WHY NOT A COTTON

Merkel Chamber of Commerce is Theatre Wednesday night. permanent good of Merkel.

from home, there is no reason wholesome amusement. why we should not have a cotton mill here within the next twelve months.

That sort of an industry will pay dividends from the start, besides creating a pay roll and better marketing advantages for our crop.

If you are interested in having a cotton mill here within twelve months make it known to your banker. Do not wait for the marriage on Tuesday evening, town people to come to see you, June 1st, of Mr. George A. Smith but go to see them, and let them to Miss Annie Maye Costephens. on hand. know that you are willing to in- two of Merkel's most popular vest at least a part of your sur- young people, who left immediplus earnings in an enterprise ately for Hatch New Mexico, of that character.

money that our farmers and town people have invested within the last eight months in oil little touse previously prepared stock and other stocks of un- by the groom, when a message known and frequently of very to parents and other relatives in you could see every day and know how it was being run, we stand, was caused by the explo- would have been well for all the Scripture Psalm 107:23-30, by rain hindered, and we told them could easily boast of one of the best industries in the state, and sion of an oil stove. to have paid for it.

investments that will result in the permanent good of our com- tinguish the flames. munity and on which we will draw dividends.

you could get for them.

Every body boost the Chamber of Commerce and the things it will stand for.

SPEAKING APPOINTMENTS

Of Hon. Thomas L. Blanton. Song. Prayer Song. for Re-election representative of .17th District.

Abilene, Monday night, June 14. 1. The marks of a Slothful man Rescoe, Tuesday, 10:30 a. m., by Julia Martin. June 15th.

Sweetwater, Tuesday night June ty by John McDonald. Merkel, Wednesday, 10:30 a. m., Laney.

Mamlin, Wednesday night, June 4

Stamford, Thursday, 10:30 a. m. 5. The reward of the Diligent-

June 17th.

Putnam, Friday, 10:30 a. m. Joe Ridenbow. Baird, Friday, 2:30 p. m., June Business, Song, Benidiction.

eighteen. Clyde, Friday night, June 18.

Ranger, Saturday, 10:30 a. m., June 19.

twanty-first.

June 22.

Taylor Scholastic Increase

Abilene, Texas, June 10.-Tay tion for 1920 shows an increase been staying close with their tunity to express our gratitude at the Airdome. The Players and Principal R. J. Miller, left pany the splendid home of T. L. of 1.040 over 1919, this year's crops during the past ten days to him for the many blessings figures being 6,833.

Abilene has an increase of 351 ness in all business circles, but the 1920 figures being 2,717. a few days dull business now on Trent independent dristict in- this account may mean some creased over 33 per cent.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS HERE WEDNESDAY

Lovers of the screen Drama will have an opportunity of seeing Douglas Fairbanks at his best in "His Magesty the American." An 8-reel special. United We are glad to note that the Artists Production, at the Cozy

In our last issue, notice was made in these columns of the ately for Hatch New Mexico, where they were to make their AT THE NORTH SIDE If a reasonable per cent of the home. And they had hardly arrived and begun housekeeping in the cozy and well furnished

face and neck in an effort to ex- movement.

of friends in extending deepest fine discourses Saturday. All in Some rainy day get out the sympathy to the young couple all the church was greatly enother securities you have purt in their heavy loss, especially couraged and strengthened by chased and see how near par at the beginning of their mar-this meeting.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PRO-GRAM

! eader Joel Counts.

Scripture: Prov. 24:27-34: Matt. 25:24-30, by Leader.

2. Growth depends upon Activi-

Special Music Lilly Pratt Sears. Endeavor gives strength, by

Bessie Tucker. Lola Armstrong.

Anson, Thursday night, June 17 6. Diligence in the Christian life

Reading by Miss Lorena Dry.

there has been an unusual quiet- he has vouchsaved unto us. big business next fall.

business to our city.

IMPORTANT MEET C. OF C. TO-NIGHT

To-night at its offices, the A. C. Rose the genial manager ments that will redound to the joyed a three weeks run in Dal- makes necessary that a large are informed, about \$12,500. certain to prove div certain to prove dividend payers and other interests.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Last Sunday was a great day ed by fire. The fire we under- es on Christian Education. It "Jesus Calls Us."

Evangelist O. E. Phillips of The Merkel Mail joins a host Eastland favored us with two

> Sunday afternoon near \$3,000 was raised for the Abilene Christian College. This will make us feel more like that school is

Let everyone come to the serv-Subject: "The Sin of Sloth," ices next Sunday. Bible Study at 10 o'clock and communion services at 11 o'clock.

FOUR-MINUTE TALKS EXPECTS TO COMty by John McDonald. 3. The law of Growth by Homer METHODIST CHURCH

last Sunday and a very fine day and Bradshaw highway, the Bufin every department of church falo Gap and Tuscola highway service. Come to Sunday School and the Tye-Merkel-Trent highat 10 o'clock Sunday morning we way is expected in the next few miss you every time you are not weeks. Engineers of the various there. Beginning Sunday morn-construction companies went we will have minute men to reported everything in good con-L. R. Thompson, President of make four minute talks on the dition. the Chamber of Commerce, is world's need of the gospel these The Law-Coleman pike, of Eastland, Saturday, 2:30 p. m. for the establishing in Merkel of talks will be just before the ser- which Taylor county will con- S. D. Crouch, of Waxahatchie, Cisco, Saturday night, June 19. mill in Merkel? There is more here these men on this vital started soon. When the present revival at the Presbyterian Albany, Monday, 2:30 p. m. June cotton shipped (locally raised) question. Next Sunday morning road work in the county is com-church. Rev. Crouch is an able from Merkel than any town Dr. R. I. Grimes will make the pleted Taylor County will have and forceful minister. He has en-Carbon, Tuesday, 10:30 a. m., New Orleans to El Paso. Some some of the world, and felt the pikes. 22,000 bales being the crop this need of Protestant Christianity Gorman, Tuesday, 2:30 p. m. past year. Let's join hands with in other countries, hear him. Mr. Thompson and the Chamber With the last of these talks De Leon Tuesday night, June 22. of Commerce and build this in- which will be the first Sunday in stitution, which will bring new July we will take our conference collection for the year, I trust we may look forward to this day On account of the fact that with a great deal of pleasure

W. M. Murrell, pastor

Fresh Cream Meal at G. M.

BUYS FINE HOME

chamber of Commerce will take of the Merkel Dry Goods Comalert to the needs of the com- Fairbanks did some good work further action on the matter of pany returned Wednesday from munity it is intended to serve. in the "Buckaroo", "Arizona" securing a flour Mill for Merkel, a trip to Abilene, where he clos-Judging from the personnel of and "He comes up Smiling," and besides this important quested a deal for the purchase of the its officers and the men who are but all trade reviews credit him tion, there will be other matters fine home of T. C. Campbell, one actively interested in its work, with a masterpiece in "His Ma- that are likely to come up for of the foremost merchants of we may look for accomplish- jesty the American" which en- consideration, and all of which that city, paying for same, we las, two weeks in Fort Worth, representative body of citizens However, the fact that Mr. This is a cotton country and Houston and San Antonio, and of the town and surrounding Rose has purchased this fine if our people will invest their rated in a class with "Pollyana" country be on hand at this meet- home in our Capitol city, does money at home rather than in "The Hoodlum" and "Little ing tonight. Let all be present not mean that he is to quitM er-

stocks of doubtful value away Sheppard of Kingdom come" for and if the propersition of a flour kel in a business way or any-Mill is a good thing for the town other way, only that Mrs. Rose Thursday night. country we should go after it, will remain in Abilene in order If it will not prove a good invest- that the children may attend ment we should leave it alone school there, and that Mr. Rose and take up the matter of secur- will spend most of his time here ing those enterprises which are looking after his, Mercantile

if we mistake not, there are S. F. Haynes of this city who some committees out who are to owns some four splendid farms report on this and some other in as many directions surroundmatters. So let every one who ing the city, informs us that he is interested in the upbuilding had just visited same, and found of our town and community be crops up to a good stand and growing off nicely.

PROGRAM BAPTIST

Subject 'Christian Education' doubtful value, had been put in a cotton factory at Merkel which and all the contents was destroy- ell delivered two splendid addressing and all the contents was destroy- ell delivered two splendid addressing that their home with us. President Jesse P. Sew-Leader Mrs. T. E. Ragan. Hymn and all the contents was destroy- ell delivered two splendid addressing that their home with us. President Jesse P. Sew-Leader Mrs. T. E. Ragan. Hymn and all the contents was destroy- ell delivered two splendid addressing that their home with us.

> Mrs. Swafford. Christian respon- way again soon. sibility towards state schools, by Teachers meeting Monday at Miss Ola Sharp. What will the 8 p. m. Christian Schools be and do? by Mrs. Booth. Six reasons for Co- 4 p. m. ordinating Education and Mis- This is the final meeting of the Cook. Vacation Bible Schools by ance will be present. Mrs. Sheppard. America's Educational Responsibility to Asia, 8:15 p. m. by Mrs. General Jones.

Poem "School Days" by Mrs. Earl Lassiter. Chain of Prayers for our boys and girls by members present.

We had a great Sunday School Completion of the Cedar Gap

ABILENE TALENT HERE

On Monday evening, June 14 the people of Merkel will have an opportunity to enjoy an hour local production.

"DARE DEVIL MILLER

Tied by his feet and hanging head downward from the highest building or tower in Merkel. "Dare Devil Miller" will endeavor to free himself from a straight jacket in three minutes.

ed by Superintendent Walter of the faculty and student body Jackson who will bring a report of Simmons College. from the State Sunday School The session of Simmons Col-Superintendents Convention at lege just closed is one of the Fort Worth.

the future."

The evening service will be in The Summsr Session of the charge of the Abilene young peo- college and the Summer Normal ple who are to bring the best of School began Tuesday morning, their tallent and render a pro- June 8. A good enrollment is exgram at the regular evening pected for the summer session. hour 8:15 p. m.

These young people had planned to come once before and the and training, by Mrs. Meek. If let us all prepare to enjoy this Let us all get busy and make sustained severe burns about the much about the Enter-Church Hogs then why not children? by treat that may not come our

Ladies Meeting Tuesday

sions, by Mrs. Warren. The Bap- Ladies before summer vacation tist Vision of Education, by Mrs. so it is hoped that a full attend-

Prayermeeting Wednesday at

Come and find a hearty welvices. Hear the pastor as he the evening service, spoke elocome at any and all of these sershows that the church of the quently on the present day needs future will have to be like the of the church. He was given an church of the past r cease to be attentive hearing and we are the true representative of Jesus sure his message found lodging in the world.

ODD FELLOWS PICNIC

general public is cordially invited remain. Press Reporter.

On the program for entertainment will be good music, Ball AMERICAN PUBLIC games, able speakers for the order, besides it is expected that ing for the next four Sundays over the roads the past week and all the candidates for county office and possibly others, will be ed Stock. present.

a Cotton Mill. Why not a cotton mon. Be sure you are there to struct over eleven miles, will be is assisting Pastor Dooley, in a ters per cent, (13/4%) on the Moran, Monday night, June 21. along the T. & P. Railroad from four minute talk. He has seen over 150 miles of high grade joyed extensive travels, has holders of record at the close of studied the religous conditions in our nation and abroad, and will interest all who hear him. tary. The meeting will continue throughout the week at least. All WEST BUYS GRIMES HOME are invited to hear him and take part in the meeting.

> a breezy farce comedy, cleverly graduate course in the State homes in the city. produced, and presented by an University, thus better preparall home tallent which broke all ing themselves for their duties!

HERE NEXT WEEK MERKEL STUDENTS

Merkel students in Simmons College won two out of the six medals awarded students in that (Time and place announced lat- institution during commenceer) The Houston Post recently ment exercises at Abilene last gave Miller a big write up, after week. Miss Lucy Tracy, who seeing him free himself from a graduated from the literary and straight jacket in less than three expression departments won the minutes, suspended in mid-air Julius Nelson Olsen medal for from the top of the Bender having made the highest grade Hotel. Mr. Miller is publicity of any student in the graduatman for the big special picture, ing class of forty-eight, her av-"How Molly made Good" which erage grade for the four years tham of Abilene was a close second for this high honor, her grade for the four years being

Hoyt Ford, a Merkel boy won the Minter medal for having made the highest grade in Simmons College during the past year, his record being 97.6. Both Miss Tracy and Mr. Ford are Sunday School 10 a. m. direct- highly regarded by the members

most successful in the history Preaching by the pastor 11 of the institution. The enrollo'clock. Subject "The church of ment for the nine months of school was 982, which is the B. Y. P. U. and Jr. Union 5 p. m. largest the college has ever had.

PRESBYTERIAN NOTES

Our revival meeting which has fathers and mothers in the coun- the leader. Prayer for world to come any time they could, been in progress for the last ten best industries in the state, and cotton raisers would have secured enough more for their crop to have paid for it.

Besides losing everything, ty to have heard these addresses Christian Education and a grow-will be here Sunday with special ing interest in child wellfare we understand young Mr. Smith powerful one too. We learned and training, by Mrs. Meek, If the state, and been in progress for the last ten days will continue until Sunday will be here Sunday with special ing interest in child wellfare we understand young Mr. Smith powerful one too. We learned and training, by Mrs. Meek, If the state, and been in progress for the last ten days will continue until Sunday will be here Sunday with special ing interest in child wellfare we understand young Mr. Smith powerful one too. We learned and training, by Mrs. Meek, If the state, and some continue and a grow will be here sunday with special ing interest in child wellfare well and training by Mrs. Meek, If the state, and some continue and a grow will be here sunday with special ing interest in child wellfare we understand young Mr. Smith powerful one too. We learned and training by Mrs. Meek, If the state is the state in the state, and some continue and a grow will be here sunday with special ingention. as had been hoped for, yet, owing to the busy times, it has been gratifying.

Sunday morning showed an attendance in Sunday School well up to the high water mark. However, we have not reached our goal, one hundred in attendance. Let us put forth every effort to this end next Sunday. There was a splendid attendance at the morning service, and Sunday evening found a house packed to capacity. Bro. Crouch, in in the hearts of his hearers.

So far there have been eight additions to the church. It seem that the spirit of the Lord is AT BLAIR JULY THIRD with us, and we are expecting the victory. To this end let every Bills are out announcing a big christian man and woman in basket picnic at Blair, on Satur- Merkel lend their presence the day July 3rd. and to which the few days of the meeting that yet

SERVICE COMPANY

Notice of Dividend on prefer-

The Board of Directors of the American Public Service Company has declared a quarterly dividend of one and three quaroutstanding prefered stock of this Company, payable July 1 ninteen hundred twenty to stock business. Tuesday, June 15th, 1920. Edward J. Doyle, Secre-

After having sold his home in the southwest part of the city, Jas. H. West has purchased and a half of good hearty laugh | Superintendent R. A. Burgess through the Merkel Realty Com-"The Fascinating Fanny Brown" where they will take a post-cated, and one of the nicest

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R. O. ANDERSON	Cashier
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bling and family.

Miss Edith Thompson visited Bettie Byron Sunday.

family spent the day with the Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill. former's parents Mr. and Mrs. A crowd of young people J. F. Cox Sunday.

Hudspeth and Ella Cox were The time passed pleasantly in

P. W. Lawlis.

Misses Beulah Herron and Ola go with her. Elvina Hudspeth Sunday.

Sunday with the latter's parents team. The scores ran 9 to 5 in Mr. and Mrs. F. Jeffrey.

Holden Jones and wife spent! The singing at Mr. Cox's Sun-

ter and sister Mrs. C. C. Strib-Sunday with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Jones.

A large crowd of young people enjoyed an ice cream supper Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cox and Saturday night at the home of

gathered at the home of Miss Misses Annie Jones and Edith Velma Hill Bunday afternoon. guests of Miss Esther Herron singing and other amusements. Miss Velma will leave Saturday John Shelton of Palava spent for Canyon City where she inthe week end at the home of Mr. tends to attend Summer Normal The best wishes of her friends

Thompson were guests of Miss | The Golan Basket Ball team went to Newman Sunday morn-Med Herron and wife spent ing and played the Newman favor of Newman.

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The farmers are all busy with their crops. They are expecting another big crop this year.

Bro. Trice, pastor of the Methodist Church, filled his regular appointment Sunday, with a large crowd in attendance.

Several of the young folks went to the party at Cross Roads Saturday night. They report a nice time.

Mr. Ben Reese and Miss Omeg Martin were married two weeks ago. They are making their home at Tye.

Mr. Arthur Dinwiddie of New Mexico came through from Dallas the other day with his new bride. They spent a few days visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Jeffie Stegner spent the afternoon with Miss Ethel Reese Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander spent the day with their son, Jim Knight of Clyde, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Bookshier of Abilene motored out to Tye Sunday.

Bro. Perry King will preach at the Baptist Church next Sunday. Sunday School at 10 o'clock preaching at 11. Everyone is invited to come.

The Methodist Church Revival meeting will begin the third Sunday in July. Rev. J. O. Hayne will do the preaching.

Bring your buckets and get fresh Barbecue at Patterson Bros. Meat Market.

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GOLAN ITEMS

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W. T. Duncan and family spent Sunday with their daugh-

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When Willie saw the seventy five cents he was pleased; but when he read his mother's bill his eyes grew dim and his lips quivered. Then he took the money to his mother, threw his arms about her neck, and begged that she would let him do lots of things for her! Mother's bill is rarely presented, but it will pay each child to think it out and over to himself and then pay it-in love and service. Exchange.

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LOAFERS

Nacogdoches Herald: The city schools are out now, and there are a lot of good husky boys and young men who ought to be seeking something to do during their vacation. The boys who work during their vacation are going to be the ones who will become the business men of the future. From the boys who work business men will choose their help when they have places to offer. Work will bring self-respect and reliance. Furthermore it is apt to be the means of keeping some out of mischief.

State Press was recently in a town where great prosperity was said to have reigned thru the last three years. Many fortunes had been made by numbers of people, and a high average of income sustained by practically the entire population through the high prices scores by an agricultural commedity largely production in that territory. Very good. State Press be-When you spend \$10.00 at our grudges no man the fruit of instore you have the satisfaction dustry or enterprise or good of knowing that you have receiv- luck. But it seems to S. P. that there were more young men loaf ers in that town than any he had ever before observed. Farmers were complaining of a lack and if quality and reasonable of help, but the town was indifthe attitude of the able-bodied element who spent their days either in automobile-riding or in sitting idly in automobiles parked on the shady side of the street There is such a thing as overdoing even so good a thing as prosperity. Idleness when indulged And all kinds of Blood suck- You will find honest groceries by the able-bodied is as much of an evil to the rich as to the poor and sometimes it seems absolute ly ruinous to the merely well-todo, those who haven't quite enough means to emulate the rich, yet too much to permit themto partake of fellowship Texas inely hard times would be a tonic such as to reduce the unnatural Just Received big lot Victrola, bloat simultaneously with intf Records. Sanders Drug Store. tf there is nothing more certain than this: That if the farms of America are through the next five years to be deprived of their nost productive labor as thru the last five, in order that urban industry or urban idleness may be contributed to, then flour must bring fifty dollars, and be scarce at that price.-State

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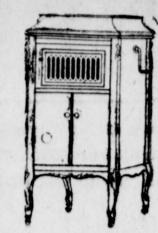
There'll be a panic sooner or ater, and things will creak and bust! how happy then the prudent skate who's salted down the dust! Financial prophets all agree that present things can't last; fate's brewing soup for you and me, and soon we'll stand aghast. It may be that the seers are wrong, for prophets sometimes fail, and life may be grand sweet song, and men may still have kale. But as for me, I take no chance, and when have a bone. I do not down the main street prance, to see it spent and blown. I take it to the banker's vault, a modern vault and fine, and watch him put it down in salt, with other bucks of mine. And if the panic men foresee should come to fill its date, it will not put a crimp in me, or my glad smile abate. Each pay day, with a certain sum down to the bank I tread; and if the panic doesn't come, I'm just that much ahead-Walt Mason.

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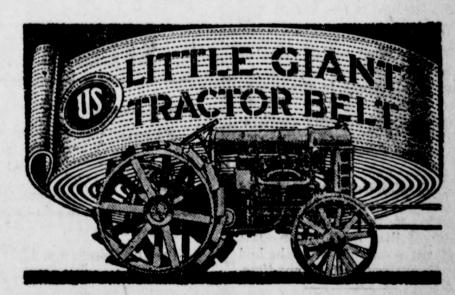
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STAPLE DEPARTMENT

In this Department you will find these staples for below the whole-sale prices of today and would be very wise on your part to buy all that you are going to need for the entire year for the prices will be much higher.

9-4 Sheeting, Bleached	75
9-4 Sheeting, Un-Bleached	
Thirty-six inch Bleached Domestic	
Thirty-six inch Brown LL Domestic	
Forty inch Sea Island	25
GINGHAMS IN STRIPES AND SOLID COLORS	

One Lot of 35 cent Values at..... One Lot of 50 cent Values at.....

20 Per Cent Off

Ready-to-Wear

We are giving 20 per cent off on all Ready-to-Wear

Millinery Department

At this time we are making big reductions on all Millinery

LADIES PUMPS AND OXFORDS

At these marvelous low Prices we are offering the most wonderful line of Solid Leather Foot Wear that is to be found anywhere. One Lot. Patent High Heel Oxfords \$12.50 values at.....\$8,95 One Lot, Black Kid. High Heel Oxfords \$12.50 values.....\$8.25 One Lot, Brown Kid, High Heel Oxfords \$12.50 values.....\$8.25 One Lot, Brown Kid, High Heel Oxfords \$10.00 Values.....\$7.50 One Lot Black Kid, High Heel Oxfords \$10.00 values.....\$7.50 One Lot Black Kid, Military Heel Oxfords \$10.00 values....\$7.50 One Lot Black Kid Military Heel Oxfords \$8.50 values.....\$6.50 One Lot Brown Kid Military Heel Oxfords \$9.00 values....\$7.00 DUMBO IN HIGH AND LOW HEELS

PUMPS IN HIGH AND LOW HEELS
One Lot High Heel Black Kid Pumps \$10.00 values\$8.45
One Lot High Heel Patent Col. Pumps \$12.50 values\$8.95
One Lot High Heel Black Kid Col. Pumps \$12.50 values\$8.95
One Lot Military Heel Brown Kid Pumps \$9.00 values\$7.00
One Lot Military Heel Black Kid Pumps \$8.50 values\$6.50
One Lot Military Heel Black Kid Pumps \$7.50 values\$6.00
One Lot Military Heel Patent Kid Pumps \$6.00 values\$5.00
One Lot Military Heel Black Kid Pumps \$5.50 values\$4.75
One Lot Low Heel Patent and Kid Straps \$6.00 values\$4.75

COUNTER SLIPPERS & OXFORDS

About 250 pairs Ladies High and Low Heel Slippers\$2	95
Men's Oxfords. One lot on Table, about 75 pairs\$3.	95
One lot Men's Oxfords in lace and Button\$5.	.95

Merkel Dry Goods Company

MERKEL'S BIG CASH STORE

The Merkel Mail Cases of Oak of ivy poisoning PIANO FOR SALE-Walworth, FOR SALE- My Merkel home Refrigerators, Lors of 'Em Published Every Friday Morning by

SUBSCRIPTION \$1.50 PER YEAR

THOMAS BURHAM, Editor and Manager

TELEPHONE No. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Merkel Texas as second class mail matter.

Because we mentioned someone in our news items is no reason why we did not want the we just can't be everywhere at the same time, and get all the items, so just phone us when you have a news item for us.

Rose's Barber Shop, the cleanest, coolest place in town to get your barber work. Try it and

Jas H. West, of the firm of West and Company, reports the sale of his home in the southwest part of the city, to H. D. Simpson, who recently purchased the J. W. Parrack home near the school building.

J. C. Childress, the splendid station agent for the Texas and Pacific, at this place, returned first of the week from Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he had been recuperating for some time.

E. D. Coats, local Real Estate dealer has been having his home in the southwest part of the city remodeled, nicely painted and otherwise more comfortably fitted up, until now he has one of the modern and nice homes of the city.

Among the list of graduates from the State University we notice the names of Barney Adol phus Garrett and Francis Eugene Smith, of Merkel who fiinished Ll. B. degrees.

Barber King, H. M., Rose left last Saturday night for Stephenville, where he joined Mrs. Rose and the babies on a visit to rela-

and healing and a splendid rem- Office. edy for such troubles. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Will pay 5 cents per pound. Mer- Merkel. Finder please return to different kinds. Infact any kind Store.

The Imperial Self-heating Sad Iron generates its own gas. Absolutely safe and fully guaranteed by the manufactors. Saves Compound and will offer for a ing Cotton Seed. See S. F. and get out price. item about you too. But you see Sales Manager for Taylor and adjoining counties. Phone 221 or write Box 3. Agents wanted. 4tp et. G. M. Sharp.

should be treated with Ballard's good as new. Green oak finish. Price \$5000. Cost of improve-THE MERKEL MAIL PRINTING COMPANY, INC Snow Liniment. It is antiseptic H. T. Merritt, at Merkel Mail ments. Write Dr. O. F.McMaster

kel Mail Office.

Sale on Lard Compound

I am over stocked on Lard and Invincible at \$2.00 per buck-

Port Lavaca, Texas.

Haynes, Merkel, Texas.

1t Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's. Company.

The hot summer weather is 13tf here, now is the time to buy has two issues on sale regularly WANTED-Clean white Rags. LOST-25 Automatic, north of your Refrigerators. We have 15 at the Merkel Drug Company. this office and get reward. J. E. and make you might want. Come early in the morning. Second is-1tp in and see the different models sue, City Edition, published FOR SALE-A good second- Mountain makes. You will like ing train. See the many exclushand windmill See S. L. Owenstf them. They will give you satis- ive features. Eight page Photo-FOR SALE—Some good plant- faction. Come in and see them Gravure, and four page colored and get our prices. Then you will comic sections every Sunday. thereafter. J. T. Darsey and reliable Associated Press reports

FORT WORTH RECORD

The Fort Worth Record now First issue published at 9 p. m., of the Famous Illinois and White about 4 a. m., on sale after even-Only Fort Worth paper giving seven days a week. Splendid Sport Page, all the reliable Oil News, full market reports. Leave your order for day, month or year for Texas most progressive Newspaper. 11t3p

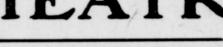
> Mrs. Effie Johnson, of Spur. Texas was here last week closing a contract with the Merkel School Board for a position in the Primary Department of the city schools. Mrs. Johnson comes to our city most highly recommended as a very fine lady and a most excellent primary teacher, which position she held in the Spur Schools for several years. She is a Sister of Rev. Parrack of this city. Our citizens welcome her.

What is Hay? Easy hay's hay Yes cotton's cotton too, but one bale may bring 40 cents a pound while another brings only 10cts. a bale. Does it sell at so much a bale? Why should hay not be weighed? Every bale weighed at my barn. Plenty of alfalfa now. New Johnson Grass and baled oats in a few days. Will try to keep hay and coal on hand. Coal and Feed Pard on Kent Street. T. J. R. Swafford, phone

Mrs. S. G. Houston, of Abilene has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Jackson this

J. A. Hayhurst and wife of Vernon, are here this week the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler.

COZY THEATRE



SPECIAL MATINEE SATURDAY 2:00 TO 5:30 P. M.

Friday, June 11

Franklyn Farnum

George Ovey

"Vengeance and the Girl" "Are Floor Walkers Fickle" Lions-Moran Comedy

Monday, June 14

Invisible Hand No. 13

Great Gamble No. 13 ALSO

Vitagraph Comedy

Fox News

Wednesday, June 16

An O'Henry Picture

Douglas Fairbanks IN

THE BIG 8-REEL SPECIAL

"His Magesty the American" (Fairbanks Greatest picture)

Saturday June 12

George Walsh

in "The Floor Walker" "The Shark

Mutt & Jeff in "The Plumbers

Tuesday, June 15 Dorthy Dalton

"The Christie Girls" in

"Mary Moves In"

Chas. Chaplin

in "La Apache"

Pathe Review

Thursday, June 17

Six reel special, state right, all star attraction-"How Molly Made Good"

(Watch for special announcement)

Goming

Coming

\$33,000 Stock of The Economy

Consisting of dry Goods of all kinds; up-to-date men's and boys' clothing; shoes of the best kind, ladies' high grade ready to wear, furnishing goods for men, women and children, trunks, suit cases, full line of every thing, notions and staple goods of every description, to be sold at a mere shadow of their intrinsic value.

Like a Thunder Bolt From a Clear Sky

The city of Merkel, in Taylor county, will be dumfounded. Stop for a moment and ponder and you will realize what it means. Owing to the weather and the general business conditions in the last few months I find myself completely over stocked and with earnestness in every motion, I say to the public of Merkel and Taylor county that on Saturday, June 5th I opened the biggest Sale ever kvown.

This is The Reason

==-comes the news to dispose of all merchandise

no matter what the loss. Just when every rack is loaded with up-to-date ready-to-wear for men and women the decision coming as it does, entails a great loss to me but my loss is the puclic gain.

If crowds become so dense in our store that it will be necessary to bar the door at intervals, please wait your turn with patience. You will be more than repaid.

Read, Digest, Mark, Ponder, Learn, Realize, Profit, Wonder, Watch and Wait for the Big

-- SALE

Proper preparations are being made to accommodate the masses and wait on you with rapid dispatch. To get your share be sure to come early.

THIS DETERMINED, FURIOUS DRIVE STARTED SAT. MORNING, JUNE 5, AT 8:30 O'CLOCK

This store has given the people of Merkel and vicinity some wonderful bargains during my business career in Merkel. But I never have or expect to again offer such bargains as will prevail during this sale. Every article in this store will be cut in half-many items at less than half-which means the greatest sacrifice of High Grade Merchandise ever offered the public of this community. We advise you to be on hand early and purchase your summer and fall supplies while the stock is complete. And remember, first come, first served. Below we mention a few of the many bargains that await you.

ALL VALUE-GIVING RECORDS BROK-EN BY SUCH A WONDERFUL OFFER

SUITS. COATS DRESSES AND SKIRTS One Lot of White Wash Skirts......\$2.95

'Women's and Misses dresses, Charming Gowns and Dresses of Tricolette, Foulard, Georgette, Chifton, Taffeta, Tricotine and

Poiret Twill in desirable shades. One Lot of Silk Dresses Voiles from \$24.00 to \$35.00 sale Price.....\$12.95

One lot of Silk Georgette Crepe Foulard Dresses values from \$40 to \$50 at....\$22.75

SKIRTS

The assortment embraces large Fancy Plaids Black and White Checks, Silk Faille, Crepe de Chines and Tricolettes.

\$25.00 Skirts at.....\$16.75 \$15.00 Jersey Skirts at......\$8.90 \$10.00 Silk Skirts at.....\$4.90

WOMEN'S SHOES, PUMPS & OXFORDS

Real \$8, \$9, \$10, \$11, and \$12 Values a pair Sale Price......\$6.90

NEW BLOUSES

Featuring a large variety of stunning Models specially priced at.....\$8.16 Regulation and overblouses of heavy quality Georgette and fine net, with long or short sleeves. In smart Eton effects or gorgeously trimmed with frills, ruffles, val, filet and Venise lace. Also beautiful hand-drawn semitailored silk pongee blouses.

GIRLS' WEAR

Girls gingham Dresses of fine quality gingham or blue, green or brown. Trimmed with hand embroidery. Sizes for girls 6 to 14. Regular \$5.00 to \$9.00 Values at.....\$2.95

STAPLES

١	36 inch best grade Domestic, no starch regu-
	lar 45c value, Special per yard29
	28 inch Percal, light and dark colors, 29
ı	Ginghams in Plaids and solid Colors very
	good grade, regular .50 special
1	Red Tick 50c Value 39

Silk and Ddess Goods at 1/2 Price

BOYS CLOTHING

The most complete assortment of Boys Clothing ever assembled. Prices way below the present market.

\$18.00 Fancy Plaid, Special\$12.50 \$15.00 Fancy Plaid, Special......\$7.99 \$12.50 Fancy Plaid, Special......\$4.95 \$5.00 Fancy Plaid, Special.....\$3.95

> We will have a special hour Sale all day Saturday and during that special . hour we will . offer you some .items that it will .be the talk of this community for time to come. Be sure and be on hand Saturday 11 a. m. until 5 p. m.

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS

Special lot of Ready-to-wear SUITS Very fine tailored and fancy fabrics. Values to \$20.00 Disposal Sale Price.....\$13.50

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS Strictly High Class in all the newest models of the season, of guaranteed materials, value up to \$55.00—Disposal Sale Price... \$33.50

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS High grade, finely tailored SUITS; extreme and conservative in fashion. Values up to \$35.00—Disposal Sale Price.....\$24.50

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS Hand-tailored in a selection of novelty woolens; values up to \$45.00-Disposal Sale Price \$29.50

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS Wool worsted; many silk lined, in assorted shades and styles. Values up to \$30.00-Disposal Sale Price.....\$23.50

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS The entire line of hand-made sample SUITS made from best selections of all-wool materials; values up to \$65.00 at.....\$42.50 All Palm Beach Suits.....\$14.50

> Saturday, .the first day .of the Sale we will sell 8-ounce Government standard cotton sacking at .371/2 .per yard. .One piece to a

The ECONOMY STORE

HATS
A large assortment of Men's Hats on the
large and small shapes in all colors.
One lot, \$12.50 Stetson Hats,\$8.75
\$6.50 Hats, Specially Priced\$4.90
\$5.00 Hats, Specially Priced\$4.25
\$4.00 Hats Specially Priced \$9.00

TRIMMED HATS

Beginning at 8:30 Saturday morning we will place on Sale \$10, \$15, \$18 and \$20 Trimmed HATS. Hats for every purpose. Every Type, every occasion. You must SEE THEM to appreciate the values at.....\$3.95 One lot \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$4.00 Hats....\$1.95 Straw and Panama Hats at Cost.

MEN'S SHOES

We have a high grade stock of men's shoe and Oxfords in all shapes and widths.
\$18.00 Oxfords or Shoes, Special\$12.90
\$12.00 Oxfords or Shoes, Special\$8.9
\$10.00 Oxfords or Shoes, Special \$6.9
\$7.50 Oxfords or Shoes, Special\$5.9
\$6.00 Oxfords or Shoes, Special\$3.9
\$25.00 Cow Boy Boots\$13.90
\$16.50 Lare Boots\$10.90
\$12.50 Lace Boots\$9.90

MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS

\$18.00 Silk Shirts, Special\$	10.95
\$15.00 Silk Shirts, Special	\$8.95
\$12.50 Silk Shirts, Special	
\$8.50 Silk Shirts, Special	\$5.45
\$5.00 Men's Madra Shirts	
\$2.50 Men's Shirts	
\$2.00 Shirts	
One lot of \$2.00 and \$3.00 Shirts	

One Lot, Men's, Women's, and Children's F. H. Kaplan, Sale Adjuster \$3, \$4, and \$5 Shoes at......\$1.95



Men of action, men of success, are men who build because building means profit.

Every improvement built about your place is a sign of success and the source of additional success.

We are here to help successful men build. That means YOU when you are ready.





P. S.-Do not wait for low prices Buy Now

Lime, Brick and Cement

Window Glass

(Published by request)

The Greenfield Times published lished. The letter says:

Tenn., who said that she had stars of the night, and is they bad luck has continually follow- doned." ed her until she decided to obey Greenfield, Tenn, March 18.- its injunction and have it pub-

this week what is purported to "And he that hath a copy of of the history of the letter. It be a letter from Christ, written this letter without publishing it was when Mrs. Workman had just after his crucifixion on the to others shall not prosper, but the letter published that Mrs. cross. The letter was published he that publishes it to others Crutchfield is supposed to have at the request of Mrs. Rubie shall be blessed by Me, and if gotten possession of it. Crutchfield, route 1, Trevevant, their sins be as many as the The following is taken from a

the letter three years, and that truly believe, they shall be par-

History of Letter

Mrs. Fannie Wortman of Marion, Indiana, knows something

Marion paper:

Mrs. Wortman says she lived in Dalton Ga. until last August, when she came to this city. She said the letter given below was first found under a stone at the foot of the cross on which Christ was crucified. On the stone was written, "Blessed is he who shall turn me over." No one knew what this inscription ment until a child turned the stone over and found the letter by Christ himself.

The letter came into the hands of a man who had been converted and who kept it as a sacred memento of the Savior. He, however, refused to have it published, according to the orders of Christ, and, consequently, he never prospered. He kept the fact that he possessed the letter a secret, and on his death gave it to his oldest son. Thus the letter was kept in the family for over a thousand years, and was brought to this country by early settlers.

More Ill Luck

It was kept a secret by the family while they lived in Virginia, but they never prospered and ill luck continually followed them, as it did their ancestors, until on the death of the only daughter the letter was turned over to a lady by the name of Mrs. Townson, who, not wishing to disobey the order of Christ, at once had it published in the Tribune, of Rome, Ga., October 31, 1891. The Citizen of Dalton Ga., copied the article and Mrs. Wortman, now living in Marion, Ind., clipped the piece and had it in her possession for a number of years. She never had it published, and she states that she has had bad luck since she has been keeping the article, and believes that her misfortunes have all come from the fact that she never gave the article out for publication.

In the letter was written the commandments of Christ, signed by the angel Gabriel, ninetynine years after the Savior's

The Letter The Letter follows:

"Whosoever works on the Sabbath day shall be cursed. I command you to go to the church and keep holy the Lord's day, without any manner of work. You shall not idle or misspend your time bedecking yourselves in superfluities of costly apparel and in vain dressing, for I have ordered it a day of rest. I will have that day kept holy that your sins may be forgiven you. You will not break my commandments, but observe and keep them, they being written by my hand and spoken by my mouth. You shall not only go to church yourselves, but also your man servant and your maid servant. Observe my word and learn my commandments. You shall finish your work every Saturday at 6 o'clock in the afternoon, at which hour the preparation for the Sabbath begins. I advise you to fast five Fridays in the year, beginning on Good unrepenitent unbelievers. He Friday and continuing the five that hath given to the poor shall ance of the five bloody wounds keep holy the Sabbath day, for You shall love one another and a resting day to myself. cause them that are not Baptized to come to church and receive



Our Experience of House Furnishings is at Your Command

Our suggestions to you will be along the line of harmonious, tasteful, distinctive effects for the home.

Whenever you feel like coming in to talk it over, even when not yet ready to buy, we shall be delighted to exchange ideas and suggestions.

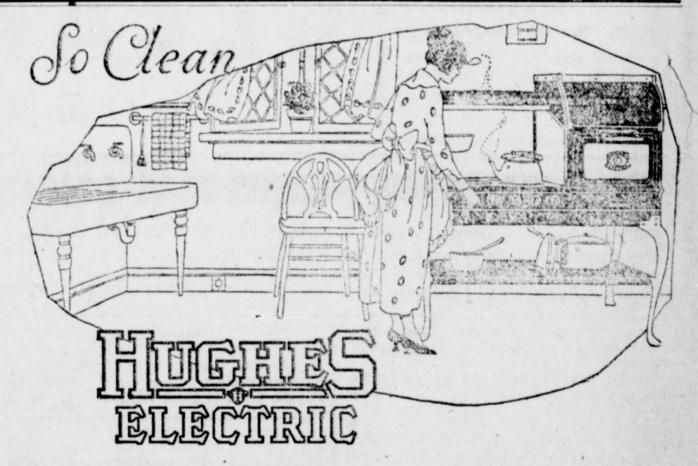


The Injunction "And he that hath a copy of the holy sacrament-that is to this letter, written by my own say, baptism and the supper of hand and spoken from my own the Lord, and be made a member mouth and keepeth it, without thereof, and in so doing I will publishing it to others, shall not give you long lives and many prosper; but he that publishes blessings. Your lands shall be re- it to others shall be blessed by plenished and bring forth abun- Me, and if there sins be as many dance and I will comfort you in as the stars of the night, and the greatest temptation, and if they truly believe, they shall surely he that doeth to the con- be pardoned, and they that betrary shall be cursed. I will also lieve not this writing and my send hardness of heart on them, commandments will have My instruction saves 50% of time and rates NOW at College or by Mail.

A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder troub-Fridays following. in remember- find it profitable. Remember, to les, gravel, diabetes, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all I received for you and mankind. the seventh day I have taken as irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25 Small bottle is two month's treatment, and often perfects a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states. Dr E W. Hall, 2926 Olive, Street, St Louis Mo., Sold by druggists.

and especially on hardened and plagues upon you, and you be praughou's Business College, Abilene, Texas, Box 26



So clean! The truly modern kitchen, bright and sunny - white woodwork, enameled walls, gleaming porcelain sink, spotless floor -all follow naturally when you install your Hughes Electric Range.

-Clean, because the Hughes Electric will give you cooking heat without ashes, without smoke, without soot or harmful fumes. Clean kitchen utensils, clean walls and floor and even clean pure air in the room. In such a kitchen work is a real joy.

There's joy in working in this scientific cleanliness:

It is convenient, because you merely turn a button and begin cooking - to reduce the heat you turn the button again-to stop the heat-once more turn the button.

It is cool because practically all of the heat goes directly into the cooking. It banishes entirely the discomforts of hot weather cookery. The air remains clean and cool. It is efficient because this Range (Model 52 shown above) will do all of the cooking for a large family, do it as quickly as the most elaborate fuel range and do it with less fuss and bother.

This Range is economical because there is never any spoiled food, and because roasts retain their moisture and weight.

Let us give you a copy of "How to Modernize" and tell you more about the HUGHES Electric Range.

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To My Customers and the Public Generally

Until further notice all day stops in the Kent Street Wagon Yard are absolutely FREE. When you come to town just drive right in and put up

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Don't fail to get my prices of Groceries. They are just right. And every time you trade as much as \$20.00 I will present you with a nice and useful present. Try me.

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AT THE AIRDOME Monday, June 14th

> CAST OF CHARACTERS (All Abilene Talent)

Billy Pearson, The only Man at the Inn George Lea Mrs. Caldwell Inez Co Aubry Caldwell, Mrs. Caldwell's Daughter Myrth Willia Dorothy Dudley Mary Louise Sm Florence Howe Alice Lowd	Billy Pearson, The only Man at the Inn	George Leach
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Dorothy Dudley	Mrs. Caldwell	Inez Cope
	Aubry Caldwell, Mrs. Caldwell's Daughter	Myrth Williams
Florence Howe Alice Lowd	Dorothy Dudley	Mary Louise Smith
	Florence Howe	Alice Lowden
Mrs. Moffett, The Timid neighborJewel Dillingha	Mrs. Moffett, The Timid neighbor	Jewel Dillingham
Henry Dudley, College Sophomore	Henry Dudley, College Sophomore	Jim Danner
Martha, Servant at Idlewild	Martha, Servant at Idlewild	Florence Blair

Airdome Open 8:00 o'clock

Curtain at 8:45

Admission 50c, Including War Tax

Wonderful Bargains

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Special Purchase of new voil dresses, the kinesewhere, on sale at	
Silk Dresses	
Georgette waists while they last at	\$4.45
White Wash Skirts	2.75
White wash petticoats, lace and emb. trim,	at95c to \$1.95

Many other bargains. Come and see them.

The L. & G. Store

FRONT STREET

goods, cattle and all other world- tion for the Merkel country. Let ly enjoyments that I have given the Chamber of Commerce start you. Do but once think of what the ball rolling. Such an organi-I have suffered for you if you zation would prove a good busido, it will be well for you in this ness proposition to not only the world and in the world to come. farmers of this section, but Whosoever shall have a copy of would redound to the entire this letter and keep it in their community's good. house, nothing shall hurt them, A trade day or dollar day neither pestilence, lightning or would prove business getter to thunder, and if any woman be the business mer. of Merkel, and in birth and put her trust in Me, a saving to the people of this she shall be delivered of her section.

child. You shall hear no more be found. Finish."

publication we are complying Sold by Sanders Drug Store. with the requests of some of our subscribers.—Ed.)

consumed with your children, Why not a Poultry Associa-

news of Me except through the A bad taste in the mouth Holy Schiptures, until the day of comes from a disordered stomjudgement All goodness and pro- ach and sluggish state of the sperity shall be in the house bowels. Herbine corrects the where a copy of this letter shall trouble immediately. It purifies the bowels, helps digestion, and (Note-In giving this article sweetens the breath. Price, 60c.

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E. B. RODDEN

H. GRIER

MILL WORK

GLASS AND PUTTY We Sell it and Put it In

We will sell you a Complete House Bill Let us figure with you

Merkel Manufacturing Co. 2½ Blocks west of Postoffice

MONEY'S CHANGING VALUE

Probably nobody who heard the argument of Willia m J. Bryan twenty years ago refuted by the exponents of the single gold standard would have be lieved that a time would ever come when a silver dollar would be worth more than a gold one, or that American money, based on a gold standard, would be subject to discount when exchanged for that of a silverstandard country.

Yet this very thing has come to pass. The American silver dollar is worth more in bullion value than the gold dollar. Nor is this all. An American dollar used to buy two dollars in Chinese money and in "Mex." Today an American dollar is worth but 84 cents in Chinese money. China has the silver standard and silver is intrinsically worth more than gold.

If this situation proves anything at all, it demonstrates that there is nothing in the world with an immutably fixed value. We have always supposed that gold was the world's dearest metal, and measurably it is. Yet its value as compared with silver has increased in recent years. But for its weight and the inconvenience of carrying it, gold money would to some extent replace silver in circulation due to the demand for silver for other than coinage purposes. As it is, we are substituting paper notes for the silver dollar in an ever-increasing number.

Itching diseases can be controlled and cause removed by applying Ballard's Snow Liniment. The relief is prompt and permanent. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

What the Auto Is

An autimobile is composed of glass, iron, brass, wood, rubber and other ingredients too numerous to mention. When in the hands of a civilian, it is the most enjoyable pleasure the world has ever produced. When it is in the hands of a being who is composed of one part brains, 24 parts of tincture of don'tcare and 75 per cent of gall it is the most dangerous instrument

Bring your leaky Radiators, had the backing of the Chamber was reached. blown out tires and tubes to Hand and Carey. All work guaranteed. Front Street, Mer-4t4pd kel, Texas.

Some ten days ago a move



Isn't it true that you would paint your floors oftener if you didn't have to keep the house upset so long waiting for the paint to dry?

Wouldn't you do it oftener if you could paint one half of the floor one day, then move the furniture over from the other half and paint that the next day?

Well, that's just what you can do with Lowe's Hard Drying Floor Paint. This fact, together with the way it stands wear and tear is the reason it is used so much on restaurant floors and ship decks.

Come in and ask for descriptive literature.

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BIG SHOW GOOD MUSIC

Saturdays Show Charles Ray "HONORABLE ALGY"

Also Chester Outing and Pathe News

Monday

"LIFTING SHADOWS" With Emmy Wehlen

Wednesday and Thursday

Marshall Neilan Presents "The Rivers End"

The "Rivers End" is a story of the Royal Mounted Police, a story of adventure, by James Oliver Curwood.

Also good Comedy

Pictures like everything else sell for real money When months old they can be bought on the bar-

The Gem has never shown a picture off the bargain counter all of our programs are shown but a few times in the Cities and are then shown on our screen. This means first run pictures.

We need you-you need us-Diverson is what any human needs to keep alive.

Matinee Daily, at 2:15

Gem Theatre

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Old Nick ever sent to Heaven's was started for raising the sum of Commerce. The money has Half Way Station .- Stamford of ten thousand dollars to be been raised. President Thompused in putting the Sears well son made the statement there down 3,500 or deeper. The move would be no let up until the goal

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If you do just cool as quickly as you got warm. Just arrived all sizes of Ice Cream Freezers, Fireless Cookers Perfection Oil Stoves. Also Regular Perfections. Chopping Hoes, (Weed Getters) Sweeps, everything in Hardware.

Hunt us up if you have never been to see us. We want part of your business, if we can't have it all we won't get mad about it. Try Us.

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"Here we are again, with some new specials. Bargains that will save you money, as the following prices will prove."



PUMPS & OXFORDS

\$13.50 pumps & oxfords .. \$10.80 12.50 pumps & oxfords .. 10.00 11.50 pumps & oxfords 9.20 10.00 pumps & oxfords. 8.00 8.50 pumps & oxfords .. 6.80 A'lot of extra specials in ladies shoes at\$1.25 A big assortment of childrens

MILLINERY

All Trimmed hats at 25 per cent

Printed Voils Reduced

All	\$1.50 voils	at	1.20
All	1.25 voils	at	.98
All	.65 voils	at	.55
All	.50 voils	at	.45
All	.35 voils	flaxous	.29
	A lot of ex	tra specials in	
	ren	nants.	

READY TO WEAR

White wash skirtd in Gaberdine, repp-pique etc.
Values to \$6.95 choice \$3.98
Voils at \$3.95 choice 2.98
A few dozen pink & white nain-

Georgette & crepe-de-chine at less 25 per cent

TABLE DAMASK

\$1.50	Grade,	extra	wide.	98				
\$1.25	Grade,	extra	wide.	89				
\$2.85	Linen	Damas	sk	.\$2.39				
\$4.50	. \$3.69							
TOWEL SPECIALS								
\$1.25	Bath '	Towels		98				
.75 B	ath To	wels		69				

.35 Bath Towels......25

69.00 H. S. and M. Suits. . 59.75 65.00 H. S. and M. Suits. . 55.95 60.00 H. S. and M. Suits. . 51.95 55.00 H. S. and M. Suits. . 45.95 55.00 Style Plus Suits.... 45.95 50.00 Style Plus Suits....41.95 47.50 Style Plus Suits....39.95 45.00 Style Plus Suits....35.95 42.50 Style Plus Suits....33.95 Extra Specials in all Palm Beach

CLOTHING REDUCED

Woodroof - Bragg Dry Goods Company

The Place Most People Trade

TRUCK CRASHES INTO FORD

What came very near being a serious accident happened Tues-Scott of the Merkel Motor Compang accompanied by the Editor of this paper, started in the Sharp's. former's practically new Ford touring car for a quick business daughters spent Monday in Abitrip to Abilene, when about two lene visiting the former's parmiles out of Merkel their car ents Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Houston. was badly demolished in a collision with a truck belonging to When you want good oil or the Magnolia Petroleum Com- gas, see Sam Owens. The Magrany of Abilene.

The accident was caused by the driver of the truck becom- in the city one day first o fthe ing confused as to which way to wee.k turn out when Mr. Scott turned slightly to the left to miss a We serve Ice Cream every day stone in the road, after passing at the sanitary self serving one truck some one hundred store. yards in the lead of the one in ed to the right as far as possible farmer-friend of the Merkel Mail the mix-up, after Mr. Scott turngetting clear out of the road in the dich the truck driver seemed to fail to get his balance, and We Cool when it's hot. Heat struck the car straight in the when it's not, Light when it's side about the door of the front night, with service just right. seat, considerably wrecking it, and while not dangerously, but considerably bruising up the occupants.

P. L. McClary, contractor who hand. has applications most every day by people wanting work, states that he will be glad to assist the farmers desiring help, in any way he can. He says if farmers who are going to be in need of help will tell him what kind and how much labor they will need he will try to supply their demand.

Mrs. J. T. Warren is expected home this week from a trip to Waco, where she went to attend the commencement exercises of Bayler University, having daughter in school there, also a married daughter residing in that city.

Jno. T. Morgan and wife of Austin, are here this week for a visit to the latter's mother, Mrs. J. C. Calvert and other

Miss Nell Hollaway begun her day afternoon when Mr. L. B. Music Class at Noodle this week. Light Crust Flour at G. M.

Mrs. Walter Jackson and

nolia man. Phone 168.

T. O. Lackey on route five was

Joe Winter another splendid was here last Saturday on busi-

Who?

Some people delight in the downfall of the other fellow, and seldom if ever turn a helping

W. O. Johnson was in the city misfortune of breaking it some first of the week, carrying his ten days ago. He also reports arm in a sling, having had the his crops all up and doing fine.

Automobile Insurance

Why take the risk? We can give you a very reasonable rate with a high grade company.

Country Insurance

Before placing your insurance for farm buildings, see us.

Real Estate

List with us if you want to sell; if you are in the market, see us before buying.

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W. O. BONEY

WALTER JACKSON

LOCAL ITEMS

Hollis Haynes left Thursday of last week for Bartlett and Georgetown where he will spend his vacation.

Just Received big lot Victrola, Columbia and Lyric Phonograph Records. Sanders Drug Store. tf

Miss Lucile Russell left Monday for Abilene to be with her Aunt, Mrs. R. J. Reed and attend summer school.

Everything for the comfort and convenience of our patrons at Rose's Barber Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Mrs. E. M. McDonald and Miss Lucy Tracy visited relatives in Westbrook last Sunday, going over in their cars.

Try a sack of Marechal Neal Flour. None better. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

J. C. Mason returned first of the week from an extended visit and trip to points in East Texas.

Chas. West and family left Sunday for an extended visit to relatives at Wichita Falls, and other points in northwest and East Texas. They will likely be away for several weeks.

WRESTLING MATCH



Sailor Jack Wood

will wrestle

John Chadwick

best two falls out of three, to a finish, at

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