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JUNIUS HAS FEAST ON THANKSGIVING

The true Christian spirit of Thanksgiving seemed to pervade all sections of our country though the number of turkeys decapitated to satiate the craving of the inner man was considerably less than in former years, owing to the almost fabulous price of this patriotic bird. The day served a dual purpose at the hospital and palatial home of Capt. J. H. Grayson and his estimable wife, it being the fifty-fifth anniversary of Capt. Grayson.

Mr. H. F. Wheeler, a staunch old friend and chum, and his son, Ulric, were present and enjoyed the Epicurean feast, all wishing Captain Grayson and his charming wife lengthened years of peace, happiness and prosperity.

Our zealous and eloquent young minister of the Baptist church, Rev. Chas. Seago, preached to a large and appreciative audience at Carpenter's Gap Sunday, and Rev. Grover Tyner preached a most eloquent and impressive sermon at Shiloh. Both of these young ministers deserve unstinted praise for the devotion evinced in behalf of the sinful man.

There is no material change in the condition of Mr. Bud Brown, who is suffering with a severe type of typhoid fever.

Prof. John Thompson and wife were greeting their numerous friends in our section Sunday. Prof. Thompson and wife taught our school here last year, and their superior culture and proficiency as teachers was recognized and appreciated by both patron and pupil.

The box supper at the Good-man school house Friday night under the supervision of Mrs. Williams, principal of the school, was most enjoyable. Recitation and reading of essays preceded the supper, which was all the most fastidious could wish. The school so far has been highly creditable to both teachers and pupils.

Mr. Edgar and Floyd Grayson report the party at Mr. Jennings Winters a superb and most delightful entertainment. They also speak in highest praise of the party at Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Goode's as one of the most enjoyable diversions tendered the young folks this season.

WORK STOPPED ON JONES CO. ROAD

At the beginning of the subscription campaign to work the Jones county road north from C. M. Largent's, it was estimated that near \$200 would be sufficient funds.

Without completing the work to Bitter Creek bridge, but finishing it past a point where it had been impassable, the cost up to Tuesday night had amounted to nearly \$280. This is something like \$90 more than the writer has been able to raise this to date but we believe those who inaugurated the work will stand behind us and further believe the people north will appreciate the efforts of those who contributed the coin.

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

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

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

NUBIA WRITER IS ULTRA PROFICIENT

The writer feels constrained to withhold any form of guarantee that this report embodies any measure of interest whatever owing to a somewhat abatement of social activities here, in conjunction with the peoples sobriety and tranquility. These circumstances very naturally necessitate the curtailment of this week's news. Verily the paucity of things occasion the lack of others, while on the other hand the fullness of things cause the loathsome satiety, as witness what Nerissa said to Portia in "The Merchant of Venice": "And yet for aught I see they are as sick that surfeit with too much as they that starve with nothing."

School began at Butman Monday. It had an attendance of 52 as a beginning, with about 15 of the enrollment not reporting. This is one of the best openings the school has enjoyed and perhaps the compulsory requirement accounts for it.

Bro. Speck of Merkel preached at Cross Roads Sunday morning.

The writer received 2 5c cigars in Merkel Saturday from Uncle Bill Johnson, in liquidation of an election wager which the writer gulled Uncle Bill into. About two weeks anterior to the election of the writer, during the course of a heated discussion said: "Uncle Bill, if the hairy man is elected I will congratulate you with a can of Prince Albert, on conditions that you get me two cigars if the incomparable Wilson is elected." He nodded acquiescence. It goes without utterance that they were the most delightful cigars that yours truly has smoked since he began the nefarious perfidy of reducing tobacco to its ashly analysis.

Mr. Bud Perry has been cherishing a pet crick which has been sojourning in his shoulder for the week foregoing. Here's hoping that it has lifted anchor and sailed ere this.

One of the greatest shows ever held under the auspices of legerdemain was given at Nubia last Wednesday night. Its paraphernalia consisted of one man (who peradventure might have been a pantagonian) a boy, a deck of cards, two ordinary glass tumblers. Nor is this all his vast accoutrement contained a seventy-five cent magic lantern with 3 slide views. Everybody seemed nonplused at its extraordinary remarkableness and intrinsic greatness. Even little Irene Perry said she came near going to sleep. Indeed the show man was some prestigitator.

The entertainment given at the home of Mrs. Butman Friday night was very pleasant.

Miss Annie Pardue of Abilene visited friends and relatives at Butman last week.

Thanksgiving was observed very unostentatiously here last week and very few turkeys underwent the harrowing experience of assassination.

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.

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. 244

THE APPROXIMATE POPULAR VOTE FOR PRESIDENT AND THE RESULT IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

	Popular Vote		Electoral Vote	
	Wilson	Hughes	Wilson	Hughes
Alabama.....	89,000	30,000	12	..
Arizona.....	29,641	19,363	3	..
Arkansas.....	85,000	37,000	9	..
California.....	466,269	462,838	13	..
Colorado.....	158,257	95,716	6	..
Connecticut.....	99,687	106,378	7	..
Delaware.....	24,521	25,794	3	..
Florida.....	60,000	12,000	6	..
Georgia.....	109,200	28,000	14	..
Idaho.....	68,000	54,500	4	..
Illinois.....	869,152	1,044,608	29	..
Indiana.....	333,466	339,437	15	..
Iowa.....	215,918	279,085	13	..
Kansas.....	315,000	276,000	10	..
Kentucky.....	219,000	193,000	13	..
Louisiana.....	68,000	9,000	10	..
Maine.....	64,148	69,491	6	..
Maryland.....	133,211	113,773	8	..
Massachusetts.....	247,327	268,361	18	..
Michigan.....	237,114	308,122	15	..
Minnesota.....	179,157	179,553	12	..
Mississippi.....	91,000	5,000	10	..
Missouri.....	376,000	345,000	18	..
Montana.....	80,927	54,608	4	..
Nebraska.....	123,587	94,563	8	..
Nevada.....	12,448	9,842	3	..
New Hampshire.....	43,737	43,724	4	..
New Jersey.....	209,332	264,320	14	..
New Mexico.....	32,077	29,951	3	..
New York.....	757,010	863,987	45	..
North Carolina.....	158,000	110,000	12	..
North Dakota.....	54,449	52,831	5	..
Ohio.....	578,000	496,720	24	..
Oklahoma.....	140,000	110,000	10	..
Oregon.....	116,550	123,570	5	..
Pennsylvania.....	510,747	695,734	38	..
Rhode Island.....	39,353	44,159	5	..
South Carolina.....	68,000	1,500	9	..
South Dakota.....	45,449	50,892	5	..
Tennessee.....	138,647	94,553	12	..
Texas.....	228,000	58,000	20	..
Utah.....	77,381	48,948	4	..
Vermont.....	21,832	38,254	4	..
Virginia.....	60,107	21,132	12	..
Washington.....	197,000	183,000	7	..
West Virginia.....	139,013	141,432	8	..
Wisconsin.....	183,285	206,664	13	..
Wyoming.....	25,617	19,998	3	..
Totals.....	8,577,613	8,164,410	276	255

A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE NEWLY WEDS

As a holiday gift to the newly weds who will receive their mail from Merkel, Trent, Noodle, Tye, Blair, Nubia, Dora, or routes from any of these places, the Merkel Mail will be sent for one year's time, with our compliments and congratulations.

It will be necessary for one of the contracting parties to personally apply at the Mail office and give proper address.

COZY HAS STRONG PICTURE SERMON W. D. WOODROOF IN AN ABILENE STORE

Tyrone Power playing the district attorney in "Where are my Children?" a picture play show at the Cozy Theatre on Monday afternoon and night was the best picture ever shown here.

One clergyman who emerged from the Cozy at the end of the night performance was heard to say to Mr. Groene "That's the best picture you have ever shown." The five reels deal with the nation-wide question of birth control, and to the elite or "400" society of cities the greatest lesson seems to be taught: Children under 16 years of age were not permitted unless accompanied by their parents.

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.

Car or blacksmith coal expected at the Crown Hardware Co. today

W. D. Woodroof was here Wednesday evening from Abilene at the bedside of his brother E. L., who is much improved.

While here Mr. Woodroof announced that he had made final arrangements and taken over a half interest in the Mingus Bros. furniture store of Abilene. The deal was contracted about ten days ago but the sudden illness of Mr. E. L. Woodroof caused a delay in its consummation.

Mr. W. D. Woodroof who was formerly a member of the Woodroof Bros. firm here will be in active charge of the Abilene business.

Buys Merkel Calves
J. K. Cauthen of Almagorda, N. M., bought a car load of white faced calves from Messrs. J. T. Warren and Jno. Sears last week, paying \$50 around for the young bulls.

Phone Sharp and Haynes, No. 184, to get your laundry and tailoring work

LATEST NEWS TO MAIL--TELEGRAPH AUTO ACCIDENTS GALORE THIS WEEK

Beginning this week the Mail offers to its readers news hot off the wire by special news service, which we have arranged for. This service will be given a thorough trial for thirty days and if found to be up to the minute in all respects it will be continued, and probably the extent of the service increased at a later date. If this service is found wanting it will be discontinued.

Villa to Kill all Foreigners

Special to the Mail by wire
Juarez, Dec. 7.—Reports reach here that Villa has made threats to kill foreigners he can lay his hands on. He is reported to have five or ten thousand men with a number of cannon. Following his capture of Chihuahua, Gen. Trevino, Carranza general defeated there, was ordered to Mexico City to explain why he lost Chihuahua.

Woman Defeats Husband

Special to the Mail by wire.
Umatillo, Ore., Dec. 6.—Mrs. E. F. Starcher was elected Mayor over her husband, defeating him for re-election. Many other women were elected to public offices.

50,000 Troops at El Paso

Special to the Mail by wire.
El Paso, Dec. 7.—Latest estimate of troops here show that between fifty and fifty-five thousand troops are encamped here. The Pennsylvania troops have been notified that Christmas packages are being prepared for them in Harrisburg, Pa.

Sues Constable for \$10,000

Special to the Mail by wire.
Readburn, Cal., Dec. 7.—Mrs. Evelyn Ridlet of this city has filed suit against Constable Marsden for a five-minute stay in jail awaiting bondsmen. She alleged false charges of reckless driving.

David Lloyd George Accepts

Special to the Mail by wire.
London, Eng., Dec. 6.—David Lloyd George, Secretary of State of War of Great Britain has accepted the King's invitation to Premiership following the resignation of Premier Asquith, and the refusal of Bonar Law to fill the place.

Four New Battleships for U. S.

Special to the Mail by wire.
Washington, Dec. 6.—Bids for four new battleships were received here today. This is in accordance with the present naval extension program.

U. S. Ships Sunk

Special to the Mail by wire.
New York, Dec. 6.—The American steamer John Lambert was shelled and sunk on Nov. 22. U-Boats were responsible for the action. Part of the crew arriving here reported the sinking off the Isle of Wright.

Hand Painted Pictures

Beginning Saturday, Dec. 15, I will have a number of hand-painted pictures on sale at the Behrens-McMillen Co.'s store, the sale to continue till Christmas. See them before you buy your presents. Miss Eva Brady. 813

Phone Sharp & Haynes, No. 184, to get your laundry and tailoring work.

Plenty John Deere Pony Disc plows on hand. Crown Hardware Co.

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

The vicinity of Merkel and Abilene has been the scene of several auto accidents during the last few days.

Mrs. J. F. Handy and her children narrowly escaped a bad accident when their auto was struck by a slow moving freight train at the Pine street crossing in Abilene on Sunday morning. A slight damage to the car was done and the occupants given a bad scare.

About an hour later two cars collided near the Commercial hotel. W. T. Terry of this place was driving west to Merkel on the right side of the street, a Mr. Scott of Sweetwater was going east into Abilene and headed into the Merkel car, doing considerable damage to the machine. Neither of the drivers were injured further than their feelings.

A negro chauffeur of an Albany car backed into an Abilene street sprinkler became excited and ran his car onto the sidewalk near the fulwiler Electric Store, knocking down a lamp post, which fell across the hood of a car driven by Mrs. Geo. S. Anderson doing damage to Mrs. Anderson's car.

Monday afternoon Richard Jesse and neice, Miss Ester Teichelman, of Stamford, were severely injured when their Dort car overturned on the Merkel-Abilene pike at a point about two miles east of Tye. Both wheels on the left side of the car and the right rear wheel were crushed in the smashup and the car otherwise put out of commission in its plunge over the edge of a small culvert. Mrs. Teichelman received a broken arm and bruises, while Mr. Jesse was severely bruised about the body.

Monday evening just at dusk Messrs. Luther Woodroof and W. Parten locked horns in their "Fords" at a turn post on Edwards street near the depot, little damage being done as neither of the machines were being driven fast.

ABILENE NEGRO UNDER 5 FLAGS

The little old, wizened black man you see about the streets, at the postoffice and around the Texas & Pacific passenger station is William Barnes, former slave, subject to five flags, a Texan for eighty-eight years, and, if he lives until next March, one hundred and two years old by the grace of God and the white man's kindness.

Politeness personified, relic of the days when the black man found shelter and food under the white man's patronage, William Barnes goes his quiet way undisturbed and pursues the peaceful path of uprightness—living witness of many histories in the making, heir of the most turbulent and most peaceful era in the world's history.

At the age of 14 he brought \$600 at Norfolk, Virginia, and was taken to New Orleans and sold for \$1,200. He was bought by the widow Birdsall to Matagorda county, Texas, in 1829. He lived under the Mexican government, Republic of Texas, United States of America, Confederate States of America, and finally under the United States. He fought with 'Marse' Henry Birdsall, who was a captain of the Confederacy.—Abilene Reporter.

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

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

TRENT HAS A NEW GIN IN ERECTION

Trent is going to have a new gin, in fact it has already began. Work began Tuesday morning. It's a little late for this crop but it will be ready for the first bale next year.

J. R. Lawler is making quite extensive improvements on his residence north of town.

Mr. Swain has opened up a new stock of groceries in the building formerly occupied by A. Nemir.

T. L. Stevens made a business trip to Rotan the past week.

W. H. Riley has gone to Coleman county on business and to visit relatives.

D. M. Clinton is packing up to move to Los Angeles, Cal. Mrs. Clinton is visiting her daughter at Sipe Spring before leaving.

Dr. W. C. Kincaid a former resident of Trent, but now of Eastland has been visiting his daughter here the past week.

E. C. Estep has sold his farm one mile west of town to Seth Nugent, who will build a residence and other necessary improvements before moving on it.

C. D. Duke is the proud possessor of a new overland touring car.

Mr. G. McLaughlin is reported quite sick, also is Grandpa Swain.

J. M. Smith has returned from a week prospecting trip to the plains.

One of the best programs in a long time was rendered at the school auditorium last Wednesday evening. The Teachers and students are all congratulations on such a program. About the best was the cornical bass duet entitled "Romeo and Juliet" rendered by Professor Green and Windy Becham.

MAIL HAS MAN WITH CASH WHO WANTS GOOD LAND

The Mail has a buyer who would make cash payment from \$2000 to \$6000 on first class farm. Give full and accurate description in letters addressed to Mail care. A. B. C. Nothing but a bargain will be considered and description must be complete. Rush your reply if you want to sell.

With Mrs. Robert Hicks

The last weekly meeting of the Merry Wives was in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks on last Wednesday.

Beside the members of the club and the gentleman regarded as honorary attaches only Miss Mur-tice Huffaker of Greenville was present as visitor.

In the afternoon when the fancy work became less interesting the members enjoyed a car-ride.

WANTED—School children to board with me and go to school. Good home, only two blocks from school house. Address P. O. Box 61, Merkel, Texas.

BRICK BUILDING

FOR RENT:—After Jan. 1st, brick building opposite post office, now occupied by Anchor Mercantile Co. See H. L. Propst. 8t2

Attends Mother's Funeral

G. J. Jones returned Thursday morning from Nevada, Texas, where he attended the funeral of his mother who died there on December 5th.

The aged Mrs. Jones had passed her 82nd, birthday by three days when death came.

Off to El Paso

Dr. M. Armstrong left Wednesday afternoon for El Paso to attend a Tri-State Medical Association being held in that city. Physicians from Texas, New Mexico and Arizona are meeting there but few places will send a more conspicuous delegate than Merkel will have.

Social Meeting

Mrs. W. B. Foster was hostess on Tuesday afternoon of this week to the King's Daughters Sunday School Class.

The first of a series of programs was given, this one being along Educational lives and papers were given by Mesdames R. A. Martin W. D. Hutcheson and G. B. Brown.

Twelve members were present and the visitors for the afternoon were Mesdames F. Sears, L. E. Sanders and H. C. Williams.

The hostess served refreshments of chocolate with cheese sandwiches and cakes.

Here From Cleburne

William S. J. Brown, son of E. N. Brown of the Brown Dry Goods Company arrived here Tuesday evening on the "Sunshine Special" from Cleburne and will hereafter be identified with his father in the business.

The junior member of the sales force has been associated with the J. H. Douglass Clothing Company of Cleburne for some time and is experienced in haberdashers lines.

Dr. Sherrill to Move Here

Dr. Clarence J. Sherrill of Bellevue and wife will make their home in Merkel beginning January 1st. Mrs. Sherrill has been here for some time with her sister, Mrs. E. L. Woodroof, while the doctor has returned to move his office here.

Dr. Sherrill has been engaged in the practice of dentistry at Bellevue for some time. He will have offices over the Farmers State Bank here.

E. Howell in Business

Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell of near Shiloh are the proud parents of a new baby girl who arrived Dec. 2nd.

Since that time Mr. Howell has gone into the sugar-tit business and advised us that they are the greatest pacifiers to be found. His recipe is: 1 soda cracker, two spoonfuls boiling water, 3 drops paregoric, 1 teaspoonful of sugar, and can be sold 3 for 5 cents.

SHILO HAPPENINGS

Rev. Grover Tyner of Abilene preached for us Sunday.

Elza Mayberry left Saturday for Ft. Worth, where he will visit relatives.

Mr. Bud Brown is reported to be very sick.

Miss Elsie Rister of Hodges spent Saturday and Sunday with the Misses Tabors here.

Messrs. Callahan and Conder are making some improvements on their place.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winter gave the young people an entertainment Saturday.

Miss Stella Goode of Noodle, attended services here Sunday night.

Floyd Grayson visited Horace Tatum of Kale Sunday.

There was a box supper at the school house Friday night it proved to be a royal success and a nice sum of sixty dollars was realized for which will be used for furnishings of the school rooms.

Miss Lydia Beavers spent Sunday with Mrs. Dona Grayson.

S. B. Mayberry and family spent Sunday with Robt. Conder and family.

Jess Tabor and sisters motored to Hodges Sunday evening.

Miss Nina Beavers and Effie Mayberry visited Miss Myrtice Jones near Sweetwater Creek Sunday.

To Wichita Falls

Messrs R. O. Anderson, Wm. O'Briant, E. L. Wills and Jno. Sears were in Wichita Falls this week on business.

Each of these men are holders of interest in oil producing properties near Wichita Falls and came home elated over the prospects of their investments.

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

**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

Special Santa Claus Cakes at the Bakery.

Hurchiel Lamar has returned home from a two months stay in the border country

Plenty John Deere Pony Disc plows on hand. Crown Hardware Co.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston departed Wednesday for points in south Texas. A greater portion of their visit south will be at Corpus Christi

Our Jewelry Stock Complete --Grimes Drug Store.

Lee Harrell was in town Friday after a months confinement to his home on route 4 with typhoid fever

Horses and mules for sale. Anchor Mercantile Co.

Miss Eula May Ayers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ayers, is reported improved from an attack of appendicitis on last Saturday.

Don't forget the place, G. M. Sharp, for all kinds of feed.

Mrs. Nora White of Sagerton, who has been here the past week visiting Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, left for Mingus to spend a few days before returning home.

Plenty John Deere Pony Disc plows on hand. Crown Hardware Co.

Mrs. J. C. Baker, accompanied by Master Jack Merritt, returned to her home in Canyon last Saturday, after attend the bedside of her mother Mrs. H. T. Merritt for the past two months, who is improving very nicely.

I. S. Allen left for Denton Monday night where he has made sale of some property

Something nice in Jewelry--Grimes Drug Store.

**Holiday Jewelry
NEW IN OUR CASES**

New in Merkel and Absolutely of the Latest Possible Purchase

<p>Fancy Stationery New Box lots, Cover designs and latest patterns. Pleasing to the eye. Use our Stationery for your correspondence.</p>	<p>Musical Instruments Mandolins, Violins, Guitars, Banjos, Hawaiian Ukuleles. Hand Painted China in new designs. Just the thing for a nice present</p>
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**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.

WE ARE THANKFUL

For the Good Trade You Are Giving us and Wish Again to say to You That Because of our SPOT CASH Buying and Selling it's a Guarantee of a Good Saving to You

ANOTHER SHIPMENT OF NEW GOODS YESTERDAY

AND THE PRICE IS CUT ON EVERY ARTICLE IN THIS SHIPMENT

LADIES COAT SUITS \$8.25, \$9.50, \$12.50, \$14.25, \$19.50

There is not one of them at a less saving than \$2.50 to \$7.50 per suit. Come, test this statement

GREAT VALUES FOR YOU IN COATS. Have all sizes for the large, medium and small Lady and Miss

<p>Boys' Suits A suit that is right in quality, style and price. \$3.25 to \$7.15</p>	<p>Underwear For everyone. See the cut prices on them 45c, 62½c and 90c</p>	<p>Hosiery 10c grade 8c; 12½c grade 8c. 15c grade 10c; 25c grade 21c. 35c grade.....25c.</p>	<p>Domestics 4-4 Bleaching 8½c; 4-4 Bleaching 10c; 4-4 Bleaching 11½c; 38½ in. brown, very fine weave 9½c; cotton flannel.....9c</p>
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**Bargains in Men's Suits, Overcoats and Pants ::---: Sporty Christmas Silks for Waists and Dresses
NO TROUBLE TO SHOW GOODS**

The Brown Dry Goods Co.

Successors to W. L. Harkrider

The Merkel Mail

Published Every Friday Morning by THE MERKEL MAIL PRINTING COMPANY, INC

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

Here From Dora

Messrs. J. V. Bloxom and son J. T. Bloxom and J. B. Rhodes of the Dora country were here Tuesday on business.

Mr. Bloxom is one of the Divide men who usually has a good acreage planted in small grain and we understand this year is no exception with him. The three Doraites were here on business.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the good people of Blair for their kindness and hospitality that they showed to us during the sickness and death of our precious little Avis. We feel that all who saw our little babe was in sympathy with it also its father and mother. We are very thankful to Dr. Williams for the strong medical aid and careful attention he gave our precious babe. We feel that he did all that was in his power to save our child. God bless him is our prayer.

Father, Mother, Grandfather.

Two Bits Reward

The Mail editor will give two bits reward for the return of the combination lock we left in the Merkel and Noodle road at a point just east of the John Sears ranch house. The lock cost us two bits at a sale and we run two-bit ads last week together with this and the reward, which will make the lock cost us considerable, but we want the lock. Bring it in if you find it and get the money. You can have the short chain it had on it in addition to the money we offer.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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

A SECTION on the plains for sale or trade for a good farm. S. F. Haynes. 1t4pd

LOST—Combination lock with chain, was left lying in road 1 1/2 miles south of Noodle, on hill just east of John Sears ranch house. Finder please return to Homer L. Easterwood at Merkel Mail office.

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.—Good work mare. Merkel Bakery.

PEDIGREED Duroc-Jersey Pigs \$5 J. T. Warren 1tf.

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

FOR SALE—Mare and colt. For cash or good note. C. L. Tucker. 8tf

FOR SALE—96 1/2 acres well improved extra good farm land at Blair, Texas. Will sell for half cash, balance on time. W. H. Gilliam, Merkel, Texas. 8t4pd

FOUND—Bunch of automobile tools. Describe and pay for this ad. J. S. Burns. 1t2p

FOR SALE—80 acres good, raw land 2 miles west Noodle at \$15 per acre for 15 days time only. A bargain. Felix Howard. 8t2pd

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

No Bird Hunting

Hunting on my place is positively forbidden to all. Sam Provine. 8t2

Christmas is near, see our Jewelry--Grimes Drug Store.

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

Big Factory Stove Sale

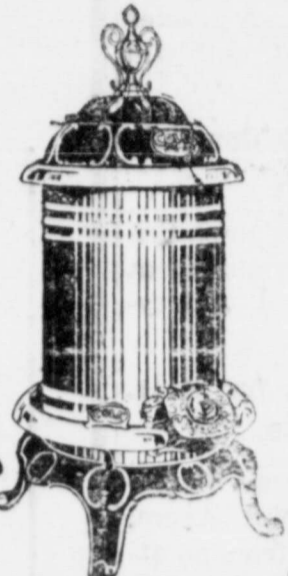
Large crowds intend to visit *Our Big Sale.* In order that you may receive the personal attention of the factory expert we remind our customers and their friends that the sale starts promptly at 9 a. m. *Come Early. Everybody Cordially Welcome.*



Boiler Plate Hot Blast Heater, for heavy duty. Showing famous fuel saving hot blast combustion in operation.



Heavy Planished Model, for parlor use. Handsome nickel, body requires no stove blacking.



Velvet Blue Medium Priced Model. Same heavy construction throughout.



Ash Pan Lino. Note handsome design and proportions.



Hard Coal Radiant with magazine feed.

The Opportunity of a Lifetime to Secure a

Cole's Original Hot Blast

1/3 Saving Guaranteed— Even Heat Day and Night

Stop the scandalous waste of fuel money now going up the chimney, unburned. Cole's remarkable heater turns the gas part of the fuel, wasted by all other stoves, into warmth and comfort for your home.

The safest, most economical and satisfactory heater ever made. Burns hard coal, crushed coke, soft coal, slack, lignite, siftings, wood or cobs. No fires to build, gives powerful base heat, requires little attention.

COME EARLY REMEMBER THE DATE COME EARLY



Wednesday, December 13th
G.F. WEST COMP'Y



Chalmers to Move Creek
If permission is obtained from the Detroit City Council, work will be at once started on the moving of Connor's Creek, now forming the eastern boundary of the plant of the Chalmers Motor Company, to a point some 500 feet distant from where it now lies. So far as is known, this is the first time that the expansion of a motor concern has made it necessary to move a river or creek. The Chalmers Motor Company has recently purchased a large section of acreage in the rear of its present plant. This section is traversed by Connor's Creek, a stream some 50 feet wide, and in order to provide for the additions which the Chalmers Company will erect during the next few years, it has been found necessary that the creek be moved farther east.

The Chalmers factory now owns 30 acres of land on which its present plant is located. There are exactly 818,800 square feet of floor space in the big Detroit factory but present plans provide for additions which will bring the total well over 1,000,000 square feet. In planning an increase in production for next season, it has been found that additional manufacturing floor space will be necessary and it is proposed to erect several buildings of the present type within the next 12 months. The Chalmers Company now employs a force of 5,500 men.

Car of blacksmith coal expected today at the Crown Hardware Company

Listen: We will be glad to show you our Jewelry at any time--Grimes Drug Store.

LOCAL NEWS

Corn and corn chops at G. M. Sharp's.

Phone Sharp & Haynes No. 184 to get your laundry and tailoring work.

Miss Bessie Touchstone who is teaching at Golan spent last Sunday at her home here.

Plenty John Deere Pony Disc plows on hand. Crown Hardware Co.

Miss Alice Burns spent the Thanksgiving holiday at her home in Albany.

Horses and mules for sale. Anchor Mercantile Co.

Mrs. M. S. White of Sagerton is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. W. Perminter.

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

Mrs. Cora Davis who has been manager of the Millinery Department in Parten's Store this season left Sunday for Weatherford.

Eat homemade candies. Fresh lot at the Owl Cafe

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Perminter are again in Merkel after having been away since August in Eastland.

Cakes, cakes, cakes—all kinds of cakes, at the Bakery

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hutton of Miles arrived here Wednesday to visit the former's nephew E. L. Woodroof and family

See our Jewelry before you buy--Grimes Drug Store.

H. L. Walker of this city was the purchaser of a new Overland 85 this week

Horses and mules for sale. Anchor Mercantile Co.

Business Changes

Messrs. Forest Gaither and L. Rotan Cypert have both changed their business connections this week. Mr. Gaither who has been with the W. L. Harkrider store in the past has accepted the position of bookkeeper for the Anchor Mercantile Company.

Mr. Cypert, formerly with the Parten Dry Goods Co., has accepted a position with the Brown Dry Goods Co. and will be in charge of the clerical work together with being a salesman alongside Mr. Brown, his new employer.

Off to California

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Warnick and family departed Sunday for Bakersfield, California, their new home.

The trip is being made overland in their two cars, each auto carrying a trailer with camp material. Other goods together with stock have been shipped. The friends of this family regret their departure but extend wishes for a good trip and joy in their new selected home.

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LET your gift be an AnSCO Vest-Pocket Camera. So light and compact it can be carried with you always. So efficient it can be brought into action quickly. The sharp, clear pictures it takes make fine enlargements.

Let us show you AnSCO Cameras and their exclusive features, \$2 to \$55.

Burroughs Drug Store

Obituary

Little Avis Hall, daughter of Claude and Gladys Hall of Blair, Texas, who fought the battle between life and death for three long months, died at their home last Thursday morning at six o'clock a. m. This darling sweet babe made a strong fight against the grim monster of death, and suffered untold misery for more than three long weeks, finally God saw fit to relieve it of its miserable suffering by closing its eyes in death. Of course we can't see why God taketh our precious jewels from us, but he knoweth all things best. It was a beautiful, bright and devoted child to its father and mother. We can't realize its gone from us as we still hear its calls for relief, still it is dead. Now, fond parents, don't grieve over this lost one, it is not lost after all—it is sleeping by its grandmother, to never awake again on this old earth, but now it is in the folds of the Lord Jesus' arms where there are no aches and pains. It cannot come to us but we can go to it, the only way to ever see its dear sweet face again. God bless father and mother that they may meet their sweet little Avis in heaven is my prayer.

Grandfather.

Chickens to El Paso

H. M. Rose, oil dealer and tinner by profession, but chicken fancier by desire, shipped ten fine birds to the El Paso Poultry Show this week, expecting to capture a list of prize money. Next week's issue will carry an account of his success.

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

Fresh groceries at G. M. Sharp's.

UNDERTAKING SUPPLIES

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Experienced Funeral Director
Call us When in Need

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Home Furniture Hearse Service Caskets and Robes



Begins Sat. Dec. 9, Closes Sat. Dec. 23

ABSOLUTELY THE BIGGEST PRICE REDUCTION EVER GIVEN THE PEOPLE OF WEST TEXAS

The market itself does not justify the prices we are going to make during this Big Holiday Sale but we find ourselves with too many goods on hand for invoicing time so near at hand, and are bound to reduce our stock at least one third. A stock of \$100,000 consisting of everything in the Dry Goods, Groceries and Hardware Line to choose from

Free Free
 \$10.00 in gold to be given away Saturday at 3:30 o'clock to the one holding the Lucky Dollar. Don't miss this, be on hand and **TRADE EARLY**

Some time during the day we will pass out to the crowd a one dollar bill or silver dollar with certain markings known only by the manager of the store, that will entitle the holder to \$10.00 in Gold

Free Free
 \$10.00 in gold to be given away Saturday at 3:30 o'clock to the one holding the Lucky Dollar. Don't miss this, be on hand and **TRADE EARLY**

Men's Fine Shoes

- \$6.00 grade best kangaroo dress shoes... \$5.15
- 5.00 grade best kangaroo dress shoes... 4.35
- 4.50 grade kid and gunmetal shoes only... 3.85
- 4.00 grade best gunmetal dress shoes... 3.49
- 3.50 grade best gunmetal dress shoes... 3.15
- 3.50 grade work shoes only... 3.15
- 3.00 grade work shoes only... 2.70
- 2.50 grade work shoes only... 2.25

LAST CALL ON BLANKETS

What we have left at less than we can rebuy them at today.

- All \$7.50 and \$6.50 woolen blankets in pretty plaids and solids only... \$5.98
- \$4.50 and \$5 blankets, plaids and solids... 4.15
- 4.00 cotton and wool mixed blankets... 3.48
- 3.50 full size heavy wool knap blankets... 2.98
- 3.00 full size wool knap blankets... 2.39
- 2.50 full size cotton blankets only... 1.98
- 1.50 full size cotton blankets only... 1.29
- 1.25 and 1.35 cotton blankets only... 1.15
- 1.00 cotton blankets only... 89c

BIG LINE DRESS GOODS

In Woolens, Silks, Crepes, Serges, Etc.

- All \$2.50 silks and woolens only... \$1.98
- All 2.00 silks and woolens only... 1.69
- All 1.75 silks, woolens and crepes... 1.49
- All 1.50 silks, woolens and crepes... 1.29
- All 1.35 & 1.25 silks, woolens and crepes... 1.19
- All 1.00 silks, woolens and crepes... 89c
- All 75c serges and silks... 63c
- All 65c serges and silks... 59c

Everything in Ladies' Shoes

Including some new arrivals to be included in this sale

- \$7.50 Greys, browns, blacks and combinations ladies' high boots only... \$6.15
- \$6.00 and 6.50 black kid boots only... 5.35
- 5.00 black kid boots only... 4.15
- 4.00 black kid boots only... 3.49
- 3.50 Patent leather and kid boots only... 3.15
- 3.00 Patent leather and kid shoes only... 2.49
- 2.50 Patent leather and gunmetal shoes... 2.15



Men's Suits and Overcoat Department

Consisting of many good values way beyond the market price today and are all included in our holiday sale.

- \$22.50 and 25.00 suits... \$16.95
- 17.00 and 20.00 suits... 14.95
- 15.00 and 16.50 suits... 12.95

One lot men's odd suits ranging in prices from \$12.50, \$15 and \$20.00, only a few left, at exactly **ONE FOURTH OFF**

15 per cent discount on all Boys' Clothing

10 per cent discount on men's and boys' work and dress pants

Dandy good stripe overalls for per pair only... 90c

BIG BARGAINS In Staple Department

That will never occur again for years. Absolutely your last chance to buy merchandise at such prices. When we quote a price, we live up to it. No fake sale to deceive, but actual reduction of prices. Buy all you want, no restriction as to quantity. However, no goods sold to other merchants at these prices.

- Best grade calicoes, in light and dark patterns at per yard only... 5c
- Best grade outings, in darks and light patterns at per yard only... 10c
- Good grade outing, full width, in light colors at per yard only... 9c
- Good grade regular 15c longcloth at per yard... 11c
- Good grade full width 9-4 bleached sheeting at per yard only... 30c

MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR

- \$1.50 Men's fine union suits... \$1.19
- 1.00 Men's fine union suits... 89c
- 50c Two-piece ribbed drawers and shirts only... 39c
- Ladies' \$1.00 union suits only... 89c
- Ladies' 50c union suits only... 45c
- Children's 65c union suits only... 59c
- Children's 50c union suits only... 45c

Our Ready-to-Wear Department

Cut Nearly Half in Two

We absolutely do not intend to carry over one garment and are closing our entire line of dresses, suits and ladies coats at the following extremely low prices.

- \$27.50 and 30.00 ladies coat suits in serges, poplins, gabardines, broadcloths and twills, in the leading shades, only... \$18.75
- Our \$17.50, 20.00 and 22.50 suits in all the above goods, only... \$13.95
- Our \$15.00 and 16.50 suits only... 10.95
- One lot ladies suits, ranging in price from \$15, 17.50 and on up to 20.00 and 25.00 at your choice only... \$7.95
- Our \$25.00 serge and silk combination dresses only... \$16.95
- Our \$15.00 combination dresses... 10.95
- Our \$10.00 and 12.00 dresses... 8.95
- 10 per cent discount on all ladies skirts and waists during this sale



Hardware Specials

We are overloaded on Heaters, Cook Stoves and Ranges and are offering some real bargains in this line, as we absolutely must reduce stock in order to make room for more goods in transit.

- One Cole's Hot Blast, 6-cap steel range with hot water reservoir attachment, regular \$65.00 value, sale price only... \$49.75
- One 5-burner Cabinet Oil Stove, regular price \$36, sale price only... \$31.75
- 4 Only—Quick Meal, 4-burner oil stoves, regular price \$17.50, sale price \$14.95
- 10 per cent discount on all other heaters, cook stoves and ranges

Grocery Department

100' pounds Light Crust Flour... \$4.90

- 10 lb. pail Flake White Comp. \$1.35
- 100 lb. Cane Sugar \$7.90
- 1 sack best Pearl Meal 90c
- 7 bars Cotton Boll Soap 25c
- 1 doz. cans good Corn \$1.20
- 1 doz. cans good Tomatoes \$1.20
- 5 pounds Arbuckle Coffee \$1.00
- 5 pounds Peaberry Coffee \$1.00

Not more pounds, but more cups of a better flavored coffee, in 3 pounds of Seal Brand than any other coffee anywhere. Try a can... \$1.25

The Anchor Mercantile Comp'ny



What to Give

WE HAVE SEARCHED THE NOVELTY MARKETS OF AMERICA, AND BROUGHT HERE FOR YOU, SUITABLE THINGS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

MANY BELIEVE IN MAKING A "LONG PROFIT" ON SHOT-LIVED GOODS. WE BELIEVE IN MAKING "SHORT PROFIT" THAT WILL MOVE HOLIDAY GOODS FAST.

OUR STOCK NOT ONLY CONTAINS NOVELTIES, BUT USEFUL THINGS FOR PRESENTS FOR WOMEN, MEN AND LITTLE FOLKS. OUR COUNTERS ARE NOW ABLAZE WITH THINGS SUITABLE FOR GIFTS. COME TO OUR STORE NOW; YOU WILL HAVE NO MORE CHRISTMAS WORRIES.

It's a Good Idea

To do your Christmas shopping early and be able to get just the things you want. Let us help you.

Remember we carry a full and complete line of Dry Goods and groceries. Our one aim is "HIGHEST QUALITY at LOWEST PRICE." We are anxious to serve you.

One special lot of Ladies,' Misses' and Children's slippers at less than one-third the original price. These are values you can't afford to miss. Price 48c, 69c and 95c

A bathrobe for a Xmas present to some friend will be a valuable gift. We have them in new attractive styles for only

\$4.00

Watch our window for a matchless value in coffee--it's coming, it's new, it will please and surprise you

The Star Store

Some special bargains in men's woolen shirts, one-third off. Price **\$1.15, \$1.48, \$1.98** and **\$2.98**

15-DAYS-15 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



MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

3 in One Birthday Celebration

Mrs. D. W. Ashby, of Route 1, gave a delicious dinner on Sunday, Dec. 3rd, in honor of her husband and daughter, Mrs. Eugene Spurgin, and Miss Erah Brady. Saturday being the birthday of Mrs. Spurgin, Sunday, the host's, and Monday Miss Brady's. After partaking of the well prepared dinner, kodaking was enjoyed until time for departure. In leaving the guests wished to each of the three parties many more happy birthdays.

Boothe-Toombs

Miss Willie Boothe of Royston became the wife of Tom Toombs Jr. of Merkel last Sunday evening at six-thirty. The ceremony was performed at Roby, with Rev. Young the officiating minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Toombs came at once to Merkel arriving on the Sunshine Special Monday morning. The bride first became known to her Merkel friends while teaching near here two years ago, and it was then that the acquaintance began which culminated in Sunday's nuptials.

The groom is a member of the Toombs family which has contributed so largely to the agricultural development of the Merkel country, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Toombs. This young couple will live at the recently purchased John Dew place on Elm, eighteen miles south of Merkel. The friends here regret that Mr. and Mrs. Toombs will not be near enough to be closely identified with Merkel, but their host of friends would add to the happiness of the new home with their good wishes.

Brabbin-Ricker

The marriage ceremony of J. M. Ricker and Miss Ruby Brabbin was performed in Merkel at

the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brabbin, Sunday at 6 p. m.

The ceremony being performed by Rev. Lawrence of Abilene. Mr. Ricker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ricker, who have made their home south of Merkel for the past two years and near where the bride has also lived until having just recently moved to Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricker will live on the Craig place near Merkel. The Mail would join with all other friends in extending congratulations and best wishes.

The 20th Century Club was entertained last Friday afternoon by Mrs. T. A. Harris. Failing to have a quorum, only the literary program was given. Miss Mamie Ellis was a visitor and assisted in serving refreshments of sandwiches and cake with chocolate.

Skating Party

At the home of his parents, De Verle Johnson entertained a number of his friends last Friday evening. In the early evening games were played during which time refreshments of cake and punch were served. When this pleasure began to lag, in jest chaperoned by Mesdames T. A. Johnson and W. L. Harkrider, the entire party went to the skating rink where the remainder of the evening was spent.

Those present were Misses Irene Hairston, Gladys Haynes, Jewel Toombs, Marian Hairston Mana Roach, Ruby Hamm, Pearl Toombs and Beatrice Nidiver; Messrs. Booth Warren, William O'Bryant, Emzie Burroughs, Frank Hart, Merle Burroughs, Jake Walters, Stewart Grimes, Roy Adams, Bill Brown and the host.

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. 244

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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. 106

D. D. COATS, MERKEL, TEXAS

Rev. Hunt, president of the Under the direction of Rev. Hu Stamford College, was here last this Methodist school has m week in interest of the school. constant advancement

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BIG SALE

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BIG SALE

Big Sensational Holiday Sale

Was a tremendous success the first. We sold lots of merchandise, and sold it cheap. Our aim must be accomplished. Our stock must be reduced \$20,000 by Jan. 1st. Come to our sale. Many Bargains prevail in every Department



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

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



Copyright Hart Schaffner & Marx

Extra Special

Our stock of window shades must go
All 75c shades... **65c** All 60c shades... **50c**
All 35c shades... **25c**

Extra Special

A good heavy smooth finish gingham in all colors for... **9c**

Extra Special

Best grade ginghams, consisting of Red Seal and other standard makes for... **11c**

Extra Special

Standard grade calicoes in light gray and blue patterns for per yard... **5c**
20 yd. **\$1.** Not over 20 yd. to a customer

Extra Special

An exceptionally good value in ladies sweaters in red and navy, regular price \$3.50, sale price... **\$2.95**

Extra Special

All comforts reduced, 3.50 comforts... **\$3.15**
\$2.50 comforts... **2.25**
1.25 comforts... **1.00**

Extra Special

A good 27-inch percale in all colors for per yard... **7½c**

Extra Special

Good heavy grey coat sweater \$1.50
grade... **\$1.20** \$1.25 grade... **98c**
65c grade... **48c**

Extra Special

A good heavy cotton cheviot, suitable for shirts, in dark patterns, for... **11c**

Extra Special

Extra heavy grade brown canton flannel, a good value... **9c**

Extra Special

A good 36-inch bleached domestic free from starch, for... **9c**

Extra Special

Men's heavy underwear \$1 grade... **90c**
50c grade... **45c**

Extra Special

A good heavy grade bleached sheeting 9-4 wide for... **27½c**
Not over 10 yards to a customer

Extra Special

Extra good grade cotton check, yd... **5c**
20 yards **\$1.00**
Only 20 yards to customer

Extra Special

A good quality of mattress ticking for **10c**

Extra Special

A good first grade outing in dark and light colors, a good value for... **8½c**
12 yards **\$1.00**

Merkel And Other Towns

From various papers that reach our desk, few towns show to be holding prices down so much on seasonable merchandise as Merkel merchants are, that is if newspaper ads and prices therein are a basis of comparison and we believe that this issue contains even more good sound advertising than we have carried in many a day.

Read the ads over and profit in your needs wherein profits are shown for they surely are quoted in this weeks issue of the Mail.

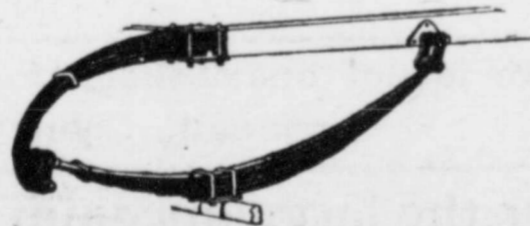
New Jones County Commissioner

I. Ford, the new Jones county commissioner, is now in position to give roads in his section some attention they have needed for about fifteen years.

It may be that Mr. Ford will be handicapped for lack of funds to do much needed work, but we feel sure that he is going to expend every dollar possible to the improvement of roads for the people who have paid taxes for years without receiving the profit benefit therefrom.

Messrs. R. A. Burgess, Supt. Clerk and R. B. Mefford and Misses Lola Lasseter, Pearl Wiltre and Flora Wright were in Worth last week attending Texas Teachers Association. Chas Young of the Kale school also attended with the other teachers

Overland
Automobiles



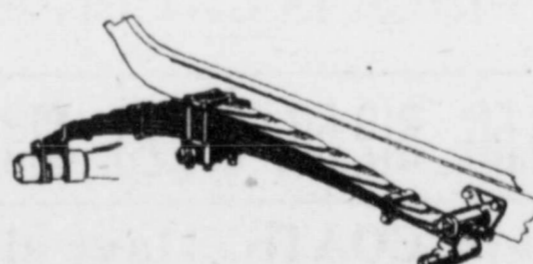
Old Style

Above is the old-fashioned type of automobile spring still being used by many motor car manufacturers.

It gives the car a violent "throw" on every rebound.

Most of the automobiles that ride uncomfortably do so on account of the "throw" in this kind of springs.

They are back breakers.



New Style

Above is the up-to-date easy riding spring. It is the well known cantilever type.

This spring absorbs all shocks, jars and jolts.

It is the easiest riding spring in the world.

It is used on the famous Overland 75 B—\$635—f. o. b. Toledo.

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The Willys-Overland Company, Toledo, Ohio
"Made in U. S. A."

Campbell-Thornton

W. I. Thornton and Miss Frankie Campbell, both members of prominent families of the Merkel country, were married in the home of J. H. Campbell Sr., the bride's father, last Sunday afternoon. In this write-up the third wedding for that day is chronicled and the third new home in the Merkel vicinity is established, this one being on the groom's farm east of town.

Following the marriage infare at the bride's home was enjoyed by the wedding party. The following day at high noon repast was spread at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thornton of Route 4.

To these young people, as with the many others who are of late beginning their life together, we offer the best of wishes.

See G. M. Sharp for choice North Texas hay.

Miss Marion Hairstone has returned to school at Abilene, being here Saturday and Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hairstone

Fresh car Seymours Best flour. G. M. Sharp.

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

WILL ENFORCE THE AUTO REGULATIONS

City Marshal Counts advises us that he will begin the enforcement of city ordinances regulating automobile traffic in the city.

He made special stress upon the mufflers, speeding and drive to the right infringements that have been so frequently overlooked during the last few days. If you are called into the City Court for failure to observe any of these regulations it will now be your own fault.

Star-Telegram Bargain Day

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram announces the usual Bargain Day period. Sending the Daily Star Telegram a whole year, 365 days for \$3.65, one cent a day. The news service is up to the minute. Full wire service everywhere. The bargain period is limited, at other times the subscription price is six dollars a year. By ordering during the Bargain Day period you save \$2.35, and get the same service.

The Mail is authorized to take orders. Hand your subscription in or phone the office so you will not miss an issue. There are things doing every day in new lines.

No Hunting Here

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

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

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

Car of new buggies just received at the Crown Hardware Company

Thanksgiving Foot Ball

Anson gridiron artists narrowly defeated the locals at Anson Thursday in a game which no doubt should have gone to our boys.

Several from here who were in Anson to see the game are of the same opinion, that the locals out-classed and outplayed the Anson boys at every stage of the game, but they couldn't beat twelve men.

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

ANSCO

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"SNAP" the happy holiday events with an AnSCO and you preserve the joys of Christmas in picture form throughout the year.

The AnSCO Vest-Pocket Cameras are light, compact, and always ready for action. Prices, \$7 up. Other AnSCO models, \$2 to \$55.

Burroughs Drug Store

Selling Out AT COST To Quit Business

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Desiring to close out our business in the next 10 days, Saturday, Dec. 9, we will place our entire stock on sale at cost. Owing to the rapid advance in merchandise this is the greatest money-saving event ever offered the Merkel people. Don't fail to come early and lay in a big supply of these goods.

J. P. SHARP

SENDS MOTHER A BEAUTIFUL GIFT

"Dock" Hall, U. S. N., San Francisco surprised his mother Mrs. Cyenetha Hall and sister Miss Mollie Hall this week by sending them a highly engraved shell made into a three bracket electric table lamp.

The entire workmanship was from Dock's own hands, the carving being made from steel tools from the engineers department in which Dock is working. Standing over 23 inches high this is one of the most beautiful pieces of handwork we have seen in some time. Mr. Owen of the G. M. Sharp Gro. Co., who is familiar with such pronounces the shell to be what is commonly known as a 16 pound shrapnell or a type of the death dealing missels used so extensively in Europe at the present.

W. A. Hall, grandfather of the donor called the Manager of the Merkel Power Co., to see the gift and promptly gave an order to have his house wired that they might make use it. Seeing that it was an unusual specimen Mr. McSpadden obtained permission to use it during the electrical demonstration at the Fulweiler Electric Co. this week. Readers who are not familiar with such and even those who are, will be pleased to see this lamp on display at the Fulweiler Electric rooms this week

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

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

Car of new buggies just received at the Crown Hardware Company

Fresh homemade candies at the Owl Cafe

WE ARE THANKFUL

For the Good Trade You Are Giving us and Wish Again to say to You That Because of our SPOT CASH Buying and Selling it's a Guarantee of a Good Saving to You

ANOTHER SHIPMENT OF NEW GOODS YESTERDAY

AND THE PRICE IS CUT ON EVERY ARTICLE IN THIS SHIPMENT

LADIES COAT SUITS \$8.25, \$9.50, \$12.50, \$14.25, \$19.50

There is not one of them at a less saving than \$2.50 to \$7.50 per suit. Come, test this statement

GREAT VALUES FOR YOU IN COATS. Have all sizes for the large, medium and small Lady and Miss

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A suit that is right in quality, style and price.
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For everyone. See the cut prices on them
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Hosiery

10c grade 8c; 12½c grade 8c.
15c grade 10c; 25c grade 21c.
35c grade.....25c.

Domestics

4-4 Bleaching 8½c; 4-4 Bleaching 10c; 4-4 Bleaching 11½c; 38½ in. brown, very fine weave 9½c; cotton flannel.....9c

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