### CITY OFFICERS ELECTED

of Officers to be Installed

waged in Merke!, and as a result will be ever ready to give you the Citizens' Ticket has been el- the very best service consistent ected by a very substantial ma- with the financial condition of jority. The line-up was as fel-, the city.

Stallings, the former reing elect- forced, using my best judgment ed. For the unexpired term of to discriminate between the in-J. R. Toombs, resigned, H. L. tentional law-breaker and the Propst: for the full term, Dr. unintentional law-breaker. Armstrong, R. L. Bland, G. W. "Again thanking the people of Boyce and J. O. Hamilton, the Merkel for their liberal support two first named being elected and hearty co-operation for the for city marshal,, R. E. Counts, future, I am your obedient serand for city secretary, G. W. vant, Johnson,

The new officers will likely be installed the first Monday night in May, which will be the 7th. It might not be a bad idea to have a public installation and a word from those relieved of the res- of the preceeding Sunday, the reponsibilities of office, as well as from those assuming the responsibilities.

The election passed off, it seems, void of the developing of feeling, and the victors and vanquished seem to hold each other in the highest and most commendable terms.

At this time we can hardly make any material deductions from the result of the election. The old officers were conservative, were out of debt in city affairs, and claimed to use every dollar the taxes would provide for improvements.

to make more substantial im- people from Abilene assisted in Abilene, Tex. provements, but the methods the organization. A report will BREEDING NOTICE — I am 14 1-2 and 15 hands high. For sory education; they have time they fail to take into considerathey will develop remains to be be made by an organization comworked out. Something may be mittee, consisting of Mesdames in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they J. C. Hairston and R. L. Bland in evidence by the time they are all the time they a

citizens. They want a better city, clock. R. L. Bland is temporary more improvements, but it is not chairman. quite clear as to what they are willing to do to bring this about.

That the greatest degree of cordiality exists between the old the Abilene Christian Endeavor, kindly return at once. and new officers is manifest in the kindly spirit shown by the aspirants for the office of mayor, and which spirit should predominate our entire citizenship:

"I wish to take this opportunity to thank the people of Merker for the confidence they have imposed in me for the past three and one-half years. It has been my purpose at all times to work m. Clarence C. Hamilton of Bosfor the upbuilding of the city, ton, pepresenting the United and now as the responsibility is Society of Christian Endeavors, to be shouldered upon another The Christian Endeavor World citizen, it will still be my desire and "The Campaign for Millions" to co-operate with and help in will deliver the address of the be conducted by the deacons of not escaped the scourge of war. is to be shown by our law-mak- will still admit that we came carry out plans for the benefit of visitors will attend from Merkel Merkel and her beloved citizens, and surrounding country. I congratulate the new officers and hope that those who have so nobly supported me, will stand by them with the same devotion will be given at the Methodist at Warren Sunday at 11 a.m. and front, while the Turks are con- of all proportion as compared and love, helping them to bear church Sunday morning, begin- 8 p. m., and each night through tending for every inch of the with the price demanded for all the burdens of office as befits a ning at 8 o'clock: purposeful body in an honored Opening song-Sing It Ye Na-

Merkel for their unsolicited sup- Sterling Sheppard; Three min- Burroughs. This was purely a so- tine. Probably the Jews will zenship, to one of tenantry and port in the recent election. While ute talk-Bro. Humphrey; Ban- cial meeting, and for their enter-I have served for a period of four ner Song; Recitation -Wilna tainment a musical program was purpose they have been raising. years, often at great personal Smith; Song-I Saw a Little given by Mrs. H. L. Rudmose. sacrifice, I wish to state that the Birdie; Recitation-Ding a lingnew board has my fullest co-op- Katherine Abbott; Song-In the W. D. Hutcheson, R. A. Martin, doubtless need funds at the end chronic, everyday street corner eration and best wishes. It was Temple; Drill-Lilies for the T. A. Johnson, W.A. McSpadden, of the war, and it seems the oponly at the earnest solicitation Risen One; Easter offering; Song Lee Cox, Geo. Brown, Ben A. Walof a number of the most promi- Glad News of Easter; Sunsine ters, Robt. Hicks, R. M. Parker, chase. nent citizens of Merket that I drill; Quartette -Resurrection; C. Wright, H. L. Rudmose and consented to permit my name to The Cross of Flowers; Farewell the hostess.

"To the voters of Merkel:

"Having been elected to the office of mayor, I take this meth- famous lecture, "Bugs and Other Mrs. Lee Cox. od of thanking the voters for Things," at the Bapt st church, their support. We do not claim this city, next Tuesday night. DENTAL ANNOUNCEMENT, any honor whatever by our own President Sandifer of Simmons hands, but that of our friends, College says it is great. Every for all of which I am profoundly body is invited. grateful.

"It shall be my aim to look forward to "a greater Merkel," Baptist church quartette is exand for things that promote the pected to come with him. welfare of the citizenship, and to

Citizens' Ticket Wins-New Ser do this, I earnestly solicit the universal co-operation of each and every citizen. Give us your sup-The battle of ballots has been port and I assure you that we

4 "It shall be my further aim to For mayor, N. D. Cobb, J. J see that all ordinances are en-

N. D. Cobb."

#### CHURCH NEWS

Sunday School Report.

The Sunday School attendance last Sunday showed an increase sult being as follows:

	Attendance	Col.
Methodist	158	\$3.00
Baptist	89	2.75
Presbyterian	52	1.56
Christian	90	
Trent Methodi	st 91	

Many parties have expressed a delight that we have instituted this report system, and are eager with energy and enthusiasm.

Christian Endeavor Organizes

The new officers are expected day afternoon. A party of young Reeward. D. F. Blackburn, Rt.4, Sreet. Phone 245. take office, or shortly thereafter. and Miss Mamie Ellis. Mrs. Wil-There seems to be a kind of lie Scarborough will be leader restlessness apparant among our next Sunday evening at six o-

> The visitors were V.L. Shifley, Mr. Roney, Misses Ramsey, Vera they returned to Abilene.

### Rally at Abilene.

The young people will hold a rally at the First Christian church in Abilene, April 9 at 8 p.

### Easter program.

The following Easter program

position. J. J. Stallings, Mayor." tions; Scripture reading -Dr.

go on the bailot. G. W. Boyce. - Doroty Humphrey; Bell Song. Noted Lecturer Coming.

Dr. S. R. Cates will deliver his

Admission Free. Come out. The Abilene First

L. B. OWEN, Pastor.

### WAR CLOUDS HANGING LOW **UNCLE SAM MUSTERING MEN**

So low hang the war clouds that even now it is a question if we are not already engaged in this titantic world struggle. Even the matchless wisdom of diplomacy could not avert the struggle. The guns are loaded, the powder is dry and nearly every man in all the country is eagerly inquiring for the latest news, but is not satisfied with the published reports. It is not so much that the people are clamoring for war, but a grave realization of the inevita- for such discussion as will tend mometer registered 16 degrees bleThe government is planningfor a great force, and when the toward the betterment of condi-below zero. This as you will see hour comes, it will be realized that this beloved land of liberty tions in the rural community, was a little more than two years is not so desperately short on preparedness as some suppose.

All ads in this department will be 1 cent per word for each time

FOR SALE.-Work horses, mules PROTEST-Will be forced and mares, second hand planters and prosecute unless parties stop cultivators. M. Armstrong.

horses 2 fresh jersey milk cows; It is the best way anyhow. G.A. 2 one row cultivators. Arthur Lilly. Cranston, 2 miles east of Comt4Mar16

ble Hup.; day or night; prices 8 months and fairly good set of by the bombastic congregation the receiver. are reasonable; Phone 245, G.M. harness for \$50.00 or will trade of galoots who assemble from Now it begins to look as if I Patterson.

FOR SERVICE—At my barn, Bay draft stallion, black points, FOR SALE-Household goods Arthur Cranston. 23Mar.8tpd

blood red jersey boar at home of P. C. Jones, Merkel.

t2pd

standing my horse and jack at reward see Ira Armstrong. tlc to investigate the private life tion the fact that everything in care in breeding, but will not be responsible for accidents. I need and will appreciate your busi-Boyce Building.

trict, J. E. Hartley, president of dog belonging to Mrs. Rust will genuine Mebane Early Triumph. handed sons of toil, whose life he buys 'er back she comes at 6t2p J. E. Mason.

> FOR SALE—Cash or note, span good mare 5 yrs. old and year-

cotton seed at \$1.60 per bu. C. L. Route 3. Deutschman, Noodle. apr6t2pd

FOR SALE OR RENT-House close in; also some work mares, young stock, jersey caw and heifer. Mrs. Nannie Causseaux.6t1

The services at the Baptist HOLY LAND UNDER FIRE Everybody is welcome.

the week at 8 o'clock.

The King's Daughters Sunday "I wish to thank the voters of Williams; Welcome address- Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. H. C.

with sandwiches, cake and pick- Attendance Urged From Those les were served. The next meeting will be with

Refreshments of chocolate

Trent every Tuesday.

O.F.McMaster, Dentist. | pril 16, 4 o'clock p. m.

crossing fences in going to Cas-FOR SALE-2 by 4-year old the Peak. Take road by my house mar30t3pd

> Grimes Drug Store for Blackleg Vaccine.

FOR SALE-Pigs and shoats; to go into a double-up campaign BREEDER'S NOTICE - Full price right. C. K. Russell. t1

PRODUCE - We want your chickens; eggs, hides and butter. ed and most seriously concerned true, but these gentlemen forget The Cristian Endeavor at the LOST-2 fillies, about 3 yrs. old, Will pay highest market prices since the welfare of the dear that these times come only about Presbyterian church perfected black and sorrel. Sorrel has for same. Located in Boyce Bldg. temporary organization last Sun white feet and white spot in face next to Burton-Lingo, on Front

Texas.

tf Side, close in. S.F. Haynes, tf president of the Wichita Dis- LOST-Party who has Collie FOR SALE-Fine cotton seed,

price of shoes for \$2.65 should last dependent on the farmer, there was none going on on this read \$2.95 in J. P. Sharp's ad- and that prosperity for the far- earth at the time. vertisement and circular this mer means prosperity for all Now if Editor Jackson will exweek. - Editor.

every way within my power to evening. It is hoped that many the church. Let all the member- The British and Turks are grap- ing bodies that the dear old far- from the same place he did and ship show their appreciation of pling in fierce conflict on the soil mer might be the recipient of that both of us managed to keep their deacons by being present on which the Prince of Peace such gracious favor. This, how- out of jail while sojourneying in ish are rapidly advancing toward years past the old farmer has country. Rev. W. G. Cypert will preach Jerusalem from the Egyptian sold his products for a price out ground.

> Doubtless the Turkish Empire tim of organized wealth to such soon will end, and the people of extent that our country is being McMaster; Invocation - H. C. School class was entertained the world will be greatly inter- rapidly transformed from one of ested in the disposition of Pales- a home owning, lawabiding citipurchase the land, for which discontent, vast sums for many years. The portune time to make the pur-

### MASS MEETING CALLED

Interested In Public Schools City of Merkel

A mass-meting of all the patrons and friends of the Merkel sweat of the brow. The truth of Beginning on April the 10th, I Public School is called for Mon- the matter is we have been over will give a 20 per cent discount day, April 16, 4 p. m., at the the road and have just about got were burned in a big fire at Hillsfrom the regular prices on all Methodist church. Men, women the nerve to go right up against boro on March 29. The loss was Dental work, done in my Merkel and children are urged to be any old proposition. office, during the months of April present. This is your meeting and May-terms cash. I am in your school and your children.Do people have inquired as to who forts of the firemen in checking not forget the date, Monday, A- we are, where we came from, how the flames. The Hillsboro Com-

# SQUARE DEAL FOR THE FARMERS

which the writer is more inter- West Texas from grand old Tarested than another it is the wel- rant county, landing in the little fare of the man who tills the soil, town of Roscoe November 20th, and I am glad to know that our 1914. Talk about depleted cofhome paper, The Merkel Mail, is fers, but at that time the dark is numbered among the great a-clouds of despair hung heavily agencies now open to the farmers bout us and our financial therconcerning the compulsory ago and notwithstanding the dry school law I did not know that weather we are still proclaiming so many were just bubbling over West Texas as the greatest this line, but as a newspaper cor- Now we will not state at this respondent I have invariably time as to just what we have found that the trouble of one is done in these two years, but the trouble of many, and that have made some improvement complaint on the part of a few over the old-chronic growler who often kindles into a conflagra- testified that he landed in a certion of protests from the many, tain town about 40 years ago. Whether good or bad the writer with the old woman and 30 cents is not much in favor of laws that and that by good management create distrust among the people and strict attention to business thousand and one things needing old woman, but the 30 cents had SERVICE CAR-The old relia- FOR SALE-A \$110 buggy used attention are absolutely ignored long since gone into the hands of for good cow. See buggy at Kent time to time under the great had started in to tell it all this Street wagon yard. J.W.Powell. capitol dome at Austin and time, but I haven't, and in conwhose prolonged conduct of un-clusion, and by way of getting 5 yrs. old, weight 1600 pounds. at the home of J. W. Daniel.6t2p. that the word has should be respects to the fellow who loudly comeliness leads us to believe back to the subject, will pay my prefixed to what is commonly insists that the farmer is getknown as the legislative body of ting such a glorious good price Texas. No doubt these progres- for all he has to sell. This at the sive gentlemen are deeply touch- present time is comparatively people is entrusted in this gra- once in 10 years and that even cious and outstretched hand, then it is always the case that They have timeto give us such while the prices are so high the LOST-Span brown mare mules progressive measures as compul- farmer has little to sell. Also and affairs of every real man the way of farm products have tically new two-speed twin mo- the body; they have time to commodities insofar as the price torcycle. Riley Horton, Noodle, wrangle and pull hair over sub- is concerned. Some folks have mission and a thousand other never yet taken into consideraness. G. R. Gazzaway, office in FOR RENT-House on South ings not excutated to meet an tion the fact that the farmer energency, but you just be sells his products at so many some old grizzly veteran take the cents per pound, or so many restrum in behalf of the horny cents per bushel, and that when apr6t2pd blood today is being drawn by the very low figure of \$5.00 per FOR SALE-Well improved 60- the mighty monitors of organiz- hundred, \$7.00 per pair, \$20.00 ter the organization this party young mare mules, gentle horse, acre farm 1 1-2 miles south of ed wealth, and there is absolute- to \$30.00 per suit, etc. For exam-Merkel, elevated tank, piped, ly nothing doing, except a possi- ple the writer once sold 400 lbs. rious Merkel friends, after which ling colt. Ira Armstrong. 6t2p hydrants, in good condition, on ble appropriation for the fur- of fine juicy red meated water R. F. D. route. \$45.00 an acre; ther enlargement of insane asy-melons and with the proceeds FOR SALE-Mebane Triumph good terms. Chas. Orr, Merkel, lums or something of that kind. bought three pounds of coffee. 6t2p It is a dull mind indeed that can Of course this may have been not conceive of the fact that the due to some war among the in-Through typographical error welfare of thewhole people is at habitants of the planets, but concerned. Such being true we cuse the length of this epistle might reasonably expect all men and publish same to a long suffer to be aligned in behalf of the far- ing public, we will not only promchurch next Sunday night will Today even the Holy Land has mer, and that if any partiality ise to do better in the future, but walked while on earth. The Brit- ever is not the case. For many that progressive and up-to-date he buys, and today he is the vic-

> No sir Bob, the writer is not a pessimist, and to us there is no-Those present were Mesdames nation that holds this land will thing more detestable than the growler, but the truth must be told, and lest we forget, there is a benighted, down-trodden people just across the Rio Grande to whose feeble appeals the lordly aristocrats long since replied, "The people be damned."

No sir, brother Jasper, the writer is not a pessimist and he is not expecting much in this world but that comes by the

long we are going to stay, etc., press was a total loss.

If there is any one thing in will just say that we came to speak their sentiments along country this side Novia Scotia. and more especially when a he was still in possession of the

W. H. Clark.

### OVERLAND PARADE

The Overland house here pulled off a unique stunt last Saturday ofternoon, in the nature of a parade. Every Overland in Merkel at the time was drafted into service, there being about 26 in line, and they "took in the city." They not only traversed the business district, but the residence section as well.

Among the new buyers of the Overland cars are T.N.Roberson, Model 90; T. H. Spears, Model 85-4; S. F. Provine, Model 90; E. W. Turner, Model 85-4. All tese new cars were in the parade.

When the parade returned to the Overland place of business a picture was taken of the line-up.

### Big Hillsboro Fire.

About 3000 bales of cotton about \$400,000. Inadequate fire Because of the fact that some protection handicapped the efStatement of Condition

# Farmers State

At Close of Business March 5, 1917

### RESOURCES

Cash and Exchange	87,275.43
Interest in Gty. Fund	2,717.44
Furniture and Fixtures	3,950.00
Other Real Estate	2,500.00
Banking House	
Loans\$	

#### LIABILITIES

Total \$361,188,43

TILEM BULLET	
Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Proffts	
Deposits	284,246.40
Certificate of deposit	for
Total	\$361,188.43

The above statement is correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

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exas as second class mail matter.

the first day, but everybody is ey and influence. expected to turn out Friday af-

A military commander in Mexico has issued a decree that liquor sellers will be put to death ed. without trial. Doubtless this will be a very effective prohibition movement. However, not much better than this country, for here the man who drinks adopts a slow method of suicide, the blasted topers.

as well start something like the to popularity or wealth. following news item indicates:

on one year notes, bearing 8 per work for the good of all. cent interest.

relative to the distance of the great deal of intrest is being taksun from the earth at different en in the servics. Every one is periods of the year, we beg to ad- urged to hear Mr. Beck while vise in June the sun is about he is here. His topic for Friday 94,346,280 miles away from the night will be "The Finished sun, while in December the earth Life," Saturday night"The Wonis about 91,233,720 miles away, derful Death," Sunday morning therefore placing the earth near- "A Dead Christ or a Risen Sav-

#### AVOID CLASS CRITICISM

It has been said that in Merkel there is a clique of prominent citizens. No names are mentioned and so far we have not been able to fathom the matter. It is said that the streets on which these citizens reside are improv-Entered at the postoffice at Merkel ed in modern fashion by our officials, whereas other streets do not receive the attention that The Clean-up Campaign is on should be given them. The inn earnest. A number of things ference is that a little preference transpired to keep many away is shown to those who have mon-

The contentions may be true in whole or in part, or they may The effects of a campaign of be entirely untrue from the this kind does not stop with the standpoint of purpose, but in any public demonstration, but its in- event we know that not enough fluence is felt in every household. money is being spent on our streets, and that the report of the treasurer is to the effect that our street funds are limit-

We dislike to see a class question arise in a splendid city like this and shall use our influence to keep it down. We believe that the most traveled streets should be the best improved, but if our and yet we can not get rid of all neighbor, who is similarly located as we are, can not have the municipal benefits of this kind that is accorded us, then please Why not a pig club for the pass us by also. We believe in great Merkel Country? We just serving all alike without regard

Our citizenship must co-oper-Sherman, Texas, March 29- ate for our own public and pri-E. P. Williams, cashier of the vate good. To be loyal to Mer-Continental State Bank at Van kel we must be loyal to each oth-Alstyne, announces that he will er, recognizing the rights of the finance the buying of fifty brood very meanest individuals as well sows for as many Van Alstyne as those of high estate. Let us boys. The sows will be bought abandon a critical attitude, if we in lot and sold at purchase price be in such a state of mind, and

The enlistment campaign at the Presbyterian church closes In a recent inquiry to the Mail with the Sabbath services. A er the sun in winter than in sum- ior-Which?" and Sunday evening "Glorying in the Cross."

STATEMENT OF THE

### Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business Monday March 5, 1917

#### RESOURCES

Loans	\$227,230.17
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 EXCHANGE	191,764.13
Total	\$440.556.80

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	
Circulation	
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
DEPOSITS	370,865.36
Total	\$440,556.80

I hereby certify that the foregoing statement is correct.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.

Mrs. L.D.Gaither of San Antonio is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Cranford.

Mrs. T. R. Alexander of Plainview visited her son, W. N. Farris of Compere the past week.

John Popham of Blair has just sold his farm at that place and likely will locate near Merkel.

Can Cull your cotton seed for planting purposes. Machine is located in feed store of Boyce Building. G. R. Gazzaway. 16t4

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scott of Abilene were in Merkel Monday. While the former attended to busines matters, Mrs. Scott was a guest of Dr. and Mrs. P. G.Penn.

E. W. Strickland of Lubbock is visiting relatives in Merkel. Mr. Strickland formerly lived here, moving away the latter part of last December.

Mrs. A. L. Jobe returned last Monday from an extended visit to her children at Lubbock and Spur. She has been away about two months.

W. M. Jenkins, representing The Southern Molasses Company, New Orleans, and who formerly lived here, was a visitor in the city the past week.

Edgar Wheeler of Plainview, who formerly lived here, was a visitor in the city the past week. He came to have his stock shipped to his new home.

Last Sunday Rev. L. B. Owens and Messrs. Howard, Brown, Wheeler and Jackson, attended an ordination of deacon service at the Baptist church at Compere. W. N. Farris was ordained The sermon was preached by Rev. Owens. Those assisting were Rev. Dawson, pastor, Rev. Horn and others. There was a large attendance.

We were particularly impressed with the splendid cordiality of the people in that beautiful section of the country. The services were of a deep devotional nature, highly enjoyed by those

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The Brown Dry Goods Co.

D. J. Gardner of Stith was in Merkel Tuesday on business.

Prompt service always rendered by Sublett, the jeweler, at the Merkel Drug Co. 16tf

Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Largent are in Dallas where they went for the former to have an operation for the removal of the tonsils.

If you have not seen the scholastic census trustee, see me at once and enroll your children for next year. Roy B. Mefford.

Little Elizabeth Harkrider has been seriously ill with pneumonia for the past week, but her condition is given out as being as good as could be expected.

Bring your eggs to A. L. Jobe, Kent St. 23Mar2t

Mrs. R. I. Grimes and little daughter of Sylvester are visiting this week the family of T.L. Grimes.

If you haven't rendered your children for next year's scholastic census, see Mr. Parker or Mr. Mefford by April 10 at latest.

Mrs. Swann, Miss Walie and Lewis Swann and Misses Sadie and Annie Collins attended the special services in Abilene last Sunday afternoon.

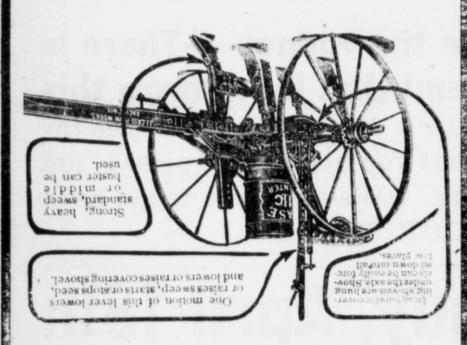
J. A. Patterson has moved into the Tipton house, a few blocks farther south than where he formerly lived.

Rev. D.J. Dodd of Abilene, formerly of Merkel, visited in the city the past week. He stated he would soon leave for a trip to McAlester, Ok., and will go from there to his old home in Alabama Georgia and Louisiana, returning after a sojourn of many months.

Professor Young Hung Around and witnessed the defeat of his baseball boys, of the Kale community, by Clod Hoppers, last Friday afternoon in a hotly contested game, the result being 6 to 7. The two clubs will play again next Friday after-A Clod Hopper.

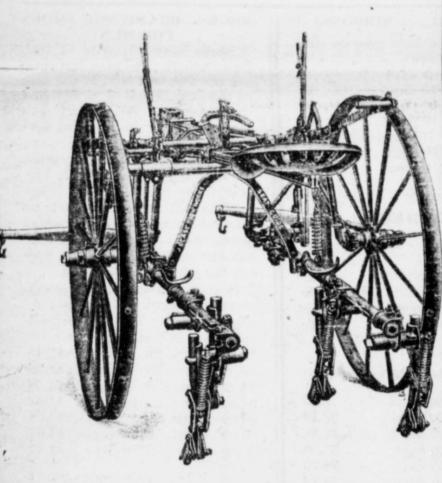
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LADIES: LET US SUPPLY YOUR NEW SPRING OUTFIT. GENTLEMEN: BUY YOUR SPRING CLOTHES FROM US.

A UNIQUE TOUCH THAT GIVES "DISTINCTION" TO OUR MERCHANDISE IS THE MARK OUR BUYERS AIMED AT AND HIT WHEN THEY CHOSE THE LINE OF READY-TO-WEAR GARMENTS WE OFFER THIS WEEK.

SELECT YOUR SPRING SUIT NOW AND GET A FULL SEASON'S WEAR. THIS IS ECONOMY. WE CARRY MANY EXCLUSIVE STYLES OF GOODS YOU CANNOT FIND IN OTHER STORES. OUR SUITS HAVEN'T THE READY-MADE LOOK.

Some Extra Ordinary Values in Low Cuts for Men, Women and Children. The price cut to the bottom. We are going to dispose of this lot at some price. A look will convince you

Some new things in ladies skirts, middies and underwear. Some exceptionally good values in lace - curtains laces and embroideries

### SATURDAY SPECIALS

그런 그들이 그 그 나는 이 아이들이 얼마나 아이들이 되었다. 이 사람은 이 사람들이 되었다. 그는 이 사람들이 되었다면 되었다. 그는 사람들이 아이들이 어떻게 되었다는 것은 사람들이 되었다.	pkgs. cocoanut	3 cans chile con carne
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### THE STAR STORE

Many new additions in our men's department. A new lot of men's work and dress pants. See our new spring hats, ties, shirts, collars and underwear. We are leaders in men's toggery.

#### SHILOH

Bud Brown attended the funeral fishing trip last week. Owen, of near Anson, Friday.

tended the show at Merkel Fri- creek.

Messrs. Hugh Grayson and the canyon Sunday. Robt. Conder have purchased A. Lilly. new cars the past week.

Clyde Williams, who has spent three months here with his aunt, Mrs. W. B. Beavers, and family, eft for other points.

Mr.ana Mrs. Jennings Winter, Miss Essie Hail and brother Melvin, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wheatly near Sweetwater creek

Marvin' James and wife and Misses Lyda and Nina Beavers spent Sunday with Robt. Conder

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Woods visited friends near Merkel Sun-

Chas. Seago and wife visited relatives at Anson Sunday. Bud Brown and children and

Archie McCright and family spent Saturday in Anson. Miss Gladys Reeves spent Sun

day with friends at Newman. Ernest McCright is suffering from an attack of appendicitis.

Volney Callahan, wife and baby spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Dyess and wife of Mer-

Will Barnes and family spent a few days last week with Roger Grayson and family.

Mr. Franklin of Ballinger is here on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Will McDonald.

returned from their trip to the

Roger Grayson and family spent Monday night with Floyd Barnes and wife of the Golan community.

### CASTLE PEAK

The people of this community are enjoying good health. They are taking the blues for want of rain.

The women are out with their baby chicks every morning like the old shepherds used to watch over their flocks of sheep.

A large number of people in this section attended the show in Merkel last week.

From the looks of hings Saturday night the people were expecting to find the face of this part of the country washed off by a good rain, but when they got up Sunday morning the wind and sand was still blowing., so it was a pretty good April fool.

pent Sunday with ner father, G. visited in Abilene Saturday.

R. L. Dean visited relatives in

Mr. andMrs. A. H .Barnes, Mr. ter the past week.

and Mrs. Almer Barnes, Mr. and E. L . Woodroof and family Mrs.R.E.Davis and Mr. and Mrs. left last Saturday morning for a dangered by fire Thursday after-Shiloh, April 3-Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Barnes all enjoyed a good short visit to Wichita Falls and noon a week ago. For a while of the former's sister, Mrs. Mary Roy Baccus, Murray Farmer and go to Mineral Wells where they ment. The fire started in a room Denzel Cox made a fisning trip will remain about three weeks. unoccupied at the time. The part of April.

Mesdames W. Parden and I.S. Allen and children visited W. C. Calvert and family at Sweetwa-

### Program for Week of April 9-14 COZY THEATRE

Monday April 9th Universal Program 5 and 10c

Tuesday, April 10th 5-Part Vitagraph Feature and Frank Daniels Comedy 10 and 20c

Wednesday, April 11th Iniversal Program 5 and 10c

Thursday, April 12th "Lass of The Lumberlands" - Chapter 10 Matinee and Night 5 and 10c

> Friday, April 13th "The Little Girl next Door" Matinee and nite Admission 25e Children under 16 not admitted

Saturday, April 14th 5-Part Vitagraph Feature Two 1-Part Comedies 10 and 20c (Matinee 3 to 5:30-Universal Program 5-10e)

April 16th and 17th COMING

Terrell Winters and sons have The Standing of Contestants on

April	-2-19	11
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14	2,950	
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19	2,000	
20	177,560	7
21	5,145	
22	24,380	
23	5,510 .	
. F. WI	EST COMP.	ANY

In view of the fact that I have Merkel on business Saturday. never charged the prices that A. J. LLoyd of Terry county is the good people of Merkel have visiting his father, Isaac Lloyd been paying for dentistry, and al- of the Newman neighborhood in so appreciating the fact that ev- Fisher county. Mr. Lloyd just ery thing else is high, I will main- moved to Terry county about a tain my old prices, which are month ago. much lower than you have been accustomed to paying-so when in need of dental work, call and see me.

Dr. C. J. Sherrill Over Farmers State Bank. 6t3c Sheaham, Mrs. V.

.Rheumatism, lumbago and all kindred .troubles .yield to massage reatment and get perma- H. G. Williams, Postmaster, Mernently .well. . Try .it for .any kel, Texas. chronic trouble that has failed to Raising Funds For Parsonage. yield .to other .forms of .treatment.. Dr. J. T. Pue, Scientific Massage, Spinal adjustment and Turkish .and .Russian .Baths. Phone 49

CLEAN — CLEAN

Mesdames Dr. Armstrong and will clean your rugs for 25c each, house, he stated while in Merkel Cobb and Hale, and Misses Lola piano 50c, curtains 3 pr. 25c,por- last Saturday. Knox Hunter of Mrs. M. B. Henslee of Clyde Armstrong and Maurine Cobb tiers 15c each. Phone 215 Merkel did the work. Warren McSpadden.

The Commercial Hotel was en-Bellevue, after which they will there was considerable excite-Several parties from here at- the last of the week on Elm They intend to return the latter furnishings of the room were practically ruined, and the room below was damaged from water. The fire was extinguished before the fire truck arrived.

> Ben T. Merritt, who was associated for about seven years with the Farmers & Mercants National Bank of Merkel, has accepted a position with the Hall County National Bank at Memphis, Texas. Ben is a very competent young man, known far and wide for his ability. His friends rejoice to know or his success.

Soe parties in Merkel visited Abilene recently in search of cheaper prices on fine dress goods, but returned and bought their goods in Merkel, more substantial evidence that better bargains are offered here than anywhere else in all this country.

F. E. Whartenberry of Route 5, visited the Mail office a few days ago. He says that some planting has been done in his section, but that most of the people are waiting for rain.

Mr. and Mrs.Cogburn have returned from Ada, Ok., to Merkel, having been away from here a-bout six months.

T. W. Neill of the northeastern part of Nolan county was in

Advertised Letters. Edmundson, D. L. Ely. Etha.

Ellis, Wiley. Williams, Mrs. B.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on April 18,

The Baptist congregation has raised over \$300 to be utilized in making needed repairs and additions to the parsonage. Work will start at once.

E. F. Vantreese of Hawley has With an electric cleaner. I just finished papering his new

Attention -- Stop -- Look -- Listen -- Read -- Heed -- Take Notice

# The Unrestricted Demands of Necessity

Compels us to raise \$5,000 at once---We must raise the money---There is only one way known to our mind to get the money and that is to throw this great stock of merchandise on the market and slaughter it. Value is no consideration--see the goods. Come with the crowds, then, if the price is a bargain, buy what you need; if the price is not a bargain don't buy. This is the best opportunity you will ever have. We warn you to get here. That's the story, you are the sole judges. GET YOUR SHARE

# Saturday, April 7th, to Wednesdy, April 18th

### YOU ARE STANDING AT THE PORTALS OF GREAT AND WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES

### Overalls Slaughtered

GET HERE

Men's overalls, Mogul, blue Denim overalls, full cut, well made, positively and absolutely worth \$1.25. Slaughter Sale— GET YOUR SIZE QUICK—during this period for only

98c

### Ladies' Slippers

LOOK AND LISTEN
Shoe leather as gone sky-high
Here is an opportunity seldom
met with. This lot contains many
styles and lasts tat are good.
Nearly all sizes in the lot. Postively worth up to \$3.00. Your
unrestricted choice

98c

### Ladies' Black Hose

SPECIAL LOT

One lot ladies' black hose, absolutely the best 35c seller on the market. You can purchase ONLY SIX PAIRS DURING THIS SALE TO EACH CUSTOMER at te astonishing price of

21c Pair

### Shoe Prices Slaughtered

MEN LOOK!—HERE'S A RED-HOT CHANCE

1 lot men's finest \$5.00 and \$6.00 patent leather dress shoes, many styles and many lasts, full assortment of sizes, while they last, pick your choice for only

\$2.95

### Men's New Suits Slaughtered

You have never been offered such sterling value. These suits are the supremest efforts of

America's foremost tailors. For 10 days you can take your choice for small price \$9.98 to

\$14.48

#### MEN'S ODD PANTS 31.15 values for 10 days . . .

\$1.15	values	for	10	days	 950
\$1.50	values,	for	10	days	.\$1.25
\$2.00	values,	for	10	days	. \$1.48
\$2.50	values,	for	10	days	. \$1.95
	values,				\$2.89
	values,				\$3.39
	values.				 \$3.98

#### HOSIERY FOR LADIES AND CHILDREN

#### SHOES FOR WOMEN, MISSES AND CHILDREN

Your wants must be filled

### DRESS GOODS

We can not give you detailed description of every line, all we can do is to give you a scedule of prices that applies to all classes. This department will not be favored in any way. Like everything else in the store it will be cut to the limit:

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25c v	values,	now.						18
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### NOTIONS! NOTIONS!

Elastic, the yard
Thimbles, each3c
Men's hose supporters19c
Bachelor buttons, box3c
Seam braid1c
San silk, the spool4c
Horn hair pins and barrettes,
worth 25c, for9c
Shoe strings4c
Towels, worth 15c, for9c
Ladies' handkerchiefs, worth 5c,
now only4c
Men's black and tan hose, sale
price only regular 35c22c
Ribbons worth 25c, now14c
Laces and embroideries, worth
up to 10c, price3e

BLEACHING Regular 15c advertiser 4-4

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### Shoes

SHOE SPECIAL

### SHOE SPECIALS

One lot ladies shoes worth up to \$3.00 to go at choice 98c

### BLOUSES

MIDDY BLOUSES

	MIDDY BLOUSE	S
75	middies regular	.55
100	middies regular	.85
125	middies regular	.93
150	midies regular	\$1.23
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## Ladies

Wash Skirts

100	regular,	sale	price	83	
125	regular	sale	price	98	
150	regular.	sale	price	\$1.23	

### RIBBONS! RIBBONS!

Here is the best ever had to save:	cł	12	11	10	ce	9	you
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5c ribbons, 10 days							. 3c
10c ribbons, 10 days							.6c
15c ribbons, 10 days							.9c
20c ribbons, 10 days							13c
25c ribbons, 10 days							
35c ribbons, 10 days							
50c ribbons, 10 days							

### GINGHAMS

BOYS	s sui	TS!	BOYS	SUITS
	wash			2.35

\$3.50	suits,	10	days				\$2.19
\$4.25	suits,	10	days				\$2.98
	suits,						
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### LADIES' SLIPPERS

Look and Listen

Shoe leather has gone skyhigh. Here is an opportunity seldom met with. This lot contains many styles and lasts that are god. Nearly all sizes in the lot. Positively worth up to \$2.50. Your unrestricted choice.

### SHOES—BRAND NEW SHOES

FOR MEN Shoes have advanced to such an extent that no man can foresee the top, and now, in the face of this, the people of Merkel and the adjoining territory will have a chance to save on shoes as never before. Some shoe dealers are predicting a \$15.00 a pair price for nice, dress shoes within the year. You may use your judgment in this, but our advice is to take advantage of these special prices NOW-there is every reason why you should buy now, and not one why you should not.

Here is the schedule of prices on regular stock and does not include "special lots" advertised elsewhere in this poster:

\$3.00	values,	for	10	days	. \$2.48
\$3.50	values,	for	10	days	.\$2.98
	values,				. \$3.39
\$4.50	values,	for	10	days	. \$3.89
\$5.00	values,	for	10	days	. \$3.98
\$5.50	values,	for	10	days	.\$4.69
	values,				.\$4.87

### MEN'S SUITS

Our regular \$14.00 suits to go in this great sale at . . . . \$9.98 Regular \$15.00 suits to go at only . . . . . \$10.98 \$16.00 value . . . . \$11.98 \$18.50 value . . . . \$14.48

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75c g	loves to	g	o at	t.				610
\$1.00	gloves	to	go	at				850
\$1.25	gloves	to	go	at				980

### MEN'S HATS

### CORSETS 39c

### THIS ACTION POSITIVE

No excuses are available, nothing but the cash will count. What more can be said? See with your own eyes, that's all.

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No excuses are available, nothing but the cash will count. What more can be said? See with your own eyes, that's all.

### EMBROIDERIES!

This Sale Begins

April 7

J.P. SHARP

MERKEL, TEXAS

This Sale Ends

April 18

### CLEAN UP

### Clean · Up Time for the House-Keeper is Here

- Now while the Springtime Spirit makes it easy to put everything in "apple-pie order" look around the room and see where a new window shade or rug will add to the appearance.
- You'll likely want to trade some of your old furniture for new.
- We have everything you'll want for house cleaning---Furniture Polish, O-Cedar Mops.
- Yes, we can rent you curtain stretchers for drying lace curtains at 15c per day.

Phone "Mack" your wants

### PAINT UP

### Swing into Line with the Spirit of Springtime--- Take a Tip From Old Mother Nature

- Maybe your house would look better with a coat of paint; or possibly the fence, outbuildings or screens seem a little dingy in the bright spring sunshine.
- How about your floors? Are they showing heel-marks? And has some of the furniture been scratched up?
- Painting or varnishing will not only beautify it, it will make the wood last so much longer that it's actually cheaper to paint than not. Paint fills the cracks and holes where germs lurk, and makes it sanitary. Spring calls for PAINT. Heed the call of Spring!

### The Best Place to Buy Paint

We have all kinds of paints, varnishes, brushes, linseed oil and turpentine at the most reasonable prices. Drop in and look them over.



### Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company

Furniture and Undertaking



### FRUITS IN SEASON

Fresh Every Day

### Bread, Cakes and Candies

No Better Made

Cleanliness our Motto-Come see our Plant Carelessness in Preparation Prohibited

Ours is a home enterprise. We pride ourselves on being able to render first-class service. We thank you for your orders.

### The Merkel Bakery

Opposite Postoffice N. HANCOCK, Prop.

### THE 1917 BIG BULL

### Has 3 Big New Features

In Addition to Numerous Refinements in Construction

THE CLAPPER KEROSENE VAPORIZER which, we believe, excels in economy, efficiency and ease of operation any kerosene device on ed The Merkel Mail by the busi- noon. the market. It converts the liquid kerosene into a gas or vapor ness men of Merkel, which is Knox Hunter of Merkel has before it enters the combustion chamber, and when ignited causes highly creditable to the mer-been papering Ed Vantreese's perfect combustion, leaving no kerosene to work past the piston chants and complimentary to house the past wek. rings into crank case. It enables the Big Bull Motor to produce as The Merkel Mail. much power from a gallon of kerosene as from a gallon of gasoline -without fouling or over-heating your motor or destroying its Reagan and others attended the Mrs. Charlie Walker of Hod-

POWER ON THE LAND WHEEL in addition to the BIG BULL subsoiling wheel in the furrow. This feature and the large motor (12-24 h.p.) makes the Big Bull a practical 3-plow Tractor.

POSITIVE CIRCULATING OILING SYSTEM Oils connecting rod where he met and mingled with rings through hollow crank shaft, insures positive lubrication, old friends of former years, with no attention except to keep oil reservoir filled. A big saving where he was reared, and no man in oil consumption.

Come in and let's have a talk with you about the 1917 Big er than Lee Williams, even from Bull. If you wish, we'll refer you to Bull Tractor owners right here in this community who will prove to you any claim we make. Call and see our demonstration work.

### D. C. HERRING, Agent NOODLE, TEXAS

### "JUNIUS" . AND . WEATHER

the west. The dry weather is had a good chance. getting entirely too serious for We are needing rain in this motto is "Nil desperandum," oats are holding up well, despite then let's hope to do our duty the dry weather. and rain will come in due time.

ored than Col. Wheeler, a man game at Anson. noted far and wide for his Christian piety and unswerving hon- went to Merkel Saturday. ous men we have ever met. Uni- Hodges this week. versal regret is expressed at We understand that some of

fine new auto. We opine that their names. some sweet, coy damsel will be Miss Leona Vantreese, who forced to say yes, or no, soon. has been visiting her uncle, J. T.

kel is rusticating at the palatial at Waxahachie Saturday. home of Capt. J. H. and Mrs. We still have a few cases of Grayson this week.

Master Clifford Eoff of Noodle Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vantreese Clarence and wife.

in Anson this week to assist in Hawley Thursday. dividing the estate they are interested in.

attended the singing at Anson week writing insurance. Sunday, and dined at the lovely Walter Vantreese this week home of Hon. S. C. Jones. An gave all the boys on his road a Epicurian feast was spread, to good job doing road grading. Mr. and Mrs. E.S. Eason were al- good job, for we will all have auso guests at this hospitable tomobiles some of these days.

ure the liberal patronage extend- of E. F. Vantreese Friday after-

singing at Anson Sunday and re- ges visited her daughter, Mrs. port a most excellent time.

Judge Lee Williams of Noodle was a delegate to the Woodman meeting at Waco last week, \$2.00 Per Day - Meals .50 cents in McLennon county stood higha boy, and later as a man.

Capt. J. R. McMillan visited friends and relatives at Abilene Monday.

If you haven't rendered your children for next year's scholas-Mefford by April 10 at latest.

#### SAND BURR

Trent, Route 2-Another ef- Hawley, April 1-April has fort at raining Saturday night come and fooled us all again, beresulted in a terrific wind from cause it did not rain when we

idle levity or flippant jest. Our part of the country. Wheat and

Our Sand Burr girls basket Col W. F. Wheeler and his son, ball team won another game. Ulric, have just returned from a They played Hamlin Saturday at prospecting tour of West Texas Anson for the county championand New Mexico. They purchas- ship. The game was a tight one ed land at Tulia and will move from start to finish, the score bethere thisweek. Col. Wheeler has ing 15 to 16 in favor of Sand been a resident of our section for Burr. Hurah for our Sand Burr several decades, and there is not girls! They have not been dea man in the country that is feated this season. Several parmore universally loved and hon- ties from here attended the

E. F. Vantreese and family

or. And his son, Ulric, is one of Jim Mayes has been hauling the best, noblest and most gener- up a supply of cord wood from

our neighbor's boys have enlist-Hugh Grayson now sports a ed in the navy, but did not learn

Capt. S. B. Mayberry of Mer- Vantreese, returned to her home

measles.

spent Sunday with his brother, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ford of Stith last Sunday. Rev. Chas. Seago and wife are Bill McCaleb had business in

Hal Burton of Hawley was in our community one day last Edgar Grayson, Homer Her- week looking for some cattle.

ring of Noodle, and Misses Mable | Marsh Hart and a Mr. Scott of Goode, Elma Bickwell and others Abilene was in our midst last

which they all did ample justice Come on boys and let us do a

Mrs. Samantha Burton, south We note with extreme pleas- of Stith, was a caller at the home

Clyde Jones and wife attended Messrs. W. T. Walker, R. A. church at Stith Sunday.

Edgar Jones, one day last week.

We appreciate the patronage given us, and only increased our rates in keeping with the constantly advancing high cost of living.

THE COLLINS HOUSE

Mrs. W. B. Bigham of Merkel visited the Abilene Christian College Sunday.

Pure red top sorghum seed, tic census, see Mr. Parker or Mr. free from Johnson grass, at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

### Save One-Third of Your Clothes Money

This you can do, and also dress in the height of fashion, simply by allowing us to take your measure for

#### Rose & Company Custom Tailored Clothes

Let us demonstrate the satisfaction of having your garments made to your order by a concern where Service, Quality, Fin Needlework, Style and Fit, are something more than a promise. We guarantee to please you perfectly. Come in and see us.



### SHARP &

Tailors Who Please

Phone 184 Phone 184



Fresh Shipment Just Received

G. F. WEST COMPANY

SUITS SUITS

MEN'S TAILOR-MADE SUITS AT

\$12.50 and up

THE IDEAL TAILOR SHOP

F. E. CHURCH, PROPRIETOR

# Parten's Great Under-Price Sale of New Spring Goods



A GOOD STROKE

Of business, that we were fortunate enough to "SWING" at a recent date, has enabled us to surprise the PURCHASING PUB-LIC by offering the MOST STUPENDOUS VALUES in all lines. Through this EXCELLENT STROKE of business we hope to SWING a big part of your TRADE into LINE and also maintain our reputation as LEADERS in VALUE GIVING.





#### LADIES COLLARS

LADIES COLLARO														
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1 lot	\$1.75	value									\$	1	.5	0
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1	lot	75c v	value		50c	1	lot	\$2.00	value	\$ 1.75
1	lot	75c v	alue	************	49c	1	lot	\$1.75	value	\$ 1.50



### MILLINERY SPECIAL

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	lot	\$4.50	value								\$3.75
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	lot	\$3.00	value								\$2.50

### 1 lot \$2.50 value .....\$2.00 .......\$1.75 lot \$2.00 value .......\$1.75

### EXTRA SPECIALS

	LIVIT	A DI I	CIAL	400		
Work	Shirts	65c v	alue .			. 490
Work	Shirts	\$1.00	value			.890
Sport	Shirts	\$1.00	value			. 690
Dress	Shirts	\$1.25	value			.980
1 lot o	f good	hose f	or me	n		
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While tney last .... 48c

1 lot of men's union suits

		NI	ECK V	V	E	A	1	R			
65c	ties	for	only .								.45c
35c	ties	for	only								.23c

Men's Balbrigan under shirts and slips 23 cents each.

		Work	Pant	s fo	1'	Me	en	
1	let	\$3.00	value					\$2.2
1	lot	khaki	\$2.00	vale	ie			\$1.5
1	s'	grade	overa	lls .				\$1.19



### DRESS GOODS

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Fan	ey Sti	ipes a	nd	P	lai	d	Silks	3.
1 lot	\$2.50	value		٠,			. \$1.	8
1 lot	\$2.00	value					\$1.	45
1 lot	\$1.75	value			. ,		\$1.	25



#### LADIES WAISTS

Crepe de (	Chine an	d Tub	Silks.
1 lot \$3.50	values .		\$2.98
1 lot \$3.00	values .		\$2.45

#### Fancy Strine Suitin

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#### 1 lot s 1 lot 1 lot I 1 lot Big Bear ......\$2.45 1 lot Big Bear ......\$2.39 1 lot of novelty shapes spec \$1.95

### MEN'S PANTS

Dress	pants	lot	\$6.00	value	\$4.98	
Dress	pants	lot	\$5.00	value	\$3.75	
Dress	pants	lot	\$4.50		\$3.48	
Dress	pants	lot	\$3.50		\$2.95	
Dress	pants	lot	\$3.00	value	\$2.45	

### STAPLES

Best 9-1 sheetin	g only 33c
Best Grade of G	inghams 111/2c
Best Grade Perc	
Table Damask	\$2.00-\$1.65
Table Damask	81.75-81.35
Table Damask	.5033

#### MEN AND BOYS SUITS

Men's all wool serge suits \$13.85 Men's all worsted suits .. 11.98 Boys' Suits

1 lot of Boys' Suits are now going at .....\$2.95 Boys' all wool serge ..... \$5.45

SPOT CASH One Price to All .

# Parten Dry Goods Company

SPOT CASH One Price to All



Miss Evelyn Williams, Editor

### Latham-Calvert Wedding

Sunday evening, April 1, at the Methodist parsonage, Miss Lizzie Calvert of this place was married to Fred H. Latham of

Present for the quiet ceremobride's family and Jno. R. Morgan, who had accompanied the groom from Abilene.

A great deal of interest is felt in this wedding by a host of friends here, where the groom has also lived for some time until his removal to Abilene a few weeks ato all, leaves quite a gap in the lives of her social and business friends, by her removal to our summon aid in emergency. neighboring city. As head sales lady in the Harkrider, now the Brown Dry Goods Company, with a charming way peculiarly her own she made friends of all whom she served. There, as well as in the church and home will she be greatly missed.

Mr. and Mrs. Latham drove at once to Abilene, where, in a short while they expect to welcome their friends into their own

heartily showered upon the two. Merkel.

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ny were only the members of the need have no inconvenience for you if you have Bell Tele-

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Mrs. S. A. Burton and daughter, Miss Nettie, of Hawley, are Wishes for happiness are visiting relatives in and near

tailor shop, at the rear of the City Barber Shop, to L. J. Ren- Between 7 and 8 o'clock Wedfro, who formerly owned it, and nesday evening the splendid with his famiy soon will move to school building at Trent caught Brownwood, where he will pur- fire and burned to the ground. sue similar work. Mr. Yarbor- The loss was about \$7500 with ough left for his new home last insurance of \$5000, it is report-Monday. Mrs. Yarborough and ed. A few of the seats and the the children will not leave for a piano were saved. few days, remaining with her The people of Trenc took much parents, Rev. and Mrs. L. B. pride in their school system, and Owens. Mr. Yarborough has on- the loss is felt throughout that ly been in Merkel a short time, community. but long enough to be recognized With a community with spirit for his many sterling qualities like this, it is safe the presume dealings. Those who have had ture will arise one of more modphone Service in your home. the pleasure of meeting this ern appointment, perhaps brick become necessary for them to term will doubtless be greatly

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J. L. Yarborough has sold his SCHOOL BUILDING BURNS.

and methods of honest business that on the ruins of the old struc splendid couple regret that it has or stone. The work of the school handicapped for a while. Truly every lover of education will have abundant sympathy for Trent in this hour of her great

### Old Settler dead.

At the age of 63, W J. Dulin, an old an honored citizen of this section, passed away at his home in Merkl. He died at 9:30 Wednesday, of heart failure. Funeral services wre held at th Baptist church, conducted by Rv. L. B. Owens. Burial was made in Rose Hill cemetary.

Mr. Dulin is survived by his Dr. Eva Teague, Mesdames daughter.

bushel. A. L. Jobe, Kent St. 1 a car, and report a splendid time. ty the past week.

### THE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

Calls for Paint, Varnishes, Lumber. Fencing, Roofing Paints and Stan-

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### **BURTON-LINGO COMPANY**

C. T. Beckham, a prominent citizen of Trent, made a business says it is pretty dry in his sectrip to Merkel last Friday.

widow, three sons and one E. H. Kantz and E. P. West, of Dallas, visited Mrs. Walter Jackson and family last Friday af-Red top cane seed \$2.50 per ternoon. They made the trip in his son, W. H. Frazier of this ci-

J. D. Barnes of Route 2, Tren tion. He has done some planting, but does not expect to proceed further until it rains.

J. R. Frazier of Haskell visited

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# NEW WAISTS FOR EASTER

We announce for this week the arrival of many new waists for ladies, consisting of the newest creations in georgettes, crepe de chines, silks and wash materials, all reasonably priced from

\$1.00 and up to \$7.50

### MANY NEW SPRING SKIRTS

For EASTER. 

A splendid showing in serges, wool poplins and velours in all the new shades, at

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### EASTER DRESSES

FOR LADIES AND MISSES

 Big shipment just arrived by express. Many new and exclusive models in the new silks and latest colors, priced

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### EASTER COATS AND

SUITS FOR LADIES

Wisit our ready-to-wear department and see the many new pretty COATS and SUITS. A beautiful assortment in all the popular shades, all reasonably priced.

### Extra Specials for Saturday and Monday

12½c Red Seal Ginghams, known as the best special, the yard 11c
10c Ginghams, extra good quality, special the yd. 8½c
12½c Sea Island Domestic, 36 in. wide, special yd. 8½c
10c Brown Domestic, good grade, special 15 yds \$1.00
7½c Calico, all bright patterns, special the yard 5c
12½c White Lawn, worth more, special the yard 10c

10-4 Bleached Sheeting, best grade, special the yd. 28c 9-4 Bleached Sheeting, best grade, special the yd. 26c 12 yards extra good quality Domestic, 36 inches wide, free from starch, for \$1.00 A good extra heavy Chevoit for shirting, 10 yd. \$1.00 35c Turkish Bath Towels, 18x36, special per pr. 22c A good heavy Overall in a fancy blue stripe, pr. \$1.00

### Viisit Our Shoe Department -- The Leading Styles in Footwear of Every Description for Everybody

Buying early in anticipation of much higher prices we can justly boast that we can sell you shoes from our enormous \$15,000 stock at great saving, in many instances much lower than present wholesale prices

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A complete line of men's genuine kangaroo in shoes and slippers made by C. S. Marshall & Co., The Bates Shoe Co., The Just Write Shoe Co. and the well-known Beacon shoes, at \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00 and \$6.50 We still have a big line of gunmetal shoes and slippers for men at \$3.50 and \$4.00 We are still selling our No. 288 men's tan work shoes with kromelk sole at \$3.00 Also our No.324 Scout work shoes, kromelk sole at \$2.50 Many other numbers at a great saving.

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#### MERKEL PLAYS WINNER

The Merkel Hi "Tigers" swung the big end of the count against Abilene Hi on their grounds last Wednesday afternoon, winning by the top heavy score of 19 to 6. The Tigers had things going their way practically from the outset of the entertainment and errors came thick and fast from the Abilene Hi, while, with few exceptions, the Tigers were free from such. The Merkel Hi aggregation hit the ball fiercely and showed considerable better team work and "Pep" than their opponents. Following was the line-up:

Abilene-Fouts ss, Dodge c. Etheridge 3b, Cranfill p, Anderson 2b, Bounds 1b, Dudley cf, R. Dodge 1f, Kelly rf, Wooten 1f.

Merkel-Adams c. Burns 1b. Brady ss, Pipes cf, Wills 1f, Coates 2b, Brown rf, McMurray 3b, McRee p, Compton, Counts, Laney, Robinson and Garrett.

On the following Friday evening the same Merkel Hi aggregation and very much to the surprise of the visitors, the Tigers had a walk-over and defeated them by a score of 14 to 6. Robertson pitched the game and got 14 strikeouts. For the first seven innings it was a shut-out for the locals with a score of 10 to 0. Brown poled the horsehide for a home-run and Coates followed for a three bagger. The visitors were very much disappointed and showed the fact very expressly by saying that they would get our goats when we visited them.

Our two south paws are doing good work, McRee annexing the Abilene game with 12 strike outs and Robertson the Sweetwater game with 14 strikeouts. We go to Stamford Friday. Here's

School Board Election.

The School Board election is to be held Saturday at the city hall and will be in charge of V.-C. Gaither, J. L. Vanner and W.B. Farmer.

The following names have been mentioned for the places: J. S. Swann, T. A. Johnson, J. T. Toombs and J. W. Wheeler.

Mrs. T. L. Grimes, to the delight of her many friends, is again at home, after several weeks spent in the Scott-White Sanitarium at Temple. Mrs. Grimes is able to be up in her home and we hope can soon be out again and enjoying her usual health.

Grimes Drug Store for Blackleg Vaccine,

S. G. Houston and son, Sam, of Abîlene, visited in Merkel last Saturday.

# Woodroof-Bragg Co Big Spring Purchase Sale Closes Saturday Night April 7

Only two more days in which to make your Easter purchases at a BIG SAVING TO YOU

### EASTER SPECIALS IN MILLINERY

Big shipment just received of ladies', misses and children's hats to be sold at big reduction for two days only---Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7th. The savings are yours---take them

### EASTER SPECIALS IN SKIRTS AND WAISTS

Don't fail to see the newest things in skirts just received by express --- new sport stripes, taffetas, pongees and wool poplins. Priced special at from \$3.95 to\_\_\_\_\_\$12.50

Extra Specials on Ladies' Shirt Waists

All \$2.50 organdies and voile waists at. All 1.25 organdies and voile waists at

### SHOE SPECIALS

Every pair of shoes you buy during this sale means a big saving to you

### XTRA SPECIAL

One lot misses Oxfords and pumps, worth \$1.00 to \$1.50 the pair

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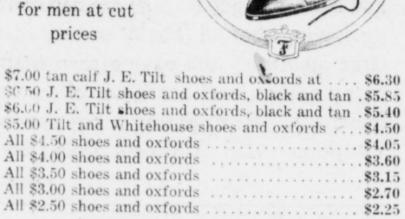
One lot ladies shoes and Oxfords worth up to \$4. now only

One odd lot mens \$5 and \$6.50 suits, choice

\$2.95

XTRA SPECIAL

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#### BOYS SHOES AND OXFORDS

All boys shoes and oxfords go in this sale at recorders.	luce
\$3.50 shoes and oxfords	83.1
\$3.00 shoes and oxfords	\$2.7
\$2.50 shoes and oxfords	\$2.2
\$2.00 shoes and oxfords	\$1.8

All shoes in the house reduced

XTRA SPECIAL Odd lots \$2.50 and \$3.50 Odd lots mens 4 and \$6.50 ladies shoes and Oxfords

shoes and Oxfords, choice \$1.95

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One odd lot mens suits, worth \$7.50 to \$12.50 now

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The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

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B. C. Herring is now operating a tractor on his farm of 382 THE WONDERFUL WATERS acres near Noodle. He has broken 240 acres on his own place and several acres on adjoining THE CHARMING SCENERY farms during recent months, operating only at odd times. He says he can break about one a- MINERAL WELLS cre an hour, at a gasoline cost of 42 1-2 cents, or a coal oil cost of about 22 cents. He claims that with the tractor he only needs two teams to do the cultivation work, whereas before four teams would have been necessary. He says the breaking can be done better, and when the team can not pull the plows. He figures that his tractor is his greatest economical farm asset. He is glad to show interested parties just what his tractor can do. It Excursion is his opinion that the tractor will be used universally throughout this country in the near fu- Any Time Is A Good Time To Go ture. He figures that if the trac- Consult your Local Agent or tor makes money for him it will do the same for others.

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

If you haven't rendered your children for next year's scolastic census, see Mr. Parker or Mr. Mefford by April 10 at latest.

Grimes Drug Store for Blackleg Vaccine.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian of Trent spent Sunday in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst of

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Mr. and Mrs. Will Ellis were in Carbon Saturday and Sunday visiting the family of his father, E. V. Ellis. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Merkel visited friends in Abilene Ellis, who will remain in Merkel about two weeks.

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