

AN AMERICAN IN EUROPE'S BATTLES

The following sketches are taken from the diary of W. K. Rainsford, a young American who served seven months as an "ambulance" in the battlegrounds of Alsace, in Lorraine and in Verdun. The parts taken here are only excerpts of full descriptions he gave in the last issue of World's Works, and are intensely interesting:

"About nine o'clock twelve of us drove into the Faubourg Pave and on in groups of two to Bras. On the quarry hill a stream of lightning showed one of our cars directly before me. I stopped short, blowing my whistle, and the next moment we struck. There was an exchange of names in the dark and an investigation of damage, each of us seeming anxious to appear the more courteous and cool. It was M—, who is blind as a bat in daylight without his glasses and whose presence on that road in the storm seems to me true bravery.

"As I went out to bring in my car a vague procession appeared up the side lane, a score or so dim figures in gray each pushing a two-wheeled canvas cradle, and I stepped close to ask if they had the wounded.

"No, these are the dead," answered one. Poor, broken, swaying things in their huddle of bloody rags, how far they seemed from the thrill of martial music!

"We lifted three couches from the roadside, which is all the cars will take, yet the sergeant kept pleading with me to take a fourth. I asked if the man could travel sitting, and he doiged back into the darkness to find out. Then he and another came carrying him in their arms. They lifted him very carefully into the seat beside me, first his feet and then his body, as though they had no relation, and propped him, weak and moaning, against my shoulder. Both legs and one arm were broken. Then the sergeant leaned in to pull an overcoat over the huddled shoulders, and with a cherry 'Bon voyage!' stepped back; at the same instant a shell struck the road behind, and thru the crash of it I heard him scream, in the flare of it saw him crumple up on the ground. My car lurched over the neck of the white horse and I groped my slow way out. Through the long ride the figure beside me never complained; only from time to time, as he seemed about to fall and I drew him back into the seat, his whispering voice would ask how far there was yet to go."

Haskell Men Hurt

Haskell, Tex., Nov. 26.—W. C. McFall and R. S. Bains of Weatherford were injured when a Ford auto overturned on the Haskell and Stamford road 8 miles from Haskell Saturday afternoon.

McFall's back was hurt and he received other injuries about the body.

Bains was bruised and had his shoulder bone broken. McFall's injuries are very serious and his chances for recovery are very doubtful. He is sixty-seven years of age.

The injured parties were brought to Haskell and medical aid was given them. J. M. McFalls, son of the elder gentleman arrived in Haskell Saturday night from Wichita Falls and carried his father and Mr. Bains to that city for special treatment Sunday.

MUFFLERS ON STREETS

The use of mufflers on the streets is not often monotonous unless the mufflers are used when the cars pass some residence where there are sick ones or where church services are being held or after night when people have retired and do not care to be disturbed. Other than these instances it seldom that mufflers open are nuisances.

For a person to determine when the are passing a home where sick or, or if driving after night, to determine whether people are asleep is almost impossible but it is easy to determine that church is being held and for these and other reasons owners and drivers of automobiles should remember that the noise of their car, which may be music to them, no doubt is almost intolerable to some other person. In order to avoid these unnecessary things the Mail believes it would be a good move for all drivers to avoid ever using their mufflers while in town, whether it be in day time or after night. If the good common sense of the community cannot correct this evil there is an ordinance to regulate same and it should then be enforced.

ABOUT PROHIBITION

With half the country staggering under prohibition, the consumption of whiskey is constantly increasing. More liquors are consumed per capita today than ever before in the history of our country. And the diseases that are known to be caused by alcoholic excesses appear to be increasing rather than diminishing. Moreover, the government statistics for the last census period show that certain diseases which are attributed to excessive alcoholic indulgences, directly or indirectly, have increased more in the group of states where prohibitive legislation existed at the close of the period than in the United States as a whole.—Hornish Monthly, San Angelo.

Did some stewed reader tell you this or were you half shot when you made up this story.

DEMOCRACY IN DEBT

The Treasurer of the National Democratic Executive Committee has sent an urgent appeal to the Democrats of the nation asking them to assist in meeting the indebtedness of the committee. The Mail has had letters from the treasurer, asking the Democrats of this section to contribute at least \$100 toward wiping out the party's indebtedness. We are assured that every dollar spent was spent in a legitimate way and for a good purpose. There was not enough money on hand to meet the expenses that seemed necessary, but the campaign was pushed just the same, the Treasurer feeling sure that the Democrats of the nation would gladly contribute the deficit.

GOOD ROAD LOGIC

Building good roads won't give us good roads unless we keep them up.—Fannin County Favorite.

Mr. Bonhamite pen pusher could have expressed the same in fewer words by advocacy more good road drags and their continued use. The conditions of this section now show that with lots of road dragging we will have lots of good roads.

2 PERSONS KILLED IN T. & P. WRECK

Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 26.—Two persons were instantly killed and four were seriously injured six miles west of Strawn, in Palo Pinto county, at 3:15 o'clock this afternoon, when Texas & Pacific passenger train No. 4, eastbound, ran into the rear of train No. 2, also eastbound. Train No. 2 is the "Sunshine Special," while train No. 4 is operated only from Sweetwater to Fort Worth.

The dead are: W. W. Givens, engineer, Fort Worth; Edward E. McGrew, fireman, Fort Worth.

The seriously injured are: J. A. Taylor, brakeman, Big Springs, badly cut about the head.

R. W. Brown, Enloe, Ark., cuts on head and right arm bruised.

Mrs. R. W. Brown, Enloe, Ark., back injured.

Ed Witherspoon, conductor, Fort Worth, injured internally.

According to railroad men here Engineer Givens and Fireman McGrew were caught between the tender and engine of train No. 4 and their lives crushed out. The bodies of the dead men are being brought to this city.

The Sunshine Special had stopped at a water tank west of Strawn when the collision occurred. Realizing that train No. 4 was coming from behind, Brake-man Taylor of the Sunshine Special went back a quarter of a mile and placed two torpedoes on the track. Then he returned to his own train and climbed upon the rear platform. A number of passengers were upon the rear platform of the Sunshine Special. They heard train No. 4 go over the torpedoes, but the train kept right on and was going about 20 miles an hour, a passenger said, when the oncoming engine crashed into the standing coaches.

Both the engineer and fireman of train No. 4 must have died almost instantly in their cab. Those injured were all standing on the rear platform of the Sunshine Special or in the rear coach.

SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE

Girls, listen. The weakest thing you can say about another girl is, "I'm just as good as she is." You should be so much better than she is that you won't want to say mean, catty things about her.—Mineral Wells Index.

Better be careful old chap, how you hand out advice to the young ladies of your community, or you may have to introduce yourself to your family some evening when you get home from your office.—Fannin County Favorite.

Wonder who beat Col. "Bill" Spotts up, that he should know about this introduction to his own family.

BUY A HEN, A HOG, A TURKEY, A COW

Eggs are scheduled to be worth five cents each before Christmas. If you buy a hen now she will pay for herself before Christmas. Figure the percent for yourself. If you can't buy a hen get a pig and sell it at late hog killing time and realize about 200 per cent profit. Take a turkey and sell it for five to seven dollars next fall. Get a cow and you can live off the proceeds of increase of such a bunch within one years time.

Sit down and figure on what returns can be made from such a start within one year and see why diversification pays greater than any other course of farming.

CLIPPINGS WORTH WHILE

The difference between a cat and an opportunity is that the cat comes back.

Many a man who is offered a chance of a life time for a mere song. Can't sing.

The world is not so much interested in the storms you encounter at sea—the question is: did you bring the ship into port.

Put this down to Mr. Bryan's credit: He "brought in the Democratic bacon" in almost every state in which he campaigned for Wilson. The same cannot be said of Roosevelt's efforts for Hughes.

Just a pig—raise one and see what it means, raise two or three and you will reach a better understanding.

We had a birthday last week and the joyous day was celebrated at home with a big feast of boiled backbone. If a better birthday dinner can be had we won't worry about what it is of.

The Taylor County times estimates the Taylor county cotton crop to be 25,000 bales. That's all right Merkel is going to get half that much.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal thought Texas set a record when a turkey sold at 21 cents and brought \$7.00. The Appeal overlooked our sale at 23 cents which netted \$8.75. Move to Merkel. "There's a reason."

Merkel is the best T. & P. town of less than 5000 population between Fort Worth and El Paso. "There's a reason."

Luther Grimes Injured

Luther Grimes received a blow over the left eye while skating Wednesday evening that narrowly missed being serious.

A boy named Parks struck Grimes with the blunt end of a closed pocket knife, the instrument piercing the skull, or outer part of the skull, inflicting a wound large enough to permit the point of a man's small finger being inserted. The location of the wound was such that it did not affect the brain, as the knife entered a cavity just above the eye. The injured young man is resting well and is in no danger, according to his attending physician, Dr. Armstrong.

The cause of the affray seems vague, the offender probably not intending to do serious damage to Mr. Grimes and only carried some petty reason for his act, which was at least very inexcusable, from all reports, as no provocation was given him for the deed.

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, Merkel, Texas.

Like everything else, "Peck Coffee" has advanced to \$1.20. E. L. Rogers.

AGEE BUT ACTIVE MINISTER IS HERE

The Rev. J. A. Hyder of Anson, one of the most loved pastors that the Methodist church at this place has ever had, is in Merkel this week visiting with the family of J. L. Harris and many other old friends.

Rev. Hyder has been prominently identified with the Methodist in this state since '85, and actively until the past four or five years. His first work having been in Abilene in the above named year when Rev. Hyder had just come to the west from Mississippi.

While almost the age of those we term octogenarians, this man is still as active as many of middle age, and the old-time wit and brilliancy of mind quite as charming. His visit is deemed an unusual pleasure by those who have known him these many years.

We are the only exclusive feed men in the city with a large stock of all kinds of feed. See Allen & Jones in the Boyce Building. Phone 245.

Half-a-Gallon Good Luck Baking powder for Two bits. E. L. Rogers.

NEW J. P. OPENS ADMINISTRATION

Justice Court was progressing nicely Monday morning under the stern orders of W. W. Wheeler, who opened his first court in several years. Several cases of minor consequence had been called and were being disposed of when two gentlemen in the back of the court room arose and started out. They were Messrs. B. C. Gaither and someone else. The former speaking in a tone audible even as far as the judge's chair, said: "Bill, what was it that the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina?" Judge Wheeler is said to have immediately called a fifteen-minute recess period.

Only three cases were disposed of in the civil court. Judgments being rendered for the plaintiffs in each case. They were: G. F. West Co. vs. J. E. Costephens. Merkel Power Co. vs. Dr. Geo. L. Miller. Geo. D. Richie vs. C. E. Page.

Noodle Beats Kale

Noodle Basket Ball team swept down on the Kale aggregation Friday afternoon and defeated them in a score being eight to seven.

ANSON 9,034 BALES MERKEL HAS 11,400

A published account of the Anson cotton crop gave the figures at 9,034 up to Wednesday night of last week. The top price of the season, according to the Western Enterprise, the Anson paper, reached 20.40. At that time seed was selling for \$49.50. The cotton crop weighed here to date amounts to 11,400 bales, and the top price this season so far as we can learn was 20.75, and seed selling last week at \$56.

Stranger in Town Tuesday

A Mr. T. L. Stevens of near Trent was in our city Tuesday morning meeting the people, and about the first thing he did was to arm us off with a request of a set-em-up. As it has been for some time, this gag works both ways, and either T. L. or yours truly gets the first cold drink when he sees the other one first. This time the passenger train saved us ten cents for we had to meet the train and we left Mr. Stevens grumbling over his hard luck.

Best by 1000 test, "Peck Coffee." E. L. Rogers.

We will have oodles of Xmas Fruits. E. L. Rogers.

HOG KILLING TIME IS ON AT TRENT

Everything is running smooth and serene in this part of the neighborhood with a few little ruffles caused mostly by a difference of opinion, but you can't always make everyone believe as you do.

The day that made the turkey gobler famous has come and when this is published it will be gone. Very few of these popular birds have lost their lives out here—not much since he is worth 22 cents per pound, feathers and all. They have all gone north. Those folks up there surely made something that beat twenty-cent cotton. There isn't even seed left here and from now on our ears will be of an old hen that can't lay a dozen eggs a year or an old rooster too old to crow.

C. T. Beckham has returned from various places in east Texas and while gone purchased 7 car loads of corn which he is selling. While he was away his wife took opportunity by the foretop and purchased a Dodge touring car.

Gro. Kegans and Thos. McLeod made a business trip to Sweetwater last week.

Clyde Reid had business in Sweetwater Monday.

J. D. Southworth and family are moving to Sweetwater, where he has purchased a home.

Mr. O. Kelly is building a nice five-room bungalow on his farm north of town.

W. E. Hamner and family visited in Abilene Monday.

L. E. Adrian and wife and Mrs. Copeland motored to Merkel and Abilene Monday.

W. L. Boyd has purchased a farm near Lamesa and will move to it soon.

Rev. W. A. Scott attended the Baptist Convention at Waco this and last week.

H. N. Smith has moved back to town in order to be nearer the schools.

The following births have been reported this week: A. C. Terry and wife, a boy. Arthur Goode and wife a nine pound girl. D. J. Rawlings and wife, twins both of whom lived only a short time. Burial was given Friday in the Trent cemetery.

This country was visited by a glorious rain last week, and like all the rest came just in time.

Hog killing time is here and the subject of dominant interest is, how everyone had the biggest hog and made the most lard. But the best one we have heard was when Jno. Howell had to scald his in the creek.

Wilson's elected—we've got hog killing time, backbone, spare ribs and sausage, Thanksgiving turkey, hen rooster, big rain, 20-cent cotton, and, oh, what's the use! Everything is lovely and the goose hangs high!

Mrs. J. A. Brown and children and mother, Mrs. Sallie Baker, of Trent motored to Merkel and Abilene Wednesday in their new Overland touring car.

E. Howell, a prominent feature in the substantial citizenship of this community was in Merkel Tuesday. Business necessitated his trip there, otherwise he is satisfied with what Trent has to offer to the purchasing public.

Died

The two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hall died at seven o'clock yesterday morning, at the home of her parents at Blair. Funeral services today at 11 o'clock at Rose Hill Cemetery.

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

GEO. WEIR WINS IN ROPING CONTEST

George Weir defeated Cecil Childers of Abilene here Thanksgiving afternoon in a goat roping contest each roper tying fifteen goats.

Weir's average time was fifteen and one half seconds. Childer's average time was twenty-seven and seven-tenths seconds.

Childers made the fastest individual time on two goats, roping in ten seconds and in ten and two-fifths. Weir's best single time was eleven, though he roped five goats at twelve and less. Childers defeat can be attributed to the accuracy of Geo. Weir's catch which invariably lands around the neck of the "nanny," as is the history of nearly all contests he enters.

See Birth of A Nation

Numerous auto parties from here motored to Abilene Wednesday and Thanksgiving to see the "Birth of A Nation." Dan. W. Griffith's photoplay of the "Clansman."

Without an exception every person who viewed this mighty spectacle pronounced it the most wonderful thing of its kind they had ever seen.

Visiting Woodroof Family

T. mother of Mr. E. L. Woodroof was expected to arrive here Thursday evening to be at his bedside, two brothers from points remote were also expected about the same time, while Mrs. C. J. Sherill of Bellview a sister to Mrs. Woodroof arrived Thursday morning.

These relatives will likely remain here until Mr. Woodroof's condition improves considerably.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

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

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

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

Headed maize for sale. See H. L. Propst.

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.



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

24-DAYS-24 UNTIL CHRISTMAS

And thousands of people have seen with interest the beautiful showing of Jewelry, Cut Glass, Ivory, and more especially

DIAMONDS

If you have not visited our place you have missed a treat. Only a few days now for holiday buying.

COMPTON'S

ABILENE

The Diamond Shop of West Texas

STATEMENT OF THE

Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of B

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

Very

Best

Fruit

Cake

Already we have over one hundred pounds of fruit cake baked and ready for the public, and we take pleasure in saying that this effort is one of the greatest baking achievements we have ever made. For we certainly have just the kind of cake you will want. The proper amount of fruit and nuts and other ingredients that are necessary to make a Fruit Cake just what it should be. Come in and buy your Christmas Cake now, and be sure that what you are buying is absolutely fresh in every respect. Cakes in all sizes.

**The
Merkel
Bakery**

LOCAL NEWS

Arthur Sears of Abilene fame was here Tuesday.

Brown Sugar at the Anchor.

C. M. Duke of Trent is the owner of a new Overland touring car.

Headed maize for sale. See H. L. Propst.

J. B. Rosson has recently closed a deal for the Pendelton farm southwest of town.

Lyons California Glazed Fruits, in boxes of 1 to 5 pound. Elite.

Mrs. B. M. Williams received a telegram from her brother T. B. McCamell that his little daughter died last night of diphtheria at Tyler Texas.

Horses and mules for sale. Anchor Mercantile Co.

J. K. Cauthen of Almagorda, N. M., came in Monday afternoon, making the trip cross country in his Buick touring car. Mr. Cauthen only stays a short time on business.

Lyons California Glazed Fruits, in boxes of 1 to 5 pound. Elite.

Mrs. U. G. Riggan and son returned last week from an extended stay in Mount Airy, N. C., and Gaylax, Virginia. J. W. Jarvis who also visited relatives in Mount Airy at the same time, has returned.

Horses and mules for sale. Anchor Mercantile Co.

W. T. Duncan, living this side the river in the Essie country, has bought 190 acres of land adjoining that he already owns. This recent purchase of Mr. Duncan gives him some of the best land in the river country.

All things for the Fruit cake at the Anchor.

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.

SALE

ENDS

Dec. 24th

New Goods at Old Prices!

BIG ASSORTMENT NEW GOODS RECD. THIS WEEK

SALE

ENDS

Dec. 24th

Every item of merchandise in our stock is being sold under its real value. In most instances you are saving 10 to 33% per cent on purchases you make of us now

REMEMBER EVERYTHING IS AT A CUT

Extraordinary Low Prices Saturday

On big lot of BRAN NEW Ladies' Suits, Coats, Skirts, Dresses, Men's Suits, Overcoats and Boys' Suits

OUR SPOT CASH IS A GUARANTEE to YOU

that high prices are going to be continuously fought from month to month and this will insure you that whatever you buy from us, you will own it at some less

Bear in Mind That in 60 to 90 Days

Prices will be advanced again by the manufacturer and wholesale man 10 to 25 per cent
Wisdom Says Buy Now

BEST GOODS AT SMALL PRICES IS OUR MOTTO

The Brown Dry Goods Co.

We are Showing one of the Most Complete Lines of Christmas Goods Ever Displayed in Merkel

Come in and let us show you our beautiful line of Cut Glass, Jewelry, Silverware, Toilet Sets
Manicure Sets, Casseroles and Smoking sets
New line of Diamond Rings just arrived. Come in and let us fit you up---Cash or Terms

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Texas as second class matter.

To Tax Automobiles

Hon. Barry Miller will offer a bill in the next legislature to create a state highway commission, to levy a state tax or license on all automobiles. The tax to be determined by the actual horse power of cars.

We believe this will be a good law and, although we have one of those gas wagons, we will welcome any move toward better roads in the state. The funds derived from this tax would be used for road building purposes only.

Edison's Time Card.

Mr. Edison, the inventor of the incandescent electric lamp has defined genius as 2 per cent inspiration and 98 per cent perspiration. In his own working rooms in New Jersey, Mr. Edison punches a time card each day when he comes and goes, just as any other employe, and his time card is the best evidence of his belief in his definition.

A study of one of Mr. Edison's time cards is interesting. This, his time card of the week ending August 27th, shows that on Wednesday Mr. Edison did not come in at all in the morning, for he was already in, having worked all night. He left at 8:16 in the morning and returned six hours later "punching in" at 2:20. Again he worked all night, leaving the following morning after an 18-hour stretch of work. Thus he labored night after night and at the end of the week the punching shows a total of 95 hours and 49 minutes to his credit. This time card was selected at random and does not differ much from the time card found in the rack under Mr. Edison's name at the end of almost any week.

Fined For not Dipping

W. H. Ellinger of Buffalo Gap was assessed the amount of \$73.50 for his failure to dip his cattle. The case was tried at Abilene recently and Mr. Ellinger pleaded guilty to the charges in the case and the above was the amount it cost him for his negligence.

The dipping of the Ellinger cattle took place under order of the court and bond served by the sheriff.

Danger Signal

If the firebell should ring would you run to stop it or go and help to put out the fire? It is much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should no more try to suppress it than to stop a fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that is causing the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is especially valuable for the persistent cough that so often follows a bad cold or an attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Beeching of Andrews, Ind., writes: "During the winter my husband takes cold easily and coughs and coughs. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." Obtainable everywhere.

No Hunting Here

This is to notify all parties that no hunting will be permitted on my premises. John Sears, 27tf

Messrs. E. S. Hill of Fort Worth and J. A. Ross of Denton were both here the first of the week prospecting.

Mrs. Garland Shell of Winters returned to her home Monday, having spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. H. E. Bullock.

F. E. Combs arrived here Monday morning from a trip to Texas and other points in the eastern part of the state.

Birth Report

M. A. Dunn and wife, boy on the 28th.
E. R. Foster and wife, boy on the 27th.
R. R. Meeks and wife, boy on the 25th.
Frank Valentine and wife, girl on the 26th.
W. G. Lee and wife, boy on the 29th.
Robert Beasley and wife, boy on 28th.

Nervous Women

When nervousness is caused by constipation, as is often the case, you will get quick relief by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets also improve the digestion. Obtainable everywhere.

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.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS

Owing to recent court decisions we cannot afford to carry any more arrearage on our books from now on, if account is not paid when due we will have to pull our meter, and if replaced will have to charge 50c in this work, we appreciate the fact that this will only effect but a small percentage of our customers, but as a Public servant, we must and will treat all alike.

This is done as self protection, as formerly will have a collector at Burroughs Drug Store, from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. from the time you get your Bill until and including 10th of the months. Respectfully

Merkel Power Co.,
W. A. McSpadden Mgr.

Land For Sale

98 acres on the south bank of the Clear Fork River in Jones County, Texas, one mile south east of Golan School house, three room house, about 60 acres in cultivation. B. F. Mitchell now lives on place. On public road. Can give possession January 1st, 1917. All good land. Terms \$500 cash, balance in ten equal annual installments with 8 per cent interest. Walter S. Pope, Anson, Texas.

Cotton Seed For Sale

I have a car of fine MEBANE TRIUMPH culled seed for planting. Better put in your order while cheap. J. C. Mason. 1tp

No Hunting Allowed

On my farm and ranch 3 miles east of Merkel. J. T. Warren. 1tf

Our Blackface Comb Honey in bulk at the Anchor, 15 cents per pound.

Couge Medicine for Children

Mrs. Hugh Cook, Scottsville, N. Y. says: "About five years ago when we were living in Garbutt, N. Y., I doctor two of my children suffering from colds with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and found it just as presented in every way. It promptly checked their coughing and cured their colds quicker than anything I ever used." Obtainable every.



Overland
Automobiles



**Which
Do You
Prefer?**



Pullman or Freight?

No one would think of riding in a freight car if he could enjoy the comfort of a big, comfortable easy riding Pullman parlor car.

So with automobiles. Most of the popular priced cars ride like freight cars. This is due to the old fashioned type of spring.

Many manufacturers still continue to use them.

The Overland does not. The 75 B Overland has the latest type of cantilever shock absorbing springs. As a result it is one of the easiest riding cars in the world. One demonstration will prove this. \$635 f. o. b. Toledo.

MERKEL GARAGE
Telephone 1-2-3
The Willys-Overland Company, Toledo, Ohio
"Made in U. S. A."

BIG MONEY GETTING SALE

These goods must sell regardless of price. In order to raise some much needed money, I will sell for the next 30 days, beginning Dec. 2nd, all goods in my store at greatly reduced prices. If you want real bargains, don't fail to come to my store and get my prices before making your purchases. Hats, Caps, Shoes, and boys' Suits at almost your own price. A lot of nice furs at one-third less than wholesale cost. Space forbids me giving prices, but when in town, come, see and price for yourself.

A. L. JOBE

NEXT DOOR TO MERKEL GARAGE

CLIPPED AND MADE UP BY SLIVERS

We have applied for a patent to a new-fangled hen roost which we are shortly to start out to introduce. The patent consists of a pole about 15 feet long and flat on 1 side. This is so when the hens tire at night they can sit down. We desire to sell a 1-2 interest in the thing.

Having not traveled much we cannot see from this seventeen mile observation point any fun in living in Abilene.

Do your Xmas shopping now. Ditto your poll-tax purchasing.

Ever notice that it is easier to mortgage a home and buy an auto than to mortgage an auto and buy a home.

Solomon worked his men eight hours a day and he was a pretty wise man for his generation. Adamson Law kickers now back up.

There is a great story published about the "Land Lubber" but have you ever read about the "Sea Faring Pedestrian." If you haven't its time your getting down the family Bible.

At the present price of cheese mice are safe for awhile. We're out after rats. Apologies to "Kalamity Bonner."

A newly married lady of this city asked a grocery clerk why the cranberries were of a greenish tint. He explained about the war in Europe and the scarcity of red coloring to make them redder and the sale was made. The poor little thing taking home a half gallon of half ripe Thanksgiving sauce matter.

Claud Callan say G. O. P. now stands for Gone Out of Politics.

WHAT IS HE GOING TO DO? WE DON'T KNOW.

Judge Thomas L. Blanton went to Tahoka, or some other place, Saturday night on business he declined to divulge to the Times. But we suspect he is chasing an antelope.

He told us he would be back Wednesday, but we haven't seen him yet.

It is reported that Judge Blanton will leave with his family for Washington in an automobile next Monday, but we can't verify the rumor.

He has promised to take the Times editor hunting next month, but we haven't gone yet.

The Congressman-elect from this district is a very busy man, winding up his court affairs and getting things in shape to assume his new duties, and it is a hard matter to get him still long enough to find out much about his program.

But there is much interest in what he is going to do, and the Times gives above as complete an account of his public and private activities as possible without guessing—and that would not be ethical.—Taylor County Times.

Miss Myrtis Huffaker of Greenville surprised her sister, Mrs. H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Tuesday evening by her arrival here for a short visit.

NO. 354

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of **First State Bank, Trent, Texas** at the close of business on the 17th day of Nov., 1916, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 1st day of Dec., 1916.

RESOURCES	
Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$51,734.25
Loans, real estate	2,100.00
Overdrafts	36.65
Other Real Estate	670.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,775.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	71,898.34
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to cks., net	29,172.48
Cash items	173.32
Carrryover	8,806.00
Specie	769.65
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	807.16
Other Resources as follows:	
Custom Bills of exchange	24,164.18
Total	\$182,208.94

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Surplus fund	6,000.00
Undivided profits, net	7,582.97
Individual Deposits Sub. to Check	152,686.55
Cashiers checks	2,189.61
Other Liabilities: Reserved for Taxes	88.81
Total	\$182,508.94

State of Texas, County of Taylor: We, J. T. Warren as president and L. E. Adrian as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. T. Warren, President. L. E. Adrian, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of Nov. A. D., 1916.

(SEAL) Notary Public Taylor County, Texas. Correct—Attest: G. F. West, K. B. Johnson, E. D. Teuston, Directors.

E. L. WOODROOF IS DANGEROUSLY ILL

E. L. Woodroof is dangerously ill at his home following a stroke of apoplexy he suffered Tuesday evening about 9:40 while motoring to his home from his store.

Mr. Woodroof has been in ill health for some time but of recent weeks has been at his post at the head of the Woodroof's Dry Goods firm in active discharge of his duties. On Tuesday evening the clerks remained at the store after closing hours to re-arrange the stock and at the completion of the work Mr. Woodroof offered to take the ladies to their respective homes in his car. On returning from his first trip he started west on north first to take Miss Smith to the H. C. Williams home when at a point opposite the Hamm gin, he suddenly became unconscious and lost control of his car, driving it directly across the railway tracks toward the Browning gin. Miss Smith was considerably bruised by being thrown from the back seat into the top of the car and only providence stopping the engine kept the car from going into the deep drainage ditch south of the railroad. At this point Mr. Woodroof recovered slightly and getting out of the drivers seat asked Miss Smith to brace herself and hold him as he was about to fall, his weight being over two hundred pounds it was impossible that Miss Smith keep him from crumpling to the ground as he lapsed into semi-unconsciousness. The plucky young lady realizing that her employer was seriously ill ran to the Woodroof store a distance of about four blocks and summoned aid. Messrs. Luther Woodroof, a brother, Duff and Sheppard who were yet at the store hurried to the place and removed the stricken man to his home, where he has remained seemingly at the point of death since that time.

Mr. Woodroof has been prominently connected with the dry goods business here at Waxahachie for a number of years and is an esteemed citizen whose friends are numerous both locally and throughout the State. Another brother, W. D. Woodroof, of Abilene has been at the bedside since Tuesday night. Other relatives have been notified.

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SIMMONS COLLEGE GETS \$25,000.00 NEW BUILDING FREE; MUCH NEEDED

A gymnasium that will cost, completed, between twenty-five and thirty thousand dollars is now an assured fact for Simmons College. In a telegram to T. N. Carswell of this city Wednesday President Sandefer of Simmons College stated that he had received a donation of \$10,000 cash from Edgar L. Marston, President of the Thurber Brick company and director of the Texas & Pacific railway company. The Thurber Brick Company has also donated the brick for the building and cost of transportation to Abilene, their donation amounting to approximately \$12,000. President Sandefer wired Mr. Carswell from New York where he has been on business for some time.

Simmons' need for a well equipped gymnasium has been apparent for some time and Dr. Sandefer has spent no little time in working for this improvement. His sudden success, as announced by the telegram Wednesday, is therefore the result of continual work for many months.

Plans for the gymnasium will be started at once and as soon as ready the actual building operations will begin. It is very probable that the building will be started early in January and ready for use by the opening of the next term.

Simmons College, under the able direction and management it has enjoyed during the past several years has rapidly and steadily become an educational institution that would do credit to any city of the south and without doubt it will soon rank with the foremost southern universities for its growth has been too steady to allow of any other conjecture.

With the completion of this gymnasium it will mark another and very important step forward, for modern educational institutions are deemed

incomplete until thorough attention has been given to plenty of good, clean athletics. During recent years her athletically inclined students, even handicapped as they were for rooms and equipment, have put forth baseball, basketball and even football teams that have won considerable credit over the state, entering the intercollegiate association and winning their share of victories. Her athletes have made fine showings in sprinting, hurdling, hammer throwing and other events as well, but with a properly equipped gymnasium and a teacher in that department Simmons will forge more rapidly than ever to the front rank.

While the enrollment of Simmons has shown a surprisingly steady and rapid increase every year, there can be no doubt that many students who would normally have finished at this school have gone to others more fortunate in athletic equipment solely on account of the advantages offered by a thorough course in gymnasium work in these other educational institutions. With this handicap removed for the coming year there will surely be a far greater increase in enrollment than would have been possible without the new building.

Simmons College is already equipped with buildings for classrooms and for the "co-eds" but she has been somewhat behind in doing things for the boys. The addition of this up to date gym, however, will easily offset any disadvantages she may have in other lines with over ninety percent of the boys who are figuring on what school they will attend. All Abilene may well rejoice with President Sandefer and Simmons College over this piece of exceedingly good news.—Taylor County Times.

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

Get your next bill of feed from Allen & Jones. "Quality is our Motto." It

NO. 7481
Report of the Condition of
THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL
In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on Nov. 17, 1916

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts (except those shown on b)	\$809,726.17
Overdrafts, secured, None; Unsecured	None
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value)	4,000.00
Total U. S. Bonds	10,250.00
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	1,635.00
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of Subscription)	1,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real Estate owned other than banking house	5,900.00
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis	35,775.27
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	94,369.94—130,145.21
Net amt. due from banks and bankers (other than inclu. in 10 or 18)	58,648.80
Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	2,947.20
Outside checks and other cash items	9,434.16
Fractional currency, nickels and cents	100.20—9,534.36
Notes of other national banks	3,385.00
Federal Reserve notes	3,000.00
Lawful reserve in vault and with Federal Reserve Bank	63,711.30
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
Total	\$604,275.54

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	25,386.63
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	3,608.50—21,778.13
Circulating notes outstanding	5,950.00
Net amt. due to banks and bankers (other than included in 29 or 30)	26,892.70
Demand Deposits:	
Individual deposits subject to check	475,873.06
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	1,400.00
Cashiers checks outstanding	12,680.83
Postal savings deposits	2,809.82
Total demand deposits,	
Items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40. \$492,754.71	
Time deposits (payable after 30 days or subject to 30 days on more notice)	
Certificate of deposit	12,900.00
Total of time deposits, Items 41, 42, and 43	12,900.00
Total	\$604,275.54

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS: I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of Nov., 1916. G. W. JOHNSON, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: J. T. WARREN, G. F. WEST, Directors. BEN T. MERRITT

PHOTOPLAY MADE HERE IS SUCCESS

Shown first Wednesday afternoon to members of the producing cast the photo play of a "Merkel Romance" was pronounced a success in every respect by the censorship of newspaper fraternity called in to view it.

The street scenes of Merkel, the cotton town of the west are very little overdrawn for any busy Saturday this place has. The real play however starts with a companionship of Stacy and John that ripens into love over the objection of the irate father, a part played to success by G. E. Comegys. About the first obstruction John meets with is the progressive end of the irate father's foot and John awakes from his love making when he lands in a heap in the corner of the yard. His second attempt to see his ladylove meets a like condition when father kicks him off the porch. This insult fires the young players soul and he frames a fake fire. The fire department is called out and as Chief Ferrier is climbing a ladder to rescue Stacy, John takes his plot up, jerking the Chief from the ladder and performing the rescue himself. An elopement takes place and the race is on. All over the town on foot until both the pursued lovers and the pursuing father hire automobiles and start toward Mulberry Creek. After father has chased the eloping couple over this picturesque little stream for some time he comes face to face with Elma whose winning glances divert his mind from the chase and he falls victim of the snares of a woman. In the act of flirting with Miss Elma, dear father is caught by John and Stacy and a reconciliation takes place. The end of a perfect day as well as the end of a well made picture. The pictures are shown at the Cozy starting Wednesday evening and at matinees up until Saturday.

Evening or Night

Is it right to say Mrs. Brown called last night or Mrs. Brown called last evening? Some say either expression will do. These may be synonymous, but some women would be awful sore should a detailed report in a society column say that Mrs. Brown was attired in a beautiful night gown instead of an evening gown. Git up!—Exchange.

Rev. Charley Seago will preach at Carpenter's Gap next Sunday, and will be greeted by the large and appreciative audience that usually attended his meeting.

A singing at Col. Dan Herring's last Saturday at Noodle, was attended by a number of our young folks, all of whom report a most enjoyable time.

We dined Sunday at the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tiner, and were most hospitably entertained by him and his most estimable wife.

We were indebted to Mr. Firman Carter for a delightful ride into town in his new auto.

Mr. Edgar Grayson was in Merkel Saturday on legal business.

To say that this young man had quite a fancy to riding wild horses. No doubt. Our readers can appreciate this joke we are sure. If in the past few years we published the likeness of every localite who has been thrown from the hurrical deck of some sorrell-top there wouldn't be much room for other reading and besides it would not be very good reading at that but as long as Memphis people care to make heroes out of a man just because he got "busted" we have no kick and "Where ignorance is bliss, tis folly to be wise."

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

Order your Xmas fruit cake now. Bakery.

NUBIA DOTS FROM ERSTWHILE SCRIBE

The weather has again resolved itself down to customary normalities and the farmer after allowing plenty of time for the moisture to descend, and the ground to dry, are now astir turning the productive globe.

The erstwhile splendid ethereal bequest has proven remarkably rejuvenating to the small growing grain conditions were hardly ever better for a promising yield the coming year. A comparatively dry summer and fall, coupled with a short feed crop and its attendant high market price, have been deciding factors in the increased acreage.

Two other reasons stand out prominently. One is the high price of wheat, the other is the want of sufficient pastureage.

Bro. Purcer of White Flat, preached at Buttman Saturday and Sunday.

The singing at Mr. and Mrs. Bud Perry's Sunday night was very enjoyable.

Rev. Price Bankhead of Merkel preached at Cross Roads Sunday morning.

The members of telephone line No. 548, are busy putting in taller poles, and fixing up their line otherwise this week.

It seems that every one almost, has gone to trapping ostensibly, they mean to possess a modicum of the where-withal for Christmas. Here's wishing them all an Eldorado Catch.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lewis are visiting relatives at Brownwood.

Thrown By Horse

The Memphis Commercial Appeal recently carried a photograph of a young Memphian National guardman who is stationed at El Paso. The young man was given a deal of publicity in the Appeal from the fact that he had been thrown from a wild horse while the story went further

CHICKENS FOLLOW MR. JUNIUS HOME

We have never been noted for our magnetic and charming personality, but we evidently possess some occult and alluring charm for chickens and turkeys, especially at night. Since we commenced batching, dozens of frying chickens and a few turkeys have flew off the roost at night and followed us home during our nocturnal preambulations, the neighborhood is considerably wrought up over the strange phenomena, and are now sitting in their hen houses at night with their guns, and if they keep this foolish and sinful practice up, we may have to leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Grayson's baby has been dangerously ill the past week, but is considerably improved now.

Mr. Hugh Grayson has just returned from a protracted visit to relatives near Waco, and reports the country in a most flourishing condition.

Mr. Sam Grayson, the genial and affable Mayor of Shiloh, has just returned from an extended tour in his new auto of West Texas, visiting Lubbock, Post City, Lamesa and other western towns and reports a considerable boom in real estate.

Miss Lettys Jones spent several days last week with Mrs. Charley Seago.

We anticipate a pleasant and jovial time at the box supper, at the Goodman School house next Friday night.

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NO. 366

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RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$101,644.50
Loans, real estate	7,710.22
Overdrafts	543.10
Real Estate (banking house)	9,800.00
Other Real Estate	2,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	9,900.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net	175,350.97
Due from other banks and bankers	5,838.46
Cash Items	10,841.96
Carrryover	16,674.50
Specie	4,448.00
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	2,726.90
Bills of Exchange on Cotton	50,887.00
Other Resources as follows	2,908.46
Total	\$404,994.24

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus Fund	14,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	8,689.24
Individual Deposits sub. to check	406,862.90
Time Certificates of Deposit	18,569.00
Cashiers checks	2,467.78
Total	\$404,994.24

State of Texas, County of Taylor: We, J. S. Swann as president, and R. O. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. S. Swann, president. R. O. Anderson, cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of Nov. A. D., 1916. W. W. Wheeler, Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas. Correct—Attest: J. C. Moore, John Beards, M. Armstrong, Directors.



Ladies Silk and Wool Dresses

Ladies dresses \$ 6.50 for \$ 5.45
 Ladies dresses 7.50 for 6.45
 Ladies dresses 10.00 for 8.65
 Ladies dresses 12.50 for 9.85
 Ladies dresses 15.00 for 12.45

Ladies Coat Suits

\$40.00 Wool suit \$29.85
 30.00 Wool suit 24.85
 25.00 Wool suit 19.85
 18.50 Wool suit 14.95

Childrens Wool Dresses

Very latest styles in serge with fancy cuffs and collars

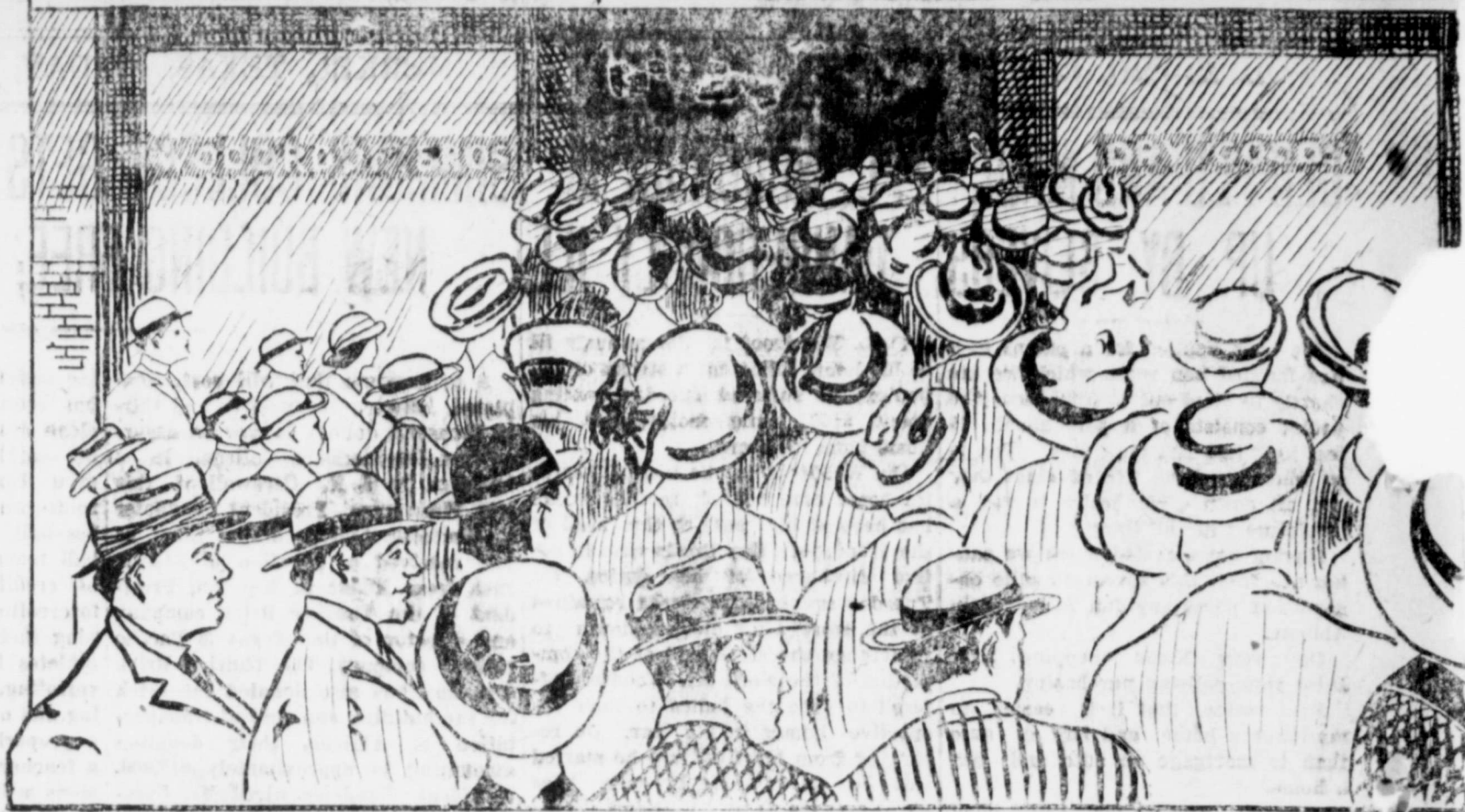
\$8.50 Dress for \$6.85
 6.50 Dress for 5.45
 4.50 Dress for 3.85

Ladies Coat Specials

We have a few extra good values in carried-over ladies coats, all on good value

One \$25.00 \$12.50 One \$15.00 \$4.95
 Two 25.00 10.00 One 12.50 4.95
 One 18.50 9.25 One 10.00 5.00
 One 15.00 7.50 One 10.00 3.95
 One 15.00 6.85 One 7.50 4.25

CLOTHING. SHOES. WOODRIDGE



BIG SENSATIONAL

WE ARE NOT CLOSING OUT NEITHER ARE WE FORCED

To raise money. We are only giving you the cold facts of this sale. Our stock is large, enormously large. Yes, entirely too large for this season, and we must reduce it, and reduce it at once. You are the one to profit at this sale.

Many article reduced, marked in plain figures, going exactly as advertised. Be on hand the opening day.

Plenty extra sales people to wait on everybody. Come, bring your entire family. Stay all day

Starts Friday Morning

OUR \$50,000

Of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes

MUST BE REDUCED \$20,000.00

Our store will be closed and down prices and arrangements be accomplished. Drop every

A Dollar Saved is a Dollar



Men's Shoes

One lot men's \$4.00 and \$5.00 patent leather shoes in several different shapes

\$2.95

Ladies' Shoes

One lot of ladies' \$3.50 and \$4.00 shoes, mostly in small sizes, a bargain, for

\$2.45

SHOES FOR MEN, BOYS WOMEN, MISSES

We carry one of the most complete stocks of shoes for men, boys, women and misses carried in Merkel. We buy the best and sell the best. You will find many bargains in our shoe department during our sensational Holiday Sale.

SALE POSITIVELY OPENS 8:30 O'CLOCK FRIDAY DECEMBER 1ST

<p>Extra Special</p> <p>Our stock of window shades must go All 75c shades... 65c All 60c shades... 50c All 35c shades..... 25c</p>	<p>Extra Special</p> <p>An exceptionally good value in ladies sweaters in red and navy, regular price \$3.50, sale price..... \$2.95</p>
<p>Extra Special</p> <p>A good heavy smooth finish gingham in all colors for 9c</p>	<p>Extra Special</p> <p>All comforts reduced, 3.50 comforts \$3.15 \$2.50 comforts..... 2.25 1.25 comforts 1.00</p>
<p>Extra Special</p> <p>Best grade gingham, consisting of Red Seal and other standard makes for..... 11c</p>	<p>Extra Special</p> <p>A good 27-inch percale in all colors for per yard 7 1/2c</p>
<p>Extra Special</p> <p>Standard grade calicoes in light gray and blue patterns for per yard..... 5c 20 yd. \$1. Not over 20 yd. to a customer</p>	<p>Extra Special</p> <p>Good heavy grey coat sweater \$1.50 grade..... \$1.20 \$1.25 grade..... 98c 65c grade..... 48c</p>

POSITIVELY

Everything Advertised

If you come, you will see you will buy. Read this circular, it means We are giving many even these two pages that we quote every at but you can rest assured reductions are only coming you will find throughout. Come, be convinced that we



DON'T FORGET THE DATE

Friday Morning

Be on hand for this Mighty

WOODRUFF BROS. DRY-GOODS & MILLINERY



MEN'S CLOTHING

Our entire stock of mens clothing consisting of the well known makes, Hart Schaffner & Marx, Henry Sonneborn, all reduced.

- \$25.00 Fancy Suits..... **\$19.95**
- 20.00 Fancy suits..... **15.95**
- 18.50 Fancy suits..... **14.95**
- 15.00 Fancy suits..... **12.45**
- 12.50 Fancy suits..... **9.95**
- 10.00 Fancy suits..... **8.65**

All Men's Overcoats
Specially Priced

BOYS' CLOTHING

We have a very complete line of boy clothing, all reduced during this sale



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Starting **December 1st**
10.00 STOCK

Ready-to-Wear and Millinery

WORTH DURING THIS SALE

Full day Thursday to mark
stock. Our purpose must
everything and be here.
made. Save one Here

**SALE POSITIVELY OPENS
8:30 O'CLOCK
FRIDAY DECEMBER 1ST**

**THANKS TO OUR GOOD LUCK
OR SOMETHING ELSE**

In the face of a market that has continued to advance for many months past we are cutting the prices on ladies' Ready-to-wear, Millinery, Dry Goods, Clothing and Shoes. How can we do it? you may ask.

Our explanation is: We contemplated just what has happened and we have the merchandise on hand. If you fail to profit by this sale it is your own loss. So don't complain if you fail to take advantage of this Holiday Sale.

Come and see for yourself.



Dry Goods and Silks

You will find big reductions in our piece goods department. Our line of silk, dry goods and trimmings is unusually complete for this time of the year. Every piece will be marked in plain figures. Come see for yourself.

MILLINERY

One half price on all pattern hats. Some extra bargains. Don't fail to see them

One Table

Ladies' \$4.50, \$4.00 and \$3.00 hats for
\$2.50

One Table

Ladies' \$2.50, \$2.00 and \$1.50 hats for
\$1.00

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can save you money

Extra Special A good heavy cotton cheviot, suitable for shirts, in dark patterns, for..... 11c	Extra Special A good heavy grade bleached sheeting 9-4 wide for..... 27½c Not over 10 yards to a customer
Extra Special Extra heavy grade brown canton flannel, a good value..... 9c	Extra Special Extra good grade cotton check, yd. 5c 20 yards \$1.00 Only 20 yards to customer
Extra Special A good 36-inch bleached domestic free from starch, for..... 9c	Extra Special A good quality of mattress ticking for 10c
Extra Special Men's heavy underwear \$1 grade..... 90c 50c grade..... 45c	Extra Special A good first grade outing in dark and light colors, a good value for..... 8½c 12 yards \$1.00

SALE OPENS AT 8:30

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OPENING of TOYLAND

IN MERKEL, TEXAS

At The Anchor December 9th

On that date we will have on display the largest assortment of Toys ever brought to our city for your inspection. We invite you to pay us a visit and make your selection while here for the little tot

Buy the Christmas Toys Early For Best Results

The true sentiment of giving is revealed in them---a sentiment which will gratify the recipient because the gift will at once convey the idea of the careful consideration which guided the choice of the one who gave. And so we call this "The Store of The Christmas Spirit" a gift store where you can never wear out your welcome, come often as you may during this glad holiday season; a helpful store where no matter how little or much you choose to spend, there's economy in the price you pay; a store of cheerful greeting, whether you come to buy or only to look

The Anchor Mercantile Comp'ny

COMPULSORY LAW IS NOW IN EFFECT

The Compulsory Attendance Law will be effective in the Merkel public school on the first Monday in January, 1917, and will continue for sixty scholastic days in succession. For the benefit of those who are not familiar with the content of this law, the following excerpt is given:

Sec. 71a. Every child in this State who is eight years and not more than fourteen years old shall be required to attend the public schools in the district of its residence, or in some other district to which it may be transferred, as provided by law, for a period of not less than sixty days.

Sec. 71b. The trustees have the right to fix the time for the opening of the compulsory attendance period.

Sec. 72a. The following classes of children are exempt from the requirements of this Act:

(a) Any child in attendance upon a private or parochial school or who is being properly instructed by a private tutor.

Sec. 72b. Any child whose bodily or mental condition is such as to render attendance inadvisable, and who holds definite certificate of a reputable physician specifying this condition and covering the period of absence.

Sec. 72c. Any child who is blind, deaf, dumb or feeble-minded, for the instruction of whom no adequate provision has been made by the school district.

Sec. 72d. Any child living more than two and one-half miles by direct, traveled road, from the nearest public school supported for children of the same race and color of such child, and with no free transportation provided.

Sec. 72e. Any child who has completed the fourth grade, and whose services are needed by the parent, or some one standing in parental relation to the child, may upon proper evidence to the COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT of public instruction, be exempt from further attendance at school.

Sec. 73. Any parent or parents, or those standing in parental relation to any child or children, who are financially unable to buy the necessary books in order to keep such children in school may, upon satisfactory proof of same to school

trustees be furnished text books for said children.

Sec. 74. Any child may be excused for temporary absence, from the provisions of this Act for, personal sickness, sickness or death in the family, quarantine, severe storm

which has destroyed bridges and made the regular means of travel dangerous, or for usual causes acceptable to the teacher, principal or superintendent of the school in which said child is enrolled; provided the excuse is in writing and signed

by the parent or guardian of said child; but any case so excused may be investigated by the ATTENDANCE OFFICER.

Sec. 75. Any person, firm or corporation found guilty of employing any child, or inducing any child to

remain out of school who is subject to this Act shall be fined not to exceed \$10 for each offense, and each day shall be considered a separate offense.

Sec. 81b. Any parent or person standing in parental relation upon

conviction for failure to comply with the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined for the first offense \$5.00, and for the second offense \$10, and for each subsequent offense \$25. Each day that said child remains out of school after said warning, has been given or after said child has been ordered in school by the juvenile court, many constitute a separate offense.

The school authorities in and for the Independent School District of Merkel, Taylor county, Texas, do most earnestly and kindly solicit the hearty co-operation of each and every parent and person standing in parental relation, to the end, that the very best results obtain in our school district for educational uplift.

We would see to it MONDAY the first day of JANUARY, and for the that every child under our care between the ages of eight and fourteen on September 1, 1916, and not exempt from attendance, is in school and remains there until the provisions of the school attendance has been satisfied.

Yours respectfully,
R. M. PARKER,
Superintendent Merkel Schools.

Marriage Licenses.

Geo. W. Holmes and Miss Alethoa Swindle.

A. F. Sibley and Miss Ruby Walker.

Hayne Leake and Miss Irene Newman.

S. E. Clark and Miss Ola M. Oliver.

V. A. Hortmuller and Miss Ethel Ralph.

W. C. Clark and Mrs. M. F. Allen.

Auto Licenses.

J. C. Reeves, Abilene, Buick.
Faucett Auto Repair, Abilene, Buick.

R. H. McGinty, Abilene, Epperson.

Steve Powers, Abilene, Maxwell.

E. Y. Richmond, Abilene, Indian.

C. L. Beckham, Trent, Dodge.

Lloyd Dymun, Potosi, Dodge.

H. W. Gober, Hamby, Ford.

Porter Smith, Abilene, Ford.

Plenty of angel food cake at the Bakery.

Half a gallon Good Luck Baling Powder for two bits at E. I. Rogers

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



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GIVE HER FURNITURE AND RUGS FOR CHRISTMAS

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Register for some little child, they will appreciate it

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In A New FREE 5-Passenger Ford Touring Car

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\$35,000.00 STOCK OF More Gorgeous Bargains

Every winter fabric, garment and article, no matter what bearing it may have on the present or future wholesale price, will bear the deep mark of the bargain knife--deeper than even the most sanguine economist will be willing to admit until the "Eating of the Pudding." These are a few hot prices that are characteristic of our big stock. Read them and come early assured

Every Thing Will be a Great Big Bargain

SAVING YOU ENOUGH MONEY ON YOUR PURCHASES TO SPEND CHRISTMAS

Coats

Children's and misses all wool and plush coats, different, pretty colors, only **\$3.85**
Ladies \$7.50 plain black coats, extra bargain at **4.85**
Ladies 10.00 black, fur trimmed coats, extra bargain at only **6.85**
Ladies 12.50 coats, all kinds, including poney cloth with fur trimmings **9.85**
Ladies 15.00 coats, all kinds, including black astrican with fur trimming at only **11.85**
Ladies 17.50 coats, all of the highest type of workmanship, materials and trimmings at **13.85**
Same proportionate cuts made on all higher priced coats

Ladies' Suits at Almost Half

We have only a few left and will close them out at your own price. Hurry, if you want a handsome suit at a big bargain.

Big Reduction on Ladies Skirts

We have a beautiful line that we will sell at monstrous bargains. Come, take a look, you will be more than satisfied--All new.

Men's Underwear

Men's 50c heavy fleeced underwear at only **39c**
Men's 1.25 white union suits only **89c**

Men's Overcoats

Men's 10.00 overcoats at only **\$6.48**
Men's 12.50 overcoats at only **8.85**
Men's 15.00 overcoats at only **11.85**
Men's 20.00 overcoats at only **16.85**
Men's fine mackanaws only **4.85**
Men's 10.00 mackanaws only **6.95**
Men's 5.00 rain coats only **3.48**

Bath Robes

Ladies and men's 5.00 bath robes, all handsome patterns only **\$2.95**
Ladies and men's 7.50 bath robes, all handsome patterns only **4.45**

Shoes, Shoes, Shoes

Ladies 7.50 kid boots only **\$4.85**
Ladies 5.00 kid boots only **3.85**
Ladies 4.50 kid boots only **3.45**
Ladies 4.00 kid and patent boots only **2.95**
Ladies 3.50 patent boots only **2.48**
Men's 6.50 Packard shoes **4.85**
Men's 5.00 Packard shoes **3.95**
Men's 4.20 Packard shoes **3.48**
Men's 3.00 work shoes **2.48**
Children's and misses shoes proportionately cut. See us quick, you'll need the saving.

Men's Clothing

Men's 20.00 and 25.00 suits, serge and worsted, best makes and guaranteed, only **\$14.98**
Men's 15.00 suits, serge and worsted, most excellent bargains at **9.98**
Men's 12.50 worsted suits only **8.75**
Men's 10.00 worsted suits only **6.85**

All Boys' Clothing Must Be Sold

Boys' 3.50 suits only **\$2.50**
Boys' 4.00 suits only **2.95**
Boys' 4.50 suits only **3.48**
Boys' 5.00 suits only **3.85**
Boys' 7.50 suits only **4.98**
Boys' 10.00 suits only **7.45**
Boys' 12.50 suits only **8.98**

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE

We would quote thousands of other just as interesting prices but lack of space will not permit. just remember that this is our **MONSTER DECEMBER STOCK CLEARING SALE** and that nothing but genuie bargains will prevail throughout our Entire Big Stock of Bran New Goods. Handsome, serviceable

Christmas gifts will be found in every department.

Remember the short time until Christmas and that stocks will be getting lower every day and know the wisdom of purchasing your entire winter needs at the earliest possible hour. This Great Sale Begins Saturday,

December 2nd and Will be in force until Christmas

DON'T FORGET YOUR "AUTO" COUPONS IF YOU WANT A FREE CHRISTMAS RIDE

Yours for unmatched bargains till Christmas

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MERKEL'S EXCLUSIVE CASH STORE

WITH THE BIG NEW STOCK



BUY EARLY and SHOP with EASE

DON'T WAIT---BUY NOW
BIG VARIETY OF USEFUL PRESENTS AND BEAUTIFUL GIFTS

YOU WISH TO GIVE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS PRESENTS THAT WILL PLEASE THEM. THEN BUY THEM FROM US.

IT IS CROWING VERY NEAR TO CHRISTMAS. LEST THE VERY THING YOU NEED FOR YOURSELF OR WISH FOR OTHERS WILL BE GONE, DON'T YOU THINK YOU'D BETTER DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NOW? BESIDES YOU KNOW OUR STORE IS NOT SO RUSHED NOW AS IT WILL BE AS CHRISTMAS DRAWS NEARER.

REMEMBER THAT IN OUR STORE YOU "GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH."

THERE'S A REASON

Why so many people are doing their trading at The Star Store. Our long-standing reputation of high quality, coupled with our short price and profit-sharing premium plan makes it to your interest to buy here.

Towels Bath towels 20x40 each 17c Bath towels 17x40 each 12c Huck towels 17x33 each 10c	Ladies' Underwear \$1.25 good heavy union suits 95c 50 to 60c heavy sleeved vests 42c 35c sleeved vests 25c	Ladies' and Children's Hose Good quality 25c hose 21c Good quality 20c hose 15c Good quality 50c hose 43c
Outing Extra heavy 12½c outing 9c Good quality 7½c outing 6c Good quality white and cream outing 10c	Domestics 10c bleached domestic, yard wide 8½c 10c LL domestic 9c Canvas 3½c	Ladies House Shoes All colors, leather bottoms \$1.25 All color moccasins 1.00

Millinery
AT ONE-HALF PRICE. Never before was the price so low on new, up-to-date headwear. Why wear that old hat when a new one costs so little? See Miss Stanley in the Millinery Department.

Save your Coupons; Given in all Departments and Good for Valuable Premiums
The Star Store

Men's Rain Coats
Just received something new in style and material. Neat and dressy. They'd please you. Price \$4.00, \$6.00, \$10.00.

SOCIETY

MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

Merry Wives Meet
The Merry Wives meeting last week was postponed until Thursday and Mrs. Lytton Howard was hostess on this occasion. This increased by one the days which have been so pleasantly spent by this club.
In that afternoon as a diversion a Victrola concert was given and the entire membership was present.

- XXIb Century Questions**
35. What purpose had Prospero in giving the laborious work to Ferdinand?
 36. How does Miranda show her sympathetic nature? What does it bring out in Ferdinand?
 37. Interpret lines 31,32: Is Prospero love for his daughter or for his art paramount here?
 38. Is Miranda less charming for being so purely feminine? Is it not the temptation of most novelists in picturing a woman, educated in ignorance of other women, to make them sexless creations?
 29. Compare this scene with the balcony scene of Romeo and Juliet. Show how one is idyllic and the other romantic.
 40. What satirical foreshadowing of the plot to kill Prospero does Trinculo utter in the beginning of Sc. 11? Who proposes the plot?
 41. Why does Ariel try to instigate quarrels among the plotters?
 42. What does Caliban say about Prospero's books? About Miranda? Are his perceptions of the worth of books and of women consonant with his brutish nature? Would he use them to improve himself or degrade them to exalt himself?
 43. Which of the party does

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Christmas
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the weariness still cling as shown by Sc. III?
44. What is the effect of the apparition on Sebastian and Antonio?
45. Which are the three addressed by Ariel? Prospero has accomplished his end with his

enemies does this mark the climax of the drama?
46. How does the charm affect each?
47. Summarize Act III and show how imagination triumphs over all other powers.
Meeting to be held with Mrs.

T. A. Harris Friday afternoon at 3 p. m.
Brummel-Hathaway
W. Hathaway of the country south of Merkel and Mrs. Iva Brummel of this place were married here last Wednesday. They

went at once to housekeeping at the groom's home in the Canyon.
Their First Born
Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Sheppard are the proud parents of a son who was born Friday Nov. 25th. To welcome this wee one into the

home beside the parents are the great grand - parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grafford and grandfather D. L. Wilson who has been away for several weeks returned to pay his respects to the young scion.

Walker-Sibley
In the home of Rev. H. E. Bullock at six-thirty last Friday evening Adam T. Sibley and Miss Ruby Walker were married.
Miss Walker has been a resident of Merkel for some time having made her home with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst. The groom the youngest son of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Sibley has lived in and near here since boyhood.
The best wishes and congratulations are extended Mr. and Mrs. Sibley by their friends here.

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

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

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

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 your patronage. Our customers are satisfied ones. Are you "There's a Reason." Mrs. C. J. Cash. 24t6

Good for Constipation
Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent for constipation. They are pleasant take and mild and gentle in effect. Obtainable everywhere.

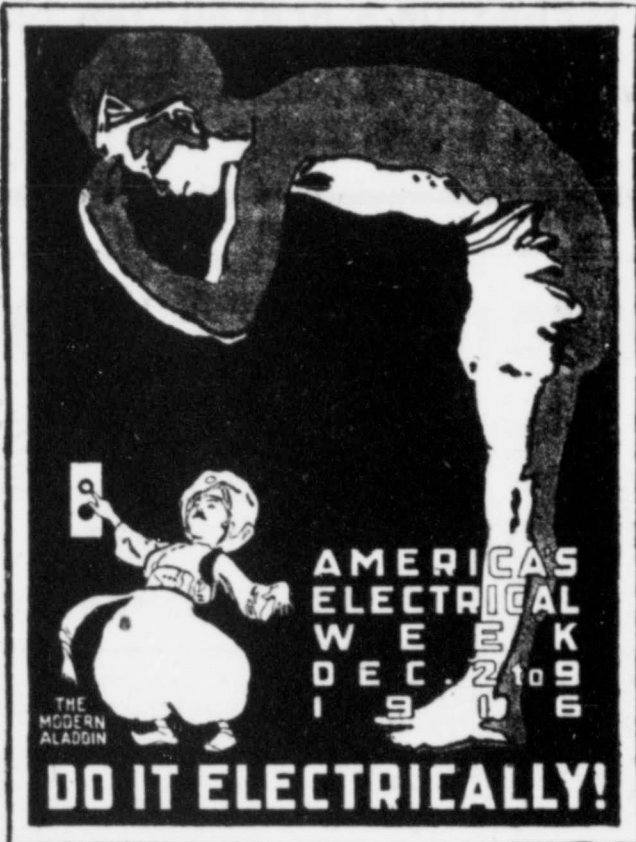
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, MATINEE 3 O'CLOCK AND NIGHT 7:00 AND 8:30 O'CLOCK
ADMISSION 25 CENTS

No Children Under 16 Years of Age Admitted **Cozy Theatre**

Free Lunch!



On the above dates we will display and demonstrate everything Electrical in the Fulwiler Electric Co. place of business, having secured two of the most famous lady demonstrators.

A Free Electrical Lunch will be served to all at all hours

House keepers can see how easy it is to do their work, by only a push of the button. The greatest of

XMAS SELECTIONS

can be secured this week at attractive prices and terms. Come in and see things you have never seen before. Ask all the questions you can think.

Remember the dates
 Dec. 2 to 9

Yours Electrically

MERKEL POWER COMPANY
 Fulwiler Electric Company

Davis Beasley and Roscoe Sharp motored over a large part of the Plains country last week and came home with a snow storm story. Before they return reports were circulated that it is snowing in the Panhandle, when this duet arrived here the snow reached the height of a arm?

Just Received fresh line, Blanke-Wenneker Fancy Chocolates. Elite.

Messrs. Sam Mashburn and J. M. Byrd of Route 4 were pleasant visitors at the Mail office this week to the account of renewal and new subscriptions to the Mail. Thanks, call again.

Mrs. H. F. Jones of Lockney is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann and will remain here during the holidays. She is accompanied by her baby son.

Brown Sugar at the Anchor.

E. N. Brown of the Brown Dry Goods Co. left for Dallas Monday night to be at the bedside of his wife who was operated on for appendicitis at the Baptist sanitarium last Saturday. Reports coming to Mr. Brown here gave information that Mrs. Brown stood the operation well. As soon as her health permits the family will move here with the husband.

Mrs. T. J. Coggin returned Tuesday morning to El Paso after having made a two weeks' visit with Merkel friends and relatives.

J. J. Grimes and wife, Mrs. J. A. Grimes and son, Lonnie, of Bronte, motored here Saturday for a day's visit with the family of T. L. Grimes. On their return home they were accompanied by Mrs. N. J. Armstrong who will visit in Bronte for some time.

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
 Guitlar Gin
 Browning Gin.

Mrs. M. A. Floyd of Burleson has returned to her home accompanied by Mrs. W. B. Beavers and son, Paul, of Trent, Route 2. Mrs. Floyd has visited in the Beavers home for some time.

Mrs. A. J. Byars, of Lockney, is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Creighton.

Mrs. R. M. Parker arrived here Saturday from their former home at Bonham.

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

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A SECTION on the plains for sale or trade for a good farm. S. F. Haynes. 1t4pd FOR SALE.—Good milk cow, a jersey 3 years old. A bargain. Phone 19.

LOST.—One dark bay mule about 16 hands high, old mule, one big ankle. \$5.00 Reward to return to W. J. Rogers, Merkel. Phone 597, R-12. 1t2pd

LOST.—Brown leather hand bag with small-purse inside, containing \$2.30, on streets of Merkel. Mrs. Nan Thompson.

LOST NEAR NOODLE.—Short chain and combination lock, was left lying in Merkel and Noodle road top of hill just east of Jno. Sears ranch house. Homer L. Easterwood.

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—Good sandy land farm, 180 acres, 100 in cultivation, 4-room house, cribs and out buildings, good well of water, windmill, cistern, good tank, 12 miles northwest of Merkel, near good school. Cheap for cash. J. H. Grayson. 1t2p

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. 3t5p

Just Received fresh line, Blanke-Wenneker Fancy Chocolates. Elite.

Mrs. Geo. L. Miller has returned from visiting in Beaumont.

All things for the Fruit cake at the Anchor.

Dr. Daly of Abilene will be in Merkel Saturday, December 16. Practice confined to diseases and surgery of the eye, ear and throat, and fitting glasses. Office at the Commercial Hotel.

Headed maize for sale. See H. L. Propst.



AMERICA'S ELECTRICAL WEEK

Dec. 2 — Dec. 9



1914
BABY SPEED DEMON

1915
MISS DETROIT

1916
MISS MINNEAPOLIS

For the past three years the Gold Cup—the most cherished trophy in the motor boat racing field—has been won by a boat using **TEXACO MOTOR OIL**.

This continuous performance speaks well for the quality of **TEXACO MOTOR OIL** and its ability to maintain full power and high engine efficiency at all times.

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(1) Tilt the-headlights slightly downward so that, when the car is standing on the level the center of the beam strikes the roadway anywhere from 75 to 100 feet ahead. It has been suggested that car manufacturers can be of great help in the campaign for reducing glare by making this adjustment when the car is assembled.

(2) Frost or lacquer the lamp bulbs from the tip back to within about five-eighths of an inch of the base.

(3) Carefulls adjust the lamp to make the beam of light as narrow as possible.

Carrying out these suggestions will result in a light of the greatest intensity concentrated on the roadway at the point where the driver needs the most light. As the beam of light is projected downward the intense rays will not be high enough to annoy or blind the eyes of passing pedestrians or chauffeurs. No device yet invented can prevent the beam of light from rising when the car comes over the brow of a hill. Under such conditions each driver should realize the annoyance his lamps may cause and dim them.

Horses and mules for sale.
Anchor Mercantile Co.

Our blackface Comb Honey in bulk, at the Anchor, 15 cts. per pound.

Rotten Carnival Prohibited

The Texas Amusement Company, a carnival "attraction" arrived in Eagle Pass last week from Carrizo Springs. It took them a couple of days to get their tents up and ready for business. On Thursday night they opened up in full blast. On Friday the military authorities registered a complaint that the show was not all that a show should be. City and County Attorney J. Roy Murray had the police chief to bring members of the company before him and after examination it was decided that the carnival be forbidden license and requested to leave the city.

The show was so indecent that the soldiers complained of it. City authorities could find no law for the issuing of licenses to a hoochi-coochi concern and shut down on them. 'Tis well. The authorities are to be commended for their stand in the matter. Eagle Pass is no longer a wild and woolly border town: where "everything goes," and shows that cater to the public here must have something beside indecency on which to base their claim for patronage.—Eagle Pass News-Guide.

Clinton Re Elected

Abilene, Texas, Nov. 19.—For the thirty-second time, John J. Clinton has been elected chief of the Abilene fire department, and has now started on his thirty-second year of service to the people of Abilene.

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Dec. 24th

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Dec. 24th

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