business houses.

Not very long ago three of the grocery stores of Merkel installed new and improved sales counters with sealed bins for all sorts of bulk groceries. The various compartments keep the edibles perfectly clean in every way and later one other house has installed a mammoth refrigerator for vegetables, one large enough to hold a wagon load of truck, while another place has a cooling system for vegetables that keeps them in fresh condition for a longer length of time. Not contented with this a confectioner has installed an automatic graphophone, an outfit that does everything but put nickles in its own pocket. All the outsider has to do is to walk up, tell the machine what record is wanted, drop a nickel in the slot and the music is forthcoming. In a jiffy the outfit stops its preponderous mirth and music and is yawning for another jitney. With clocks that don't wind and the many other mechanical contrivances we are finding strewn around about us, we are now casting our eyes about for a machine that will write news articles for our columns.

BETTER ROADS IS NOW THE DEMAND

J. W. Hartley has been watching the Mail recently in regard to the proposed road working in the Merkel country and voiced his sentiments Saturday in a regular "get busy way."

Mr. Hartley said in part, "I am fundamentally opposed to the ordinary bond issue but I can readily see that we must inaugurate some method of continual road work that is more extensive than what we have at the present, and I am in favor of voting such road tax as the precinct will stand, say, a total of 50 cents to be used exclusively each year for building good roads. I am not sure this amount would be strictly in accordance with present laws regarding such, but in event that a total of fifty cents could be voted, I would strongly favor such."

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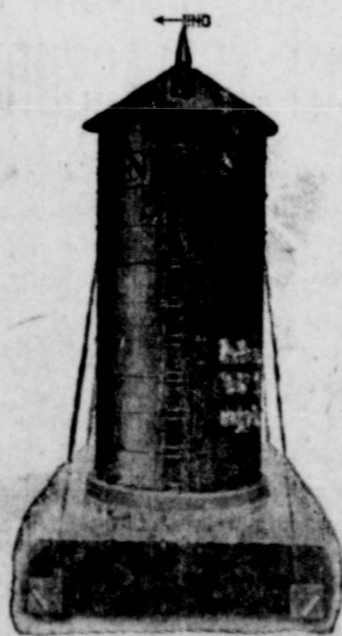
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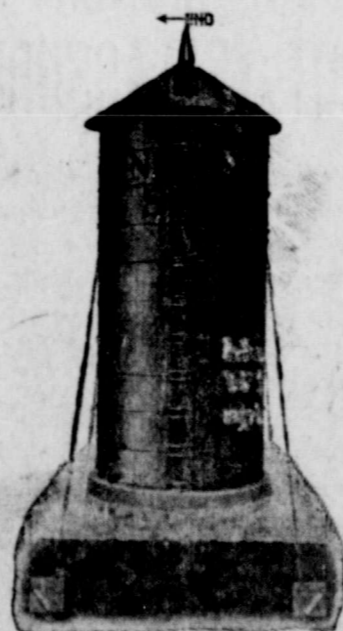
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In answer to about one thousand and one phone calls we have received since last Saturday asking when the balloon is going up we can only say that this inflated lot of hot air will ascend just as quick as possible.

Monday was the only day with in the last week the ascension could have been made and not having advertised it for that day it was held off until Wednesday. Wednesday too much wind, Thursday the same excuse. Can't tell about today and it may not happen until tomorrow but we really believe the trip will be made and this is to tell those who have been phoning the Mail office and R. L. Bland, that we will see this thing over at the very quickest moment. We thank the public on behalf of those who inaugurated the attraction for their patience shown in this watchful waiting. Look-out for first calm day.

W. S. Telford of near Anson was here the first of the week visiting his daughter Mrs. J. P. Sharp and family. Mr. Telford although an aged gentleman is driving his Overland touring car over much of the country with the ease and grace of a younger person.

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J. A. BROWN



FOR SALE—40 acres land in Jones county, 5 miles southeast of McCauley. Will take Merkel property or good automobile. J. A. Duckett.

FOR SALE—Duroc pigs, pedigree furnished, \$5.00, at my farm 3 miles east of Merkel on Merkel-Abilene road. J. T. Warren.

LOST—A pair of glasses, plain, in black case, between Merkel and Henry Collins'. Return to J. T. Dennis' 25 tipd.

FOR SALE—Several head of jersey cows and heifers. Will exchange for dry stock. Judd Sheppard.

FOR SALE—Or exchange for good Ford car, a three room house and two lots in north part of Merkel. J. A. Duckett.

FOR SALE—40 acre cotton op on shares ready to work. S. H. L. Swafford.

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

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

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HAIR RIBBONS—Brilliant quality that will beautifully adorn the graduating girl, nice variety of shades and colors, five inches wide price **35c**

LADIES' KNIT UNDERWEAR—In vests and union suits, neatly finished in all sizes; price 10c to **65c**

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FLOUR—Extra high patent, as good as money can buy, 100 lbs **\$3.30**

COMPOUND—10-pound bucket **\$1.25**

PEACHES—15 pounds best evaporated **\$1.00**

SODA—1 pound best grade **5c**

KRAUT—1 can best grade **5c**

MATCHES—3 boxes best grade **10c**

LYE—14 cans best lye **\$1.00**

One qt. jar A1 good coffee in regular fruit jar only **25c**

MEN'S HATS—In all the late new blocks, curls, dips and colors, in soft hats. The one best suited to you is now waiting for you. Price \$2.50 to **\$3.50**

MEN'S BELTS—Something new and nobby to please the stylish young man; price **50c**

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"THE GIRL OF THE SUNNY SOUTH"

Wednesday Night May 31—
"TEMPEST AND SUNSHINE"

Thursday Night June 1—
"YANKEE DOODLE BOY"

Friday Night June 2—
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Now as to changing horses in the middle of the stream, the Times must figure that they are again out of step. What does the Times know about changing horses? The honorable candidates for congress will please excuse our references, already started by the Times, but we would rather have a new mount anytime than to have to ride old "Dobbin" for thirteen years before you could make a cowhorse out of him. Assuming that no

change is made in our congressman, as the Times asks, the task upon the people will then be to wear out a perfectly good pair of spurs and a quirt in getting this old saddle horse into a good fox-trot. Now on the other hand, if we elect a new congressman, namely, Hon. Thos. L. Blanton, and you touch him with the spurs, the people will see one of the most furious paces ever set by a public official. Our prophecy is backed up by his past judicial record. The Pecos Times apparently has forgotten that their good horse could have already been ridden to death, and from reports over the country, pork barrel advocates have not given this old mount time to lie down. They have spurred him on down the trail by day, and by night they have used him as a watch horse until now they find themselves almost without a mount to follow the cattle on to greener pastures. Speaking about riding horses 'peers' to us its about time to get a new saddle animal, and we are picking what we believe to be the best one in the corral. Furthermore, the river the Pecos Times speaks of is too darned wide. If it has taken Congressman Smith over thirteen years to get to the middle of it, think how long it will be before he touches the other bank!

Cyclone Davis is coming back to Texas, but before he does he is doing, and has done, a lot of explaining to the old-timers who wore the grey and braved the battles years ago. "Cyclone" made an awful blunder when he stepped on the toes of these venerable patriots and it is going to be an awful hard job for him to smooth it over enough to get a single "grey" vote.

Edison says four hours sleep are enough for anybody and someone says they have not been getting more than that since he invented the phonograph.

Reports from Duncan, Okla., state that R. C. (Bob) Young has cast his hat in the ring for constable. Hurrah, for you "Bob," keep your hat where it belongs.

The Cisco Round-Up thinks we have gotten a little chesty when boasting of 58 awning lights. Well, we didn't intend to be so cruel, but just couldn't help asserting ourselves. But we forgot to say anything about the other numerous street lights we have. It's something to be chesty about but we did not intend it in a braggadocio way. Excuse our dust.

LET HIM DO IT

I. Would Gravel wants a job fixing roads in the Merkel country.—Apologies to Luke McLuke.

Wasn't Tuesday a scorcher?

We would almost refuse to dig up the garden for fear of finding a fish worm. If we did it would be piscatorial pursuit poco-pronto.



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Mr. and Mrs. James Bright of Trent departed Monday morning in their Chalmers touring car for points in Lamar county. They will be gone several weeks.

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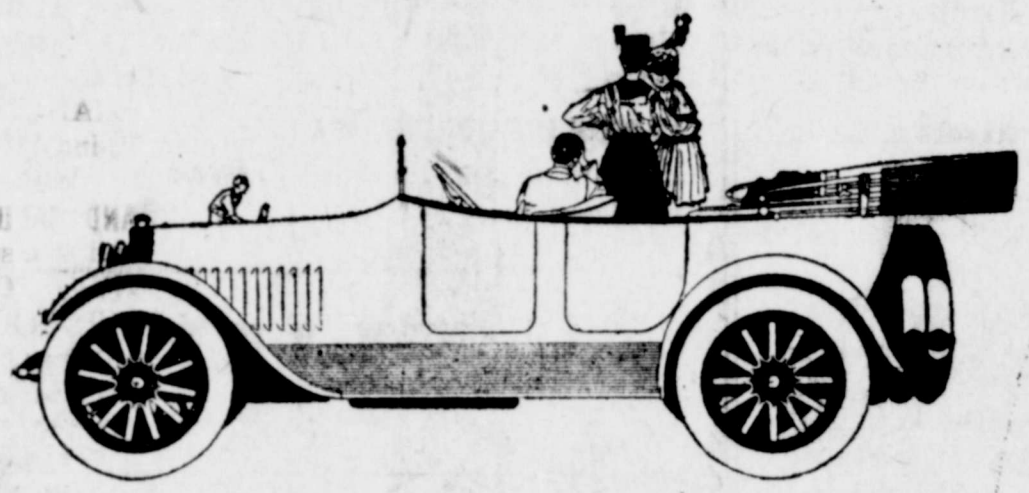
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Rev. Garvin and family left Monday morning for a cross-country drive to Fluvanna, where they will attend the district conference of the Methodist church, which convenes there this week. While away they will visit Snyder and Arah.

Bargains

For the next ten days get great bargains. Fifty pair of ladies and misses slippers sizes from twos and one half to fours and a half at 25 c per pair. Fifty pair same sizes at 50 cents. Ladies hats cheaper than ever sold in Merkel before. Prices right on all goods. Call and see me. A. L. Jobe. tf

Mrs. E. M. Rust and Miss Genevieve are visiting relatives and friends in Cottonwood and nearby points.

Read Grimes' ad in this paper. Scissors free.

Mrs. Bishop Hunter, with her children have returned to their ranch home out from Midland after spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sublett.

Oscar Pate of Sweetwater who enjoyed the Firemen's Convention at New Braunfels on his return visited until Friday of last week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Pate.

Use Nyal Remedies and get a pair of Nyal scissors free from Grimes Drug Store.

Mrs. Mosely and children of Haskell who have been visiting Mrs. B. C. Moore, left last week for Trinehera, Colorado.

Get a pair of scissors free from Grimes Drug Store.

Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Devall of Houston are recent arrivals in Merkel. Dr. Devall will be in Dr. McMaster's dental parlors until the latter is able to be down town again.

NOT ENOUGH CHILDREN

ever receive the proper balance of food to sufficiently nourish both body and brain during the growing period when nature's demands are greater than in mature life. This is shown in so many pale faces, lean bodies, frequent colds, and lack of ambition.

For all such children we say with unmistakable earnestness: They need Scott's Emulsion, and need it now. It possesses in concentrated form the very food elements to enrich their blood. It changes weakness to strength; it makes them sturdy and strong. No alcohol.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

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Our every ad. and our every statement appearing above our name is and has always been proven TRUE. We advertise A SALE and give YOU our reasons. We took you into our confidence and told you we needed ready money and a LOT of it, and the wonderful response and the very liberal patronage of the people of this town and country PROVES that they (YOU) believe in us. We told you we had made radical reductions throughout our store and stock, and we HAVE. It's worth your while to come in, look our stocks over and ascertain for yourself that this SALE is a real Bonafide Bargain Opportunity that don't come every month in the YEAR

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

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CHANGING HORSES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RIVER

The Pecos Times uses the above in two different paragraphs in commenting on Congressman Smith's record and the advisability of changing to Thos. L. Blanton as some friend suggested the El Paso Times should do.

The Pecos Times starts the paragraph off by saying that Judge Smith's usefulness is just becoming apparent. And the editorial statement is wound up by advising the people of the 16th district not to change horses in the middle of the river for either Blanton or Grisham.

We are deeply indebted to the Times for their acknowledgment that Judge Smith's usefulness is just becoming apparent. This honorable gentleman has graced the halls of Congress for nigh on to fourteen years and if his latent ability is forthcoming after thirteen years of service the reason is more apparent that the people of this district make a change. We propose that if Thos. L. Blanton is elected to congress and it takes him thirteen years or longer to make his usefulness apparent, he will long before that time have lost our support and influence, and any man who requires such a costly length of time to become a serviceable public official is not again deserving of the support of his constituents.

Now as to changing horses in the middle of the stream, the Times must figure that they are again out of step. What does the Times know about changing horses? The honorable candidates for congress will please excuse our references, already started by the Times, but we would rather have a new mount anytime than to have to ride old "Dobbin" for thirteen years before you could make a cowhorse out of him. Assuming that no

change is made in our congressman, as the Times asks, the task upon the people will then be to wear out a perfectly good pair of spurs and a quirt in getting this old saddle horse into a good fox-trot. Now on the other hand, if we elect a new congressman, namely, Hon. Thos. L. Blanton, and you touch him with the spurs, the people will see one of the most furious paces ever set by a public official. Our prophecy is backed up by his past judicial record. The Pecos Times apparently has forgotten that their good horse could have already been ridden to death, and from reports over the country, pork barrel advocates have not given this old mount time to lie down. They have spurred him on down the trail by day, and by night they have used him as a watch horse until now they find themselves almost without a mount to follow the cattle on to greener pastures. Speaking about riding horses 'peers' to us its about time to get a new saddle animal, and we are picking what we believe to be the best one in the corral. Furthermore, the river the Pecos Times speaks of is too darned wide. If it has taken Congressman Smith over thirteen years to get to the middle of it, think how long it will be before he touches the other bank!

Cyclone Davis is coming back to Texas, but before he does he is doing, and has done, a lot of explaining to the old-timers who wore the grey and braved the battles years ago. "Cyclone" made an awful blunder when he stepped on the toes of these venerable patriots and it is going to be an awful hard job for him to smooth it over enough to get a single "grey" vote.

Edison says four hours sleep are enough for anybody and someone says they have not been getting more than that since he invented the phonograph.

Reports from Duncan, Okla., state that R. C. (Bob) Young has cast his hat in the ring for constable. Hurrah, for you "Bob," keep your hat where it belongs.

The Cisco Round-Up thinks we have gotten a little chesty when boasting of 58 awning lights. Well, we didn't intend to be so cruel, but just couldn't help asserting ourselves. But we forgot to say anything about the other numerous street lights we have. It's something to be chesty about but we did not intend it in a braggadocio way. Excuse our dust.

LET HIM DO IT

I. Would Gravel wants a job fixing roads in the Merkel country.—Apologies to Luke McLuke.

Wasn't Tuesday a scorcher?

We would almost refuse to dig up the garden for fear of finding a fish worm. If we did it would be piscatorial pursuit poco-pronto.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bright of Trent departed Monday morning in their Chalmers touring car for points in Lamar county. They will be gone several weeks.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

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

Miss Kenneth Brabbin and brother, Milford, arrived Saturday afternoon from Cisco, on a visit with their brother, Carl Brabbin, of Route 5, and Mrs. Iva Brummell of this city. They will remain here several weeks.

For burns or scalds apply Chamberlain's Salve. It will allay the pain almost instantly and quickly heal the injured parts. For sale by all dealers.

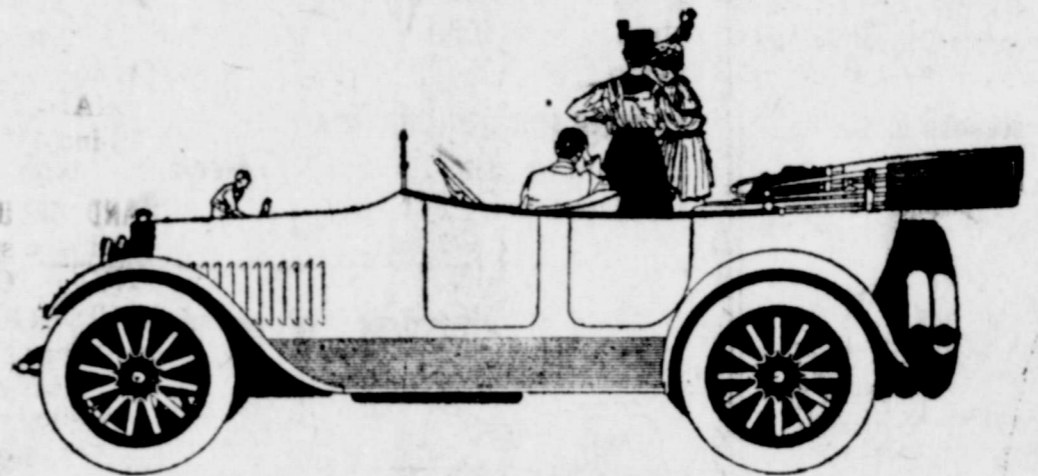
The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak
Old people who are feeble, and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking regularly Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. 50c.

Biliousness and Constipation

For years I was troubled with biliousness and constipation, which made life miserable for me. My appetite failed me. I lost my usual force and vitality. Pepsin preparations and cathartics only made matters worse. I do not know where I should have been today had I not tried Chamberlain's Tablets. The tablets relieve the ill feeling at once, strengthen the digestive functions, purify the stomach, liver and blood, helping the system to do its work naturally.—Mrs. Rosa Potts, Birmingham, Ala. These tablets are for sale by all dealers.

Miss Mary Gunn left Saturday night for San Antonio to visit her sister, Flay, who since her marriage resides there.

Price \$1090 Detroit



YOU CAN ALMOST TALK TO HER
—THIS 3400 r. p. m. CHALMERS

They're buying motor cars today as they're hiring men—on ability.

Blue eyes, brown hair, a rugged jaw, mean something—but not so much as they used to.

They're seeking ability. And that is not always measured in stature, weight and reach.

Likewise in a car. They look her over, learn her wheel-base, note the tire sizes, ask the bore and stroke of the engine and then—

They make her perform.

They make her hit the trail, they roll her up the steepest hill. They let her out on the straightaway, and they make her accelerate at slow speeds.

It's the only way to judge a car. And we're particularly glad, because we have in the 3400 r.p.m. Chalmers a car that answers every human wish.

You can almost talk to this animal. You can lead her anywhere. We know of no one who has ever called on her for too much, nor asked of her anything she couldn't deliver.

She's like a young ballplayer who keeps driving 'em over the right-field fence.

She's there. And the reason is her magnificent 3400 r. p. m. engine. When history in our business is written, 3400 r. p. m. will occupy a thick chapter.

Simply because at the lowest speeds she saves her energy, turns up only 500 r. p. m. at 10 miles an hour, and 1000 r. p. m. at 20 miles an hour.

Thus using only 18 per cent of her power at such speeds and saving 62 to 80 per cent for winding, hilly roads, bad turns, and on occasions when a little extra power gives you possession of the road.

One ride of five miles behind the wheel and you'll own it.

Ask your dealer about Chalmers service inspection coupons, negotiable at all Chalmers dealers everywhere. This system is a most important consideration in buying your car.

Five-Passenger Touring Car, \$1090 Detroit

Two-Passenger Roadster, \$1070 Detroit

Three-Passenger Cabriolet, \$1440 Detroit

Color of Touring Car and Roadster—Oriford maroon or Meteor blue. Cabriolet—Oriford maroon, Valentine green, or Meteor blue. Wheels—standard dark, primrose yellow or red. Wire wheels optional on Roadster or Cabriolet at extra cost.

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

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

Why not make your Dollars go farther by trading at J. A. Ducketts.

Specials in Our Grocery Dept.

For the Next Few Days Only

100 lbs. best Albatross Extra High Patent Flour	-	\$3.25
35-pound sack best Pearl Meal only	-	.75
5 gallons good coal oil only	-	.60
3 cans good string beans only	-	.25
3 cans good Kraut only	-	.25
3 cans good Corn Hominy	-	.25
10-pound box best dried peaches only	-	.85
5 pounds good Peaberry Coffee	-	1.00

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for Fresh Vegetables

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we pay 14c per dozen

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LOCAL NEWS

Shorts and Bran at G. M. Sharps.

A. L. Douglass of Dallas is visiting his sister, Mrs. F. Sears. Fresh candy only 10 cents 15 c per pound at J. A. Ducketts

Coke W. Harkrider of Fort Worth, state agent for the Elgin automobile, was in Merkel Saturday evening with his cousin, W. L. Harkrider.

Save money by trading with J. A. Duckett. The Price is the Thing.

Edgar Wheeler left Tuesday afternoon for Colorado and Lamessa. He will visit his parents in the former place and attend to business matters at Lamessa.

Don't pay high prices for merchandise! Buy it at J. A. Ducketts.

Mrs. Mamie Graham of Reveria and Mrs. Mathews of Big Springs were here Sunday visiting their brother, Paul Bennett and family.

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

Mrs. W. F. Winters has been visiting relatives in Anson for several days. She was called there by the illness of her father Mr. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Bigham and family came in from their ranch Sunday to spend the day in the home of W. R. Bigham.

For Sale

Duroc pigs, pedigree furnished, \$5.00, at my farm 3 miles east Merkel on Abilene-Merkel road. J.T. Warren.

Music Recital

Miss Burkett's music class will render a program at the High School auditorium Friday night June 2 at 8 o'clock. Among other interesting feature will be selections by the Choral Club, a Japanese song by the Junior choral club in Jap costumes, piano solos, duet, duos and quartets. Everybody is cordially invited to be present. Parents of pupils have a special invitation. Admission free. 2t

NYAL QUALITY DRUG STORE

The Grimes Drug Store is Giving
This Elegant 25c pair of

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Everybody uses scissors and the housewife can't have too many pairs lying around. GRASP THIS CHANCE to get a good, substantial pair of regular 25c (8-inch) full nickel-plated scissors FREE OF CHARGE.

We are giving this useful article away on **FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ONLY**, solely as an advertising feature and as a special inducement for you to try 50c worth of NYAL TOILET PREPARATIONS OR FAMILY PRESCRIPTIONS—each one of which represents a specialist's most successful formula for the relief of the minor ailment for which each particular prescription is intended. We personally REFUND YOUR MONEY if NYAL FAMILY PRESCRIPTIONS do not please or benefit you as claimed!

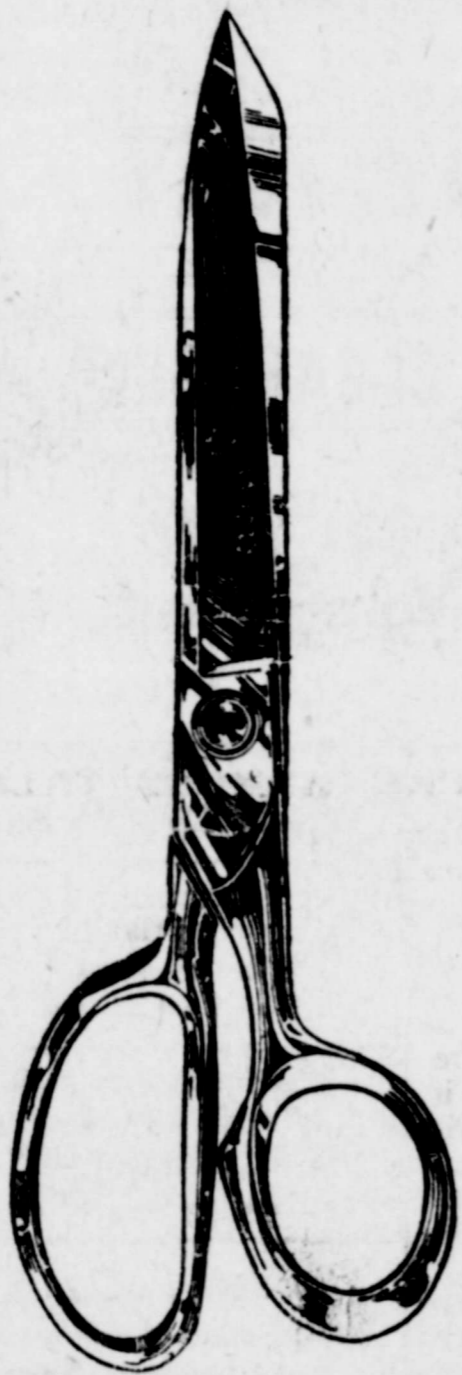
LIMITED STOCK OF SCISSORS--COME EARLY

One 25c Pair of Scissors Free with a 50c Purchase of Nyal Articles

NYAL Yellow (Liver) Pills.....	25c
NYAL Figsen (for constipation).....	10c, 25c
NYAL Liver Salt.....	25c, 50c
NYAL Salve.....	25c
NYAL Digestive Tablets.....	25c, 50c
NYAL Eas 'em (for tender feet).....	25c
NYAL Corn Remover.....	25c
NYAL Analgesic (relieves inflammation).....	25c, 50c
NYAL Wild Cherry Cough Syrup (stops coughs and colds).....	25c, 50c
NYAL "Laxacold".....	25c
NYAL Tonic.....	25c
NYAL Vegetable Prescription.....	\$1.00

**The T. L. GRIMES
Drug Store**

THE NYAL QUALITY DRUG STORE
MERKEL, TEXAS



NYAL Face Cream.....	25, 50c
NYAL Face Powder.....	50c
NYAL Skin Soap.....	25c
NYAL Mayflower Talcum.....	25c
NYAL Tooth Paste.....	25c
NYAL Eau de Cologne Talcum.....	25c
NYAL Face Cream Soap.....	25c
NYAL Hirsutone (prevents dandruff and falling hair).....	50, \$1
NYAL Camphor Ice.....	10c
NYAL Cold Cream.....	25c
NYAL Hair Dye.....	50c
NYAL Peroxide Soap.....	25c
NYAL Toilet Soap.....	10c
NYAL Tooth Powder.....	25c
NYAL Kidney Pills.....	25, 50c

Mrs. Parker Hendrix of Abilene is here this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Miss Susie Creath accompanied by Miss Ina Mae Adams, visited relatives in Abilene last Sunday.

O. W. Williams of Fort Worth, en route home from Sweetwater, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams.

LOCAL NEWS

El Paso, Ark., Visitor
H. D. Russell of El Paso, Ark., was here the first of the week visiting his brother-in-law, J. T. Warren, and family. This being his first visit to this section of the country, and about the first sign given by him on Monday when seen by our reporter, was to give his brow a gentle mop with a kerchief as he took time to compliment western Texas and its people.

Mr. Russell returns to Hawley where he is visiting other relatives, and will then return to his home.

Complaint Filled

Friends of Messrs. Compton and Ely who live on Route 2, north of this city, were in town Saturday morning complaining that three men, together with various members of the Compton family, were breaking the rules of that vicinity by working Saturday. Any complaints they made early in the morning were withdrawn in the afternoon when most of the parties in question appeared in town shortly before the balloon ascension was scheduled to take place. "All is quiet on the Potomac now."

Says Crops Are Good

W. S. McDonald was in town Wednesday and reported good crop condition in his section of the country near Shiloh.

Mr. McDonald has 100 acres of cotton up to a good stand and fifty acres of the amount already chopped out and almost clear of over the entire crop. From indication Mr. McDonald seemed extremely pleased with the prospects the Merkel and Trent country are enjoying at the present.

Advertised Letters.

Draughn, Owen
Harris, Miss Bill
Hart, Earl
Neblett, Lewyn
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office June 7, 1916.
H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas.

For stock, use Hess Fly Chaser. Grimes Drug Store.

Fresh potatoes at G.M. Sharps

LOCAL NEWS

For sale, my home in Merkel. Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Mrs. Wesley Edwards is visiting relatives in Midland this week.

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

Mrs. J. B. Johnson was in Sweetwater Tuesday and Wednesday visiting the family of Dr. Lynch.

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

Miss Gladys Evans returned Tuesday afternoon from Abilene having visited the family of T. W. Cotton for several days.

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

LOOK AT YOURSELF

Is Suffering Writing Lines
In your Face?



Many a handsome woman looks in the glass and sees the premature lines of the old hag already beginning to show in her face. Secret suffering and sickness is writing those lines every day plainer and plainer.

They don't know what to do. Their backs ache, their bodies ache; poor appetite, bad digestion, sallow skins, drooping shoulders, always tired. Probably suffering from organic or functional trouble peculiar to women. Doctors don't seem to help them. It's pitiful.

But there is a way out. A distinguished Southern physician gave a life time of constant study to perfecting a remedy for suffering women and when he had perfected it he rightly called it *Stella Vitae*, the star of life.

All dealers sell it and so certain are they that they guarantee to give your money back if *Stella-Vitae* doesn't benefit you. If you want to stop that nagging pain, aid your digestion, clear up your complexion and regain your physical attractions try a bottle of *Stella-Vitae*. Try it today. Don't hesitate, for it costs you nothing if it fails to benefit you. Your dealer sells it in \$1 bottles. Thacher Medicine Co., at Chattanooga, Tenn.

For sale by T. L. Grimes Druggist

COOL

A SUMMER DESIRE

REFRESHING

Quick and courteous service from our fountain of "many drinks" and we always dispense each order in a clean and careful way that makes them palatable and a pleasure for you to drink. Drop in as you go home, or when you are in town

SUMMER

THE MERKEL DRUG COMPANY

DRINKS

"Let's Get Acquainted"

H. K. SHEPPARD, Manager

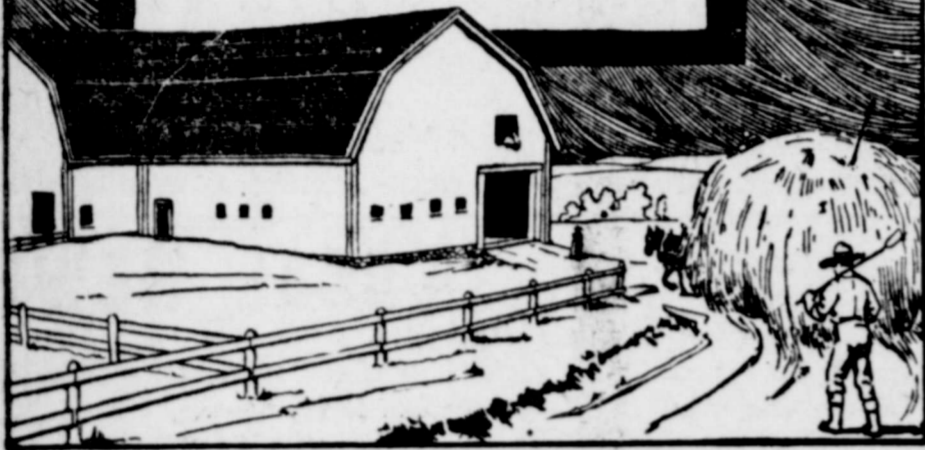
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ANYTHING that is under a Texaco roof is protected. It makes no difference whether the roofing was applied ten days or ten years ago. It is made to wear and it does.

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is always water-proof because it is heat-proof and cold-proof. It is not affected by smoke or acid fumes. Furthermore it is as nearly fire-resisting as it can be made. It is a good form of fire insurance.

You should use Texaco Roofing. If you are not familiar with it ask us about it.



The Texas Company
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MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

Mrs. Jno. W. Briggs was charmingly at home to a few friends on last Saturday evening with a dinner party. Those enjoying the hospitality of the Briggs' home on this occasion were Misses Zelma Fletcher, Willie Carr, Nelly Bly Lankford, Evelyn Williams, and Mrs. Britain.

The Fidelis class of the Baptist Sunday School whose class meeting of last Wednesday was rained out will have their next meeting May 31st at the residence of G. M. Sharps.

As one of the final pleasures for their little ones for the closing days of school, Mrs. Asa Shepard and Miss Willie Valentine took their respective rooms for a picnic on last Tuesday. The party started out at about eleven with well filled lunch baskets in search of a picnicking place and all the fun they could have. The halt for lunch was made in the Teaff pasture West of town and here, after the

bountiful meal was eaten, the little ones romp and froliced the afternoon through. It was a day delightfully spent by all the children going.

On Monday evening of this week a number of Merkel residents drove to the home of the Beasley Brothers near Noodle where they enjoyed the evening socially. The guests were Messrs and Mesdames Boyd, Angus, Anderson, Warren and Mattingly. Misses Ona Hamblet, Elma Sheppard, Lura and Stacy Adkisson and Emma Mae Mashburn. Messrs. Dee and Ennis Grimes, Roscoe and Parker Sharp, Nat Anderson, Jeff Henry, Clyde Sears and J. F. Harrison. The music during the evening was furnished by the piano, violin and guitar. Refreshments of pie, cake, fruit and lemonade were served.

Birthday Celebration at Evillo Villa
With a charming hospitality that one now thinks a forgotten art, the Misses Garroutte entertained a large number of friends on last Saturday and Saturday night at their country home Evillo Villa. The occasion was given in honor of the birthday anniversary of the elder of the two sisters, Miss N. Olive Garroutte. The

invitations which were issued several days before were received with much pleasure by all those who have known and consequently loved this honored character, and the pleasure was indeed theirs to pay tribute to the years of usefulness which Miss Olive has spent in our midst. To her family and friends she has always given largely of that which tended to their pleasure and betterment. The elder guests were entertained during the day with an old-time quilting bee and at high noon a turkey dinner was served which was enlivened by many toasts in eulogy of the honored guest.

In the evening the younger friends gathered, and at some time while there every guest sewed into this same quiet a few stitches.

The guests who were present during the day and evening were: Mesdames J. K. Higgins, Roy Harrel, J. D. Hogg, H. C. Floyd, B. J. Dyess, D. E. Compton, J. L. Harris, W. P. Browning, W. P. Garvin, J. C. Calvert, J. B. Bell, J. J. Stallings, A. C. McGee, G. L. Miller and H. F. Groene. Misses Mary Garvin, Lizzie and Eva Calvert, Jewel Pate, Bernadine Freeman, Essie and Bessie Tucker, Maggie Foster, Neva and Nina Warnick, Essie and Dewey Flyd, Lucille Bell, Dorothy and Virgie Ducett, Evelyn Williams, Messrs. Fred Latham, Jeff Henry, H. Patterson, M. Boney, Lem Dudley, Tucker and Floyd.

Whooping Cough

"When my daughter had whooping cough she coughed so hard at one time that she had hemorrhage of the lungs. I was terribly alarmed about her condition. Seeing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy so highly recommended, I got a bottle and it relieved the cough at once. Before she had finished two bottles of this remedy she was entirely well," writes Mrs. S. F. Grimes, Crooksville, Ohio. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. H. T. Merritt and children have returned from their visit with relatives in Canyon and Hereford.

Mrs. L. E. Sanders and children and Miss Manda Curtiss left yesterday for Tennessee to visit relatives.

Lame Back

Lame back is usually due to rheumatism of the muscles of the back. Hard working people are most likely to suffer from it. Relief may be had by massaging the back with Chamberlain's Liniment two or three times a day. Try it. For sale by all dealers.

G. H. Adams returned on Saturday of last week from a visiting and prospecting tour through the northern part of the state. While away he purchased residence property in Denton to which the family will shortly move.

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

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

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

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

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

At last, my husband got me a bottle 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.

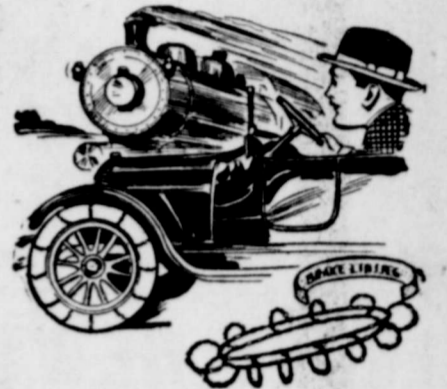
Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. J-6



Our Tailored Suits

point the way to swell-dressville. 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.

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like ours makes people better because it gives them a better idea of what constitutes absolute cleanliness. Send us your things this week and you'll enjoy the wearing of them as you never have before. That satisfaction which comes from knowing your linen is irreplaceable will be yours every time you put on a garment laundered by us.

Sweetwater Steam Laundry
Grimes-Howard Tailors
Merkel Agents



The Careful Shopper

CAREFUL SHOPPERS come to our store, because they have learned that we do not try to get all we can out of SEASONABLE STAPLES.

We aim for a SHORT PRICE, SHORT PROFIT and thereby SHORTEN the stay of any goods in our store.

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

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the Democratic Primaries of July, 1916

For Legislature
(Capt.) J. T. TUCKER
N. D. COBB

For District Judge
JOE BURKETT, of Eastland
W. P. MAHAFFEY
D. K. SCOTT, of Cisco.
F. S. BELL, of Baird
Callahan County

For District Clerk
J. N. ROUTH
H. O. DRUMMOND
J. FULLER—Re-election

For District Attorney
N. N. ROSENQUEST
(Re-election)
W. J. CUNNINGHAM

For Sheriff
J. T. DODSON, Re election

For County Judge
E. M. OVERSHINER
Re-election
H. ROB. KEEBLE

For County Clerk
J. D. HILTON, Re-election

For County Attorney
W. H. GRAHAM

For County Superintendent
J. S. SMITH, Re-election
C. E. SIMS
ARTHUR JONES

For Treasurer:
J. A. BOYCE
AUSTIN FITTS

For Tax Assessor:
W. T. (TOM) ST. JOHN
Re-election
JOHN H. VANCE.
L. R. (ROY) PARMELLY
J. S. PATTERSON

For Tax Collector:
G. B. (BLUE) TITTLE
W. F. DILLARD, Re-election

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

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2.
T. R. LAESSITER (Re-election)

For Justice of the Peace
W. W. WHEELER
I. S. ALLEN

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For County Attorney
J. L. (Lee) CEARLEY
Re-election

For County Clerk
C. H. POOL, Re-election

For Tax Collector
R. L. BARRETT, Re-election



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In case of sickness or accident, the doctor can be summoned by telephone in less time than it takes to harness a horse. If he is some distance away, he can give instructions over the telephone that may save a life.

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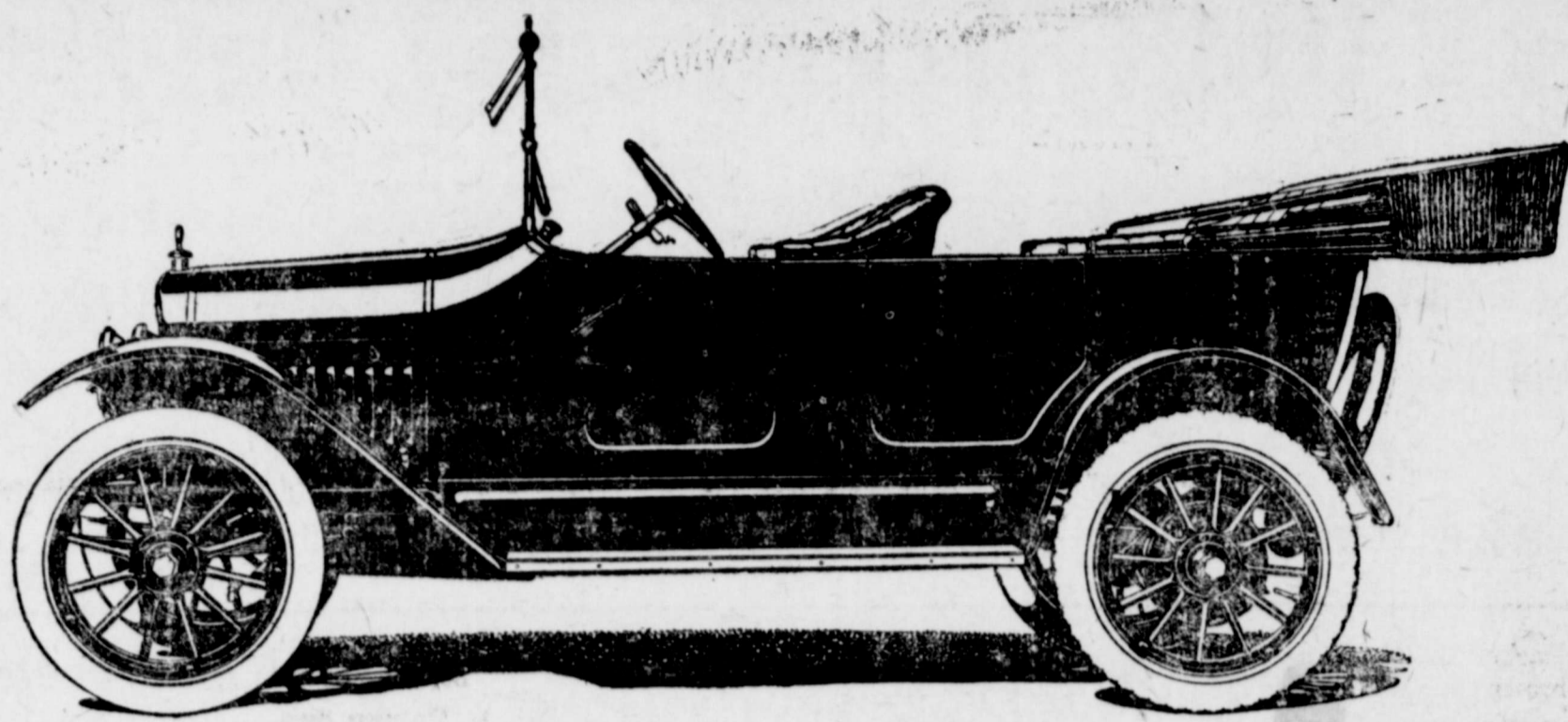
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Auto-Carriage Gloss Paint makes a year-before-last car look like the latest model in beauty of finish. The paint dries firm and hard, leaving a rich, lustrous finish. It requires no varnish for finishing—Auto-Carriage Gloss finishes the job complete. Easy to apply.

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Merkel, Texas



What Do You Know About The Maxwell Car?

THIS is the time of the year when more people are considering the question of "what car to buy" than at any other time of the year.

This community has its full share of people who will soon be driving their first car or a new car to replace the old one.

Now, we know that we are going to sell Maxwell Cars to a great many of these people—depending upon how many we are able to acquaint with the merits of the Maxwell.

The generous value offered in the car is so evident—its past record is so full of good performance—owners speak so well of it—that when the buyer knows these things, he is eager to buy a Maxwell.

In order to tell as many people as possible about the merits of the Maxwell Car we are going to spend a lot of money in the next few weeks in this paper advertising Maxwell merits to those who do not know them.

The reason—we want to sell as many Maxwells as possible this season. Our future allotments will depend upon how many Maxwells we sell now.

You may know that the Maxwell market is a buyer's market, not a seller's market—broadly speaking. The demand for Maxwells the country over is greater than the supply.

For this reason cars are allotted to dealers by the factory according to the size of the dealer's business.

We want to make a showing and be in a position to get a generous allotment of Maxwells hereafter. Because the more Maxwells are sold in any community, the greater is the future demand. We realize the opportunity to do an ever-increasing Maxwell business.

This is only the first of the several messages we are going to print—a few days apart—concerning the Maxwell Car. But we don't expect to be able to adequately present Maxwell merits in printed words alone.

If you are one who is going to buy a new car you will find it decidedly to your advantage to find out all you can about the Maxwell before you place your order.

Come in and talk it over with us and let us demonstrate the car to you. Then, don't take our word alone, but ask those who now own Maxwells.

Get "posted" about the Maxwell and you will realize more satisfaction and get more "value received" for your motor car money than ever before.

And we are just as willing to have you investigate other cars just as fully as you do ours. The Maxwell will not suffer by the comparison.

Why not start your Maxwell investigation today?

Touring Car \$655

Roadster \$635

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BEGUN ON A PHONE

By OSCAR COX

There is nothing so pleases a girl as to get behind a screen where there is no possibility of being discovered and treating one of the opposite sex as she would never dream of treating him were her identity known. Ralph Harding, a youngster who was, to say the least, by no means bashful, was called to the telephone one day—a party wire—and a soft feminine voice asked, "Is this Mrs. Partington?"

"No; this is not Mrs. Partington."
"What is your number?"
"My number is 846, party W."
"Oh! I've got the wrong letter. I called 846 R. Excuse me."
How much often depends upon a trifle!

"No excuse needed, I assure you. Indeed, I must ask you to excuse me."
"What for, please?"
"Keeping you talking longer than is necessary to your purpose. The sound of your voice is pleasant to the ear."

A slight chuckle informed Mr. Harding that he had not given offense. The chuckle was the only reply, but it encouraged him to go on.

"We are frequently called to answer calls of 846 R. I suppose it is very easy for an operator to make a mistake in a letter."
"Quite so."

"Are you on a party wire?"
After some hesitancy the lady answered in the affirmative.

"Do you have the same letters as I?"
"My letter is 'M.'"
"And your number?"
Again the chuckle, but no other reply.

"Beg pardon. My question was thoughtless."
This was not true, as the girl well knew. If he had the number and the letter it would be possible for him to learn her identity.

"It wouldn't be proper for me to be chatting over the phone with a stranger," said the voice, "if he knew who I was, but since I am unknown I suppose it's no harm."

"How do you know that I'm not a very disreputable person?" asked Harding.

"By your voice. There is nothing that bespeaks refinement or the want of it so surely as the inflection of one's words. I defy any one not born and brought-up in the highest class to assume the accent of one of that class."

"Thank you. You are repaying me for what I said to you with interest. Isn't it strange that I can hear you speak as plainly as if our lips were only an inch or two apart?"

Another chuckle.
"But, not being able to see you, I am obliged to rely on my imagination for a picture of you."

"What do you think I am like?"
"One of Titian's pictures—fair skin, dark eyes and a tinge of mellow sunset in your hair."

"I'm not like that at all."
"Well, then you're a brunette."

There being no reply, Harding asked if he was "getting warm," as the children say in hide and seek games. But the lady, who was evidently guarding herself against identification, declined to favor him with a reply.

"I wish you would give me something by which I could find out who you are," he said.

"I am a lady."
"And, while a lady may talk to a strange man unknown, she would cease to be a lady if she became known, I suppose."

"Exactly."
"Very well, there is a chance, according to your definition of a lady, of your ceasing to be one."

"How is that?"
"If ever I meet you and you say a word to me I shall know you by that voice of yours, which has a melody in it I have never heard in a woman's voice before."

"Oh, my good gracious!"
"Therefore pray that I shall never meet you."

"I will. You're simply flattering me. I don't believe you could tell me by my voice at all."

"We may test that, and without your giving me any clue to your identity except what I have, your voice."
"How?"

"I'll tell you my name and where I live and give you any other information of myself that will enable you to meet me, you remaining unknown to me. By this you may contrive a meeting without my suspecting it. If I don't recognize you by your voice I am much mistaken. Is it a go?"

She did not say whether it was a go or not, but he gave her his name and address. She asked him to name some persons he knew, and at his giving a certain name she said he need not go any further, thereby giving him a point, and he resolved to be watchful whenever at the home of the person named. Then they said "Goodby," there were two clicks, and fate had arranged for a wedding.

Some months later Harding was invited to dine at the house of a friend—not the one the girl of the telephone had given him reason to suspect as a mutual friend. Before going in to dinner, hearing a voice behind him, he turned, looked a girl in the face and said:

"I am pleased to renew our acquaintance begun on the phone."
The girl blushed to the roots of her hair.

The wedding took place ten months later.

Explained.

Cadler (complacently)—Ah, Bobby, I am glad to see my photograph in your sister's frame on the mantle! Bobby—Well, she had to rush some to get it in over Tom's before you came.—Dartmouth Jack o' Lantern.

A Harsh Order.

On the beach near an English town a sign bearing this legend was nailed to a post:
"Notice.—Any person passing beyond this point will be drowned. By order of the magistrate."

Born Tired.

"He wuz bo'n too tired ter git outen his own way," said the old colored brother. "De only exercise he ever gits is fallin' from grace, an' after he falls he's too tired ter git up!"—Altantio Constitution.

A Literal Fall.

"I hear the newly weds had a falling out yesterday."
"So soon? What was it about?"
"About the turn in the road yonder. Their rear tire blew up."—Baltimore American.

\$100 Reward, \$100

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

Address: F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.
Sold by all druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

Should you at any time desire to have any wearing apparel Dyed, Cleaned, Pressed, Repaired or Altered we would be pleased if afforded the opportunity of demonstrating to you our unexcelled service. You fully realize that apparel which, oftentimes cast aside owing to soil, can be by modern methods Cleaned, Dyed or Repaired, etc., and in many instances made to look like new, thereby not only improving appearance but being economical as well. Give our service a trial and let us convince you we can save you money. Phone 83 when again in need and we shall be pleased to call and secure any work you may have. Thanking you in advance for same, I am, yours very truly

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OUR MAY BARGAIN PRICES

Effective Until Wednesday Only

The same very low prices given for Saturday and Monday are now to continue throughout the remaining days of May and close Wednesday night of next week. Take advantage of this, even though this may be a very busy time with you in every respect, it will be alleviated by the saving you can make on purchases made here.

Staple Department

1 lot 10c Gingham Saturday and Monday . . . 8c
 1 lot 12½ and 15c Red Seal Gingham . . . 10c
 10c brown domestic Saturday and Monday 8½c
 8c brown Domestic Saturday and Monday 7½c
 10c bleached Gold Medal Domestic 8½c
 25c Turkish bath towels Sat. and Mon. 20c
 50c Turkish bath towels Sat. and Mon. 40c
 25c linen crash towels 20c
 50c linen crash towels 40c
 10c percales in dark colors only 8½c
 8½c percales in all colors 7½c
 10-4 bleached sheeting, 35c grade 28c

9-4 bleached sheeting 30c grade 26c
 10-4 brown sheeting 32c grade 27c
 9-4 brown sheeting 30c grade 25c
 10c fancy mattress tucking 9c
 12½c fancy mattress tucking 10c
 65c ladies' union suits 50c

Men's Dress Shirts

65c grade dress shirts Sat. and Mon. 50c
 50c men's underwear Sat. and Mon. 45c
 1 lot men's 3.00 dress shoes 2.50
 1 lot men's 4.50 patent oxfords 3.25

Shoes, Shoes Shoes!

Wholesale price advancing, but we are lower-

ing the retail price for Saturday and Monday.

1 lot misses' patent Baby Doll pumps regular 2.25 grade, sizes 11½ to 2 1.45
 1 lot misses patent Baby Dolls 8½ to 11 . . . 1.25
 Misses white pumps and oxfords 2.25 grade Saturday and Monday 1.75
 2.00 misses' white pumps and shoes 1.45
 1.50 misses' white pumps and shoes 1.15

Ladies Pumps and Oxfords

Ladies white pumps and oxfords 2.00 grade Saturday and Monday 1.45
 3.50 white pumps Saturday and Monday 2.45
 3.50 white new buck pumps 2.75

John B. Stetson Hats

5.00 John B. Stetson Sat. and Mon. 4.25
 6.00 John B. Stetson Sat. and Mon. 5.25
 Best grade overalls for 1.00
 Best grade men's work shirts50

Boys' Clothing Department

Boys' 5.00 suits Sat. and Mon. 4.25
 Boys' 6.00 suits Sat. and Mon. 5.00
 Boys' 7.50 suits Sat. and Mon. 6.45
 Boys' 4.00 suits Sat. and Mon. 3.50
 Boys' 3.50 suits Sat. and Mon. 3.15

Remember, the above prices are good only during the balance of May. Our previous purchases enable us to quote these reductions.

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SHILOH

Charlie Seago preached his first sermon at Shiloh Sunday and everybody says "Charlie did just fine." There was good attendance and everybody seemed well pleased with Charlie's first sermon.
 The school closed here Friday with a program at night. The program was well rendered. There were visitors from Trent, Noodle, Newman and Golan.
 Mrs. Mae Seago left Monday morning for Cisco to have her eyes treated.
 Mrs. Altas Phillips and children of Trent spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. T. Winters.
 Mr. Preston left for his home in Comanche Saturday, after spending a week with his daughter, Mrs. Marian Winters.

Rev. Horn and Scott of Abilene attended the closing exercises of the school Friday night, and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Beavers.
 Mrs. Julia Cotton and Mrs. J. H. Grayson were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. U. B. Wheeler near Sweetwater Creek Sunday.
 Mrs. Wilner Grayson was in Merkel Monday.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. Conder spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Grayson.
 Prayer meeting was well attended Sunday night.
 Jess Tabors and sisters, Misses Della and Nancy Green motored to Abilene Sunday.
 Mrs. Maynard from near Trent attended services here Sunday.
 Aunt Nancy Dyess was real sick Sunday afternoon but is better at this writing.
 Mr. and Mrs. Will Barnes of Merkel visited here Saturday and Sunday.

Demonstration

Ask for a Demonstration of the Domo Cream Separator by our salesman now on the road. Let us leave one at your door and try it out. Light easy running, best of test on your cream and moderate in price. \$32.50, \$40.00 and \$50.00. Satisfaction guaranteed or your money refunded.
 Anchor Mercantile Co. Distributors for the Merkel and Trent country.
Protect your stock with Hess Fly Chaser, on sale at Grimes Drug Store.
 Miss Leon and brother, Ted Briggs of Midlothian are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Brigg.
 Cotton seed Meal at G. M. Sharps.

COMPERE

Compere's scribe has quit, so I will write and tell how fast this community is preparing a crop to show for their work.
 Health of this community is better. Mrs. Moore was able to spend Sunday with Mrs. Green of Noodle.
 Rev. Green filled his appointment here Sunday.
 Compere is expecting a great day here Sunday and also a big crowd. All are invited and especially the singers, as this is a District Singing Convention Day.
 Mr. Roman Palmer smiles when he looks at his new car, recently purchased.
 The Compere school will close the 31st with a fine program, well prepared, and a concert entertainment Wednesday night.
 William Moore visited his

mother at Blair and his aunt at Canyon.
 Will Matting didn't quit at buying a new piano; he runs a fine car purchased of late.
 Several head of jersey cows and heifers for sale or will exchange for dry stock. Judd Sheppard.
Every person should protect their stock from flies. Use Hess Stock Chaser. Grimes Drug Store.
 Mrs. B. H. Moore and children of Abilene are spending this week in the country home of W. J. Shannon on Route 1.
 If you want a good cup coffee try Wamba's Steel Cut at G. M. Sharp's.
 Miss Mae White went to Abilene last Friday to visit her mother who is ill.

Judge R. N. Grisham

Judge R. N. Grisham of Sweetwater was in Merkel Monday and Tuesday in the interest of his candidacy for congress from this, 16th, district. Judge Grisham called at the Mail office during the time he was in town and paid his respects to the craft. He is a man of pleasing disposition and has the nerve of matching the hardest fight a man could hope to match in this section of the state, no matter what office he should choose to announce for.
We have a complete stock of Hess Fly Chaser. Grimes Drug Store.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jess Nalley of Trent were here Saturday.
 Fresh corn meal at G. M. Sharp's.

Parten's May Sale PARTEN'S GREAT MAY REDUCING SALE Parten's May Sale

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| Men's 2.00 Summer Pants | .98 | 1.75 and 1.50 Taffeta Silks, all colors | 1.00 |
| Men's Palm Beach Pants | 1.75 | 20c beautiful figured and striped lawns | 12½c |
| Men's Panama Hats | 1.95 | 15c beautiful figured and striped lawns | 10c |
| Men's John B. Stetson Hats | 3.50 | 20.00 Brandegge fine spring and summer suits | 13.50 |
| Men's 5.00 Packard low cut shoes | 3.95 | | |
| Ladies 4.00 patent vici slippers | 3.00 | | |
| Ladies 2.50 pat. Baby Doll " | 1.75 | | |

Are a few of the many hundreds of big bargains this big sale is offering and selling fast to scores of tickled buyers each day. Don't be last, these prices and others we are offering positively cannot be duplicated anywhere

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