

ROPING CONTEST ON THANKSGIVING

For the second time local people will be given an opportunity to see George Weir in a roping contest here when he meets Cecil Childers of Abilene at the roping grounds in the E. E. Brittain pasture (the old Coggin place) one mile north of town on Thursday of next week, Thanksgiving afternoon.

Weir has recently returned from a series of roping contests in the northwest, having made best time at the open for all steer roping at Pendleton, Ore. Childers has been meeting with a number of Texas ropers recently in goat roping contests and has shown himself to be one of the fastest ropers of the state. He defeated Robert Kelly at this place by several minutes on ten goats some months ago, as well as defeats he has administered to other ropers. When these two men meet here next Thursday it will be for a purse and the best man wins.

The contest starts promptly at two o'clock in the afternoon and each roper will rope eight goats. A delay will then be given while a free for all roping takes place, a number of amateur ropers having already arranged to be here. After this is finished the big contest will be ended when Childers and Weir rope their other seven goats.

BLUE IS FOR BOYS PINK IS FOR GIRLS

The following letter was received this week from the Southwestern Paper Company of Dallas, one of the foremost paper and stationery supply houses of the south. The contents treat on a matter of whether blue bordered birth announcements should be used for baby boys or baby girls. The letter is self-explanatory and in following this usage in the past the Mail has only followed instructions received from larger printing establishments and engraving houses both in Dallas and other large cities.

Dallas, Texas, Nov. 21, 1916.
Merkel Mail Printing Co.,
Merkel Texas.

Gentlemen:— We have your letter of the 18th in regard to the Birth Announcements and note the argument that has come up as to the appropriate color, and will say that we have always been of the opinion that the blue bordered Birth Announcements is for a boy and the pink is for a girl, however, so far as we can learn, there is no set rule as to which color is correct.

On receipt of your letter we took this question up with several of the stationery houses here in the city and also the big paper houses who were all of the same opinion that the blue is for the boy and the pink for the girl.

Very truly yours,
Southwestern Paper Co.

New Baby Boy.

A new baby son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stevens on Monday.

Back From Arkansas.

F. J. Smith returned Tuesday from a month's visit in east Texas and Arkansas. Most of the time being spent in and near Batesville, Ark., where Mr. Smith has relatives and friends of old time acquaintance.

Doctors Here.

* Dr. R. I. Grimes of Sylvester, Drs. R. R. Allen of Roby and W. L. Allen of Rotan were here here Tuesday afternoon on their way home from the district meeting of Medics held at Abilene the first of the week.

MOVING PICTURE TO BE MADE HERE

Burger Bros., of Los Angeles, Cal., have been here this week arranging to make one thousand feet of moving picture film of local scenes, staged and produced entirely by local talent.

The cast of players is selected from young men and young ladies and older ones here who are conversant with amateur acting. Manager Groene of the Cozy Theatre is promoting the undertaking and will show the pictures here as soon as they are finished. The first showing will probably be made during the last three days of next week.

One scene will be a business street scene and will likely be filmed some time Saturday afternoon or Saturday morning. Everybody who has a desire to see theirself as others see them should be on hand for this as well as other street scenes that will be announced later.

The characters selected are Miss Stacy Adkisson, John West, leads. Miss Elma Sheppard, a flirt who does everything possible against Miss Adkisson in her attempt to break the lead's relations, while G. E. Comegys plays the part of the stern old father of Miss Stacy. The Fire Department, or a part of its members, take a hand while the officiating minister, name withheld speaks the solemn ceremony and there you are, a real moving picture with these and many other local characters in it.

ADAMSON LAW IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Kansas City, Nov. 22.—Holding that the Adamson eight-hour law "cannot be sustained" Judge William C. Hook in United States circuit court here today rendered a decision which declared in effect that the law is unconstitutional, but allowed the defendant government an appeal in open court, which it is expected will result in a final decision by the supreme court of the United States before Jan. 1, the date on which the law was to be made operative.

In rendering his decision, Judge Hook took notice of the fact that the government's motion, which precipitated action today in the injunction proceedings against the law brought by the Missouri, Oklahoma, & Gulf railroad, was filed only yesterday and that a decision was desired today. While declaring it "far from agreeable" for a judge to render a decision without the deliberation necessary for a decision which he would stand to "in every circumstance," the judge, in order to expedite the case, entered a decree for the plaintiff railroad.

Neither the attorneys for many large railroad systems who were present in court, nor the brilliant array of government counsel present would comment on the court's decree as to whether it was regarded as a victory on the one hand or a set back on the other.

Apparently both sides regarded the case as a means of hastening

MERKEL GARDEN PRODUCES AVERAGE OF \$750.00 PER ACRE IN SALE OF TURNIPS

Small Garden Plot Was Sown With Seed Costing Twenty-Five Cents and Netted Returns That Would Average The Above Amount.

Henry Frazier thought he set a record when he sold a six-months-old hog for \$38.00, but Bob Martin beat him in the hog business by a city block and now Mr. Frazier is wondering if Mr. Martin has a turnip patch to compare with his.

From a small garden, size three and one-half yards by twenty-three yards, Mr. Frazier has sold \$12.00 worth of turnips at an average price of one cent each for the turnips. Three packages of seed, or twenty-five cents worth, were used in planting the place and the family table has been supplied from the spot. With a total of 4840 square yards in one acre, this small plot covered only one-sixtieth of an entire acre, and had an entire acre been planted in turnips, the sale made at prices according to those sold, the net amount for this one season would have been \$750.00. And turnips were not selling high either. Figure it out for yourself.

ONE TURKEY BRINGS \$8.75.

J. S. Curb is not to be forgotten when records are to be considered. He sold a turkey gobbler here yesterday at G. W. Browning's for \$8.75. The turkey weighed 38 pounds and brought 23 cents. With a hundred turkey hens and a few good gobblers a man could get rich in one year's time at this rate.

A MILLION IN OUR BANKS NOW NEARLY

The greatest line of assets in cold cash this town ever boasted of is now on deposit in the two banks of Merkel. The total is less than \$45,000 short of a million dollars. This is a record that no town the size of Merkel can boast of, or at least no town between Fort Worth and El Paso that has even one thousand greater population, yes, 2,500 greater population, and all our money is not yet on deposit from this year's crop.

The cash on hand in the two banks amounts to \$651,842, another excellent record of which every Merkel citizen is proud.

PREDICTS SHOES WILL GO TO \$30

Boston, Mass., Nov. 16.—Boots and shoes will retail at \$20 to \$30 a pair in the not far distant future, according to the prediction of leading leather and shoe manufacturers and retailers of greater Boston.

"The public has not yet begun to pay the advanced price for shoes," is the way they size it up.

High leather shoes will soon pass and cloth tops will take their place, they say.

a decision by the supreme court, which is the final arbiter.

Following Judge Hook's decision, Frank Hagerman, special counsel for the government, gave notice of an appeal, which will be certified by the court late today. Hagerman also moved that the railroad's action against the officers of the four railroad brotherhoods, who were made joint defendants with the government, either be dismissed or that the brotherhood officers be permitted to take an appeal similar to that of the government. This motion will be passed on by Judge Hook at the same time.

A GLORIOUS RAIN FOR WINTER GRAIN

Everything is lovely and the goose hangs high. No better season ever struck this country for the gathering of a fall crop of cotton than we have had. The task was over within a short time and over a million dollars has been realized from it.

Now that a large acreage of winter grain has been planted the growers of this small grain may sit back in contentment and see their gains growing by leaps and bounds. The winter rain that started early Tuesday morning was one of the best and most timely ever to visit western Texas, and why shouldn't our people be proud of the best town of less than 5,000 people between Fort Worth and El Paso?

John Morgan An Embalmer.

John T. Morgan, with the Laughter Undertaking Company of Abilene, formerly connected with Behrens-McMillen of this place and three years ago an attache of the Merkel Mail office, stepped off the evening train here Wednesday the proud possessor of a certificate of proficiency from the State Examining Board for Embalmers.

John has been in school in Dallas for some time and after having successfully completed his school work and the required examinations, returns to Abilene to renew his position with the above mentioned firm. The Mail joins John's many friends here in extending congratulations.

A Card of Thanks.

We take this method of expressing our thanks to all promoters of the reception at the Methodist church Monday night. The program was a feast of reason as well as a flow of soul. The refreshments were refreshing and the communion was precious. Last, but not least, we have a well filled larder as a result. We stand ready to be of service to one and all; command us at any time. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Humphreys.

To Dallas to Purchase Goods.

E. N. Brown, manager of the Brown Dry Goods Company, successors to W. L. Harkrider, was in Dallas Wednesday making purchases of new goods for their store which is to open Saturday morning.

2 CASES OF TYPHUS AT MIDLAND TEXAS

Two well developed cases of typhus fever have recently been found at Midland, one of a Mexican woman who came there about four weeks ago in an ailing condition. After her case developed into typhus she lived only a short time. The other case is a Mexican girl.

Authorities at Midland have been taking every precaution to avoid the spread of this disease, which is transmitted by body lice.

HUNTING IN THE BLUE RIDGE MTS.

In all there were seven of us, Messrs. T. L. Grimes, E. E. Brittain, R. L. Bland, Jno. Sears and yours truly of this city, Mr. Bob Grimes and son Russell of Miles who hunted out a greater portion of the Blue Mountains in Kimball county, and came home with an empty hunting bag.

It is just one of those ordinary hard luck stories that comes in the life of nearly any person and it happened that seven of us had the same hard luck at the same time. About all the above crowd found while climbing those hills were armadillos, Those pesky little animals, shell-covered, and so numerous in those parts, are about as dangerous as an ordinary house cat.

It was very cold every night we were in camp. Everything froze up, including T. L. Grimes and Mr. Brittain et al. This condition, together with the scarcity of game, is the reason we were back on the job so early this week. Everybody fared well from a culinary standpoint and gulped down the stupendous hot biscuits Mr. T. L. made until appetites were lost and others found.

R. L. Bland and Jno. Sears were there every meal but could never reach the table ahead of E. E. Brittain, but could usually manage to stay as long as the others. The oldest in years, the youngest in action, Mr. Bob Grimes of Miles, knows nearly every man from here to the border and can call most of them by their first name. He has hunted all over Texas and Van Zandt county and knows every foot of country our entire bunch traversed, and to the harum scarum way of hunting the others pursued may be attributed the main reason why this old hunter and his son did not bag the usual three deer ere they had been in the field a day.

Already the fourth estate representative is planning to accept an invitation to participate in another hunt in the Big Bend country, and if we accept the readers can keep their eyes on these columns for one of the most exciting hunting stories ever published, in fact, we've got part of it fixed up already.

Four New Overland Owners.

Sales of Overland touring cars have recently been made to J. C. Archer of Trent, J. M. Kelsoe of Stith, Lee Burrus of the Canyon and Brit Baker of Route 1.

Order your Xmas fruit cake now. Bakery.

HARNESS CUTTERS AT WORK SUNDAY

Sunday night a crowd of boys cut two sets of harness at the Baptist church and the results liked to have caused trouble to some parties when they drove home after the services.

A set of harness belonging to J. H. Craig and one belonging to Ab Harris were the ones cut and the dirty work was not discovered until these people had started home.

It is bad enough for a person not to go to church, but we believe more evil is brewed by boys who go to church and loiter around the place, usually smoking cigarettes and doing petty acts of meanness. The writer remembers having tried such a trick once, and our grandmother, who was our temporary guardian, made things awful warm around the old home that evening after church was over, and thereafter a bad taste always came in our mouth when we decided to go to church and hang around on the outside. A lot of the same kind of peach tree tea administered to some of our native sons by some of our native pas and mas would be a God-send, or else we have missed our guess. If the shoe fits you and your boys, wear it and don't grumble, for there is as mean a bunch of boys around this town as any place is graced with.

HARKRIDER SELLS OUT TO E. N. BROWN

W. L. Harkrider, one of Merkel's pioneer drygoodsmen and citizens, has sold his drygoods stock to E. N. Brown of Cleburne, the deal having been closed in full Tuesday morning of this week. The Harkrider store had been closed for several days prior for invoicing.

Mr. Harkrider does not intend to leave Merkel, he only intends to take a much needed rest, following years of active and energetic application to his business which certainly has been a success, and to his eccentric methods are attributed a reputation on which his business has been favorably known throughout this country, and to this store's reputation Mr. Brown, and experienced drygoodsman of Cleburne, falls heir. The business will continue to be conducted at the same stand under the business name of the Brown Dry Goods Company, Inc. After all matters were closed and the stock turned over to the new owners, Mr. Brown left for Dallas to return today with additional new goods for the opening of the store on Saturday morning. We heartily extend a welcome to Mr. Brown and his family to live here and enjoy the comforts of local hospitality and good will.

Mr. Harkrider has not announced his intentions yet further than to say he is going to fish until he gets tired of fishing. Evidently he has been so busy of late he has forgotten that some six months are to pass before the fishing season opens.

Merit Man Here.

C. A. Bickley of Merit, a wealthy but confirmed bachelor, landowner of our section, came in Saturday for a few days stay here looking over his two farms. Mr. Bickley owns one good farm near Noodle and another one near Trent.

Plenty of angel food cake at the Bakery.

Statement of Condition

Farmers State BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

As Reported Nov. 17, 1916

RESOURCES

Loans	\$172,045.22
Banking House	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	2,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,950.00
Interest in Guaranty Fund	2,726.96
CASH AND EXCHANGE	294,272.06
Total	\$484,994.24

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	22,089.54
DEPOSITS	427,904.70
Total	\$484,994.24

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

Commence Business January 1912

Comparative Deposits Since Organization

November 1912	\$116,587.26
November 1913	139,051.44
November 1914	150,229.12
November 1915	311,710.68
November 1916	427,904.70

There is a Reason

Do Your Business With a State Bank

LOCAL NEWS

Empty lard cans cheap at Bakery.

Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Bullock were visitors Monday in Abilene.

Latest Sheet music at Grimes Drug Store.

Mrs. Geo. McCracken and little son of Hamlin are visiting the family of Chas. Stevens.

Good Luck Baking Powder only 10 cents per pound. E. L. Rogers

We have the goods to supply your wants. Let us show you. Burroughs.

Mrs. E. Hall and daughter, Miss Agnes, left Tuesday morning for Waco where they will visit Mrs. Clifton, a daughter and sister, after which they will go to San Diego to make their home in the future.

Half a gallon Good Luck Baking Powder for two bits at E. L. Rogers

Latest sheet music at Grimes Drug Store.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Underwood of El Dorado Tuesday, November 21. Baby boy and his mother are at the home of the grandfather, L. A. Freeman.

Shop early. We have an enormous line to select from. Let us show you. Burroughs.

Need any feed? Then see Allen & Jones, full fledged feed men in the Boyce Bldg.

Miss Genevieve Rust returned Wednesday night from spending the early part of the week with friends in Abilene.

A classy line of Stationery just received. Burroughs.

See Allen & Jones in the Boyce Bldg. for any kind of feed you want.

Mrs. Wesley Edwards has returned from visiting her sisters, Mesdames W. M. Jenkins of Dallas and Hugh Wallace of Arlington.

Prices to suit everybody, gifts to suit everybody. Burroughs has it.

We can still supply you with coffee at \$1.00 per peck. E. L. Rogers

Among the couples recently married in the Canyon community are Houston Martin and Miss Andra Reynolds.

Fresh box chocolates at Grimes Drug Store.

Misses Hattie May Smith, Edna Munden and Agnes Powell were visitors in the city schools of Abilene last Friday.

The place where Silver and Gold are honestly sold at Burroughs.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—4 room house and 2 lots near school building. Mrs. J. E. Costephens. 1013pd.

FOR SALE—80 acres of land, 12 miles northeast of Merkel, unimproved, 30 acres grubbed. \$2,000, \$500 cash, balance long time, 8 per cent interest. Arthur Cranston, Route 1, Merkel. 314p

FARMS FOR SALE—Well located, and some houses in town. S. F. Haynes. dec22pd

MONEY LOANED—On choice improved Merkel properties, 5 years. Describe your property fully, addressing J. F. Wellington, Ft. Worth, Texas. 315p

FOR SALE—Henderson Piano. See Mrs. E. M. Rust.

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

FOR SALE.—Good work mare. Merkel Bakery.

FOR SALE—Cheap gasoline lighting outfit. Grimes Drug Store.

FOR RENT.—Four room house close in. G. W. Ely. 24tl

MONEY FOUND.—Owner can describe and get same. J. M. Dry. Inquire at my Racket Store.

FOR SALE.—Two fine red cockerels. \$1.00 each. Mrs. J. B. Walton. 1tpd

FOR RENT—The Arthur Sears home place, 6 room house, well improved in a good section of the city. Apply to W. Parten. 1t

SEED WHEAT

And all kinds of feed stuff Anchor Mercantile Co.

Absolutely the most elaborate line of Holiday Goods ever shown in Merkel at Burroughs'.

John Grimes of Bronte, a brother of T. L. Grimes of this place came in Saturday for a visit here. He will remain in Merkel for a week or ten days.

For Sale

7 room house (my home place) 3 lots, well, windmill, elevated tank, cistern, fruit trees, good out buildings; near school building. Part cash, balance terms. G. W. Johnson, 22tf Merkel, Texas.

Take your orders to Behrens-McMillen

When you want a bran new bed.

Turn them in. Say: "Mack, you fill 'em"

While I vote for Elaine Bankhead. 1tp

Moves from Detroit

Mr. and Mrs. Gayland Lassiter have moved here from Detroit and will live on the Mason farm southeast of town. Mr. Lassiter is a son of Commissioner and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter and formerly lived here with his parents some years ago.

*Family Dr. Says:
Buy
a Whole Box
of our
Good
Cigars.*

*Have them
when your friends
come in.*

PUFFING OUR SELECT CIGARS GIVES YOU MOMENTS OF PERFECT JOY.
WHY?
BECAUSE WE CARRY MANY EXCLUSIVE "BRANDS" OF CIGARS. AND THEN WE ALWAYS KEEP OUR CIGARS IN SUCH "CONDITION" THAT THEY TASTE THEIR BEST. THE SAME KIND OF A CIGAR UNDER DIFFERENT CONDITIONS WILL "TASTE" DIFFERENTLY.
CIGARS BY THE BOX COST LESS. GET YOUR "SMOKES" FROM US AND RELY ON WHAT YOU BUY.

GRIMES DRUG STORE

STATEMENT OF THE

Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business Friday, November 17, 1916

RESOURCES

Loans	\$226,447.59
U. S. Bonds—par	10,250.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,500.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real Estate	5,900.00
CASH AND SIGHT EXCHANGE	357,570.45
Total	\$605,580.54

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	46,778.13
Circulation	5,950.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
DEPOSITS	527,852.41
Total	\$605,580.54

We thank the public for the co-operation and confidence that enables us to render this splendid statement of our Bank. With

Deposits over One Half
Million Dollars

Cash over One Third
Million Dollars

we are able to give you the best of
banking service

"SINCE 1904"

T. J. WARREN, Pres. THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

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Copyright Hart Schaffner & Marx

Men's Suits

We are showing an usually large line of the famous

Hart Schaffner & Marx

Suits for men. We have all the new colors made models that will give you a perfect fit. We invite your inspection now.

\$18.50 to \$25.00

Staple Department

A full line of gingham in solids, stripes, checks and plaids. Most any pattern you want, at 10 and 12½c

An extra good quality of outings in light and dark patterns at 10 and 12½c

Cotton Flannels 10c

WOODRO

STRAWN CONSTABLE GETS FIVE OFF NO. 5

D. S. Bradford, constable at Strawn, was here officially Tuesday morning, having arrived on the first No. 5. He was called aboard the train at his home to quell drunken disturbers and proceeded to place three of them in the lockup at his home town. Arriving at Cisco, another drunken mess had gotten boisterous and he, too, landed in the lockup.

No more trouble was experienced until the train arrived near Abilene, and at that place Mr. Bradford placed his fifth man behind the bars, and on arrival here found things to be normal and the effects of the fair about gone, so he awaited the eastbound passenger and returned home.

Catches Armadillo

Mr. Statser who lives northwest of Trent visited that city Saturday and exhibited the armadillo he had caught the evening before.

The peculiar little animal was captured with ease but as usual, unless unusual precautions are taken with them, they die in captivity and this one was no exception. It lived only through the night and Saturday. Many gathered around where it was shown in Trent and the ghost-like talk of "grave robbers" was started. These animals are said to be somewhat numerous in certain sections, but few people ever saw one alive, unless it is in captivity, usually with some show.

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.

MERKEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEST TEXAS FAIR--E

Merkel Public Schools won five red ones at the Central Abilene, Oct. 10-14. Every grade the seventh inclusive won a grade except one won a red and girls who won prizes are as

First Premium, or Blue First Johnnie Sears, Willie Lewis, Gladys Pue, Duskin Gaither, and Second Premium, or Red field, Godie Richie, Mary E. and Alva Wheeler.

Every boy and girl winning premium received from the man for one dollar each. The Merkel received a check for five dollars as premium of all the schools represented. Merkel schools did herself. The children of the various grades there, together with their teachers in this matter.

Mrs. J. M. Wagstaff of Abilene of the educational department. Educational is no doubt largely represented by that department.

Mrs. E. S. Harrison has returned home from the summer visit in Alexandria, Ohio, where she has visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Jones, and other relatives.

A WORD FOR MOTHERS

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

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

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

Scott's is strengthening thousands of mothers—and will help you. No alcohol.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

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Former Legislator from county, J. C. Mason, who now hails from here, is the gentleman driving a Buick roadster through our streets for the past few days. A series of several days' unrest by Mr. Mason were indulged in just prior to the purchase of the car. He had the money and the inclination and it began raining just at the time he started to plank down the coin. His case was of such enormity that a few days of wet weather did not dampen his ardor and when the sun shone out and the roads cleared up he was nearer than ever to buying a car and now he has it.

West Texas Press Assn.

The organization of a West Texas Press Association is to be inaugurated at San Angelo Saturday morning of next week and while some of the western papers put out their hand and extend best wishes even if they can't be on hand, we wish to say that it will be only providential hindrance that will keep us away from that meeting. We're a goin' ter be there.

West Texas needs a Press Association and following some two years talk about one, we think it is time to act if action is to be taken. Some good can be done and doubtless much good will be accomplished. We hope to meet our contemporaries at San Angelo Saturday morning November 4th at nine o'clock.

Mrs. Merritt Resting Well

Mrs. H. T. Merritt is resting well at the Alexander Sanitarium in Abilene, where she underwent an operation Sunday morning. Mr. Merritt has been away from his post with the Mail much of this week attending the bedside of his wife, and now reports that Mrs. Merritt is improving and seemingly well on the road to recovery.

Receives Death Message

J. L. Cooper received a message from relatives at Abilene Saturday telling him of the death of his niece Miss Eunice Sanders. Miss Sanders was employed by the Southwestern Telephone Co. as long distant operator and was at her post only a few days before her death.

What Experience Means

Everytime you have alterations or other tailoring work remember we employ only an experienced tailor, not one who is making the business a temporary vocation. Our work must be correct or you will not again give us your patronage. Our customers are satisfied ones, are you? "There's a Reason." Mrs. C. L. Cash. 2745

Clerks To Change

Effective November 1st, "Nat" Anderson bank clerk at the Farmers State bank resigns his position to return to his home at Calexico, Mexico, and Raymond Touchstone for several years clerk at the Farmers & Merchants Bank will fill the position made vacant by "Nat's" resignation.

Rising to the position formerly occupied by Raymond Touchstone, will be Will S. Merritt who has been general delivery clerk at the post office for some time. Just who will fill the position made vacant by "Bill's" resignation, Postmaster Williams has not decided, as he has several applications.

Killed in a Football Game

Sid Jones a student of Wesley College at Greenville, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones of Nevada received injuries in a football game Wednesday from which he died Thursday.

Information of the death was received here by G. J. Jones an uncle of the deceased, Mrs. Jones and son Charlie leaving E. Thursday morning for Nevada to attend the funeral.

past eighty years died of senility at Abilene Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock. The remains were shipped here the same afternoon and the deceased placed at rest in Rose Hill Cemetery Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. A.A. Baker preaching the funeral.

Mr. Campbell was an uncle of W. A. Campbell of Blair and has many other relatives in this section. We failed to learn if he had immediate family members, or if relatives other than those here survive him.

Advertised Letters.

Bridges, J. M.
Burris, J. W.
Hatfield, Ada
Heffernon, J. F.
Mangham, L. A.
Moore, Charlie
Oden, J. R.
Purcell, W. M.
Rice, J. W.
Sanders, Jake
Stringer, Eunice
McFarland, C. N.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Nov. 8th, 1916.
H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas

Buys 6 Overland

Hon. C. D. Mims, city attorney is the proud possessor of a new 85-6 cylinder Overland touring car. The purchase was made this week and already the owner is in a notion to run the wheels off'n it.

PROFESSIONAL

O. F. McMASTER

DENTIST

Office Phone 154
Over Woodroofs Store

O. J. SHAFFER

DENTIST

Telephone No. 291
Office over City Barber Shop

DOCTOR MILLER

Physician and Surgeon
Over Woodroofs Store

W. W. WHEELER

Real Estate, Fire, Accident and Tornado
Insurance Agent
Notary Public.
Office over Farmers State Bank

C. D. MIMS

Attorney-At Law

General Practice and Collections
Land Title Work a Speciality
Office over Farmers State Bank.

G. W. JOHNSON

Insurance, Notary Public

Office over Woodroof Bros.
Store
Merkel - Texas

SHAVING AND BATH PARLORS

The most Up-to-Date
SHOP IN MERKEL
CITY BARBER SHOP

WEST & PATE : : Proprietors

W. O. W.

Merkel Camp No. 719 meets
second and fourth Friday nights
of each month.

T. F. Compton, C. C.
S. Hamilton, Clerk



A TON OR TWO

of real family coal. It's for the furnace or the kitchen range or the fire place or the parlor stove. It burns equally well no matter where you use it. When you pay for a ton of coal here you get 2000 pounds of all coal.

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Business Change

The Merkel Amusement Hall of skating, opened and operated by Mr. Lee, has been sold to Messrs. H. C. Burroughs, Ira Shaffer and Choc Jones.

These three parties have ordered a hardwood floor, new skates and accessories and will have the place remodeled within a very short time for those who like the rollers.

Section For Sale or Trade

Section of level, unbroken land with shallow water five miles north of Stanton. Will sell or trade for improved land in this county or Jones county. S. F. Haynes. 10t3.

W. O. W Circle

Merkel Grove No. 563 will meet Friday, Dec. 1 at 2:30 p. m. for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. A full attendance is desired.

Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth, Clerk.

No Hunting Here

This is to notify all parties that no hunting will be permitted on my premises. S.A.Coats. 17t3pd

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No hunting is permitted on my place. J. G. Broughton. 17t3pd

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Same goods for less money more goods for same money at A. L. Jobe's Store.

Our prices and goods will suit you. Let us show you. Burroughs.

Lax-Fos, A Mild, Effective Laxative & Liver Tonic Does Not Grip nor Disturb the Stomach.
In addition to other properties, Lax-Fos contains Cascara in acceptable form, a stimulating Laxative and Tonic. Lax-Fos acts effectively and does not gripe nor disturb stomach. At the same time, it aids digestion, arouses the liver and secretions and restores the healthy functions. 50c.

Anson Swamped

Last Friday afternoon the local eleven swamped the Anson boys in a fast game of 25 to 0. The only games the high school boys will play this season now are scheduled away from home, one being at Sweetwater and one at Anson, the Anson game to be played on Thanksgiving.

Let us show you our extensive line of Diamonds, LaValliers, Cut Glss and Silverware. Burroughs.

FARM FOR SALE

135 acres, 100 in cultivation
GOOD HOUSE

Improved, and two miles northwest of town
A bargain

E. L. WOODROOF



A TON OR TWO

of real family coal. It's for the furnace or the kitchen range or the fire place or the parlor stove. It burns equally well no matter where you use it. When you pay for a ton of coal here you get 2000 pounds of all coal.

Warren Brothers

Holiday Jewelry NEW IN OUR CASES

New in Merkel and Absolutely of the Latest Possible Purchase

Fancy Stationery

New Box lots, Cover designs and latest patterns. Pleasing to the eye. Use our Stationery for your correspondence.

Musical Instruments

Mandolins, Violins, Guitars, Banjos, Hawaiian Ukuleles.

Hand Painted China in new designs. Just the thing for a nice present

The "Sonora" Grafonola

And we are the dealers and extend you a cordial invitation to hear and inspect it at your first visit in town. The "Sonora" is a revelation in sound reproduction and you will say so when you see it.

If you contemplate such a purchase for your home at Xmas come and see us

THE MERKEL DRUG CO.

LOCAL NEWS

The house of a thousand gifts - Burroughs.

W. E. Weed was in Abilene on business yesterday, going down on the belated Sunshine Special.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Snow of Route 5 left Monday for Munday where they will reside in the future.

Money saved is money made. You can save by trading at A. L. Jobe's.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkins have returned to their home at Wichita Falls, after a ten days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell.

A classy line of Diamond LaValliers in stock. Come in and we will be glad to show you. Burroughs.

Boys Suits at biggest bargains ever offered, Saturday the 18th. Every boy buying a Suit will receive a nice present. A. L. Jobe.

Mrs. Geo. L. Vaughn of Lordsburg, N. M., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Russell and other relatives.

Every mail and express brings new goods to our store for the Holidays. Shop early. Burroughs has it.

Miss Amber Lewis of Midlothian, who has been elected to a place in the primary department of the school, came in Monday night to assume her duties.

Ford Smith was in from Route 3 yesterday smiling over the winter season. While here he ordered the Mail at \$1.50 per and took home one of our wall maps.

J. R. Hester bought a new Chevrolet touring car last week and the first night some friend of his took the car out for a joy ride, bringing the machine back near morning and parked it in front of the Hester home. The self-invited tourist had appreciation enough about him to fill the tank up with gas for use of the car.

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Either at a Big Cut, Moderate Cut or a Small Cut

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Store will open at 9:00 o'clock Saturday Morning November 25th

The Brown Dry Goods Co.

House of Quality

WOODROOF'S

House of Quality

WE Have assembled together one of the best stocks of merchandise ever before brought to Merkel. We considered above all--quality--in our purchases, and offer you strictly First Quality goods in every department. You will find for Saturday some very attractive bargains in each department. **BUY NOW AND SAVE MONEY**

EXTRA SPECIAL

We have a few extra good values in ladies coats carried over from last season. All are good values and very low priced.

1 \$25.00 Coats.....	\$12.50
2 25.00 Coats.....	10.00
1 18.50 Coats.....	9.25
1 15.00 Coats.....	7.50
1 15.00 Coats.....	6.85
1 15.00 Coats.....	4.95
1 12.50 Coats.....	4.95
1 10.00 Coats.....	5.00
1 10.00 Coats.....	3.95
1 7.50 Coats.....	4.25



MEN'S LATEST FOOTERY

Our shoe department is now complete. We are prepared to offer you the very best values made in Men's, Women's and children's shoes. We made our purchases early and bought heavy and are still able to offer you the same values in shoes at the same prices.

Men's Shoes - - = \$2.50 to \$6.00
Ladies Shoes - - = \$1.65 to \$6.50
Children's Shoes - - = \$1.00 to \$3.50

EXTRA SPECIAL

75 pairs ladies shoes in Patent Leather, Gun Metal, Vici Kid, in lace and buttons, in sizes 3 to 5, all good values and formerly sold for \$3.50 and \$4.00, priced - - = \$2.45



1-2 PRICE ON PATTERN HATS

Our Millinery Department offers some very attractive bargains in pattern hats for this week.

All \$15.00 Pattern Hats.....	\$7.50
All 12.50 Pattern Hats.....	6.25
All 10.00 Pattern Hats.....	5.00
All 9.50 Pattern Hats.....	4.75
All 8.50 Pattern Hats.....	4.25
All 7.50 Pattern Hats.....	3.75
All 6.00 Pattern Hats.....	3.00
All 5.00 Pattern Hats.....	2.50

One Table Ladies Hats for - - - **\$2.50**

Consist of a big line of hats formerly priced \$3, \$3.50, \$4, \$5

ONE TABLE LADIES HATS

All good values and worth much more, formerly priced \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 - - = \$1.00

EXTRA SPECIAL

One lot of Men's Suits, in Grays, Blues and mixtures, in regular models.

\$15.00 Suits - - -	\$12.45
\$12.50 Suits - - -	9.95
\$10.00 Suits - - -	8.65

NEW DRESSES

We are still showing a full line of ladies dresses in Serges, Poplins, Taffetas and combinations. All popular priced

\$6.50 TO \$15.00

LADIES SUITS

We have a beautiful assortment of the newest styles in Ladies Suits. We have them in Serges, Diagonals, Poplins and Broadcloth, priced

\$12.50 TO \$25.00



EXTRA SPECIAL

One case good heavy grade outing, in light and dark patterns. Solid colors in pink, blue, white and black. Regular 12½c value for 10c. 10 yards for..... \$1.00

EXTRA SPECIAL For Saturday

A good heavy 30-inch unbleached cotton flannel. Regular 12½c value for 9c. 14 yards for..... \$1.00

EXTRA SPECIAL For Saturday

A full line of calicoes in Blues, Grays, Pinks and many patterns in light shirting. 5c per yard. 20 yards..... \$1.00

EXTRA SPECIAL

A good 27-inch percale in Blues, Reds, Stripes and solid colors. Worth 10c per yard for 8½c. 12 yards for..... \$1.00

EXTRA SPECIAL

For Saturday Extra good cotton checks, worth 8½c at the mill today. Our price 5c per yard. 20 yards..... \$1.00

EXTRA SPECIAL

Extra good value in 36-inch percale, light, blues, Reds and solid colors. Regular 12½c seller for 10c. 10 yards for..... \$1.00

OUR NOODLE WRITER

School is progressing nicely after a week's vacation for the Institute.

Farmers of this community are rejoicing over the prospects of a good rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Green made a flying trip to Anson Saturday in a car with E. L. Eason.

Noodle was entertained with a moving picture show two nights last week and all who attended enjoyed it very much.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eason entertained the young people Friday night with a party.

Ellis Rosson of Trent was in Noodle Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. A. B. Ely is improving very slowly from the stroke of paralysis she was stricken with last week.

Mr. Cook is improving from the injury he sustained last Friday while hauling water. A broken hip was the extent of the injury.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Herring were visiting her mother, Mrs. Horn of Amity Sunday.

Andrew Barbee and family of Merkel visited W. L. Barbee and family here Sunday and Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Bigham were in

Anson last Thursday on business. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Witt were in Merkel Saturday.

SEED WHEAT

And all kinds of feed stuff Anchor Mercantile Co.

Our Correspondents.

The rain this week made it too muddy for some of our out of town writers to get to the post office. There may be other reasons, but at any rate our columns only show two communications.

We are glad to get your letters every week and in communities where we have no correspondent at present we will be glad to have some person who is in position to know the news items of their neighborhood, and can write for us. We will be pleased to hear from any new writer from all sections of the Merkel country.

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And all kinds of feed stuff Anchor Mercantile Co.

Register your little girl's name early at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co. and then help her get one of the big life-sized dolls.

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

O. S. BURNS, Merkel

Dodge Service Car

Goes Day or Night—Anywhere

Phone 6, Elite Confectionery—Nite Phone 136

WEAR A CLEAN SUIT

LET

FERGUSON & RENFRO, The Tailors

AT THE CITY BARBER SHOP DO

Your Cleaning and ressing

Automobile Livery

Telephone 263—The Busy Bee

Calls answered Day or Night

Phone me when you want to go somewhere

W. E. LOWE :: Service Cars

Union Thanksgiving Service.

To be held in the Presbyterian church at 10:30 to 11:30 Thursday, November 30.

Rev. L. B. Owen will preach the sermon, the other pastors participating in the services.

Special music will be rendered by the choirs in united effort. For this preparation all choirs and singers are requested to be present for a union choir practice Friday night, November 23, at the Presbyterian church at 7:15 p. m.

Committee.

GINNING DAYS SET

After this week we will operate our gins only on Saturdays of each week until further notice.

Brown Ind. Gin
F. P. Hamm Gin
Terry Gin
Guitar Gin
Browning Gin.

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Get your feed from Allen & Jones at the Boyce Bldg.

NEWS FROM SHILOH

Grandma Tyner is on the sick list this week.

A number from here attended the funeral of William Winter at Merkel Wednesday afternoon.

Ulric Wheeler has returned from a visit to his parents in Colorado.

Roger Grayson and Floyd Barnes were business visitors at Prairie View Saturday.

Mrs. Lillian Wheeler spent Friday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson.

Uncle Terrell Winter is making some improvements around his home this week.

Mrs. M. A. Floyd and Mrs. W. B. Beavers and little son Paul spent Sunday night and Monday with Mrs. A. L. Jobe.

S. L. Grayson, Roy Cogburn and others returned home Sunday afternoon from a prospecting trip out about Lamessa.

Grandma Bennett and Mrs. J. H. Grayson and daughter Vennie spent Wednesday with Mrs. Beavers.

There were a number of young people visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago on Sunday.

Miss Nina Beavers spent Sunday with Miss Effie Mayberry.

Hog Killing Time at Hand

The time when you will want lard cans, butcher knives, sage, salt and such things for your winter meat and you will also want

A GOOD WARM STOVE TO SIT BY

Get your new Range, Cook or heating Stove, stove pipes and fireplace grates here, where all your needs can be looked after

YOUR HOME MAY BE INSURED

Defective flues, worn out stoves and rusty stove pipes can cause everything you have to go up in flames within a few moments time. Be prepared

GET WHAT YOU WANT AT

Anchor Mercantile Company

Post Script--Watch this space for our Christmas ad next week. Silverware--Toys, Toys, Toys--Cut Glass

A WEEK'S TOLL OF AUTO WRECKS

Santa Monica, Cal., Nov. 18.—Four persons were killed and one woman and two men were injured today in the seventh annual international prize automobile road race.

Lewis Jackson, a Los Angeles driver, on his thirteenth lap swerved into one of the palm trees lining the course and caused the death of himself and three others and the injury of

two.

Jackson's car uprooted the first palm tree it struck, overturned a lemonade stand, killing the woman in charge, crushed Jenkins against a second tree, which was broken off short, and wrapped itself about a third tree. In this wreckage Jackson's body was nearly cut in two.

Jackson, according to race officials, was going at an estimated speed of 100 miles an hour on the San Vincent back stretch at the time his car became unmanageable. His left front wheel hit the cement curb, which is about fifteen inches high, and crumpled. The axle rested on

the curb and the car raced along for twenty-five feet before it left the road. The motor was thrown twenty feet and the radiator and hood were thrown thirty feet farther.

Houston, Texas, Nov. 18.—Phillip Patella, 1924 Houston avenue, this city, was instantly killed; S. T. Mott was slightly injured and O. C. Herzog, Charles Whitsel and Seth Her-ring escaped injury by jumping at 3 o'clock this afternoon when a Galveston-bound interurban car struck their automobile at the Broadway crossing in Park Place. Patella was picked up dead 100

feet from where the auto was struck. The auto was carried down the track for a distance of 300 feet before the motorman could stop his car. Part of the auto hung to the fender of the interurban.

Pecos, Nov. 18.—Dr. Bill Finley of Menard was killed here today when his machine overturned. He was driving north on Alamo street at a rapid rate of speed and turned his car quickly to avoid striking another car. The strain on the left front tire caused it to blow out, snapping the right front wheel off of the car. The car turned completely

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The \$1.00-a-peck coffee house of Merkel. E. L. Rogers

Killed in Auto

Oklahoma City, Nov. 20.—Mrs. J. O. Black of Oklahoma City died yesterday of injuries suffered Saturday night when a switch engine backed into an auto.

Have your friends and neighbors help your child get one of the life-sized dolls at Behrens-McMillen's. Ask them to go in every day and register her name. They won't have to buy any goods, just tell them to register.

Fresh box chocolates at Grimes Drug Store.

Ladies all leather hand bags at 89cts at A. L. Jobe's.

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HUNT THIS PAPER THROUGH

AND YOU WILL NOT FIND NEWS AS GOOD AS THIS

Here is News that Puts Dollars in Your Purse

A STORY of vital interest to you because it means **DOLLARS SAVED ON DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, SHOES, HATS, ETC.**

Now is The Time to Get the Things You Are Going to Need Later

Big reductions on all silk, wool and cotton dress goods

American Pilgrim prints	6c
12½c Cheviotts	10c
10c and 12½c Gingham	9c
10c and 12½c Outing	9c
12½c Bridesmaid bleaching	9½c
10c Brown domestic	8½c
12½c Canton flannel	10c
Ladies \$4.00 sweater coats	\$3.15
Ladies' \$3.00 sweater coats	\$2.20
Misses \$2.50 sweater coats	1.95
Misses \$1.50 sweater coats	1.15
Ladies \$1.25 Union Suits	90c
Ladies 65c Undershirts	45c
All Misses' and Children's Unions	45c
\$1.25 Cotton Blankets	95c
\$2.25 large Cotton Blankets	\$1.90

This sale is beyond question the important economical merchandising event of the season. Stripped of all exaggerations, with actual former selling prices quoted, with actual reductions specified, this sale's list of reasonable merchandise, offered in many instances at less than the goods are worth at wholesale, will appeal to many who recognize that steadfastness to absolute truth in our advertisements is second only to the thoroughly dependable merchandise that we have to offer. Every item in this circular tells of a truly money-saving chance for you. "Sale prices mean spot cash from everybody, hence no credit will be given at sale prices."

Come Look Over Goods and Prices Buy if You Think it decidedly to your interest to do so

Sale Opens Saturday November 25

COME EXPECTING THE BIGGEST VALUES YOU HAVE EVER SEEN YOU'LL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED

SHOES SHOES SHOES

We have shoes for the whole family, at less than we can buy them back. Don't fail to look them over

Your own best interests demand that you investigate the savings that are possible during this sale

Here Are A Few Items That Should Be of Much Interest to You

Men's \$3.00 Hats in the newest shapes and colors	\$2.45
Men's 50c Undershirts and Drawers in medium weight	42½c
Men's \$1.25 Dress Shirts	95c
Men's 50c Work Shirts	45c
Mens's and Boys' Macanaws at Big Reductions	
Men's \$10.00 Heavy Ulster Over-coats	\$8.15
Men's \$17.50 Serge Suits, in Blue and Brown, guaranteed 100 per cent pure wool	\$14.85
Men's \$15.00 all wool Serge Suits	\$10.85
Men's \$12.50 and \$13.50 all wool mixed Worsted and Serges	\$9.65
Men's \$8.50 Mole Skin 3-piece Suit	\$7.45
Boys' \$7.50 Knee Pant Suits in Grays and Browns	\$5.25
Boys' \$5 and \$6 Casmier Suits	\$4.10
Big Reductions on Men's and Boys' Dress and Work Pants	

Our entire stock now offered at great price reductions. Remember every article is an excellent value at our regular price. But the time has come when all must go—let them bring what they may

MERKEL, TEXAS

J. P. SHARP

MERKEL, TEXAS

Mebane Cotton Seed

I have a car of pure, early Mebane Improved Triumph Cotton Seed. These seed are culled and guaranteed pure first year seed from Lockhart. Book your order now while prices are low. 10t6

D. D. COATS, MERKEL, TEXAS

NOTICE TO OUR CUSTOMERS

After Saturday the 18th of November we will discontinue our delivery, as the increased cost of raw material and the present price that we are selling our products, it is necessary to make this change.

Your patronage will be appreciated at our bakery

MERKEL BAKERY

Entertained at Dinner.

A merry bunch of five who enjoyed their first day together in more than two years were dinner guests Sunday in the country home of Miss Effie Hutson. The hostess had prepared a most sumptuous meal for her guests

and this coupled with the delight of a fall day in the country and the pleasure of being in this hospitable home made the day a happy one for all present who were Misses Lizzie Calvert and Ona Johnson, Mesdames T. E. Collins and Ira F. Shaffer and the hostess, who was assisted in entertaining by Miss Mary Keny.



MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

Payne-Runyon Nuptials

A few friends and relatives assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Payne on Morgan Avenue Sunday morning at seven-thirty to witness the marriage of their daughter, Elva, to Mr. Henry Runyon of San Angelo.—Abilene Reporter.

Mrs. Runyon, who formerly taught in our schools, is most cordially remembered by many Merkel friends. Their good wishes follow her to her new home.

Church Reception

Honoring the new minister of the Methodist church, Rev. L. A. Humphries, and wife, an informal reception was given at the church Monday evening. Combined with the reception was the old-fashioned pounding, which is a regular habit of this church with the new minister.

A program was enjoyed. T. A. Johnson, H. C. Williams and Rev. Humphries, with musical numbers by the choir and Misses Williams and Hill, and a reading by Miss Vera Fuller, were the numbers given. After the program a social time was enjoyed around the punch bowl in the Sunday school rooms.

The Twentieth Century Club met last Thursday afternoon with Mrs. W. B. Foster as hostess. There was a splendid attendance and an interesting program. It was decided to have the next regular meeting on Friday after Thanksgiving when Mrs. T. A. Harris will be hostess. Miss Lola Lassiter was elected to membership. The members present were Mesdames W. Parten, L. B. Howard, L. W. Woodroof, R. A. Martin, T. A. Harris, W. B. Foster, Robert Hicks, Misses

Evelyn Williams, Winnie Warren, Pauline Johnson, Pearl Wiltshire and Mrs. B. T. Merritt. Visitors were Mesdames H. C. Williams and Mrs. T. J. Coggin of El Paso and Miss Lola Lassiter. Delicious refreshments of sandwiches with bread and cake with coffee were served.

Marvin Boze and Miss May Kimbrough, two young people who have made their home in Merkel for some time, were married last Wednesday in Abilene. The wedding ceremony being performed in the home of the groom's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Boze came to Merkel Tuesday afternoon of this week for a short stay but their home will be made in Abilene. Their friends in Merkel extend congratulations and best wishes.

Pays \$1500 For Bull

W. R. Settles received another fine bull to add to his herd of registered Hereford cattle. This animal arrived last Friday, and is one of the celebrated Fairfax breed, and a prize winner at a number of livestock shows. Mr. Settles purchased this bull from C. M. Largent of Merkel, paying \$1500 therefor. This is a fancy price for an eleven month old calf but it pays to secure the best and that is the only class to be found at Mr. Settles Hereford stockfarm.—Big Springs Herald.

To Baptist Convention

Those departing Monday night for Waco to attend the Baptist Convention were: From here, Rev. L. B. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Teaff, Mesdames J. S. Swann and J. T. Warren, Jno. W. Wheeler and R. L. Porter. Trent was represented at the convention by Rev. W. A. Scott who came here Monday to go with the Merkel delegation.

Ladies and laymen's work was taken up Tuesday and Wednesday while the General Convention opened yesterday and will hold over until Monday.

TAILORS CLEANERS PRESSERS FROM The New Shop

Agents The Sweetwater Steam Laundry

USE THE TELEPHONE

Call us, we'll come and get your Laundry; we'll deliver it; we'll take every precaution and give excellent service in all orders of cleaning, alteration and pressing entrusted to us.

OUR Telephone 184 OUR Telephone

SHARP & HAYNES

Successors to Howard & Grimes, Tailors

Here From Fort Worth

W. L. Smallwood of Ft. Worth a stockholder in the Farmers State Bank was here Monday for a square meal at the J. S. Swann home. Incidentally he attended to business matters while in our city.

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

Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Garvin and Miss Mary Garvin left Friday for Colorado where Rev. Garvin has charge of the Methodist pastorate the coming year.

SEED WHEAT

And all kinds of feed stuff Anchor Mercantile Co. Window glass at Behrens-Millen Furniture Company.



FOR THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING LINEN SPREAD

WHEN YOUR FRIENDS DINE WITH YOU, YOU WILL WANT YOUR NAPERY TO BE DAINTY. WE HAVE BOUGHT LARGE QUANTITIES OF LINENS AND GOT LOW PRICES. WE CAN, THEREFORE, SELL YOU GOOD LINENS, HIGH IN QUALITY BUT NOT EXTRAVAGANT FOR YOUR PURSE. WHEN WE SAY WE WILL SELL YOU LINEN, WE MEAN LINEN, AND YOU CAN GET LINEN.

OUR PATTERNS HAVE JUST THAT TOUCH OF NOVELTY AND EXCLUSIVENESS THAT WILL GIVE YOU ONE MORE THING FOR WHICH TO BE THANKFUL.

AND WHEN YOU SIT DOWN TO YOUR HOLIDAY FEAST BE STYLISHLY CLAD IN OUR HANDSOME STYLISH GARB.

PEP SALE

During the Great Transfer Sale we put so much "pep" into every detail and department of the record-breaking event that it set the whole country sneezing. Almost every man, woman and child have been affected by the unparalleled and under-price sale. In fact, we are so "pept and gingered" up that we feel like calling it a "A Pep Sale."

Hundreds have visited our store during this sale and have shared alike in the matchless bargains and money saving prices. This is a proven fact by the heavy cash receipts of this sale which surpassed our expectations.

THIS GREAT SALE has so far surpassed our most sanguine expectations that we are going to continue it, and make it a real "Pep Sale" from now until Thanksgiving.

Don't think because this sale has run at an unparalleled speed that our stock is broken and assortment low. We are receiving an abundant supply, and our stock is now in better condition to meet your demands than ever before. **It is an absolutely new, spick span, and glittering production of dainty merchandise, selected for your benefit and satisfaction.** This is a real "Winter Garden," of matchless bargains for the careful and economical buyer.

STAPLE DRY GOODS

This department is full of good, warm, comfortable things for cold, chilly buyers. Dress goods, blankets, underwear, hosiery, middies, sweaters, towels, table damask, counterpanes, shoes, sheeting, domestics, crochet and embroidery threads, in fact everything commonly found in an up-to-date dry goods store. In connection with this department is an up-to-the-minute millinery dept. See us for everything to eat and wear.

JUDGING BY OUR PRICE ALONE

You will come here; if you judge by our service you will come here. Our customers buy here because they get a generous measure of Good Treatment and Good Service as well as Good Values. The atmosphere of personal service, of interested and attentive concern for your winter buying problems, that prevails at The Star Store, is worth much to you. You find it here because the principle upon which our business has been built is—"The Customer's welfare."

Remember we are giving coupons now in all departments

THE STAR STORE

CLOTHES BUYING

There are a lot of men in this community, as there are in every good community, who would laugh at any man who said he preferred oil lamps to electric lights; who still used the ox wagon in preference to a modern automobile. These men are behind the times. So you may find out that you are behind in clothes buying, should you fail to see our ready-to-wear and made-to-measure clothes, which are a distinct advance over the product of common clothiers

You Can't Say Too Much

About Our Line of Diamonds

We pride highly the line we are showing and you will know why when you visit us. Our personal guarantee is behind every sale we make.

Let us Show You Now

Cut Glass—Diamonds—Silverware

The Finer Gifts at

COMPTON'S

ABILENE

The Diamond Shop of West Texas

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Entered in the post office at Merkel Texas as second class matter.

24-hour Gas Service—24

Hereafter we are prepared to give service for your wants in gasoline and oils at any hour of the day or night. Let our service supply you. H. M. Rose, Oils and Gas.

Miss Fuller will give a recital at the High School building Friday night. Bring your 15 cents and come.

Look! Listen! Be sure to come to the High School Friday night to the recital to be given by Miss Fuller and others. Bring your 15 cents.

Renovating.

We are prepared to do first-class Renovating and if you have beds you want to have made good as new see us at Home Furniture Co. W. W. Reed. 24t2pd

Jack For Sale

A 2-year-old Jack, black and white tips, well bred. Will sell at a bargain, or will let someone have to stand. W. A. Scott. 24tf

The Merkel Nursery

Has a nice lot of shade and fruit trees, shrubbery, grapes and berries for sale. Come down and pick out what you want cheap. J. D. Boring. 24t4

Dr. Britton Coming.

Dr. Britton of Cisco, ear, eye, nose and throat specialist, will be at the offices of Dr. M. Armstrong Saturday afternoon and on Sunday morning. adv

Homes For Everybody

I have several small farms and ranches on the South Plains which I will sell at a bargain, reasonable terms. Address W. H. Trout, Stanton, Texas. 24t4p

What Experience Means

Every time you have alterations or other tailoring work remember we employ only an experienced tailor, not one who is making the business a temporary vocation. Our work must be correct or you will not again give us your patronage. Our customers are satisfied ones. Are you? "There's a Reason." Mrs. C. L. Cash. 24t6

Notice of Your Account

All having accounts against Mrs. Alice Templeton and all those that are indebted to her are requested to settle with me at Pecos, Texas. M. M. Lee-man. 24t4

Something to Read.

No more interesting bunch of ads ever appeared in the Mail than those in this issue. Look over the bank ads, see what the financial condition of our country is. Look over the ads of other merchants and business men.

The management of the Mail believes there is real news in these advertisements and ask our readers to see for themselves. Take a few minutes, it may mean a few dollars to you by reading one ad.

Advertised Letters.

Anderson, Virgil, Beckett, M., Boydston Gro. Co., Jenkins, J. Roy, (2); Perdue, J. M., Balero, Leonards, Martinez, Doroteo, (2); Pineda, Jacinto, Sissuero, Celestina.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Dec. 6, 1916.

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

No advance on Jewelry, Cut Glass, Silverware. Come in and see for yourself. Burroughs.

DRAUGHON'S

PRACTICAL Business College ABILENE, TEXAS Only well-known Business College in West Texas. Thousands of firms nearer our Employment Department than any other. Money-back contract guarantee position. Catalogue FREE.

5,000 MILES MAKES YOU FORGET THE LOW PRICE

After you have driven your 6-30 Chalmers 5,000 miles you probably will forget that you paid only \$1090 for the car.

You will think mostly of its extraordinary quality. It is the quality car at a quantity price.

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Quality First

THE BIRTH OF A NATION

'The Birth of a Nation', at the Queen Theatre, Abilene, Wednesday and Thursday (Thanksgiving) Nov. 29-30, matinee Thursday.

D. W. Griffith's world's mightiest spectacle, "The Birth of a Nation" will be presented at the Queen Theatre, Abilene, for two nights, Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 29-30. The prices will be \$1 and \$1.50 at all performances. The seats will be on sale at the Mission Theatre box office. Mail orders with money orders enclosed will have immediate attention when addressed to J. E. Hamlett, manager of the Queen Theatre, Abilene. The performance will start at 8:15 and 2:15. No phone orders or seats held for this engagement.

"The Birth of a Nation brings forth D. W. Griffith's wonderful new art of pictorialized spectacle with music. The first half of the production, which was suggested by Thomas Dixon "The Clansman," exhibits the salient events of the War between the States. The formation of the Confederacy; Lincoln's call for troops, Sherman's march to the sea, the Battle of Gettysburg; Lee's surrender to Grant; and the awful tragedy of Lincoln's assassination at Ford's Theatre, April 14, 1865, live before the spectator of the Griffith drama. In the second half of the South's "second uprising" — this time against the Carpetbagger regime — is shown in a thrilling story of Reconstruction days. The romance of the "Little Confederate Colonel," Ben Cameron with the Northerner Elsie Stoneman, and that of the Unionist Captain, Phil Stoneman, with Margaret Cameron, the South Carolina lassie, maintain two threads of continuous love-interest throughout the story.

But the great out-of-doors is

Mr. Griffith's special field. Tremendous battle scenes and the wild rides of the Ku Klux Klansmen are staged with thousands of participants. Eighteen thousand actors and three thousand horses were employed in the making of the picture, which cost half a million dollars and took eight months to produce. Some idea of its immensity is gained from the fact that there are no less than 5,000 distinct

and individual scenes.

On the musical side Mr. Griffith attempted what was previously unheard of in connection with motion pictures. This was the synchronizing of a complete symphonic score with the appearances of the important characters and the enactment of the principal scenes. This magnificent instrumental music is played by a large orchestra of twenty-five musicians. —adv.

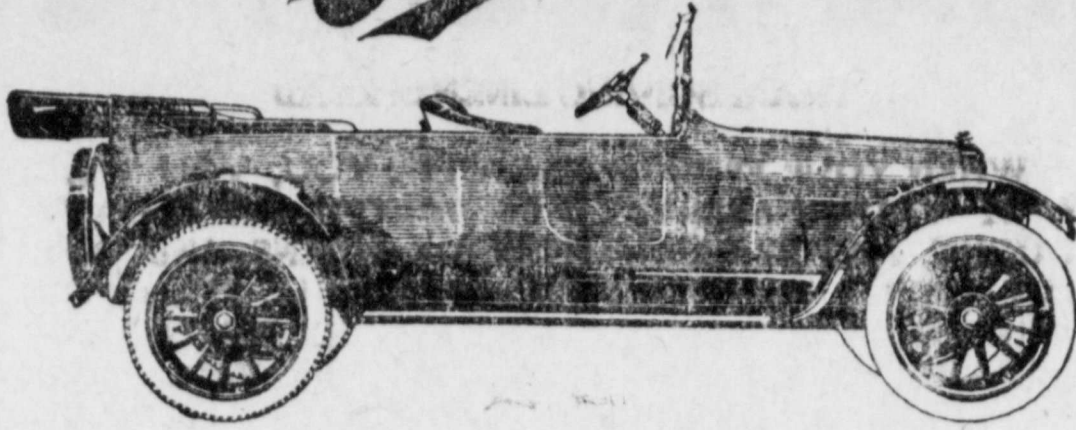
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These Tremendous Advantages—

More power—35 horsepower motor.
More room—112-inch wheelbase.
Greater comfort—long, 48-inch cantilever rear springs and 4-inch tires.
Greater convenience—electrical control buttons on steering column.
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Better cooling—you never heard of an Overland motor overheating.

These are tremendous advantages over anything to be had in other cars that sell for anywhere near as low a price.

And they make it hard for us to keep up with orders.

The factory has never yet caught up with the demand.

You ought to own one of these cars—nothing else so big and fine for the money.

Come in and order yours now.

MERKEL GARAGE

Telephone 1-2-3

The Willys-Overland Company, Toledo, Ohio

"Made in U. S. A."

Resolutions of The Taylor Co. Teachers Institute

Whereas, The Taylor County Teachers Institute met in regular session at Merkel, Texas, November 13 to 17 inclusive with the County Superintendent Smith presiding and adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we extend a vote of thanks to the citizens of Merkel and Superintendent Parker and his faculty for their hospitality and efforts in making our stay among them pleasant and the institute a success.

Resolved, That the work of the agriculture department, which W. L. Bently represents and the work he is doing to organize the boys and girls of our county into clubs to increase their industrial advantages, be endorsed.

Resolved, That we maintain our present enrollment fee of 75 cents and our present circuit system. We desire men of national importance to visit our circuit, but we know to secure these men we will have to select early in the year the date of holding our institute. We request our County Superintendent to co-operate with us in this matter and use his influence with other superintendents of the circuits in order to accomplish this educational advancement.

Resolved, That we ask our County Superintendent to make every effort possible towards an election for a county tax sufficient to supplement our school fund to make our county schools more efficient. That if possible we may go on record as one of the first counties to make this progressive movement.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the other superintendents of this circuit, and to the Merkel Mail and Abilene Reporter for publication.

(Signed) L. T. Green,
Geo. H. Tempin,
Miss Ruby Drummond
Committee.

Two Hurt at Post

Post, Texas, Nov. 20.—Yesterday afternoon while backing across a street crossing a Santa Fe freight train struck and demolished an automobile filled with passengers. One was seriously injured and another considerably bruised. However, none will die.

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

Capt. J. H. Oliver III.

Capt. J. H. Oliver has been confined to his home this week with a bad nervous trouble which has developed paralysis.

When seen at his home on both Wednesday and Thursday he seemed positive that the above was his trouble, and stated that he had realized his own condition since Monday.

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

SALE

Commences Saturday
Nov. 25th
and continues for
Four Weeks

Real Worthwhile Sale

SPOT CASH DID THE WORK

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Mr. W. L. Harkrider sold to us his entire stock at a sacrificing price. Mr. Harkrider is retiring from business because of a long needed rest, and sold us also his good will for a year

WE BOUGHT A GENUINE SNAP

His stock is one of the best in all Texas. We are going to give you an honest share of the profit we made off of Mr. Harkrider

We are Coming Here to Stay

Therefore (if for no other reason) we will not be guilty of Fakeism and trust that you will believe this statement

Everything Will be at a Cut Price

Either at a Big Cut, Moderate Cut or a Small Cut

We are filling in the stock where it needs it, with new goods, and these new goods will be at a cut price also

GOODS WILL BE ONE PRICE AND SPOT CASH

Store will open at 9:00 o'clock Saturday Morning November 25th

The Brown Dry Goods Co.