

PRESENT CATALOGUE MENAGE

**The Bearded Monster Appears
in Usual Glad Attire—De-
ceiving the People.**

This week saw the post office flooded with hundreds of catalog going out into the byways and hedges soliciting trade. At tremendous expense was this work prepared, shipped in carload lots to Big Springs and mailed out from there. We have looked it through. We note there the work of a genius. Illustrations appear drawn as beautiful as an expensive artist can trace the figures, printed in many colors and dazzling the eyes. They go into the homes of the people, and with their many bates, bid for an order. There are some real bargains in the catalog, but by far the greatest number of articles listed are higher than can be purchased on the local markets.

In speaking of their dry goods they say good quality. This is an indefinite term. These are smooth people, they get a less weight and say it is just the same. Their lines are what may be termed as seconds. They really sell little first-class stuff, and when they do, the purchaser pays the price. We dare say that any patron of the catalog house might bring his catalog to town with him, enter any dry goods house in Merkel and find goods from 1 to 10 per cent lower and no freight or postage to pay.

Now what we contend is that the principle of catalog house buying is all wrong. A year or two ago some of our people were not satisfied if their hats did not come from Paris and most of their dress goods from Berlin. For years our people played the dupe to Germany; now they are paying the price for their folly in the blood of their young manhood. Our trade enriched Germany, so that she has now turned to rend us. Coming a little farther, we find a beautiful little city in West Texas by the name of Merkel. Here are many merchants who are standing by the country in a trying hour. The fact that they have stood behind the town makes it an attractive place of habitation, enhancing land values all around and standing for a better land in which to live. Now comes the catalog, and bids for your trade. They never did a thing for you, never paid a cent of your taxes, never bought a dozen eggs from you and never contributed a cent towards your beneficent institutions. They have never given you credit when you were hard pressed, but if given an opportunity would turn and rend you. Suppose everyone bought from them. Then there would be no fair city here, then when you wanted only a small article you would have to await your time to get it. Ladies and gentlemen, why not use common sense and look this matter right square in the face and be reasonable? Are you going to let prejudice haunt you to the grave? Are you determined to send your last dollar to a catalog house instead of going to your own local merchant and getting a square deal?

Suppose you write your catalog house for a donation to any worthy enterprise. If they come back favorably, please let us know and we will advise other communities to apply for a return of part of their money. Once a mother brought her children to town and got their measure for shoes. When this information had been obtained, she said she did not want any shoes, but just wanted the measure to send to the catalog house. The merchant said nothing. A month later the father came in to arrange for credit. The merchant

quietly informed him that he had about all he could carry, but recommended that he go to the catalog house. A party came into Merkel recently and wanted to exchange a pair of shoes for a larger pair. The merchant noting their poor quality asked if the shoes were bought in Merkel. The reply was in the negative, that they were catalog house stuff, but the party was willing to pay the difference. The merchant could not make such a deal. We do not believe there is a store in Merkel that would carry a line as cheap as the general run of catalog house stuff. Now we do not mean to say that they have no good stuff, but we do mean to say that when one buys the good stuff he pays for it.

We challenge any one to compare prices and samples with our local merchants. We further must urge that to the quoted price must be added the carriage. We know that the catalog house can not stand up against a fair and square test. We have known of great collar, harness and saddlery factories making up "Cat" stuff. It looked pretty good, but did not carry the brand of the manufacturer. It was not built up like good stuff, but was just thrown together. If you will just watch out and evade the bates, you will soon learn that you are paying the dearest tribute ever paid for the goods you buy. Examine their stoves for instance; look into them; note the light weight iron, the lack of connecting bolt and rods, be fair and your decision will always fall on the side of your local merchant.

BLUE TITTLE FOR TAX COLLECTOR

Blue Tittle has announced for Tax Collector, which means just same as re-elected. Surely no one would have the temerity to come out against Blue. He is one of our own boys, and never yet have we heard of him lowering his arm in a contest. We doubt if there is a more popular official in our courthouse at present. And Blue is just the man to back up the confidence the voters of this county have imposed in him. He is a splendid fellow, worthy of the united support of the voters, and if there are any newcomers in these parts, they can make no mistake in casting their vote for him.

The Red Cross will stage a 2-act melo drama at the Cozy, on Thursday night, March 21, and at Trent High School, Friday night, March 22.

No. 356 Official Statement of the Financial Condition of

The Farmers State Bank
at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 4th day of March, 1918, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 22nd day of March, 1918.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$228,717.17
Loans, real estate	7,150.00
Overdrafts
Bonds and Stocks	3,004.26
Real Estate (banking house)	9,200.00
Other Real Estate
Furniture and Fixtures	3,560.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net	20,290.88
Cash Items	3,591.06
Currency	10,825.00
Specie	4,132.10
Int. in Depositors Guaranty Fund	3,003.57
Bills of Exchange—Cott. n.	49,134.18
Other Resources	424.90
Total	\$343,413.62
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	30,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	1,860.25
Individual Deposits sub. to check	24,186.01
Time Certificates of Deposit	29,212.84
Cashier's checks	2,113.82
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	7,209.00
Other Liabilities	5.00
Total	\$343,413.62

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

J. S. Swann, president.
R. O. Anderson, cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of March A. D. 1918.
W. P. Mahaffey
(SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas
Correct—Attest:
M. Armstrong }
J. S. Swann } Directors
W. L. Smallwood }

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS WILL SAVE SOLDIERS

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

COTTON SEED—I have arranged for some good East Texas cotton seed, that will cost you about \$1.65 per bushel f. o. b. Merkel. If you are interested see me at once. G. B. Brown.

COTTON SEED—About 1000 bushels pure Mebane cotton seed direct from Lockhart community, at \$2.25 a bushel. W. H. Laney. 154

FOR SALE—Work mare at a bargain. G. L. Baker. tf.

FOR SALE—Good work team. Apply to W. H. Laney. 84c.

FOR RENT—Large, cool office room for \$5.00 a month, over Woodroof-Bragg store. See the Merkel Mail. tfe.

SACKS WANTED—Will pay 7½ cents for 2-bushel sacks and 10 cents for 5 bushel sacks. E. L. Ash. t1pd

FOR SERVICE—My registered Durham at the livery barn on the South Side. —R. L. Bland. tf

FOR SERVICE—Bay draft Stallion, 6 years old. 1-5 (\$3.00) Cash at time of service.—Arthur Cranston. 228tpd

FOR SALE—A fine mare at a bargain. G. L. Baker. 84c.

FOR RENT—Choice business building, 50x65 feet; rent reasonable, on best business street. Full details at Merkel Mail office.

Fresh shipment typewriter ribbons just received at Merkel Mail office.

BARRED ROCK EGGS FOR SALE—A setting of 15 for \$1. Mrs. W. A. Campbell, Route 5, Merkel Texas. 22t3p.

TYPEWRITERS—Second hand machines of all makes for sale. On display at Sanders Drug Store. B. F. Cox. tf

FOR RENT—My place, good well with windmill, orchard, 3½ lots irrigated. Mrs. S. F. Annis.

FOR SALE—2 cultivators, 2 harrows, 2 planters. See W. L. Diltz. 142tp.

FOR SALE—Span of good work mules, 2½ miles northeast of Stith. J. H. Highsmith. 22t2p

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

ROOSTERS FOR SALE—Rhode Island Reds. \$5.00 each. No better. H. D. Simpson, Trent, Texas, Route 1. 2tp

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR RATES

For District offices \$8.00
For County offices 8.00
For Precinct offices 6.00
For City offices 3.00
Subscription price, 1 year 1.00
Always Cash in Advance.

For Clerk District Court J. N. Routh

For County Judge: E. M. Overshiner.

For County Clerk: H. Holland Teaff.

Henry R. Hicks.
J. D. Fulton
J. L. Mingus
G. R. Pain

For County Attorney: W. E. Martin.

For Sheriff: J. T. Dodson.

John Bond.

For County Treasurer: Austin Fitts.

For Tax Collector: G. B. Tittle.

For County Tax Assessor: John H. Vance.

For County School Supt. J. S. Smith.

For Commissioner, Precinct 2: J. M. Toombs.

T. R. Lassiter.
Sam Butman, Jr.
J. L. Banner.

For Public Weigher at Merkel: J. M. Garrett.

H. M. Mayfield.
James Patterson, Jr.
W. R. Britton

Jones County Candidates

For Sheriff: T. P. (Tom) Hudson

For Tax Collector: W. C. Cutrell.

One to Win One Campaign.

The Methodist congregation started a "Win One" campaign last Sunday which will close on Easter Sunday. The work is being pushed to the utmost. Already splendid results are being obtained. Let every one do his duty.

DR. ROSSER SPEAKS

Last Sunday afternoon at 4:30, Dr. Rosser of Dallas, spoke at the Methodist church on "America's Part in the World War." The subject was ably handled and greatly enjoyed by an overflowing congregation. The Doctor is a very forceful speaker.

He said that Germany was ready for any excuse to acquire more territory; that as she could not buy it, she took advantage of the assassination of Crown Prince of Austria to acquire by conquest what she could not secure otherwise. He referred to what had been done to Belgium and France and what would have been done to this country if she had not sided with the Allies in the time of need.

He said that America was fighting for a great principle, and that it was the duty of every man not only "to do his bit, but to do his best to win the war." He cited the fact that America was fighting for freedom in every way, that she was fighting alongside of a power that she had whipped twice, and if we were not going ahead and fighting for the goddess of liberty, which the French nation helped us to win, that we would be lost now.

The Doctor made a great hit here. The enormous crowd was held spellbound, and went home with vastly greater patriotic fervor than they had ever had before.

MERKEL VS TRENT.

The Merkel High School basketball club played her last game in this district Thursday afternoon with Trent High School. The game was one of the hardest fought games played this season. Our men had the loyal support and did the highest class playing that has been seen in Merkl. Merkel carried the victory by a final score of 35 and 5.

The team is looking forward with great anxiety for the time

when they shall meet the winners in the other districts.

The lineup for Merkel is as follows: Hugh McNee, captain; Burns; Stevens, Coats, and Pike, Russell, substitutes, Wilkins, Laney, Holmes.

The Merkel team also played Kale last week on the local ground, the final score being in favor of Merkel, 42 to 6. The home team showed good form throughout.

JUDGE HIGGINS SHOT

Clairemont, Texas, March 19 —A man suspected of having fired the shot which killed Judge Cullen C. Higgins in a hotel here Sunday night, has been placed in jail it became known here today. Other arrests are expected.

Judge Higgins, shot through the back with a charge of buckshot fired through a window of the hotel, died at 12:20 this afternoon. An operation last night failed to save his life.

Funeral Services took place at Snyder at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Rangers were detailed by the adjutant general's department to proceed at once to Clairemont Kent county, to investigate the shooting of Judge Higgins. The shooting occurred while he was at supper.

The rangers were instructed to make a strong effort to capture the party or parties responsible for the shooting.

Judge Higgins was district judge in Kent county for eighteen years and was well known in that portion of the state. After firing the shot the assassin escaped.

PANIC IN GERMAN TOWNS

Geneva, Thursday March 14. —Reports reaching here from Germany say that panics have been brought about by the British aerial attacks on German towns. At Coblenz, according to a Basel dispatch, there were several outbreaks of fire in the southern portion of the town, an ammunition factory was blown up. The railway station at Friborg was again badly damaged.

Swiss travelers report that in the principal Rhine cities many houses and apartments are vacant, numbers of persons moving to Central Germany and Switzerland. They say opinion is growing against continuing of German air raids.

Persons owing me accounts please call and settle at once as I have discontinued the credit business, and must turn my accounts into cash. E. L. Rogers.

No. 354 Official Statement of the Financial Condition of

First State Bank, Trent, Texas
at the close of business on the 4th day of March 1918, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 22nd day of March 1918.

RESOURCES	
Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$56,585.06
Loans, real estate	1,000.00
Overdrafts	2.55
Furniture and fixtures	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	24,882.09
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to c.k. net	11,572.23
Cash Items	90.55
Currency	8,062.00
Specie	920.45
Int. in Depositors Guaranty Fund	1,112.01
Other Resources as follows:	
U.S. Certificates of Indebtedness	10,000.00
Cotton Bills of Exchange	16,146.79
Total	\$132,048.73
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, net	11,429.57
Individual Deposits Sub. to Check	100,439.64
Cashier's checks	109.52
Other Liabilities as follows:	
Letters of Credit outstanding	70.00
Total	\$132,048.73

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

J. T. Warren, President.
L. E. Adrian, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of March A. D., 1918.
Thos. Johnson
Notary Public Taylor County, Texas.
Correct—Attest: O. F. West }
L. E. Adrian } Directors
R. B. Johnson }

THE TOWN KILLERS ATTENTION

**Every Dollar Needed at Home—
Loyalty Must Have
Starting Place.**

Town killers are residents who think it smart to buy their merchandise away from home, irrespective of whether they can get the same styles, quality and think it adds to the quality and fiber of merchandise to buy it a other points. A Merkel gentleman recently bought a suit else where that was identically the same make, style and size as was carried by a local merchant, the only difference being \$3.00 in price in favor of the local merchant.

There are sometimes instances when our people must go away from home to do a portion of their shopping, but when they fall into the habit of doing all their buying elsewhere, they simply become town killers.

At this time when every ounce of loyalty, every particle of energy, every cent of money should be kept busy at home, it is a grave offense against an economic system to allow these vital elements to go flowing into the coffers of other sections.

Take a great producing section like this and let the drouth attain full heauway, let the people go low on funds, let the bank balances decrease, and it does not take a farsighted mind to delve into the depths to fathom the fallacy of throwing our volume of trade to help other people, when our own merchants are striving might and main to serve to the utmost every desire of the people in hurtful war time.

Our merchants ask no favors. They simply ask fair and square dealing. If they can not sell you what you want, can not give you the quality you desire and can not save you money, then the last one of them will off their hats and make no criticism of you for going elsewhere. They ask a chance and they ought to have it.

We heard of a merchant once who mildly criticised a party for trading in a neighboring town. The party said, in the weakness of her mental apparatus, that she would buy elsewhere then just for spite. It reminds us of the girl who married a new acquaintance just to spite her old bow. She spited him all right.

We are advocating a great principle. We know no personal in the matter.

At this time when loyalty is pre-eminent in the land, when it is every man's duty to help his neighbor, when it means much to stand by our homes and our country, we think it quite fitting to call attention to this despicable practice of trading away from home, when our little city has for years borne the reputation of selling goods cheaper than any neighboring city of like population or larger.

Remember that every dollar left in Merkl goes to swell the bank balances, which keeps the pendulum of activity moving on towards production and power.

NOTICE

Don't forget to bring your chickens, turkeys ducks, geese, guineas, eggs, butter, beeswax, hides, friers, towsacks, old iron, bones, rags, paper and tinfoil to W. P. Duckett and get the cash for all you bring. Thank you in advance. W. P. Duckett.

L. D. Giles of View was a visitor in Merkl last Friday the occasion being to "ride the goat" in the Royal Arch Chapter of Masonry with R. M. Parker, John Bond and Walter Jackson.

Statement of Condition

The Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas

At Close of Business March 4, 1918

RESOURCES

Loans	\$235,867.77
Banking House	9,200.00
Furniture and Fixtures ..	3,950.00
Bonds, Cert. and Stamps ..	3,004.26
Interest in Guar. Fund....	3,003.57
CASH & EXCHANGE.....	88,388.02
Total.....	\$343,413.62

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	31,660.25
DEPOSITS	269,547.37
Rediscunts	7,206.00
Total.....	\$343,413.62

The above statement is correct.
R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier.

TRENT SCHOOL PLAY

The Juniors and Seniors of the High School at Trent put on a very interesting play in the new auditorium last Friday evening. A good attendance is reported.

There is an epidemic of German measles and roseola in and around Trent.

CEMETERY WORK

Everyone interested in the cemetery work is requested to call at The Grimes Drug Store and make a donation. The funds are getting mighty low.

For a Bad Cold

Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It has stood the test of time and can be depended upon.

SAM T CANNON DEAD

Last Sunday morning at 9 o'clock death came to Sam T. Cannon, an aged veteran of 95 years, 2 months and 3 days. Mr. Cannon lived with his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Bradley of Stith. He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., January 14, 1823, coming to Texas as November 1861. He was married March 1, 1854, his wife having been dead about two years.

He was a member of the Baptist church 39 years, and was active in religious work until he was forced into inactivity by age. He was a Mason, having joined the order when a young man. He was a fine old man, honored and loved by all who knew him. He has been living in Jones Co. for the past 16 years.

Surviving him are nine children. In all there were 11, two being dead. Those able to attend the funeral were: Sam of Hamby; A. J. and R. T. of Stith; Joe of Abilene; Mrs. Wright of Greenville and Mrs. W. E. Bradley of Stith. He has 54 grand children and 31 great grandchildren.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 3 at the Stith ceme-

tery. The services were conducted by the Masonic lodges of Hodges and Merkel. A vest concourse of people attended the funeral, which was conducted by Rev. J. D. Kennedy of Eastland.

Truly an honored hero of Israel has gone to his just reward. He has lived through a memorable period of American history. In passing he leaves behind a family of vast extent that stands out in high purpose as a great benediction to the world in which he lived. His example will live after him, adown the ages, even unto the dawn of that eternity to which the whole human family is bound. Peace to his soul, and may his memory ever live in the good deeds of those who seek to emulate his splendid example.

Bad Taste in Your Mouth

When you have a bad taste in your mouth you may know that your digestion is faulty. A dose of Chamberlain's Tablets will usually correct the disorder. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels. You will find this to be one of the best medicines you have ever become acquainted with.

Brown Baby Scalded

Milton, the two-year old baby of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown, happened to a very serious accident last Saturday. The little fellow pulled a pan of boiling water over on his shoulders and was badly scalded. A high fever set up and the baby was dangerously ill for a few days but is now much improved.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo,

Lucas County, ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1918. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. (Seal) Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists. See Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business March 4, 1918

RESOURCES

Loans	\$222,641.17
War Saving Stamps	-1,303.77
U. S. Certifics of Indebtedness	20,000.00
U. S. Bonds	11,250.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,500.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Other Real Estate	3,132.00
CASH AND EXCHANGE	111,291.79
Total.....	\$375,031.23

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	34,106.84
Circulation	6,250.00
DEPOSITS	309,674.39
Total.....	\$375,031.23

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct
THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

L. R. Robbins received word last Tuesday of the death of his son by a former marriage. The boy lived with his grandparents at Lancaster, Ky. He was eleven years old and had been an invalid for several years. Mr. Robbins received the word too late attend the funeral. Our sympathy goes out to Mr. Robbins in his bereavement.

GOOD FARM—For Rent. 135 acres in cultivation. See Crown Hardware Company.

If you are patriotic you will attend the Red Cross play, or send the price of a ticket.

Cream Meal, at G. M. Sharps

G. B. Tittle of Abilene was in the city last Friday, attending the Royal Arch Chapter of Masons.

Cowfeed at Crown Hardware Company.

Biff the Kaiser by attending the Red Cross play.

We will buy your sacks, G. M. Sharp.

Rex McLain of Great Lakes Naval Training Station is home on a 30 days furlough.

SACKS WANTED—Will pay 7½ cents for 2-bushel sacks and 12 cents for 5 bushel sacks. E. L. Ash. t1pd

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER has been a household remedy all over the civilized world for more than half a century for constipation, intestinal troubles, torpid liver and the generally depressed feeling that accompanies such disorders. It is a most valuable remedy for indigestion or nervous dyspepsia and liver trouble, bringing on headache, coming up of food, palpitation of heart, and many other symptoms. A few doses of August Flower will relieve you. It is a gentle laxative. Sold by Grimes Drug Store. 30 and 90 cent bottles.

WE ARE STAYING BY
QUALITY MERCHANDISE

Prices look high but the Quality brings up all the good points as to colors, styles and construction of weave
THAT MAKES THEM CHEAPEST AFTER ALL

SEE OUR \$1.45 OVERALLS

Ladies Middies, Skirts and Dresses

Prices are low for Make and Quality

Good Assortment of Gingham

at 15c, 22½c and 25c per yard.

SEE

New Silks
New Lawns
New Suitings

SEE

New Ties
New Suspenders
New Socks

Always Glad to Show You

The Brown D. G. Comp'ny

LOCAL NEWS

GOOD FARM—For Rent. 135 acres in cultivation. See Crown Hardware Company.

Fred Pribble of Trent returned the past week from a two weeks' visit to Fort Worth.

Good oats at Crown Hardware Company.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Massey has been dangerously ill for some time.

E. L. Rogers who pays cash for more produce, and sells more groceries for cash.

G. M. Sharp has purchased the residence of Mrs. Edwards and moved there the past week.

Bring your hats to me for cleaning and reblocking. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

A large number of Merkelites attended the "Birth of a Nation" in Abilene last Monday night.

My cash system will enable me to give you the benefit of my cash discount, and a reduction of my expenses. E. L. Rogers

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bridges of Stith attended the funeral of Mrs. Bridge's sister, Mrs. G. E. Reeves at Munday a few days ago. Mrs. Reeves had been in ill health for several years.

SACKS WANTED—Will pay 7½ cents for 2-bushel sacks and 12 cents for 5 bushel sacks. E. L. Ash. t1pd

Choice hay at G. M. Sharps.

For Diseases of the Skin. Nearly all diseases of the skin such as eczema, tetter, salt rheum and barbers' itch, are characterized by an intense itching and smarting, which often makes life a burden and disturbs sleep and rest. Quick relief may be had by applying Chamberlain's Savle. It itches the itching and smarting almost instantly. Many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all Dealers.

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--- This paper has enlisted
with the government in the
cause of America for the
period of the war.....

Repeat Play at Opera House.
"Among the Breakers" will be
repeated Saturday night at the
Opera house in Merkel. It was a
great hit with the people.

"Among the Breakers" Friday
night at Trent High School
building. Prices 15 and 25 cents.
Benefit of Red Cross

For Indigestion, Constipation or
Biliousness

Just try one 50-cent bottle of LAX-FOS
WITH PEPSIN. A Liquid Digestive
Laxative pleasant to take. Made and
recommended to the public by Paris Medi-
cine Co., manufacturers of Laxative Bromo
Quinine and Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic.

Rabbit Hunt.

There will be a rabbit hunt
next Thursday, March 28, at
Collins stock pens, north of C.M.
Largent's. It will start at 9:30
a.m. Every one is invited to
"Come and get 'em."

Make anything you have to
sell to W. P. Duckett. He will
buy it.

Seed on Hand.

The Commercial Club has red
top cane, hand threshed feterit
and red top mdium milo maize.
Call at once.

Trade with the new firm of E.
L. Rogers. CASH STORE.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY.

To The voters of Taylor County:
In announcing for County At-
torney, I beg to say that I am
Twenty-Six years old, about
twelve years of which I have
spent in Taylor County; That I
am a married man with wife and
two children and own my home
in Abilene. I was recently licens-
ed to practice law by the Ama-
rillo Board of Legal examiners,
and Judge W. E. Gee, chairman
of the Board has written me,
among other things, "You have
made very satisfactory grades.
In fact, I desire to congratulate
you on the substance of your
answers, the manner in which
they are written, and the know-
ledge of the fundamental prin-

ciples of law shown therein. You
have made good grades, and I
congratulate you."

While I am a young lawyer
just starting out, and know I
am not as capable as some of the
more experienced lawyers, I
am ambitious to learn the prac-
tice and to rise in the profession
which I have chosen and attain-
ed by hard self study, having
studied law at home while mak-
ing a living for my family. My
friends will tell you that I have
worked hard and made my own
living, having been self-support-
ing since I was sixteen years old,
and that I have always tried to
align myself on the moral side
of all local and political ques-
tions.

I believe I can successfully
discharge the duties of the Coun-
ty Attorney's Office, and if elec-
ted I promise to do my very
best. I will not file complaints
on every little trivial matter
that comes up, as I believe such
practice serves no good purpose
but only inspires a disrespect
for the law, but will prosecute
all wilful violations of law
where I have evidence. I may
not get a chance to see you all
personally, but will give your
letters careful attention and
answer any question any voter
cares to ask, if you will write
me at Abilene, or see me. If you
feel like giving a young fellow a
trial, I will certainly appreciate
your support.

W. E. MARTIN

Percheron Stallion "Black Jack"

Reg. No. 10551. Weight 1950 pounds



Would be glad if you can see this horse before you breed. You
can't find a better animal west of Fort Worth, and I don't be-
lieve you will find a better one in the state.

FINE BLACK JACK

"Jack Johnson"

Subject to Registration. Weight about 1000 Pounds

Sired by "Napoleon" No. 910, his dam by "Midnight" No. 3355.
This jack has made three seasons at my barn and has mules
all over the country, which I would be glad you could see be-
fore breeding.

My terms for either horse or jack is \$10.00 when
the mare is served, and I give you the following
note to secure you against any loss:

\$10.00 Trent, Texas 19

One year after date for value received I promise to pay to the order of
..... the sum of ten dollars with interest from
date at the rate of ten per cent per annum. This is a conditional note and is to be void if
the mare described below, which has been served by my horse—jack—is with foal and
bears a colt which is able to stand and suck. If said mare is not with foal this note is to
be in full force and effect.
Payable at Trent, Texas. Non-negotiable.

Description of mare: Color..... age..... years, height..... hands, name
..... brand.....

As to my ability to pay above note, please refer to The First State Bank, Trent, Texas

Will not be responsible for accidents

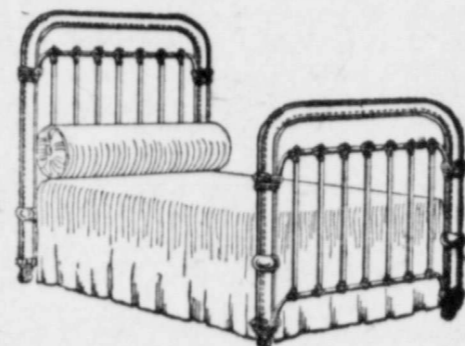
L. W. ROSS

Located 4 miles west of Trent. Follow T. & P. railroad from Trent

Some Reasons We Offer

Why You Should Buy Furniture at Home

☐ We go direct to the factory, select and buy our goods in big
car-load assortments. ☐ We sell you furniture just as cheap
and for less money than the mail-order people. ☐ In compar-
ison to the new mail-order catalog just issued, we compare some
of our staple goods with theirs.



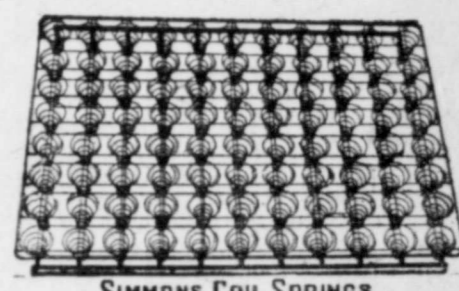
THIS BED is a 2-inch continuous post
filling rods 5-16, height of
head end 52 inches, height of foot end 35 inches,
full size; is made of steel with good castors.
We carry this bed in all finishes.

☐ Compare this with the big mail order
bed, their catalog page No. 635, bed No. 1L5346.
Their price in the white finish is \$8.35, freight
rate is 80c per hundred, weight of bed 70 lbs.

making freight 56c, the slats will cost you 30c, making this mail order bed cost
you \$9.21 in the white finish. Our price on this bed is \$8.75.

HERE IS THE CUT of a pair of
springs. In
comparison with catalog page No. 638, No. of
spring 1L5765, their price \$6.95, weight of
spring is 46 pounds, amount of freight 37 cents,
making total cost of their spring \$7.32.

☐ We price you our spring at \$5.50, fully
guaranteed to give satisfaction.



SIMMONS COIL SPRINGS

We meet the mail-order prices on everything.

For reference bring your catalog with you

A. B. BARROW & COMPANY

Merkel Anson Hamlin Rotan

SOME FINE ROAD WORK

Commissioner Lassiter is do-
ing some splendid road work out
on the Blair road, starting in at
the John Wheeler place. A large
number of people who live in
that vicinity are hard at work
on the roads, grading them up
in fine shape. The Commission-
er also has a large force at work
southwest of Trent. The people
in these communities seem to be
appreciating the opportunity to
work at this time, when they
are up with their farming and
need to make heir teams pay for
the feed they eat.

This is just a small object les-
son as to what the road bonds
will be worth when they are vot-
ed for the improvement of the
the road west from Abilene.

Try This For Sour Stomach

Eat slowly, masticate your
food thoroughly. Eat but little
meat and none at all for supper.
If you are still troubled with
sour stomach take one of Cham-
berlain's Tablets before going to
bed.

RED CROSS BENEFIT

Saturday March 30.

The poultry raisers have a-
greed to bring a setting of eggs
to be auctioned to the highest
bidder, the proceeds to go to the
Red Cross benefit. This is a
splendid offer, and one desiring
a fine setting of eggs on that
day is advised to be on hand
and put in their bid. The fol-
lowing parties will be here with
eggs:

A. J. Hartley.
Henry Rose.
Joe Higgins.
H. P. Wilkins.
Fred Baker.
Mr. Holland.
Mr. Ellis.
Mr. Jordan.
Eli Cordell.
G. L. Baker.
D. J. Hartley.

Everybody knows the kind of
chickens these people raise.
They raise the kind that always

brings home the blue ribbons.
Any one else raising pure
strains, who wants to be a little
patriotic in this way are urged
to bring in a setting.

A Pleasant Physic.

When you want a pleasant
physic give Chamberlain's Tab-
lets a trial. They are mild and
gentle in their action and al-
way produce a pleasant cathar-
tic effect. For sale by all Deal-
ers. adv.

Expecting car of god ear corn
every day. Prices are right.
Anchor Mercantile Company.

Advertised Letters.

Chadurick, Chas.
Cook, ..
Dupree Homa
Sent away April 3rd.
H. C. Williams, Postmaster,
Merkel, Texas.

Garden seed at G. M Sharps.

H. L. Propst, W. T. Sherrill,
J. A. Buford and Davis Beasley
left last Wednesday in an auto
for Amarillo. They will be gone
only a few days.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To whom it may concern:
To all creditors other persons
interested in either of the Es-
tates of W. A. Hall deceased or
R. E. Hall deceased, we the un-
dersigned were appointed Ad-
ministrators jointly of both of
said Estates by the County
Court of Taylor County, Texas
sitting for Probate business on
the 19th day of rebruary A. D.
1918 and all persons having
claims against said Estate or
either of them will present said
claims to us within the time pre-
scribed by law. We each reside
in Taylor County, Texas and our
Post Office address is Merkel,
Texas, Rural Route..

W. A. Campbell, Route 5.
George Moore, Route 3.
Administrators of the Estate
of W. A. Hall and R. F. Hall,
Deceased. 114.

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our heart
felt thanks and gratitude to our
many neighbors and friends for
their kindness and untiring
faithfulness in the short ill-
ness and death of our husband,
father. We thank the kind Doc-
tors for their efforts and every
one who rendered us help in any
way; also for the pretty flowers.
May God's richest blessings and
benediction ever rest upon each
one, is our earnest prayer.

Mrs. W. W. Russell, and
Children.

Expecting car of god ear corn
every day. Prices are right.
Anchor Mercantile Company.

Pigs and shoats for sale in
Merkel Saturday, 23d, unless it
rains too much. Lee D. Wil-
liams. tip.

Best Peaberry Coffee at G.
M. Sharps.

ON ALL DAYS

WITH EACH PURCHASE OF
WHEAT FLOUR FOR HOME USE
YOU MUST BUY ALSO AN HOUR
AMOUNT OF OTHER CEREALS



LISTEN

This is Our Golden Rule

Compound each prescription
as carefully
and accurately
as for a member of our
own family—
price it as low as we would
want it priced for
ourselves

SANDERS
DRUG STORE
The Home of Pure Drugs

PRESENT CATALOGUE MENAGE

The Bearded Monster Appears in Usual Glad Attire—Deceiving the People.

This week saw the post office flooded with hundreds of catalog going out into the byways and hedges soliciting trade. At tremendous expense was this work prepared, shipped in car-load lots to Big Springs and mailed out from there.

In speaking of their dry goods they say good quality. This is an indefinite term. These are smooth people, they get a less weight and say it is just the same.

Now what we contend is that the principle of catalog house buying is all wrog. A year or two ago some of our people were not satisfied if their hats did not come from Paris and most of their dress goods from Berlin.

The Red Cross will stage a 2-act melo drama at the Cozy, on Thursday night, March 21, and at Trent High School, Friday night, March 22.

Suppose you write your catalog house for a donation to any worthy enterprise. If they come back favorably, please let us know and we will advise other communities to apply for a return of part of their money.

quietly informed him that he had about all he could carry, but recommended that he go to the catalog house. A party came into Merkel recently and wanted to exchange a pair of shoes for a larger pair.

We challenge any one to compare prices and samples with our local merchants. We further must urge that to the quoted price must be added the carriage. We know that the catalog house can not stand up against a fair and square test.

BLUE TITTLE FOR TAX COLLECTOR

Blue Tittle has announced for Tax Collector, which means just same as re-elected. Surely no one would have the temerity to come out against Blue.

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The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 4th day of March, 1918, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 22nd day of March, 1918.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES, listing various financial items and their amounts.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of March A. D. 1918. W. P. Mahaffey (SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS WILL SAVE SOLDIERS

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

COTTON SEED—I have arranged for some good East Texas cotton seed, that will cost you about \$1.65 per bushel f. o. b. Merkel.

COTTON SEED—About 1000 bushels pure Mebane cotton seed direct from Lockhart community, at \$2.25 a bushel. W. H. Laney. 154c

FOR SALE—Work mare at a bargain. G. L. Baker. tf.

FOR SALE—Good work team. Apply to W. H. Laney. 84c.

FOR RENT—Large, cool office room for \$5.00 a month, over Woodroof-Bragg store. See the Merkel Mail. tfe.

SACKS WANTED—Will pay 7 1/2 cents for 2-bushel sacks and 10 cents for 5 bushel sacks. E. L. Ash. t1pd

FOR SERVICE—My registered Durham at the livery barn on the South Side. —R. L. Bland. tf

FOR SERVICE—Bay draft Stallion, 6 years old. 1-5 (\$3.00) Cash at time of service.—Arthur Cranston. 228tpd

FOR SALE—A fine mare at a bargain. G. L. Baker. 84c.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR RATES

For District offices \$8.00
For County offices 8.00
For Precinct offices 6.00
For City offices 3.00
Subscription price, 1 year - 1.00
Always Cash in Advance.

For Clerk District Court J. N. Routh
For County Judge: E. M. Overshiner.
For County Clerk: H. Holland Teaff, Henry R. Hicks, J. D. Hinton, J. L. Mingus, G. R. Pain

For County Attorney: W. E. Martin.
For Sheriff: J. T. Dodson, John Bond.
For County Treasurer: Austin Fitts.
For Tax Collector: G. B. Tittle.

For County Tax Assessor: John H. Vance.
For County School Supt. J. S. Smith.
For Commissioner, Precinct 2: J. M. Toombs, T. R. Lassiter, Sam Butman, Jr., J. L. Banner.

For Public Weigher at Merkel: J. M. Garrett, H. M. Mayfield, James Patterson, Jr., W. R. Britton

Jones County Candidates
For Sheriff: T. P. (Tom) Hudson
For Tax Collector: W. C. Cutrell.

One to Win One Campaign.

The Methodist congregation started a "Win One" campaign last Sunday which will close on Easter Sunday. The work is being pushed to the utmost. Already splendid results are being obtained. Let every one do his duty.

FOR RENT—Choice business building, 50x65 feet; rent reasonable, on best business street Full details at Merkel Mail office.

Fresh shipment typewriter ribbons just received at Merkel Mail office.

BARRED ROCK EGGS FOR SALE—A setting of 15 for \$1. Mrs. W. A. Campbell, Route 5, Merkel Texas. 22t3p.

TYPEWRITERS—Second hand machines of all makes for sale. On display at Sanders Drug Store. B. F. Cox. tf

FOR RENT—My place, good well with windmill, orchard, 3 1/2 lots irrigated. Mrs. S. F. Annis. tfe.

FOR SALE—2 cultivators, 2 harrows, 2 planters. See W. L. Diltz. 14t2p.

FOR SALE—Span of good work mules, 2 1/2 miles northeast of Stith. J. H. Highsmith. 22t2p

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

ROOSTERS FOR SALE—Rhode Island Reds, \$5.00 each. No better. H. D. Simpson, Trent, Texas, Route 1. 2tp

DR. ROSSER SPEAKS

Last Sunday afternoon at 4:30, Dr. Rosser of Dallas, spoke at the Methodist church on "America's Part in the world War." The subject was ably handled and greatly enjoyed by a overflowing congregation. The Doctor is a very forceful speaker.

He said that Germany was ready for any excuse to acquire more territory; that as she could not buy it, she took advantage of the assassination of Crown Prince of Austria to acquire by conquest what she could not secure otherwise. He referred to what had been done to Belgium and France and what would have been done to this country if she had not sided with the Allies in the time of need.

He said that America was fighting for a great principle, and that it was the duty of every man not only "to do his bit, but to do his best to win the war." He cited the fact that America was fighting for freedom in every way, that she was fighting alongside of a power that she had whipped twice, and if we were not going ahead and fighting for the goddess of liberty, which the French nation helped us to win, that we would be lost now.

The Doctor made a great hit here. The enormous crowd was held spellbound, and went home with vastly greater patriotic fervor than they had ever had before.

MERKEL VS TRENT.

The Merkel High School basketball club played their last game in this district Thursday afternoon with Trent High School. The game was one of the hardest fought games played this season. Our men had the loyal support and did the highest class playing that has been seen in Merkl. Merkel carried the victory by a final score of 35 and 5.

The team is looking forward with great anxiety for the time

when they shall meet the winners in the other districts.

The lineup for Merkel is as follows: Hugh McNee, captain; Burns; Stevens, Coats, and Pike, Russell, substitutes, Wilkins, Laney, Holmes.

The Merkel team also played Kale last week on the local ground, the final score being in favor of Merkel, 42 to 6. The home team showed good form throughout.

JUDGE HIGGINS SHOT

Clairemont, Texas, March 19 —A man suspected of having fired the shot which killed Judge Cullen C. Higgins in a hotel here Sunday night, has been placed in jail it became known here today. Other arrests are expected.

Judge Higgins, shot through the back with a charge of buckshot fired through a window of the hotel, died at 12:20 this afternoon. An operation last night failed to save his life.

Funeral Services took place at Snyder at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Rangers were detailed by the adjutant general's department to proceed at once to Clairemont Kent county, to investigate the shooting of Judge Higgins. The shooting occurred while he was at supper.

The rangers were instructed to make a strong effort to capture the party or parties responsible for the shooting.

Judge Higgins was district judge in Kent county for eighteen years and was well known in that portion of the state. After firing the shot the assassin escaped.

PANIC IN GERMAN TOWNS

Geneva, Thursday March 14. —Reports reaching here from Germany say that panics have been brought about by the British aerial attacks on German towns. At Coblenz, according to a Basel dispatch, there were several outbreaks of fire in the southern portion of the town, an ammunition factory was blown up. The railway station at Friborg was again badly damaged.

Swiss travelers report that in the principal Rhine cities many houses and apartments are vacant, numbers of persons moving to Central Germany and Switzerland. They say opinion is growing against continuing of German air raids.

Persons owing me accounts please call and settle at once as I have discontinued the credit business, and must turn my accounts into cash. E. L. Rogers.

First State Bank, Trent, Texas

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of March A. D., 1918. Thos. Johnson (SEAL) Notary Public Taylor County, Texas

THE TOWN KILLERS ATTENTION

Every Dollar Needed at Home—Loyalty Must Have Starting Place.

Town killers are residents who think it smart to buy their merchandise away from home, irrespective of whether they can get the same styles, quality and fiber of merchandise to buy it a other points. A Merkel gentleman recently bought a suit else where that was identically the same make, style and size as was carried by a local merchant, the only difference being \$3.00 in price in favor of the local merchant.

There are sometimes instances when our people must go away from home to do a portion of their shopping, but when they fall into the habit of doing all their buying elsewhere, they simply become town killers.

At this time when every ounce of loyalty, every particle of energy, every cent of money should be kept busy at home, it is a grave offense against an economic system to allow these vital elements to go flowing into the coffers of other sections.

Take a great producing section like this and let the drouth attain full headway, let the people get low on funds, let the bank balances decrease, and it does not take a farsighted mind to delve into the depths to fathom the fallacy of throwing our volume of trade to help other people, when our own merchants are striving might and main to serve to the utmost every desire of the people in hurtful war time.

Our merchants ask no favors They simply ask fair and square dealing. If they can not sell you what you want, can not give you the quality you desire and can not save you money, then the last one of them will off their hats and make no criticism of you for going elsewhere. They ask a chance and they ought to have it.

We heard of a merchant once who mildly criticised a party for for trading in a neighboring town. The party said, in the weakness of her mental apparatus, that she would buy elsewhere then just for spite. It reminds us of the girl who married a new acquaintance just to spite her old bow. She spited him all right.

We are advocating a great principle. We know no personality in the matter.

At this time when loyalty is pre-eminent in the land, when it is every man's duty to help his neighbor, when it means much to stand by our homes and our country, we think it quite fitting to call attention to this despicable practice of trading away from home, when our little city has for years borne the reputation of selling goods cheaper than any neighboring city of like population or larger.

Remember that every dollar left in Merkl goes to swell the bank balances, which keeps the pendulum of activity moving on towards production and power.

NOTICE

Don't forget to bring your chickens, turkeys ducks, geese, guineas, eggs, butter, beeswax, hides, friers, towsacks, old iron, bones, rags, paper and tinfoil to W. P. Duckett and get the cash for all you bring. Thank you in advance. W. P. Duckett.

L. D. Giles of View was a visitor in Merkel last Friday the occasion being to "ride the goat" in the Royal Arch Chapter of Masonry with R. M. Parker, John Bond and Walter Jackson.

Statement of Condition
The Farmers State Bank
 Merkel, Texas
 At Close of Business March 4, 1918

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$235,867.77
Banking House	9,200.00
Furniture and Fixtures ..	3,950.00
Bonds, Cert. and Stamps ..	3,004.26
Interest in Guar. Fund....	3,003.57
CASH & EXCHANGE.....	88,388.02
Total	\$343,413.62
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	31,660.25
DEPOSITS	269,547.37
Rediscounts	7,206.00
Total	\$343,413.62

The above statement is correct.
 R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier.

TRENT SCHOOL PLAY

The Juniors and Seniors of the High School at Trent put on a very interesting play in the new auditorium last Friday evening. A good attendance is reported.

There is an epidemic of German measles and roseola in and around Trent.

CEMETERY WORK

Everyone interested in the cemetery work is requested to call at The Grimes Drug Store and make a donation. The funds are getting mighty low.

For a Bad Cold

Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It has stood the test of time and can be depended upon.

SAM T CANNON DEAD

Last Sunday morning at 9 o'clock death came to Sam T. Cannon, an aged veteran of 95 years, 2 months and 3 days. Mr. Cannon lived with his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Bradley of Stith. He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., January 14, 1823, coming to Texas as November 1861. He was married March 1, 1854, his wife having been dead about two years.

He was a member of the Baptist church 39 years, and was active in religious work until he was forced into inactivity by age. He was a Mason, having joined the order when a young man. He was a fine old man, honored and loved by all who knew him. He has been living in Jones Co. for the past 16 years.

Surviving him are nine children. In all there were 11, two being dead. Those able to attend the funeral were: Sam of Hamby; A. J. and R. T. of Stith; Joe of Abilene; Mrs. Wright of Greenville and Mrs. W. E. Bradley of Stith. He has 54 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 3 at the Stith ceme-

tery. The services were conducted by the Masonic lodges of Hodges and Merkel. A vest concourse of people attended the funeral, which was conducted by Rev. J. D. Kennedy of Eastland.

Truly an honored hero of Israel has gone to his just reward. He has lived through a memorable period of American history in passing he leaves behind a family of vast extent that stands out in high purpose as a great benediction to the world in which he lived. His example will live after him, adown the ages, even unto the dawn of that eternity to which the whole human family is bound. Peace to his soul, and may his memory ever live in the good deeds of those who seek to emulate his splendid example.

Bad Taste in Your Mouth

When you have a bad taste in your mouth you may know that your digestion is faulty. A dose of Chamberlain's Tablets will usually correct the disorder. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels. You will find this to be one of the best medicines you have ver become acquainted with.

Brown Baby Scalded

Milton, the wo-year old baby of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown, happened to a very serious accident last Saturday. The little fellow pulled a pan of boiling water over on his shoulders and was badly scalded. A high fever set up and the baby was dangerously ill for a few days but is now much improved.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.
 Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.
 Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896. A. W. GLEASON.
 (Seal) Notary Public.
 Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.
 F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
 Sold by all druggists. 75c.
 Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business March 4, 1918

RESOURCES

Loans	\$222,641.17
War Saving Stamps	-1,303.77
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	20,000.00
U. S. Bonds	11,250.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,500.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Other Real Estate	3,132.00
CASH AND EXCHANGE	111,291.79
Total	\$375,031.23

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	34,106.84
Circulation	6,250.00
DEPOSITS	309,674.39
Total	\$375,031.23

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct
 THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

L. R. Robbins received word last Tuesday of the death of his son by a former marriage. The boy lived with his grandparents at Lancaster, Ky. He was eleven years old and had been an invalid for several years. Mr. Robbins received the word too late attend the funeral. Our sympathy goes out to Mr. Robbins in his bereavement.

GOOD FARM—For Rent. 135 acres in cultivation. See Crown Hardware Company.

If you are patriotic you will attend the Red Cross play, or send the price of a ticket.

Cream Meal, at G. M. Sharps

G. B. Tittle of Abilene was in the city last Friday, attending the Royal Arch Chapter of Masons.

Cowfeed at Crown Hardware Company.

Biff the Kaiser by attending the Red Cross play.

We will buy your sacks, G. M. Sharp.

Rex McLain of Great Lakes Naval Training Station is home on a 30 days furlough.

SACKS WANTED—Will pay 7½ cents for 2-bushel sacks and 12 cents for 5 bushel sacks. E. L. Ash. t1pd

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER has been a household remedy all over the civilized world for more than half a century for constipation, intestinal troubles, torpid liver and the generally depressed feeling that accompanies such disorders. It is a most valuable remedy for indigestion or nervous dyspepsia and liver trouble, bringing on headache, coming up of food, palpitation of heart, and many other symptoms. A few doses of August Flower will relieve you. It is a gentle laxative. Sold by Grimes Drug Store. 30 and 90 cent bottles.

LOCAL NEWS

GOOD FARM—For Rent. 135 acres in cultivation. See Crown Hardware Company.

Fred Pribble of Trent returned the past week from a two weeks visit to Fort Worth.

Good oats at Crown Hardware Company.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Massey has been dangerously ill for some time.

E. L. Rogers who pays cash for more produce, and sells more groceries for cash.

G. M. Sharp has purchased the residence of Mrs. Edwards and moved there the past week.

Bring your hats to me for cleaning and reblocking. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

A large number of Merkelites attended the "Birth of a Nation" in Abilene last Monday night.

My cash system will enable me to give you the benefit of my cash discount, and a reduction of my expenses. E. L. Rogers

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bridges of Stith attended the funeral of Mrs. Bridge's sister, Mrs. G. E. Reeves at Monday a few days ago. Mrs. Reeves had been in ill health for several years.

SACKS WANTED—Will pay 7½ cents for 2-bushel sacks and 12 cents for 5 bushel sacks. E. L. Ash. t1pd

Choice hay at G. M. Sharps.

For Diseases of the Skin. Nearly all diseases of the skin such as eczema, tetter, salt rheum and barbers' itch, are characterized by an intense itching and smarting, which often makes life a burden and disturbs sleep and rest. Quick relief may be had by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It itches almost instantly. Many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all Dealers.

WE ARE STAYING BY
QUALITY MERCHANDISE

Prices look high but the Quality brings up all the good points as to colors, styles and construction of weave
THAT MAKES THEM CHEAPEST AFTER ALL

SEE OUR \$1.45 OVERALLS

Ladies Middies, Skirts and Dresses
 Prices are low for Make and Quality

Good Assortment of Gingham
 at 15c, 22½c and 25c per yard.

SEE
 New Silks
 New Lawns
 New Suitings

SEE
 New Ties
 New Suspenders
 New Socks

Always Glad to Show You

The Brown D. G. Comp'ny

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with the government in the
cause of America for the
period of the war-----

Repeat Play at Opera House.
"Among the Breakers" will be
repeated Saturday night at the
Opera house in Merkel. It was a
great hit with the people.

"Among the Breakers" Friday
night at Trent High School
building. Prices 15 and 25 cents.
Benefit of Red Cross

**For Indigestion, Constipation or
Biliousness**
Just try one 50-cent bottle of **LAX-FOS
WITH PEPSIN.** A Liquid Digestive
Laxative pleasant to take. Made and
recommended to the public by Paris Medi-
cine Co., manufacturers of Laxative Bromo
Quinine and Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

Rabbit Hunt.

There will be a rabbit hunt
next Thursday, March 28, at
Collins stock pens, north of C.M.
Largent's. It will start at 9:30
a.m. Every one is invited to
"Come and get 'em."

Take anything you have to
sell to W. P. Duckett. He will
buy it.

Seed on Hand.

The Commercial Club has red
top cane, hand threshed feterit
and red top medium milo maize.
Call at once.

Trade with the new firm of E.
L. Rogers. **CASH STORE.**

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY.

To The voters of Taylor County:
In announcing for County At-
torney, I beg to say that I am
Twenty-Six years old, about
twelve years of which I have
spent in Taylor County; That I
am a married man with wife and
two children and own my home
in Abilene. I was recently licens-
ed to practice law by the Ama-
rillo Board of Legal examiners,
and Judge W. E. Gee, chairman
of the Board has written me,
among other things, "You have
made very satisfactory grades.
In fact, I desire to congratulate
you on the substance of your
answers, the manner in which
they are written, and the knowl-
edge of the fundamental prin-

ciples of law shown therein. You
have made good grades, and I
congratulate you."

While I am a young lawyer
just starting out, and know I
am not as capable as some of the
more experienced lawyers, I
am ambitious to learn the prac-
tice and to rise in the profession
which I have chosen and attain-
ed by hard self study, having
studied law at home while mak-
ing a living for my family. My
friends will tell you that I have
worked hard and made my own
living, having been self-support-
ing since I was sixteen years old,
and that I have always tried to
align myself on the moral side
of all local and political ques-
tions.

I believe I can successfully
discharge the duties of the Coun-
ty Attorney's Office, and if elec-
ted I promise to do my very
best. I will not file complaints
on every little trivial matter
that comes up, as I believe such
practice serves no good purpose
but only inspires a disrespect
for the law, but will prosecute
all wilful violations of law
where I have evidence. I may
not get a chance to see you all
personally, but will give your
letters careful attention and
answer any question any voter
cares to ask, if you will write
me at Abilene, or see me. If you
feel like giving a young fellow a
trial, I will certainly appreciate
your support.

W. E. MARTIN

Percheron Stallion "Black Jack"

Reg. No. 10551. Weight 1950 pounds



Would be glad if you can see this horse before you breed. You
can't find a better animal west of Fort Worth, and I don't be-
lieve you will find a better one in the state.

FINE BLACK JACK "Jack Johnson"

Subject to Registration. Weight about 1000 Pounds

Sired by "Napoleon" No. 910, his dam by "Midnight" No. 3355.
This jack has made three seasons at my barn and has mules
all over the country, which I would be glad you could see be-
fore breeding.

My terms for either horse or jack is \$10.00 when
the mare is served, and I give you the following
note to secure you against any loss:

\$10.00

Trent, Texas

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One year after date for value received I promise to pay to the order of

.....the sum of ten dollars with interest from
date at the rate of ten per cent per annum. This is a conditional note and is to be void if
the mare described below, which has been served by my horse—jack—is with foal and
bears a colt which is able to stand and suck. If said mare is not with foal this note is to
be in full force and effect.

Payable at Trent, Texas. Non-negotiable.

Description of mare: Color..... age..... years, height..... hands, name
brand.....

As to my ability to pay above note, please refer to The First State Bank, Trent, Texas

Will not be responsible for accidents

L. W. ROSS

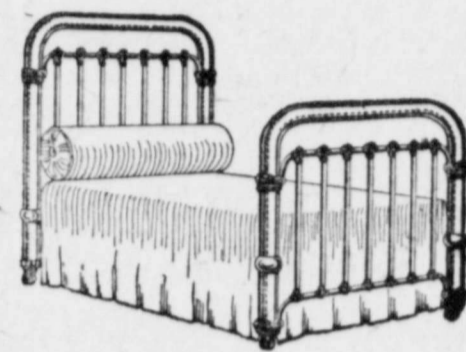
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and for less money than the mail-order people. ☐ In compar-
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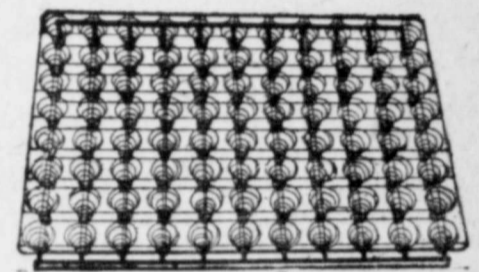
THIS BED is a 2-inch continuous post
filling rods 5-16, height of
head end 52 inches, height of foot end 35 inches,
full size; is made of steel with good castors.
We carry this bed in all finishes.

☐ Compare this with the big mail order
bed, their catalog page No. 635, bed No. 1L5346.
Their price in the white finish is \$8.35, freight
rate is 80c per hundred, weight of bed 70 lbs.

making freight 56c, the slats will cost you 30c, making this mail order bed cost
you \$9.21 in the white finish. Our price on this bed is \$8.75.

HERE IS THE CUT of a pair of
springs. In
comparison with catalog page No. 638, No. of
spring 1L5765, their price \$6.95, weight of
spring is 46 pounds, amount of freight 37 cents,
making total cost of their spring \$7.32.

☐ We price you our spring at \$5.50, fully
guaranteed to give satisfaction.



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We meet the mail-order prices on everything.

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SOME FINE ROAD WORK

Commissioner Lassiter is do-
ing some splendid road work out
on the Blair road, starting in at
the John Wheeler place. A large
number of people who live in
that vicinity are hard at work
on the roads, grading them up
in fine shape. The Commission-
er also has a large force at work
southwest of Trent. The people
in these communities seem to be
appreciating the opportunity to
work at this time, when they
are up with their farming and
need to make their teams pay for
the feed they eat.

This is just a small object les-
son as to what the road bonds
will be worth when they are vot-
ed for the improvement of the
the road west from Abilene.

Try This For Sour Stomach

Eat slowly, masticate your
food thoroughly. Eat but little
meat and none at all for supper.
If you are still troubled with
sour stomach take one of Cham-
berlain's Tablets before going to
bed.

RED CROSS BENEFIT

Saturday March 30.

The poultry raisers have a-
greed to bring a setting of eggs
to be auctioned to the highest
bidder, the proceeds to go to the
Red Cross benefit. This is a
splendid offer, and one desiring
a fine setting of eggs on that
day is advised to be on hand
and put in their bid. The fol-
lowing parties will be here with
eggs:

A. J. Hartley.
Henry Rose.
Joe Higgins.
H. P. Wilkins.
Fred Baker.
Mr. Holland.
Mr. Ellis.
Mr. Jorden.
Eli Cordell.
G. L. Baker.
D. J. Hartley.

Everybody knows the kind of
chickens these people raise.
They raise the kind that always

brings home the blue ribbons.
Any one else raising pure
strains, who wants to be a little
patriotic in this way are urged
to bring in a setting.

A Pleasant Physic.

When you want a pleasant
physic give Chamberlain's Tab-
lets a trial. They are mild and
gentle in their action and al-
way produce a pleasant cathar-
tic effect. For sale by all Deal-
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Cook, ..
Dupree Homa
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H. C. Williams, Postmaster,
Merkel, Texas.

Garden seed at G. M Sharps.

H. L. Propst, W. T. Sherrill,
J. A. Buford and Davis Beasley
left last Wednesday in an auto
for Amarillo. They will be gone
only a few days.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To whom it may concern:
To all creditors other persons
interested in either of the Es-
tates of W. A. Hall deceased or
R. E. Hall deceased, we the un-
dersigned were appointed Ad-
ministrators jointly of both of
said Estates by the County
Court of Taylor County, Texas
sitting for Probate business on
the 19th day of February A. D.
1918 and all persons having
claims against said Estate or
either of them will present said
claims to us within the time pre-
scribed by law. We each reside
in Taylor County, Texas and our
Post Office address is Merkel,
Texas, Rural Route.

W. A. Campbell, Route 5.
George Moore, Route 3.
Administrators of the Estate
of W. A. Hall and R. F. Hall,
Deceased. 114.

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our heart
felt thanks and gratitude to our
many neighbors and friends for
their kindness and untiring
faithfulness in the short ill-
ness and death of our husband,
father. We thank the kind Doc-
tors for their efforts and every
one who rendered us help in any
way; also for the pretty flowers.
May God's richest blessings and
benediction ever rest upon each
one, is our earnest prayer.

Mrs. W. W. Russell, and
Children.

Expecting car of god ear corn
every day. Prices are right.
Anchor Mercantile Company.

Pigs and shoats for sale in
Merkel Saturday, 23d, unless it
rains too much. Lee D. Wil-
liams t1p.

Best Peaberry Coffee at G.
M. Sharps.

ON ALL DAYS

WITH EACH PURCHASE OF
WHEAT FLOUR FOR HOME USE
YOU MUST BUY ALSO AN EQUAL
AMOUNT OF OTHER CEREALS



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Compound each prescription
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and accurately
as for a member of our
own family—
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want it priced for
ourselves

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FEDERAL INCOME TAX IN BRIEF

The Requirements Boiled Down for Busy Folks.

Returns must be filed on or before April 1, 1918.

Tax due may be paid now or on or before June 15, 1918.

If you were single and your net income for 1917 was \$1,000 or more you must file a return.

If you were married and living with wife (or husband) and had a net income of \$2,000 or more for 1917 you must file a return.

Husband's and wife's income must be considered jointly, plus income of minor children.

Income of a minor or incompetent, derived from a separate estate, must be reported by his legal representative.

Severe penalties are provided for those who neglect or evade the law.

For false or fraudulent return there is a penalty not exceeding \$2,000 fine or year's imprisonment, or both, plus 100 per cent. of tax.

For failure to make return on or before April 1, 1918, fine is from \$20 to \$1,000, plus 50 per cent. of tax due.

Returns must be filed with the Collector of Internal Revenue of district in which you live.

An agent may file return for a person who is ill, absent from the country or otherwise incapacitated.

Each return must be signed and sworn or affirmed by person executing it.

Single persons are allowed \$1,000 exemption in computing normal tax.

A married person living with wife (or husband) is allowed \$2,000 exemption, plus \$200 for each dependent child under 18.

A head of family, though single, is allowed \$2,000 exemption if actually supporting one or more relatives.

Returns must show the entire amount of earnings, gains and profits received during the year.

Officials and employees are not taxable on the salaries or wages received from a state, county, city or town in the United States.

Interest on state and municipal bonds issued within the U. S. is exempt from federal income tax and should be omitted.

Interest on United States government bonds is also exempt, except on individual holdings of Liberty Bonds in excess of \$5,000 par value.

Dividends are not subject to normal tax, but must be reported and included in net income.

Gifts and legacies are not income and should not be included on the return of the beneficiary.

Life insurance received as a beneficiary or as premiums paid back at maturity or surrender of policy is not income.

Payments received for real or personal property sold is not income, but the profit realized thereon is income for the year of sale.

Amounts received in payment of notes or mortgages is not income, but the interest on such notes or mortgages is taxable income.

From the entire gross income certain allowances are made in arriving at the net income.

Necessary expenses actually paid in the conduct of business, trade or profession may be claimed.

A farmer can claim payments for labor, seed, fertilizer, stock feed, repairs on buildings, except his dwelling; repairs of fences and farm machinery, materials and small tools for immediate use.

The amount of rent paid for a farm may also be claimed as a tenant farmer's expense.

Payments for live stock are allowable if bought for resale. But if bought for breeding purposes cattle are an investment, not an expense, and cannot be allowed.

A storekeeper can claim amounts paid for advertising, clerk hire, telephone, water, light and fuel, also drayage and freight bills and cost of operating and repairing wagons and trucks.

A physician can claim cost of his professional supplies, rent, office help, telephone, expense of team or automobile used in making professional calls and expenses attending medical conventions.

A dentist can claim similar items, except team or auto expense, which are not necessary in his profession.

Expenses that are personal or connected in any way with the support or well being of a person or family are not allowable.

The costs of machines, instruments, vehicles or implements that are more or less permanent in character are not allowable as an expense. They are investments.

Interest paid on a mortgage or other personal indebtedness is allowable on a personal return.

All taxes paid within the year can be taken out on a federal return, except federal income taxes, inheritance taxes and assessments for local improvements.

Losses sustained in business or through fire, storm or shipwreck or by theft, except when compensated by insurance or otherwise.

Wear and tear of rented buildings or machinery used in business may be claimed.

You can also claim the amount paid to the Red Cross and to other charitable, religious or educational organization to the extent of 15 per cent. of your net income.

STOMACH TROUBLE

Mr. Marion Holcomb, of Nancy, Ky., says: "For quite a long while I suffered with stomach trouble. I would have pains and a heavy feeling after my meals, a most disagreeable taste in my mouth. If I ate anything with butter, oil or grease, I would spit it up. I began to have regular sick headache. I had used pills and tablets, but after a course of these, I would be constipated. It just seemed to tear my stomach all up. I found they were no good at all for my trouble. I heard

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BLACK-DRAUGHT

recommended very highly, so began to use it. It cured me. I keep it in the house all the time. It is the best liver medicine made. I do not have sick headache or stomach trouble any more." Black-Draught acts on the jaded liver and helps it to do its important work of throwing out waste materials and poisons from the system. This medicine should be in every household for use in time of need. Get a package today. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c a package. All druggists.

ONE CENT A DOSE

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To The American People

There is no foundation for the alleged violations of law attributed to our Company by agents of the Federal Trade Commission and I want to say emphatically that Swift & Company is not a party to any conspiracy to defraud the Government. Nor has Swift & Company been guilty of improperly storing foods or of making false entries or reports.

Conferences of packers, where prices have been discussed, have been held at the urgent request and in the presence of representatives of either the Food Administration or the Council of National Defense. And yet the packers have been accused of committing a felony by acting in collusion on Government bids!

We have done our best, with other packers, large and small, to comply with the directions of the United States Food Administration in all particulars, including the furnishing of food supplies for the U. S. Army and Navy and the Allies, now being handled through the Food Administration.

We will continue to do our utmost, under Government direction, to increase our production and assist the Food Administration. We consider that the opportunity to co-operate whole-heartedly and to our fullest powers with this branch of the Government is our plain and most pressing duty.

The Trade Commission Attorney has, by false inference and misplaced emphasis, given to disconnected portions of the correspondence taken from our private files and read into the Record, a false and sinister meaning with the plain purpose of creating antagonistic public opinion.

The services of the packers of the United States are most urgently needed, and I regret exceedingly that we should at this time have to spend our efforts in defending ourselves against unfounded, unproved, and unfair assertions such as are being daily made public.

L. J. Swift, President

Swift & Company, U.S.A.

Scrap Iron, Bones and -- Rags --

Rags per 100 lbs. \$1.00 Bones 70c
Scrap Iron 50 cents per hundred
at Merkel and Trent
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Bring in your wheat—will buy or grind it

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MR. SIMPKINS PAYS HIS INCOME TAX

By ROBERT McBLAIR.

Mr. Simpkins gazed at the portrait on the wall till his eyes filled with tears. It was a portrait of his father, Colonel Simpkins, who had four times been promoted for valor during the Civil War and had died bravely on the field of action. Mr. Simpkins' throat ached now for two reasons: First, he revered and adored the memory of his father; secondly, his age and his eyes and his game leg wouldn't let him go to war himself. And as he observed the martial bearing and uncompromising gaze of Colonel Simpkins he saw, in imagination, the khaki-clad lads of the new generation marching forth and crossing three thousand miles of sea to fight, maybe die, for liberty.

Mr. Simpkins peered around to make sure that neither Bess nor John (who were at the tender ages of sixteen and seventeen) were where they could see him, then he straightened and threw his right arm up for a salute. But his gaiter twinged, and he groaned. He couldn't even salute.

"Damn!" said Mr. Simpkins, and with his other hand fiercely twirled his white mustachios.

He turned and limped into the library and sat down creakily before the mahogany desk on which were lying the blanks for his income tax statement, blanks which he had rather grumpily got from the Internal Revenue officer only that day after luncheon on his way home from the club.

Mr. Simpkins' income for 1917 had amounted to just about \$15,000, and he had been rather snappy on the subject of taxes ever since he had discovered that the more income a man has the greater the percentage of it he pays in taxes. He could think of several men who, like himself, were married and had two children, and yet, although their incomes were nearly half of his, they would pay only a small fraction of the amount he paid. He gloomily drew the blank nearer and began filling in the information that it asked for.

As Mr. Simpkins' income was \$15,000 he had to figure out the amounts payable on each of the successive smaller classes of incomes in order to arrive at the total due from himself. He passed over the first class who must pay taxes, that is, single men making over 1,000. His calculation for married men then showed up as follows:

First, they pay 2 per cent. (under the 1916 law) on all income over \$4,000, deducting \$200 for each of their children under eighteen years. In Mr. Simpkins' case this was \$212, which he put down in the "payable" column.

He saw next that, under the 1917 law, married men pay an additional 2 per cent. on all over \$2,000—with the same allowance for children. This added \$202 to his "payable" column.

He then observed that for every \$2,500 jump in his income over \$5,000 he had to pay a Surtax, the percentage growing larger with each jump. This was \$250 more added to his burden. And on top of all this came an "Excess Profits" tax of 8 per cent. on all "occupation" income over \$6,000, making \$720 more.

The total, then, he must pay was fourteen hundred and thirty-four dollars.

"Whew!" exclaimed Mr. Simpkins angrily. "There's young Henry Wilkins, who married Jake Johnson's girl, he makes \$2,000 and he doesn't pay a cent of taxes. I guess this is his war as well as mine!"

Thinking of young Henry Wilkins, he remembered that Mrs. Wilkins went every afternoon to make bandages for the Red Cross and that Henry, who was a lawyer, was aiding the Local Draft Board with its questionnaires.

"Well," he admitted to himself, "that makes a difference."

He thought next of Judge Willoughby, whose income was about \$3,000.

"He only pays \$20," commented Mr. Simpkins, not quite so angrily this time; and then a thought struck him and he sat up rigidly in his chair.

Judge Willoughby's son had been drowned on the Tuscania when it was submerged with the loss of two hundred soldiers.

"Judge Willoughby gave his son to America," muttered Mr. Simpkins.

He leaned forward suddenly and put his face in his hands.

For a long time Mr. Simpkins sat very still in that position. There was no sound in the library except the ticking of the tall clock and an occasional trill of laughter from the children skylarking upstairs. The square of light on the carpet gradually withdrew itself through the window, and first twilight and then darkness settled in about the quiet, white haired, sometimes irascible old man.

Mr. Simpkins was thinking things which he would never afterward speak of, he was thinking things that were too sacred ever to be put into words. But some inkling of his thoughts may be found in his rejoinder to Mrs. Simpkins when that placid lady came in and turned on the lights, and asked him whether he was ready for dinner. "Judge Willoughby's only son was worth as much as fourteen hundred and thirty-four dollars, wasn't he?" Mr. Simpkins demanded of her.

As his wife, who was not unused to his superficial irritations, watched him in mild astonishment, Mr. Simpkins limped out to the hall and took his old felt hat and silver-headed cane from the rack. Letting himself out into the foggy evening, he tapped his way down to the corner, and mailed his income tax statement and check with his own hands.

"Now, God be thanked," said Mr. Simpkins as the lid clanked shut over his missive, "I can do this much for my country, anyhow."

LUCKY STRIKE CIGARETTE

IN a year it has become famous; the man's cigarette for the men who are working over here, and fighting over there.

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TOUCHSTONE REACHES CHINA

(Continued from last week)
They eat many kinds of vegetables, both cooked and pickled. The thing that I relished least was raw fish, but I managed to eat some of it. After all, why should I not eat raw fish, who have often eaten raw oysters and raw eggs? Of course we began and ended with tea, very good tea too. I might say that the first course at supper was a sort of jelly, which was the only sweet served. There was little difference between the supper and breakfast, except that we had eggs and no sweet at breakfast. Bedsteads, like chairs, are a minus quantity in a Japanese house. But the cotton mattress which was put on the floor was very comfortable to sleep on, and there was an abundance of well padded comforters for cover. However I had to balk at the pillow, which was a sort of round bolster about fifteen inches long and about six or seven inches thick, filled with something like sawdust, at least it was no softer than that. I put one of the cushions that I had sat on under my head and slept as well as I ever did in my life.

The CORRECT TREATMENT FOR COLDS

Colds are contracted when strength is lowered and the inflammation easily develops bronchitis or lung trouble, while grippe and pneumonia frequently follow and any cold should have immediate treatment with

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which first builds up the forces by carrying rich nourishment to the blood streams and creates real body warmth. Its cod liver oil is the favorite of physicians for correcting bronchial disorders and chest troubles.

The imported Norwegian cod liver oil always used in Scott's Emulsion is now refined in our own American laboratories which guarantees it free from impurities. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 17-19

Next morning we went to the church and there found my telegram. I had beat it there. There was a good crowd of bright boys and girls for Sunday School, and a smaller crowd of what appeared to be middle class grown-ups for church service. With Mr. Motoyoshi as interpreter I talked about five minutes to the Sunday School, after they had finished with their lesson. I talked twenty-five or thirty minutes to the church, that is it was that long from the time I commenced till I finished, but I think my interpreter used more

ing my dead level best to be polite and show my appreciation of their courtesy, for they are the most polite people I have ever seen. And I assure you I was not the least bit sorry I had made that little trip.

I got back to Kobe just before night, and intended going back ashore after I got my supper, but was tired and also wanted to write some letters to be mailed before we sailed. I retired about ten o'clock, while the loading of the boat was still going on. We were scheduled to sail at midnight, but I was told next morning it was about four o'clock before we weighed anchor. I was sound asleep and did not know when we started, but when I waked up we were steaming away through the famous inland sea, with the mainland, that is the largest island of Japan on one side and on the other just one island after other, some very small, some several miles across, but all very cold and it was cloudy so we did not stay on deck. When we waked up on Tuesday morning we were entering Nagasaki Bay, on which is situated the town of Nagasaki. This is on a different island from the large one on which we had been before

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And to think you can get the very best training to be given anywhere right here at home, without having to pay high board elsewhere, and at a very moderate rate of tuition. If you live near here you can take the course. Board can be secured here very reasonable.

You prepare for years to teach---any occupation usually requires years of time. What other line of work can you engage in that will lead to such quick results?

We have a class that is making rapid progress in this art. Several more are contemplating starting at once. We expect to start another class right soon. Don't defer this matter. Learn to do something that will gain you a situation to be of help in time of war, for the war is not yet near the end and will not be for some time to come. Act now.

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Keep WRIGLEY'S in mind as the longest-lasting confection you can buy. Send it to the boys at the front.

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a 5-cent package of WRIGLEY'S will give you several days' enjoyment: it's an investment in benefit as well as pleasure, for it helps teeth, breath, appetite, digestion.

Chew It After Every Meal

The Flavor Lasts!

...most all the ships stop there for coal. Ours was going on straight south to Manila and we had to lay over there from Tuesday morning till late Thursday afternoon. That was the first time I got the least impatient on the whole trip. However we made the best of it we could till the next boat left for Shanghai. It was another Japanese boat called the Coe Maru, and as it was only about one third the size of the Korea Maru on which we had been riding, and as the China Sea was pretty rough for the forty-eight hours we were on it, some of us thought it should have been called the "Oh my" Maru. Up to that time I had not been really sea sick, just threatened with it for the first twenty four hours out of San Francisco, but on the second day out I lost part of my midday meal. But I managed to stay up and eat something every time the bell rang for meals.

But I should not leave Nagasaki without a few words at least. The harbor there is not as large as some, but I suppose there is not a better protected one anywhere. The bay is about a mile wide and several hundred feet deep, so that I am sure no very hard wind ever gets in there unless it comes from the south. The town is almost entirely built right up the steep sides of the hills, for there is very little level ground there. There are coal mines near by, and there is a large shipbuilding concern there. It is the terminus of the railroad which runs from one end of Japan to the other—there is a ferry of a few miles crossing from the main island to the Nagasaki Island. All this makes it a town of considerable importance.

It would of course be too much to expect that a country that only fifty years ago began to emerge from feudalism, such as existed in Eupore five hundred years ago, should now have a civilization in all respects equal to that of Europe, or America, but after traveling through the country one is compelled to admit that the Japanese are in some respects a remarkable people. They have a very efficient railway, telegraph and postal system. I did not get to see anything of their school sys-

tem, but did see many school buildings, even in the rural districts, and I understand that their schools are fairly well organized and conducted. The public schools, by the way are all closed on Sunday, a fact not without significance in a country where the emperor is the recognized head of the-Buddhist religion. I should say that the most outstanding trait of the people the one which has enabled them to make the progress they have, is their industry. They probably do not deserve any great credit for that, as their climate and soil and density of population make it imperative that they be industrious. Otherwise they could not have existed.

We landed in Shanghai about four o'clock on Saturday, December 8. It was then too late for me to come on to Soochow, so I got a room at what the proprietor is pleased to call the Missionary Home and stayed in Shanghai till Monday morning. When I find time to write again, I will try to tell something of Shanghai, Soochow, and Chinese life in general, as I have been able to see and judge it so far. Cary. (To be continued.)

Forgot What He Needed
From the Republican, Mt. Gilead, Ohio: The editor had an interesting experience some time ago, when a young gentleman came to this office and asked for a copy of the Morrow County Republican. He scrutinized it carefully when a copy was handed him, and then said: "Now I know!" "What is it you are looking for," we inquired. "My wife sent me after a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I forgot the name. I went to several stores and the clerks named over everything in the line on the shelf except Chamberlain's I'll try again, and I'll never go home without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." The Republican would suggest to the proprietors of stores, that they post their clerks, and never let them substitute. Customers lose faith in stores where substituting is permitted, to say nothing of the injustice to makers of good goods and the disappointment of customers.

Plenty corn at G. M. Sharps.



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Mr. Badley Entertains
E. C. Badley entertained the following last Thursday afternoon: Misses Powell Sharp, Hamblett, Rister and Mrs. Cash, and Messrs. Anderson, Rose Gambill, Rogers, Sheppard and Barrow.

It will be noted that he entertained no single men. Mr. Badley says he means business, and we are led to suppose that all the above young ladies are available. At any rate they report a splendid time, and voted their thanks to Mr. Badley.

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NUBIA

Well as Grover is not in our community, we don't have any news from Nubia, so I will try and write a few words to let the people know that Nubia is still on the boom getting along nicely with the work on the church house. The people are all about up with their plowing, and just waiting for it to rain to go to planting. We have had beautiful warm days, if we could have a good season you would soon see old cows and everything begin to look like Mulberry Canyon again.

W. C. Matthews and family of Merkel made a pleasant visit to the Canyon Sunday, to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Matthews and family.

Rev. Alma Matthews filled his regular appointment at Brother G. W. Woods on the third Sunday. He preached at Uncle Zack Turners on the 2nd Sunday of each month, and at Brother Woods on each 3rd Sunday, in each month. We hope every body will remember this and come out to hear him. Bring someone with you. He preaches in the afternoon at 3 o'clock on each Sunday. He will preach on the Fifth Sunday at 3 at his fathers house. Everybody come to Uncle Dan's as we all call him.

Uncle Dan and wife made a business trip to Merkel Saturday, and to see after their baby, 'oici Hedleses,' grave. They never go to Merkel to stay all night without visiting his grave. There is no love like a father and mother's love for their darling babies.

Well I will make a short letter and if this misses the scrap basket, I will come again.

I notice in passing through the Canyon the people are building dugouts. What do you guess is coming. Billie.

Have a fine male turkey, full blood bronze, for sale at \$7.50. R. L. Adecock.

Merkel Man's Lucky Find. Will interest Readers of the Mail.

Those having the isfortune to suffer from backache, urinary disorders, gravel, dropsical swelling, rheumatic pains, or other kidney and bladder disorders, will read with gratification this encouraging statement by a Merkel man.

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SPEAKS ON OZARK TRAILS

Last Saturday afternoon, F. B. Bennet, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Abilene, spoke at the Commercial Club rooms on "The Ozark Trails." It will be remembered that a short time ago Col. Harvey came through here and spoke on this subject. He continued his journey, in company with Mr. Bennet to El Paso. Mr. Bennet is now covering the route, putting the matter squarely up to the citizens.

He referred to the utterance of Col. Harvey, when he said that it is a great development of character to build good roads. He said that the Ozark Trails Association had been petitioned to give us a road into Texas. The route in which we are interested runs from Lawton to Wichita Falls, Seymour, Abilene and west to El Paso. Other routes have been selected, but the proper co-operation on the part of the people will throw the advantage to this route.

This route is best from a military standpoint. We must be in position to mobilize quickly. The only thing that protected France was her modern road system. If we had to depend upon the railroads, it would take 60 or 90 days to land 500,000 or 1,000,000 men on the Mexican border. We have a 75 per cent chance to win this highway.

Referring to the profits of such a road, Mr. Bennet said the road running through Vernon, that would not carry half the traffic this road would carry, showed that tourists outside of the county spent as much there as \$500 a day. Two years ago Vernon had two garages; now she has 18. Col. Harvey says he thinks, if the line is adopted it will carry 400 or 500 autos a day. Figure what that would be worth to you. It ought to bring from \$2000 to \$3000 daily.

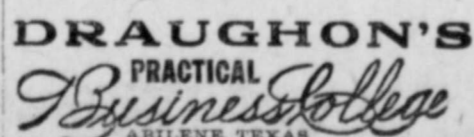
He said the final fight would come off at the meeting of the Ozark Trails Association in June.

An organization was formed here with Arthur Rose, chairman, and W. A. McSpadden, secretary. Several present took membership in the association, and many more are expected at once.

Figured out from every standpoint, the road would be worth more to Merkel than any factory proposition that could be imagined. It will be the great southern route for through traffic to the Pacific coast.

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David Murray--Keeper of Fairpoint Light House. He is the man who put the O in Oratory. (Robert Hicks)

Scud--The black face cloud. Scud is there. (Geo. Groene)

Hon. Bruce Hunter--The Captain of the Racer. He will show you how to fight the Breakers. (Jim Black)

Bess Starbright--Rover of the Sea. Life preserver and the girl who is worth while. (Jewel Toombs)

Peter Paragraph--Jack of all trades. Reporter to a preacher. (Dewey Brown)

Minnie Daze--The brightest of all days. This little beauty will make you love her. (Stacy Adkisson)

Clarence Hunter--The man who proves that every cloud has a silver lining. (Will Merritt)

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MUSIC

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CHURCH NEWS

Table with 3 columns: Church, Sunday School Attendance, Report Collection. Rows: Methodist (163, \$3.79), Baptist (123, 3.85)

Rev. Hull Called

The Baptist church last Sunday morning gave a unanimous call to Rev. O. J. Hull of Abilene. In the afternoon about 40 members of the congregation went to Abilene in cars to present the call. Rev. Hull promised to give the call prayerful consideration, hoping to be able to give a reply by the latter part of the week. He has done a great work in Abilene, and the congregation here feels that his services are needed for the great work of the church.

Elger W.G. Cypert will preach at the North Side church Sunday and Sunday night. A cordial invitation to attend is extended to all.

League Program March 24 Topic, The fellowship of the Young Christians Leader, Miss Bessie Tucker. Song, Scripture, 1John 1:1-7 Song, Prayer. Responsive Reading Ps. 101. Song. What is Holy Week Fellowship week, Rev. C. S. Cameron The Fellowship Paul Craved, Julia Martin. Discussion. Song, League Prayer.

Come To Church

Come to church Sunday. All Ye Methodist folks, and some time since—christian—but not now, and all ye folks who have good singing and preaching Come to Methodist Sunday at 11 and at 7:45 o'clock. I will have a message you will want to hear, perhaps you need to hear. Come see how we are growing. Come see our young men in the front at work for Jesus Christ. Come C. S. Cameron.

H. Y. P. U. Program March 24 Subject, "China and Japan" Song, Song, Prayer, Song.

Introduction, by Leader. 1. Cuban Relationship to The U. S. 2. Cuban Ideals of Government and Baptist Missionary Activities are in the Most Striking Agreement—Virginia Mayfield. Mission Schools, Miss Geneva Brown.

Evangelistic work. Cuban Mission Under Southern Baptist Direction. Their Location. Mission Schools, Miss Geneva Brown.

Evangelistic work. Roy Moore Special Needs in Cuba, Miss Maggii Wheeler. Evangelizing the Soldier, Mason Pee.

Reports of a Panama Sunday School, Mr. Chandler.

"Among the Breakers" Friday night at Trent High School building. Prices 15 and 25 cents. Gift of Red Cross

R. L. Bland took four head of registered Durhams to the fat stock show at Fort Worth the past week, disposing of all of them at good prices. He says he got them well distributed throughout the State.

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After an illness of about one month, death came last Sunday the suffering of W. W. (Uncle) Billie Russell. He had never been sick before in his life. Hale and hearty, he would have been 72 years of age the 26th day of July. He has lived in Merkel since 1889.

Mr. Russell was a member of the Methodist church, having joined about 15 years ago.

He is survived by his widow and seven children, three girls and four boys: John J., S. G., W. R., C. K. and Mrs. D. A. Dickey, all of whom reside in and around Merkel; Mrs. Geo. L. Vaughn, Long Beach, Cal., and Mrs. J. A. Harris, Calixico, Cal.

Mr. Russell was a congenial companion, a splendid gentleman and number his friends by the hundreds, as attested by the large body of citizens who attended the funeral services, held at the residence Monday morning at 11 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. C. S. Cameron, pastor of the Methodist church. To the bereaved ones are extended our heartfelt sympathy.

Want a man with small family to do farm and ranch work. C. M. Largent.

GOOD FARM—For Rent, 135 acres in cultivation. See Crown Hardware Company.

W. R. Russell returned from the sanitarium at Dallas several days ago. He is now getting along nicely and believes that he has fully recovered from the operation which he underwent.

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Luther Grimes is home from Camp on a furlough. He is looking well and hearty.

Phone your orders to E. L. Rogers where the dollar buys most.

Mrs. Arthur Rose has been on the sick list the past week.

Cotton seed meal at Crown Hardware Company.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

Don't forget to go to W. P. Duckett with your eggs. He will buy everything.

John Burns, who has been real low with pneumonia is reported improving. His mother-in-law is now down with the dread disease. We hope for a speedy recovery for both of them.

Take your dollar to E. L. Rogers, where it will buy the most.

Mr. Wilson, formerly of the the Merkel Drug Store, is visiting relatives and friends in the city. He came from Dallas, where he has been visiting. He will leave shortly for Arizona.

Send in those spring clothes and have them cleaned and pressed to look like new ones. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

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Mrs. John Bayless of Baid returned home last Saturday after visiting in the home of her brother E. W. Perminter and family the past week.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain left last Sunday for Fort Worth, where they will make their home for the next few months. We regret to see this splendid couple leave Merkel, but hope they will soon return. They are not moving their household goods.

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I have been asked so many questions why I have moved; I am compelled, although I did not want to, tell the reason. I just simply got to where I couldn't pull my shoes off but Mr. Arch Harris would put them on and go get some woman's chickens and then I would have the chickens to pay for. I didn't intend to tell this but I am forced to tell the truth.

The young people had a singing at Mr. and Mrs. Bynum's Sunday afternoon.

Messrs Mason Pee and Judson McRee went to Merkel Sunday afternoon to hear a speaking.

Our basketball team came to Merkel Friday afternoon and took what Merkel always gives us in a basketball game: the little end of the score. Our Junior boys gave their junior team what the boys call a "goose egg." The score was 3 to 0.

Mr. Oris Sublett of Okla is visiting Hubert Harris and other friends this week. We understand he is going back to Okla. very soon. He seems to think money grows on bushes up there.

Ben Ely came very near freezing the other morning. He went out to see his new born colt one cold morning last week. The more he looked at it the colder he became. The mule is some smaller than an elephant and is not smothering from over flesh.

R. E. Cole, who, has been in Okla. for some time is reported suffering with a very severe attack of rheumatism.

J. M. Dunn is arranging to grade the Sunday School. He will be able to give the parents a report of the children's work every month. Of course that will be very helpful because that is the only way some of the parents will be able to learn of their children's work.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnett gave the young people a singing Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Young ate dinner with Mrs. Arch Harris Sunday.

Dave Shelton has decided for a better and more sanitary school. He is plowing his field close to the school so we can see how to get across the school ground.

W. A. Harris has announced his candidacy for school trustee. His platform is as follows:

First, I believe it takes time to learn the work. Therefore, I believe I am entitled to a second term.

Second, I am in favor of feeding the teachers, at least half of the time.

Third, if there is any work about the school building to do it is the trustees duty to do it unflinching because he is a servant of the people who is well paid.

Fourth, I believe paying a teacher all they ask because none of them know enough to make a living.

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GROVER LEWIS LOCATED

After a respite of two months quietude I will again assume the unobtrusive duties of my pen, and unravel for you a few "thinks" from off a very limited mental reel.

Whether this disposition of mine to insert an occasional letter in the columns of the Mail, is highly entertaining to you, or not, is of infinitesimal moment to me. If it were not, I would practice the stupidity still just as tho I were receiving \$224.83 per month and board, including \$6.55 for cigar defayal. The practice which I would get alone would afford requite enough despite the fact that I'm a satelite of disciple, if you please of penury. O the acrimony my impetuosity metes out to me! I'm away from home imbibed with moody lonesomeness—tossed to and fro, from billow to billow, upon lifes rugged main, so ffought with impetuous din and cruel inequalities; The confusion and thereby hangs a tail—bears on my mind like pondemonium affects the accoustic senses.

I blew into Range on the 12 inst. and found a lively, energetic town, full of work, new shacks of an ephemeral nature, oil derricks, proud hearted men who, twelve montas ago were so poor they were obliged to use the fense as a fuicium; the strugg's for existance was a pro position which offered diners perturbations to their worried minds. Now they're perfuntory as a result of the sudden metormorphosis which the eldorado of oil has wrought.

There are several Merkel and Trent people here, which gives the town a home-like appearance. Elgin Costephens, formerly of Merkel, but later of Roscoe, is running a picture show here. Mr. Easterwood of Abilene was here yesterday. I wish some more Merkel and Trent boys would come down here. Chicken roostings are not so hazardous, in spite of the three Texas Rangers stationed here. I guess they love chicken as well as anyone and this is not meant for an aspersion on their profession. They are fine fellows, indispensable to the maintenance of law and order, and our manderings to and fro through this town of turpitude at night would be endangered with hazards and risks without them.

Dan Rawlings and three boys from Trent are camped in a tent about twenty yards from the acre of the dead; but in spite of this breach of conventional propriety, they profess to enjoy calm nights blessed with reposeful serenity.

Now, since we are a bit melancholy, if Mr. Jackson will be kind enough to send us the Mail, we'll feel that a considerable measure of our dejection will be removed from our minds to the realms of banishment. I needn't state here why I'm so engrossed with an overwhelming pall of gloom. You can just surmise for your selves that it is because of one of a multiplicity of things, such as being away from home, being broke, or losing my girl. Pshaw, I didn't mean to advance this latter reason, it unguardedly slipped my tongue. You needn't believe it unless you want to.

Well two new oil wells were brought in here this week. This makes four flowing wells for the Ranger field, and about 30 are going down. An oil man told me yesterday that the quality of this oil was better than any this side of Pennsylvania, and it was bringing \$2.85 per barrel at the wells.

You can bet your final dollar that Ranger is in the game for supplying her relative share of industrial means toward helping Uncle Sammie swat the Boche. It sorter conflicts with the grain of my human nature to say it, but there's more honor today in swatting the German dragon fly, than in swatting the common house fly.

I've got to be going; I'll come again.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's.

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. 60 cents.

March 31 --- EASTER SPECIALS --- March 31



New materials in every department for those who heed the call of spring. Only one more week in which to do your Easter shopping. Let us help you to decide on your new spring suits, coats, dresses, skirts, crepe de chine and georgette waists and millinery.

New Spring Blouses For Easter

Charming styles in georgette blouses in colors of coral, flesh, maize, white and combinations. **\$6.00 and \$4.95**

Beautiful crepe de chine blouses in flesh, white, maize and nile, finished in reverses, laces and hand embroidered, new cut collars; priced at **\$3.50 and \$2.95**

Dainty organdy blouses, trimmed with filet and val laces, collars inset with medallions. **\$2.50**



Easter Specials in our Millinery Dept.

We have made special efforts to bring to you the very newest and best ideas in this season's millinery. An early selection is advisable. You will find prices most reasonable.

Special attention given the little tots headwear.

One lot ladies long and short sleeve house dresses, regular **\$1.25 and \$1.50 values**

Choice 98c

The New Spring Suits

are different, the Eton Jacket being very popular, made of serges, poplin and twills, with vest effects. We show the new shades and materials, with prices very reasonable.

The Coats for Spring

are made on simple lines. We show them in velours, tricot and taffeta in the new spring shades. Our coats will be priced special for Easter selling. Let us show you.

This will be bargain week throughout our store. You can buy the following ready-to-wear garments at less than wholesale cost of materials

Middy Blouses 49c

One lot middy blouses, sizes 6 to 14, worth 75c and \$1.00 your choice **49c**

Middy Blouses 89c

One lot middy blouses, sizes 16 to 44, worth \$1.25 and \$1.50, while they last **89c**

Ladies Shirt Waists

One lot ladies shirt waists cheap at \$1.50, choice **98c**

Childrens Gingham Dresses

One lot childrens gingham dresses, sizes 2 to 6 **49c**

Childrens Gingham Dresses

One lot childrens gingham dresses, sizes 6 to 14 **98c**

Ladies Muslins

One lot ladies muslin gowns and underskirts, values to \$1.50, choice **98c**

Shoes \$1.45

One lot shoes consisting of pumps, oxfords and high shoes, worth \$2.50 to \$3.50, in small sizes only, priced at **\$1.45**

Remnant Table

The remnant table is loaded with bargains of every class of merchandise.

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