



Statement of Condition

# Farmers State BANK

Merkel, Texas

At Close of Business March 5, 1917

**RESOURCES**

Loans	\$255,245.56
Banking House	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	2,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,950.00
Interest in Gty. Fund	2,717.44
Cash and Exchange	87,275.43
Total	\$361,188.43

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	29,942.03
Deposits	284,246.40
Certificate of deposit for money borrowed	12,000.00
Total	\$361,188.43

The above statement is correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

Commence Business January, 1912

Safety—Service—Satisfaction

We Solicit Your Business

## The Merkel Mail

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The Clean-up Campaign is on in earnest. A number of things transpired to keep many away the first day, but everybody is expected to turn out Friday afternoon.

The effects of a campaign of this kind does not stop with the public demonstration, but its influence is felt in every household.

A military commander in Mexico has issued a decree that liquor sellers will be put to death 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, and yet we can not get rid of all the blasted toppers.

Why not a pig club for the great Merkel Country? We just as well start something like the following news item indicates:

Sherman, Texas, March 29—E. P. Williams, cashier of the Continental State Bank at Van Alstyne, announces that he will finance the buying of fifty brood sows for as many Van Alstyne boys. The sows will be bought in lot and sold at purchase price on one year notes, bearing 8 per cent interest.

In a recent inquiry to the Mail relative to the distance of the sun from the earth at different periods of the year, we beg to advise in June the sun is about 94,346,280 miles away from the sun, while in December the earth is about 91,233,720 miles away, therefore placing the earth nearer the sun in winter than in summer.

## 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 improved in modern fashion by our officials, whereas other streets do not receive the attention that should be given them. The inference is that a little preference is shown to those who have money and influence.

The contentions may be true in whole or in part, or they may be entirely untrue from the standpoint of purpose, but in any event we know that not enough money is being spent on our streets, and that the report of the treasurer is to the effect that our street funds are limited.

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 neighbor, who is similarly located as we are, can not have the municipal benefits of this kind that is accorded us, then please pass us by also. We believe in serving all alike without regard to popularity or wealth.

Our citizenship must co-operate for our own public and private good. To be loyal to Merkel we must be loyal to each other, recognizing the rights of the very meanest individuals as well as those of high estate. Let us abandon a critical attitude, if we be in such a state of mind, and work for the good of all.

The enlistment campaign at the Presbyterian church closes with the Sabbath services. A great deal of interest is being taken in the services. Every one is urged to hear Mr. Beck while he is here. His topic for Friday night will be "The Finished Life," Saturday night "The Wonderful Death," Sunday morning "A Dead Christ or a Risen Savior—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	38,441.44
Circulation	6,250.00
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.

## LOCAL NEWS

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 Comper 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, 1614

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scott of Abilene were in Merkel Monday. While the former attended to business 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 Comper. 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 present.

# COME SEE THESE

## The First Chance You Get

### STOUT WORK PANT

Well made, easily worth \$1.25 to \$1.35

# Now \$1.00

### ONE OF THE BEST

Work shirts ever made worth 90c

# Now 65c

## A WONDERFUL 2.40 SERVICE SHOE for field or any kind of hard work. This shoe is a 3.00 or 3.50

Value today

## SEE OUR 3.50 BOY SUITS Every One of them are far under value worth \$4 to \$5.

We are selling everything at a small profit because we buy for cash and sell for cash

Remember most ALL Goods we sell are STANDARDS in Quality and Workmanship

# The Brown Dry Goods Co.

## LOCAL NEWS

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

Prompt service always rendered by Sublett, the jeweler, at the Merkel Drug Co. 1614

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. McFord.

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 W. and Lewis Swann and Misses Sadie and Annie Collins attended the special services in Abilene last Sunday afternoon.

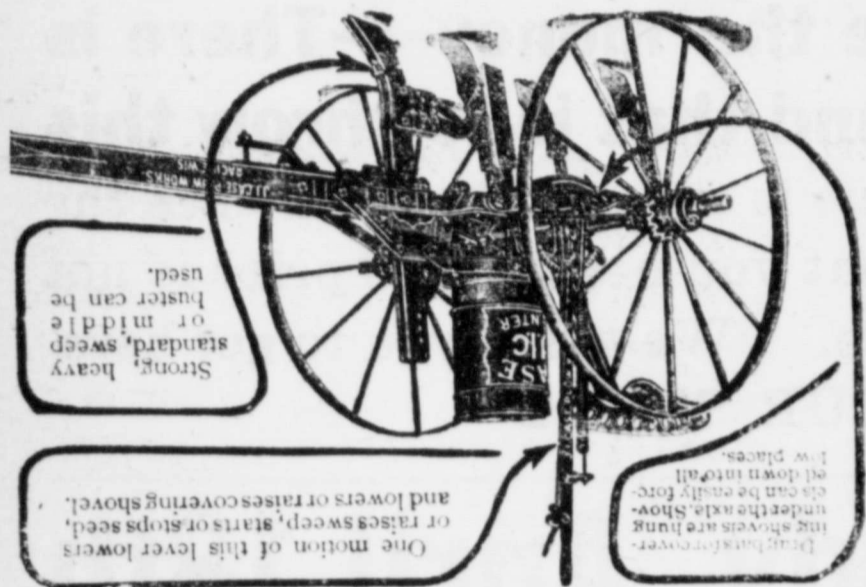
J. A. Patterson has moved into the Tipton house, a few blocks farther south than where he formerly lived.

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 afternoon. A Clod Hopper.

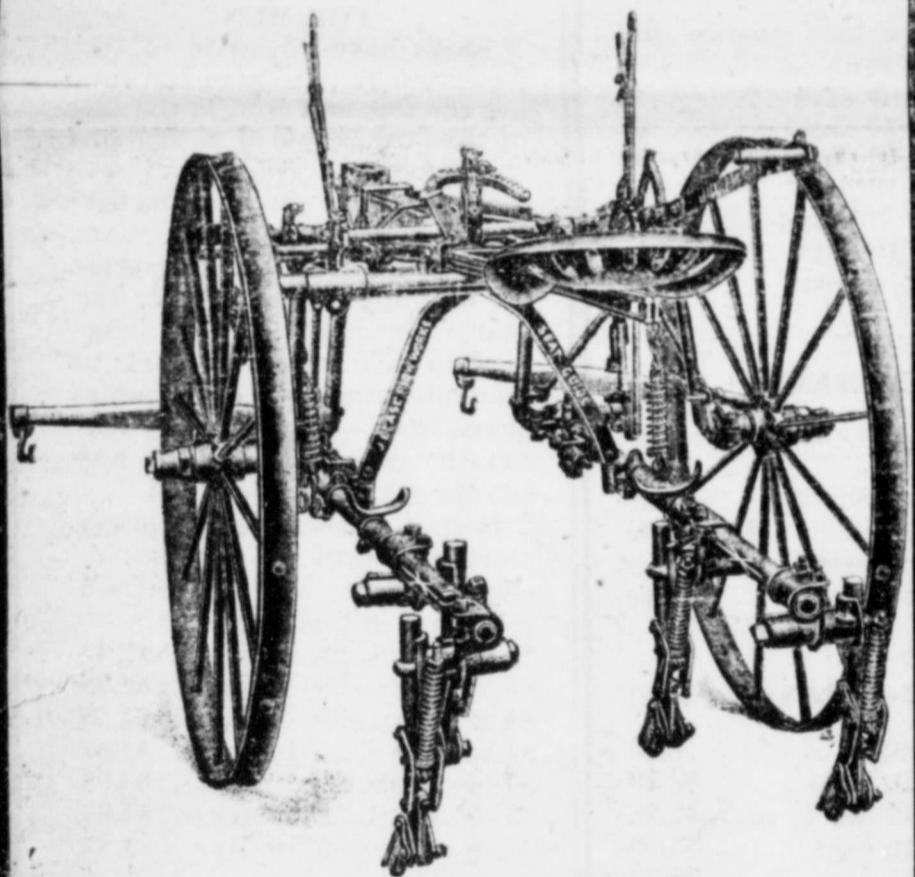
# THE WORLDS GREATEST FARMING IMPLEMENTS

J. I. Case Cell Drop Planter and Seat Guide Cultivator far in Advance of other Makes



## The J. I. Case Cell Drop Planter

Is the only one of its kind in existence. Nothing else is like it—nothing can be like it. The first and original planter to plant cotton seed thru a plate. Holds the bed better and has a lighter draft than any other. You should not fail to see this wonderful planter.



## The J. I. Case Seat Guide Cultivator

Is without a doubt the most practical thing of its kind ever invented. The only one on which you may change the width of beams while the cultivator is in motion. The beams are adjustable to wear for a lifetime. No more loose and shaky beams. Will be as tight in ten years as they were the day you bought it. Can be operated by a 12-year-old boy with perfect ease and comfort. We are headquarters for the most scientific and up-to-date line of implements on the market. Come in at once and let us show you the many exclusive features of this wonderful line.

The Home of Better Service

**G. F. WEST COMPANY**



# BE WELL DRESSED

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

4 pkgs. coconut .....25c	3 cans chile con carne.....25c
5 pkgs. 1-pound soda .....25c	1 No. 3 pie peaches .....10c
1 35c can coffee .....25c	1 No. 2 blackberries .....10c

### 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

Shiloh, April 3—Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown attended the funeral of the former's sister, Mrs. Mary Owen, of near Anson, Friday.

Several parties from here attended the show at Merkel Friday night.

Messrs. Hugh Grayson and Robt. Conder have purchased new cars the past week.

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

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Woods visited friends near Merkel Sunday.

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 Sunday 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 Merkel.

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.

Terrell Winters and sons have returned from their trip to the plains.

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 things 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.

Mrs. M. B. Henslee of Clyde spent Sunday with her father, G.

and Mrs. Almer Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Barnes all enjoyed a good fishing trip last week.

Roy Baccus, Murray Farmer and Denzel Cox made a fishing trip the last of the week on Elm creek.

R. L. Dean visited relatives in the canyon Sunday.

A. Lilly.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barnes, Mr.

E. L. Woodroof and family left last Saturday morning for a short visit to Wichita Falls and Bellevue, after which they will go to Mineral Wells where they will remain about three weeks. They intend to return the latter part of April.

Mesdames W. Parden and L.S. Allen and children visited W. C. Calvert and family at Sweetwater the past week.

The Commercial Hotel was endangered by fire Thursday afternoon a week ago. For a while there was considerable excitement. The fire started in a room unoccupied at the time. The 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 & Merchants 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 of 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 about six months.

T. W. Neill of the northeastern part of Nolan county was in Merkel on business Saturday.

A. J. Lloyd of Terry county is visiting his father, Isaac Lloyd of the Newman neighborhood in Fisher county. Mr. Lloyd just moved to Terry county about a month ago.

#### Advertised Letters.

Edmundson, D. L.  
Ely, Etha.  
Ellis, Wiley.  
Sheaham, Mrs. V.  
Williams, Mrs. B.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on April 18, H. G. Williams, Postmaster, Merkel, Texas.

**Raising Funds For Parsonage.**  
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. Vantrees of Hawley has just finished papering his new house, he stated while in Merkel last Saturday. Knox Hunter of Merkel did the work.  
Bring your eggs to A.L. Jobe.

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

<b>Monday April 9th</b> Universal Program 5 and 10c
<b>Tuesday, April 10th</b> 5-Part Vitagraph Feature and Frank Daniels Comedy 10 and 20c
<b>Wednesday, April 11th</b> Universal Program 5 and 10c
<b>Thursday, April 12th</b> "Lass of The Lumberlands"—Chapter 10 Matinee and Night 5 and 10c
<b>Friday, April 13th</b> "The Little Girl next Door" Matinee and Night Admission 25c Children under 16 not admitted
<b>Saturday, April 14th</b> 5-Part Vitagraph Feature Two 1-Part Comedies 10 and 20c (Matinee 3 to 5:30—Universal Program 5-10c)

### COMING April 16th and 17th The Fall of a Nation

#### The Standing of Contestants on April — 2 — 1917

1	85,915
2	45,435
3	67,615
4	12,490
5	2,000
6	2,085
7	311,530
8	20,165
9	8,150
10	83,390
11	5,160
12	2,005
13	2,000
14	2,950
15	41,310
16	11,640
17	259,585
18	376,095
19	2,000
20	177,560
21	5,145
22	24,380
23	5,510

#### G. F. WEST COMPANY

Mesdames Dr. Armstrong and Cobb and Hale, and Misses Lola Armstrong and Maurine Cobb visited in Abilene Saturday.

In view of the fact that I have never charged the prices that the good people of Merkel have been paying for dentistry, and also appreciating the fact that every thing else is high, I will maintain my old prices, which are 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

Rheumatism, lumbago and all kindred troubles yield to massage treatment and get permanently well. Try it for any chronic trouble that has failed to yield to other forms of treatment. Dr. J. T. Pue, Scientific Massage, Spinal adjustment and Turkish and Russian Baths. Phone 49

#### CLEAN — CLEAN

With an electric cleaner, I will clean your rugs for 25c each, piano 50c, curtains 3 pr. 25c, portiers 15c each. Phone 215  
Warren McSpadden. 6t2c

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 Wednesday, 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 that are good. Nearly all sizes in the lot. Positively 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 the 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 supreme 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**

\$1.15 values, for 10 days . . . 95c  
\$1.50 values, for 10 days . . . \$1.25  
\$2.00 values, for 10 days . . . \$1.48  
\$2.50 values, for 10 days . . . \$1.95  
\$3.50 values, for 10 days . . . \$2.89  
\$4.00 values, for 10 days . . . \$3.39  
\$5.00 values, for 10 days . . . \$3.98

**HOSIERY FOR LADIES AND CHILDREN**

This doesn't happen often; here is the chance of a lifetime—prices given are both for ladies and children on regular lines:  
10c black and tan hose, 10 days sale price . . . . . 7c  
12 1-2 hosiery, 10 days . . . . . 8c  
15c hosiery, 10 days . . . . . 11c  
20c hosiery, 10 days . . . . . 14c  
25c hosiery, 10 days . . . . . 21c  
35c hosiery, 10 days . . . . . 23c  
50c hosiery, 10 days . . . . . 39c

**SHOES FOR WOMEN, MISSES AND CHILDREN**

Your wants must be filled quick for these shoes can not last long at these prices. Here are the prices on regular stock. They are not to be confused with special lots advertised elsewhere in this poster:  
\$1.00 values, now only . . . . . 89c  
\$1.25 values, now only . . . . . 98c  
\$1.50 values, now only . . . . . \$1.19  
\$1.75 values, now only . . . . . \$1.48  
\$2.25 values, now only . . . . . \$1.73  
\$2.50 values, now only . . . . . \$1.98  
\$3.00 values, now only . . . . . \$2.39  
\$3.50 values, now only . . . . . \$2.89  
\$4.00 values, now only . . . . . \$3.35  
\$5.00 values, now only . . . . . \$3.98

**DRESS GOODS**

We can not give you detailed description of every line, all we can do is to give you a schedule 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:  
25c values, now . . . . . 18c  
35c values, now . . . . . 23c  
50c values, now . . . . . 39c  
65c values, now . . . . . 48c  
75c values, now . . . . . 59c  
\$1.00 values, now . . . . . 75c  
\$1.25 values, now . . . . . 90c  
\$1.50 values, now . . . . . \$1.19  
We warn you to get your share.

**NOTIONS! NOTIONS!**

Elastic, the yard . . . . . 3c  
Thimbles, each . . . . . 3c  
Men's hose supporters . . . . . 19c  
Bachelor buttons, box . . . . . 3c  
Seam braid . . . . . 1c  
San silk, the spool . . . . . 4c  
Horn hair pins and barrettes, worth 25c, for . . . . . 9c  
Shoe strings . . . . . 4c  
Towels, worth 15c, for . . . . . 9c  
Ladies' handkerchiefs, worth 5c, now only . . . . . 4c  
Men's black and tan hose, sale price only regular 35c . . . . . 22c  
Ribbons worth 25c, now . . . . . 14c  
Laces and embroideries, worth up to 10c, price . . . . . 3c

**BLEACHING**

Regular 15c advertiser 4-4 bleaching . . . . . 11c

## Shoes

**SHOE SPECIAL**

One lot ladies shoes positively and absolutely worth \$4.00 to go in this sale at . . . . . \$1.48

**SHOE SPECIALS**

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

## BLOUSES

**MIDDY BLOUSES**

75 middies regular . . . . . 55  
100 middies regular . . . . . 85  
125 middies regular . . . . . 93  
150 middies regular . . . . . \$1.23

## 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 chance you ever had to save:

5c ribbons, 10 days . . . . . 3c  
10c ribbons, 10 days . . . . . 6c  
15c ribbons, 10 days . . . . . 9c  
20c ribbons, 10 days . . . . . 13c  
25c ribbons, 10 days . . . . . 16c  
35c ribbons, 10 days . . . . . 21c  
50c ribbons, 10 days . . . . . 33c

**GINGHAMS**

Worth everywhere 15c the yard to go at . . . . . 11c  
Sea Island Sheting, regular 12 1-2 to go in this sale . . . . . 9c  
Shirting cheviot, positively worth 16c to go at . . . . . 11c

**BOYS' SUITS! BOYS' SUITS!**

\$3.00 wash suit . . . . . 2.35  
\$3.50 suits, 10 days . . . . . \$2.19  
\$4.25 suits, 10 days . . . . . \$2.98  
\$5.00 suits, 10 days . . . . . \$3.19  
\$6.00 suits, 10 days . . . . . \$4.73  
\$7.50 suits, 10 days . . . . . \$5.49  
\$8.50 suits, 10 days . . . . . \$5.98

**LADIES' SLIPPERS**

Look and Listen

Shoe leather has gone sky-high. Here is an opportunity seldom met with. This lot contains many styles and lasts that are good. 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  
\$4.00 values, for 10 days . . . \$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  
\$6.00 values, for 10 days . . . \$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

**MEN'S WORK GLOVES**

65c loves to go at . . . . . 48c  
75c gloves to go at . . . . . 61c  
\$1.00 gloves to go at . . . . . 85c  
\$1.25 gloves to go at . . . . . 98c

**MEN'S HATS**

You can't imagine such a value as this. One lot men's hats, whites, blacks, Columbia, Big 4, and Laloo (straight brim) shapes worth up to \$3.50. Get your choice at exactly . . . . . \$1.95

**CORSETS 39c**

1 lot extra good corsets, some slightly soiled, well worth up to \$1.50; you may take your choice for only . . . . . 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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**EMBROIDERIES!**

1 lot embroideries and insertions, wonderful lot to make your selections from and at the prices at such savings; worth up to 25c, during this great wrecking of prices they will go for only . . . . . 14c

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



# Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company

Furniture and Undertaking



# 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!

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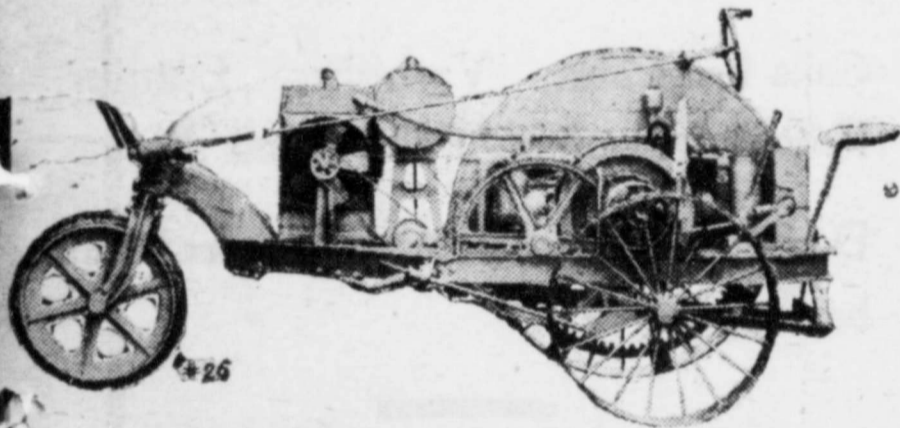
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**THE CLAPPER KEROSENE VAPORIZER** which, we believe, excels in economy, efficiency and ease of operation any kerosene device on the market. It converts the liquid kerosene into a gas or vapor before it enters the combustion chamber, and when ignited causes perfect combustion, leaving no kerosene to work past the piston rings into crank case. It enables the Big Bull Motor to produce as much power from a gallon of kerosene as from a gallon of gasoline--without fouling or over-heating your motor or destroying its efficiency.

**POWER ON THE LAND WHEEL** in addition to the BIG BULL subsolling 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 rings through hollow crank shaft, insures positive lubrication, with no attention except to keep oil reservoir filled. A big saving in oil consumption.

Come in and let's have a talk with you about the 1917 Big 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

Trent, Route 2—Another effort at raining Saturday night resulted in a terrific wind from the west. The dry weather is getting entirely too serious for idle levity or flippant jest. Our motto is "Nil desperandum," then let's hope to do our duty and rain will come in due time.

Col W. F. Wheeler and his son, Ulric, have just returned from a prospecting tour of West Texas and New Mexico. They purchased land at Tulia and will move there this week. Col. Wheeler has been a resident of our section for several decades, and there is not a man in the country that is more universally loved and honored than Col. Wheeler, a man noted far and wide for his Christian piety and unswerving honor. And his son, Ulric, is one of the best, noblest and most generous men we have ever met. Universal regret is expressed at their leaving.

Hugh Grayson now sports a fine new auto. We opine that some sweet, coy damsel will be forced to say yes, or no, soon.

Capt. S. B. Mayberry of Merkel is rusticated at the palatial home of Capt. J. H. and Mrs. Grayson this week.

Master Clifford Eoff of Noodle spent Sunday with his brother, Clarence and wife.

Rev. Chas. Seago and wife are in Anson this week to assist in dividing the estate they are interested in.

Edgar Grayson, Homer Herring of Noodle, and Misses Mable Goode, Elma Bickwell and others attended the singing at Anson Sunday, and dined at the lovely home of Hon. S. C. Jones. An Epicurian feast was spread, which they all did ample justice to. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Eason were also guests at this hospitable home.

We note with extreme pleasure the liberal patronage extended The Merkel Mail by the business men of Merkel, which is highly creditable to the merchants and complimentary to The Merkel Mail.

Messrs. W. T. Walker, R. A. Reagan and others attended the singing at Anson Sunday and report a most excellent time.

Judge Lee Williams of Noodle was a delegate to the Woodman meeting at Waco last week, where he met and mingled with old friends of former years, where he was reared, and no man in McLennon county stood higher than Lee Williams, even from a 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 scholastic census, see Mr. Parker or Mr. Mefford by April 10 at latest.

## SAND BURR

Hawley, April 1—April has come and fooled us all again, because it did not rain when we had a good chance.

We are needing rain in this part of the country. Wheat and oats are holding up well, despite the dry weather.

Our Sand Burr girls basket ball team won another game. They played Hamlin Saturday at Anson for the county championship. The game was a tight one from start to finish, the score being 15 to 16 in favor of Sand Burr. Hurrah for our Sand Burr girls! They have not been defeated this season. Several parties from here attended the game at Anson.

E. F. Vantreese and family went to Merkel Saturday.

Jim Mayes has been hauling up a supply of cord wood from Hodges this week.

We understand that some of our neighbor's boys have enlisted in the navy, but did not learn their names.

Miss Leona Vantreese, who has been visiting her uncle, J. T. Vantreese, returned to her home at Waxahachie Saturday.

We still have a few cases of measles.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vantreese visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ford of Stith last Sunday.

Bill McCaleb had business in Hawley Thursday.

Hal Burton of Hawley was in our community one day last week looking for some cattle.

Marsh Hayt and a Mr. Scott of Abilene was in our midst last week writing insurance.

Walter Vantreese this week gave all the boys on his road a good job doing road grading. Come on boys and let us do a good job, for we will all have automobiles some of these days.

Mrs. Samantha Burton, south of Stith, was a caller at the home of E. F. Vantreese Friday afternoon.

Knox Hunter of Merkel has been papering Ed Vantreese's house the past week.

Clyde Jones and wife attended church at Stith Sunday.

Mrs. Charlie Walker of Hodges visited her daughter, Mrs. Edgar Jones, one day last week.

## \$2.00 Per Day — Meals .50 cents

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, 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, Fine Needlework, Style and Fit, are something more than a promise. We guarantee to please you perfectly. Come in and see us.



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# 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 PUBLIC 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

Georgette crepe—crepe de chine  
1 lot \$1.75 value .....\$1.50  
1 lot \$1.50 .....\$1.25  
1 lot \$1.00 value .....75c

### Voile and organda

1 lot 75c value .....50c  
1 lot 75c value .....49c



### MILLINERY SPECIAL

1 lot \$3.00 value .....\$2.50  
1 lot \$3.50 value .....\$3.00  
1 lot \$4.50 value .....\$3.75  
1 lot \$5.00 value .....\$4.50  
1 lot \$6.00 value .....\$5.00  
1 lot \$10.50 .....\$8.50

### Children's Hats

1 lot \$3.00 value .....\$2.50  
1 lot \$2.50 value .....\$2.00  
1 lot \$2.00 value .....\$1.75  
1 lot \$1.75 value .....\$1.50

### EXTRA SPECIALS

Work Shirts 65c value .....49c  
Work Shirts \$1.00 value .....89c  
Sport Shirts \$1.00 value .....69c  
Dress Shirts \$1.25 value .....98c  
1 lot of good hose for men  
While they last 3 prs. for 25c  
1 lot of men's union suits  
While they last .....48c

### NECK WEAR

65c ties for only .....45c  
35c ties for only .....23c

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

### Work Pants for Men

1 lot \$3.00 value .....\$2.25  
1 lot khaki \$2.00 value .....\$1.50  
Last grade overalls .....\$1.19



### DRESS GOODS

Fancy Stripes and Plaid Silks.

1 lot \$2.50 value .....\$1.85  
1 lot \$2.00 value .....\$1.49  
1 lot \$1.75 value .....\$1.23



### LADIES WAISTS

Crepe de Chine and Tub Silks.  
1 lot \$3.50 values .....\$2.98  
1 lot \$3.00 values .....\$2.45

### Fancy Stripe Suiting.

1 lot \$1.00 value .....73c  
1 lot 75c value .....48c  
1 lot 50c values .....33c

### MEN'S HATS

1 lot stetsons .....\$3.95  
1 lot stetsons .....\$4.75  
1 lot Lion specials .....\$2.95  
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 sheeting only 33c  
Best Grade of Gingham 11½c  
Best Grade Percal 11½c  
Table Damask \$2.00—\$1.65  
Table Damask \$1.75—\$1.35  
Table Damask .50— .33

### MEN AND BOYS SUITS

Men's all wool serge suits \$13.87  
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 Abilene.

Present for the quiet ceremony were only the members of the bride'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 ago. Miss Lizzie, as she is known to all, leaves quite a gap in the lives of her social and business friends, by her removal to our 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 home.

Wishes for happiness are heartily showered upon the two.

## Living Just Out From Town

need have no inconvenience for you if you have Bell Telephone Service in your home.

Your Bell Telephone will bring tradesmen to you, keep you in touch with friend and business acquaintances, or summon aid in emergency.



THE SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE COMPANY

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

J. L. Yarborough has sold his tailor shop, at the rear of the City Barber Shop, to L. J. Renfro, who formerly owned it, and with his family soon will move to Brownwood, where he will pursue similar work. Mr. Yarborough left for his new home last Monday. Mrs. Yarborough and the children will not leave for a few days, remaining with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Owens. Mr. Yarborough has only been in Merkel a short time, but long enough to be recognized for his many sterling qualities and methods of honest business dealings. Those who have had the pleasure of meeting this splendid couple regret that it has become necessary for them to leave Merkel.

### DAINTY THINGS SOIL EASILY

But why should you care?

Dry cleaning now and then will keep the daintiest dress or waist always like new.

We are masters in the art of perfect dry cleaning.

Entrust your garments to our hands. We charge no more.

MRS. C. L. CASH  
At Star Store.  
Merkel, Tex.

### SCHOOL BUILDING BURNS.

Between 7 and 8 o'clock Wednesday evening the splendid school building at Trent caught fire and burned to the ground. The loss was about \$7500 with insurance of \$5000, it is reported. A few of the seats and the piano were saved.

The people of Trent took much pride in their school system, and the loss is felt throughout that community.

With a community with spirit like this, it is safe to presume that on the ruins of the old structure will arise one of more modern appointment, perhaps brick or stone. The work of the school term will doubtless be greatly handicapped for a while. Truly every lover of education will have abundant sympathy for Trent in this hour of her great loss.

### Old Settler dead.

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

Mr. Dulin is survived by his widow, three sons and one daughter.

Red top cane seed \$2.50 per bushel. A. L. Jobe, Kent St. t1

## THE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

Calls for Paint, Varnishes, Lumber, Fencing, Roofing Paints and Stain.

Don't forget that your every need can be supplied by

## BURTON-LINGO COMPANY

C. T. Beckham, a prominent citizen of Trent, made a business trip to Merkel last Friday.

Dr. Eva Teague, Mesdames E. H. Kantz and E. P. West, of Dallas, visited Mrs. Walter Jackson and family last Friday afternoon. They made the trip in a car, and report a splendid time.

J. D. Barnes of Route 2, Trent, says it is pretty dry in his section. He has done some planting, but does not expect to proceed further until it rains.

J. R. Frazier of Haskell visited his son, W. H. Frazier of this city the past week.

# DANTE'S INFERNO

Milano-American Film Co's production of the Poets conception Hell

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Friday April 6th

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# EASTER

# 1917



## DRESS UP FOR EASTER

Many special opportunities are offered by the saving prices made in every department. We want every man, woman and child to visit this store and see the new Spring and Summer goods. Every department is replete with new merchandise, making a showing that all Taylor county can be justly proud of. Buying as we do in large quantities and paying cash enables us to buy goods at a cheaper price than many dealers, and hence we offer values that can not be touched by an average merchant. Anticipating a big rise in prices, our purchases were made early at the low prices---our customers benefit by the saving. Visit our store this week and prepare for Easter

### 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

\$3.00 \$4.00 \$4.50 \$5.00 \$6.50



### 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

\$10.00 to \$25.00

### EASTER COATS AND SUITS FOR LADIES

SUITS FOR LADIES

☐ Visit 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

### Visit 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

### LADIES' SHOES

Ladies' white kid, brown kid with ivory top ... \$10.00  
Ladies' sport shoes, black kid, with white sole and heel ..... \$7.50  
Ladies' black kid, 9-in. top, button and lace; also black kid with white top ..... \$7.50  
Ladies black kid, 8-in. top, good welt sole .... \$4 and \$5  
Ladies' black kid pump, with one, two or three straps at \$3.00 and ..... \$5.00  
Big line misses' low heel Mary Janes \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50  
Let us show you the new styles, no trouble to show shoes

### MEN'S SHOES

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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# Anchor Mercantile Company



**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 lf, 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 hoping.

**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 Black-leg Vaccine.

S. G. Houston and son, Sam, of Abilene, 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 \$1.98  
All 1.25 organdies and voile waists at 98c

### SHOE SPECIALS

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

<b>XTRA SPECIAL</b> One lot misses Oxfords and pumps, worth \$1.00 to \$1.50 the pair 59c	<b>XTRA SPECIAL</b> One lot ladies shoes and Oxfords worth up to \$4, now only \$1.95	<b>XTRA SPECIAL</b> Odd lots \$2.50 and \$3.50 ladies shoes and Oxfords now 58c	<b>XTRA SPECIAL</b> Odd lots mens 4 and \$6.50 shoes and Oxfords, choice \$1.95
<b>XTRA SPECIAL</b> One odd lot mens \$5 and \$6.50 suits, choice \$2.95		<b>XTRA SPECIAL</b> One odd lot mens suits, worth \$7.50 to \$12.50 now \$4.95	

J. E. TILT  
and  
White House  
Shoes  
and Oxfords  
for men at cut prices



\$7.00 tan calf J. E. Tilt shoes and oxfords at \$6.30  
\$5.50 J. E. Tilt shoes and oxfords, black and tan \$5.85  
\$6.00 J. E. Tilt shoes and oxfords, black and tan \$5.40  
\$5.00 Tilt and Whitehouse shoes and oxfords \$4.50  
All \$4.50 shoes and oxfords \$4.05  
All \$4.00 shoes and oxfords \$3.60  
All \$3.50 shoes and oxfords \$3.15  
All \$3.00 shoes and oxfords \$2.70  
All \$2.50 shoes and oxfords \$2.25

### BOYS SHOES AND OXFORDS

All boys shoes and oxfords go in this sale at reduced prices.  
\$3.50 shoes and oxfords \$3.15  
\$3.00 shoes and oxfords \$2.70  
\$2.50 shoes and oxfords \$2.25  
\$2.00 shoes and oxfords \$1.80

All shoes in the house reduced

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Dry weather cattle are pouring into the Fort Worth markets at such a rate as to cause a substantial decline in the price. Bread, the staff of life, is steadily increasing in value. The price of flour promises to continue to advance, and meal is also increasing in value. Bread fast foods are in sympathy with the increase, and it seems we have not yet felt the full force of the high cost of living.

See Sublett, the jeweler, for your clock and watch repairing.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Groves' The Old Standard Groves' 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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C. L. Deutschman of Noodle was in Merkel last Tuesday on business.

**Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System**  
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVES' TASTELESS chill TONIC, drives out malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c.

**VALUE OF TRACTOR**

B. C. Herring is now operating a tractor on his farm of 382 acres near Noodle. He has broken 240 acres on his own place and several acres on adjoining farms during recent months, operating only at odd times. He says he can break about one acre 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 is his opinion that the tractor will be used universally throughout this country in the near future. He figures that if the tractor makes money for him it will do the same for others.

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

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

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