

A LETTER FROM THE MAIL EDITOR

Tuesday morning the Merkel Mail received a letter from its editor who is sojourning in the icy halls of the north, where polar bear and walrus freeze to death; where the frigid climate knocks the bottom out of thermometers and makes Texas cowboys long for the sunny south. He is representing the wild and woolly west, the land of rattle snakes and long horns, at the Willys Overland Dealers' Convention at Toledo, Ohio. Clayton Brown also is a conspicuous figure at the convention, representing one of Texas' fast selling Overland car agents. This pair will do to draw to. In fact the Mail force is of the opinion that they are both jokers and running wild, representing the Lone Star State to a queen's taste.

The letter follows:
Toledo, Ohio, 12-11-'16.
Merkel Mail,
Merkel Texas.

To the accompaniment of the banging of 44's the second lap of the enormous Overland Dealers' Convention began here today. Six special trains from North Dakota, Montana, Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee and Iowa arrived here today, carrying 1,391 dealers, business men and newspaper men. The Dakotans and Texans greeted John N. Willys, president of the Willys Overland Company, with reassuring hurrahs and royal western salute to the tune of smoking revolvers which belched forth solid streams of fire. Mr. Willys, nothing loathe, responded with an old-fashioned Colts, the kind with the long and glinting blue barrel, the muzzle of which bears a marked resemblance to the 13-inch howitzers used in the European war.

To date 26,250 cars, or approximately \$24,000,000 have been signed up for during the convention. Almost 4,700 dealers have attended the convention and 11,000 Overlands, worth approximately \$100,000,000, have been contracted for for 1917. The convention will continue until Dec. 23rd.
Yours truly,

TRAPPING VERMIN PAYS WELL HERE

Chas. White, renowned trapper and hunter, of Mulberry creek, reports his success in capturing animals of a wild, noxious and wary nature.

During practically six weeks' time, from Nov. 1 until Dec. 11, he caught the following:

54 skunks.....	\$75.00
49 o'possum.....	14.00
13 civet cats.....	3.00
3 coon.....	3.00
1 bob cat.....	.75
Total.....	\$95.75

The proceeds from his 6 weeks catch runs into the immediate vicinity of the one hundred dollar mark, or better than \$65 per month, which is more money than the average workman receives for his services, and Chas. says it is a great deal more fascinating.

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.
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CONCERNING FARMERS

It sounds to us a joke to hear a farmer complaining of the advanced price of anything he is compelled to buy. We heard one lately bemoaning the fact that he had to pay \$17.50 for a full suit of wool clothing. He fairly belly-ached about it, when ten years ago the same quality of clothing had cost him \$25 and his cotton only bringing 10 cents the pound, his eggs 15c per dozen, feed going at \$10 per ton, if it went at all, while his chickens and turkeys went for just what people wanted to pay for them. Today his cotton is worth 20c the pound, his feed \$30 per ton, his eggs 40c to 50c per dozen, his hens 15c the pound and his turkeys nearly 25c on foot. The farmers are the mudsills of the nation's prosperity; the most important class of people on the earth, and for the most part of them—among the very best. But the market is never high enough when they want to sell, and never low enough when they want to buy. Ever notice this?—Colorado Record.

The eminent ex-physician who we feel is responsible for the above article has views about the present condition and confines it to farmers. He chooses to say that the market is never high enough when they want to sell and never low enough when they want to buy. In this we think he has erred and no doubt some of his farmer readers will think the same way about it. As a matter of fact cotton selling for 20 cents per pound has not taken a proportionate advance to other farm commodities and any time a farmer wants to belly-ache about it he has a perfect right to do so—it is his cotton and the Colorado Record didn't help pick a lock of it. If the farmer wants to buy something and finds the price too high, he should be given credit for having the same amount of reasoning power as the Record writer who has fussed a little about the high cost of newspaper stock. If the Colorado Record has a right to belly-ache about what he pays for paper, the farmers certainly have a right to kick about the price of anything they buy, and when they think a dollar is too much for that Colorado Record sheet, who knows but what they are correct? Ever notice that some men never see further than their own nose?

ABOUT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Only 24 days and then Christmas. Shop early. —Abilene Reporter.
Yes, you should shop early, but you should come to Merkel to do it. Prices are lower here than many other places we know of and then you have the satisfaction of visiting one of the best towns its size in Texas, the "cotton town of the west." Abilene people need not think that just because they live in Abilene, they are not welcome here. Not so. You are as welcome as the flowers in May and if Messrs. Frank Grimes of the Reporter or Holford of the Times are failing in their courteous duties toward the public just drop us a line.

WILSON APPROVES OF COURT MARTIAL

Special to the Mail by wire.
Washington, D. C. Dec. 13.—President Wilson heartily approved the action of court martial in the case of M. Gardner, of the New Mexico Militia. Gardner was given a dishonorable discharge and one year of hard labor for failure to respond to the mustering call last June.

Becomes First Assistant Secretary

Special to the Mail by wire.
Washington, D. C. — William Phillips, Third Assistant Secretary of State, according to the plans of this Department, will be advanced to First Assistant Secretary in the near future.

Canadian Torpedo Boat Lost

Special to the Mail by wire.
Ottawa, Canada, Dec. 12.—Grilse, a Canadian torpedo boat, under the command of Lieut. W. Wingate, is lost at sea. Fear for the lives of all hands is keenly felt.

Five Dollar Wage Increase for Marines

Special to the Mail by wire.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—Secretary Daniels recommended Tuesday a five dollar increase in the salary of navy enlisted men.

W. E. Lowe's service cars run day or night. Call the Busy Bee. Fresh homemade candies at the Owl Cafe

\$92.50 IN RED ON JONES CO. ROAD

The Commercial League is exactly \$92.50 in the red after paying for the road work of repairing the Jones county road north of town.

These small amounts as our readers know do not grow on bushes in a newspaper shop or any other place and those who have not contributed to this fund and who feel that they could will confer a favor upon the Commercial League et al, by handing in your check for any amount from \$1 to the entire shortage. Don't rush but take your time and kick in deposits at either bank to a road fund account care of Commercial League.

TURNER DOES NOT LIKE ARKANSAS

G. F. Turner of Route 1, believer in this country made a trip back to his old home at Guion, Arkansas some weeks ago and saw all that was to be seen there.

Mr. Turner has relatives who for some reason continue to stay in those parts and to them he asked "how much is your farm here worth." He was informed that it would sell any day for \$7,500. Mr. Turner tells us on his word of honor that he advised sale before dark that day. While he visited there he rode horseback over the country, the sand being so bad that even buggies were a novelty and were found in many parts, the most of the traffic being mainly in wagons when a person leaves the railroad.

From what Mr. Turner tells us of Arkansas we feel by it just like we recently said about Abilene "From this point of view we can see no fun in living there." We'll have our Abilene friends understand that we are not attempting to make a comparison we just have 'nt any other way of expressing ourselves.

MORE ABOUT BLANTON

A probation bill is up before congress for the building of federal buildings in Texas, to cost as follows: Coleman, \$30,000; Huntsville, \$30,000; Sweetwater, \$35,000; Plainview, \$45,000. Six other towns of similar importance are mentioned in the bill with like amounts, while Dallas, if the bill passes, will receive \$1,800,000 and Fort Worth something like \$80,000 for the erection of new federal buildings.

Our congressman elect, Hon. Thomas L. Blanton, of Abilene, who takes the oath of office next March, asserted during his campaign, that when he went to congress he would favor using the knife on these federal building appropriations, so that other towns of smaller caliber might have and enjoy federal buildings also. He further asserted, if we remember correctly, that too much graft was being practiced in the construction of federal buildings and that he was going to have it cut out. No doubt the doings of congress will be closely watched when Judge Blanton goes to Washington by the people of the 16th district.—Colorado Clipper.

We cannot tell whether you speak sarcastically or from the bottom of your heart, but you can bet your bottom dollar that Congress will not have a member who tries harder to keep his promises.

ABOUT SOME OF OUR NEIGHBORS

Snyder is a good town, so is Hamlin, Anson and Colorado, but when it comes to dollars and cents, they'll have to tip their hats to us.

Snyder enjoys bank deposits of \$901,724.72. Hamlin barely has \$589,000.00, Anson \$781,974.81 while Colorado has \$905,496.82. Our own showing, meaning the banks, is above \$955,000.00. Excuse our dust.

FEEDING THE CHICKENS

The old-fashioned man who used to get up early every morning to feed the chickens now has a son who comes home in the early morn after feeding the chickens the night before.—Fannin County Favorite. Mr. Spotts must be a man with a family. "Spare the rod and spoil the child" is an old adage, Col. Sherwood.

DEVELOPING OIL FIELDS

Abilene should not quit developing her oil fields. —Abilene Reporter.

A good suggestion, Frank. Probably with your town behind the proposition you might develop a gas company. That should be easy, but for oil we don't know.

Blessed is the man who doesn't expect the T-P trains to run on time, for verily he shall not be disappointed.—Snyder Signal.

What you kicking for? If you don't like where your town is, move it down here.

Editor Holford of Abilene has discovered that joy riding is a fatal disease. Probably his wife found out.

Christmas Cheer

There are various brands of this much sought for article. The vain person finds it in display. The depraved person finds it in dissipation, but the person of good common sense finds it in the solid comfort and good cheer of himself. We wish to state that we have the largest and most complete assortment of fire works in town, including fire crackers, Roman candles, cannon crackers, sky rockets, torpedos, and a full line of toy pistols, with caps.

It is also our intention to make between now and Christmas two thousand pounds of the very best home-made candies. We are especially prepared to do this, as we have employed an A1 candy maker which fact assures you that all the candy you buy here will be absolutely fresh.

We also have a large assortment of fancy chocolates in boxes from one-half to five pounds. You will be surprised and delighted by the bewildering array of fancy fruits, nuts and all kinds of confections we carry. Come to us for all your Christmas eats. Yours for quality, The Elite Confectionery, F. J. Ferrier, Prop.

No Hunting Allowed

on my farm one mile south of town, nor shooting into from the road. (114p) Mrs. T. F. Compton

Eat homemade candies. Fresh lot at the Owl Cafe

Always as cheap as the cheapest on groceries. G. M. Sharp.

60,000 Clothes Makers to Strike

Special to the Mail by wire
New York City, Dec. 13.—Sixty thousand clothes makers of this city are expected to strike for higher wages, due no doubt to the high cost of living. The walk-out will probably occur in the next few days.

One Killed, Five Hurt

Special to the Mail by wire.
El Paso, Dec. 13.—Mrs. F. H. Benjamin was killed and five others seriously injured when an automobile run into a street car here Wednesday.

Miners Killed

Special to the Mail by wire.
Silver City, N. M., Dec. 12.—Several miners are reported to have been killed in a mine near here last night, when twenty were overcome with gas.

Germany Replies to American Note

Special to the Mail by wire.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—The German reply to the American inquiry regarding the sinking of the ship, Lanao, says the ship was not an American vessel. It further stated that the ship carried contraband cargo.

Notice

From now until January 1st, I will sell any and all goods in my Store, at and below actual cost. Come and and see. A. L. Jobe.

Eld. W. G. Cypert will preach at the Christian Church next Sunday at eleven o'clock A. M. and in the evening at 7 P. M. All are invited.

ALLIES NOT LIKELY TO ACCEPT PEACE

Special to the Mail by wire.
Montreal, Canada, Dec. 13.—Devonshire Duke, in a short speech here today, declared that possibilities for an amicable adjustment of differences between the allies and central powers was little expected. He said that the allies will only make peace on own terms.

General Reveille Succeeds Joffre

Special to the Mail by wire.
Paris, France, Dec. 12.—General Reveille as successor to Joffre was well received here today.

Aliens to be Barred

Special to the Mail by wire.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Aliens who returned to their native lands to engage in war, according to an amendment in a bill adopted by congress, may be barred from America hereafter.

Trapped in Mine

Special to the Mail by wire.
Pittsburg, Kansas, Dec. 12.—Fifty or more men may be trapped in a mine explosion. The mine is located 15 miles east of here and is known as the Ryan and Reedy coal mine.

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

Fancy assorted cakes of all kinds at the Bakery

THE SINGING CLASS OF NORTH MERKEL

This class has been meeting from time to time with splendid success. The class is fast developing its talents. Soon we will be having as good singings as at any town of this size.

There have been present with us at each meeting from nine to eleven leaders until on our last meeting we had nineteen leaders. We of course could not use them all so we only used those that we could and kept the others in reserve till the next meeting. There were several numbers rendered including the quartets and class songs. This surely was an interesting meeting. The people met for singing and that is what we did. I thought that our meeting before the last was filled with the song spirit but this last meeting was by far the better. We had song leaders from Noodle and Colorado, also from Roscoe.

You cant afford to miss our next meeting so be listening for the announcement. Come and be with us. We want you to cooperate with us so we may grow the faster. Remember all are invited so come and bring some one with you.

Yours for Better Singing,
W. M. Speck, Pres.
Miss Merle Clark, Sect.

WEST BUILDING IS TO BE REMODELED

The entire up stairs of the G. F. West building over the Wood-roof Dry Goods Co., has been leased by Drs. Adkisson and Miller. These doctors already have their offices there, but owing to the need of a re-arrangement, they have leased the whole floor.

When carpenters have completed the new offices, the dental parlors of Drs. McMaster and Gambil will occupy a portion of the lease, and Drs. Miller, Adkisson, McMaster and Gambil advise us that they will install a great deal of electrical and mechanical apparatus which their heretofore limited space has prevented. It is also the intention of the practitioners to convert the place into a most convenient and modern physical quarters.

25,754 BALES FOR THIS COUNTY--1916

A tabulated report of the cotton crop of Taylor county for 1916 up to Dec. 1st is 25,754 bales as against 30,754 for Dec. 1 1915.

This report is authentic and very encouraging. It amounts to about one-third more than was anticipated by even the most optimistic enthusiast, and the flattening price paid for it puts Taylor county in the middle of the big pond of finances.

Sells Home Place

Wednesday of this week W. F. Hamblet sold, through Agent Boyce, his home place on Oak street, to C. R. Horton, of Noodle. Consideration, \$1,800 cash.

Public Sale Notice.

Saturday December 16th, between the hours of 3 and 4 o'clock P. M. I will sell to the highest bidder on the Streets of Merkel. One Good Organ, Graphophone, buggy and harness and many other articles too numerous to mention. R. E. Counts.

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

MERKEL GARDEN TRUCK FARMER MAKES GOOD PROFIT ON BACKYARD INVESTMENT

This is no fairy story, is based upon actual measurements of a garden raised by Thos. Smith who lives in the south part of town.

Hearing of the record Mr. Smith had made in the sale of garden truck during this year, we called at his home and obtained permission to measure the ground in his garden. The part from which he actually sold vegetables of various kinds was the nine six-tenth part of an acre and from this ground the accounted-for sales as kept by Mr. Smith amounted to \$263.10. This included sales of twenty-five cents and above. No record of sales were made where people came to their home and purchased small amounts of vegetables under twenty-five cents worth, most of these being of dime denomination. Averaging this productive value, an acre of such land would have netted gross \$2,513.60.

In order to get at a more correct average we measured the garden plot over all its extremities, which included spots from which nothing was raised or from which no sales were made. This measurement totaled exactly one-quarter of an acre, for it accounts for all pass ways, waste land, but with this average we found that the productive gross value per acre to amount to \$1,052.40.

These figures are correct. Mr. Smith kept a careful account of the sales which amounted to \$263.10 and we saw to it that that the land was measured as above. If in comparison, any section of Texas or even the Imperial Valley of California can exceed this, or our estimable friend "Junius" can describe we would in rapture sit while the account of such was being given.

"The Cotton Town of the West" is not only one of the most successful cotton producing sections of western Texas but we believe it has no superior in general productiveness. Some people, who through their own miscalculation, have "gone hunched" may look upon this statement with disgust, but a dollar against a dime if they had their chance back, they would stay here doom's day.

EXTRA POWER IF YOU NEED IT

Most everybody does in an automobile. Sometimes on a hill. Sometimes in passing the car ahead. Sometimes in mud. Sometimes in sand. Sometimes when you are in a hurry. The 5-passenger 6-30 Chalmers has it plus—extra power. Though rated as 30 it develops well over 45 h.p. The cost for the extra power is nothing.

The quality car at a quantity price—\$1090.

(All prices f.o.b. Detroit)

FULWILER ELECTRIC CO.

L. B. SCOTT, Demonstrator.



Quality First

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

LOCAL NEWS

Eat Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup. G. M. Sharp.

Plenty of feed stuffs. Clarke & Walker.

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

Mrs. H. P. Allen and daughter Miss Eura have recently returned from having visited in Moran. They describe their visit to the oil fields as being of unusual interest.

Car of blacksmith coal expected today at the Crown Hardware Company

Make war on the high cost of living and buy your bread from the Merkel Bakery.

Mrs. S. D. Gamble and little son returned Saturday to their home near Weatherford, after spending several weeks in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

Car of new buggies just received at the Crown Hardware Company

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

Make it a home Christmas for home people by buying a fruit cake from the Merkel Bakery.

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

Omitted Last Week

One item of interest overlooked last week was the changing hands of the Busy Bee Cafe, formerly conducted by Latham Bros.

The new owners, Banner and Sibley Bros., will continue the business at the same place, having assumed the lease on the building for the year 1917.



We are unloading another car of Xmas Furniture, Rockers, Pullman Davenport, etc., as this letter is going out to you.

Why not make your selection early?

DEAR FRIEND—

Santa wants to make a suggestion about your Xmas present list.

Why wouldn't it be a good plan to give **Furniture or Rugs** for presents to the home?

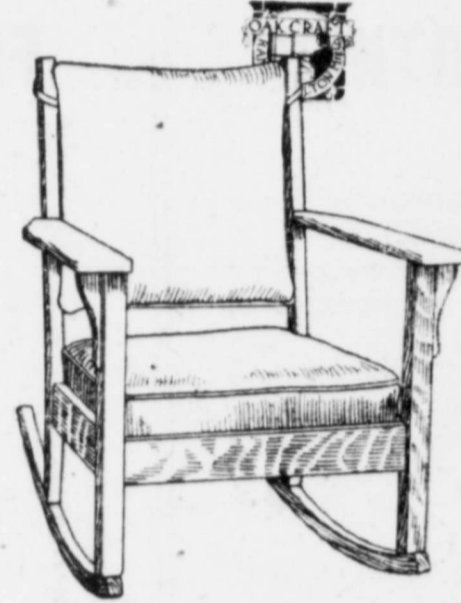
HAVE YOU STOPPED TO THINK

That to put **Linoleum** on the kitchen or dining room floor would save so much scrubbing?

That a **Hoosier Cabinet** in the kitchen would save miles of steps?

That an easy **Rocking Chair** would give much needed rest, after a day's work?

Such articles as there are always useful in the home.



HOOSIER KITCHEN CABINETS SAVE MILES OF STEPS

SEE MACK

Behrens & Miller Co.
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Furniture Quality

Undertaking Service

LAYING BRICK ON ANCHOR BUILDING

Last Wednesday morning the brick masons began work on the new building of the Anchor's. Brickwork will be rushed and the promoters expect to see same completed by the 10th of January.

The erection of this building will be quite an improvement to the business portion of Elm street and will afford the promoters ample room to store their enormous stock of goods.

The Brown Co.'s Stockholders

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Brown Dry Goods Co., J. T. Warren was elected President, E. N. Brown, who is in charge of the store was made Vice-President and General Manager. We did not learn the third stockholder nor did we consider it worth while to inquire.

Just received fresh car of Bouquet Flour. None better. Clarke & Walker.

Reduce the high cost of living by giving your children more fruit and less fire works. E. L. Rogers.

Here from Midland

Owen Edwards of Midland is here and will spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. West Edwards and brother Wesley Edwards and family.

The way to prosper is to save money, you can do that by buying your Christmas eats at the Merkel Bakery.

W. F. Stanford purchased a new Overland 75 touring car the latter part of last week.

See me for feed stuff before Christmas. G. M. Sharp.

E. N. Brown, of the Brown Dry Goods Co., returned Tuesday morning from a business trip to Dallas.

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

CLASSIFIED ADS

MEN—Our illustrated catalogue explains how we teach the barber trade in short time, mailed free. Write Moler Barber College, Fort Worth, Tex. 1tp

NOTICE—No hunting allowed on my place. G. L. Baker. 1tp

FOR SALE—Green cord wood, on ground, 4 miles northeast of Trent. \$2.25 per cord. E. Howell. 15t2

FOR RENT—5-room house for rent after January 1, 1917. G. M. Sharp.

COTTON SEED FOR SALE—I have a car of Mebane Triumph Seed for planting. Better speak for them before all are gone, they are going higher. J. C. Mason. 15t2p

FOR SALE.—Good work mare. Merkel Bakery.

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

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

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, Trent, Rt. 2. 15t2pd

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

FOR SALE—95+ acres well improved extra good farm land at Blair, Texas. Will sell for half cash, balance on time. W. H. Gilliam, Merkel, Texas. 8t4pd

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 J. Easterwood at Merkel Mail office.

BRICK BUILDING

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

Seymour's Best Flour. G. M. Sharp.

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

Candies

Brown's Assorted Chocolates

Every lady is entitled to register her name in Brown's Candy Register. A 5-pound box of candy will be given away free

Candies

Kodaks

Kodaks

THE MERKEL DRUG CO.



With Christmas Practically at Hand



We have not let the Holidays catch us empty handed, but have every department filled to the brim with gifts of all kinds for everybody—large, small, old and young. Markets of every kind of merchandise are now eaten up by the demand for goods, but we have protected you as well as ourselves by buying early and from well selected stocks. Our buyers are experienced and conservative, yet they know the demand that exists at this time of the year and they now have for your approval and selection one of the most complete lines of Holiday Goods ever displayed in Merkel

COME IN AND SEE US

FOR MOTHER

Cut Glass
Electroléers
Ivory Mirrors
Casseroles
Silverware
Parlor Clocks
Brooches
Bar Pins
Tiffany Rings
Diamond Rings
Mayonaise Sets
Fruit Bowls
Fern Dishes
Cream and Sugar Sets
Ear Screws, etc., etc.

FOR FATHER

Smoking Sets
Cravat Pins
Watch Chains
Fountain Pins
Combination Sets
Emblem Pins and Links
Sterling Silver Brushes
Traveling Mens Clocks
Watch Fobs
Cuff Links
Case Pipes
Box of our Fine Cigars
Lapel Chains
Watches
Etc., Etc., Etc.

FOR BROTHER or Sweetheart

Cigarette Cases
Match Cases
Smoking Sets
Military Sets
Rings
Cuff Links
Cravat Pins
Tie Clasps
Waldemar Chains
Gold Knives
Gold Pencils
Lapel Chains
Box of fine Cigars
Watch Fobs
Fountain Pins
Belt Buckles
Pipes in Case
Etc., Etc., Etc.

FOR SISTER or Sweetheart

Box of our fine Candy
Fountain Pens
Kodaks
Wrist Watches
Lavalieres
Bracelets
Neck Chains
Jewel Boxes
Combs
Perfume Bottles
Manicure Sets
Toilet Sets
Cut Glass Novelties
Ivory Clocks
Hair Receivers
Puff Boxes
Stationery
Bottle Perfume or Toilet Water
Etc., Etc.

FOR THE BABY

Comb and Brush Sets Pin Sets Baby Rings Neck Chains Bracelets
Etc., Etc., Etc.

FOR THE LITTLE FOLK

We have an enormous line of well selected Toys, Dolls, Fireworks, etc. In fact we cannot, for lack of time and space, begin to tell you of the attractiveness and yuletide spirit that our stock of toys will bring to the little folk. When we mention Toys, the words Toyland and Toytown only begin to signify the greatness of our department on this line of goods

BURROUGHS DRUG STORE

THE HOUSE OF A THOUSAND GIFTS

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.

H. C. Burroughs Kills A Bird

H. C. Burroughs Sr. armed to the teeth went hunting last Thursday. He sallied forth over hill and vale, his watchful eye virtually eating the underbrush in quest of game and behold he came back home as the victor.

But gone are the days of good old yesterday when the huntsman could go out and bring in enough game for the entire family. Now the hunter is lucky to get even one bird and this is all that "Clark" got. Buoyantly he took the bob-white to Ed's and had it cooked. Later he feasted and satisfied that inner man while no doubt his family was at home, wanting for a morsal of the fresh meat he was devouring.

Fast Fistic Affray

All the same as a Jess Willard bout was staged here early Wednesday evening of last week in which both participants fairly fought out the matter of a difference. In all, the contest must have lasted about the length of a regular one-round battle, when one of the pugilists uppercut the other to the jaw, and they agreed that an amicable understanding had been arrived at. Several straights to the eyes and other parts of the face were landed before the upper-cut ended the discussion.

Another Fistic Affray

Thursday afternoon the second fistic match in two days' time was held here under the auspices of a few onlookers.

Again, like its predecessor of Wednesday, it was a clean cut hit and miss battle and the participants ended it in a short time little worse other than about \$9.70 each for their services rendered.



We are unloading another car of Xmas Furniture, Rockers, Pullman Davenports, etc., as this letter is going out to you.

Why not make your selection early?

DEAR FRIEND—

Santa wants to make a suggestion about your Xmas present list.

Why wouldn't it be a good plan to give Furniture or Rugs for presents to the home?

HAVE YOU STOPPED TO THINK

That to put Linoleum on the kitchen or dining room floor would save so much scrubbing?

That a Hoosier Cabinet in the kitchen would save miles of steps?

That an easy Rocking Chair would give much needed rest, after a day's work?

Such articles as there are always useful in the home.

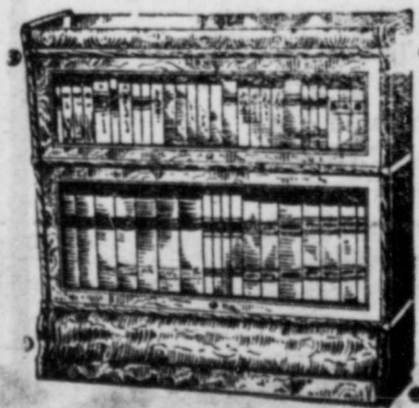
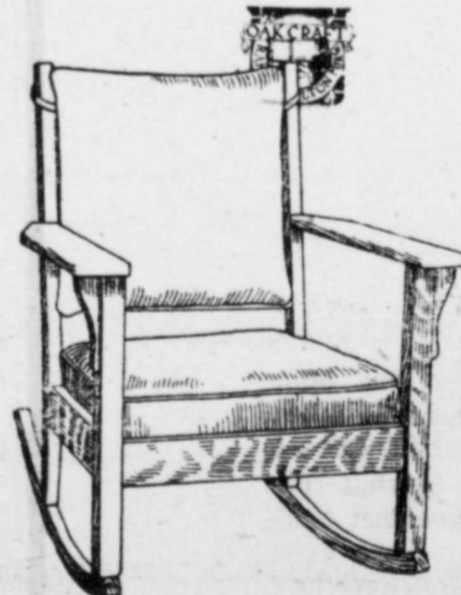
HOOSIER KITCHEN CABINETS SAVE MILES OF STEPS

SEE MACK

Belmont & Miller Co.
Mack

Furniture Quality

Undertaking Service



LATHAM BROS. BUYS OWL RESTAURANT

Last Wednesday afternoon a deal was consummated where Latham Bros. became the owners of the Owl Cafe and Mr. Abb Harris the past proprietor steps out. The new proprietors will take charge next Saturday, the 16th.

The Latham Bros. only recently sold the Elite Cafe and there they established a reputation for unparalleled proficiency in dishing up just what you want, when you want it, and the flavor is always just what you order.

They intend to remodel, paint and decorate their new place of business and make it up to the minute in every respect. We predict for the new management a liberal share of business.

Junior Farmers Organize

A Merkel School Junior Farmers Institute was organized Dec. 5, 1916, by H. L. Bentley, of Abilene. The following officers were elected:

President, Paul McMurray; 1st Vice-president, Miss Virginia Duckett; 2nd Vice-president, Paul West; 3rd Vice-president, Noodle Forrester; Sec. and Treas. Dewey Sandusky; Entomologist, Prentiss Popes; Assistant, Wilma Smith. Supervisors: School Superintendent, R. M. Walker; School Principal, R. A. Burgess; Assistant, Roy B. Mefford.

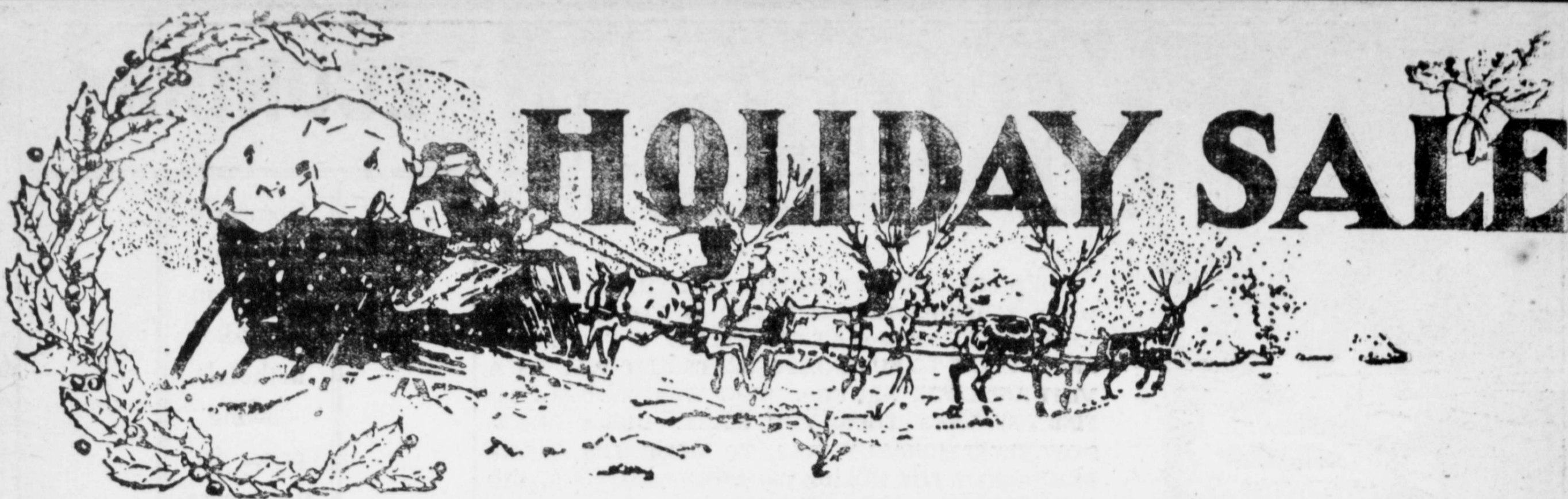
Skating Rink Changes Hands.

Merkel's great pleasure resort has again changed hands. Mr. Jim Deavenport buying the interest of Choc Jones and H. C. Burroughs, Jr.

No Hunting Here

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

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



SATURDAY DECEMBER 23

ONLY 8 MORE OF THE BARGAIN DAYS IN WHICH TO LAY IN YOUR WINTER'S SUPPLY OF DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, AND HARDWARE FROM OUR ENORMOUS STOCK OF \$100,000.00 WORTH OF FIRST-CLASS MERCHANDISE --- STOCK TOO LARGE --- MUST BE REDUCED

Big Line of Toys Now on Display At Remarkably Low Prices

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, blaeks 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
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Our \$17.50, 20.00 and 22.50 suits in all the above goods, only

Our \$15.00 and 16.50 suits only

One lot ladies suits, ranging in price from \$15, 17.50 and on up to 20.00 and 25.00 at your choice only

Our \$25.00 serge and silk combination dresses only

Our \$15.00 combination dresses

Our \$10.00 and 12.00 dresses

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



XMAS GIFTS FOR ALL

DEAR OLD SANTA CLAUS IS HERE, HAPPY AS USUAL. YOU WILL BE HAPPY, TOO, IF YOU DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT OUR STORE. IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO BUY FOR PRESENTS JUST PAY US A VISIT AND LOOK AROUND. YOU WILL BE SURE TO FIND THE VERY THING YOU WANT. OUR STOCK IS NOW EXCEPTIONALLY FULL TO MEET THE GREAT DEMANDS OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON--BEAUTIFUL AND PLEASING GIFT GOODS FOR ALL.

AND REMEMBER, OUR STORE IS THE PLACE TO PRACTICE ECONOMY WHEN BUYING PRESENTS.

ECONOMY

Comey's Christmas Suggestions Embodied in the following prices are the essence of economy.

When you feel the impulse to choose gifts for your Christmas giving--this store offers exceptional facilities for making carefully considered selections of most appropriate articles for thoughtful giving

Suits—we have left a few Suits which must be sold, positive \$8.50 to \$12.50 values special price.....\$4.95	Hose—Black and white, fiber silk, high spliced heels and double soles. A 50c hoe, special price.....25c	Towels—Fancy towels, pink and blue, checked and striped, size 17x40 and 21x44, 65c and 75c values, each.....42c and 59c	Handkerchiefs—Neatly packed for Christmas giving, 3 to 6 in a box, special 10c, 25c, 35c, 50c and 75c
Felt Shoes—An ideal gift and will be much appreciated. All sizes, good assortment of colors, special.....98c and \$1.29	Counterpanes—A few left in cut and plain corners. \$1.75 and \$2.00 values, must be sold, special.....\$1.19 and \$1.39	Underwear—Ladies ribbed combination suits, medium weight, 75c grade, exceptional values special.....48c	Hats—We are offering you the greatest value in this lot of hats ever before offered. Positively \$2.50 and \$3 hats, special.....59c

FRUITS AND CANDIES

A splendid assortment of apples and oranges in the best quality we could buy, and a nice, well assorted lot of candy. Let "Old Santa" come by and share these good things, prices low

See us for your grocery supply. Our stock is full
— and complete —

The Star Store

COFFEE

That matchless value in coffee is now on display. One 3½ pound bag high grade, steel-cut coffee.....\$1.00
One beautifully decorated earthen pitcher 50c
\$1.50
Special while they last.....98c

MANY

Have seen our Christmas showing of

JEWELRY, CUT GLASS DIAMONDS

Many have bought. Many of them have been your friends. You should not fail to follow their example and see our display

10 Days Yet 10
Don't Delay

Make your selection at the earliest day possible from the largest showing of Diamonds, Cut Glass and Jewelry shown in this section, and at prices that are economical to every conservative buyer.

COMPTON'S

ABILENE

The Diamond Shop of West Texas

You may not know it but there are lots of good cakes of all kinds at the Merkel Bakery.

Car of fresh feed and Peacemaker Flour. Jno. S. Hughes, Blair, Texas. 1tp



MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

W. M. S. Meeting

(Crowded out last week.)

The Woman's Missionary Society met Monday evening, Dec. 4, in regular business meeting, at the Methodist Church. This being the time of annual election of officers, the following were elected for the ensuing year.

Mrs. J. L. Harris, President; Mrs. Beene, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Shelton, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. R. A. Martin, Supt. of study and publicity; Mrs. H. C. Burroughs, Supt. of social service; Mrs. H. C. Williams, Corresponding Sec.; Mrs. George Brown, Recording Sec.; Mrs. Dupree, Supt. of supplies; Mrs. T. L. Grimes, Treasurer; Mrs. R. L. Moore, Local Treasurer; Mrs. Will Armstrong, City Missionary.

Chicken Fry

The last moonlight outing of the season, probably, was enjoyed last Wednesday night, when a crowd chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. John Sears, drove to the Clyde Sears farm near Noodle for a chicken fry. Immediately upon their arrival at these bachelor quarters, it was all hands busy to get the chicken fried, supper being served at ten o'clock. And chicken was served in such abundance that some members of the party report their fondness for that dish very much lessened. Almost 15 were out for this evening which proved to be very pleasant for all.

The M. W. C.

The Merry Wives had a delightful meeting on last Wednesday in the apartments of Mrs. Jack Graves on Oak Street. Each time, as the song goes, "the last one seems the best of them all," for there's no limit to the good times these merry makers have. They must be practicing for making of the Christmas goodies, judging from the looks of the delicious entables set before the

five young married couples and Misses Warren, Sutphen, and Huffaker of Greenville, at the noon hour.

In the afternoon the making of Christmas presents was continued. Later, most of the members, joined by others, enjoyed a few hours on the rollers.

Next meeting will be with Billy Bob Burroughs.

Members: Mesdames Howard, Woodroof, Burroughs, Hicks, Graves, Misses Sutphen and Warren. Billy Bob Burroughs and Miss Huffaker were guests of the club.

The Skating Party

On last Friday evening the masquerade skating party given by the Merry Wives Club was a social delight to all guests fortunate enough to be present. The public skate for that evening closed at about 9:30 and the floor was then given over entirely to those in masque of whom there were about fifteen couples. The costumes were varied and unique, many being able to conceal their identity entirely until the masques were laid aside. And after this the skating was even more absorbing, many being loathe to remove their skates even after the second call from the hostess to gather around the steaming percolator and trays with sandwiches of various kinds.

Owing to its length the guest list is omitted. The hostesses for this delightful affair were Mesdames Geo. D. Graves, L. W. Woodroof, Robert Hicks, H. C. Burroughs Jr., and L. B. Howard, Misses Winnie Warren and Jesse Sutphen.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Cards were received by relatives here last week announcing the golden wedding anniversary of Capt. and Mrs. Jno. T. Tucker on Wednesday, Dec. 13. This anniversary will be celebrated in the home of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vickers, at Pecos, Texas.

No one can feel a kindlier interest in this event than the residents of the Merkel vicinity,

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Calls answered Day or Night

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FERGUSON & RENFRO, The Tailors

AT THE CITY BARBER SHOP DO

Your Cleaning and Pressing

since there are very few, if any, here who can recall the time when this family was not prominently associated with this country's development until the past few months, when their move was made to Pecos on account of the wife's health.

Many good wishes are extended to these two by their Merkel friends.

Some one is entitled to the \$10 in gold at the Anchor. Dollar bill No. M 40541316 M is the winner.

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. 24td

Car of new buggies just received at the Crown Hardware Company

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

Buy Merkel Cattle

John and Louis Wise of Abilene have purchased ten head of hereford heifers from the C. M. Largent herd. These stock cattle will be used by the Wise Bros. on their place near Abilene

Pure ribbon cane syrup just received at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Home-made East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup. Jno. S. Hughes, Blair, Texas. 1tp

Just received fresh car of Bouquet Flour. None better. Clarke & Walker.

ATTEND THE
BIG SALE

WOODROOF'S

ATTEND THE
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

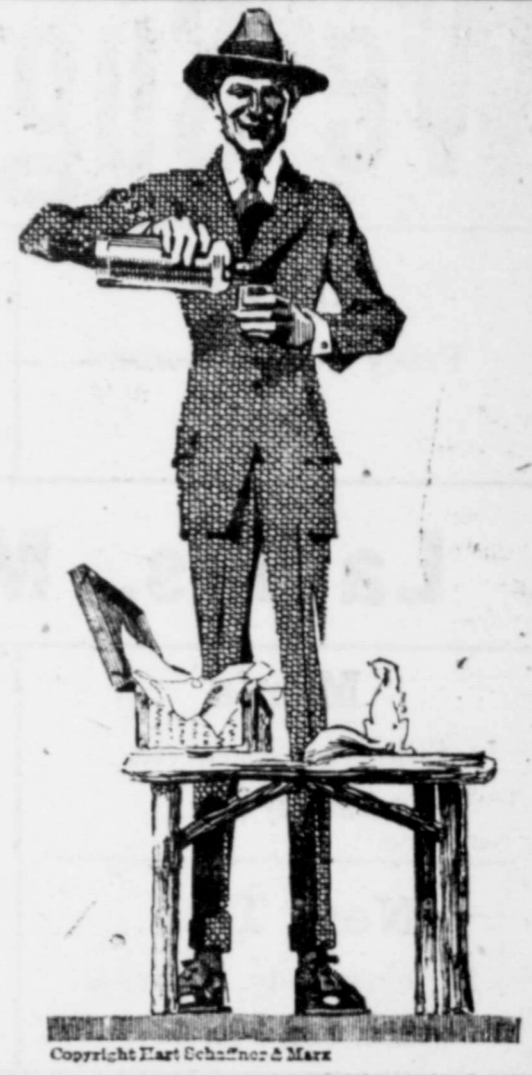
Our entire stock of mens clothing consisting of the well known makes, Hart Schaffner & Marx, Henry Sonneborn, all reduced.

\$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



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 gingham, 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 7 1/2c

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 27 1/2c
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 8 1/2c
12 yards \$1.00

Fixing Jones County Road

Messrs. J. I. Ford, new Jones county commissioner from the southwestern extremity thereof and Ed Kelsoe overseer of a portion therein near Stith were very busy Tuesday afternoon starting what looks like an era of good road work near us.

For sometime work on roads bordering Taylor county has been needed in the above section but owing to the shortage of funds the work has not been done but with new life brought into the official part of the county our near Jones county neighbors should receive more returns for their road tax money. Let the good work go on.

Don't forget to visit our vegetable refrigerator before planning your Christmas dinner. E. L. Rogers.

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

No Bird Hunting

Hunting on my place is positively forbidden to all. Same as before. 8t2
Plenty of feed stuffs. Clarke Walker.

Plenty of blacksmith coal expected the Crown Hardware Co.

King of Trent was in el doing Christmas shopping Monday.

Plenty of your Christmas fruits and candies from the New Confectionery on Kent Street at Cream Station. C. E. Conner.

UNDERTAKING SUPPLIES

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Experienced Funeral Director
Call us When-in Need

Night Phone
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THE HOME FURNITURE COMPANY

Home Furniture Hearse Service Caskets and Robes

Jones and Jenkins Here

Messrs. Thos. Jenkins and J. D. Jones of the Dora and Canyon communities were in town last week as busy as could be.

We stopped Mr. Jenkins and relieved him of the coin necessary to purchase his 1917 reading matter, but J. D. was too busy at that time and will be back in a few days.

DRAUGHON'S PRACTICAL Business College

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.

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

Mebane Cotton Seed

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

D. D. COATS, MERKEL, TEXAS

Plenty Christmas candies, nuts and fruits at Clarke & Walker's. Good old East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup. E. L. Rogers.

Advised Letters.

Coats, Mrs. May
Frazier, Walter
Kitchens, J. D.
Spencer, Walter
Wooten, R. C.
Carmona, E.
Duenes, F. (2)
Jauta, Jesus
Rauniez, L. E.
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Dec. 27th, 1916.
H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas.

Buy your Christmas fruits and candies from the New Confectionery on Kent Street at Cream Station. C. E. Conner.

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

Tipton Bros. homemade candy at the Owl Cafe

Doll Contest

Following is standing of the leaders in doll contest at Behrens-McMillin Furniture Co. A full count can be seen at the desk where you register. This count was taken late Saturday evening Dec. 9th. Contest closes Thursday evening December 21st and Dolls to be given away Friday at 3 p. m. December 22nd.

North Side	
Maggie Compton	465
Wyonona Patton	449
Grady Billingsly	166
Alma Patterson	147
Jewel Chadwick	171
Hallie Pike	136
Irene Hatfield	131
Merkel	
Missie Dye	472
Mary Elaine Bankhead	467
Francis Marie Church	287
Anna Bell Thomas	107

South Side	
Oleta Moore	355
Taylor Diltz	311
Nedra Paul	258
Ruth Anderson	112

Quite a bunch of Abilene young folks motored over Tuesday in Foster's truck to participate in the pastime of skating for an hour or two.

We have all the Christmas fruits, nuts, and candies. E. L. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Shaffer left Tuesday for Hico, Texas, where they will spend the winter.

More fruit, better health. We have the good old healthy sort. E. L. Rogers.

Plenty Christmas candies, nuts and fruits at Clarke & Walker's.

EARLY XMAS SHOPPING

We Suggest Some Practical Gifts Below

MEN'S Fancy Hose Supporters 25c	MEN'S Dress Kid Gloves \$2 \$1.75 \$1.50	LADIES' Silk, swiss and crepe dechine handkerchiefs, all prices 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c	LADIES' Fancy Collars and sets, lat- est things out 75c	FANCY Trimming buttons, all sizes 15c per card
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Ladies, Mens, Boys Misses and Children's Shoes

Men's Silk Half-Hose at 75c per pair	Ladies Kid Gloves \$1.15, \$1.40, \$1.60	Fancy Towel Sets \$1.10, 85c	Silks Fancy Shirtwaist Silk \$3.90 pattern	Silk Hose Ladies black 90c Boot Silk black 45c
New Ties For everybody, come see 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1	Golf Gloves For ladies, misses, children 25c and 35c per pair	Pappoose Baby Robes \$1.15	Taffeta Silk in black, green, navy, red \$1.40 per yard	Also Good Stock of hosiery for the baby and miss 8c to 27c per pair

Ladies' Silk Shirt Waists

Silk Sweater Coats : Silk Petticoats

Ladies and Misses Suits and Coats

New styles, new colors, at small profit

GET THE BOY A CHRISTMAS SUIT AT \$4.45

Mens Suits of National Class

THE KIRSCHBAUM MAKE

Young men's Sport Suits and Over Coats

Childrens and Misses Warm Sport Coats

Remember Everything is at a Cut Price

Until Saturday Night December 23rd

YOURS TO SHOW GOODS AND PLEASE

The Brown Dry Goods Co.