



**THE FARMERS STATE BANK**

**A Complete Banking Service**

This bank is equipped to render complete Banking Service to business men, farmers and concerns large or small

The thrifty individual, the enterprising small business man, all find this bank where friendliness and fair dealing go hand in hand with an adherence to sound banking principles.

**THE HOME OF GUARANTEED DEPOSITS**

**Merkel Mail To Give Away \$1,500**

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ends and readers of this paper are to determine to whom the gifts are to go. Free votes are the deciding factors.

All over the territory in Taylor County and outside The Merkel Mail has many friends—real friends, who stand ready to help. Every reader who would share in this great gift giving will find the ground well broken for him and for her. The way is made easy. You will readily understand the whole plan once you read The Merkel Mail's "Everybody Wins Something" automobile and grand prize gift distribution announcement elsewhere in this issue.

**Costs You Nothing**

The Merkel Mail bears the expense. There is not one cent for you to spend. Your time is your own. You can win by simply devoting a part of your spare time. It will be easy, you will find, to be the recipient of a Merkel Mail Gift.

**Everybody Wins Something**

In the Merkel Mail distribution "Everybody Wins Something" you win either one of the big prizes or you win the CASH commissions. Everybody wins either a prize or cash.

In this election you can in your spare time earn more in the next few weeks than the average family man earns in several months. You can earn more than the average man saves in a whole year. You absolutely increase your earning power—and you do it in your spare time.

**Cash Your Prizes**

Perhaps you already have a car—in your case you may cash your prize and expend the money in travel or a nucleus for an education, or for a home of your own. Everyone has use for cash. And this amount is not to

be passed up lightly. Now the price of this car is pretty good money to add to your present income for your spare moments during the next few weeks—moments that otherwise would be lost.

**Work in Spare Time**

Very little is required of you to win. You have the time, plenty of it. A few hours spent among your neighbors and friends for The Merkel Mail is sufficient to win the biggest gift in the list. You have the time. Really the next few weeks—moments at the noon hour, a few minutes of an evening—is worth more to you these few weeks than any full time employment you could imagine. Yet it is but a side issue a spare time proposition. It is a business proposition. Nothing more. There is no sentiment about it. To earn money is honorable and the brand new Ford Touring car is now provided. It is here for you.

**You Can't Lose**

You cannot lose. You are paid for every minute of your time. Every active non-gift winner is given an ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE that he or she will be paid for his or her time 15 percent of every subscription is yours if you fail to land one of the big gifts. That, in itself, is a good business proposition. We can have spare moments, after work that we can turn into cash.

There is one thing, though, that is certain. There is absolutely no way you can secure one of these gifts—either car or cash—except by votes. There are but two ways you can get votes. One is by collecting the free vote coupons which appear in each issue of the Merkel Mail. The other is by securing subscriptions and renewals.

**You Can't Buy Votes**

No votes will be sold. There is absolutely no way you can secure votes except for coupons or subscriptions. You are not to spend one cent your self. You are to get your friends to save coupons and to secure subscriptions and renewals. Coupons and subscriptions will win and these two alone.

If there is anyone who imagines he or she can enter and carry away a big gift by spending money, he or she is advised now to stay out. Read the vote schedule. Unless you want to compete in the same fair and square manner in which The Merkel Mail puts on this gift distribution, save your energy for some other plan.

**All on Even Terms**

Nothing but straight and honest, fair methods will be tolerated. If you are in earnest, if you will devote an hour a day, if you are ready to compete on even terms with everyone else, and if you want to assure your self of some real money or a car—then you want to participate in this distribution of gifts.

**More Votes at Start**

In order to absolutely eliminate any possible chance of any one "buying" his or her way to victory, the Merkel Mail is giving more votes at the start than at the finish. As the campaign progresses the voting power of coupons and subscriptions diminish until finally they are worth less than one-sixth their present value. The final week is of the least concern for votes then count so little. The first weeks are the weeks that count the most when coupons and subscriptions count the most.

"The early bird catches the worm." It is advisable to start early. It pays to be able to make up your mind quickly. Votes are greater and easier to get at the start.

**Start Early—It Pays**

You can get more coupons and more subscriptions at the start than you can when many candidates are out after them. At the start the whole field is yours. What you get early, you get easily. And the early coupons and subscriptions count up faster—the votes are bigger. The first weeks are the best.

Make up your mind NOW. Enter NOW. Everybody wins. YOU WIN. You can't help. But win. The more you do the more you get of course. But everybody

**THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank**

Merkel, Texas

**THE FIRST OF THE YEAR IS APPROACHING**

When you will wish to establish your banking relations for the year 1924.

Nothing is more important to your business success than a connection with a safe, conservative, friendly Bank with plenty of funds to take care of your needs.

**The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel**

offers such a connection with a service unsurpassed and a history of twenty years of successful management during which time it has

Never missed a dividend— Never assessed a shareholder

If you have Liberty Bonds we will take care of them if you have them registered with us and placed under our time lock always keeping them insured against loss.

We have three sections of the latest improved Safety Deposit Boxes in which to deposit your important papers, such as abstracts, notes and wills.

Come in and talk over with us the service we have to offer.

4% Interest On Deposits Our Savings Department

- OFFICERS:**
- J. T. Warren, President
  - L. R. Thompson, Cashier
  - Booth Warren, Asst. Cashier
  - Owen Ellis, Asst. Cashier
- DIRECTORS:**
- Henry James,
  - Geo. F. West,
  - J. T. Warren,
  - L. R. Thompson,
  - Sam Butman Sr.

**Special!!**

Beginning Monday, December 10th we will give a discount of ten per cent on anything we have in stock, except New Perfection oil stoves and repairs for New Perfection products.

These prices are for Cash Only and will run until December 24th. We are doing this to reduce our stock before inventory. We had rather count money than merchandise.

These prices are right so why not take advantage of them.

**LIBERTY HARDWARE COMPANY**

The Only Exclusive Hardware Store in Merkel

wins something.

**The More—The Easier** )  
The more candidates entered the easier it is for you to secure the car or one of the big prizes. How is that, do you ask? It is like this:

If there are only two candidates running for the office of Sheriff of Taylor county, the winning candidate must have over half of all the votes cast in order to win. But if there are five candidates seeking election as sheriff, the winning candidate need only have more votes than any of the other four. In other words, victory comes to the winner with far less votes when five are running than when two are running. Yet the total votes cast in each instance may be the same.

**Votes Alone Win**

Remember this, too: The biggest prizes as big as they are, have nothing to do with the number of votes required to win them. Only so many votes will be cast. It makes no difference whether the total vote is 100,000 or one million. The car goes to the leader with the most votes. All he or she has to do is to have more votes than any other candidate.

Because the gift list is so extraordinary, so big, it is probable someone will imagine that helping The Merkel it will take "an awful lot of votes to win." No one knows how many votes will be required. No one can tell. With a reasonable list of candidates in this election just a few good subscriptions can win the biggest gift. When this election is over everyone will be surprised at the small number of votes required to be the recipient of gifts. Then those without courage will say, "Why, if I had only known how few votes it took I could have done that." Then it will be too late.

**Profitable—Enjoyable**

"Electioneering" in The Merkel Mail election will be most enjoyable as well as profitable work. And it will PAY YOU BIG... Decide now. Make up your

mind to enter. WIN. Earn money. Earn more money the next few weeks than ever earned before in like ENTER. Get in. You Everybody Wins. You lose.

Cut out or tear out this blank in this Merkel Mail. Write name, your address, have a telephone number. Mail or bring your first step. That state need only have 5,000 votes. Nominations may be made by anyone. A nomination is a nomination. A friend can nominate you. You can nominate a friend. But only nomination counts for try. No one is barred. Men, boys and girls. Make the state. Let's

**Short and Snappy**

This campaign will not be long drawn out affair of several months' duration. It extends over a period of only a few weeks. It closes, January 1. Think of securing in about a week, gifts that would ordinarily require months, years, of self-denying and giving to you for your time and a little in helping The Merkel it will take "an awful lot of large its subscription votes to win." No one knows how many votes will be required. No one can tell. With a reasonable list of candidates in this election just a few good subscriptions can win the biggest gift. When this election is over everyone will be surprised at the small number of votes required to be the recipient of gifts. Then those without courage will say, "Why, if I had only known how few votes it took I could have done that." Then it will be too late.

**PREACHING AT NUBIA**

Sunday, Dec. 9 will be our day for preaching at Nubia. Let every one be present for the Sunday School hour at 10 o'clock and preaching at 11 o'clock. We will also hold services at Blair at 3:00 o'clock afternoon. A collection taken at each of the meetings for the interest of the Orphanage.

M. R. Pike,



**BEGINS**  
Friday, Dec. 7  
**CLOSES**  
Monday Dec. 24

# OUR GREAT DECEMBER STOCK REDUCING SALE

**BEGINS**  
Friday, Dec. 7  
**CLOSES**  
Monday Dec. 24

## NOW IN FULL SWAY

In order to reduce our big \$50,000.00 stock before January 1st. and turn every dollars worth of merchandise into actual cash, we have slashed prices not justifiable in the face of an advancing market, but we have enjoyed the best business we have ever had since the boom prices of 1920 and are satisfied to pass some of the good things on to our customers; hence no reservations are made, but everything is reduced.



### Dress Goods Bargains

- All \$2.25 Crepe de chine this sale... \$1.79
- All \$2.00 Crepe de chine this sale... \$1.49
- All \$3.00 Silk and Wool Crepe this sale... \$2.49
- All \$3.00 Wool Tricotine this sale... \$2.49
- All \$2.25 54-inch French Serge this sale... \$1.89
- All \$1.75 French Serge this sale... \$1.39
- All \$1.50 French Serge specially priced for this sale... \$1.29
- All \$1.25 Corduroy this sale... 98c
- All \$4.00 Wool Plaid Skirting this sale... \$3.29
- All \$3.50 wool Plaid Skirting this sale... \$2.98
- All \$1.25 Dress Linens this sale... 89c
- All 50c Suiting this sale... 39c

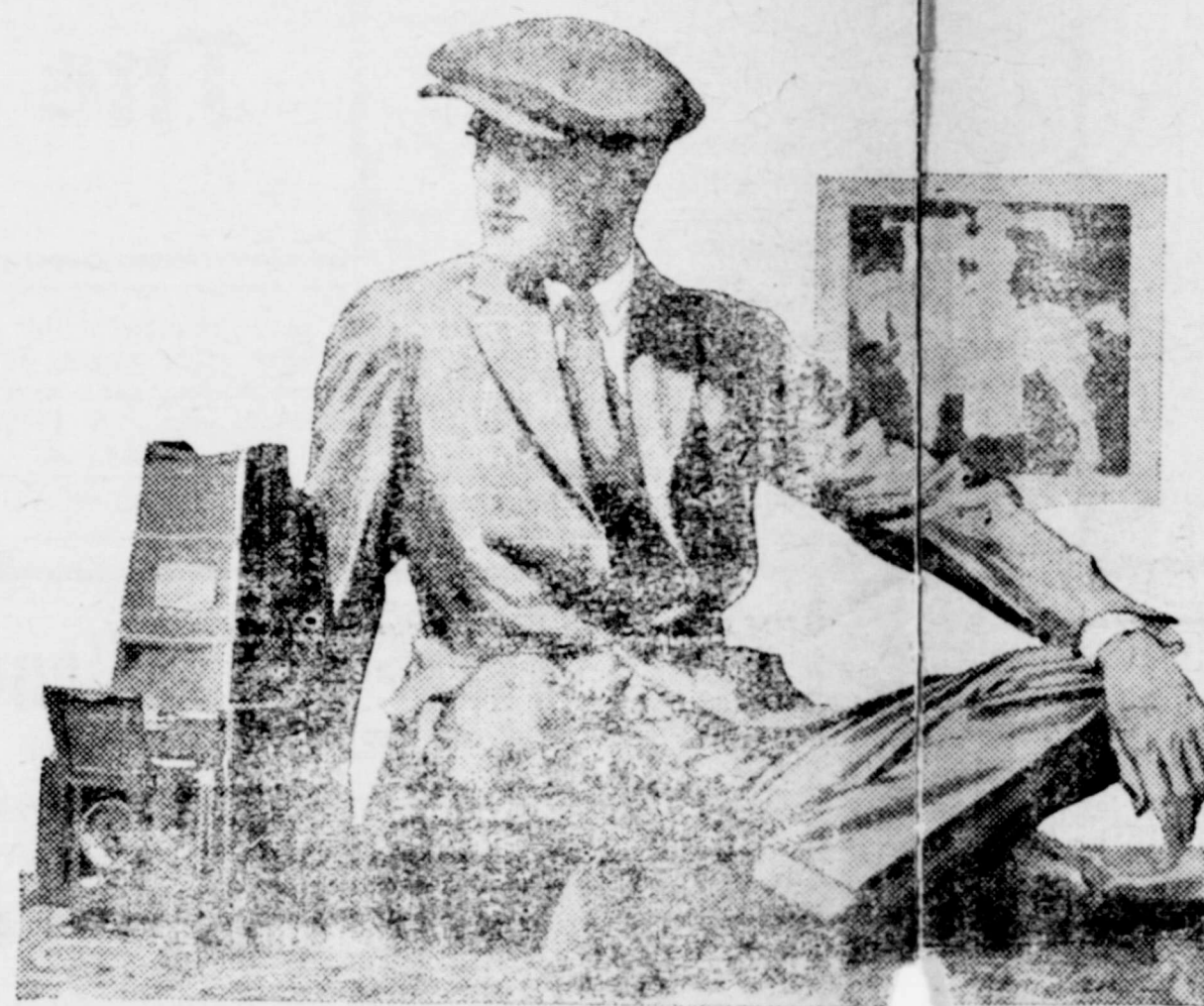
#### EXTRA SPECIAL

- Regular 25 cent Can Mennens Talcum Powder FREE with every \$2.00 purchase of Baby Goods.
- Special Prices on all Dolls, Toys, Baby Accessories etc.

### Bargains in Staple Department

You will be surprised at our low prices on staples but on account of our early booking we are offering these goods on a basis of 20 cent cotton.

- Best Grade 36-inch Bleached Domestic, well worth 30c. this sale... 15c
- Best grade 36 inch Sea Island Brown Domestic, this sale... 15c
- Best Grade 36-inch LL Brown Domestic now... 12c
- Best Grade Pepperell 10-4 Bleached Sheeting, this sale... 64c
- Best Grade Pepperell 9-4 Bleached Sheeting this sale... 60c
- Best Grade Pepperell 9-4 Brown Sheeting, this sale... 54c
- Good Grade Outing this sale... 17c
- Solid Color Outing, this sale... 21c
- Best Grade 32-inch Dress Ginghams, regular 30c value, this sale... 24c
- Best Grade 27-inch Dress Gingham, regular 25c value, this sale... 19c
- Good Grade 27-inch Dress Gingham, regular 20c value, this sale... 15c
- Good Grade 27-inch Kiddie Cloth now... 19c
- All 35c Grade Kiddie Cloth this sale... 27c



### CLOTHING SPECIALS

- All \$50.00 Hart Schaffner and Marx Suits now... \$37.50
- All \$40.00 Hart Schaffner and Marx Suits now... \$31.50
- All \$35.00 Mens Suits now... \$27.50
- All \$30.00 Mens Suits now... \$23.95
- All \$45.00 Hart Schaffner and Marx Suits now... \$34.95
- One lot Mens special on the er... \$14.95

### Overcoat Specials

- All \$50.00 Hart Schaffner and Marx Over Coats now... \$39.50
- All \$40.00 and \$45.00 Over Coats, this sale... \$29.50
- All \$35.00 Over Coats now... \$27.50
- All \$30.00 Over Coats now... \$23.95
- All \$25.00 Over Coats now... \$19.50
- All \$13.50 Mens Leather Jackets, this sale... \$9.98
- All \$7.50 Mens Rain Coats now... \$5.98
- 20 per cent reduction on all Mens Odd Pants this sale.
- Carhart Overalls... \$2.10

### Hat Specials

- All \$15.00 John B. Stetson Hats this sale... \$12.95
- All \$11.00 John B. Stetson Hats this sale... \$8.95
- All \$9.00 and \$10.00 John B. Stetson Hats now... \$7.49
- All \$7.50 John B. Stetson Hats this sale... \$6.49
- One Lot Mens Dress Hats, values up to \$5.00, this sale... \$1.98

### Underwear Special

- All \$2.00 Ladies Union Suits for this sale... \$1.59
- All \$1.50 Ladies Union Suits for this Sale... \$1.29
- All \$1.00 Ladies and Childrens Union Suits, this sale... \$89c
- All 85 cent Childrens Union Suits, this sale... 69c
- All \$2.00 Mens Union Suits for this sale... \$1.59
- All \$1.50 Mens Union Suits for this sale... \$1.29
- All \$1.35 Mens Union Suits for this sale... \$1.19

### Ladies Ready-to-wear

- One lot Crepe and Wool Dresses up to \$30.00, this sale... \$19.75
- One lot Dresses, values up to \$20.00 and \$22.50, this sale... \$14.95
- All \$35.00 and 40.00 Ladies Coats, this sale... \$27.50
- All \$25.00 Ladies Coats, this sale... \$17.95
- All \$20.00 Misses and Ladies Coats, this sale... \$13.95
- One lot Childrens Coats, values up to \$12.50, this sale... \$7.49
- 25 per cent discount on all Corsets.

- All \$4.00 Quilts and Blankets this sale... \$3.29
- All \$3.50 Quilts and Blankets this sale... \$2.98
- All \$15.00 Wool Blankets this sale... \$11.95
- Regular \$3.50 Army Blankets this sale... \$2.79
- 20 per cent discount on all Trunks, Suit Cases and Hand Bags during this sale.

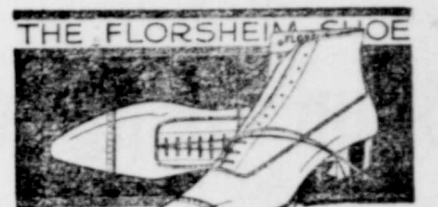


### Mens Dress and Wool Shirts

- All \$6.50 and \$7.50 Mens Dress Shirts this sale... \$4.95
- All \$5.00 Mens Dress and Wool Shirts this sale... \$4.19
- All \$4.00 Mens Dress Shirts this sale... \$3.29
- All \$3.50 Mens Dress Shirts this sale... \$2.89
- All \$3.00 Mens Dress Shirts this sale... \$2.49
- All \$2.50 Mens Dress Shirts this sale... \$1.98
- All \$2.00 Mens Dress Shirts this sale... \$1.69
- All \$1.50 Mens Dress Shirts this sale... \$1.19

### Ladies and Mens Hosiery

- All \$2.50 Full Fashioned Silk Hosiery, this sale... \$1.98
- All \$2.00 and \$1.75 Silk Hosiery this sale... \$1.39
- All \$1.50 Silk Hose this sale... \$1.19
- All \$1.25 Silk Hose, this sale... 98c
- All \$1.00 Mens Silk Hose special this sale... 79c
- All \$1.25 Mens Silk and Wool Hose this sale... 98c
- All 50c Mens and Ladies Lisle Hose, this sale... 39c
- All 50c Childrens Hose, this sale... 39c



FLORSHEIM Shoes give you more for the price you pay because of the quality Florsheim builds into them. Consider the wear not the price per pair.



- All \$12.00 Brown Kid Shoes, this sale... \$8.95
- All \$10.00 and \$11.00 Brown Kid and Calf Skin Shoes, this sale... \$7.95
- One lot Mens Florsheim Shoes Values up to \$12.00, odd lots, to close out... \$5.95
- All Mens \$7.50 Shoes, on this sale... \$5.98
- All \$6.50 and \$6.00 Mens Shoes now... \$4.95
- All \$5.00 Mens Shoes, this sale... \$3.95
- All \$4.00 Mens Shoes, on this sale... \$3.19
- All \$3.00 and \$3.25 Mens Shoes, now... \$2.49
- One lot Childrens Shoes, values up to \$3.95, this sale... \$1.98
- One lot Womens High Shoes, odds and ends, this sale... \$2.39
- All \$7.50 and \$8.50 Ladies Oxfords and Pumps, this Sale... \$6.49
- All \$6.50 and \$6.00 Ladies Oxfords and Pumps, now... \$4.95
- One Lot Ladies Oxfords and Pumps, values up to \$7.50, this sale... \$3.98
- One lot Ladies High Heel Pumps, Oxfords and Shoes, values up to \$10.00, this sale... 98c

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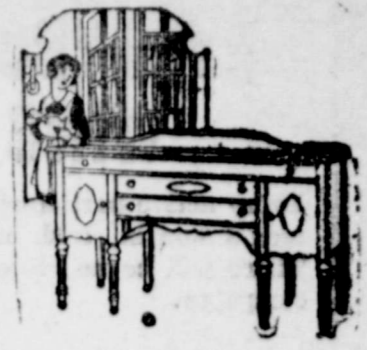
# The Merkel Dry Goods Company

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# BARROWS

BIG YEAR END SALE CONTINUES. 15 DAYS YET TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE HUNDREDS OF BARGAINS WE ARE OFFERING IN FURNITURE.



## GIFT LAMPS

Why not give her a lamp for Christmas. From our present display of lamps, choosing one suitable for gift giving is a pleasure.



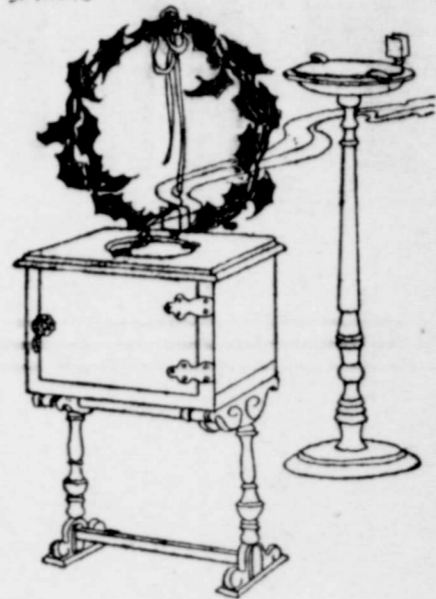
**\$1.00 Dining Room Suite \$1.00**

On December 22 we will sell this Beautiful Eight Piece Dining Room Suite for only

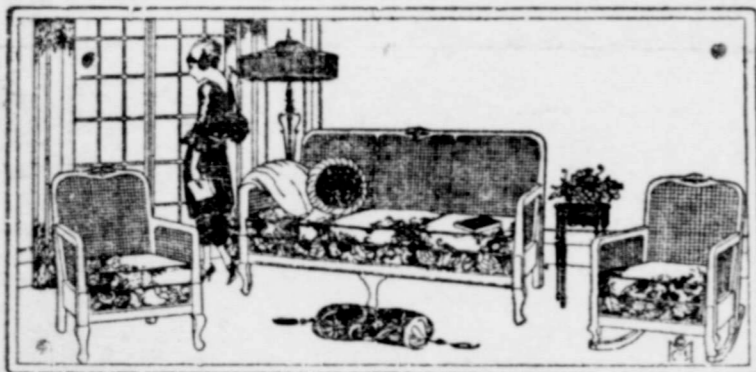
## ONE DOLLAR

Come in and let us tell you about it. Don't fail to ask for your Coupons.

SMOKING SETS IN MANY STYLES



Every home should have a Smoking set, for the convenience of visitors as well as for your own men folks. We have a splendid selection from which to choose a set to match your home furnishings.

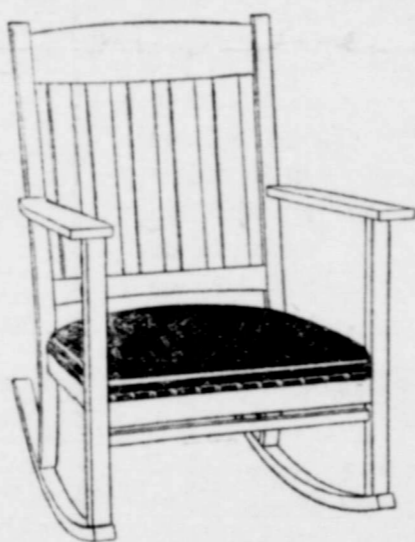


## LIVING ROOM SUITE

GENUINE KARPEN

Mahogany finish, spring cushion construction, spring edge with loose cushions. The biggest bargain of all.

**\$119.85**

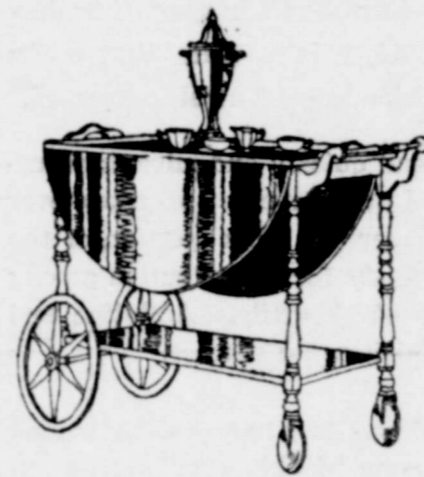


## Genuine Oak Rocker

Upholstered Spring Seat—Best Rocker Value we have ever offered.

**\$5.95**

WHY NOT GIVE FURNITURE FOR CHRISTMAS?  
WHY NOT BUY NOW?  
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SALE PRICES AND SELECT YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS NOW



## A HANDY GIFT

Every housewife knows how handy a Tea Table is—so if your wife does not possess one, now is the chance to make her happy and at the same time solve your gift problem.

What would be more appreciated than a nice piece of furniture—something the entire family can enjoy.

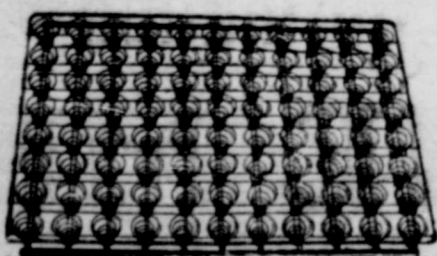
Come and look our stock over, we have something suitable, priced in reach of all.

# BARROW FURNITURE CO.

## MERKEL, TEXAS

Undertakers

Embalmers



Be sure to bring your Coupons  
Dec. 22—They must be here





# THE MERKEL MAIL

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12 PAGES

Now is the time to get all those clothes dolled up for Thanksgiving. We positively guarantee not to have any gas odor. Mrs. C. L. Cash. Phone 180.

## BOILS AND CARBUNCLES CAUSED BY EXCESS ACID

"Excess acid got into my blood and carbuncles broke out all over my body, causing me to suffer intensely. This condition was chronic and I had carbuncles for over a year and seven months. FERRASAL relieved my stomach from the very first dose. In less than a week's treatment all signs of carbuncles had ceased to appear. In less than 3 weeks all my carbuncles were well and I have not seen a sign of one since.

Ferrasal is a God-send to any one suffering from stomach trouble in any form. I shall never cease to praise it."

E. L. Mathews,  
408 Masten St. Dallas  
Indigestion, acid stomach, kidney trouble, bad blood and rheumatism are caused by excess acid. FERRASAL removes the cause of these troubles by neutralizing the excess acid at the source and expelling it from the system. FERRASAL keeps you healthy because it keeps you clean. Take FERRASAL now, 50c a box. It will help you or your druggist will refund your money.



50c per box at Merkel Drug Co.

## DO'NT BE A KNOCKER

(By Richard Lloyd Jones)

You can trust the thoughtless to "knock" the thoughtful. No good work is safe from misconception. Every saint has raised above the untruths hurled at him by those who could not themselves create truths.

The negative forces in this world always oppose the positive forces; but in the whirl of new events and the fresh tomorrows, the world, in its desire to honor those who push good forward, is glad to forget those who pull backward.

Those who follow the lines of least resistance, who glide away from the difficulties of life, who seek only personal ease and comfort, are always quick to condemn those who labor for a common good and for the comfort and the liberties of the many.

The man who lacks an accurate eye and a steady aim can make a loud noise with blank cartridges but he makes a poor soldier. Those who produce nothing attempt to justify their own inertia by criticising those who do produce something.

When criticism is observation, it is constructive; when it is jealousy, it is destructive. The one seeks to correct; the

other to contemptuously destroy. Criticism becomes noble when it seeks not to antagonize but to foster a good work.

Truth at all times is service. When criticism attempts to rectify error, improve judgement and refine public taste, it becomes a public benefaction. Criticism becomes strongest when it exhibits the great weakness of a thing only to suggest something better.

The criticism that counts is the criticism that builds and encourages good effort. The criticism of those who can do the thing criticised less well or not at all has little weight and is soon forgotten.

The critic suggests something better; it is the "knocker" who condemns and offers nothing in return.

Every conqueror must some time meet his master. That is the law of progress, and his master will be the critic who can do better.

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The varied services of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank are at the service of the community. If you are in doubt about the policy and services of the Bank come in and talk it over.

## BOOST

Boost your city, boost your friend;

Boost the street on which you're dwelling.

Boost the goods that you are selling.

Boost the people round about you.

They can get along without you But success will quicker find them

If they know that you're behind them.

Boost for every forward movement.

Boost the man for whom you labor.

Boost the stranger and the neighbor.

Cease to be a chronic knocker;

Cease to be a progress blocker.

If you'd make your city better,

Boost it to the final letter.--Ex

A relative of S. J. Roberts, who was on his way to Snyder from Red River county stopped off here Tuesday and spent the day.

## PERFECT HEALTH

Tutt's Pills keep the system in perfect order. Regulate the bowels and produce

## A VIGOROUS BODY

A sovereign remedy for sick headache, constipation.

## Tutt's Pills

## FIRST CLASS LAUNDRY SERVICE

If you want first class Laundry service we do it. Any and all kinds of it. Cleaning and pressing, dyeing at reasonable prices. Semi-Finish, or family washing everything included except Silk goods, at 10 lb. minimum, 10 cents per pound. Phone 218 or leave at Petty's, West's or City Barber Shop. tf.

## RAWELIGH'S PRODUCTS

When in need of any of the celebrated and well known Rawleigh Products call on me at the McGhee Hamburger stand on Main Street or Phone 147. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. E. B. Barnes. 16t8p

Tom Jenkins was over from Noodle community Wednesday.

## Len Sublett

Water well Driller,  
all work guaranteed  
first-class.

Merkel, Texas

We often hear one say there is a time for all things. So let us remind you that now is the time to have your clothes cleaned and pressed, before you decide to use them--then it will be too late. Mrs. C. L. Cash Tailor Shop. tf.

Read the Classified Column.



## Stop that cough right now—

YOU can often prevent serious complications by giving Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey at once. Dr. Bell's loosens hard-packed phlegm, soothes inflamed tissues and restores normal breathing. Made of just the medicines that up-to-date doctors recommend—combined with the old-time favorite, pine-tar honey. Children like its pleasant taste.

All druggists. Be sure to get the genuine.

DR. BELL'S Pine-Tar Honey

LAYING HENS PAY  
Make 'em Lay and Pay--Feed  
MARTIN EGG PRODUCER  
And get more Eggs or your money back  
Martin's Roup Tablets, Blue Bug Remedy and Taroline Guaranteed by SANDERS DRUG STORE

**ANNOUNCING ANNUAL BARGAIN DAYS**

From Now Until December 15th

ON THE **STAR-TELEGRAM** Home of Radio WBAP

**Fort Worth's Only Texas Owned Newspaper MORNING EDITION**

Correct Produce and Poultry Prices **COMPLETE MARKETS** Quick News and Market Service

**DURING BARGAIN DAYS—Now Until Dec. 15th—the Rate Has Been Reduced Daily and Sunday one year, from \$10.00 to..... \$7.45**

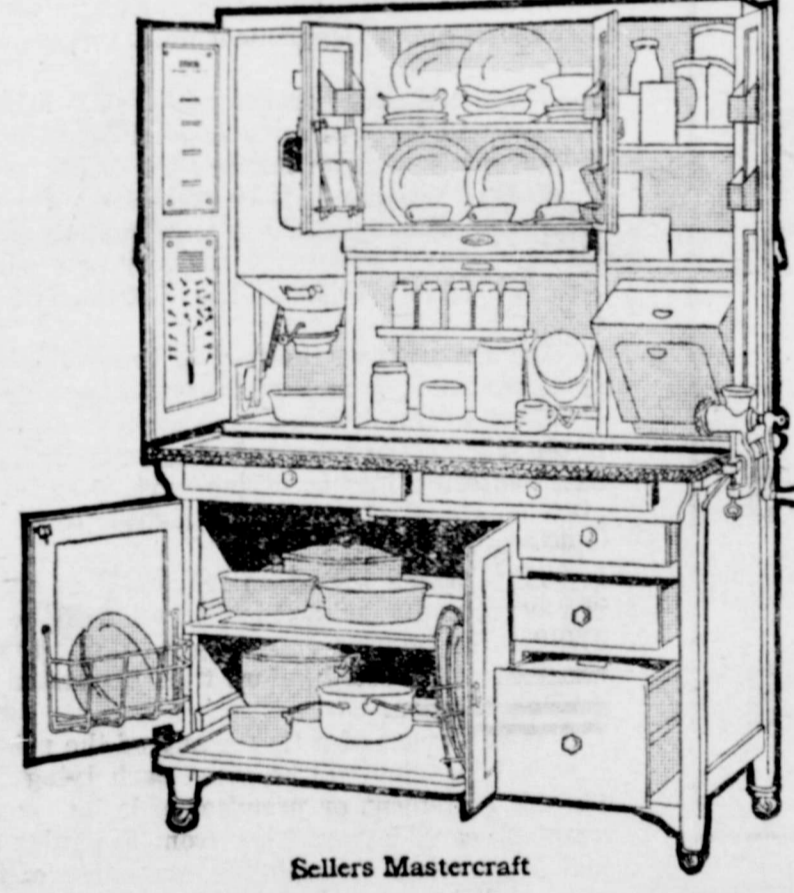
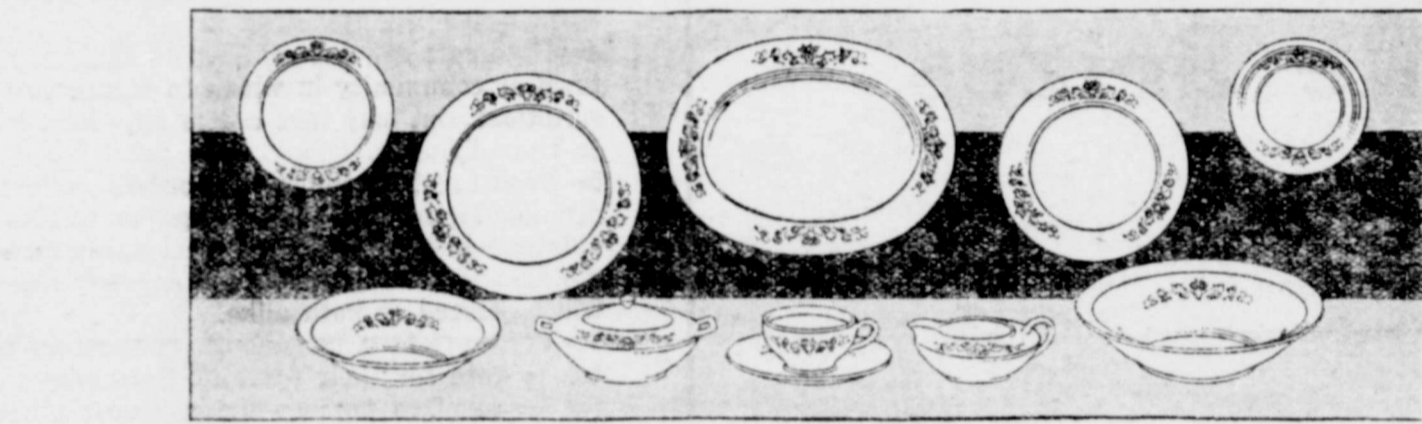
**Daily Except Sunday one year from \$8.00 to..... \$5.95**

**Political Campaign Next Year**  
During the coming exciting political campaign in Texas, a metropolitan Texas owned newspaper which will report the entire race, completely and impartially, is a necessity if you wish to be as well informed as your neighbor.

**TEN LEASED WIRES**  
The big Sunday paper prints many exclusive clean features suitable for all the family. Be sure and include it in your order.

Circulation Largest in Texas.  
Over 95,000 Daily—110,000 Sunday  
Now Higher Than Ever Before.

**Save Money—Order Today**



**Will you accept a set of these Beautiful Dishes without extra charge to you?**

We are giving a set at no extra cost to every woman who buys a

## SELLERS KITCHEN CABINET

For this special event we have purchased a number of Sellers Kitchen Cabinets and a limited number of sets of Saxon China Shown above. The cabinets are the genuine Sellers in every respect, with the famous features that every woman wants. The china is of a very exclusive English design.

**42 CHARMING PIECES OF FIRST QUALITY, WORTH \$12.50**

The illustration gives but a faint impression of the beauty of this dinner set. Each piece is perfect and guaranteed by the maker not to craze. Sets the table for six people.



**FREE—To the first 50 women who come to see the Sellers Demonstrated we will give a 25c can of SELLERS MARVELOUS CLEANER.**

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Merkel, Texas

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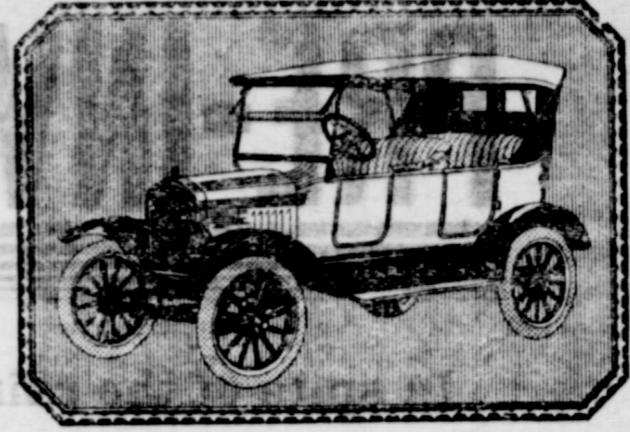
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To you and all your household  
The folks we love so well  
Our cheery Christmas Message  
Again we're glad to tell.

We wish you most Sincerely  
A Christmas full of Cheer  
And perfect health and Gladness  
Throughout the coming Year.

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she is now due the plaintiff \$72.00 for storage.  
Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.  
Given under my hand, this the 21st day of Nov. A. D. 1923.  
W. W. Wheeler  
J. P. Prec. No. 5, Taylor County, Texas.  
2314  
Mr. F. C. McFarland we regret to learn, was called by a message first of the week, from Tennessee, announcing that a brother had died suddenly. We join many friends here in extending deepest sympathy.

Call 159

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# PRE-INVENTORY AND XMAS SALE

In spite of the rain Saturday, the opening day of our Sale, found many shoppers eager to take advantage of the Unusual Prices made in every department of our store. We are sure they were not disappointed as our Sales ran far beyond our expectations.

**This Sale Continues Through Saturday, December 15th.**  
and we are adding new merchandise daily to our already big stock.

## Big Shipment of Coats

arrived this week and go on sale at almost half price--- prices too numerous to mention.

All silk and wool dresses priced to clean up.

Christmas Sale on Silk and Jersey Petticoats \$2.50 to \$6.00, wash and guaranteed for \$1.00



**Sensible Shoes for Children**

During the winter it is especially important to keep the children's feet well protected--and one of the easy ways to be sure is to come here for their Footwear. A special showing of various styles and leathers offers a good selection from which to choose.

## Extra Special!

Choice of any Ready-to-wear hat Saturday for 98 cents.

One lot men's \$1.50 outing night shirts 98 cents.

One lot boy's Suits, value \$10 to \$12.50 at \$6.95

Another lot to sell at \$4.95

One lot men's suits, worth \$20.00 on sale at \$9.95

One lot children's \$1.50 house shoes, 95c.

Our shoe stock is entirely too big. We are determined to reduce it before time to invoice. You more than get the profit if you take advantage of the following low prices:

- One lot men's shoes, worth \$6.00 to \$8.00, for **\$2.45**
- One lot men's shoes, worth \$7.50 to \$10.00, for **\$3.95**
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Our Stock is still so full that you can buy your entire bill here.

# The Woodroof-Bragg Co.

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### CHURCH OF CHRIST

For next Sunday Bro. W. G. Cypert will occupy the pulpit both morning and evening and as you know he is one of our most energetic and forceful preachers therefore we'll all rejoice in the good lessons which he is so eminently qualified to bring us. Brother, sister, your individual spiritual welfare requires that you be on hand, on time, for every service, and for every item, for every service. Friends and strangers will find a hearty welcome, and our efforts cannot fail of doing you good, if only you enter heartily with us into the work. Come, let us worship together.

L. P. Jones came in this week from his home at Sierra Blanco and will remain for a few days with friends and relatives. On his return he will be accompanied by his wife, who has been spending some time here with her father, Mr. J. C. Moore..

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### PARENT TEACHERS PROGRAM

Devotional—Rev. T. J. Rea. Song—Miss Pogue's room. Reading—Expression department.

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### NEW FEED STORE

We have opened a new feed store on Kent street, and can fill your wants in this line. Will be glad to have your business. Phone 161. Gazzaway and Polly.

### BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 o'clock. Preaching in the evening at 7 o'clock.

At B. Y. P. U.'s at 6 o'clock. Let us have a full attendance Sunday evening. Every one is invited to attend the services. Visitors always welcome.

### CAKE AND MEAL

Winters 45 percent Protein—Swafford—South Side. Phone 44.

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J. E. Richardson and family are now occupying the premises recently vacated by C. ue.

Mrs. Miles Morten, been here for some time in the home of C. W. Mort Kent street, has returned her home at Coleman.

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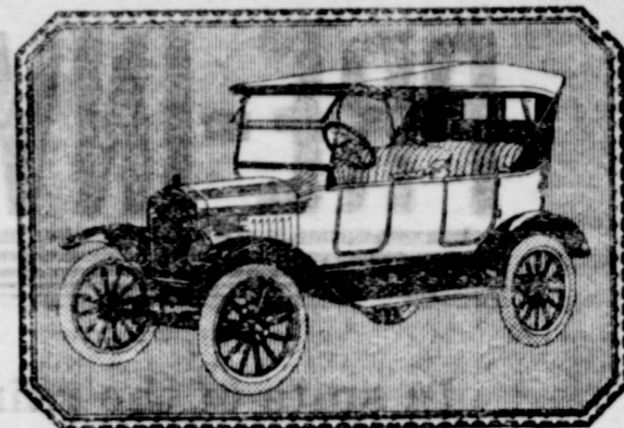
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