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UNPRECEDENTED BANK DEPOSITS

The Merkel banks are literally overrun with the coin of the realm. Figuratively speaking, money is just bulging from the windows of the bank buildings. There is so much money there we don't see how they can keep it counted. The Farmers State Bank has on deposit \$1,191,791.94; The Farmers and Merchants Bank, \$1,054,039.80; the First State Bank at Trent, \$339,084.86. Before the cotton season is over the two banks at Merkel will doubtless go in excess of \$3,000,000 and the bank at Trent will go in excess of \$400,000. It is certainly a contrast with a year ago. Property values are responding to the wonderful crop yields.

POULTRY SHOW IN MERKEL

The Third Annual Poultry and Petstock Show and sales day, will be on the Second Saturday in December. Free show for all. Each one cooping and attending to their exhibit. Bring what you have for sale. Come to buy what you need. Exhibit your breeding stock and show your neighbor the error of his way, in keeping mongrels. In place him to purchase Standard stock, for pleasure and profit. Sound the cry for more and better poultry and petstock for Merkel Country.

COTTON RECEIPTS 14,900.

The cotton receipts Wednesday afternoon reached 14,900 bales, according to Cotton Weigher Garrett. All day there was a long string of wagons at the scales waiting for attention. The cotton is all open, but there has been no let up in ginning. The receipts will easily go over 20,000 bales. Never did Merkel and the Great Merkel Country experience such an era of prosperity. Never before were all the laborers so continuously employed as now. Even in spite of the labor that has been put in to save the crops, thousands of dollars worth of stuff is literally going to waste. The grain crop will be short another year simply because the people could not find time to sow. It is a great time, and yet the end of prosperity is nowhere in sight.

GATHER YOUR JUNK—SELL IT INVEST IT

The Savings Division of the Treasury Department urges upon everyone in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District to observe Salvage—Clean-up Conservation week, November 23rd to 29th, inclusive. The word "Junk" as applied to stable, merchantable commodity is by no means a household word in the South, and there are millions of people in this Section who have given little or no attention to the serious thought of the opportunity that is theirs of collecting and selling junk, deriving from its sale a financial return amply sufficient to merit their real attention. What attention has been given this, has been in a very large measure impulsive, and even accidental. Even today, with no less than Fifty Million Dollars worth of junk going to waste in this district alone, many of our people are unmindful of the real obligation that is theirs to gather up this vast amount of waste material; see that it is sold; and the money invested in War Savings and Thrift Stamps. November 23rd to 29th inclusive has been designated by the Governors of the four states of

and by the Mayors by official proclamation as Salvage, Clean-up Conservation Week. During this week, millions of dollars worth of copper, brass, babbitt, tin foil, old auto tires, scrap rubber of every kind, mixed rags of all kinds, old rope and string, bones, bottles, in fact, hundreds of articles that by the average individual has been considered worthless, possessing real, tangible cash value, deserve to be given consideration. This is a practical period of time, and it is time for the American people to get off the "high horse" of spending and sober up. The American public has been and is on a spending debauch, absolutely drunk with spending, giving no thought at all to saving, but throwing money away with a reckless hand, seemingly with no thought of the future and its needs. At a time like this when one half of the world is hungry, one half of the world is illy clad, it is certainly unbecoming in any of us to waste or to refuse to assist the Government in any measure of Conservation.

Metropolitan Changed Hands.

N. Hancock and brother, B. C. Hancock have bought out the Metropolitan Cafe and from now on it will be known as the Hancock & Bros. Cafe. They expect to make a first class Cafe of it.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter left Wednesday for Paducah, Ky., to visit relatives. They will be away about two weeks. Mr. Lassiter urges the overseers to please look after the roads in his absence.

See our line of Waterman fountain Pens Lowry & Gamble.

White Swann syrup at G. M. Sharp's Grocery Store

Howel Britain suffered the dislocation of his right arm a few days ago when cranking a car.

Palm Olive soap at 10 cents a bar. Bob Martin's Grocery Store.

The officers of The F. & M. National Bank want you to feel free to consult with them about all matters. We want to make money, but we can't make money unless you make money too.

Fresh car Peace Maker flour G. M. Sharps.

Bring all your cotton checks to The Farmers & Merchants National Bank for cash or deposit.

Chops at G. M. Sharps.

B. Y. P. U. Program, Nov. 30.

Subject, Education on Foreign Fields.

Leader, Yates Brown

Scripture, Gyrle Howard.

Introduction, Leader.

Earlier Stages of Mission work, Ola Sharp.

A Change in Policy, Pearl Tompkins.

Our Distinctive Policy Makes Our Educational Task More Difficult, Holland Teaff.

Special Music, Lula Sharp.

A Survey of Our Schools and Colleges, 1, 2, 3, 4, Ruth Boden.

Normal Training Schools and Theological Seminaries, Roxie Sharp.

The Urgent Needs of our Educational Work, Leda Deer.

COTTON SEED

The great importance of planting good seed and improving the same is urgently recommended by our Agriculture Department of the State. The importance of which can not be over estimated. So in order to meet the recommendation and requests of the farmers of this country, we are installing our Franklin Culler, for the purpose of culling and improving the seed of the country. We will cull for the public, also have culled seed for the market.

MASON and RAGAN

SCHOOL AND SCHOOL FACILITIES

(By R. Kenneth Evans)

One thing stands out in the life of Merkel that will always redound to her credit, and Americanism.

That is that she can't vote any more city school taxes; now don't misunderstand the statement, it is not because the tax payers do not want too; let this fact be understood that never yet has she turned down a tax for the betterment of the schools. The tax levy is five mills; fifty cents on the hundred dollars; and Merkel has gone the limit.

The board of trustees for the Merkel schools are:

R. O. Anderson, president; J. M. Dry, secretary; A. T. Sheppard; W. O. Boney; H. C. West; W. D. Hutcheson.

The Superintendent of the Schools is R. A. Burgess, and this is his third year with the Merkel schools, two years as principal and the present year as superintendent.

At present there are five hundred on the enrollment, and will

you note please that this is a nice percentage?

The school has 15 teachers and note this fact, that seven of these teachers are college graduates, having college degrees.

The Merkel school is affiliated with the state university meeting all the requirements for this privilege with ease.

While the present school building which is a credit for a town much larger than Merkel, cost some thirty five thousand dollars when completed.

It takes about \$14,000 a year, about twenty-eight dollars per pupil enrolled, to finance the school terms each year. Of course some of this \$14,000 comes from the state school fund.

Last year twenty graduated; about the same number will receive diplomas the coming commencement; and quite a number of the boys and girls, a large percentage, go to finish their studies in other advanced schools.

The Merkel school realizes

that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy"; that athletics help school discipline and self reliability and fosters the school spirit, but not to a sacrificing degree. One of the teachers—at present, J. C. Baker, is employed as an athletic instructor, and at present the school has a football squad; a basketball quintett and in season will have a base ball team.

It is the intention of the board and superintendent to make speedy arrangements to add Domestic Science to the course of study.

The school has an excellent reference library; as well as laboratory.

The campus as well as the school rooms are kept in a neat, sanitary condition at all times for the health and morals of the school children are well thought of at all times.

The rural schools, of course under the laws of the state must meet certain requirements before state school fund aid is forthcoming, but the rural schools in the vicinity of Merkel are some above the average.

Merkel and Merkel community believe in education; and the Merkel schools are a criterion of the parentage of the children who are being educated in them; they are the best. The schools of the town are a drawing card for the location of many who otherwise might, and would, go elsewhere.

Merkel is one hundred percent in many things, and schools and school facilities are one of these; she is one hundred percent efficient in community spirit one hundred percent in non-changeable citizenship; and all of these makes for the betterment of the community and consequently for the system and facilities for education of the youngsters who will be the citizens of tomorrow in whose destinies lie the further work of the nation; the development of the resources of their chosen country, and if the past is an index of the future, those youngsters will take the places of their parents right in Merkel, that's the Merkel habit. And it's a mighty good habit at that.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Duckett of Fort Worth are visiting the former's parent's. Mr. and Mrs. Duckett and family.

See our jewelry and cut glass before buying. Lowry & Gamble Druggists

Corn, shorts, chops and bran at A. L. Jobs

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Holden returned home after Mrs. Holden had spent the summer with her mother in New Mexico. Mr. Holden has been at work in Ariz.

We have Eastman Kodaks Lowry & Gamble Druggists.

LOST—A purse containing about \$8, link to wrist watch and small coin purse. Finder please deliver to W. P. Duckett and give reward.

Fresh prescription drugs and drug sundries at Lowry & Gamble.

Ted Lamar is visiting home-folks for a few days.

Fresh car Peace Maker flour G. M. Sharps.

Bring all your cotton checks to The Farmers & Merchants National Bank for cash or deposit.

Best flour at lowest price, A. L. Jobs.

BOX SUPPER WHERE? White Flat School House WHEN? Saturday Night November 29 WHAT FOR? To Buy a Piano ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COME AND BRING A BOX

THANKSGIVING SERVICE IN MERKEL

Thanksgiving services will be held at the Methodist church on THURSDAY EVENING at 7 o'clock. Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church, will preach the sermon. Every one is urged to attend. It has been the custom since the early days of this country for the people to come together once a year in a thanksgiving service for the blessings that have been theirs, for the prosperity they share, for life and health and for the promises that time may bring. It is the plan of the business houses of Merkel to close for this day. Every one will be rested and ought to be feeling fine for the service. And then just to think of prosperity that has dispelled the clouds of drought and put a song in the mouths of all the people. If there ever was a time when people ought to be thankful, now is that time. Don't forget the time and place.

NO NEWS FROM OIL FIELD

No reports of great importance have come in the past few days from the wells. Everything is encouraging at the Bland well and a find is expected at any time. Drilling operations are down to an interesting depth and a small sand, showing some oil and gas has been found. Drilling continues on the Sears, but no further find has been made. Oil is still coming from the first find. The drillers are hopeful of finding a sand at a little greater depth. Operations on the Trent well is still held up on account of not being able to secure shipments of casing, etc.

BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE

As we go to press, the indications are that the business houses in Merkel will close for Thanksgiving. It has been the custom of the business houses to close for a number of years, and even the gins seem disposed to close. Even though cotton is needing picking, many farmers will reverse the day by laying aside their tasks and taking life easy.

THE LYCEUM A SUCCESS.

The first series of the Lyceum was held at the school auditorium last Friday night. It was quite a success in every way. The Wells Company afforded the amusement, which was highly appreciated by those present. The night was very unfavorable and many people were deterred from attending. Those who were highly pleased.

As a rule the school lined up beautifully and patriotically for the course. With the exception of one or two all the local teachers were present at the entertainment. Supt. Burgess exerted himself, though ill at the time, for the success of the program. He stands for the high ideal in education and is making a splendid success as superintendent. He was ably assisted by Mr. Miller.

Other numbers of the Lyceum will come in due order, and if it is to be hoped that the people generally will encourage this nature of entertainment.

We are here to stay and will appreciate a trial Lowry & Gamble.

And if you want to see your wife smile, buy Peace Maker flour. G. M. Sharp.

Mrs. Gen. J. Jones is spending a few days in Midland visiting relatives.

Palm Olive soap at 10 cents a bar. Bob Martin's Grocery

CLASSIFIED ADS

1 cent a word for each insertion. No ad. taken for less than 15c.

FOR SALE—4-room house in good shape, well and windmill. See R. A. Ellis or R. G. Grogan, Truley, Texas 74c.

WANTED TO RENT—One good 4 or 5 room cottage for 4 months. Will pay rent in advance. E. H. Ray. 15t2p

ALFALFA HAY—Old "Bossie" will give more milk if she gets a little alfalfa. Have car bought. T. J. R. Swafford, Phone 291. t2c

WANTED—Six hundred to thousand pounds clean seed cotton. T. J. R. Swafford. Phone 291 28t2c

FOR SALE—A first class piano practically new at a bargain. Phone or write Cleveland Baker, Merkel, Texas 26t2c.

LOST—A large mole skin, dark brown, coat corduroy collar, between Merkel Depot and Blair. Finder please return to Merkel Mail. Reward. 26t1p.

WANTED—1000 Grain sacks. Mason and Ragan. 26t1c

MAIZE HEADS—I have a customer that wants two car loads of good bright maize. See J. C. Mason. 28t1p

WANTED—Lady agent, good wages, good treatment, pleasant work. A. T. Tuttle, Gorman, Tex 28t1p

FOR SALE—Burdon RED Turkey Hens \$4.00 and Toms \$5.00. See Mrs. J. A. Stanford. 28t2c.

C. E. French of Dallas, Texas is visiting his sister, Mrs. Geo. Boyce.

Buy your baby shoes at Jobe's Store at half price. 28t2c

Fresh box chocolates at Lowry & Gambles.

The only service limit at The F. & M. National Bank is that the transaction must be safe.

Bring your prescription to Lowry & Gamble.

We want to list your vacant lots, your houses, in fact whatever you have to sell. The Merkel Realty Company.

Buy your wife, daughter or sweetheart, a Fur and save half at Jobe's Store. 28t2c

Cotton seed meal at G. M. Sharps.

Place your subscription with the Merkel Mail and Abilene Morning Reporter, \$4.00 a year.

Honey at G. M. Sharps

SEED OATS

Texas Red, free from Johnson-grass, will stand the winter. See J. T. Warren or Geo. Boyce, Merkel, Texas 7t3c

FOR SALE—Oliver typewriter, in good shape for \$25 dollars. Apply at The Merkel Mail Office.

FOR SALE—4 bay brood mares 4 bay mares 3 1/2 years old, 4 bay horses 2 1/2 years old. 2 miles east of Comper school house. Arthur Cranston, 17tfc.

WANTED TO BUY MAIZE—I am now in the market for your maize. See W. T. Beasley. 17t3c

WANTS TO RENT—150 acres, with good house and water. Am able to furnish myself, have big family. Can furnish best of references. See J. L. Rosson, Trent, Texas. 28t2p

WANTED—Bright maize at \$20 a ton. Earl Lassiter. 26t1c

FORDS FOR SALE

I have plenty of them. Brand New 1920 Model, with and without starters. I receive from 3 to 5 car loads a week and can deliver you one any time you come. See Pickens Burton 1415 Patterson Ave, Dallas, Texas. 7t4c

HOGS FOR SALE

Fulton's Hogs at Hellums Yard will be sold at 18 cents 28t2p

WANTED—Will pay highest market price for cotton seed. Davis Beasley. 28tfc.

Xmas handkerchiefs at A. L. Jobs. 28t2c

Fresh car Peace Maker flour G. M. Sharps.

Don't forget to bring your eggs chickens, butter, hides, sacks and rags to W. P. Duckett, who pays cash and will sell you apples, potatoes and cold drinks as cheap as any one.

W. P. Duckett.

CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

Graham flour at G. M. Sharps

In damp, chilly weather there is always a large demand for Ballard's Snow Liniment because many people who know by experience its great relieving power to apply it at the first twinge. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Regulate the bowels when they fail to move properly. Herbine is an admirable bowel regulator. It helps the liver and stomach and restores a fine feeling of strength and buoyancy. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Statement of Condition
The Farmers State Bank
 Merkel, Texas

At Close of Business Nov. 17, 1919

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$344,362.35
Banking House	7,900.00
Other Real Estate	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures ..	4,415.00
Stocks & U.S. Liberty Bonds	6,193.35
Interest Guaranty Fund...	3,445.73
Bills of Ex. —	
Cotton	\$365,122.36
Cash & Ex. 537,269.24 —	902,391.60
Total	\$1,269,608.03
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus & Profits, earned ..	42,816.99
Deposits	1,191,791.04
Total	\$1,269,608.03

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

SCHOOL TO START
 The Salt Branch School will start Monday. The trustees want to meet the patrons for a short time to discuss the free text book proposition. It is hoped that every one who will attend will start Monday in order to help the efficiency of the school. The school will be taught by Misses Smith and Russell.

This Means You
 When you get up with a bad taste in your mouth, a dull tired feeling, no relish for food and are constipated, you may know that you need a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only cause an agreeable movement of the bowels, but cleanse and invigorate the stomach and improve the digestion.

The officers of The F. & M. National Bank want you to feel free to consult with them about all matters. We want to make money, but we can't make money unless you make money too.

The first census of the United States was taken in 1790, during the administration of George Washington. It related solely to population.



When you can get the original, get it, the Edison Mazda is the Daddy of all Electric Lamps.

We handle nothing but the Original Edison Mazda the most efficient Lamp that is made. All sizes in stock. "Buy them in the Box"
 Merkel Power Company

About 650 people were engaged in taking the first census of the United States. The 1920 census will require the services of 90,000.

Shorts and bran at Bob Martin Grocery Company.

**NEW STEAM PRESS
 IN OPERATION**

I have installed a new steam press, and can now give much better and quicker service. It has always been our motto to give satisfaction and service, but on account of the rush, was unable to do our best, but can now take care of all kinds of work. Give me a trial.

MRS. C. L. CASH.
 Phone 180

J. T. Warren, President
 L. R. Thompson, Vice Pres. Booth Warren, Asst. Cash.
 G. F. West, Vice President D. W. Johnson, Asst. Cash.



We rejoice with our friends in the FINE PROSPERITY of the PRESENT SEASON.

**The Farmers and Merchants
 National Bank**

is no less proud of the assistance it rendered during the two years of drouth than it is of the fine Loyalty of those who do business with us.

Nothing is more VALUABLE than a good BANKING CONNECTION

This we offer in addition to an UNEXCELLED SERVICE. Become identified with us TODAY

Thos. Johnson, Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Kile and family of Pampa are visiting Mrs. Kile's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burns and family.

Try a sack of that good old Marechal Neil or White Billows flour. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
 Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, blind, bleeding or protruding Piles. Instantly relieves itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 60c.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Ford returned to their home at Hamlin after a visit with Mrs. Ford's sister, Mrs. Ellington.

Prescriptions carefully compounded by registered Druggists at Lowry & Gambles.

Rub a sore throat with Ballards Snow Liniment. One or two applications will cure it completely. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.



A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

LOCAL NEWS

If you are going to want a loan on that farm you had better see W. O. Bonev at once.

D. L. Gregory of Paris returned home Sunday after spending a couple of weeks at the bedside of his son, Charlie, who has been very sick at the home of his uncle, G. E. Ellington.

No Worms in a Healthy Child
 All children troubled with worms have a healthy color, which indicates poor blood. An rule, there is more or less stomach's disturt GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC given reg for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, prove the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

Try a sack of that good old Marechal Neil or White Billows flour. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

J. A. Collum of Grove Park, Atlanta Ga., was a visitor at the Merkel Mail office the past week. He is an old subscriber to the Mail. He owns a farm near Stith and is visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs. Bridges at Stith.

Our Tellers are always supplied with plenty of change and currency and will supply it in amounts to pay individual cotton pickers. Bring in your pay roll and let us make change for you. The F. & M. National Bank.

The 14th Decennial Census is to be taken during the month of January, 1920.

We appreciate rural order and will give them prompt attention. Lowry & Gamble Druggists.

Only a Cold
 Are you ill? is often answered "Oh! it's only a cold," as if cold was a matter of little consequence, but people are beginning to learn that a common cold is a matter not to be trifled with, that some of the most serious diseases start with a cold. As soon as the first indication of a cold appears take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Remember that the sooner you get rid of your cold the less the danger, and this remedy will help you to throw it off.

**Not Next Month
 BUT
 - TO - DAY -**

**Come get your suit, Mr. Man or Kind Lady
 These suits will make a smile that will keep
 you happy -- Prices \$35.00 to \$50.00**

**SEE OUR COATS
 - Underwear for Every One -**

Come Look Our Goods Over

The Brown D. G. Co.

Women urged To Drop Powder Puff and Use Brains in Legitimate business

Chicago, Nov. 19.—Now is the time for all women and girls with sense to come to the aid of their party in industry and commerce, according to Katherine Clemmons Gould of New York and Newport, the wife of Howard Gould, New York financier.

Mrs. Gould is president of the Woman's Chamber of Commerce of New York City and is attending the National Federation of College Women at the Auditorium Hotel.

"It's high time the women of America should get out from under their social camouflage, drop the 'four flush' and come to the realization that today women with common sense ideals and brains are needed as never before.

"Let them step forth into business life and get a little dirt on their noses. It will do them good. The trouble with the women today—alarge majority of them, is that they are taken up too much with crazy ideals about clubs social functions and the like. They are all right in their places, but this 'posing' should be eliminated in view of the present opportunities of really doing some good in the world.

"If a woman is trained in business, she ought to go into business with men.

"A woman is keener in business than when she stays home and scrubs or lolls around. When she gets out with real men she is ashamed to wear silly clothes or to spend time powdering her nose. She'll never get over the

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts on the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, etc. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Beautify Your Home NOW

☞ We have received in the past ten days several car loads of new furniture. ☞ Our house is now full of brand new up-to-date goods. We can supply your furniture wants, for any room in the house. ☞ If you would like a complete suit for either bed room or dining room we have it in any style or finish. Or if you only want an odd piece to match something you have, we have quite an assortment of odd Dressers, Beds both iron and wood, Chiffoniers, Dressing Tables, Buffets, China Cabinets, Tables, Chifforobes and Cedar Chests.

☞ A few parlor suits in the upholstered fibre. Also some odd pieces in same, the very latest.

☞ Come and see them.

☞ Our Ricker stock is very complete. We have just the kind you have been wanting. ☞ Our stock of Floor Covering is still good and would pay you to get your Rugs and Linoleum now, for the prices are sure to advance soon.

☞ In fact, everything we have was bought early and is much below the present market value. ☞ We can save you money on everything in our line.

☞ Just received new shipment of wall paper and canvas.

☞ Get our prices on paint.

☞ We can finish your house both inside and out. You will be thankful if you buy your furniture now.

Our store will be Closed all day Thursday

Barrow Furniture Co.

fashion bug until she does."

Mrs. Gould stated that she is engaged in making war on American merchants who appear to be in on the "around the world" scheme of foreign manufacturers which she declares is the principal reason why women have to pay so much for wearing apparel.

She asserted that women are inclined to the idea of buying products of French manufacture Goods she said made in Japan or China are sent to France where they are labeled "made in France." They are then sent to America and the women are charged three time the price at which the manufacturer turned it out.

Shorts and bran at Bob Martin Grocery Company.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

NEW GARAGE OPENED UP
I have opened up a garage on Kent Street, Merkel, Texas. Bring me your car and I will make it run right.

J. W. Simpson.
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The Constitution of the United States requires that a census of the United States be taken every ten years. It is by this means that the apportionment of members of the House of Representatives is made as to states

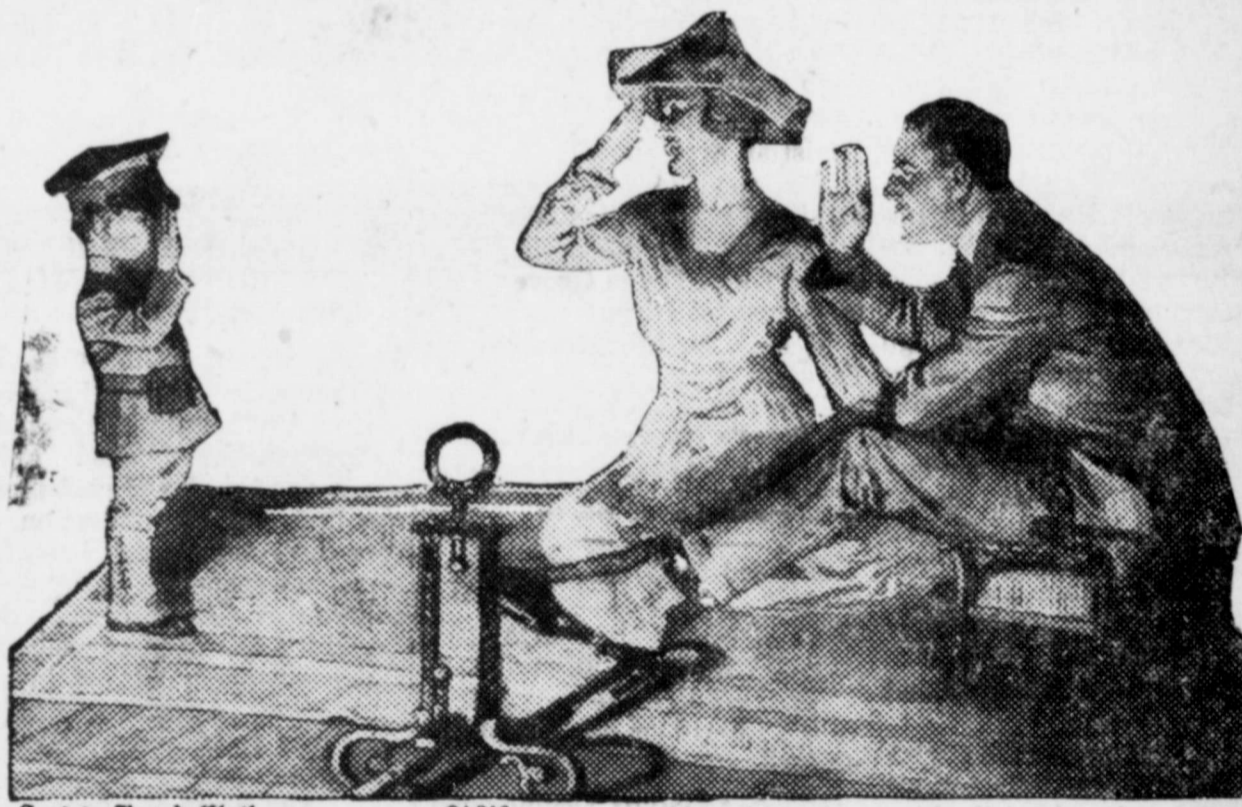
The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.



Merkel Dry Goods Co.

Buy Now --- Don't Wait

This Means You



Society Brand Clothes GADAC.

<p>Shoes</p> <p>1 Lot gray, high-reel Kid.. \$15.00 1 Lot brown " Kid.. 15.00 1 Lot black " Kid.. 13.50 1 Lot brown mil " Kid.. 12.50 1 Lot brown " " Kid.. 10.00 1 Lot brown " " Calf.. 8.50 1 Lot black " " Kid.. 7.50 1 Lot black " " Gun.. 6.00 1 Lot black " " Gun.. 5.00</p>	<p>Ready-to-Wear</p> <p>Our Ready-to-Wear Department is full of the highest class merchandise that can be secured and we kindly ask you to come and inspect these high-class garments at the earliest possible moment.</p>	<p>MILLINERY SPECIAL</p> <p>We are offering our entire stock of high-class Millinery at</p> <p>HALF PRICE</p>	<p>Cotton Suitings</p> <p>We now have a large stock of cotton suitings.</p> <p>Prices ranging from</p> <p>35c to \$1.00</p>	<p>Mens Clothing</p> <p>We are showing a smart line of young men's clothing, prices ranging from</p> <p>\$30 to \$45</p> <p>Also a complete line of boys' clothing, prices ranging from</p> <p>\$7.50 to \$22.50</p>
<p>MENS HATS</p> <p>We now have a large stock of men's hats--colors, brown, black, gray and green.</p> <p>Styles--Small, medium and large shapes.</p>	<p>MEN AND BOYS SWEATERS</p> <p>We now have a complete line of men and boys sweaters.</p> <p>Prices ranging from</p> <p>\$1.75 to \$7.50</p>	<p>GINGHAMS</p> <p>We are offering one lot of gingham, stripe, plaid and checks.</p> <p>Price</p> <p>30c</p>	<p>BLANKETS</p> <p>Our blanket stock at this time is very complete and will say to you to make your purchases at the earliest possible date.</p>	

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

Thursday, November 27

5-Reel Metro Picture, with Bert Lytell in "Unexpected Places"
 2-Reel Fox Comedy, with Al Goulding in "Hickville."
 1-Reel Special Comedy, with Mutt & Jeff in "Oil Wells"

Friday, Nov. 28

Tom Mix in "Hell Roaring Reform"

A 5-Reel Fox Feature
 "The Son of a Gun"
 2-Reel Sunshine Comedy

Saturday, Nov. 29

"Putting it Over"

A Paramount Picture
 "Cupid's Day Off"
 Paramount-Sennett Comedy

Monday, Dec. 1

"Too Many Crooks"

A Vitagraph Feature
 "Mates and Medals"
 Big "V" Comedy

Tuesday, Dec. 2

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 "Never Too Old"
 Paramount-Sennett Comedy

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Gladys Leslie in the "Third Degree"

A Vitagraph Special Feature
 and a
 Big "V" Comedy

Thursday, Dec. 4

Metro Stars in "Select Strings"

and a
 Fox-Sunshine Comedy

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Mrs. M. A Pettis left the first
 of this week for Woodville, Tex-
 as on business.

Read our Adv. in this issue
 and open an account with the
 F. & M National Bank to-day
 and have the benefit of the ser-
 vice it offers.

Mrs. Strickland Dead

Mrs. Mary P. Strickland was
 born in Missouri, Feb. 18, 1855.
 At the age of 22 she married
 Wesley Thomas. To this union
 three children were born, all of
 which survive her. They are as
 follows: J. W. Thomas of Egan,
 Tex., Mrs. L. P. Dunagan of Im-
 perial, Cal., and Mrs. J. W. So-
 well, with whom she was resid-
 ing at time of death.

She was converted at the age
 of 18, and joined the missionary
 Baptist Church of which she has
 been a constant member. Rev.
 Ira L. Parrack of Merkel con-
 ducted the funeral services, burial
 taking place in the White Church
 cemetery.

A WORD WITH WOMEN

Valuable Advice for Merkel Read-
 ers.

Many a woman endures with
 noble, patience the daily misery
 of backache, pains about the hips
 blue, nervous spells, dizziness
 and urinary disorders, hopeless
 of relief because she doesn't
 know what is the matter.

It is true that every pain in the
 back or hips is trouble "peculiar
 to the sex." Often when the kid-
 neys get congested and inflamed
 such aches and pains follow.

Then help the weakened kid-
 neys. Don't expect them to get
 well alone.

Doan's Kidney Pills have won
 the praise of thousands of wom-
 en. They are endorsed at home—
 Read this Merkel woman's con-
 vincing statement:

Mrs. A. D. Williams, says:
 "Several years ago I had pretty
 bad pains in the small of my back
 over my kidneys. It was a dull
 ache that felt as if there were a
 heavy weight bearing down on
 me. I had headaches and was
 bothered with my kidneys act-
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 same that Mrs. Williams had.
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Mrs. Vera Gregory Dead

Mrs. Vera Gregory, the wife
 of D. L. Gregory, who lives with
 Joe Mabry, at Jennings, and is
 farming on his place, died last
 Thursday afternoon, following a
 very brief illness. Up to the time
 she was taken sick, she appeared
 to be in her usual health, and
 was able to perform her house-
 hold duties. She began to com-
 plain about 10 o'clock of a pain
 in her head, and as she grew
 rapidly worse Dr. Ruff of Jen-
 nings was summoned, and a little
 later Dr. McMillan of Paris was
 called, but she continued to grow
 rapidly worse, and went into
 convulsions and death ensued in
 about three hours from the time
 she began to complain. She was
 35 years of age. She moved here
 two years ago with her family,
 from Jones County. She was a
 true Christian woman, joining
 the Baptist church at Amity, in
 1910, and has been a faithful
 Christian ever since.

She is survived by her hus-
 band and five children. The fune-
 ral was held at 3 o'clock Friday
 afternoon at Union Grove Ceme-
 tery, east of Paris.

Mrs. G. E. Ellington, Merkel,
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To the Sheriff or any Constable
 of Taylor County—GREETING:

You Are Hereby Commanded,
 to cause to be published, one a
 week, for ten days, exclusive of
 the first day of publication, be-
 fore the return day hereof, in
 some newspaper of general cir-
 culation published in said county,
 which has been continuously and
 regularly published in said coun-
 ty for a period of not less than
 one year; the following notice:

The State of Texas

To all persons interested in the
 Estate of T. R. Bankhead, De-
 ceased.

You are hereby notified that
 Mrs. J. M. Bankhead, has filed in
 the County Court of Taylor, an
 application for the probate of the

last Will and Testament of said
 T. R. Bankhead, Deceased, filed
 with said application, and for
 Letters Testamentary is the last
 will and testament of T. R. Bank-
 head, deceased, which will be
 heard at the next term of said
 Court, commencing on the 3rd
 Monday in December A. D. 1919,
 the same being the 15th day of
 December A. D. 1919, at the
 Court House thereof, in Abilene,
 at which time all persons inter-
 ested in said Estate may appear
 and contest said application,
 should they desire to do so.

HEREIN Fail Not, but have
 you before said Court on the said
 first day of the next term there-
 of this Writ, with your return
 thereon, showing how you have
 executed the same.

Given under my hand and the
 Seal of said Court, at office in
 Abilene, this the 30th day of
 Oct. 1919.

Fannie Tippett, Clerk,
 County Court, Taylor County,
 Texas.

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The State of Texas

To all persons interested in the
 Estate of W. B. Robertson, De-
 ceased; You are hereby notified
 that Mrs. N. L. Robertson has
 filed in the County Court of Tay-
 lor County, an application for the
 probate of the last Will and Tes-
 tament of said W. B. Roberston,
 Deceased, filed with said appli-
 cations, and for Letters Testa-
 mentary is the last will and testa-
 ment of W. B. Robertson, de-
 ceased, which will be heard at the
 next term of said Court, com-
 mencing on the third Monday in
 December, A. D. 1919, the same
 being the fifteenth day of Decem-
 ber, A. D. 1919, at the Court

House thereof, in Abilene at
 which time all persons interested
 in said Estate may appear and
 contest said application, should
 they desire to do so.

HEREIN Fail Not, but have

you before said Court on the said
 first day of the next term there-
 of this Writ, with your return
 thereon, showing how you have
 executed the same.

Seal of said Court, at office in Abi-
 lene, this the 28th day of Oct.
 1919.

Fannie Tippett, Clerk,
 County Court, Taylor County,
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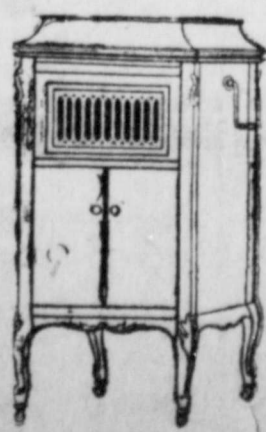
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(By R. Kenneth Evans)

This is a farming section of the great southwest and when one considers that right here on the streets of Merkel something like five million dollars of cotton will be marketed this year, one can truthfully say that it is a prosperous section of this great state.

Naturally then one would expect to find as one of the leading institutions of the town a bank that appeals especially to the farming element. This is the Farmers State Bank.

The Farmers State Bank ever since its organization has lived up to its name and reputation; officered by men with years of practical experience in this field; men who know the obstacles that must be overcome and taken and met from time to time; men who rejoice when everything goes good; men who know these things, who have confidence in the country and its customers. These are the men who run the Farmers State Bank at Merkel, Texas.

And the farmers—as well as the business men, appreciate this, as witness that this bank has eighteen hundred customers on its deposit ledger.

The Farmers State Bank was originally organized in 1912 with a capital stock of \$35,000; today it has a capital stock of \$35,000 and surplus and profits of \$40,000; so one can see that the bank is showing a continued growth and the deposits are steadily on the increase. Besides making this accumulation of \$40,000 surplus and profits, the bank has been able to pay its stockholders regularly a ten per cent dividend.

The president of the bank is J. S. Swann, who came here from Jones county, Texas in 1905; there he was a farmer and stockman.

John Sears, the vice president, a stockman, came to this country from Grayson county, Texas in 1900.

R. O. Anderson, the genial and accommodating, cashier came over from Abilene in 1900, and started his banking experience here.

F. Y. Gaither, assistant cashier, has been with the bank for two years.

Sam Swann, son of the president, until recently was with the First National Bank at Wichita; but started in the banking business at Merkel.

M. Armstrong is another of the directors.

These officials of the Farmers Bank are always ready and willing to give advice and many has been the time that this advice from men in close contact with business conditions meant a saving or a profit to their customers.

It is well to connect up with a bank of this character; sometimes their advice is worth much; to the new investor a talk with bankers of this sort is very profitable.

The officials of this bank stand back of every movement for progress and a better Merkel; they are a nice "bunch" to know; yet they are conservative and safe in all their business dealings always looking out for the best interests of their customers. . . .

When you think of opening an account with a new bank; or if you are going to have some money to bank after your crop, its safe at the Farmers State Bank; and its safe for you to take their advice from time to time.

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J. S. SWANN, President

JNO. SEARS, Vice Pres.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

F. Y. GAITHER, Asst. Cashier

SAM SWANN, Asst. Cashier

Brownwood Poultry Show . Dec. 4th to 6th.

Entries are pouring in for this event at a rate that promises to make it a marked success. Those desirous of showing birds are urged to forward entries at the earliest possible moment, so that the association may not accept more than there is room for. The exhibits promise to be of a very high character, and Mr. W. H. Lawson, Secretary of the Poultry Association states that he believes the exhibit will be fully equal to any in the State, Brownwood, and Brown County, breeders, and they are many, will show largely in every class, and it will take sterling birds to carry off the blue ribbons in this event. Mr. Lawson says he believes the coming show will mark a new departure in the poultry business in this section, and will largely justify the carrying out of plans now under consideration.

Surgeons agree that in case of Cuts, Burns, Bruises and wounds the First Treatment is most important. When an efficient antiseptic and Healing Agent. Buy is now and be ready for an emergency.

Irregular bowel movements lead to chronic constipation and a constipated habit fills the system, vitalizes the blood and puts the digestive organs in fine vigorous condition. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Wm. L. Carey of Abilene was in Merkel this week in the interest of the new Texas automobile, of which he is county agent. Mr. Carey expects to soon appoint a local agent in Merkel. The Texan is manufactured in Fort Worth.

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60 Comforts for ----- \$3.50
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Worth \$7.00

A full stock of all dry goods, outings, canton flannel and all kinds of dress goods serges of the best, all for less.

Be sure and see us for your fall bills

Shoes for All for Less

Our stock is being kept full by express shipments. See us when in need of shoes.

A New Stock of Caps

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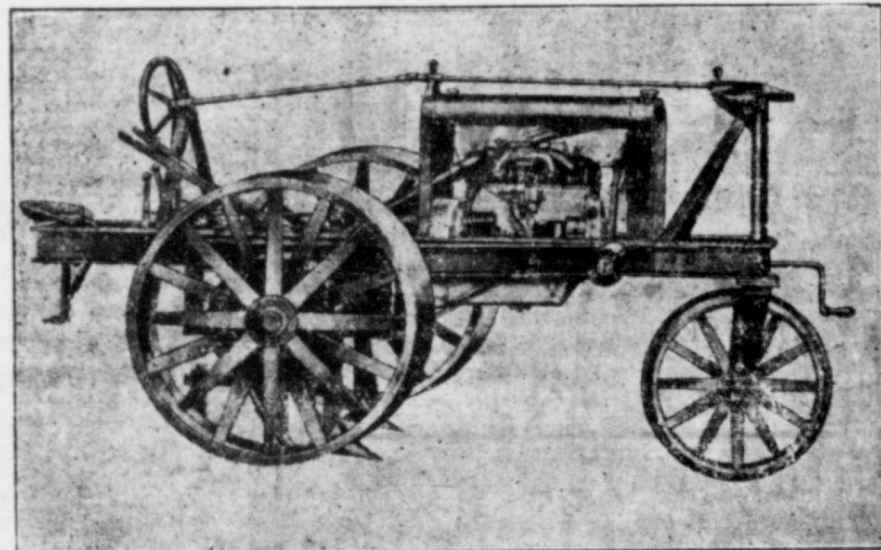
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Ninety per cent of the weight is placed on the main drive wheels when in operation, putting practically all the weight into the pull. Being light in weight and equipped with high duty roller bearings throughout, guarantees economy and ease of operation. It is built in three units, either of which is accessible for inspection or adjustment without disturbing the others. The motor, clutch, transmission and differential are assembled in one unit.

One speed forward and reverse with a variation of one to four miles per hour. All gears are made 100 per cent over size, steel cut, hardened, enclosed and run in a bath of oil.

This tractor is a tried and proven success, having been thoroughly tested out in every respect in actual service on the farm and found possessing the advantages of other farm tractors with the added benefit of being a really practical and serviceable lister, planter and cultivator for all row crops; in fact, an all 'round farm implement.

The Armstrong Farm Tractor Company was formed for the purpose of manufacturing this tractor and its implement attachments, and in order to further its purposes it is offering at present, a limited amount of stock at the par value of \$10.00 per share, fully paid and non-assessable, all share and share alike.

It is the Company's desire to hasten the production of these tractors, therefore, it is our intention in the beginning to let contracts for the making of certain parts in order that we may begin production at the earliest possible date.

We already have a big demand for these tractors, therefore should you be interested in the purchase of a tractor or a portion of the stock, communicate with us.

For further particulars see Ira Armstrong or W. A. Armstrong, Merkel, Texas.

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DALLAS, TEXAS

Thanksgiving Sale

☞ The glad Thanksgiving season is approaching. When we look upon the months that are past, we have genuine cause to be glad. In contrast with other years, prosperity has smiled and there is plenty in the land.

☞ Having been here only a short time, yet we have cause to be as thankful as if we had been here many months. Our trade has been good from the beginning. It is true that we have offered fine inducements in every line we carry and we are thankful that the people have seen the bargains and taken advantage of them. ☞ In further appreciation, we are putting on sale the biggest bargains yet offered in men and boys' clothing. Read them over carefully and you will quite agree with us, we are sure.

LOTS OF LIVELY OVERCOATS

☞ You'll see here some of the smart new models in overcoats. Many have belts, some are double breasted, but all of them are well tailored and worth your consideration. Prices are greatly reduced this week, ranging from **\$10 to \$45**

☞ May it be a suit or overcoat, the biggest surprise to the man who comes in our store is the extreme reasonableness of our prices. A tremendous stock, too, something unusual for these days and times. Our clothes are strictly all wool and hand tailored.

☞ We are offering for the week one hundred extra heavy Lester all-wool suits, regularly priced \$45, special **\$30.00**

☞ We are especially prepared for the young men with a large variety of the latest belted and waist seam models in the newest materials. Also the double breasted, high waisted and conservation styles. Our prices range from **\$15.00 to \$45.00**

One Way to Make the Boy Happy

is to let us fit him up in one of these handsome overcoats and suits, tailored just like Dad's.

☞ We are offering for the week only boys' all-wool blue serge suits, extra heavy weight, regular \$15 value **\$10.90** Also boys all wool suits in assorted materials with 2 pair pants and caps to match, worth \$20 special this wk. **\$14.90**



And while you are considering the suits for men and boys, please do not forget that we still have some exceptional bargains in ladies dress goods, choice patterns, suits, coats, hosiery, shoes and a big staple line of cotton and woolen goods. If you want anything, come to see us. If we have it, it means dollars to you to buy from us. Our customers are pleased customers and they never fail to call again. If you have not traded any with us, we will be delighted to meet you and have you look over our stock, which is being replenished daily.

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CHURCH NEWS

Sunday To Be Big Day At The Baptist Church. Entire Membership Urged To Be Present At Morning Hour. Merkel To Go Over Top First Day Of Drive.

Sunday marks the opening of the great 75 Million dollar campaign among Southern Baptist, and it is hoped by the committee that Merkel Baptist will reach their goal by raising, in cash and pledges to be paid during the next five years, \$18,000.00. It is the purpose of the committee to begin the drive at the church Sunday morning where every member present will be asked to make a pledge. Then beginning at 2 p. m. there will be an every member canvas, seeing during the afternoon all that have not made their pledge at the church.

It is earnestly hoped that every member that can will be at the Church Sunday morning and help give the teams a good start as they go afield in the afternoon. If you will come and make your pledge at the church Sunday morning you will help the teams to get through their task more easily Sunday afternoon.

It is hoped that the Sunday evening service can be a time of rejoicing over a task well done. If each member will help as they should we will be able to send a message Sunday night that Merkel is over the top.

When we remember that this covers all our general work including missions, benevolence and Christian Education and that no other offerings will be asked for these objects during the five years our task does not seem so big.

The only objects outside of our own local expenses not included in this drive is Associational Missions and current expenses of Buckner Orphan's Home. There will be included in the campaign \$360,000.00 for improvements at the Orphan's Home. So we are giving to every good thing fostered by our Denomination.

Come praying that the Lord will help each of us to see and do our full duty.

All the regular services will be held at the usual hour except the B. Y. P. U. that meets at 4 p.m.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor

Woman's Bible Class

The Woman's Bible Class of the Church of Christ met Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Mrs. Fred Groene's.

The time was spent reading

and studying the Bible on the Life of Christ.

The class meets next Tuesday with Mrs. A. C. Rose. The subject will be "Christ's Public Ministry."

Mrs. Lucie Greer will teach the lesson. Come and study with us.



Holiday Goods are Scarce Shop Early

Shop Early for Ymas and you won't be disappointed

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We are fortunate to receive by express this week fifty ladies' Coats of this season's very best styles, materials of silvertone, velour and broadcloth in the wanted colors. These coats are wholesale close-outs. We bought them at one-third off and you buy them at actual wholesale prices. See them at once

Millinery and Ready-to-wear on Sale

Saturday, Nov. the 29th will be Special Sale Day on all Millinery and Ready-to-Wear---nothing reserved. You make money by shopping here. See us for better merchandise at cheaper prices

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THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE

League Program Nov. 30
Subject, Books That Have Helped Me in the Christian Life. Scripture Lesson. Leader, Llysus McNeas. The Influence of Reading, Maurine Cobb. The Privilege of Reading and What to Read, Roy Tucker. Quotations, Agness Rister.

Announcements. Benediction.

Junior League Program
Leader, Dorothy Sanders. Song. Scripture, Sallie Brown. Prayer, Reading, Opal Patterson. A Thanksgiving Story, Mad-

den Brown. Reading, W. L. Harkrider. Duet Anna Lou Russel, Juani-

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Program for week beginning Friday Nov. 28

FRIDAY—

Marie Walcamp in "The Man Hunt", Pete Morrison in "Fighting Line," a Lyons Moran Comedy and Hearst News Weekly.

SATURDAY—

Florence Reed in "A Woman Under Oath," also a Mack Sennett Keystone Comedy.

MONDAY—

"Where Bonds are Loosed," a gripping photodrama from the famous Novel of Same name. Also a Mutual Strand Comedy.

TUESDAY—

"Sessue Haykawa the Jap in "The Dragon Painter," also a Harold Lloyd Pathe Comedy.

WEDNESDAY—

"Neal Hart in a Western Drama", also "Bound and Gagged" Second Episode of one of the most delightful serials you have ever seen, it's great, see it, also a good comedy.

THURSDAY—

A Universal special attraction, "The Sleeping Lion." featuring Monroe Salisbury.

H. T. Hodge, Manager

ta Beene. Reading, Elizabeth Harkrider Reading, Buford Smith.

NOTICE

As next Monday, Dec. 1st is the regular election of officers of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church, every member is requested to be on hand at 3 o'clock to help choose the officers, who are to serve another year. We had a splendid meeting last Monday. Ten members present. Visitors are always welcome.

Mrs. E. W. Perminter, pres.

Presbyterian Church

Last Sunday was a great day in many ways for our Church and Sunday School. Our offering to the Reynolds Presbyterian Orphanage was over \$400 altogether. This indicates a splendid spirit, which has much meaning for the future. It shows we can and will do greater things.

Let every one be at Sunday School next Sunday. We want to help by our presence. Your pastor will preach at Tye, but be loyal to your Sunday School. All are cordially invited.

C. C. Dooley, Pastor

Read our Adv. in this issue and open an account with the F. & M National Bank to-day and have the benefit of the service it offers.

J. C Mason purchased the property in the rear of the Boyce building as an investment. For the present the property will be used for storage purposes and for the operation of a cotton seed cleaner. Mr. Mason is proving his confidence in the city and country by investing heavily in real estate.

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