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A few years ago practically all products from the Divide were brought to Merkel and sold. The best producing grain land in all Merkel trade territory is in this section and now our town sees little of this brought to our market.

During the same time this trade was coming to our town, the bank accounts of men from that section were in Merkel banks. It is conservative to say that at least fifty per cent, if not more, possibly seventy-five per cent of these accounts are now deposited in banks of nearby towns. Citizens of the Divide country having bank affiliations in another town will go there to transact their business and while doing this they will do their trading.

GOOD ROADS HAVE DONE THE WORK

Good roads will continue to carry this trend of trade to another town and even though some good work has been done on the so called Dora Hill, this work is not sufficient to compare with improved roads that have been built into that country from another direction. Under the ordinary methods of road work as carried on in this precinct it is impossible to change this condition. The available funds will not suffice the needs. This article is intended to convey food for thought for all who have interest in and around Merkel. If the town grows each interested person will profit by its growth.

In the spring of 1917 there will no doubt be an enormous small grain crop on the Divide, in the fall of 1917 the Divide will produce another good cotton crop and with good roads from Merkel to the top or beyond the cap-rock of the Dora mountain all these farm products would come our way.

Men from the Dora country often tell local merchants that they had rather come here to trade than to go elsewhere, but???

The problem before this precinct is as plain as the nose on your face, and if anyone can't see the point they must be near sighted.

The Mail certainly would like to see our town benefit from trade that is rightly due us, but—Oh, well, that BUT or an IF always gets in the way, so what's the use?

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

The Mail has hoped against hope that paper conditions would become more normal but as yet there is no significance that a backward trend would come in the prices on print paper. To the contrary, we are advised of their continual advance, and a bundle of newspaper print that could be bought for \$2.65 some two years ago is now quoted at \$7.50. The wholesale supply houses advise that prices will likely go higher.

ONLY ONE THING TO DO

In view of these continuous advances there is only one thing to do, that is to advance the price of subscription, and beginning November 1st, the Mail will be

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The very best combination offers possible will be given in connection with this offer to all of our subscribers at all times, but beginning with the above date no more subscriptions will be taken at \$1 per year. This leaves the next eighteen days only in which the Mail will be sold at \$1 per year.

COMPLIMENTING MERKEL

The writer was walking up the street the other day and chanced to hear two out-of-town men talking. One of them had just arrived in our city for the first time here. That part of the newcomer's conversation which attracted attention of more than one was: "This is a very pretty town and one of the busiest little

places I ever saw." We received an introduction to the gentleman. He is Mr. H. D. Phillips of Wichita Falls, district manager of the Southwestern Telephone Company, and is here to take charge of the local exchange until Mr. Holdridge recovers from an injury he received several days ago.

DORA MEN RATHER TRADE AT MERKEL

J. W. Wood, Martin Ensminger, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ensminger and family of Dora, were in town Tuesday trading.

Mr. Wood reported that he had gathered twenty-two bales of cotton and would get at least seven more. Nine of those already gathered are riding the rising market, being in the local yards. The farmers in general around Dora, according to Mr. Wood, have gathered about three-fourths of their cotton or probably eighty per cent. In speaking of these conditions, Mr. Wood further stated that much of this crop was carried to another market where road conditions are better but he preferred to come here as the local business men had always befriended him and he liked to come here to return the favors. The route to his place goes west from Center Point and up through Coffee Hollow, which road is in very bad condition, a portion just west of Center Point was dragged Monday and is improved a bit.

The grain crop on the Divide will no doubt be heavy next spring. R. A. Ensminger has 40 acres of wheat already planted and "Uncle" Tim Bloxom has twenty acres. Others throughout that section will begin planting just as soon as conditions will permit.

CLIPPINGS WORTH A LITTLE THOUGHT

Willie Brown, age ten went to pa's den—saw a box of smokers took one as a hoax—scratched match—one puff—then more—then enough—! Dizzy head—face green—sickest kid ever seen—reason plain—he had smoked cigars given dad by ma—birthday gift—get our drift?

Only a watch repairer can keep his eye on a time piece and still tend to his business.

Some men are as crooked as the dollar mark that stands for their wealth. Others are too darned crooked to retain this shape.

A man never goes broke, he only comes back that way. Alluding to the race track.

Good conduct is a life preserver, and righteousness is only a form of common sense.

To escape criticism—do nothing, say nothing and be nothing.

Forget to do anyone an injury, but remember to do everyone a kindness.

Ever notice how much easier it is to go from bad to worse than from good to better.

The minute you get the idea you are indispensable, you aren't.

The devil is not always mean. When you see a disgusting drunkard making a spectacle of himself in public, that is the devil trying to give you warning.

There is no road to success but through a clear, strong purpose, and a purpose must underlie every attainment.

Plenty shorts at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Full blood pole and china pigs for sale, Chas. Russell. 6t3

JUNIUS TELLS OF COURT AT SHILOH

The fair city of Shiloh was thrown into a fever of intense excitement last week when the city council tried to impeach Hon. Sam Grayson, the honored and efficient mayor of this western metropolis. Not for embezzlement of public funds nor malfeasance of office, but the Mayor was charged with degrading this exalted official position by cutting stove wood, milking cows and slopping hogs, and in so doing he descended to the level of the rural menial, casting the odious and indelible stigma of disgrace upon the escutcheons of this gem city. The Mayor entered a most emphatic denial of the foul espersions cast upon his honored name. Over two hundred witnesses were examined and they all swore that the Mayor was a man of strictly sedentary habits and had not cut a stick of wood, milked cows or done any other kind of work for thirty-six years. His speech in his own defense was the acme of florid rhetoric and impassioned eloquence, causing the judge, jury and the entire audience to shed tears. Mayor Grayson was completely exonerated and his honored name now shines with a brighter lustre.

The little boy of Mr. and Mrs. Wilner Grayson whose leg was broken ten days ago, is improving fast, and will soon regain his former robust health.

Capt. Terrell Winter visited friends at Trent Sunday.

Our old friend G. G. Callahan left in his auto last week to visit the Abilene Fair.

Rev. Chas. Seago purchased a fine buggy Saturday, and he and his wife attended church at Noodle Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church treated our young folks to a delicious fruit supper Friday night.

Mrs. B. F. Hughes of Hagerman, is spending this week with Mrs. Wilner Grayson. She gives a glowing description of Mexico, a veritable Eldorado, a land flowing with milk and honey.

The copious rain Sunday was welcomed by us all and will enable farmers to break land, sow wheat and have a turnip patch.

Mr. Edgar Grayson of Trent was greeting friends in our section last week.

Mr. Bill Tiner visited Trent Monday on business.

BUY BALE COTTON AT \$150.00 PER

W. T. McDonald of Trent, Route 2 community, is naturally a portly man, but when he came to town Tuesday he was struttin' so he almost fell over backward. He had just set a record for Taylor county back as far as the time before the screech owls came.

Of one measly bale of lint cotton he paid the ginning and found a balance of \$151.95 to the good. The staple was sold to W. F. Dupree at 17 cents and totaled \$121.45. The seed brought the small sum of \$35.23, and it cost \$4.75 for the ginning. Higher marks were set than 17 cents on Tuesday but with the sale of seed the cotton sold by Mr. McDonald set a record for this market.

Dough-nuts, creme puffs and chocolate eclairs on Friday and Saturday at the Bakery.

Fresh car of Baker Boy flour at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

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All the visitors returned Monday and those seen report a most enjoyable trip. Mr. Angus stated that rain fell throughout all the country from here to El Paso and people in that section were jubilant over the prospects.

ROADS! ROADS!! ROADS!!!

A few years ago practically all products from the Divide were brought to Merkel and sold. The best producing grain land in all Merkel trade territory is in this section and now our town sees little of this brought to our market.

During the same time this trade was coming to our town, the bank accounts of men from that section were in Merkel banks. It is conservative to say that at least fifty per cent, if not more, possibly seventy-five per cent of these accounts are now deposited in banks of nearby towns. Citizens of the Divide country having bank affiliations in another town will go there to transact their business and while doing this they will do their trading.

GOOD ROADS HAVE DONE THE WORK

Good roads will continue to carry this trend of trade to another town and even though some good work has been done on the so called Dora Hill, this work is not sufficient to compare with improved roads that have been built into that country from another direction. Under the ordinary methods of road work as carried on in this precinct it is impossible to change this condition. The available funds will not suffice the needs. This article is intended to convey food for thought for all who have interest in and around Merkel. If the town grows each interested person will profit by its growth.

In the spring of 1917 there will no doubt be an enormous small grain crop on the Divide, in the fall of 1917 the Divide will produce another good cotton crop and with good roads from Merkel to the top or beyond the cap-rock of the Dora mountain all these farm products would come our way.

Men from the Dora country often tell local merchants that they had rather come here to trade than to go elsewhere, but????

The problem before this precinct is as plain as the nose on your face, and if anyone can't see the point they must be near sighted.

The Mail certainly would like to see our town benefit from trade that is rightly due us, but—Oh, well, that BUT or an IF always gets in the way, so what's the use?

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

The Mail has hoped against hope that paper conditions would become more normal but as yet there is no significance that a backward trend would come in the prices on print paper. To the contrary, we are advised of their continual advance, and a bundle of newspaper print that could be bought for \$2.65 some two years ago is now quoted at \$7.50. The wholesale supply houses advise that prices will likely go higher.

ONLY ONE THING TO DO

In view of these continuous advances there is only one thing to do, that is to advance the price of subscription, and beginning November 1st, the Mail will be

\$1.50 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

The very best combination offers possible will be given in connection with this offer to all of our subscribers at all times, but beginning with the above date no more subscriptions will be taken at \$1 per year. This leaves the next eighteen days only in which the Mail will be sold at \$1 per year.

COMPLIMENTING MERKEL

The writer was walking up the street the other day and chanced to hear two out-of-town men talking. One of them had just arrived in our city for the first time here. That part of the newcomer's conversation which attracted attention of more than one was: "This is a very pretty town and one of the busiest little places I ever saw." We received an introduction to the gentleman. He is Mr. H. D. Phillips of Wichita Falls, district manager of the Southwestern Telephone Company, and is here to take charge of the local exchange until Mr. Holdridge recovers from an injury he received several days ago.

DORA MEN RATHER JUNIUS TELLS OF TRADE AT MERKEL COURT AT SHILOH

J. W. Wood, Martin Ensminger, Mr. and Mrs. Jjm Ensminger and family of Dora, were in town Tuesday trading.

Mr. Wood reported that he had gathered twenty-two bales of cotton and would get at least seven more. Nine of those already gathered are riding the rising market, being in the local yards. The farmers in general around Dora, according to Mr. Wood, have gathered about three-fourths of their cotton or probably eighty per cent. In speaking of these conditions, Mr. Wood further stated that much of this crop was carried to another market where road conditions are better but he preferred to come here as the local business men had always befriended him and he liked to come here to return the favors. The route to his place goes west from Center Point and up through Coffee Hollow, which road is in very bad condition, a portion just west of Center Point was dragged Monday and is improved a bit.

The grain crop on the Divide will no doubt be heavy next spring. R. A. Ensminger has 40 acres of wheat already planted and "Uncle" Tim Bloxom has twenty acres. Others throughout that section will begin planting just as soon as conditions will permit.

CLIPPINGS WORTH A LITTLE THOUGHT

Willie Brown, age ten went to pa's den—saw a box of smokers took one as a hoax—scratched match—one puff—then more—then enough—! Dizzy head—face green—sickest kid ever seen—reason plain—he had smoked cigars given dad by ma—birth-day gift—get our drift?

Only a watch repairer can keep his eye on a time piece and still tend to his business.

Some men are as crooked as the dollar mark that stands for their wealth. Others are too darned crooked to retain this shape.

A man never goes broke, he only comes back that way. Alluding to the race track.

Good conduct is a life preserver, and righteousness is only a form of common sense.

To escape criticism—do nothing, say nothing and be nothing.

Forget to do anyone an injury, but remember to do everyone a kindness.

Ever notice how much easier it is to go from bad to worse than from good to better.

The minute you get the idea you are indispensable, you aren't.

The devil is not always mean. When you see a disgusting drunkard making a spectacle of himself in public, that is the devil trying to give you warning.

There is no road to success but through a clear, strong purpose, and a purpose must underlie every attainment.

Plenty shorts at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Full blood pole and china pigs for sale, Chas. Russell: 6t3

The fair city of Shiloh was thrown into a fever of intense excitement last week when the city council tried to impeach Hon. Sam Grayson, the honored and efficient mayor of this western metropolis. Not for embezzlement of public funds nor malfeasance of office, but the Mayor was charged with degrading this exalted official position by cutting stove wood, milking cows and slopping hogs; and in so doing he descended to the level of the rural menial, casting the odious and indelible stigma of disgrace upon the escutcheons of this gem city. The Mayor entered a most emphatic denial of the foul espersions cast upon his honored name. Over two hundred witnesses were examined and they all swore that the Mayor was a man of strictly sedentary habits and had not cut a stick of wood, milked cows or done any other kind of work for thirty-six years. His speech in his own defense was the acme of florid rhetoric and impassioned eloquence, causing the judge, jury and the entire audience to shed tears. Mayor Grayson was completely exonerated and his honored name now shines with a brighter lustre.

The little boy of Mr. and Mrs. Wilner Grayson whose leg was broken ten days ago, is improving fast, and will soon regain his former robust health.

Capt. Terrell Winter visited friends at Trent Sunday.

Our old friend G. G. Callahan left in his auto last week to visit the Abilene Fair.

Rev. Chas. Seago purchased a fine buggy Saturday, and he and his wife attended church at Noodle Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church treated our young folks to a delicious fruit supper Friday night.

Mrs. B. F. Hughes of Hagerman, is spending this week with Mrs. Wilner Grayson. She gives a glowing description of Mexico, a veritable Eldorado, a land flowing with milk and honey.

The copious rain Sunday was welcomed by us all and will enable farmers to break land, sow wheat and have a turnip patch.

Mr. Edgar Grayson of Trent was greeting friends in our section last week.

Mr. Bill Tiner visited Trent Monday on business.

BUY BALE COTTON AT \$150.00 PER

W. T. McDonald of Trent, Route 2 community, is naturally a portly man, but when he came to town Tuesday he was struttin' so he almost fell over backward. He had just set a record for Taylor county back as far as the time before the screech owls came.

Of one measly bale of lint cotton he paid the ginning and found a balance of \$151.95 to the good. The staple was sold to W. F. Dupree at 17 cents and totaled \$121.45. The seed brought the small sum of \$35.23, and it cost \$4.75 for the ginning. Higher marks were set than 17 cents on Tuesday but with the sale of seed the cotton sold by Mr. McDonald set a record for this market.

Dough-nuts, creme puffs and chocolate eclairs on Friday and Saturday at the Bakery.

Fresh ear of Baker Boy flour at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

LOCAL NEWS

Plenty shorts at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

W. M. Hope of Noodle was in Winters this week on business.

See James West for good pigs at \$3 each. tf

Mrs. D. S. Rutter of Houston who has been visiting the family of G. F. West and other relatives is now in Snyder.

The only vegetable refrigerator in town is at E. L. Rogers.

J. G. Sadler departed the first of the week for points in east Texas to visit relatives and scenes of his old home in Coryell.

Avoid chilly rooms in the morning by using Cole's Hot Blast Heaters. They prevent colds and sickness.—G. F. West.

H. K. Sheppard caught the "Sunshine" to Dallas Saturday morning where he shook hands with old home friends and look after fall purchases for his house, the Merkel Drug Co.

Bull Calves For Sale

Some good short horn bull calves for sale. See me. T. W. Neill, Trent, Texas. 20t3pd



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LOCAL NEWS

Phone W. E. Lowe at the Busy Bee for a service car.

Miss Willie McBride of Dallas has returned home after an extended visit with his sister, Mrs. W. M. Boring.

We are expecting a car of corn and white shorts. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Young Jr. of Tye returned home Monday, having spent a week here with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Young.

Mrs. W. J. Lewis and daughter Meriwether returned to Fort Worth Monday where the latter returns to school.

W. E. Lowe's service cars run day or night. Call the Busy Bee.

Rev. D. G. Wells of Anson preached at Blair Sunday morning and again at the evening services, coming here Monday morning to return to his home. J. M. Reeves accompanied him here from Blair.

W. N. Farris of Noodle left Monday morning for Dallas and Greenville and in the latter place he will visit his aged father and other relatives and friends in that section, his old home.

Mrs. J. T. Warren left Sunday for a visit with relatives in El Paso, Ark. She will stop for a visit at the State Fair enroute.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning are in Waurika, Okla., visiting their daughter Mrs. J. B. Steele. Unless our coming winter persuades Mr. Browning to hunt his good warm corner, the trip will be extended to points in Kentucky.

Mrs. A. E. Brown of Merkel, Route 5, is a patient in an Abilene sanitarium. She is reported as convalescing nicely from an operation performed last Sunday. Miss Gertrude Stanley of this city is also reported rapidly recovering from a recent appendicitis operation at Abilene.

Miss Bessie Shaw of Jermyn is in the home of her uncle Rev. H. E. Bullock. Miss Shaw will remain here during the winter.

Miss Ollie Garroute returned Friday night from visiting relatives and friends in Snyder and Hermleigh. On the same train with Miss Garroute was Mrs. B. W. Hudgins who, was on her way to Dallas where she goes on business for damages pending against the Fort Worth & Denver Ry., for the death of her husband.

Disc Drill For Sale

New Van Brunt disc row drill at less than it cost. See J. R. Hestery. 1tpd

NOTICE

Dr. Daly of Abilene, will be in Merkel Oct. 28th. Practice confined to diseases and surgery of the Eye, Ear, and Throat, and fitting glasses. Office at the Walker Cottage.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HOME FOR SALE—Good four room house, near Presbyterian church, 2 lots and improvement, A Bargain. C. E. Connor. 13t3-pd

FOR SALE.—300 acres land 9 miles south of Merkel. Dem Rust. Oct.pd.

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FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms within one block of school building. J. W. Talty.

FOR RENT OR SALE—My home on Oak Street. Mrs. E. Hall. 20tf

FOR SALE—Good 60 acre farm, 45 acres in cultivation. One mile of good school. See me on Route 1. G. W. Brady. 13t3

FOR SALE—Five-room house on South Rose Street. Good terms. Robert Hicks. 23tf.

FARMS FOR SALE—Well located, and some houses in town. S. F. Haynes. 20t4pd.

Farm hand wanted by the month. No cigarette fiend need apply. J. B. Walton. 20t2

FOR SALE—Team work horses and two 2-year old mules. Sam Roberts. 1tpd.

Notice—I have apples at the Boney Drug Store Bldg. Please come and get yours. F. Sears. 1p

WANTED—2 men travelers. Experience unnecessary. Salary, commission and expense allowance to right man. J. E. McBrady, Chicago. pd

Pigs for Sale—Good pigs at \$3 apiece. James West. tf

For Rent—Good 6 room house, sleeping porch, cistern, well, windmill, tank-house, waterworks, plenty room, barn, and garden plot—\$12.00 per month to desirable parties only. Homer L. East-erwood.

Car of prairie hay due about Saturday-week. T. J. R. Swafford. 20t2

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G. L. Browning who has been here for the past ten days with his parents and his sister, Mrs. Jno. Briggs, departed Monday for Dallas and Corpus Christi, where he will resume his vacation, before returning to his home in the Panhandle country.

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AS BETWEEN MR. WILSON AND MR. HUGHES

The President's speech accepting the renomination of the Democratic Party was a much more convincing document than Mr. Hughes's speech the month before, for the president could point to a remarkable record of constructive achievement, including a series of useful acts governing agricultural problems such as grain standards, warehousing, etc., as well as the better-known Federal Reserve Act, Rural Credits Act, Child Labor Act, etc. Moreover, the President's settlement of the threatened railroad strike, even if he did acquiesce in being held up by the brotherhoods, shows again that with him in the White House the Government can do business. The machine can be got underway more quickly by Mr. Wilson than by any recent President.

His domestic achievements and his ability to run the Government have made it plain all along that the public will get better service by continuing to use Mr. Wilson and the Democratic Party than by using Mr. Hughes and the Republican Party, unless Mr. Hughes has the vision and ability to put a definition and vigor which the President has lacked into the word "Americanism." But neither Mr. Hughes nor his party seems inclined to do this, and there is, therefore, little to be gained in changing. There is, indeed, a positive advantage to Americanism in defeating Mr. Hughes so long as the anti-American German voters believe that they helped nominate him and so long as they accept him as their candidate.

But if we do have Mr. Wilson in the White House again, many of the votes cast for him will have been cast not because of but in spite of the fact that he allowed Germany to murder Americans at sea for a year and to blow up property here. Many people who vote for him will do so with regret that his leadership was directed toward quieting and not toward educating a proper resentment of these outrages and that for the most part his influence was against an adequate preparation to convince the world that we did properly resent these outrages. It is a fair criticism to say that if Grover Cleveland had been President he would have led public opinion so that there would have been no McLemore and Gore resolutions and no support of them. Under his leadership the Democratic delegates at St. Louis would not have gone into ecstasies over the maintenance of peace with Germany while Germany has never offered reparation or apology for the Americans who died on the Lusitania and while the whole submarine question is left suspended on a conditional promise.

The President was willing to meet the inevitable after a year of notes, but he was himself partially responsible for the pacifism in Congress and softness in the country which wished to forsake him for peace at any price. And the existence of this same unreasoning pacifism has to a degree robbed our good intentions toward Mexico of their true character and dressed them up in the garments of weakness and vacillation.

The President has done much for the material welfare of the people but a serious disservice to their national spirit and their sense of responsibility to the vigorous ideals of democracy.—Worlds Work.

The notice published in this issue over the signature of Superintendent R. M. Parker, asking for standard magazines, journals, papers or

books should receive hearty response from the people. Some children may not have an opportunity to read current magazines in their homes and with this addition to the school library your gift will be a pleasure as well as a profit to those who will use and read this class of literature. Send your magazines, let them be good ones only, to Superintendent Parker and let the school children reap a benefit therefrom.

When a bale of lint cotton sells for over \$150.00 it makes us regret that we ever left the farm. At the time of departure from the dear old place we remonstrated with all our relatives including our grandpap, in hopes of making them realize that sometime the stuff would be worth over four or five cents per pound.

Any yet with cotton worth \$150 per bale Charlie Hughes is going over the country telling the people that this Wilson administration is the rottenest thing ever perpetrated on the American public. If consistency is a jewel Hughes is a phoney as big as the moon.

WEARING A VEST

What has become of the old-fashioned man who wore a vest all summer without a coat?—Ennis News.

He still lives in Clarksville and edits the Times when he is not busy searching for a few locks of long staple cotton.—Fannin County Favorite.

We didn't know he had moved away from Honey Grove.

BEAUTY CONTESTS

Why don't somebody start a "Beauty Contest."—Hamilton Record.

No use, Frank Grimes of the Abilene Reporter is too busy to enter it.

A girl named Carr and a man named Pullman were recently married. Joined thusly it might be termed a Pullman-car coupling.

Frank Grimes, city editor for the Abilene Reporter now mixes mashed potatoes with his beans to keep the latter from rolling off his knife.

THE WORD "OBEY"

The word "obey" is to be eliminated from the Episcopal marriage ceremony. This is a worthy reform and it is hoped other churches will follow the Episcopal brethren. We never could see the use of starting a row at the altar.—Leonard Graphic.

We know a mighty good woman who balked at the word "obey" about sixteen years ago.—Bonham Favorite.

We refuse to comment on something we don't know anything about.

Hamlin, Texas, is having a unique suit at present over the prohibition pool hall law. Over three-fourths of the voters of Hamlin voted to oust the pool halls in a recent election. The owners of the establishment claimed property of over \$5,000 would be damaged by prohibition of their business and asked the district judge of their district for an order restraining a canvas of the pool hall vote, the petition was refused by the judge and the matter was then brought before District Judge Clark of Waco who has granted the order.

It now remains to be seen if the rule of three-fourths of the people of Hamlin will be overruled. The case will be tried out in the District Court of Jones county early next year.

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We could not fail to mention

with gratitude our physician's untiring efforts to save the life of our baby.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst.

Notice to Patrons and Friends of Merkel School

If you have any standard magazines, journals, papers, books, in your home, that you feel like contributing to the Merkel School Library, after you and yours shall have gotten through with them, you can do a great work for the young life in and around Merkel by sending them to me.

I will see that each and every boy and girl who do not have the opportunity of reading this literature in their homes have an opportunity at some time during their stay in school.

Yours respt.,
 R. M. Parker,
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Stith Man Dies at Alvin

H. C. West for the past twelve or thirteen years a resident of the Stith country died at Alvin last week from cancer. Mr. West had been suffering for several months and had gone to Alvin for treatment. The body being returned here and removed to the home at Stith where burial was held Saturday, Rev. E. E. Dawson, pastor of the deceased, conducting the burial services. Mr. West moved to the Merkel



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country with his family from Ellis county and during his entire residence here has been a prominent figure in his community and a highly respected man. He is survived by a wife and eight children. Mesdames Chas. Rogers, W. I. Burton, and Clyde Jones, Miles and Elbert West and Willard West.

Money to Loan

Am prepared to make quick loans on good farm and ranch property at eight percent. C. E. Whittaker. 29t5pd.

Take home a loaf of our fresh bread. The Bakery.

R. A. Ensminger Hurt

A belated report of an injury to R. A. Ensminger of Dora has reached us. Mr. Ensminger was plowing with a riding plow when he fell from the seat of the machine, sustaining critical injuries to his spine, from which he was unconscious for some time. A like accident befell Mr. Ensminger years ago, when he was thrown from his horse, and the gravity of the recent hurt no doubt can be attributed to the former injury.

Our prices are right every day in the week. Circulars unnecessary. E. L. Rogers.

Dallas Girl Pleases Veterans

A letter has been received from J. O. Bradfield of the Texas Confederate Home at Austin in praise of little Miss Marian Shepherd of Dallas, who recently entertained the veterans in the home by dancing for them. She was accompanied to the home by her grandmother, Mrs. Potter, and her aunt, Miss Dorothy Potter, wife and daughter of Judge Potter of the State Water Engineer's Department. Mrs. Potter and her daughter sang several songs for the veterans, but Mr. Bradfield wrote, the dancing of the little girl pleased them most.

Dallas News of Oct. 6th.

The many Merkel friends of Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard will remember little Marian and will be pleased to read the above.

For a Muddy Complexion

Take Chamberlain's Tablets and adopt a diet of vegetables and cereals. Take outdoor exercise daily and your complexion will be greatly improved within a few months. Try it. Obtainable everywhere.

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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.



Winter's Coming

IN FACT IT HAS ALREADY SHOWN UP

We have a very complete stock of wood and coal heaters, at various prices, to suit anyone. The prices are very low, considering the prices now prevailing in the market.

Plenty of John Deere Double Disc Plows; also the Little Pony Disc that has proven so popular. Now is the time for these plows, call and look them over.

Our house is full of seasonable goods and you will always find our **PRICES RIGHT**

Crown Hardware Co.

TRENT SCHOOL OPEN

Large Attendance marks Opening On Monday Morning

A SOAKING RAIN IS RECEIVED

Moving Picture Show Provides Amusement Three Nights Each Week. 2. F. D. Number One is Changed

This section of the country was visited by a nice rain Oct. 13th and on Sunday morning following, by a sure enough one, which was welcomed by all. Tuesday saw even a greater downpour. Stock water and drinking water were scarce and this was first real rain since May 18th. It is all a notion that you have to have rain to make a crop in Taylor county, this years crop was made, gathered and mostly sold without even a thunder shower and now we find more money in the country than in its history.

The Public Schools opened Monday with a large attendance. The opening exercises were held in the auditorium. Welcome address to the teachers was made by Rev. W. A. Scott and responded to by Prof. Christopher. Six teachers have been employed to a most successful term. A large crowd of interested patrons attended exercises.

Messrs. L. R. Bishop, J. A. Miller, O. Dollahite and Grady Miller left last week for Colorado on a prospecting tour. They expect to be gone about three weeks and are making the trip in J.A.'s Ford.

L. N. Ross made a business trip to Merkel on Monday.

W. E. Hamner and two sons, W. T. Gist and Glen Hamner are spending three or four days in Dallas this week visiting the fair and on business.

Dr. Fry of Simmons College made a fine lecture on the Bible at the Baptist church the past week.

Luther Watson and wife of Sweetwater visited friends and relatives here Sunday.

Jas. Bright and wife were in Merkel Monday.

C. E. Johnson formerly of this place is here on business from Hedley, Texas.

Mr. Ideal Howell of Fort Worth visited friends and relatives here three days last week.

Rural Route No. 1 has been changed so that some twenty families will be added to it.

Misses May, Louise and Mary Craddock received a nice Shetland pony Sunday by express from their grandparents at Denton.

Trent now has a full fledged moving picture show three nights each week and pleasing programs are being given.

Messrs. Thos. Neill and Thomas Cesseaux were in Merkel Wednesday on business.

Colored Girls Fight

Thursday night of last week two colored girls in this city became involved in a difficulty, and during the melee that followed one of them was severely slashed with a razor. The one receiving the wound evidently believed in the effectiveness of the swift kick, and while in the act of delivering one, her antagonist produced that famous weapon of her race, the razor, and proceeded to carve her on the leg near where the pistol pocket would have been had she been a man. The combatants were separated and medical attention given the wounded one. Several stitches were necessary to close the gash. —Cisco Round-Up.

More Than Enough is too Much
To maintain health, a mature man or woman needs just enough food to repair the waste and supply energy and body heat. The habitual consumption of more food than is necessary for these purposes is the prime cause of stomach troubles, rheumatism and disorders of the kidneys. If troubled with indigestion, revise your diet, let reason and not appetite control and take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be alright again. For sale by all dealers.

Parten's Mammoth Sale

Of fall and winter merchandise continues to be of paramount importance to every economical buyer within and even beyond Merkel's trade radius. **IT IS EASIER TO SAVE DOLLARS THAN TO MAKE THEM BY HARD LABOR.** Let us figure on that bill. Don't forget your "auto" coupons

Parten Dry Goods Company



MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. George Grayle Request the pleasure of your Company on Saturday Evening, October 21, from eight to eleven o'clock In honor of

Mr. and Mrs. John Calhoun Province's Golden Wedding 1866 1916.

The above card has been received by several friends and relatives of this elderly couple here. Mr. and Mrs. Province have lived a goodly share of these fifty years here and their many friends would join in congratulations over the many years it has been their privilege to have lived together and in best wishes for the years to come.

The celebration will take place in the home of their daughter Mrs. Gayle in Edna, Texas.

Marriage to be Sunday.

The marriage of Mr. Clarence Eoff and Miss Aileen Barbee both of Noodle is announced to take Sunday evening at seven o'clock at the home of the bride's parents in Noodle.

Mr. Eoff is a properous young farmer of that section of the country and an esteemed young man while his bride to be, a popular young lady among her many and numerous friends, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee.

Fidelis Class Entertained

The Fidelis class of the Baptist Sunday school was entertained in the country home of Miss Mae Lassiter last Saturday afternoon. Business occupied a part of the afternoon, after which the remaining time was spent socially. The hostess served refreshments of chocolate and cake. The class members present were Mesdames L. B. Howard and Gen. J. Jones Misses Mary and Dovie Teaff, Callie Lou Owen, Annie and Sadie Collins, Willie Swann, Ola Sharp and the hostess.

Among the social events of the last week occurring too late for mention was the dance given at the Cozy Wednesday evening. To make the pleasure different and probably more alluring the music was furnished by the Mexican orchestra. Quite a number of young people enjoyed the evening's dance.

WHAT CATARRH IS

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

To correct catarrh you should treat its cause by enriching your blood with the oil-food in Scott's Emulsion which is a medicinal food and a building-tonic, free from alcohol or any harmful drugs. Try it. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.



At preserving time just watch the woman who makes the most delicious preserves you have ever tasted.

Note how carefully she seals her jars and glasses; for that is one of the main reasons why her preserves are always a success.

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—A warm breakfast room and early morning comfort by simply opening the hot blast fuel-saving draft on the coal put in stove the night before.

—Cleanliness and fire-holding results not excelled by any base burner selling at twice its price.

These results give healthy, rosy cheeks to the children and happy hearts to the parents.

Besides all this, the guaranteed fuel saving soon pays for the stove. Burns any fuel—hard coal, soft coal or wood.

If you have an eye for comfort and economy you will come in today.

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Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of itching, itching, bleeding or protruding piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives ease and rest. 30c.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

B. Y. P. U. Program

Leader—Mr. Matthews.
Scripture reading—Leader.
Meaning of this question, "Will God hear me when I pray?"—Mr. Porter.

What is meant by God's hearing prayer?—Miss Beulah Garrett.

Because of what God is.—Lytton Howard.

Song, 192 (special duet).

Attitude of approach to God to assure a hearing of Him.—Brother Owen.

The Scriptures teach that God hears our prayers.—Mrs. Jones.

Teachings of Jesus.—Miss Callielou Owen.

SEE HERE!

Do You Want Your Kidneys Experimented on

Kidney troubles are getting more common every day. Government health bureau figures say deaths from this cause are 72 per cent more than 20 years ago.

Anybody who suffers constant backache, who feels blue, nervous and irritable, who has dizzy spells, headache and urinary disorders should suspect kidney weakness. Overworked kidneys must have a rest. Take things easier; live more carefully. Take a good kidney remedy to build the kidneys up again.

But be sure to get Doan's Kidney Pills—the oldest, the most widely used and the best recommended of all kidney pills now in use all over the civilized world. Don't experiment with your kidneys. Thousands have already tested Doan's. You have their experience to go by. Plenty of cases right here in Merkel. Here's one:

Mrs. J. V. West, Merkel, says: "An attack of La Grippe several years ago left my kidneys weak and disordered, causing severe pain. As Doan's Kidney Pills had been taken with good results in my family, I used them. They reached the seat of the trouble, completely curing me. I have had no return of the trouble since."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. West had. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Advised Letters.

Collins, G. H.
Daniels, John
Dunn, J. W.
Evetts, J. T.
Helm, Willie
Horn, Lue
Hubbard, Mrs. M. E.
Jeffreys, G. I.
McLin, Jim
Strong, Tommie (2)
Young, Robert

Billescas, Dolores
Rodriguez, C.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Nov. 1st, 1916.

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

When You Take Cold

With the average man a cold is a serious matter and should not be trifled with, as some of the most dangerous diseases start with a common cold. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of your cold as quickly as possible. You are not experimenting when you use this remedy as it has been in use for many years and has an established reputation. It has no opium or other narcotic. Obtainable everywhere.

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MERKEL POWER
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HOW THE GREAT WAR STARTED

Here is a lot of history in a few words. The German Kaiser says the war was forced upon him. The following, written in a lighter vein for so serious a subject, tells how the war was forced upon Austria and Germany. The Kaiser was the one and only man in all the world who could have prevented the war at the time it started. He refused to say the word to Austria, his ally, that would have prevented the most disastrous war in all history and the most unjustifiable war of all time, and to that extent history will hold the Kaiser responsible.

Austria (to Serbia): You scoundrel get down on your knees and eat 10 mouthfuls of dirt! Do it in one minute, or I'll shoot!

Russia (to Austria): I'll shoot if you do; (to Serbia) Eat all the dirt you possibly can; do your best to keep him from shooting. I don't want to have to shoot.

England, France and Italy (to Austria): Please wait a minute; (to Germany): Austria is your brother, he does exactly what you tell him to do. Ask him to wait just a minute longer before he shoots. We can arrange this so satisfy Austria if you'll get him not to shoot.

Germany: No.

Servia (on his knees and swallowing): There! I've eaten nine mouthfuls, and I will eat the 10th if you'll give me just a few seconds for digestion.

Austria: No, your minute is up and I shoot.

England and France (imploping Germany): Please stop him. You are the only one who can. Won't you say a word to stop him?

Germany: No.

Russia (Beginning to load his old fashioned shot gun): I hope you will stop him. See here, Austria, can't we talk things over and see if there isn't a better way out?

Germany (interrupting): Russia quit loading that gun!

Russia: I can't while things are in this shape, but I will quit loading at once if Austria will promise not to shoot Servia—

Germany (interrupting): I love peace and I have done more than mortal man to preserve it. The sword is forced into, my hands, evidently by God, and I defend myself. (Draws two well oiled and loaded pump-guns of magnificent model and begins to shoot, while France and England run home to get their guns.)—Booth Tankington in Metropolitan Magazine.

A KING IN HIS OWN RIGHT

H. F. Richards of Merkel was here last night closing up a deal for the sale of his farm near Merkel. The facts are interesting. He bought 320 acres of land in 1908, for \$5,100 paying down \$1,000. He had been working at day labor, previously, and making a bare existence. In the intervening time he has paid his farm clear, and sold it recently for \$8,000 flat, and has on hand of this year's crop \$4,000 worth of cotton besides other products of his farm. He is going to Idaho—but he'll come back.

Item: Mr. Richards accomplished this by hard work and attending to his business. Any other man can do the same.—Taylor County Times.

Colored Girls Fight

Thursday night of last week two colored girls in this city became involved in a difficulty, and during the melee that followed one of them was severely slashed with a razor. The one receiving the wound evidently believed

in the effectiveness of the swift kick, and while in the act of delivering one, her antagonist produced that famous weapon of her race, the razor, and proceeded to carve her on the leg near where the pistol pocket would have been had she been a man. The combatants were separated and medical attention given the wounded one. Several stitches were necessary to close the gash. —Cisco Round-Up.

HUNT'S CURE

It is a guaranteed remedy for skin diseases—eczema, itch, nettle, ringworm, etc. If you suffer from any such trouble, get a box of Hunt's Cure today. Don't be annoyed with scaly, itching skin when a 50c box will relieve you. We will give your money back if one box of Hunt's Cure doesn't rid you of ITCHING SKIN DISEASE.

"I surely praise your Hunt's Cure for eczema. I suffered with eczema for ten years—the pains and itching were so great I thought lots of times I would rather die. I spent about \$1,000 for doctor's treatments and everything was in vain until I bought a box of Hunt's Cure and it entirely cured me. My skin is now as good as a two-year-old child's. I have recommended Hunt's Cure to my friends who suffered from eczema, and they have been cured also."

Writes Mr. H. F. Richards, a merchant of Durant, Okla.



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Sold by all Druggists and Grocers everywhere. If you don't handle it, show him this ad—he'll get it for you. Or send 2c in stamps to A. B. Richards Co., Sherman, Tex.



New arrivals IN Coats and Coat Suits

Our ladies ready-to-wear has been replenished this week by new express shipments from the New York markets until we are again showing one of the largest lines of Coats and Coat Suits that is to be found in this part of the country. We are showing them in the new browns, burgandy, navy, blacks, etc., ranging in price from

**\$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$17.50, \$20.00
AND UP TO \$35.00**



We are making some extremely low prices on some of the earlier arrivals, mostly in small sizes for \$7.50, \$8.50 and up to \$12.50. These prices represent values up to \$20 and \$25. An early look at these goods will convince you that we are giving some extraordinary values in the above in order to clean up our stock of early arrivals.

Full line of childrens and misses coats just arrived at prices from \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5, \$7.50 and up to \$10

The Anchor Mercantile Company

DISTRICT FARMERS PASS RESOLUTIONS

Hon. C. A. Doose, President,
Central West Texas District
Farmers' Institute.

Sir:—

We beg to report the following resolutions and recommend their adoption.

No. 1. Whereas, it is now known that the counties composing this district, to wit: Eastland, Taylor, Nolan, Mitchell, Howard, Sterling, Tom Green, Irion, Runnels, Coke, Concho, Scurry, Fisher, Stonewall, Haskell, Jones, Shackelford, Palo Pinto, Callahan, and Stephens counties are now and have been losing annually many thousands of dollars caused by the damage done by rats, rabbits, ravens, prairie dogs, ground squirrels, gophers, coyotes, wild cats and English sparrows; and

Whereas, it is estimated that the rats alone are destroying nearly \$20,000,000 worth of agricultural produce annually in the State, besides being a menace to public health as carriers of contagious diseases; and

Whereas, the damage done by all these pests may reach the enormous sum of \$75,000,000 annually, which loss must be borne by the agricultural people unless some concerted action be taken by and between the counties against these pests. This damage will continue and possibly be increased; and

Whereas, it is known that individual effort cannot combat these pests successfully; and

Whereas, the State Department of Agriculture has outlined plans for a campaign working toward the extermination of these pests, which plans, we believe, if carried out, will accomplish the desired end; and therefore be it

Resolved, that we, the delegates representing the several counties of this district do most heartily endorse the work of the State Department of Agriculture, not only in this matter, but in all its work; and be it further

Resolved, that we hereby request our senators and representatives in the next legislature to work for a law allowing commissioners' courts of the several counties composing this district to purchase poisons in large quantities to be distributed among the people as they deem proper, and to pass suitable laws providing for the extermination of these pests, and be it further

Resolved, that we request our senators and representatives to secure, if possible, the passage of laws providing for the destruc-

tion of these pests throughout the state; and be it further

Resolved, that we hereby pledge our co-operation to the State Department of Agriculture in the organization of its institute work, and respectfully invite the co-operation of the farming people to at once unite with the institute and assist the Department of Agriculture in its effort for a better system of farming, the establishment of a marketing system and the upbuilding of the country in general; and be it further

Resolved, that to accomplish the above ends, we respectfully request the next legislature to not only maintain the Department of Agriculture, but to increase its efficiency by giving it a greater appropriation, which will enable it to increase its force

No. 2. Whereas, the coyotes and wild cats have been and are now doing considerable damage to live stock and poultry; and

Whereas, the bounty paid by the state has ceased; and

Whereas, these animals are on

the increase; therefore be it

Resolved, that we urge an appropriation be made (by the next legislature) for the payment of a bounty on wolf and wild cat scalps, the rate per scalp to be as much or more than that paid last year; and be it further

Resolved, that the great danger in the increased spread of hydrophobia and the carrying of virulent disease by dogs, that we favor the passing of a law placing a tax on dogs.

No. 3. Whereas, the farmers of the counties composing this district are often at a disadvantage in harvesting their crops by reason of the cost of transporting labor from other counties and states, therefore be it

Resolved, that we ask our senators and representatives in the next legislature to work for the passage of a law to authorize the railroads to give to the farmers a one and one-half cent rate, where as many as twenty-five may be transported in a body without baggage, and upon thirty-five or more, one and one-half cent rate

with privilege of carrying baggage. This to be effective between June 15 and December 15 of each year.

No. 4. Resolved, that we are in full accord with the law enacted by the National Congress in respect to the Federal Farm Loan System; and be it further

Resolved, that we favor the location of one of the twelve banks to be located in the United States to be located within the State of Texas, and that it is the sense of this meeting that this institute lend its influence to the locating committee to locate said bank in this State at the most practical place.

No. 5. Resolved, that we hereby tender our thanks to the Press for their kindness in giving publicity to this meeting, and their unusual kindness in offering to give publicity to the proceedings of farmers' institute work; and be it further

Resolved, that we tender our thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for their kindness in furnishing music at the Depot Park;

and be it further

Resolved, that we tender our thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for their kindness in offering to this body a free automobile ride around the city of Abilene, and deeply regret that owing to the lack of time, we could not accept the same; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished to each Senator and Representative of this district; and a copy be furnished to the Hon. W. Davis, Commissioner of Agriculture, with the request that he use his influence in gaining the passage of these laws.

Fred Cockrell, Chairman.
L. Blummintritt.
R. Gordwent.
O. H. Willingham (Absent)
J. W. Neill.

Approved,

C. A. Doose, President.

Attest,

W. R. Hunton, Secretary.

Fresh car of Baker Boy flour at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

NOODLE MAN GETS 13 SWINE AWARDS

No other exhibitor at the Central West Texas Fair came away with a greater list of prizes than did W. C. Stephens of Noodle when he captured thirteen swine awards in the Duroc Jersey class.

M. F. Casey is another Merkel country man who figured in the winnings of which Mr. Stephens captivated the big end.

The Abilene Reporter published the winnings as follows:

W. C. Stephens of Noodle made practically a clean sweep on Duroc Jerseys. His was one of the finest exhibits ever seen here. His first prizes were issued on: Boar two years and over, boar 12 months and under 24, boar under six months, sow 12 months and under 24, sow 6 months and under 12, sow under six months, aged herd, young herd, get of boar, produce of sow, champion boar, champion sow. M. F. Casey of Merkel won first prize on boar six months and under 12, while T. F. Kelley of Abilene won first on sow two years and over. Mr. Stephens won a number of second prizes.

How Catarrh is Contracted

Mothers are sometimes so thoughtless as to neglect the colds which their children contract. The inflammation of the mucous membrane, at first acute, becomes chronic and the child has chronic catarrh, a disease that is seldom cured and that may prove a life's burden. Many persons who have this loathsome disease will remember having had frequent colds at the time it was contracted. A little forethought, a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy judiciously used and all this trouble might have been avoided. Obtainable everywhere.

Business Change

The firm of Howard & Grimes, tailors, who have operated their business on Kent St. during the past year has been sold to Messrs. J. Parker Sharp Jr. and Roger F. Haynes who will conduct the business at the same stand and will continue in charge of the Sweetwater Laundry trade at this place.

Mr. Howard has accepted a position as drygoodsman with the Anchor Mercantile while the other member of the former firm, Ennis Grimes, is connected with his father's drug business in the Grimes Drug Store.

Despondency

When you feel discouraged and despondent do not give up but take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets and you are almost certain to feel slight within a day or two. Despondency is very often due to indigestion and biliousness, for which these tablets are especially valuable. Obtainable everywhere.

This is Styleplus Week from Maine to California!



The price remains the same!

Styleplus Week from coast to coast the country over! The week when the up-and-doing men of the nation are buying their new clothes. Styleplus at the attractive and easy price—\$17.

The price remains the same this season in spite of existing conditions, and the guarantee is the same.

All wool or silk and wool fabrics in the latest attractive shades and patterns. The canvas and haircloth understructure is thoroughly shrunk in water for twenty-four hours. Fine substantial linings. Hand tailoring in the vital parts. A corps of famous designers fashion the models. Here are clothes of remarkable style and guaranteed quality.

Increased volume this past season centered on this suit and overcoat has reduced the manufacturing cost and again as usual brought the price down to \$17 the nation over. We are the only Styleplus Store in town.

Style plus all wool fabrics + perfect fit + easy price + guaranteed wear

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