

M. E. CHURCH TO MAKE EXTENSION

The Rev. C. W. Foote, the new pastor of the First Methodist church of this city, evidently believes in "doing things" in the beginning of his ministry here, as is evidenced by the fact that it did not take him ten days to realize the over-crowded condition of his church attendance, especially that pertaining to the Sunday school, and he immediately announced to the officials of church; the membership and the public in general, that additional room must be provided. Hence, single handed and alone, he started the proposition going, and which as the days went by, gained favor and strength among the membership. Then a building and finance committee was appointed and a subscription list was started about last Saturday. Then at the Methodist church on last Sunday Morning Dr. M. Armstrong, who among many other old-timers, was here when the present beautiful structure was erected, in his able and convincing way explained to the congregation just exactly what the plans were for making the needed extension, which is to extend the main auditorium sixteen feet north, with a 34x60 foot basement below the building. Then following Dr. Armstrong's convincing explanation of the feasibility of the proposed plan and his undisputable argument in behalf of the need of the extension, the Rev. J. W. Hunt, President of the proposed McMurray College for Abilene, came forth and delivered a masterful and eloquent sermon on the Christian's duty with reference to church building, and at the conclusion of which he called for the volunteer contributions, and the hand some sum of \$2,600 was subscribed within a few minutes.

And since the above donations were made on last Sunday there has been something like \$1,000 raised making the total amount to date about \$4,000. It is estimated that from 4,500 to \$5000 will be needed to complete this splendid addition and extension. One splendid outstanding fact about the matter is that a number of Merkel's pioneer and best citizens who are not members of this congregation, but have shown their willingness to lend their assistance in this noble work, which is also helping to thus build up the city of Merkel in which they reside. And we feel sure that the Methodist people appreciate very much, this outside help.

Work, we understand will soon be started on the basement as well as the main auditorium extension and will be rushed to completion as fast as possible, and which will give the Methodist people of this city a building adequate for their growing demands, and a church building among the best in this part of the country. And it is surely up to the Methodist membership each and every one do their part and help to raise the amount needed to do this work. However, it seems that the task will be an easy one if only all will help according to their means.

BUILDING NEARING COMPLETION

The building being constructed next door west of the post-office, by Messrs Rose and Hancock, for their barbershop and bakery business is nearing completion and which will make for them a nice and upto date business home.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES

Sunday, December 4th, we hope every member of the church and Sunday school will be present. We have enrolled 37 new members in Sunday school this quarter, and hope to reach our goal of 50 by the first of January. We have made an average of four new members each Sunday of October and November. If we make the same average during December, we will exceed our goal by three. We are looking for you next Sunday and find some one who does not attend Sunday school and bring them along with you.

Bro. Bullock of Plainview is with us in a meeting; each morning at ten o'clock, and each evening at seven o'clock he brings a spirit filled message. We hope to make both services Sunday, services of spiritual power. The services will continue thru the next week. Sunday morning the choir will sing soul stirring Hymns. Come and hear and help sing praises unto God. Fred S. Rogers pastor.

About December 15 we will be located in our new home. And we extend to one and all an invitation to call on us there. H. M. Rose.

MERKEL GIRLS TO PLAY CLYDE GIRLS

Our girls basket ball team will meet their first opponent for this season, here Friday, Dec 2.

Clyde Girls have the reputation of being "dandy Ball players". Merkel is always glad to match games with such people. Our girls, although they have not had a great amount of practice expect to put up a good fight for winners. Come and see this game. It promises to be one of the best ever played in Merkel.

METHODIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY NOTES

The Woman's Missionary Society met in regular session at the Church Monday afternoon. We had an excellent program from the Voice. Mrs. Piller gave the Bible lesson and it was indeed a good one. The great truths in this lesson was so forceably brought out by her that it set us all to thinking that perhaps we did not try hard enough to get the real meaning contained in our lessons sometimes. All the different parts of the program were very good and instructive. We were glad to have Bro. Foote with us for a short while at this meeting. He laid some matters before us that here to fore we had not thought of. It sometimes seems in our efforts to carry on a good work we over look unintentionally, what afterward seems to be the most important.

A business meeting followed the program. The committee on "Ways and Means" was ready to report. The Chairman reported they had decided to ask each member to pledge 50c and the other ladies of the church who are not members of the Society are invited to pledge also if they feel so disposed. The money thus raised is to finish paying off our first pledge to McMurray College.

At the next meeting there will be the election of officers for the coming year. All members are urged to be present and have a voice in the selection of the officers. Reporter.

J. H. McDonald was up this week from Ivan visiting home folks and friends

A DEED MADE IN THE YEAR 1850

Below we print in full a transaction which happened on the 24th day of July 1850: a deed to an eight year-old negro girl, which was made form Catherine Smith, of the county of Morgan in the state of Alabama, to James S. Brittan, of the same state and county and in which the consideration is noted as \$1 This interesting document was handed us by our fellow townsman and splendid citizen, Mr. Geo. Brown, whostates that the James S. Brittan mentioned in the deed was Mrs. Brown's father and she is keeping the document as an old relic and keep sake.

Know all men by these present that I Catherine Smith of the County of Morgan and State of Alabama, for and in consideration of the friendship and esteem, that I have for James S. Brittan, nephew of my late husband, James L. Smith and for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to me in hand paid the receipt of which I here by acknowledge have this day given, bargained, sold and delivered and I do by these present give, bargain, sell and deliver unto the said James S. Brittan a certain negro girl named Martha of Dark Complexion between seven and eight years of age and a slave for life. And I do for myself and my heirs here by warrant and forever defend unto the said James S. the right and title to the said negro girl and her increase, (As well as also warranting the title to her heirs) against the claim or claims in Law or equity of all and every person whatsoever and in said warrant I include my executors and administrators. Given under my hand and seal this 24th day of July A. D. 1850.

Catherine Smith. (Seal)
Witness:- W. F. Compton.
The State of Alabama, Morgan County.

This day personally appeared before me Levi Sugars, an acting justice of the peace in and for said county William S. Compton, the subscribing person to the within deed of gifts from Catherine Smith to James S. Brittan, who made oath in deed for of law, that he saw Catherine Smith sign the said deed on the day of the date thereof and that she acknowledged that she signed sealed and delivered the same for the purposes therein contained and that he signed the same as witness thereto in the presence of the said Catherine Smith. In testimony whereof I have hereabouts set my hand and seal at office in Decatur Ala this 24th day of July 1850.

Levi Sugars. (Seal).
Justice of the Peace.

H. H. TOOMBS BUYS TWO MORE FINE FARMS.

Mr. E. D. Coats reports the sale of a 106 acre farm belonging to E. L. Frazier, located in Mulberry Canyon, to Mr. H. H. Toombs. Also the 160 acre farm of Floyd Cox to Mr. H. H. Toombs, which is located four miles south of town.

Also a 75 acre farm in the Warren pasture belonging to J. G. Broughton, to Mr. M. R. Hale. In the deal Mr. Hale sells to Mr. Broughton a 160 acre farm located in Dawson county.

C. C. Campbell and wife of Coleman were over last week, spending Thanksgiving with the former's brother, Mr. J. Ben Campbell and family. Mr. Campbell was in the Newspaper business here years ago, and has many old time friends who are always glad to see him.

HARRY TUCKER IS KILLED BY ACCIDENT

One of the saddest deaths ever happening in this country was that of young Harry Tucker, 17 years of age, son of Mr. C. L. Tucker, who resides a short distance east of town on last Saturday afternoon. The accident happened when the team the young man was driving with a load of wood became frightened and ran away, throwing him off in some way crushing his head, causing immediate death.

At the time the accident occurred the father was on his way home from a trip to Eastland, where he had been for a day or so, also the only sister, Miss Bessie, who is one of the splendid teachers of this community, was away attending the State Teachers Association which was in session in Dallas.

Deceased was a fine young man, a devoted member of the Methodist church kind and pleasant in his every day walk, who by his kindness and splendid character won the friendship and esteem of all with whom he had become acquainted. Funeral services were conducted last Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church by the pastor Rev. C. W. Foote and which was attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives, after which the remains were tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery, beside the last resting place of his mother and three sisters who only a few years ago preceded him.

To the bereaved father, sister and brothers the Mail joins a host of friends in extending deepest sympathy during this their sad hour.

MEAT PRICES CUT

Owing to the conditions of the country and the drop in the price of many commodities, we have cut the price of Meats to the lowest price meat has sold here in many years. Good roast is now ten cents per pound with the best steak up to 20 cents per pound. Sausage 20 cents, also Pork is cut to 20 cents per pound, with all other meats handled by us in proportion.

We also have some fresh milk Cows to sell or exchange for fat stock. Some Full blood Gilts with pig, for sale or will exchange for butcher stuff. We buy your hides too.

We wish also to take this occasion of stating that we always appreciate your business, be it large or small, and extend to you a hearty invitation when in town to make our place your headquarters. Patterson Bros. Meat Market. It.

KLAN GIVES \$1,000 TO REBUILD COLLEGE

Greenville, Nov. 24.—A package containing \$1,000, addressed to the Greenville Banner, was found on the desk of the editor of the paper yesterday, with a letter written on the official stationery of the Ku Klux Klan directing that the money be turned over to the President of Wesley College, for use in rebuilding of the administration building of the college which was destroyed by fire last Saturday.

The letter was signed by the Ku Klux Klan and bore the official seal, "Greenville Klan No. 144, Realm of Texas." Inscribed on the package was "not for self but for others".

W. L. Burns and family returned last week from a trip to San Angelo, where they spent Thanksgiving with relatives.

BAPTIST NOTES

Sunday was another high day with us in climbing the ladder. 390 present makes a net gain for November of 110. Now if we do as well in December we will reach our goal as we only lack 110 being there. Every class wants one new member Sunday.

Remember the time of all the services and let us begin on time so that we can close on time.

Sunday School at ten a. m.
Preaching by the Pastor at 11 and 7.

B. Y. P. U. at four p. m.
Training class and teachers meeting Monday at 7 p. m.

Ladies meeting Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.
Prayermeeting Wednesday at 7 p. m.

Come find a place to worship and a place to serve.

We take this opportunity to publicly thank Mr. Groene for his help in operating the machine at the lecture Sunday night and also to thank the people for their good behavior and patient hearing in spite of the crowded condition of the entire church building. We are sorry that so many were turned away but we did the best we can till we get our balcony in.

A cordial welcome awaits you at any of our services. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

BEAUTY CONTEST AT STITH SCHOOL

The Mail is requested to announce that on Friday night December 9, the Stith school will give a handsome present to the most popular girl in the community. Also a delicious and lovely cake will be awarded to the truest girl present.

And it is urged that all "you pretty girls" and ugly men bring your folks and friends, and try your luck winning these prizes.

XMAS BAZZAR

The Young Peoples Missionary Society of the Methodist church will hold an Xmas Bazaar at the Barrow Furniture Co. on Saturday, December 3rd.

This is an invitation for one and all to come and see our display of dainty Christmas gifts. There will be a place to buy good pie, tea, coffee, and sandwiches.

NOTICE TO REBECCA AND ODD FELLOW LODGE

There will be no meeting of the two lodges on Thursday evening, as scheduled, on account of Blanton speaking here on that date. Instead the lodges will meet on Friday night. Sec. Mrs. Nettie Milliken.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

ONE DESE HEAR HAN' -
PALMISTS WANTED READ
HAN HAN T' SEE HOW
LONG AH GWINE LIVE,
BUT SHUCKS! AH TOL' 'EM
MAH LIFE IS IN DE OLE
OMAN'S HAN'!!



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BIG LYCEUM AT COZY DEC. 8TH

On the evening of December eight, at the Cozy Theatre under the auspices of the American Legion, the Dixie Lyceum Bureau will present, "The Mississippi Misses," a quartet of highly educated young ladies, who are known throughout the entire Southland as artist in "Readings, singing, dramatic sketch work, interspersed with both classical and popular numbers.

It is said that you will like these girls form the very moment they step out before you, as they are said to always hold the closest attention of their audiences, by the charm, originality and the strictly high character of the rich program to be rendered.

This is the second number of the Lyceum coming to this city through the efforts of the local post of the American Legion, and truly since the boys have gone to much trouble and great expense in their effort to bring to Merkel such high class, educating and clean class of entertainment, the Mail feels that the citizenship as a whole should give them their hearty support. This is one of the best numbers on the program for the course, and the price of admission is for adults 75 cents; balcony 50 cents, children 25 cents. Doors open at seven p. m. and the program starts promptly at eight at the Cozy Theatre. Read the big advertisement in this issue concerning this entertainment, on another page.

CHURCH OF CHRIST NOTES

Sunday morning at ten o'clock bible study as usual. Come out and enjoy this Bible study with us.

Bro. Cypert will be with us Sunday and if he is able will preach for us at the eleven o'clock hour. Let's make the offering the greatest possible, as it will go to Bro. Cypert.

Friday evening at seven we have prayer meeting at the church. Subject for study, "The Judgement." We hope to make this service instructive and profitable. Come be with us.

The young people will study next Sunday afternoon at four o'clock the same study as outlined in last week's Merkel Mail Miss Hattie Marie Harris will lead this study. O. J. Adcock.

SLIM JIM AND THE FORCE

Slim and the force were on friendly terms Thanksgiving. There seemed a complete forgetting of all troubles that so often come the way of the "Grassville Force" as we carved away on that Thanksgiving Turkey covered with cranberry sauce and all the other good things that go to make up a great and glorious Thanksgiving Dinner. This dinner was given to Slim and force by Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell and was typical of the hospitality possessed only by such good people as these. To say that the occasion was especially enjoyed by all is putting it rather mild as the host and hostess can say, because they had a clearer demonstration of our enjoyment than words can express. Those present were; Slim (Urban Shannon) part of the force (P. M. Shirley King, Clerk, Roy Adams and carrier, O. J. Adcock and family) and Col. J. A. Buford, Ex Marshal W. N. Hall; C. C. Campbell of Coleman and their wives. Oh! my next Thanksgiving looks a long, long way off. Its' coming though. That makes it a "grand and glorious feeling." A guest.

Here's a Guaranty

The people who are familiar with the policies of this Bank, who know our officers and have used our service, really need no guaranty of the Safety of their funds. We have their confidence, and we are proud to say that this confidence is fairly earned.

Here IS a guaranty, however. The Depositors Guaranty Fund, of which we are a member, assures our depositors one hundred cents on every dollar deposited here. This is a guaranty of which every bank depositor is invited to avail himself.

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CLOTHES CLEANED AND PRESSED

Now is the time to think of winter clothes, look through your wardrobe and get all those old clothes out and let us clean and press them. They will look like new. Cash TailorShop. Phone 180.

Not Far To Go.

Exasperated Husband —If you do not stop nagging I'll go crazy in a minute.
Sarcastic spouse—You could make it all right, and not exceed the speed limit either.

If your bowels do not act regularly, you feel uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. To put an end to the misery, take Herbine. It purifies the bowels, restores energy and cheerful spirits. Price, 60c. Sold by Sanders Store November.

E. M. Heeter left first of the week for Pennsylvania, where he will be connected with one of the big oil companies operating there

HEBRON NEWS

Nearly everyone is through picking cotton, and some of the folks have begun to prepare their land for another bumper crop.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. W. M. Carey has been real sick, and truly hope she will soon recover.

Mr. Carol Wortham has moved to the Widow Carter place, and Arlie Hodges has moved to the place where Mr. Wortham moved from.

Mr. Davis and family visited W. M. Carey Sunday evening.

Mrs. Harris, Mr. Hodges and family, and R. A. Reagon and wife spent Tuesday with W. M. Carey and family.

Era Billips spent Sunday evening with Miss Ruth GGazzaway.

We learn that Powers and Charlie Hodges have rented a place on Sweetwater creek and are going to batch and work the place.

Cleaning and pressing.—That you will be proud of. One day service if desired. No gasoline odor. Ligon, the laundryman. Phone 218.

their k Street on Saturday afternoon with a tea in compliment to Mrs. Moore of Virginia, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas. Jones. Gracious hospitality and generous cordiality marked the affair. White Crysanthemums and Narcissus were used in decorating the reception room.

The house party included Mrs. James West, who opened the front door and received the guests introducing to the receiving line in the living room. Mrs. S. W. Johnson stood first in line and next to her Mrs. Earnest M. Mims who introduced to the honoree, Mrs. Moore. Next in line came Mrs. Harbours, mother of Mrs. Moore. Others in line in this room were Mrs. Tom Largent and Mrs. Chas Jones.

Mrs. W. L. Diltz and Mrs. Weaver showed the way to the dining room, where Mrs. Burl Scott presided at the tea service. A color motif of pink and white was used in decoration of the tea table with crystal basket filled with white Crysanthemums and tied with pink tulle occupying central place. Silver candelabra with pink shades added a touch of color and comforts filled with pink mints were noted.

Mrs. L. A. Arrington and Mrs. Jinks Winters assisted in the dining room.

Dainty little Misses, Marjorie Bland, Lilla Rose Black and Mona Margaret Jones assisted the house party in the dining room.

Mrs. Gaither and Mrs. Miller showed the way through the hall.

A refreshment plate of hot tea, sandwiches and mints were served. A number of guests called during the afternoon and the affair was pronounced a complete success by one and all.

HEBRON NEWS

We are having some cloudy and windy weather, but West Texas is still dry. The health of the community is very good for which we should be thankful.

Mrs. W. M. Carey, who has been real sick, is slowly recovering.

Arlie Hodges who has recently moved among us has killed hogs.

Albert Peek and Richard Shields have been breaking wild stock.

Edd Dean has moved on the J. M. Williams place.

Mr. Terry and family of Comper visited B. C. Hodges and family Sunday.

The pie Supper at Hebron last Friday night was a success. The proceeds go for the benefit of the school.

J. R. Collier and wife, Mr. Vaughn and wife made a pleasant call at W. M. Carey's Sunday afternoon.

W. M. Carey is having work done on a surface Tank, preparing for the Big rain that are coming some day.

Mrs. D. W. Matthews visited Mrs. Lee Eason Sunday afternoon.

Car of Chops, Bran and Shorts, at Bob Martin Grocery Company.

Gaither assisted her in entertaining the Thursday Club.

Never did a home glow with more beauty and hospitality. The rooms were beautifully decorated with Stately American Beauty Roses, plumey Crysanthemums of various colors in vases and baskets. The tables were laid with hand-covers over spread with autumn leaves. On the piano was a typical old log cabin with light burning within adding cheer to the surroundings.

A time was spent in fancy work and conversation. Forty-two being played by some who did not bring their work.

Then came a Feather Contest of unique character. Bird feathers were fanned from a glass bowl in to all parts of the room. This proved quite exciting as everyone was busy trying to catch the most feathers. When everyone had counted their's, Mrs. Chas Jones was found with the most and was awarded a beautiful little silver basket filled with delicious candy. Mrs. W. J. Largent received consolation in a tiny paper basket containing same.

Another contest was enjoyed pertaining to Thanksgiving which most of the numbers were answered by Mrs. Claude Sears and was presented with a lovely salad set, with appropriate little card enclosed.

Delicious refreshments were then served consisting of Carmel nut pie, with whipped cream olives, mint sticks and coffee.

Guests to the club were, Mesdames Amy Sears, Ely Case, J. B. Ferrier, Johnson, Mims, O'Brien and Miss Susie Penn.

Club meets next Thursday with Mesdames T. L. Grimes and R. I. Grimes at the home of the latter. Reporter.

NEWS FROM NOODLE

Health of the community is very good at this writing. The Box Supper last Friday night was attended by a large crowd. A big Box of Chocolate was given to the best looking girl, who proved to be Miss Ruby Reagan.

Miss Jewel Jenkins spent the week-end in Merkel with her aunt Miss Ruth Jenkins.

Mr and Mrs. D. L. Nicholson has returned after an absence of two weeks visiting Relatives in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ely of Sweetwater spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ely.

Miss Mona Hodge who has been visiting for the last two weeks with friends at this place returned to her home in Abilene Sunday.

Miss Bell McDonald and Miss Grace Cook of Merkel spent the week-end with Miss Eugenia Williams.

Miss Mabel Jones of Slaton is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Steele.

The party last Saturday night given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steele was enjoyed by all.

Miss Ruby Reagan attended the singing at Comper on last Sunday evening.

Mr. Nute Steele and Miss Stella Ely were visitors in Abilene Monday.

Mr. Lige Womack is the owner of a new Dodge car.

A large crowd attended church at the Christian church Sunday night.

There will be preaching at the Methodist Church Sunday, and every one is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McGehee spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lile Cade.

Quite a few at this place celebrated Thanksgiving by going pecan hunting. They reported a nice time with the exceptions of a little car trouble and lots of pecans.

Quite a few of the young people of Merkel attended the Box Supper at Noodle Friday night which we were very glad to have and we welcome them to come at any time.

Miss Eva Womack spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clay Meeks. Brown Eyes.

Cotton Seed Meal at G. M. Sharps.



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TWO FORTUNATE YOUNG FARMERS

Two of the farmers of this section, Messrs R. and J. G. Gains, who live a few miles north of Merkel, last week went to Abilene and received the cash payment on their United Home Builders contracts taken out by them about two years ago. They each had \$2,000 of these contracts, on which they paid \$20 a month, having paid in all \$480 for each of them. In their settlement with the company through the agent, Mr. E. B. Moore of Abilene, each received his \$480 returned to him and a profit of \$375.00. Or for an investment of \$40 a month for the two of them amounting to \$960 in the whole time, they received the entire \$960 returned to them and \$750 profit, or a total of \$1710 in cash. They contemplate going to New Mexico soon and settling on some government or state land in that state, on account of the continued ill health of one of them.

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

EXTRAORDINARY

Watch our space for next week in this paper. We have some good news for you. The Brown Dry Goods Co. It.

THE PRODUCE MAN

I now have charge of W. P. Duckett Produce business and would like to buy your produce. Give me a chance on what you have to sell. I. S. Simpson. 2t2.

Shipment of new Buggies are expected at the Crown Hardware Co. daily. Prices are down in accordance with the present trend of things. 25t2.

A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25 Small bottle. Send for testimonials to D. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

If You Should Die To-Night

ARE YOUR FAMILY AND BUSINESS PROTECTED

If Not SEE **T. L. Grimes** Merkel Texas

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Missouri State Life Ins. Co.

Free Lecture On Chiropractic At The Collins Hotel

Friday night, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.

Come over and hear this talk on the Art, Science and Philosophy of our work.

NEWNAM & NEWNAM Chiropractors Collins Hotel, Merkel

Gem Theatre

Saturday, Dec. 3rd.
TEX GUINAN
 in
 "The Gun Woman"
 with
 A Century Comedy
 "The Clean-Up"

Monday, Dec. 5th.
Marjorie Eambeau
 in
 "How a Woman Loves"
 with
 A Star Comedy
 "Hearts and Flour"

Tuesday, Dec. 6th.
LOTTIE PICKFORD
 in
 "They Shall Pay"
 with
 Adventures of Bob and Bill
 "The Mountain Lion"

Wednesday, Dec. 7th.
 "Silent Shelly"
 adopted from
 "The Land O'Lizards"
 with
 A McSwaine Comedy

Thursday, Dec. 8th.
 "Branded Woman"
 First National Attraction
 with
 An International News Ed.

Friday, Dec. 9th.
REX RAY
 in
 "Dangerous Trails"
 with
 "Miracles of The Jungle"
 Episode No 7

A THANKSGIVING SPREAD

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell's on last Thursday, Thanksgiving day, was the scene of one of the most pleasant occasions that has been held in the way of social functions of Merkel, in many a day.

The happy event was a Thanksgiving dinner planned and prepared by Mr. Campbell and his estimable family, for some of their friends and especially the postoffice force and the rural route carriers of Merkel, Mr. Campbell being one of the carriers.

Pleasant conversation and Victrola music was the diversion until dinner was announced by the host which conveyed the information that "Slim Jim" and the "Force" were to dine first and the "left over" for the remaining guests.

The dinner? Well, everything was there toothsome prepared and if mortal man was ever invited to sit down to a more enticing repast history does not in form us of the fact, and the way those boys fell to it, it left no room for the "cooks" to doubt the fact that their efforts to please them along that line was not made in vain, and the most pronounced epicure could not find fault, and the guests all departed so well pleased with the world in general and themselves especially that they hoped the pleasant occasion would be repeated next month.

Those present on this occasion were Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock, and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buford, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hall, Mrs. Gladys Bankhead and children, Messrs. Shirley King, Roy Adams, Urbane Shannan, Grandmother Bankhead, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell and Mary and Ouida Campbell. The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Campbell, and baby, Sally Mary of Coleman, Texas. —By one who was present.

Phone us your orders for service prompt delivery and etc. Crown Hardware Company. tf

Big Sale Continues

For another week we continue our Big Cut Price Sale

For many days has our store been crowded with people who have taken advantage of our Many Bargains by buying their winter supply of dry goods. Investigation has proven that this has been one of the

Greatest Money Saving Sales

ever offered the people of this vicinity.

Dry Goods, Ready-to-wear, Shoes, Clothing, Staples, Men's Clothing, Blankets, Comforts etc., all

At Prices Unheard of Before

COME! TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE GREAT BARGAINS

The Fair Store

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Watch our space for next week in this paper. we have some good news for you. The Brown Dry Goods Co. It.

The Y. P. M. S. Girls will have pretty things to sell and good things to eat at the Barrow Furniture Store, on Saturday.

Just Received—Georgia Ribbon Cane Syrup, also some pure country Sorghum. W. F. Hamblett. It.

See me for that good J. R. Watkins Flavoring for your Xmas Cakes. N. A. Dowell, at the White House Cafe. 25t2.

WANTED

To trade a nice gentle pony for children to drive or ride for a good broad tire second hand wagon. See S. R. Thompson, Trent, Texas. Itp.

Rusty nail wounds, festering sores, burns and scalds heal rapidly when Liquid Borozone is applied. It is both antiseptic and healing. Price, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 Sold by Sanders Drug Store. November

Henry Jones of Arizona, is here this week for a visit with his brother, L. P. Jones and wife

The Merkel Mail \$1.50 per year.

At The Cozy Theatre

Thursday December 8th.

The Mississippi Misses

Four clever young artists who sing, play and read, in most delightful manner. They are to appear here soon, with a program of infinite charm—partly because it breathes of the Sunny Southland, and partly because behind it all there lies a background of real art.

You will like these girls from the very moment they step out before you. Originality is ever present throughout their program. Costume work is featured and they present, among other things, a pretty picture of the bells of the sixties. The old fashioned garb has a charm of its own, and these four sunshine maids, each possessed of a radiant personality, enhance this popular feature.

Instrumental arrangements in a variety of ensemble work will be appreciated to the utmost. There will be delightful solo work, too, and you will especially like the vocal quartet, in the melodious songs of the Southland, interspersed with both classical and popular numbers. You will also enjoy the clever readings, monologues and dramatic sketch work which these four talented ladies offer. It is the sort of a program that lingers in one's memory.

Auspices

Local American Legion

Adults 75c Balcony 50c Children 25c
 House opens at 7 Program promptly at 8

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Watch our space for next week in this paper. we have some good news for you. The Brown Dry Goods Co. It.

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T. & P. TIME TABLE

Time Table of the Texas and Pacific trains taking effect on June 5th.

West Bound

No. 1 (Sunshine) . . . 9:36 p.m.
No. 5 4:13 a.m.
No. 23 5:00 p.m.

East Bound

No. 2 (Sunshine) . . . 8:36 a.m.
No. 4 9:30 a.m.
No. 16 11:50 p.m.

Cold feet are abominable in bed or out of it.

Why do men get drunk, asks an exchange. Not why, but how.

"Women make them selves what men want them to be," says an exchange. What a slam on the men.

Don't try to beat a man at his own game. And always give a train the right of way on a railroad crossing.

The way to enforce a law is to enforce it. When people fully realize this we will have changed conditions in many respects.

Every now and then some Federal officer announces that he is going to try to enforce the Volstead act.

It takes a whole lot more money to make the automobile go than it used to take to make the mare go.

If there were not so much idle money, there would not be so many idle people. Had you thought of that?

Some people are disgusted because prohibition prohibits, and others because it doesn't. And there you are.

The Senator from Pennsylvania is named Crow, and some people say that he is a wise old bird.

The unemployment conference met and adjourned, and that is about all that happened.

Now that winter is here, the critics of the modern bathing suit will have to find something else to worry about.

Have you noticed that people who chew the rag is fond of it when played.

Every man and woman in the world has made love, at some time or other, but it is still in demand.

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reason of harsh, cruel and inhuman treatment of defendant towards plaintiff, she was forced and compelled to permanently abandon defendant, without cause or provocation on her part, which cruel and inhuman treatments are of such nature generally as to render their further living together as husband and wife insupportable, and they have not since lived together as husband and wife; that plaintiff was always kind and affectionate to defendant, and was true to her marital vows and obligations for the last two or three years prior and up to the time of their said separation, defendant was unmindful of the duties and obligations of his marital vows, and began a course of unkind, harsh, cruel, abusive and inhuman treatment towards plaintiff, which continued up to the time of their said separation, until plaintiff by reason thereof became almost a total nervous wreck and was compelled to receive medical treatment; that frequently when plaintiff was sick in bed unable to wait on herself, defendant would leave home and remain away for several days and weeks at a time, showing an utter indifference for her life or health; that during said marriage one child was born unto them, a boy about five years of age, by the name of Odell Blackwelder, who now resides with plaintiff, cared for and supported by plaintiff; that defendant has failed to care for or support either plaintiff or their said child, but has refused to do so. Wherefore Plaintiff prays for a dissolution of said marriage relations, and for the care and custody of their said child, and for such other further relief, special and general, in law and in equity that she may be justly entitled to, etc.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, as its aforesaid next regular term, 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, Texas this the 4 day of November A. D. 1921.

J. K. Fuller, Clerk. District Court, Taylor County, Texas. 24

WE PICKED UP SEVEN LARGE DEAD RATS FIRST MORNING AFTER USING RAT-SNAP

So writes Mr. B. E. Carpenter Woodbridge, N. J. "We lost 18 small chicks one night, killed by rats. Some RAT-SNAP and picked up seven large dead rats the next morning and in 2 weeks didn't see a single rat. RAT-SNAP is good and sure." Comes in cakes ready for use. Three sizes, 35c, 65c and \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by Merkel Drug Store and Liberty Hardware Co.

Car of Chops, Bran and Shorts, at Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf.

CITATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon W. H. Blackwelder by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, in the nearest county where a newspaper is published to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas on the first Monday in January, A. D. 1922, the same being the second day of January, A. D. 1922, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 26th day of August, A. D. 1921, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 4786, wherein Erma C. Blackwelder is plaintiff, and W. H. Blackwelder is defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant are husband and wife, and were lawfully married in Taylor County, Texas, on or about the 23rd day of December 1913, and continued to live together as husband and wife on or about the 20th day of August, 1920, when by

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas it has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to call from our midst, Harry, son of our beloved brother, C. L. Tucker, Be it therefore, resolved by this lodge, that, while we bow with humble submission to the will of our Father, we do none less mourn with our brother and family, and be it further resolved that in the death of Harry Tucker, the family, community, his schoolmates and especially his Sunday school class loses an intelligent, faithful, clean living and loving friend and comrade.

And be it further resolved that this lodge tender its heart felt sympathy to the bereaved father, brothers and sister, in this their sad affliction.

Resolved that these resolutions be printed in the Merkel Mail; a copy be sent the family of deceased and that same be recorded in the minutes of this lodge.

Merkel I. O. O. F. No. 355. H. M. Rose Sec.

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To whom it may concern; in justice to the Texas Farmers' Mebane cotton breeding association will say that they are selling the latest improved long Staple Mebane Seed and in my opinion are thoroughly reliable and doing a legitimate business. Signed, A. D. Mebane. It.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express to the good people of Merkel and vicinity, our deep appreciation for the aid and sympathy so generously accorded us in the tragedy of sorrow which has again visited our home. The atmosphere of sympathy consoles us, and sweetens the bitter cup we must drink. May God bless one and all. Curtis L. Tucker and children.

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A one 200 acre Farm. Land all tilable. About 75 acres to cultivation; good improvements Will sell at \$8000. Terms to suit, an also my Merkel Home. See H. D. Simpson It.

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The Alethean Class met with Mrs. Emory McDonald in a business meeting Friday afternoon.

The meeting opened with the reading of the scripture, and after the reading of the minutes came the roll call. Then there was a discussion of some very important matter that came before the class.

Following the business session came a very enjoyable social hour. Miss Lucy Tracy gave some readings, that were much enjoyed and appreciated by all. The hostess at a very late hour served delicious plates of Plum Pudding topped with whipped cream, hot chocolate and wafers.

We were delighted that almost the entire membership of the class were present, with 2 visitors.

Reporter.

PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

On Monday 28 the society met with ten members present.

The meeting was opened by a prayer by the president, Mrs. R. L. Bland. Mrs. Owens read the devotional scripture. Following came the Bible lessons and then the Mission study, let by Mrs. Fred Rogers.

Monday afternoon, December 5th at three o'clock, will be the first Monday. Every one come and bring some one with you.

What is home without a mother Dad is mad as fury; He has had no lunch today— Mother's on the jury.

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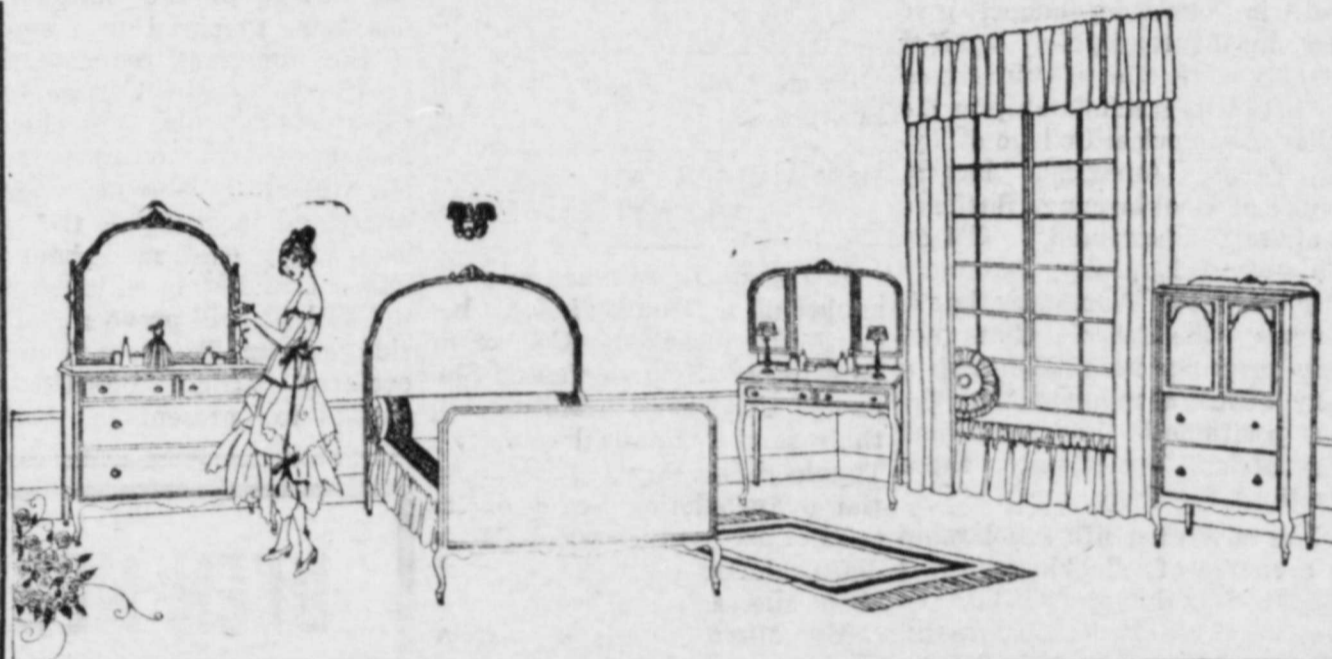
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All Bed Room Furniture Reduced. This special suite in Ivory finish with Dresser, Dressing Table, Chiffonier, Bow-foot Bed, Bench and Rocker. This suite will go in any bed room and make it look it's best. All six pieces are included at this sale price. This suite was \$450.00 now only **\$227.50**
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FOR SALE—Good heater stove wood. See Earl Lassiter. 1t.

FOR SALE—Houses and farm for sale. House close in and farm well located. See S. F. Haynes. 18t3

FOR RENE—Two or three furnished rooms. See Mrs. Effie Johnson, first house south of the Baptist church. 1tp.

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FOR SALE—Seven or eight tons of Maize. See Earl Lassiter or Jack Anderson. 1tpd

For Sale or Trade—A good Ford Car. Would trade for a house in Merkel. See W. E. Stanford. 25t2pd

Wood for sale. \$2.50 per cord. See E. M. Blackburn, Merkel Rt Five. tf.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Small business house opposite Woodrum Hotel. W. W. Wheeler. tf.

WANTED

Wanted—Every human who likes the best Flavoring to make good cakes to come to see me. N. A. Dowell, the Watkins Man at the White House cafe. 25t2

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Cardui "Did Wonders for Me," Declares This Lady.

"I suffered for a long time with womanly weakness," says Mrs. J. R. Simpson, of 57 Spruce St., Asheville, N. C. "I finally got to the place where it was an effort for me to go. I would have bearing-down pains in my side and back — especially severe across my back, and down in my side there was a great deal of soreness. I was nervous and easily upset.

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November

Oats, Bran and Shorts at G. M. Sharps.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

The weekly prayer meeting met with Mrs. Meeks. There were 15 present. Interest is growing each week. We will meet Wednesday, Dec. 30 with Mrs. Chas West to study the 20th Chapter of Matt., with Mrs Pelcher as leader.

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MISS TABITHA'S PHILOSOPHY

Past, Present, Future.
The past is of no use unless it helps guard the future. To whine about injustice done us to worry over failures and losses and to grieve about what might have been is as useless as sitting in sackcloth and ashes and grieving over past sins. The past is gone and there is no way of undoing your misdeeds, but we can make them serve a good purpose, for today is what counts.

Today we cannot undo the errors of yesterday, but we can atone for them, not by useless grief, but being and doing good. Did you do injustice to your neighbor yesterday? Then let us do him a kindness today and the lesson will teach us to always remember the Golden Rule. Today let us try something nobler than we did yesterday. Little by little the soul will grow larger and we feel a peace and contentment quite at variance with the feeling of past days. A cheerful "Good Morning", spoken today may lift a load from a fellow traveler's breast. It is the little things that count. Many people can be heroic in big things, but takes a soul of large proportions to weather the storm of petty annoyances and come out smiling, but victory in little things make us stronger for the future.

To sit and dread the future because it doesn't look all bright is foolish, for the most we can do is to hope for the best till we know the worst, and to make the best of the worst when it comes. The future holds a volume of opportunities and happiness. If yesterday we were lost on the wrong path, then today we should work to get away from the snares which entangled us and by our mistake be able to head straight for the right path. We must live today and tomorrow for yesterday is past, so let us brace our shoulders hold our head straight and without a glance back to yesterday, march forward to the goal that lies in the future with a new determination to combat and win all difficulties that lie in the pathway to happiness.

B. F. Deutschman, of Fort Worth, was here first of the week, visiting old friends and relatives.

I have some of those Gardie Gift Boxes coming in the toilet line of the J. R. Watkins kind. N. A. Dowell. 25t2.

AN APPROPRIATE CHRISTMAS GIFT

Young folks, here is a Christmas present you can get if you will put the matter squarely up to your parents in the right way. In fact they can hardly turn you down, for this is the best proposition you ever put up to them; it is a thing that will win your independence, give you an insurance policy against poverty with the premium paid for life. It is a scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, America's largest school of Bookkeeping, Business Training, Shorthand, Cotton Classing, Telegraphy, Penmanship, Business Administration & Finance—the school that not only prepares its students in a very efficient manner for the best positions in the largest business offices, but secures these positions for them.

The cost of a life scholarship in a course of Bookkeeping is \$65.00, Shorthand, \$65.00, or the two for \$110.00, Telegraphy \$65.00, Cotton classing \$65.00, Penmanship \$65.00, Business Administration & Finance \$65.00. Board and room is from \$18 to \$25 per month, payable monthly. The average time for completing our Shorthand course is three and one-half months, our Telegraphy five months, Bookkeeping four months, Business Administration Finance, five months, our Bookkeeping and Shorthand Combined, five months. Figure up your cost of board and tuition and you will be surprised to find out how little it will cost to obtain a cash producing education that you can use for a life time. It is a Christmas present that you will always appreciate, because you will never cease using it. It is something of every day need. It makes you a useful citizen.

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HOWARD PAYNE DEFEATS SIMMONS

Earnest M. Mimms was all smiles after Thanksgiving, because Howard-Payne College of Brownwood, Texas defeated Simmons College, of Abilene in their annual Football game on Thanksgiving Day at Abilene by the overwhelming score of 28 to 0. Last year Howard Payne defeated the same team with about the same size score.

Mr. Mimms, while a college student, played three years on the Howard Payne team, in the position of Full Back and did all the kicking and forward passing of the ball, winning his letter. His Father, Dr. L. J. Mimms is President of Howard Payne and during the last two and one half years the College's enrollment has grown from about 300 students to over 800.

Howard Payne completed a new Auditorium and Fine Arts Building about three months ago at a cost of \$100,000. Because of Dr. L. J. Mimms' supreme efforts and success in completing such a beautiful building and paying every dollar of the cost when it was completed, the board of Trustees voted unanimously to name this building "The L. J. Mimms Auditorium and Fine Arts Building."

The entire city of Brownwood is exceedingly proud of Howard Payne College and the great work she is doing. Especially are they proud of the great record of their Athletic teams. The Foot Ball team of this year defeated with big scores, Trinity; Southwestern University; Austin College, and Simmons College. Texas and A & M defeated Howard Payne by one touch down. To show their loyalty to and appreciation of the College, over 400 Brownwood people made the trip to Abilene Thanksgiving day in a long special Santa Fe train to see Simmons go down in defeat before the fast Howard Payne team.

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Old Homestead Coffee at G. M. Sharp's.

WOMAN ANTI-CITIZENSHIP

Denton, Texas, Nov 30 1921
"The Problems of Woman Citizenship", is the title of a bulletin issued by the College of Industrial Arts just now off the press and ready for distribution. Dr. Theodore G. Gronert, Director of the Department of History and Social Science, is the author of the bulletin. It has been prepared in response to the numerous requests that have come to the College from the women's clubs and other organizations of women throughout the State who are eagerly interested in studying the problems which confront them as citizens, and it is believed that the bulletin will prove a real service to them. To quote from the preface: "This bulletin attempts to present in outline

form some of the significant problems of citizenship, especially from the woman's view-point." It contains also valuable bibliographies on the topics discussed. The material for this work was suggested largely through class work in the course in Government given at the College of Industrial Arts. More detailed outlines on the various phases of Civic and Social Life mentioned in the bulletin, have been prepared and others are in the course of preparation. The bulletin and the supplementary outlines may be secured, without charge upon application to Miss Lillian Humphries, Department of Extension, College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Texas.

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Gallon Blackberries at 95c.
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Strawberries at \$1.15
25 pounds of sugar at \$1.90.
Lima Beans at 11c per pound.
Pink Beans at 12 pounds for \$1.00
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\$6 pounds compound Lard at 95c.
8 pounds Swift Jewel at \$1.25
Dry Salt Meat at 16 1-2cents per pound.
Smoke Bacon at 24c per lb.

Raven at 70 cents.
White Star Syrup at 70c
Breakfast Bacon at 30c per lb
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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By Jerome Hutcheson.
Every one seems very muchly upset since Thanksgiving, we don't know why unless it is either, "we like vacation better than school" or "trying to get even with the teachers for hard examinations."

A Senior class party was given at the home of Mary Cleo Booth, Wednesday evening, and the general report seems to be a "spontaneous time".

Basket Ball Boys met Monday November 28 for organization. Our old reliable Center, "Hoss" Ferguson was elected leader of the boys this season. Big results are expected this year. We have lost only one man, and have about five teams in sight now. We might also remind you that the girls of M. H. S. will meet "Clyde" Girls on the local court Friday afternoon.

All eyes are awaiting the big event we expect in the near future. "The ninth grade's program for the year. Little is expected from a sophomore, except to try to tell the Freshmen how to act, and that they are better than the Juniors, and have just as much sense as any Senior.

The notes are rather short this week, but if you don't like them; well just fuss at each other, for any Junior's Motto is: "Why Worry"?

L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, is planning to leave the last of this week for a visit to his mother in Missouri.

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You are hereby commanded to summon Ellen Archie, Stella Belle Flesher, her husband F. R. Flesher, W. B. Alexander, H. F. Alexander, S. M. Oldham, Ella Sandell, her husband, Orren Sandell, Aurelia Marshall, her husband B. G. Marshall, F. M. Oldham, Clinnon Oldham L. C. Oldham and Linord Oldmah by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some news paper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof in Abilene Texas, on the first Monday in January, A. D. 1922, the same being the second day of October, A. D. 1921, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 4824, wherein A. A. Alexander, also known as Mrs. H. B. Alexander, is Plaintiff, and Alfred Alexander, Emma Jacobs, her husband W. E. Jacobs, Susie Moody, her husband J. M. Moody, Minnie Emmons, her husband Jason Emmons, L. C. Oldham, M. H. Oldham, C. L. Alexander for himself, as administrator of the Estate of H. B. Alexander, deceased and as guardian of the Estate of Luther Alexander, Brice Alexander, Etter Alexander, Fredy Alexander, Lewis Alexander, Clinnon Oldham, Linord Oldham, Minors Alpha Airhart, her husband W. A. Airhart, W. B. Alexander, H. F. Alexander, Jennie Evans a feme sole, S. B. Alexander, Ellen Archie a feme sole, T. H. Alexander, Della Kavanaugh, her husband, A. R. Kavanaugh, Stella Belle Flesher and her husband, F. R. Flesher, F. M. Oldham, W. S. Oldham, Letha Storms and her husband, Virgil Storms, Lillie Gunnels and her husband, Charlie Gunnels, Matilda Alexander, a feme sole, Osborne Alexander, S. M. Oldham, Luther Downs, Aurelia Marshall and her husband, B. G. Marshall, Ella Sandell and her husband Orren Sandell, and Luther Alexander, Brice Alexander, Etter Alexander, Fredy Alexander, Lewis Alexander, Clinnon Oldham, and Linnord Oldham, Minors, are Defendants, and said petition alleging, and being a suit for trespass to try title for the possession and title to 205 acres of land out of the Herscheil Corzine Survey No 508, patented to W. R. D. Ward, assignee of Herscheil Corzine, on the 30th day of January, 1855, as per patent No 78, Vol. 12, situated in Taylor County, Texas, more particularly described in said petition on file in said cause, and for the removal of the cloud upon plaintiff's title to said land, and for her possession, damages and costs; that on or about the first day of October, 1921, plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of said land and premises holding and claiming the same in fee simple, and that on said date defendants unlawfully entered upon said land and premises and ejected plaintiff there from, and unlawfully withholds from her the possession thereof to her damage in the sum of \$4000; plaintiff especially pleads the five and ten years peaceable and adverse possession of said land and premises, holding, using, and cultivating and paying all taxes thereon under deed duly recorded in the deed records of Taylor County, Texas for a period of more than five years and of more than ten years after her cause of action accrued and before the commencement of said suit, wherefore she prays judgement of the court, etc.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return there on, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND

J. K. Fuller, Clerk.
District Court, Taylor County Texas.
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You will find the things here for your fruit cake. See Crown Hardware Company.
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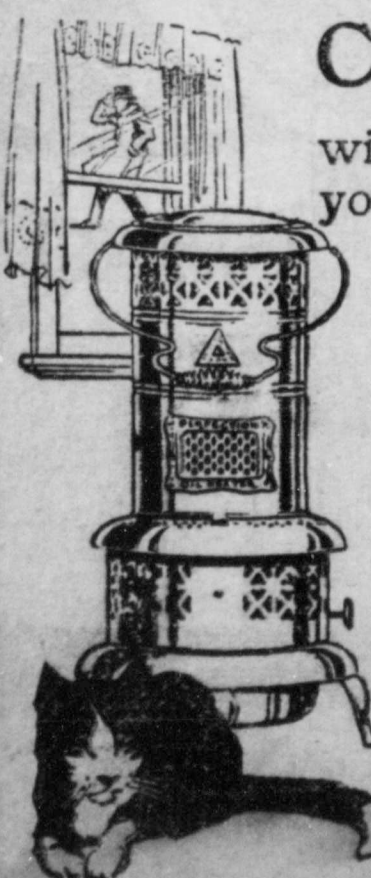
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5,250 MARK IS IN HISTORY NOW

The cotton receipts of the Merkel cotton yards have past the 15,000 bale mark by the sum of 250 bales and our grand total is only short of 2,250 to make the estimated amount of 17,500 crop for Merkel.

Ginners were conferring Thursday morning on special days for the balance of the season but owing to some misunderstanding they were having trouble in coming to terms on just what days the gins should run.

SALT BRANCH

Rev. A. J. Leach of Fluvanna led his regular appointment on Saturday and Sunday. Attendance was very well.

R. B. Wells left Saturday for business.

Everybody is through ginning cotton in this community.

Cotton made from one third to one half bales per acre.

Gertrude Higgins is visiting H. Shipley and family this week.

Our literary school is progressing nicely. The teachers are Miss Stone of Potosi as principal and Miss Collins of near Stith as assistant.

S. Shipley, Elmer Shipley and wife of near Stith attended church here Sunday.

Health of this community is good at this writing.

We have Sunday School every Sunday and singing on Sunday afternoon.

The singing at J. H. McMurrys Tuesday night was enjoyed by all present.

NOODLE

Mrs. R. W. Green has been very ill but is now able to be up and about.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Herring entertained the young people with a singing Saturday night.

Clarence Eoff spent Friday and Saturday in Dallas.

Quite a number of young people went to the Cedar mountains making Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. A. C. Sosebee left Wednesday night for Hillsboro where he will visit her sister, Mrs. Lamie Bayless.

The young people enjoyed a singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Meeks Sunday night.

Dr. Williams of Bronte was in our community Tuesday afternoon shaking hands with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell spent Sunday with J. E. Jones and family in the Shiloh community.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Cook of near Stith spent Sunday with the parents of this place.

Messrs. J. C. Thompson, Jackson, Homer and Odell spent Friday night in Abilene.

M. E. Witt of Merkel spent Tuesday with his brother of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Bryson moved to Merkel Tuesday to visit their sister, Miss Maude.

The school is progressing nicely and has organized a Society to meet Friday afternoon. It is invited to visit our school.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald and the latter's daughters, Nell and Lucy Tracy, spent Thanksgiving in Hillsboro the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bragg.

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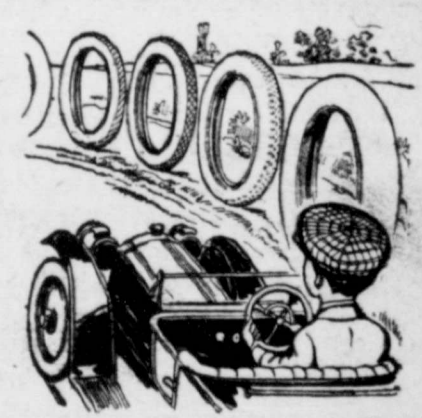
lot; barn etc; ... of town, on Oak street. only \$1750; \$250 cash and \$200 per year. Jno. G. Jackson. 3t3

FOR SALE—A good team of mules 8 and 9 years old. See them at S. W. Smith farm next to Jno Woodard place before Sunday. Price \$250; one half cash. Homer L. Easterwood. 3t1

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The warm friendship shown by my many friends during my protracted illness is greatly appreciated by myself. The showing willingness to befriend me was all that any person could desire from their acquaintance and I am truly glad to be able to return to my business and to meet associates. G. W. Johnson.



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stood for
individual states
control their local affairs and
believing this doctrine to be fun-
damentally correct I oppose any
legislation seeking to extend
Federal control over the states.

(2)

I will support all reasonable
laws having for their object the
safety of the working man, and
that will tend to better his con-
dition and give him greater re-
muneration for his labor.

(3)

I will support a law amending
the national banking act so that
local state laws on usury will ap-
ply to national banks, thereby
enabling the states to pass ade-
quate laws preventing usury.

(4)

I will advocate national aid to
our rural schools to be adminis-
tered by the Boards of Education
of the states to the end that
every child may have the benefit
of a nine months school term.

(5)

I will advocate and support a
system of rural credits and an
amendment to the reserve bank-
ing act to enable the reserve
banks in time of necessity to ex-
tend direct aid to the producers
to enable them to gradually
market their products.

(6)

I believe this nation should be
prepared to defend itself in case
of war, and will support any
reasonable plan for national de-
fense.

(7)

I will support the Rayburn bill
providing for a national stock
and bond law for railroads, and
also an amendment to the Inter-
state Commerce Commission law
giving the commission power to
compel railroads to make needed
improvements, the amendment
to be similar to the one passed by
the 34th Legislature, giving such
power to the Texas Railroad
Commission.

(8)

I will support a law making a
Candidate for Congress ineligible
who spends more than \$2500.00
in his campaign for election.

(9)

I believe the national govern-
ment should be economically ad-
vised and will oppose all
unreasonable expenditure of
every kind. I believe that the
national government should get
the benefit of the money that it
spends and that no money should
be expended for unreasonable
and unnecessary purposes and I
will use my best endeavors to
cut the expenses of the national
government in every way.

Respectfully,
J. M. WAGSTAFF.
(Political Adv.)

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"I owe my good health to Cham-
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Come in and judge the supreme Gift-
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PLETE. There are hundreds of practical
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get—anything selected now will be
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sired, without extra cost.



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We have a big variety of styles in
these splendid Cabinets for you to
choose from. Nothing you could
THINK of would be more appreci-
ated as a Gift to Wife, Mother,
Sister or Aunt.
Be sure and see THIS display.

*Bellevue M. Miller Co.
Merkel*

SHILOH

There was no prayermeeting
Sunday night on account of the
coolness of the weather.

Misses Lettye and Beulah
Jones spent Thanksgiving with
the Misses Goode of Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Grayson have
returned from a visit to relatives
in Howard County. They were
accompanied home by the latter's
brothers.

Mr. M. L. Gowdy and family
of Golan community visited Mr.
and Mrs. Maynard Sunday.

S. L. Grayson and family,
Hugh Grayson and grandma Ty-
ner took Thanksgiving dinner
with Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. Cade is having some im-
provements done on her home,
such as weatherboarding new
roof and painting which will
make her home look very attrac-
tive.

Sinclair Phillips celebrated
his 21st birthday Sunday by giv-
ing a birthday dinner. Those
present were Terrel Winters and
family, W. L. Boyd and family
of Trent, Misses Lena Pomroy,

Laura Howell and Vera Phillips.
They all report a good time.

There was a fruit supper at
Wilbur Woods Saturday night.

Mr. Preston is here visiting his
daughter, Mrs. M. Winters.

NUBIA

The lack of rain is being sadly
felt here. Wheat is beginning
to die in places according to re-
porter's ears.

Ross Martin has been real sick
for the past week or ten days,
but is better now. We hope he
will be up by the time this news
is printed.

There was singing at Nubia
Sunday afternoon.

The fruit supper at Mr. and
Mrs. Bud Perrys Saturday night
was largely attended.

Mrs. M. F. Slape and daughter
Opal, visited at J. T. Lewis Sat-
urday and Sunday.

M. P. Latimer opened up his
heart last Sunday and gave his
friends a nice dinner. There
were six tables full, or, to be ex-
act, forty three in number.
Over forty pounds of meat alone
was eaten, including a ham, a

sixteen pound turkey and
two big fat chickens. This is
a sure sign of the return of
prosperity.

Butman gin owing to an ac-
cident which occurred Friday af-
ternoon, has closed for the sea-
son. The accident was attribu-
ted to defection in the cylinder,
which blew out at one end, send-
ing the cylinder head completely
through the wall and to a dis-
tance of about twenty or thirty
yards. Fortunately no one was
injured unless excitement and
shattered nerves could be class-
ified as such.

There is some talk of forming
a literary society at Butman soon.
The writer subscribes "yes" to
the proposition.

Eld. Price Bankhead of Merkel
failed to fill his appointment at
Cross Roads Christian church
last Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Ensminger has been
active the past week soliciting
contributions to a Christmas box
and funds to be sent to the in-
mates of Buckners Home at Dal-
las this Christmas.

H. A. Lewis is visiting his sis-
ter, Mrs. S. M. Morrow of Mor-

gan this week.

The number of pupils at But-
man continue to increase as cot-
ton picking is nearly over. There
are nearly 40 attending now.

COMPERE

Health of this community is
good so far as we know.

We are needing rain very bad.
Grain is no good if we dont get
rain real soon.

Mr. Clint Tarvin bought a new
Overland car last week. William
Shannon bought a new Ford last
week.

Cotton is about all picked.
Our school opened Monday but
owing to the short attendance
the work was closed but will open
again next Monday.

For that Dull Feeling After Eating.

I have used Chamberlain's Tablets
for some time, and can testify that they
have done me more good than any tab-
lets I have ever used. My trouble was
a heavy dull feeling after eating.—
David Freeman, Kempt, Nova Scotia.
These tablets strengthen the stomach
and improve the digestion. They also
regulate the liver and bowels. They
are far superior to pills but cost no
more. For sale by all dealers.

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WE STUDY CAREFULLY

the needs of each of your eyes
before deciding on the lenses.
For in very few persons are
both eyes alike. Stock or over
the counter glasses may help one
eye and injure the other. Glass-
es we supply will help both eyes.

OUR JEWELRY IS GUARANTEED

Come here for jewelry with the
understanding that you can't
make a mistake. We shoulder
our responsibilities as progressive
jewelers and responsible mer-
chants should. We sell fash-
ionable jewelry, watches, silver-
ware, etc., and we assume a per-
sonal liability for every article
we recommend.



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W. O. W.
Merkel Camp No. 719 meet
second and fourth Friday night
of each month.
W. M. Elliott, C. C.
S. Hamilton, Clerk

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our dear
kindness and neighbors for
kindness and many good deeds
they did for us during the short
illness of our dear little baby girl.
May the bless erch and ever
one is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Boden and
children.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars re-
ward for any case of Catarrh that can
not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.
We, the undersigned, have known F.
J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and be-
lieve him perfectly honorable in all
business transactions and financial-
ly able to carry out any obligations
incurred by his firm. National Bank of Co-
merce, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken interna-
ly, acting directly upon the blood and
mucous surfaces of the system. Test
imonials sent free. Price 75 cents per
bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipa-
tion.

Buys Dort Automobile

F. L. Woods of near Hodge
was in Merkel Wednesday and
purchased a new Dort 5 passenger
gour touring car of the Anc
Mercantile.

This sale was made out of
third shipment of Dort cars. The
above firm has received with
the last three weeks time.

Buys Grant 6

R. B. McRee of Trent is among
the recent purchasers of autom-
obiles in this section, having pu-
chased a Grand 6 touring car
from Local Distributor Ira
strong.

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Because it has an established reputa-
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Because it is most esteemed by those
who have used it for many years.
Because it is most effective, and ac-
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Because it loosens and relieves a
and aids nature in restoring
to a healthy condition.
Because it does not excite
any other narcotic.
Because it is within the reach of
It only cost a quarter. For sale by
dealers.

Begins
Friday, Dec. 9
closes
Saturday Dec 24

14 Days Big
Stock - Reducing
Sale

OUR BIG PRE-HOLIDAY SALE

Our stock is too large for inventory on January 1st and we must get
fore hand to reduce same to the lowest possible figure, regardless
Present Day Values

MEN & BOYS SUITS

Men's and Boys' Suits, Overcoats and odd
pants at greatly reduced prices.

All \$65.00 Hart-Schaffner & Marx Suits
are now \$49.50
All \$55.00 Hart-Schaffner & Marx Suits are
now \$42.50
All \$50.00 Hart-Schaffner & Marx Suits are
now \$39.50
All \$45.00 Curlee and Griffon Suits are
now \$32.50
All \$40.00 Curlee Suits now \$28.50
All \$35.00 Curlee Suits, including our No.
6121 Blue Serge at \$27.50
All \$30.00 Men's Suits now \$19.75
One Lot of 25 Mens Suits, Values up to
\$45.00 and \$50.00 now \$19.75
One Lot of Men's Suits, Values up to \$35.00
Extra Special. \$14.95

Boys Suits and Pants

All Boys Suits and Extra Pants at one half
price.
All \$22.50 Boys Suits now \$11.25
All boys \$20.00 Suits now \$10.00

Shoes Shoes

Our Mens, Womens and Childrens Shoes
are the very best makes and are all includ-
ed in this Big Sale.

Mens Shoes

All \$12.00 Mens Florsheim, Brown Kid
Shoes now \$9.98
All \$10.00 Florsheim and Marshal Shoes are
now \$7.98
All \$7.50 and \$8.50 Mens Dress Shoes are
now \$6.49
All \$6.95 Mens Dress and work Shoes are
now \$5.85
All \$5.50 Mens Work Shoes now \$4.69

Extra Special

One Lot of Mens Dress Shoes, Values up to
\$10.00, now \$4.95

Ladies and Childrens Shoes

10% Discount on all Ladies and Children's
Dress and School Shoes.

COTTON GOODS SPECIALS

Every item in Cotton goods has advanced
from 50 to 75 per cent in the last 90 days.
However we placed orders early on a basis
of 10 cent cotton and are passing the ad-
vantage in price on to you.

Best grade 36-inch Bleached Domestic, well
worth 25 cents, Special Price, 20 yards to
the customer at per yard 15¢
Best Grade of 36-inch Sea Island Brown
Domestic at per yard 12¢
Best Grade 36-inch Heavy Brown Domestic
at per yard 10¢
Best Grade Heavy Outing in all colors at
per yard 15¢
Best Grade Heavy 9-4 Bleached Sheeting at
per yard 45¢
Best Grade Heavy 10-4 Bleached Sheeting
at per yard 50¢
Best Grade Heavy 9-4 Brown Sheeting at
per yard 40¢
Best Grade Heavy 10-4 Brown Sheeting at
per yard 45¢
Best Grade Heavy 8 ounce ACA Feather
tick, per yard 29¢
Good Heavy Grade Feather tick per yd. 25¢
Good Mattress tick per yard 15¢
Good Heavy Grade Shirting per yd. 15¢
Good Grade Gingham, per yd. 18¢
All Red Seal and Toil Du Nord Gingham
Special per yard 20¢

Special on Toilet Articles

Two Cans Williams Talcum Powder, regu-
lar 50c Values at 2 for 26¢
Hinds Honey and Almond Cream, regular
60c Value, now 39¢

Mens Overcoats

One Lot of Mens Dress Overcoats, Values
up to \$45.00, now \$19.75
One Lot of Mens Dress Overcoats, Values
up to \$50.00, now \$24.95
20% Discount on all Men's Dress and work
Pants.

DRESS GOODS

All Woolen and Silk Dress goods at less
than the market price today.

Yard wide Taffetas in a line of leading col-
ors, Special per yard \$1.49
Yard wide Messaline, in all the leading col-
ors, Special per yard \$1.49
40-inch Crepe de Chine and Georgette crepe
in a range of colors, special per yd. \$1.49
One Lot of all wool Dress goods in 54-inch
Serge, Special \$1.29
One Lot of 40-inch all wool Serge, Special
per yard 98¢
One Lot of Kiddie and Galatea Cloth regu-
lar 35c Value, now 26¢
One Lot of 75c Imported Gingham in a
range of colors, now 49¢
One Lot Dress Percales in dark and light
colors, regular 25c value now 19¢

Blanket and Quilt Specials

All regular \$4.50 Wool-nap Blankets and
Quilts, now \$3.49
All Regular \$3.00 and \$2.75 Blankets and
Quilts now \$2.29
All \$2.50 Blankets and Quilts now \$1.98

Extra Specials

Mens Heavy Fleeced Union Suits now \$1.29
Mens two-piece Heavy ribbed Shirts and
Drawers, now 49¢ each
Boys Heavy Fleeced Union Suits now .89¢
Mens half-hose, regular \$1.00 mens silk
hose, now 79¢
Regular 50c mens Silk lisle Hose now .39¢
20% Discount on all mens Dress Shirts
One Lot of mens Dress Gloves, values up to
\$4.00, now \$1.98

Don't Forget the Date

December 9 to December 24

LADIES AND MISSES COATS & SUITS

25 to 33 1-3 per cent discount on
and Misses Coat Suits; Ladies
Childrens Coats, Dresses, Blo
regardless of replacement values
duce our present stock.

All \$65.00 Ladies Coats and Suits
now
All \$60.00 Coats and Suits now
All \$55.00 Ladies Coats and Coat
now
All \$50.00 Ladies Coats and Coatsuits
now \$3
All \$45.00 Ladies Coats and Coatsuits
now \$1
All \$37.50 Ladies Coats and Coatsuits
now \$
All \$30.00 Ladies Coats and Coatsuit
now \$
All \$25.00 Ladies and Childrens Coats
now \$16
All \$20.00 Ladies and childrens Coats
now \$15.4
All \$15.00 Ladies and Childrens Co
now
All \$12.50 Ladies and Childrens Coats
now \$
All \$10.00 Ladies and Childrens Coats are
now \$7.50
All \$8.00 Ladies and Childrens Coats
now
All \$7.50 Ladies and childrens Coats
now \$5.
All \$5.00 Ladies and childrens Coats are
now \$3.75
Big Lot of Crepe de Chine, Georgette and
Taffeta Waists, values from \$3.50 to \$10.50
Sale Price 33 1-3 off.
All Millinery at exactly one-half price
All Ladies Corsets and Brassiers at 25% off

Extra Special

Ladies Heavy Fleeced Union Suits, \$2.00
values now \$1.29
\$3.00 Ladies Silk Hose, now \$2.25
\$2.00 Ladies Silk Hose, now \$1.49
\$1.50 and 1.25 Ladies Silk Hose, now
20% discount on all ladies and childrens
Cotton Hose.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



SHOP EARLY

Make Practical Gift Selections
at this
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Woodroof-Bragg takes the lead in putting prices down just in time for the early Xmas shoppers to buy practical gifts for each member of the family at a big saving. Give practical gifts this Xmas. All over our store you will find special priced merchandise suitable for gifts.



A Money-Saving Christmas Sale!



House Shoes
for
Men
and
Women
Priced Right

SILK HOSE

The gift sure to please. Any price you want.

\$1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.95, 2.50
3.50 and 4.50

DOLLS DOLLS

A whole gross of them, all well dressed and have real hair.

\$2.50 dolls \$1.25



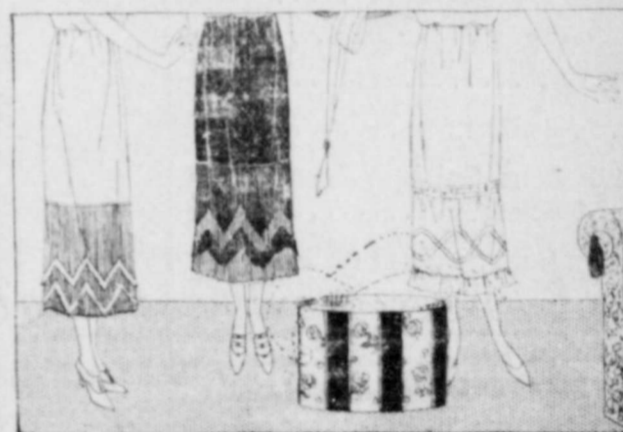
BLANKETS, COMFORTS COUNTERPANES

Make splendid Xmas gifts.

\$7.50 Woolnap blankets \$4.95
6.95 Wash silk comforts 4.95
Counterpanes 2.95 to 6.50

XMAS SALE SPECIALS

Handkerchiefs, boudoir caps, lace collars and vestees, fancy combs and barretts, leather and velvet bags, garters, windsor ties, misses sport hose, bath sets, table linens and napkins.



JERSEY PETTICOATS

Practical Gifts \$3.95 to 6.95
Taffeta Petticoats 1/2 Price

READY TO WEAR HATS

One hundred ready to wear hats, values to \$6.95 \$1.98

PONGEE BLOUSES

New Shipment this week.
Georgette Crepe Blouses 1/2 Price

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Special reduction on all shoes—here's where we save you money.

In Our
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Gifts for Men
and Boys

are

Suits, Overcoats, Shoes,
Sweaters, Shirts,
Hose, Ties
Handkerchiefs, Gloves
Hats and Caps

SHOP EARLY



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In Our
Ready-to-Wear and
Millinery Depart-
ment

Gift suggestions are coats,
suits, dresses, blouses,
Jersey petticoats, Jersey
blouses, silk kimonas,
bath robes, furs, tams,
hats and veils, all priced

1/2 to 1/2 Price

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