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5 ARE DROWNED IN TEXAS FLOOD

Belton, Dec. 3.—Five persons were drowned in a thirty-foot rise which came down Nolan creek before daylight today. The creek runs through the center of the city.

The rise hit Belton about 2 a. m. About fifty homes along the banks of the creek in this city or in the country nearby were swept away. In the heart of the city Mrs. W. C. Polk and her four children were caught asleep in their house beside the creek and drowned. Mr. Polk, carrying the fifth child, an infant, escaped on high ground.

Five fatalities were reported in another family, that of a camper, whose name is unknown, who was stopping near town.

Boats are being used to rescue people in East Waco this afternoon. It is reported that several Mexicans have been drowned on the Asa Warner farm, ten miles southeast of here. Reports from South Bosque say that town is practically wiped off the map. The wires to South Bosque are down and this cannot be confirmed.

In this district it was estimated that about 15,000 persons had been driven from their homes, several thousand of them by creeks scattered all through the country districts, and which ordinarily can be waded the year around. Fatalities were confined to five at Belton, with rumors of drownings near Waco. So sudden were some of the rises, however, that throughout the central part of the state isolated families were driven to trees, from which their neighbors rescued them some hours later.

At Elgin, Texas the engine tender and baggage car of a Houston & Texas Central passenger train turned over this afternoon from softening of the road bed. No one was seriously hurt. At Calvert no I. & G. N. railway trains have run since Tuesday, and water from Walnut creek has done thousands of dollars damage in stores.

Marlin, the big league baseball site reported itself isolated from the world, with all trains annulled, water from the Brazos river practically surrounding it. No fears for life or serious property damage in Marlin were expressed. In bottoms about the city farmers had plenty of warning to save large herds of stock. At Weatherford and Baird Texas & Pacific trains were delayed by accidents to track or rolling stock due to floods.

Improving Farm Home.

Contractor J. R. Dye and carpenters are at work remodeling the farm home of J. N. Teaff. The improvements consist of considerable addition to the home and about eighty or ninety feet of gallery. In addition to the home our successful farmer friend is having built a large and conveniently arranged barn.

Work stock for sale. See Crown Hardware Co.

Star-Telegram.

The "Bargain Day" offer of the Star-Telegram is the greatest bargain ever offered in reading matter and the Mail urges every progressive farmer and stockman to take advantage of same before the 15th of this month. This paper comes to you every morning with full Associated Press and stock market reports of the day before, the news of the state and world complete. The paper is a friend of the West and we offer the Mail and Star-Telegram for only \$3.75. Send us your check and we will do the rest.

POULTRY SHOW IS A HUMMER

The annual Merkel Poultry & Pet Stock Show now in progress here is far better than it has ever been.

Owing to the late winnings of various Merkel poultry breeders at poultry shows over the western part of the state, there is some very keen competition brought about by out of town birds being brought here to regain captured laurels. In addition to the home grown birds, which by the way are in our estimation far superior to any others we have ever seen, there are on exhibit here birds from all over the state and entries that have captured sweepstake prizes in shows at many points in Texas. These facts are of little importance to Merkel poultry raisers like Merkel cattle raisers produce prize winners that few towns if any in Texas can boast of.

Our next weeks issue will give account of the awards.

R. E. Bowles made a business trip to Abilene Wednesday.

Parten-Expansion Sale.

We ask our subscribers to read the expansion announcement in this issue of the Parten Dry Goods Company. This firm announces that they have leased the building occupied by the Cash Grocery and will occupy the entire Gaither building after January first, having the same arranged for their business. This store has grown from a very small and unpretentious beginning to one of the biggest and best merchandise establishments in this section of our country.

Notice.

The Commissioners Court have employed me to collect delinquent taxes for Taylor County. I am now having a list of properties prepared for advertisement as required by law, said list will be ready for press by Jan. first by payments of your delinquent taxes before the fifteenth of Jan. you will save the additional expense of this advertisement, and shortly after advertisement suit will be brought to foreclose delinquent taxes therefore in order to save money you had better see me before the time above stated.

Eugene DeBogory.
Abilene, Texas.

GRAIN CONDITION BEST IN HISTORY

The small grain of the Merkel country is in better condition at the present than it has been in years if not in the history of the Merkel country.

In fact from many places reports are coming in that the growth of wheat and oats in the numerous fields over the country is endangering the next year's prospective yield, as a severe freeze would no doubt greatly damage the fields where the small grain has begun to joint.

In most instances all stock has been taken off the fields of wheat and oats owing to the boggy conditions of the fields. The price of winter pasturage is at the lowest and in some cases farmers have offered to pasture stock free as soon as the present inclement weather clears up.

STAMFORD MAN IS CHICKEN BOOSTER

R. L. Penick, banker and merchant of Stamford is in our city this week, exhibiting 18 chickens of the Rhode Island breed from his home poultry yards at Stamford.

Before coming here Mr. Penick served due notice on all exhibitors at the Merkel Show that they could expect him to be here with at least one prize winning bird if not with enough winners to duplicate what a Merkel man did to him at the recent Stamford show. In a business way Mr. Penick is for Stamford first but in times of mutual interest to all sections of the country he works for the betterment of these ideas. His coming to our town is greeted by local poultry raisers in that they appreciate the assistance of Mr. Penick in the improvement of the poultry raising industry.

His entries here consist of 3 cocks, 2 cockerels, 3 hens and 10 pullets, some of which are late additions to his yards but all of which have been prize winners at various shows in this section of the country.



FOR SALE—Oliver typewriter No. 5, in good condition. Price \$50.00. Jno. G. Jackson. 28-dh.

STENOGRAPHER—Letter writing and special work; charges reasonable. Fannie Moore, at Merkel Mail Office.

FOR SALE—A limited number of my famous Wyandotte chickens. H. M. Rose, Merkel, Texas. 8pt

FOR SALE—Work horses, mules and farming implements. F. J. Smith.

FOR SALE—We have several good work horses and mules for sale, cash or approved note. Also have two good cows, fresh in milk. Anchor Hardware Company.

Merkel Baby Winner.

Little Miss Billie Burke, daughter of Judge and Mrs. C. D. Mims was one of the winners in the "Better Babies" contest of the Star-Telegram at Fort Worth last week, capturing third prize for the out-of-town contestants with a score of 96 points. As a result the Judge is strutting the streets like a big gobbler who got by Thanksgiving dinner without losing his head. The Mail joins in congratulation to the mother and baby.

Merrimac bulk chocolates at the Elite.

MERKEL VOTED IN WET COLUMNS

It has been many a day since the citizenship of Merkel and Merkel country has seen such a thorough wetting as has been given this immediate section of old Mother Earth during the last few weeks. Throughout the first part of the year the rainfall in this country was very light. Outside of a 3.97 inch rain falling on the third of May this year most of our rainfall for the year has fallen since the 7th day of September. The total rainfall to date being over 26 inches and of that amount over 16 inches precipitation is credited to the last three months. In sizing up the present wet condition of our town and surrounding community Hiram Phillips of the Divide country near Dora says it is so "darned boggy" that you can't sail your old hat over some of the land out his way. J. S. Swann combination farmer, stockman and banker of our town says he has not saw things so slick since he lost fourteen dollars on the way to the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth recently. (Followed by a noise of much hilarity.)

Rev. Ferguson to Preach.

Rev. C. N. Ferguson of Abilene will preach here at the Methodist church Sunday morning and night. Ed. R. Wallace, the local pastor says there are some appearances of rain but asks everyone to come and hear the discourse and let it rain.

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The advertisement in this issue of "Mack and the Mack-Dougal" for the Behrens-McMillen Co., is a good and clever ad, no matter if he did write it and it was set in our country print shop. Tell Mack you "seen it in the Mail"

Suprise Wedding.

At the residence of Rev. A. A. Baker Nov. 30th., Mr. Elmer Horton and Miss Charlie Mae McDuff were married and thereby surprised their many closest friends. The Mail joins in congratulation and good wishes.

LARGENT WINNER AT INTERNATIONAL

A message received by the family brings the information that C. M. Largent, our townsman who has exhibited the premium winning Hereford cattle at all of the southern shows for several years has captured three of the best prizes at the International show at Chicago. After sweeping the boards with his herd at Fort Worth the Blue Ribbon breeder and feeder shipped "Royal Lad," "Bill" and "Price Lad" to the International show at Chicago and the rest of the herd home. The following was clipped from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and gives an account of the Winnings.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 2.—C. M. Largent of Merkel, Texas, put the Lone Star state before the public at the International Livestock Exposition with two entries in the fat Hereford classes, although he did not win first place honors.

His Royal Lad took second in the steer, spayed or Martin heifer one-year and under two class; his Prince Lad won fourth place. This was fairly remarkable, owing to the number of cattle against which he had to compete, most of which were from the agricultural colleges in the corn belt.

Nearly a score of other cattle were entered in the two classes in which Largent's cattle were honored by ribbons.

Classes in which Largent's cattle competed follow: Steer, spayed or Martin heifer, one year and under two: First, Refines the Seventh owned by James Price, LaCrosse, Wis.; second, Standard, Cyrus A. Low, Norway, Iowa; third, Donald Dewhurst, J. H. and W. Vannatta, Lafayette, Ind.; fourth, Prince Lad, C. M. Largent, Merkel, Texas; fifth Beau Talent, Kansas Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kan.

Steer, spayer or Martin heifer, under one year: First, Bright Boy, James Price, LaCrosse, Wis.; second, Royal Lad, C. M. Largent, Merkel, Texas; third, Bright Flash, J. H. and J. W. Vannatta, Lafayette, Ind.; fourth Baxter, University of Missouri.

Pistol Duel at Strawn.

Strawn, Dec. 2.—In a pistol duel here this afternoon between Deputy Sheriff D. S. Bradford and F. H. Reeves the former received two flesh wounds, one in the left arm and one in the right shoulder, and Reeves was shot in the abdomen.

The shooting occurred in Hash's saloon, of which Reeves is part owner, and about fifteen shots were fired. It is claimed there had been bad feeling between the men for some time, but there are conflicting reports as to who fired first.

Reeves was declared by local physicians to be in a critical condition and was placed on Texas & Pacific train No. Four to be taken to Fort Worth for treatment.



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When you have gathered in your harvest, you store it in a safe place. When you convert it into GASH, which is the REAL harvest, what should you do with it? Store it away in a safe place. Our bank is a safe place. We have strong locks and thick walls, and secure guarantee, to insure its safety. We refer those who have not banked with us to those who HAVE. If you are a customer you can depend on us.

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Mrs. J. S. Burns is at home from a visit with her daughter Mrs. Bob Hamilton near Big Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Majors and daughter Elsie May of Colorado City were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Daniels, Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roy and children, Grace and Eugene of Cleburne have returned to their home after visiting the family of G. E. Whitaker.

A Thanksgiving boy was presented on that morning to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stanley who live in the Center Point community.

Just received a large shipment of Merrimac's bulk chocolates at the Elite. Call and get a pound or so of them, they sure are fine.

See W. H. Laney at the meat market for cotton seed hulls.

If you want more eggs, feed your chickens Hees Poultry Panacea. Its guaranteed at Grimes Drug Store.

We want your door and window glass order. Burroughs Drug Store.

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Just received a shipment of solid gold band rings and 18 Karat tiffany (wedding) rings. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

We pay the highest cash market price for your chickens and fryers. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

Choice of 200 Columbia Double-disc records for \$6.00 per dozen. Call at the Elite and see and hear them.

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Shoot fire works and get them from the Elite.

Work stook for sale. See Crown Hardware Company.

America's Privilege.

Our country should never forget what a proud privilege and what an inestimable blessing it is not to need and not to have big armies or navies for support. It should seek to influence mankind not by heavy artillery, but by good example and wise counsel. It should see its highest glory, not in battles won but in wars prevented.—Carl Schurz.

Practical Flower Holder.

A simple and practical flower holder is made of green rubberized silk, the shade of natural leaves, and is outlined with a green wire. When worn, it effectually prevents the penetration of any moisture to the gown. The wire edge permits of shaping the holder to the bouquet proper, and the latter is then attached to the corsage or whatever else desired.

BEE'S LAXATIVE COUGH SYRUP

RELIEVES COUGHS AND COLDS
The Awakening.
"You're looking mighty sour; what's the matter? Honeymoon over?" "I guess so." "How'd that happen?" "Oh, we were drifting along down life's enchanted stream, like the poet tells about, and just as I was thinking I should like to drift on and on with her forever, she up and told me that she had got to have some money.—Houston Post.

Proof.

"Do you think," said the intellectual young woman, "that there is any truth in the theory that big creatures are better natured than small ones?" "Yes," answered the young man, "I do. Look at the difference between the Jersey mosquito and the Jersey cow."—Life.

To Clean Walls.

To clean painted walls dissolve two ounces of borax in two quarts of water and add one tablespoonful of ammonia. Use half this quantity to each bucket of water; do not use soap. Wash a small amount of the paint at a time and rub dry with a clean cloth.

Philosophic.

The difference between truth and gossip is that one is true and the other is not.—Pack.

Unique Symbol on Gravestone.

The gravestone between Kennell'sport and Cape Porpoise of one T. W. Tapley exhibits an uncommon and yet most sensible idea. After to the stone in a silver case is enclosed an old-fashioned daguerrotype of the young man, protected from its elements by a cover. One with such a name ought certainly to have been a lover of books.

Outlook Seemed Bad.

"I'm kind o' worried about that bo, o' mine," said Farmer Cornssett. "He's one of those young fellows that's too smart to take advice and not quite smart enough to think it up for themselves."

Laying Matting.

When laying matting, it is not always necessary to cut it in order to fit corners and alcoves. It may be better to do so in very small spaces, but often moistening the matting is found to be better than cutting. Softened thus, it can then be beat without breaking, and makes a neat, substantial edge.

Practical Boy.

Little Harold, aged five years, was visiting his aunt. While at dinner the grown-ups were talking and paying little or no attention to little Harold. He was ready and waiting for his desert, and to attract the others' attention he said: "Please, Aunt Mame, is that pie an ornament?"

Most Ungallant.

One of the most whimsical wills ever made is that of a bachelor of France who left all his property, amounting to a considerable inventory, to three ladies who had refused to marry him. He stated in the document: "These bequests I make to these ladies, for to them I owe all my earthly happiness."

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FOLLOW THE CROWD

That's All we Ask, They Will Take You to The Greatest Saving Sale Ever Held in Taylor County. Everything Advertised in Our Big Circular is Here For You And Lots of it. Odds And Ends Being Thrown out at About Half What Cost us

BIG LOT OF SHOES

Being Thrown Ont at Away Less Than Cost. Come Look Them Over And Get Your Size. They Are Here For You

W. D. WOODROOF & COMPANY

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The time for Holiday shopping is right now and our readers can save money by reading the ads in our paper and making their money go as far as possible. Read all of them and the advantage of the best offers and let them know you know what you are doing, that you have read their ads in our paper. Study values and special offers.

We are going to extend our sale until after the holidays so dont forget to come in and see us, West Texas Hdw. Co.

Dont forget to bring in your auto tickets they are worth three cents apiece in merchandise. West Texas Hdw. Co.

Mrs. E. Hall and daughter Miss Agnes returned from Waco Tuesday evening where they have been visiting relatives for some time. Mrs. V. A. Ross of Fort Worth accompanied her sister Mrs. Hall home for a visit.

We will redeem all auto tickets we put out at three cents in trade. West Texas Hdw. Co.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. the 28th ult. and they have out congratulations.

At the Plain Price Nickle Store you can find anything that wish for a holiday present. Call when in town and see our display of nice presents for the holidays and New Year.

Just received a new line of griffon manicure sets and fancy cases for gents and ladies. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Give us your order for the Star-Telegram, the daily for the West, only \$3.25, for one whole year. The Mail and Star-Telegram both one year for only \$3.75, if ordered before the 15th. It's bargain days and you will have to hurry.

Choice of 200 Columbia double-disc records for \$6.00 per dozen. Call at the Elite and see and hear them.

If you want something nice and new for the Holidays you will find it at the Plain Price Nickel Store on Kent Street.

Money talks and we are going to swap you goods for money at a very small margin and we also want your credit business. West Texas Hdw. Co.

R. J. Adcock returned home Sunday morning from Fort Worth where he has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. R. E. Kunze.

Judge and Mrs. Coe of Colorado City spent Thanksgiving with their daughter, Mrs. Jno. Daniels.

Rufus Adcock enroute from Dallas to his home at MrCauley spent Sunday here with relatives and friends.

Miss Madalyn Adkisson spent Thursday in Abilene.

Miss Eather Williams who is teaching school near Trent spent Thanksgiving with home-folks.

Make your hens lay more eggs by feeding Hess's Poultry Panacea. Every package guaranteed at Grimes Drug Store.

See W. H. Laney at the meat market for cotton seed hulls.

Work stock for sale. See Crown Hardware Co.

Over \$3000 worth of brand new jewelery, cut glass and silverware on sale. We do not handle any cheap jewelery. We guarantee all of our goods to be best. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Eat Pure Food Bakery bread.

The highest market price paid for your eggs. W. P. Duckett.

Oak barrels for sale at the Elite.

Miss Lucille Bell visited friends in Abilene Thursday.

Eugene Pierce of Abilene was in Merkel Wednesday night.

Mrs. R. J. Reed returned to her home at Abilene Saturday after spending a few days with Mrs. M. D. Angus.

Mrs. A. N. Lassiter and little daughter of Abilene spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Lassiters sister, Mrs. A. Boyd.

O. J. Adcock and Victory Harris were visitors in Clyde Thursday.

Come and buy your Christmas goods while you can get them cheap during our sale which will last until after christmas. West Texas Hdw. Co.

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A new boy is reported by the physician at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Rosson since Tuesday night.

Paints, Oils and Wall Paper at Burroughs Drug Store.

Try our hot drinks. Burroughs' Drug Store.

Hess Stock Powder is absolutely guaranteed to satisfy. 25c, 65c and \$2.50 sizes. Grimes Drug Store.

Her Dilemma.
Mrs. Newedd (excitedly) — "Oh, John, dear, please hurry and send off a telegram for me." Newedd—"What's the matter?" Mrs. Newedd—"Why, I'm taking a correspondence course in cooking and the cake I made is running all over the oven. I want to telegraph them quick to find out what to do."—Boston Evening Transcript.

Shameless.
"Some of these actors must be shameless as well as shiftless," asserted the woman with the angula jaw. "Why?" asked her husband. "Here is one who advertises even on the billboard that he is supported by his wife."

Smooth Glass.
When using glue place a small quantity in a cup or a butter plate and stir it well until it turns pale yellow and loses its stringiness. In this condition it may be used on any material without danger that threads of glue may spoil the fabric to which it is applied. Use a paper chip or a spring clothespin to hold the glued parts together while drying.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Some Use After All.
Diminutive Onlooker (after golfer makes his sixth fruitless stroke)—"If yer digs up any wriggly worms, can I have 'em, gov'nor, 'cos I'm going a-fish-in'?"

Open the Door, Anyway.
"Many a time when a man thinks opportunity is knocking at his door, it is only the cat, wanting to get in." But he makes a big mistake if, on account of this suspicion, he does not open it.

Remarkable Beryl Crystal.
A crystal of beryl, a semi-precious stone related to the emerald, nearly a yard long and weighing 220 pounds recently was found in Madagascar and presented to the French Academy of Sciences.

She Was Too Emphatic.
"Yes; the engagement is off." "What came between your two loving hearts?" "I hardly know. I told her I was unworthy of her, and she agreed with me so heartily on the point that our courtship kind of languished after that."

One Comfort.
"Maud has promised to become my wife." "Well," replied his friend consolingly, "I shouldn't worry too much over it. Women frequently break their promises."

Voice Improved.
Children should be encouraged to read aloud regularly, and others can cultivate a charming speaking voice by reading aloud at least one hour a day.

Going Down.
"This high cost of living problem is getting to be something terrible," observed Mrs. Nutley. "Everything is getting higher." "Oh, I don't know," replied her husband, soothingly. "There's your opinion of me, for instance, and my opinion of you, and our mutual opinion of our neighbors, and the neighbors' opinion of both of us."

Love Finds a Way.
Kloppments are not unknown in love.

Wants Just a Taste.
Even when a man prays for delivery from temptation he is telling himself that it isn't going to hurt him to take a look at it.

Charlie Lofton visited relatives in Abilene Thursday.

Misses Tennie Brown and Alice Mangum of Trent spent Thursday and Friday in Merkel visiting friends.

Mrs. S. F. Annis was in Abilene Friday attending to business matters.

Miss Ona Bumpus returned to her home at San Angelo Friday after spending the past two weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Will Burns.

W. R. Walker was in Fort Worth attending the Fat Stock Show the latter part of last week.

Mrs. M. Tyler of Abilene spent Thursday with Mrs. E. H. Tyler.

Miss Bernice Rainbolt left Monday morning for Cisco to visit her cousin Mrs. G. P. Rainbolt.

Miss Effie Norris left Monday for Abilene where she will visit Mrs. Ben Hill, before returning to her home at Eastland.

Imo Mann of Stanford spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Mann.

Mrs. Nancy Merritt left Monday morning for Hawley where she will visit her niece Mrs. G. E. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Young returned home from Dallas and Fort Worth Sunday morning where they have been for the past few weeks visiting relatives.

Miss Jettie Davis of Rawls has returned to her home after visiting her friend Miss Ruby Jones.

Mrs. Edd Young of Toyah is here visiting her mother Mrs. W. R. Bigham.

Mrs. A. J. Leighly is at home from Abilene.

Mrs. C. D. Mimms and little daughter Billie Burke, a prize winning baby in the Fort Worth contest for better babies are at home from Fort Worth where they visited Mrs. C. I. Gilliland.

Mrs. Fred Woods has returned to her home in Abilene after visiting her sister Mrs. C. E. Whitaker.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Dec. 6 1913:

Whetsel, R. L.
Wilson, Mrs. J. H.
Cook, Mrs. Anna E.
Cox, Mr. Karl
Mendoza, Senorita Aurora

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Dec. 20, 1913.
H. W. Derstine, P. M.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mitchell of Abilene were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Daniels.

Miss Cecil Haley of Matador is visiting her sister Mrs. W. E. Britian.

Miss Evelyn Williams spent Thanksgiving in Abilene with Mrs. C. M. McCauley.

Mrs. Courtney Hunt and children Matalyn and Deyo returned to Haskell Saturday after visiting the families of Messrs. G. E. Comegy and R. O. Anderson.

Miss Lucile Peek visited Mrs. Perry Towers in Dallas.

Miss Genevieve Rust visited friends in Abilene Friday.

Mrs. W. R. Bigham is at home from El Paso and Toyah.

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SPECTACULAR UNPRECED

\$20,000 WORTH OF THE SEASON'S MOST SOUGHT FOR GOODS

Silks, Fine Woolens, Suitings, Dry Goods, Hosiery, Embroideries, Laces, Gloves, Fine Linens, Ladies Coats and Skirts, Underwear, Table Linens and Towels, Domestic and Staples of every kind, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, and every other conceivable article of dry goods worthy of note or of the least possible consideration in the eyes of economical people will contribute without stint to make this the most gigantic movement of merchandise in the entire history of our four years of business success in Merkel. Hard-times have persistently obtained, many changes have taken place in every walk

of life and occasionally we hear the heart rending, ill-timed war cry to wantonly arouse the populace to an imaginary cause for action but our persistent steady success has regularly recorded itself with each passing year until our phenomenal growth in the face of adversities demands in the name of our now innumerable patrons that we

HAVE MORE ROOM

In complying with this pressing demand we have leased the room now occupied by the Cash Grocery and the one we are now occupying ourselves and will throw both of them into One Big Room making, as we see it, the most desirable storehouse in our

Our Shelves And Counters Must Be Unloaded

Not A Theory, But A Condition Must Make a Clean-Sweep of all Goods Now in Our Store Before Christmas.

That this sale is not a mere theory is evidenced by the fact that carpenters have a contract to begin work of remodeling the building January 1st. and this work is a practical impossibility with one room crowded with goods. It is not a question of desire but of practical force that will add to our natural desire to make this occasion of our expansion one of perpetual memory to every man, woman, boy and girl in this entire section. We have made money for five consecutive years and are not afraid to lose for the space of a paltry 18 days. In fact we are merely losing into our customers pockets what we would lose into movers pockets were we to fail to sell these goods out before the carpenters were ready to begin work. It is another consideration for our customers that has been a potent factor contributing to our past success, and one which will contribute to the success of any business institution in any land. The hundreds fully appreciating the magnitude of this undertaking will be the gainers. Come early so as to avoid the rush.

\$25.00 IN GOLD GIVEN Boys and Girls Under

We have not decided fully on the interior arrangement to be best fitted to the accommodations of our customers every part of Merkel's trade territory which we consider the best plans submitted between now and Christmas awarding committee of three ladies who have no children as follows:

For the best plan \$10.00 in gold.

For the third best plan \$5.00 in gold.

The size of our store will be 50 feet by 60 feet with the entire Merkel trade territory under the age of fifteen how little you know about the arrangements of a store

CONDITIONS—Plans must be drawn on plain unlined paper with name attached at our store before Monday you are under the age of fifteen. The prizes will be awarded at our store Wednesday, December 10th.

Everybody Come Prepared To Help Us Get Ready For The Car

<p>Expansion Sale Notions</p> <p>10c Pearl buttons.....5c 10c garter webbing.....5c 5c lead pencils two for.....5c 25c big can Talcum two for.....25c Best gold eyed needles.....21-2c 25c face powders.....15c 15c ladies hose.....10c 15c misses hose.....10c 12 1/2 misses hose 3 pair for.....25c 10c childrens hose.....71-2c 25c misses ribbed hose 3 for.....50c 25c boys ribbed hose 3 pair.....50c 5c ladies handkerchiefs.....21-2c Big lot 12 1/2c ribbons.....5c Big lot 20c and 25c satin and silk ribbons.....10c 25c misses and childrens wool school gloves.....18c 25c Turkish bath towels, bleached and unbleached.....18c 35c rushings.....25c 7 spools best thread.....25c 75c new hand bags.....49c</p>	<p>\$1.00 hand bags.....69c \$1.50 hand bags.....98c Short space will permit but few. Many others will be in evidence.</p> <p>Expansion Sale Staples</p> <p>All Calicoes.....3c 7 1/2c Apron Gingham.....5c 10c apron gingham.....71-2c 10c percales.....71-2c 7 1/2c yard wide brown domestics now.....5c 10c heaviest grades suiting.....81-2c 10c yard wide brown Sea Island domestic.....81-2c 20c yard wide India Head Domestic.....15c 10c extra heavy brown drilling.....81-2c 30c full width bed sheeting 10-4 pepperell.....25c 15c yard wide draperies.....10c 7 1/2c huck toweling.....5c 10c crash toweling.....81-2c</p>	<p>12 1/2 linen toweling.....10c 10c 27 inch draperies.....71-2c 12 1/2c Cambric muslin.....10c 10c brown and bleach canton flannel.....81-2c Big lot 15c to 20c embroideries.....5c 75c per cent napkins.....39c Hundreds of others but lack of space will not permit quotation.</p> <p>Expansion Sale of Dress Goods</p> <p>10c dress gingham.....71-2c 12 1/2c dress gingham.....91-2c 15c dress gingham.....10c 15c dress pongee.....10c 12 1/2c dress suitings.....81-2c 20c cotton suiting.....15c 15c 36-inch brown linen suiting.....105 25c dress pongees.....18c 35c dress goods all kinds.....25c 50c yard wide wool dress goods various weaves.....35c</p>	<p>65c and 75c 36-inch wool dress goods various weaves.....45c \$1.00 best grade silk massalines all new shades.....75c \$1.25 yard wide silk messalines all latest shades.....89c Black brocaded velvet.....98c 36-inch brocaded dress silks all newest shades.....48c And hundreds of others beautiful fabrics just the thing for Xmas dresses at stupendous bargains.</p> <p>Expansion Sale of Ladies and Misses Coats and Skirts</p> <p>\$15.00 new style coats.....\$8.95 \$12.50 new style coats.....7.50 \$10.00 new style coats.....\$6.95 \$7.50 new style coats.....\$4.95 \$6.50 new style skirts.....\$4.95 \$5.00 all wool skirts.....\$3.95 \$2.50 all wool Jerseys.....\$1.75 Come and see. No competition can meet these prices.</p>	<p>Expansion Sale of Men's Clothing</p> <p>Must make Big lot mens suits nothing larger than \$10.00 new style mens suits \$12.50 new style mens suits \$15.00 new style mens suits \$20.00 all wool high black suit..... Big lot boys long pants up to 17..... Boys knee pant sizes 14 to 16 worth Boys woodbir full peg pant \$3.50 boys suits \$4.50 boys suits as \$5.00 boys suits as \$7.50 boys suits as \$10.00 mens corduro</p>
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Our Voluminous Stock Will Accomodate All. Be Patient With The Clerks. They Will Get to You as Quickly as

FREE FREE

We will give absolutely Free a fine ladies coat to the lady in the house at 9:00 o'clock that the coat exactly fits. Measurements will be taken and if there are more than one lady that comes up to the exact measurement then there will be a way devised to give it to one of those whose measurements exactly fits the coat.

Thursday, December the 4th is the Parten Dry Goods

Merkel's Biggest Store in Every Respect After January.

GIGANTIC EXPANSION SALE

ENTED COMPREHENSIVE

little city from a standpoint of both our customer's convenience and ourselves. We could have looked at the prospect of this change from a purely selfish standpoint and remained in our present compressed condition but, while we have labored both day and night to accomplish this success, we are not unmindful of the fact that the greater part of the credit for our success rightfully belongs to our innumerable, staunch constituents who have favored us with their steady, loyal patronage and compatible with our natural tendencies for a greater efficiency towards our benefactors we have had them ever in our mind when contemplating the arrangements of our new

store and when the carpenters are through with their work we trust that every arrangement will speak for itself, that it was made with the view of our customers comfort. With the building leased and our plans made we have now to

GET READY FOR THE CARPENTERS

Who will not wait later than January 1st to begin to tear down and rebuild the entire front and interior of the building. We will have no room for goods while this work is going on and consequently

ed At All Hazards Before Christmas Arrives

FOR THE BEST PLANS

Fifteen Get Busy

of our store and as we want these arrangements we have decided, in order to get ideas from practically unlimited, to offer \$25.00 in gold for at which time the gold will be awarded by an jury in the contest. The prizes will be awarded

For second best plan \$7.50 in gold.

For fourth in line \$2.50 in gold.

Place in center of front. All boys and girls in are invited to enter this contest and no matter your age may be the best plan. Get yours ready.

lined paper. The contestants must have copy of night, December the 22nd and a statement that decided on by the committee of ladies and gold on 24th at 3:30 o'clock. Be here on this date.

This Gigantic Forced Movement of Dry Goods

Begins Thursday, December The 4th at 8:30 And Will Last Until Xmas

The entire store will assume decorative features of Unquestioned importance to this special occasion and will be a relief and assistance to the timid purchaser who imagines he worries the clerk with too many questions and too much showing, every available inch of space being devoted to displays of goods at a stipulated price.

FULLY 18 SELLING DAYS ONLY 18 SELLING DAYS

But each day will be of paramount importance to each and every individual within and beyond the entire scope of Merkel's vast trade territory who will need a single article of wearing apparel between now and Xmas, the time every lover of life and its enjoyments is made more happy by appropriate clothing for the occasion, though they may not be in the neighborhood of the most expensive. This monster sale event will afford equal opportunity to all to be fitted out in fashion's latest style at the least imaginable cost.

Carpenters But Again Warn You Not To Get Hurt In The Rush

<p>Mens and Boys</p> <p>Clean sweep in odd sizes 37... \$5.00 Mens suits \$6.25 Suits... \$7.50 Blue serge all... \$8.95 Grade solid... \$10.00 Suit suits sizes... \$2.95 Suits all wool... \$2.50 Socks... \$1.95 Socks... \$2.45 Socks... \$3.50 Socks... \$3.85 Socks... \$4.95 Suits \$7.50</p>	<p>Expansion Sale of Mens Furnishings And Hats</p> <p>\$5 John B. Stetson Hats... \$3.50 \$2.50 regular stock... \$1.95 \$2 regular stock... \$1.25 \$1.50 regular stock... 98c 75c new style caps... 48c 50c underwear for men... 35c 50c blue work shirts... 35c \$1 dress shirts... 75c \$2.50 all wool over shirts... \$1.75 50c silk ties... 35c And the hundred and one other useful articles that are usually carried in this department will do their share towards the success of the greatest merchandise event in Merkel's entire varied history. It's a go and those who are in line with the starters will be among the ones who win. Let no inconsiderate obstacle keep you from an early visit if you cannot be here on the first day. Let not the war whoops distract</p>	<p>your attention from a cause so worthy of your undivided attention as the saving that this one opportunity will afford you. We would request that every body lookout for himself and don't get crushed in the first rushes of the crowds that will no doubt be unmindful of each others safety in their uncontrollable enthusiasm to get first pick and choice of the almost fabulous bargains that so voluminously pack our store. Don't miss this sale.</p> <p>Expansion Sale of Ladies Shoes</p> <p>Best solid leather old ladies comfort shoes... \$1.25 \$2.00 kid lace shoes... \$1.45 \$2.50 button kid shoes... \$1.75 \$3.00 button kid shoes... \$2.25 \$3 50 button kid shoes... \$2.75 \$3.50 tan button shoes... \$2.75</p>	<p>\$4.00 button shoes... \$2.95</p> <p>All shoes of above prices will have the same reduction made on them, the different styles and kinds being too numerous to mention. If you want the biggest shoe bargains ever offered.</p> <p>Expansion Sale in Boys Shoes</p> <p>\$2 Gun metal button... \$1.45 \$1.50 kid lace... 98c \$2.25 box calf lace... \$1.75 \$2.75 gun metal button... \$2.25 \$3 tan button... \$2.45</p> <p>Misses and childrens shoes will be sold in the same way as others we have quoted, the runs of sizes making them hard to quote. Come assured that you will be pleasantly surprised at the big reductions made. Come.</p>	<p>Mens Pants</p> <p>It will pay you to buy enough pants to last a whole year.</p> <p>Best Overalls... 79c \$1 work pants... 89c \$1.25 work pants... 98c \$1.50 work pants... \$1.25 \$2.00 work pants... \$1.45 \$2.50 work pants... \$1.95 \$2.50 dress pants... \$1.75 \$3.00 dress pants... \$1.95 \$3.50 dress pants... \$2.45 \$4.00 dress pants... \$2.95 \$5 dress pants... \$3.85</p> <p>Big line boys dress pants just received that will be sold at big bargains. Don't miss this sale.</p> <p>Expansion Sale of Mens Shoes</p> <p>\$6 Packard Shoes... \$4.50 \$5 Packard Shoes... \$3.85 \$4 Packard Shoes... \$3.35 \$3 mens dress shoes... \$2.25 \$3.50 work shoes... \$2.75 \$2.50 work shoes... \$2.25</p>
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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

"42" Party.

Misses Mattie and Merial Christopher entertained a few of their friends with a "42" party last Saturday evening. Everyone had a most delightful time. The hostesses served hot chocolate and cake. Those present were Misses Jewel Toombs, Jewel Hicks, Gertrude and Ruby Cauthen and Georgia Moore Messrs. Ira Shaffer, Verner Sublett, John and Noel Moore, Mose and Mac Cauthen, Charles Christopher and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sublett.

Mrs. Jno. G. Jackson was hostess Thursday at a high noon dinner. She favored the chrysanthemums in the decoration of the dining room. A daintily appointed Thanksgiving dinner was served to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wheatley and little daughter Katherine, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britian, Messrs. Jno. Morgan, Homer L. Easterwood. The host and hostess, little Miss Evelyn Jackson and Master John Diek Jackson.

Quite an enjoyable dance was given Thanksgiving evening at the Thornton building in honor of Miss Mimms of Ennis. Those who participated in the pleasure of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Davenport Gaither, Mrs. Jno. R. Daniels, Mrs. R. W. Mitchell of Abilene, Misses Elma Sheppard and Frankie Mimms, Messrs. Dee Grimes, H. L. Easterwood, Otti Coggins, J. D. Gaither and Mr. Goode.

Mrs. W. E. Britain entertained a dinner party Sunday complimentary to her sister Miss Cecil Haley of Matador. Her guests were Missis Francis Burroughs, Maud Martin and the honoree and Messrs. Roy Bradley and Elmer Stearns of Simmons College, Abilene, Frank Ferrier and W. E. Britian.

Mrs. Davenport Gaither honored her guest, Miss Mimms of Ennis with a perfectly appointed dinner at high noon Thanksgiving. The dinner guests were Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter, Misses Mimms and Gunn, Messrs Otti Coggins, Frank Ferrier, Dee Grimes, and Forest Gaither, the host and hostess.

Mrs. W. V. Crawford gave a dinner party Sunday in honor of Miss Mimms who is visiting Mrs. Davenport Gaither. Covers were laid for Miss Mimms, Forest Gaither, Mr. and Mrs. Davenport Gaither, the host and hostess.

Mrs. Jno. R. Daniels entertained Thanksgiving with a six course luncheon in honor of the members of her house party. La France roses were used in the decorations. Covers were laid Judge and Mrs. Coe of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mitchell of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Myers and little daughter, Elsie May, of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniels, Capt. and Mrs. Tucker and Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Daniels.

Mrs. G. E. Comegy and daughter, Mrs. R. O. Anderson were joint hostesses Thanksgiving at a family dinner. The dinner being served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Comegy on Locust St. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt and children of Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Comegy and children, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and children and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Comegy.

Mrs. C. E. Whitaker entertained Thursday in honor of the home-coming of her sisters and mother who were her Thanksgiving guests. A splendidly appointed dinner was served to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hawkins of Dora, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roy and children, Grace and Eugene of Cleburne, Mrs. Fred Woods of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whitaker and family.

The Twentieth Century Club met at the Rust & McCauley Drug Store in the Library room. The lesson was conducted by Mrs. S. L. Davis. The members present were Mesdames S. L. Davis, G. F. West, R. A. Martin, G. H. Adams, T. J. Coggins and W. Parten. Mrs. Davis will be next hostess.

Mrs. E. P. McMillan served a dinner Thanksgiving. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Behrens of Abilene, Capt. and Mrs. J. H. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hall, the host and hostess.

Miss Carroll Rister charmingly entertained a few of her friends Sunday. A turkey dinner was served to Misses Genevieve Rust, Eva Walters Messrs. Ollie Shaffer, Robert Hicks and Ben Merritt. The dining room was artistically decorated.

League Program. December 7, 1913.

Subject—Has God a place for my life?

Leader—Ira Shaffer. Song

Prayer Song

Talk by B. D. Black

Held in God's though for a purpose—Jer. XXIX: 2—Miss Willie Coats.

God uses some not among his people: Isa. XLV: 1-5—Miss Mamie Ellis.

God chooses the learned and mighty, Acts IX: 15, Cor. 1: 26-29. Miss Mace Laney.

People from all classes are chosen. Mat. IV: 19. Miss Mamie McNess.

Song Prayer

How I came to know God has a place for my life—Rev. Wallace.

Instrumental music—Miss Bessie Touchstone.

Epworth visitors. Miscellaneous.

Song Benediction.

Childish Constancy.

If only we realized it, if only we cultivated it more, we could see with clear-eyed vision that all of a child's original nature breathes constancy. It is an essential strength of the unfledgled child's nature to be constant. Not until our own false examples have attacked the natural purity of the child does it become inconstant—unreliable.—Harriet Beecher Stowe.

American View.

"So you don't approve of those London suffragettes?" "I don't know much about them," replied Miss Cayenne; "but I can't help feeling that a woman who can't subdue a few men without the use of dynamite is something of a failure."—Washington Star.

About Women.

"The difficult thing to understand about women is, that there's nothing to understand. Once master this fact, and you've got the key to one of the most provoking mysteries of life."—William Hewlett.

Fish Unhurt by Frost.

During several months of each year some of the great rivers of Siberia are frozen solid to the bottom, but the fishes imprisoned in the ice maintain their vitality and resume their active life when the ice melts in the spring.

An Electric Restaurant.

An electric restaurant is in successful operation in London. The cooking is faultless and the prices are lower than those of the neighboring establishments of the same class.

Travel the Same Paths.

You cannot be affected by beauty and goodness and unaffected by ugliness and sin. That is why artists are apt to sink so low—ugliness and sin are so obtrusive.

Preserves Indian Relics.

Inscriptions and carvings on the rocks, the work of ancient Indian tribes, are being preserved by the government by means of an impression made in paper.

No Problem.

"The signboard is not a very aristocratic institution." "No, it is not." "And yet a number of famous people are stuck on it."

Minority Win.

Some do the right thing at the wrong time, many do the wrong thing at the right time, and a few do the right thing at the right time.

Just What It Is.

After extended investigation we have reached the conclusion that rippling laughter is the giggling of the girl one likes.

Comparisons.

"I came near planting a garden this spring." "My garden came near planting me."



Farm Telephone Saved Child's Life

One of the Children fell into a water tank and was rescued unconscious and apparently lifeless.

The frantic mother telephoned to the doctor six miles away, and he started at once. In the meantime his assistant telephoned instructions and the mother restored the child to consciousness before the doctor arrived.

The telephone service saved the child's life.



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Kansas Solomon.

King Solomon had nothing on a Centralia justice of the peace before whom a colored man and brother was being tried for stealing a chicken. The prosecuting witness thought it was his fowl, but was not willing to swear. It being near sundown the local Solomon let the hen loose and watched her going home to roost. Result, the negro was fined \$50.—Kansas City Journal.

Currant Growing a Greek Monopoly.

Many efforts have been made to grow so-called Greek currants in other countries, but always without success and these very small, very sweet and seedless grapes continue to be monopoly of certain districts in Greece, where they constitute the chief agricultural industry. The yield in an average year is about 160,000 tons.

Trespassing.

A street car and an automobile had had an altercation which ended with the latter, in a more or less battered condition, lodged on the fender of the former. A little boy and his mother happened along just as it was over, and when the youngster saw them he cried out in glee: "Oh, look, there's an auto standing on that street car's mustache!"

Size of Brains.

Among human beings there is probably little difference in the size of the brains of the smallest and those with large eyes. Of course, many if any experiments along this line have been made, but it is of great interest that men of unusual genius usually have striking eyes of more than average size. There are, of course, always exceptions.

In on the Top Floor.

Wallstreet—"I'm told Jenkins is promoting a new industrial stock. Do you know what it is?" Broadstreet—"Yes, he has a patent for suspending guide posts and milestones in the air so that aviators can't lose their way."

Few Complete Education.

In the country, as a whole, less than half the children finish the first six school grades, only about one in four ever enters high school and less than five in one hundred go to college.

Brotherly.

"Brother Short will now lead us in prayer," said the pastor. "No he won't, neither," replied Brother Short. "Pray yourself, that's what you're paid for."—Exchange.

Woman's Impelling Idea.

Every woman feels that she ought to join a society for the suppression of something or other.

Why They Fail.

It takes some people so long to be sure they are right that they never get time to go ahead.

Something to Worry About.

The bill collectors are forming a national organization.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

THE CASH GROCERY FOR GOOD THINGS TO EAT PRICE OUR GOODS. 80--PHONE--80

STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery. Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headache so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die. I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good. I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I would die. He advised me to try Thedford's Black-Draught, and quit taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it. I have now been taking Black-Draught for three months, and it has cured me—haven't had those awful sick headaches since I began using it. I am so thankful for what Black-Draught has done for me." Thedford's Black-Draught has been found a very valuable medicine for derangements of the stomach and liver. It is composed of pure, vegetable herbs, contains no dangerous ingredients, and acts gently, yet surely. It can be freely used by young and old, and should be kept in every family chest. Get a package today. Only a quarter.

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Waltham 18 size 17 jewel, adjusted movement 20 year open face gold case, was \$31.10, now **\$21.75**

Waltham 18 size, 15 jewel, 25 year hunting case was \$25.00, now **\$17.10**

Waltham 16 size, 16 jewel, Silver Rodé open face case, was \$15.25, now **\$10.25**

Waltham 16 size, 7 jewel, open face, Silver Rodé case, was \$8.40, now **\$5.75**

South Bend 18 size, 15 jewel, 25 year Swing Ring case was \$62.30, now **\$34.85**

Hamilton 18 size, 19 jewel adjusted movement, in 5 position, 20 yr Swing Ring case, was \$55.00, now **\$45.00**

Illinois 16 size, 15 jewel, 29 year open face gold case, was \$19.10, now **\$16.50**

Elgin 7 jewel, open and hunting case watches, all 20 year cases, sizes 18, 16, 12 and 0, was \$12.00, now **\$10.00**

Ladies Chateline watch, size 0, open face gold cases Was \$16.00, now **\$12.50**

One solid gold ladies bracelet watch Elgin movement 7 jewel, 25 year case. A most desirable present for a lady, was \$26.00, now **\$20.00**

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JUST A FEW GOOD SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

<p>For Husband</p> <p>Card Cases Cigar Cases Meerscham Pipes Watch and Chains Coat Chains Bag Tags Emblem Sets Cuff and Collar Button Boxes Shirt Studs Hat Brushes Shaving Sets Emblem Rings Desk Sets Ink Wells</p> <p>For Wife</p> <p>Bracelets Mesh Bags Brooches Necklaces Celery Dishes Toast Racks Cut Glass Fruit Bowl Chafing Dishes Salt and Pepper Condiments Sets Olive Dishes Lemon Dishes Baking Dishes Silver Ware Ice Tea Glasses Sugar Racks</p>	<p>For Father</p> <p>Ash Receiver Key Chains Eye Glass Holders Drinking Cups Fountain Pen Eye Glasses Pipes Stamp Boxes Desk Sets Watch and Chain Match Boxes Watch Charms</p> <p>For Mother</p> <p>Dress Pins Belt Buckles Brooches Handy Pins Soap Boxes Toilet Sets Veil Pins Silver Chests Card Cases Hat Pins Cuff Pins Shirt Waist Sets Sewing Sets Cut Glass Bowl</p> <p>For Children</p> <p>Bracelets Drinking Cups Chains Cuff Links</p>	<p>Sewing Sets Signet Rings Silver Pencils Book Marks Scarf Pins Docketts Watches Knife and Fork Sets Set Rings Manicure Sets</p> <p>For Brother</p> <p>Ash Receiver Book Marks Bag Tags Mirrors Shaving Sets Stamp Cases Silver Key Chain Hair Brushes Traveling Sets Cuff Links Desk Sets Neck Tie Clasps Scarf Pins Manicure Articles Fountain Pens Hat Brushes Match Safes Umbrellas Watch and Chain Match Boxes</p> <p>For Sister</p> <p>LaVallieres Belt Pins</p>	<p>Silver Photograph Frames Chafing Dishes Brooches Cuff Pins Collar Pins Locket and Chains Card Cases Birthstone Rings Napkin Rings Sewing Sets Toilet Sets Puff Boxes Glove Buttoners Umbrellas Cologne Bottles Diamond Rings Thimbles</p> <p>For His Sweetheart</p> <p>Card Cases Chafing Dishes Diamond LaVallieres Hat Pins Gold Umbrellas Shirt Waist Rings Watch and Chain Cuff Pins Hat Pin Holder Birthstone Rings Thimbles Vanity Cases Vases</p>	<p>Diamond Ear Screws Bracelets Handy Pins Belt Pins Toilet Sets Signet Rings</p> <p>For Her Sweetheart</p> <p>Silver Cigar Cutter Charms Military Brushes Icy Hot Bottles Signet Rings Gents Manicure Articles Shaving Sets Whisk Brooms Cigar Jars Smokers Sets Desk Clocks Desk Sets Society Emblems Umbrellas Shirt Studs Fobs Tie Clasps Lodge Emblems</p> <p>For Infants</p> <p>Baby Pins Bracelets Talcum Boxes Safety Pins Silver Cups Knife, Fork and Spoon</p>
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A new thought is a very rare thing, and it would be a magnificent creature to catch. The only things I can think of that one would really call "new thoughts" would be certain celebrated jokes, certain scientific discoveries and a few less frequent cases of a really original argument used in an old controversy.—G. K. Chesterton.

Considerate Announcement.
A newspaper editor says: "We have received a notice of marriage for insertion, to which was appended the original announcement, 'Sweethearts at a distance will please accept this intimation.'"

Love.
I am inclined to believe that for a woman love is the supreme authority—that which judges the rest and decides what is good or evil. For a man, love is subordinate to right. It is a great passion, but it is not the source of order, the synonym of reason, the criterion of excellence. It would seem, then, that a woman placed her ideal in the perfection of love and a man in the perfection of justice.—Henri Frederic Amiel.

Greek Athletes Vegetarians.
The athletes of ancient Greece trained on a diet of new cheese, figs and boiled grain. Their sole drink was warm water, and meat was never allowed them.

Can Be Too Eager.
Many a man has burned his fingers in his eagerness to strike while the iron was hot.

Condiments.
"Jonesby seems to think he's the salt of the earth." "Well, his wife's the pepper."

Men That Win.
Some men are just handy enough to take the sting of defeat and fashions it into a spur that drives them on to success.

Monotonous Routine.
"Anything new at your boarding house?" "Not a thing, either in grub or gossip."

Gave Him Away.
Master (who is trying to make a good impression on his strait-faced aunt from whom he has expectations):
—"Mary, have you seen a letter anywhere about marked 'Private'?"
—"You mean the one from the man what can't get 'is money out of you sir? I put it be'ind the mirror, sir."—Punch.

Moral Indifference.
If ignorance and passion are the foes of popular morality, it must be confessed that moral indifference is the malady of the cultivated classes. The modern separation of enlightenment and virtue, of thought and conscience, of the intellectual aristocracy from the honest and vulgar crowd, is the greatest danger that can threaten liberty.—Henri Frederic Amiel.

Hearts of Oak.
Angelina (who had never seen a revolving light before)—"How patient and persevering those sailors must be, Edwin. The wind has blown that light out six times since they first lit it, and they've lighted it again each time!"

Should Have Warned the Maid.
"The house is so lonesome without you and the dear children," writes Blibbins now to the absent wife, who is with the family at her mother's. But the faithful maid-of-all-work writes: "Shure, mum, Mr. Blibbins hasn't been in until after twelve o'clock never a night since you left."

Holland's Busiest Man.
On a sign over a barber's shop a Stierum, Holland: "Barent Wonten lends donkeys on hire like his father kills pigs, smokes hams, and occupies himself with all kinds of swinish de tail work; also shaves and cuts hair except on Sundays."

Pleasantry of Astronomy.
One thing at least baseball has done for the country. It has settled the question of the time when spring comes.—New York Evening Mail.

Pompous Coal Horse.
"A coal horse," said the magistrate "has a pompous stride. There is not dignity about a coal horse than there is about a provincial mayor."

Partial Reform.
Doctor—"You'll have to cut out some of this wine, woman and song business; it's killing you." Patient—"All right, doc; I'll never sing again."—Wisconsin Sphinx.

Experience a Laggard.
The fault most of us have to find is that experience follows at the heels of opportunity, instead of being its advance agent.

"Cattails" Made a Mess.
A big industry has been set up in some localities in the United States to cover the swamps. The cattails are used not only for the manufacture of boxes and barrels, but also for the manufacture of a new kind of fuel. The cattails are growing up on the swamps that have been waste lands until a few years ago.

More Likely.
"Now, I want a canary that will sing right away and sing what I like; one that won't get the pip or die the first week." "You don't want a canary, my friend. What you want is a music box."

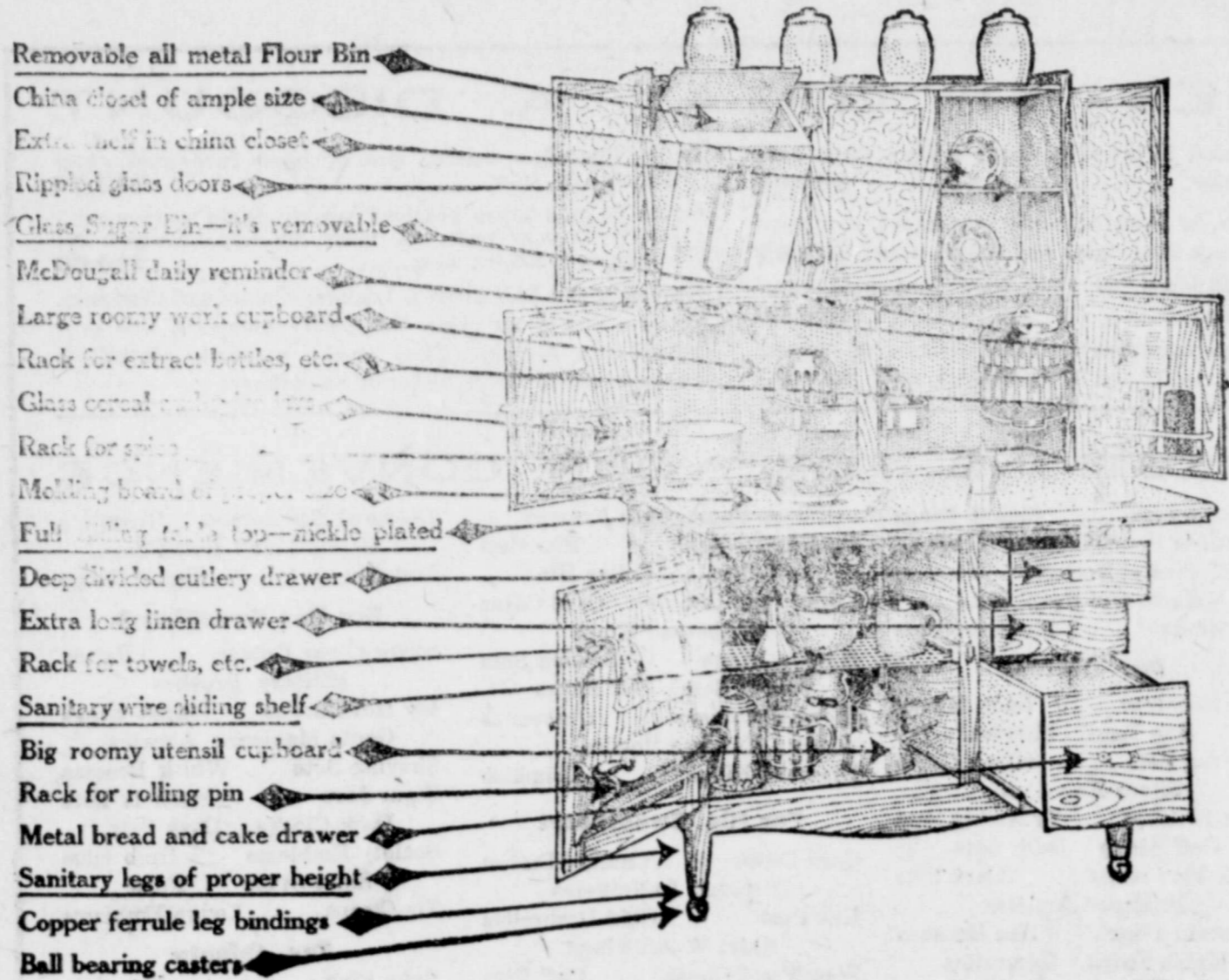
Antarctic a Barren Waste.
On the Antarctic continent there is no animal or vegetable life, except on the fringe, where the seal and a few sea birds come. Human life is found 700 miles from the north pole. The nearest human life is 1,000 miles from the south pole.

Exhibit.
Exe—"So now he has a breach on promise on his hands and the woman is showing letters of his saying he'd do all sorts of things for her." Wye—"Sort of promissory note, eh?" Exe—"Yes, with the accent on the 'sorry'."

Manifestly Insincere.
"Why do you say that he's not sincere?" "I heard him very pleasantly tell a bill collector to call again." "Well, what of it?" "You know as well as I that down in his heart he really hoped he wouldn't."

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Merkel Ginner on Trip.

J. M. Dunnigun, one of our popular gingers is planning an extensive trip to Birmingham and many other eastern cities, to start about the first of next week. He is an invited guest of the Continental Gin Manufacturing Co., of Dallas who bear the expense of the trip to a selected number of their best customers.

Back at old Job.

Homer L. Easterwood who has been helping count money and figure interest at the Farmers State Bank for several weeks resigned the first of this month to take back his old job of running the Merkel Mail. He resumes his labors with renewed energies after a good rest and will appreciate your help in making a newsy paper to record the doings of our town and country.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure
The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

Merkel Defeats Roscoe High.

Merkel High and Roscoe High again met at Roscoe on Thanksgiving for the second football game of the series. The Merkel team was in fine shape notwithstanding they were ankle deep in mud. Shaffer was the first one to tickle the score board when he coveree a punt across M. H. S. goal in five minutes after the play began. Jobe made the sensational run of the game the second quarter for fifty two yards on a forward pass by Adams. Adams proved himself a real hero and especially the star of the game for on a pass he was never missing. The second half brought no scores but M. H. S. got some good pass practice and made some good gains on each run. Roscoe was very kind to the visitors and never even threatened them by putting the ball anywhere close to their goal. The M. H. S. and that of Roscoe average in weight almost the same M. H. S. is 148 and that of Roscoe below 150. M. H. S. line up Grimes Quarter back; Moore, Full back; Jobe, Half back; Adams, R.; King and Shaffer ends; Adams L. Tackles Peterson; Wills and Coats, guards; Pate, Center; Walker, Ref. Bill Bogat, Umpire. Time of quarter 15 minutes.

Woodroof Bombarding Sale.

On yesterday the Woodroof & Company started their special sale for this season and in spite of the muddy and almost impassable conditions of the roads they report a good business which will be augmented as soon as our people can come to town to do their trading. We direct your attention to their four-page advertisement in this issue of our paper. It is a whopper and full of prices.

When you are in Merkel come to the Plain Price Nickle Store on Kent Street and get our prices before buying and not miss the bargain.



"The Clothes you want to buy, at The Price you want to pay"

"Shield Brand" Suits \$12.50

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Come, bring your whole family and your neighbor. A large force of clerks to care for properly and carefully waited on. Don't be misled by fake sales; you know what Woodroof's is worth in cash. We do not advertise a \$1.00 value at \$1.50 and cut the price to 98c. Through inspection of this wonderful money saving, bombarding sale. Be on hand early.

December 4th at 9:00 A. M.
WAR! WAR!

\$5.00 Given Away

To The First 10 Men Entering Our Store on The Gents' Side at 9:00 a. m. December 4th. 50c to Each Man. Follow the crowds Be The First One Here at 9:00 a. m. December 4 -- --

36-in Brown Domestic 10c grade; a good domestic
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73-4c

100 Men's Hats, Good Styles, sold from \$2.50 to \$3.50

BOMBARDING SPECIAL

\$1.89

Men's Heavy Fleece Lined Underwear, 50c kind

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38c

Ladies \$3.50 Messaline Petticoats

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\$2.85

8 1-3c Heavy Chevots

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6c

5c Cotton Checks

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31-2c

6 1-2c Apron Check Gingham

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4c

Clark's O. N. T. Thread

BOMBARDING SPECIAL

4c

15c Hose

BOMBARDING SPECIAL

9c

12 1-2c Turkish Towels

BOMBARDING SPECIAL

8c

EXTRA, Heavy Cotton Flannel, bleached or unbleached 10c kind

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8c

10c Talcum Powder

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5c

Our Big Guns are Loaded with Big Shells of Red Hot Bargains.

Extra Sales People

Employed to help take care of the crowd. This sale is yours -- --

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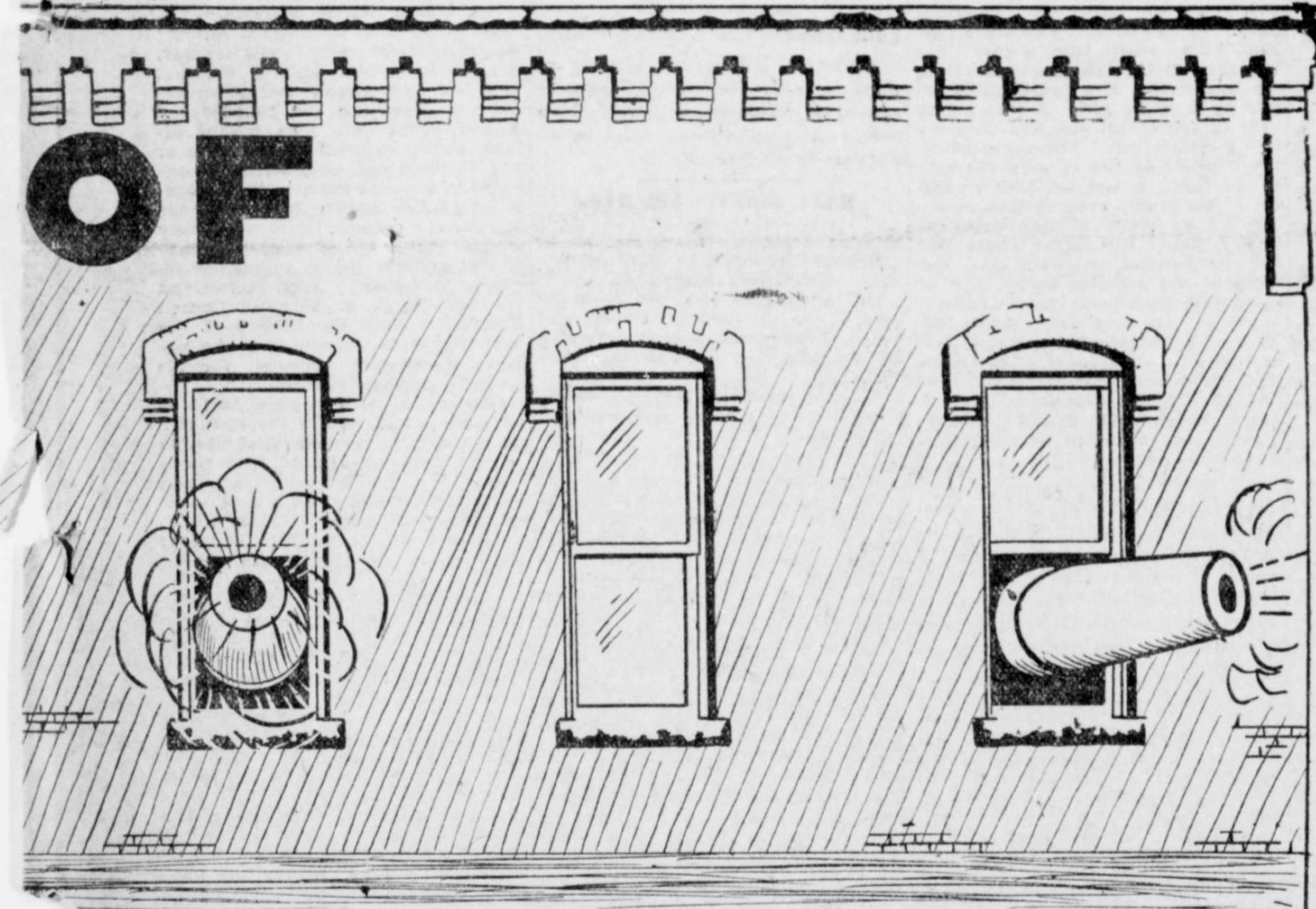
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Store closed Wednesday December 3, to Bombard prices and arrange stock so it can be easily handled.

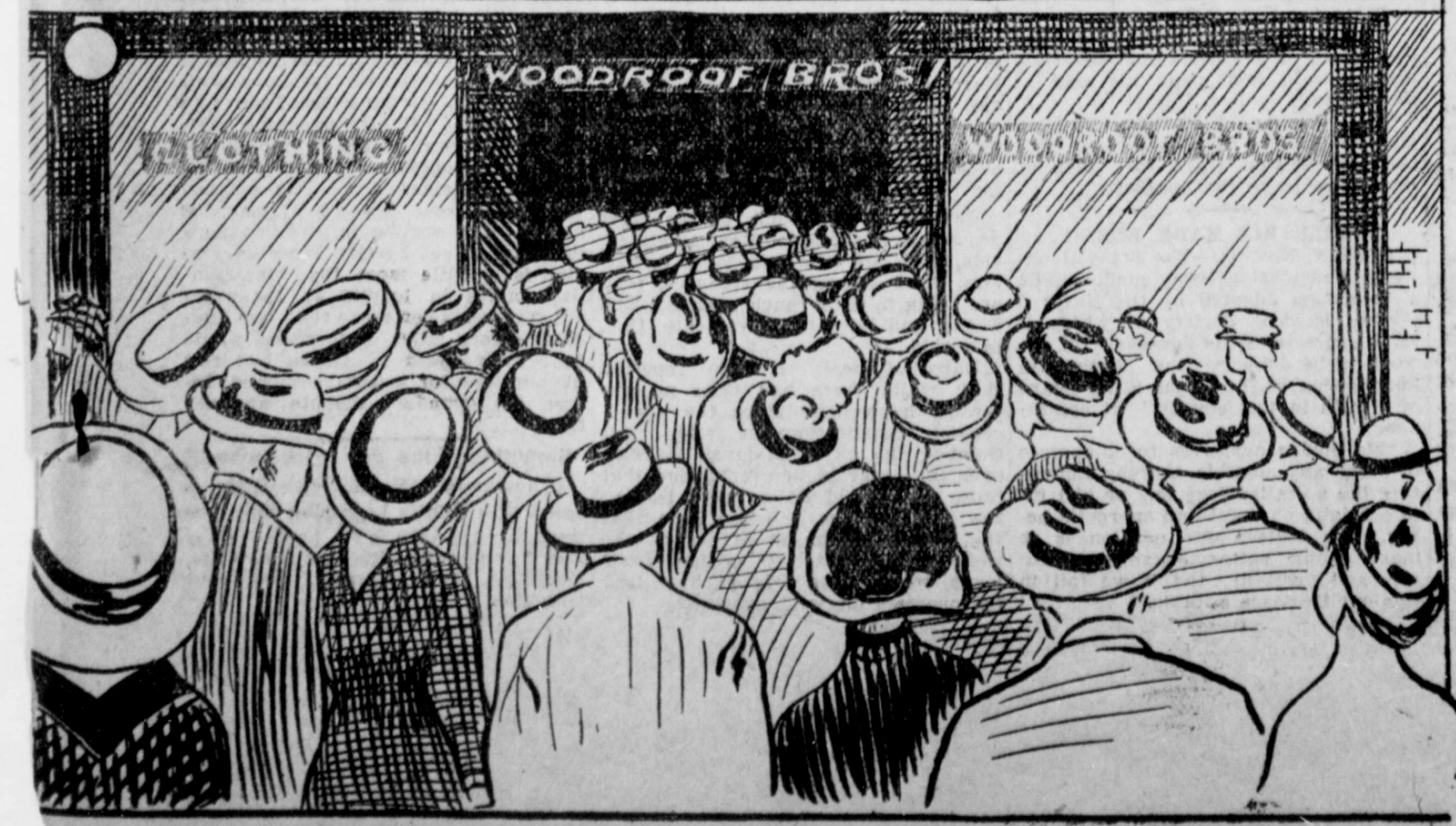
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SECY DANIELS ANNUAL REPORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Immediate acquirement and operation of oil wells and refineries to furnish fuel for the navy, an international conference to procure a reduction of naval construction, the addition of two dreadnaughts, eight destroyers and three submarines for the navy during the coming year, government manufacture of armor, more naval chaplains and religious leaders, better educational facilities, for enlisted men and a graduated retirement law are the chief recommendations in the first annual report of Secretary Daniels made public yesterday.

The secretary departs from the usual custom in addressing the president in the first person singular, thereby adding to the directness and force of the report's statement. The report reflects his enthusiasm over the navy, declaring that the story of the year's work "by this patriotic body of efficient defenders of the republic is replete with examples of courage, devotion, sacrifice and progress."

The secretary says that the navy was never in such a high state of efficiency as today, and that in considering its future needs he has given less thought to the guns than to the men behind the guns. Believing that the efficiency of the navy as a fighting force will be in the highest sense promoted by the adoption of serious and systematic course of instruction aboard ship and at shore stations, he points out that the department is trying to make the navy a great university.

Secretary Daniels says that his building program is not large but is progressive, and has been recommended "as a middle course of wisdom," the revenues of the country not permitting as large an expansion in naval building as the department might desire to enter upon at this time. That is the explanation for the proposed reduction of the building program recommended by the general board, which contemplated construction of four battleships, sixteen destroyers, and one destroyer tender; eight submarines and one tender; two oilers, two gunboats, one transport, one supply ship and one hospital ship.

Who Suffers Pain?

Those who suffer pain should try Hunt's Lightning Oil, the world's greatest liniment. It is the finest thing for Rheumatic Pains, Neuralgia, Sprains, Cuts, Burns, Backache, etc. All Druggist sells it.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—As an aftermath of the world's series a number of suggestions have been advanced for revising the present system in vogue in the meeting of the pennant winners of the two major leagues each year. Various objections have been raised by both magnates and players regarding the round robin series as proposed by Garry Herrmann and other suggestions along similar lines. The latest proposal, which comes from New England baseball authority, calls a real inter-league series with all American teams from the National and American leagues playing for world's title.

It is proposed that a committee, selected from the members of the Baseball Writers' Association, appoint two all-league teams, one from the American and the other from the National League, and that these combinations play a series of nine games to be played in a different city on the two big circuits. The plan calls for the choice to be limited to twenty players in each league and also would limit a player's eligibility to two years of such world's championship play. The selection of each player would be made by a majority vote in the committee and no city would have more than one representative on such a committee. The father of the idea points out that such a plan would provide a series between the best players of each league and would thus prove a test of the playing ability of the two rival organizations. It would further give star players in second division clubs a chance to share in the world's series money and the fans of the two leagues in almost every city on the two circuits an opportunity to witness at least one game of each world's series. From a financial standpoint the sixteen clubs composing the two major leagues would all share in the receipts, and the leading players as well. By limiting the eligibility of a player to two years the way would be open for new and rising players to figure in the series.

No New Move By U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—President Wilson told his callers today that the Mexican factions seemed to be running things in an interesting way, and that no development was contemplated, as far as the United States was concerned.

The president had in mind the Constitutional victories, and the narrowing of the zone controlled by Huerta.

Bleeding Hearts
When Grim Death stalks abroad and enters a home anywhere in San Angelo or the Concho country sympathetic hearts bleed for those who have lost a dear one, for when death comes all men are brothers, no matter what race or creed. In the Alderette household, on West Twohig avenue, death has again entered. In the past twenty-three years a husband and four sons have been brought home either dead or dying. The poor wife and mother has had more to contend with, perhaps, than any other woman in all West Texas. The husband and four sons, the last all are of one large family, especially Tuesday night, all met violent deaths. The brave woman has stood up under the trying ordeal as few women could. She has placed her trust in a Supreme Being and goes bravely on under the awful burden of sorrow that has fallen to her lot.

Wednesday, men and women in all in San Angelo.—San Angelo Standard

Rightfully so, for when trouble comes walks of life thought of this little woman and their hearts bled for her.

How's This?
We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the past 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Cured of Liver Complaint
"I was suffering with liver complaint," says Iva Smith of Point Blank Texas, "and decided to try a 25c box of Chamberlain's Tablets and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend them to everyone." For sale by all dealers.

BERGEONS TO BUILD NEW NOSE AND LIPS.

Baltimore, Nov. 30.—Ross Allen, a young Canadian, has entered St. Joseph's hospital to get a new nose and a new mouth, for the front of his face, including the nose and lips, having been shorn away in a sawmill accident.

The first step will be to build up the lips. The flesh of his arm will be cut just the shape of the lower lip. One outside will remain attached to the arm. Then the flesh around the mouth will be cut away until fresh tissue is exposed. The arm will then be bound across the patient's face and remain for two weeks.

The arm will then be cut away from the patient's mouth and the new lip trimmed. Practically the same operation will be gone through with in building up the upper lip.
To put on the new nose the man's chest will be laid open and a piece of fresh cartilage cut away from one of his ribs. The flesh of the forehead will be opened down to the bone and in this slit the nose cartilage will be placed.

Fit His Case Exactly.

When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablets in the papers that fits his case exactly," writes Mrs. Margaret Campbell of Ft. Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefited by them." For sale by All Dealers.

GOLIAD is having an era of building activities and many new residences are being constructed. There is also a new school building in course of erection and the new home of the First National Bank which is nearing completion, and will be ready for occupancy in a short time.

No Trace of Huerta.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 1.—An investigation today failed to reveal Huerta's presence about the capital. No official confirmation of his departure was obtainable.

How to Bankrupt the Doctors.

A prominent New York physician says: "If it were not for the thin stockings and thin soled shoes worn by women the doctors would probably be bankrupt." When you contract a cold do not wait for it to develop into pneumonia but treat it at once. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds, and has won a wide reputation by its cures of these diseases. It is most effective and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

COLDS EFFECTS THE KIDNEYS

Many Merkel People Have Found This to be True.

Are you wretched in bad weather? Does every cold settle on your kidneys? Does your back ache and become weak?

Are urinary passages irregular and distressing? These symptoms are cause to suspect kidney weakness.

Doan's Kidney Pills are especially prepared for weakened kidneys.

Merkel people recommend them.

J. W. Bland, Merkel, Texas, says: "For several years I had attacks of kidney trouble. My kidneys were very weak, and when I caught cold it was sure to settle in them, causing the kidney secretions to become far too frequent in passage. I tried several remedies, but with little success until I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. They did me a world of good. My back has not troubled me since, and my kidneys have done their work properly." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

KEPT TRACK OF HIS CATTLE BUT NOT HIS DAUGHTERS

In the November Woman's Home Companion, in the department devoted to "Better Babies," appears an article entitled "The Meaning of Motherhood," by Dr. S. Josephine Baker, director of Child Hygiene, Department of Health, New York City. Doctor Baker shows how reckless the human race is in regard to the health and lives of children and tells the following story:

"No one knows the exact number of babies that are born or that die every year in the United States, because, as a nation, we are ready enough to keep a record of registered blooded animals, but we neglect, in many places, to keep any official record of the birth or death of the best stock we have—the American baby. In one of our Western states, some few years ago, a case was brought into the law courts involving the inheritance of a considerable estate by a young girl. It was necessary to prove that she was born before a certain date. There was no official record on file to show the date of her birth; it had not been recorded by her family even in that repository of so much similar data—the family Bible. Her father swore that she was born on a certain date, and when he was required to tell how he could be sure, he said that he remembered it was two days before the birth of a fine blooded calf and that he had kept an account of the calf's birth, as it was registered stock. The girl inherited her fortune on this evidence, though her birth had seemingly been a less important occasion than that of the calf."

A man in British West Indies writes. "Wherever I am I find Hunt's Lightning Oil indispensable. It is truly a wonderful remedy for pains. In cases of Rheumatism, Neuralgia Headaches, Sprains, etc., you should just try it and be convinced. Your druggist sells it.

About to Retake Torreón.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 1.—The Federals are about to retake the important city of Torreón according to dispatches which were received here today by the Mexican War Department.

To Attack Monterey Again.

LAREDO, Texas, Dec. 1.—The Constitutionalists are mobilizing for another attack on Monterey, according to reports which have been received here today.

By Associated Press.
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 1.—President Huerta is reported to have left the Federal capital secretly yesterday morning for Vera Cruz.

Officials of the Inter-Oceanic railroad claim that Huerta left aboard a special train and made his way to Vera Cruz.

The presence of Foreign Minister Moheno at Vera Cruz is said to have some connection with the plan of Huerta to leave the country.

RESOLUTION MADE PUBLIC.

AUSTIN, Nov. 29.—The State Hookworm Commission today made public a resolution adopted by the Navarro County Medical Society in which it fully appreciates the "necessity of the work to be done by the Hookworm Commission of the Texas State Board of Health in this county." It continues:

"We pledge ourselves to co-operate in every way possible, thereby converting the so-called lazy boy or girl into a bright, cheerful and energetic being. We believe our mission is to make people better, physically, morally and mentally, and if we fail in this our lives are failures."

Deer Plentiful; Cows Labeled.

Danbury, Conn., Nov. 30.—Under the law which protects them until 1917 deer are becoming so numerous in this section that they are a menace to automobiles on the state roads. The strong headlights of the automobiles have the same effect as "jacking" the animals walking into the bright rays just as they do when the shooters use a calcium light to kill deer at night.

George C. Manchester of New York City, who arrived here today from the north, reported that a buck with large antlers was attracted by his headlights near Kent last night, and that he was going so fast he could not avoid hitting the animal. His antlers scared the radiator. The automobile was thrown into the ditch and Mr. Manchester and his party narrowly escaped injury.

While coming up the state road from South Norwalk the automobile of Ralph Denison of this city, hit a big deer and apparently killed him. The animal had become transfixed by the glare of the headlights and stood still. When men searched for the animal's carcass later it had been dragged away by some one.

Deer have been reported roaming through many towns, overturning garbage cans at night, and eating pumpkins in the fields. They mingle freely with barnyard stock. Recently a new servant girl near Winsted who was sent out to the barn to milk the cows ran back to the house crying that overnight the cows had grown big forked horns—at least so says her mistress, who has a reputation for veracity.

In confirmation of this story a veracious correspondent says farmers are now labeling their cows so immigrant servants can tell them from the deer.

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 tablets 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.

For Eczema, Tetter and Salt Rheum.

The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by All Dealers.

MANY ARRESTS ARE MADE

Striking Teamsters Begin Harrassing Drivers—Attempts to Congregate on Streets Broken Up
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 1.—Members of the Teamsters Union, who struck at midnight, began harrassing drivers today and many arrests were made.

Mounted policemen broke up all attempts of the strikers to congregate on streets.

DENISON and Oklahoma good roads enthusiasts recently met in Denison and organized the Texas, Oklahoma and Gulf Highway Association with about 100 members. The purpose of the organization is to bridge the gap in good roads between Oklahoma City and Dallas.

Hunt's Lightning Oil.

This is the liniment which has caused so much talk. So many people are telling how it has relieved them of pain that one can no longer doubt that it is truly a wonderful remedy. Every druggist handles it.

MUST PAY TAX

Mining Companies Must pay Payne. Aldrich Corporation Tax Is Supreme Court Decision

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The mining corporations of the United States must pay the Payne-Aldrich corporation tax according to a decision of the Supreme Court rendered today. Companies had filed five hundred suits to recover ten million dollars taxes paid under protest.

LAREDO, Texas, Dec. 1.—Members of thirty-five of Monterey's most influential families reached here yesterday as refugees and stated that they would sojourn in the various parts of the United States and in Europe until chaotic conditions in Mexico change for the better.

General Trevino, one of the most prominent of the older Mexican statesmen, with his wife and three daughters, were among the refugees, they are going to their ranch near Del Rio, Texas, and later to Sacramento, Cal., to reside.

Many Monterey citizens reported that, while there had been no untoward happenings since the unsuccessful constitutionalist siege last October, the city was much alarmed over the progress of events, and that those who could do so were leaving the place. It is believed here that the object of the departure of the wealthier families is to escape forced loans, which when refused, have led to incarceration and reprisals.

367 POLL TAXES ARE PAID TO DATE

Tax Collector D. T. Harkrider has issued a total of 367 poll tax receipts for the present season up to this date.

The following are the number, according to each voting box:

Court House	17
Buffalo Gap	19
Jim Ned	10
Moro	5
Nubia	24
Merkel	65
Guion	12
Shep	24
Potosi	21
Fire Station	17
Trent	15
Merkey.Caps	4
View	8
Abilene-Caps	7
Tuscola	24
Ovalo	29
Bradshaw	11
Iberis	5
Abilene-Tye	3
Merkel	8
Dewey	9
Hamby	6
Rogers	1
Elmdale	3
City Hall	10
Court Donnel	16

Total ... 4367
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 30.—The teamsters union voted unanimously today to go on strike at midnight tonight. The union, which includes the commercial chauffeurs, is one of the strongest in the city, and has between 1500 and 2000 members.

A special dispensation for milk wagons, driven by union teamsters, was made at the meeting on the suggestion of Thomas J. Farrel, general organizer of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stabblers and Helpers. Drivers of hearses are exempted from the strike order. Farrel also announced that there would be no interference with the mail or other government wagons or automobiles, or with the wagons or machines of the express companies.

Alaska Glacier Retreats.

The news of a "stupendous retreat" of one of the glaciers in Glacier Bay, Alaska, since 1911, and of the fact that had this glacier retreat occurred ten years ago, the boundary of Alaska would have been pushed inland, adding materially to the era of our northernmost possession, is conveyed in a recent letter to the National Geographic Society, from Lawrence Martin, of the Department of Geology of the University of Wisconsin, one of the greatest living authorities on glacial movements. Prof. Martin and the late Ralph S. Tarr, of Cornell University, were the leaders of the 1911 Research Expedition of the National Geographic Society for the study of Alaskan glaciers.

Glacier Bay lies directly north of Chigakof Island, one of the archipelago just off the southernmost portion of the coast of Alaska. The boundary line, after following the coast several miles inward, in a northwesterly direction, suddenly shoots southwest for a distance of 10 miles, touching but a few miles north of Glacier Bay.

"One of the glaciers in Glacier Bay has had a stupendous retreat of three miles since Tarr and I were there in 1911," reads Prof. Martin's letter. "No one ever before recorded so rapid a recession of an ice tongue and no one ever will, 'til one of the volcanoes melts its glaciers at Mt. Wrangell in the Copper River Basin, or Mt. Douglas, on the Alaskan Peninsula, may do some day. This retreat of the ice tongue in Glacier Bay has extended that field from Alaska into Canada, giving the Dominion a new harbor far north of where they have previously had a seacoast, but not in a region where the present resources are liable to lead to international complications. It's a pity the recession didn't happen years ago, for then the boundary would have been pushed inward, adding materially to the area of Alaska."

The Alaskan Boundary Tribunal in 1903, decided that the United States was entitled to a continuous strip of territory which extended around the head of all the inlets, thus excluding all contact of British territory with the sea from Portland Canal north to Mt. St. Elias. It also fixed the eastern or interior boundary line at designated mountain peaks to conform to this decision. This line extends practically ten leagues from the ocean. The section of the boundary line that is cut by this receding glacier is a trifle more than one hundred miles in length, so for every mile of recession more than one hundred square miles of territory would have been added to Alaska had this phenomenon of nature occurred before the boundary dispute was settled.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Salt Branch

Dec. 2—There was a small attendance at Sunday School Sunday on account of the conditions the roads were in.

Singing was very well attended Sunday afternoon.

Burley Taylor and sister, Oma, took dinner Sunday with W. B. Robertson and family.

Ezra Barker and family spent Sunday night with Mr. Lyles near Trent.

G. C. Sargent and wife spent a few hours in the Warren community Sunday.

Mrs. S. W. Taylor and daughter, Oma, spent Tuesday of last week with Mrs. Beaver and daughter, Lyda.

Mr. Hester and family spent Thanksgiving with Chas. Higgins and family.

Mrs. S. W. Taylor and son Burley attended the Fifth Sunday meeting at Tye Sunday.

Miss Mae Rainer spent Thanksgiving with Miss Lyda Beaver.

Mrs. Ada Higgins and children spent Sunday with Chas. Higgins and family.

Misses Alma Hays and Ora Sargent spent Monday with Mrs. Mae West.

Lester Wheat spent Sunday with Jess Higgins.

Mesdames Hays, Sargent and Robertson spent Friday with Mrs. Beavers.

G. C. Sargent and wife, W. M. Hays and W. B. Robertson spent Monday in Merkel.

Misses Clara and Elma Hays and Ora Sargent called on Miss Martha Bird Sunday.

W. B. Robertson and wife spent Sunday afternoon with J. P. Petty and family.

Mrs. Dora Teaff and little daughter Winnie Myrtle spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Beavers and daughter Nina.

Oscar Mobley and family moved Monday to the place vacated by R. D. Alien and family.

Mrs. Hattie Hardy and children spent Thursday with Mrs. Etta Petty.

Rush Buford and wife of Merkel were attending to business at this place Monday.

Ellis Petty spent a few hours with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Petty, Sunday evening.

All of you correspondents come back and lets help to make our page more interesting.

"Sarah Jane", of Shilo, where are you? Let us hear from you again. Here's hoping all of the correspondents will come again with newsy communications and let the people know what you and your people are doing.

California Woman Alarmed.

"A short time ago I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and caused me a great deal of annoyance. I would have had coughing spells and my lungs were so sore and inflamed I began to be seriously alarmed. A friend recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy saying she had used it for years. I bought a bottle and it relieved my cough the first night and in a week I was rid of the cold and soreness of my lungs," writes Miss Marie Gerber, Sawtelle, Cal. For sale by All Dealers.

Nubla.

Nov. 24-- Our community is having some fine rain and prospects for small grain are good.

Concrete tank building is the order of the day on B. T. ranch.

A singing at J. W. Sewells Saturday night was greatly enjoyed by those present.

Miss Jones, our assistant school teacher was in Merkel Saturday on business.

J. T. Lewis of our community has recently joined the "Hello" list.

Much interest was taken in the prayer meeting at Butman school house Sunday night.

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ROME, Dec. 1.—Italy is following with the greatest interest everything connected with the Panama Canal, which is considered a work worthy of the ancient Romans. The opening of the Canal will affect Italy, above all, in its principal importations, namely, emigrants. In Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, and Chili, new fields of activity will be found for them, and furthermore, the emigration to the western coast of Mexico, the United States and Canada will be increased. Already several Italian firms are preparing lines of navigation; also it is calculated, that once the means of transportation is facilitated, Italian exports to South America will be at least doubled, while those for the western coast of Mexico, the United States and Canada will increase greatly.

When the Suez Canal was finished Italian emigration was very limited, and did not reach 100,000 a year but between 1876 and 1886 the annual average had become 135,000. Between 1886 and 1900 that number was doubled, and from 1900 it has reached an average of 600,000 while in 1906, the highest year on record, the emigrants were 187,977. In 1912 they were 708,669, and this year may surpass in number those of 1906.

A study of Italian emigration is interesting, and necessary in order to follow the development and direction of Italian commerce, as the commerce of Italy, as a rule, has followed the poor emigrants, so that saying that "trade follows the flag" can be modified for Italy as "trade follows the rag" of her migratory sons. For two years the figures of Italian imports and exports have surpassed \$1,200,000,000. The Foreign Office here, at the end of 1911, published statistics showing that the Italian imports and exports had so increased as to proportionately the increase of any other country.

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND	
Train No. 2, leaves Merkel	10:01 p.m.
Train No. 4 " "	10:57 a.m.
Train No. 6 " "	11:54 p.m.
WEST BOUND	
Train No. 1, leaves Merkel	4:00 a.m.
Train No. 3 " "	5:44 p.m.
Train No. 5 " "	5:13 a.m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

Which Has the Advantage?

It took the Almighty ages upon ages to evolve an animal that could fly, a bird, and it has taken ages and ages longer to evolve a human being that can fly; but if we, learning at last to fly, have not learned, also, more nobly to aspire and to live, the birds who have taken the short cut to aviation have the advantage over us.—John H. Finley, in the Atlantic.

Superlative Wisdom.

Centuries have not improved upon the wisdom of man who built his house upon a rock, the highest he could find.

Aerial Analysis.

If the late Wilbur Wright ever had a romance he managed to keep the secret, and no one seemed to know. However, he was not without views on the subject. Once a reporter asked him why he had never married. It's the easiest thing in the world to drive an aeroplane," he answered, "and it's just as easy to get married." Then he added: "Women and aeroplanes are so much alike that you can't analyze either until you get them going."

Extra!

Crawford—"Is the postscript always the important part of a woman's letter?" Crabshaw—"It is when it's from your wife. That's where she always mentions how much money she wants."—Judge.

Not Exactly Her Opinion.

"I'm sorry I ever married you!" shrieked the bride, on the occasion of Their First Quarrel. "You ought to be!" retorted the groom, really angry and bitter for the first time. "You beat some nice girl out of a good husband!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

As History Has Recorded.

Two lunatics conversed in the asylum yard. One had megalomania. Said he: "Had they not locked me up here I should have been a second Napoleon!" Thoughtfully, the other contemplated a pea-green devil on the asylum wall, then remarked: "The second Napoleon wasn't much shucks."

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Blair

Dec. 2—Sunday School was held in the new school building last Sunday evening. It being the first service there was a large and enthusiastic crowd.

The Blair school is still growing! New scholars still being enrolled.

Mrs. Powell has been sick the past week but is reported better at this writing.

Mrs. Will Horton is reported very sick. She is at her father's, J. M. Reeves.

Mr. Horton of Knox county is here visiting relatives and friends.

Jerry King returned to Blair Sunday.

Will Horton came in Sunday. He was summoned to the bedside of his wife who is very sick at this time.

Dr. Powell and son, Leslie, of Buffalo Gap are the guests of S. E. Adecock and family this week.

Robert Goens of Abilene spent Thanksgiving with home-folks.

The young people enjoyed a Thanksgiving party at the home of Henry Wiggins Thursday night.

Roland Goens went to Abilene Sunday.

Willie Derrington moved to Sweetwater Thursday.

R. N. White and family left Sunday for San Antonio.

The fruit supper at J. W. Goens Saturday night was attended by a large crowd and all reported a pleasant time.

Mrs. Jack Moore visited her sister, Mrs. Addison, Friday returning home Saturday.

Woman's Watch.

The reason a woman is a woman is because if her watch has a beautiful monogram engraved on the back she doesn't care whether it keeps time or not.—Galveston News.

SALE OPENS THURS

Follow The Crowds==Teach You

25c Curtin Scrim, goin' in this Bombarding Special Sale at 18c

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One lot Ladies Shoes, \$3.50 and \$4.00 grade, Bombarding Price **\$1.98**

Ladies \$3.50 Tan Boots, 16 Button, Bombarding Price **\$3.15**

Black Velvet Button Shoes, new last and style, everybody sells at \$3.00, Bombarding Price **\$1.98**

Ladies Goodman Shoes in kid and calf, button or lace, \$2.50 grade, Bombarding Price **\$1.98**

Ladies' \$3.50 White Buck Shoes new styles and lasts, button, Bombarding Price **\$2.79**

Ladies \$2.50 white canvas shoes 14 button, Bombarding Price **\$1.68**

Big Reduction on Children's shoes, and a big line to select from.

See our Bargain Shoe Counter. We have to show you. Get them at half price and less.

Bombarding Sale of Men's Fall Foot Wear

Shoes that are Shoes, of Solid Leather. Every pair of shoes bought from us must give satisfaction. Some very interesting prices.

Men's J. E. Tilt Shoes, \$4.50 grade in tan, gun metal and patent, Bombarding Price **\$3.65**

Men's \$4.00 Shoes, Woodroof Special, tans and gun metal, button and lace, Bombarding Price **\$3.48**

LADIES UNDERWEAR AT A SAVING Ladies' Heavy Ribbed vests and pants, 50c and 65c kind, Bombarding Price **43c**

Ladies' heavy ribbed vests and pants, 35c grade, Bombard Price **23c**

Men's \$3.00 shoes in gun metal and tans, button, and lace, Bombarding Price **\$1.98**

See what we have on our Shoe Counter Bargain for you at less than half price.

Ladies' Heavy Ribbed vests and pants, 25c kind, Bombarding Price **19c**

Misses' Union Suits, 35c kind, Bombarding Price **23c**

Misses' Union Suits, 50c kind Bombarding Price **39c**

DRESS GOODS

Bombarding Price in our Dress Goods Department. A big stock to select from, in all the new weaves and shades.

50 Bolts Woolen Dress Goods in serges, whip cord, diagonal and fancy mixture, 50c and 65c kind Bombarding Price.

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\$1.85

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Bombarding Prices in Our Gents Furnishing Department

Men's \$1.50 Shirts, new styles; Bombarding Price.

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Men's \$1.00 Shirts, Bombarding Price **75c**

Men's 65c and 75c Shirts, big range of patterns; Bombarding Price **43c**

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Men's 50c Ties; Bombarding Price **45c**

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\$18.50 Suits, Bombarding Special.....	\$12.40	\$10.00 Suits, Bombarding Special.....	\$6.65

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Clearing the Throat.
Hoarseness caused by irritation of the throat may be cured by gargling with cold salt and water. For severe hoarseness inhale the steam of hot milk in which figs have been boiled. Singers and public speakers should eat baked apples for clearing the throat; is also said that swallowing the yolk of an uncooked egg is good.

Explaining the Explanation.
The chemico-physical explanation of the universe goes but a little way. These are the tools of the creative process, but they are not that process, nor its prime cause. Start the flame of life going, and the rest may be explained in terms of chemistry; start the human body developing, and physiological processes explain its growth; but why it becomes a man and not a monkey—what explains that?—John Burroughs, in the Atlantic.

Good May Come From Change.
When we go away from home we leave behind old enemies as well as old friends. When we are free from the sinister expectations of school-mates we may amend old errors on a new stage with success. Then, too, a new home brings into play areas of the mind otherwise unfruitful because untilled.

Fine Point.
"I thought that in the fifteen years of my practice of medicine," said a physician, "I had answered almost every possible foolish question, but a new one was sprung on me recently. A young man came in with an inflamed eye, for which I prescribed liniment—to be dropped into the eye three times a day. He left the surgery, but returned in a few minutes, poked his head in the in the doorway and asked: 'Shall I drop this in the eye before meals or after?'"

Making Extra Trouble.
A traveler in a southern state reached a town one night where the only hotel had a single bathroom. Feeling tired and dusty after his trip the traveler summoned the porter and asked him to make ready the bath. "Laws, massa," exclaimed the negro, "you gemmen gimme lots of wub. Here it is only Thuesday and want a bath. Can't you wait until Saturday like the other white folks?"

Needed Mamma.
Little four-year-old was learning to sew. She made some beautifully small stitches and mamma said, "Now make a long row of those tiny baby stitches." After awhile the little fingers became tired and when mamma came to look again, there were some long ones. On being asked why she had not made them all tiny she replied, "Why, the baby stitches needed some mammas."

Age.
It takes the fairest of the young, and touches each of them with change and loss. The skin, once so soft that even the lover was half fearful in touching it, stiffens its texture, and the transparent veil, through which soft lights and tender colors played, hides impenetrably those coverings and vanishings of mood. The undulations of the cheek drop with care. All the gracious perfection is reduced.—Collier's Weekly.

Cowboys.
"I see Portuguese cowboys have been fighting with smugglers." "Thought all the cowboys in the world were working for moving picture out fits."

Not on the Map.
The only place where one can live cheaply is Utopia; and the confounded atlas makers still refuse to put that happy region on the maps.—Providence Journal.

Extent of Match Industry.
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Might Well Be Dispensed With.
One of the most useless things in the world is a man who is continually making it necessary for his friends to explain that he means well.

The Kind Needed.
"I want somebody to scour the subject." "Then why not employ a scrub writer?"

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GREAT DECEMBER CLEAN-UP OF BIG \$15000 STOCK

Is Now In Progress At Our Store

We wish to cut our stock down one-half in the next twenty days, as we wish to carry groceries and must move part of our stock to make the needed room.

Sale Lasts From Now Until Xmas

Read all of the following prices and remember that we promise a great saving for you on every bill and purchase and then guarantee satisfaction for every customer. We handle nothing but dependable merchandise of best quality.

THIS IS THE OLDEST STORE IN MERKEL AND WE DO BUSINESS SO WE CAN STAY

Clothing
 Our \$15.00 men's suits cut to... **\$9.95**
 Our 25.00 men's suits cut to... **\$17.85**
 Our 22.50 men's suits cut to... **\$16.00**
 Our 20.00 men's suits cut to... **\$14.00**
 Our 7.50 boys overcoats... **\$5.00**
 Our 7.00 boys overcoats... **\$4.50**

All Dress Pants 25 per cent. off
 Our \$2.50 & \$3.00 work pants... **\$2.00**
 Our 1.00 overalls... **.80**
 Our 1.00 jumpers... **.80**

Underwear
 \$1.00 Wrights underwear cut to... **80c**
 .75 underwear... **50c**
 .50 underwear... **37½c**
 .50 elastic seam drawers... **35c**
 25c & 35c boys heavy fleeced underwear... **17½c**

Hose
 10c childrens hose 5 to 6½ sizes... **5c**
 10c childrens hose 7 to 9½ sizes... **7c**
 20c childrens hose all sizes... **12½c**

Men's Hats
 All our \$3.00 Worth hats... **\$2.40**
 All our 2.50 hats... **\$1.95**

All our 2.00 hats... **\$1.50**
 All our 1.50 hats... **\$1.25**
 All our 1.25 hats... **\$1.00**

Men's Shirts
 All our \$1.50 dress shirts... **\$1.25**
 All our 1.25 dress shirts... **\$1.00**
 All our 1.00 dress shirts... **.80**

Ladies Skirts
 Our \$7.50 skirts cut to... **\$4.50**
 Our 7.00 skirts cut to... **\$4.00**
 Our 4.50 skirts cut to... **\$3.25**
 Our 4.00 serge skirts... **\$2.50**
 Our 3.50 whip cord skiras... **\$2.00**
 8½c yd wide Sea Island domestic cut down to... **7½c**
 12½c bleaching cut down to... **10c**
 10c bleaching cut down to... **8c**

**This sale offers
the opportunity
for your Christmas
shopping**

Blankets
 Our \$2.75 blankets... **\$2.00**
 Our 2-00 blankets... **\$1.00**
 Our 1.00 blankets... **.85**

Shoes
 One lot children's \$1.25 shoes... **\$1.00**
 One lot misses \$2.25 & \$2.50 shoes... **\$1.75**
 One lot boys \$2.25 & \$2.50 patent leathers... **\$1.75**
 One lot Ladies \$3.00 to \$3.50... **\$2.50**
 One lot mens patent leathers \$4.50 to \$5.00... **\$2.00**
 One lot mens vici \$3.00... **\$2.00**
 One lot mens box calf \$2.25... **\$1.75**
 All \$3.50 soft leather work shoes... **\$3.00**
 All \$3.25 soft leather work shoes... **\$2.75**
 50c pair off all other mens dress shoes

Ladies Cloaks
 All our \$10.00 cloaks... **\$6.00**
 All our \$6.50 cloaks... **\$4.50**
 All our \$6.00 cloaks... **\$4.00**
 All our \$4.00 childrens cloaks... **\$3.00**
 All our \$3.00 childrens cloaks... **\$2.00**
 All our \$2.50 childrens cloaks... **\$1.85**
 All our \$2.25 childrens cloaks... **1.50**

We have not space to quote you more prices but all goods will be sold at reduced prices. All dress goods cut down, come and see. No goods charged at these special prices. Our goods are marked in plain figures so you can see our prices are surely cut. Again I ask you to come and see for yourselves

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20 Ladies' Suits, ranging in price from \$12.50 to \$15

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5c

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2c

5c Brass Pins BOMBARDING SPECIAL

3c

5c Hair Pins BOMBARDING SPECIAL

2c

5c Ladies' Handkerchiefs BOMBARDING SPECIAL

2c

50c Extra Large Turkish Bath Towels

BOMBARDING SPECIAL

171-2c

American Beauty \$1.00 Corsets

BOMBARDING SPECIAL

43c

35c to 50c Combs and Barretts

BOMBARDING SPECIAL

16c

50c Ladies' Leather Hand Bags

BOMBARDING SPECIAL

38c

10c Sticker Braids BOMBARDING SPECIAL

61-2c

COST CUTS NO ICE. \$7,000 of the stock must be sold in 20 days. Follow the crowd, the crowds and to serve you. A floor walker has been employed to see that you are pro sale means. Our goods are marked in plain figures. We do not have three prices; cre When we cut prices it means something. One price to all. Come in and make a th

Sale Starts Thursday Morning, WAR! WAR!

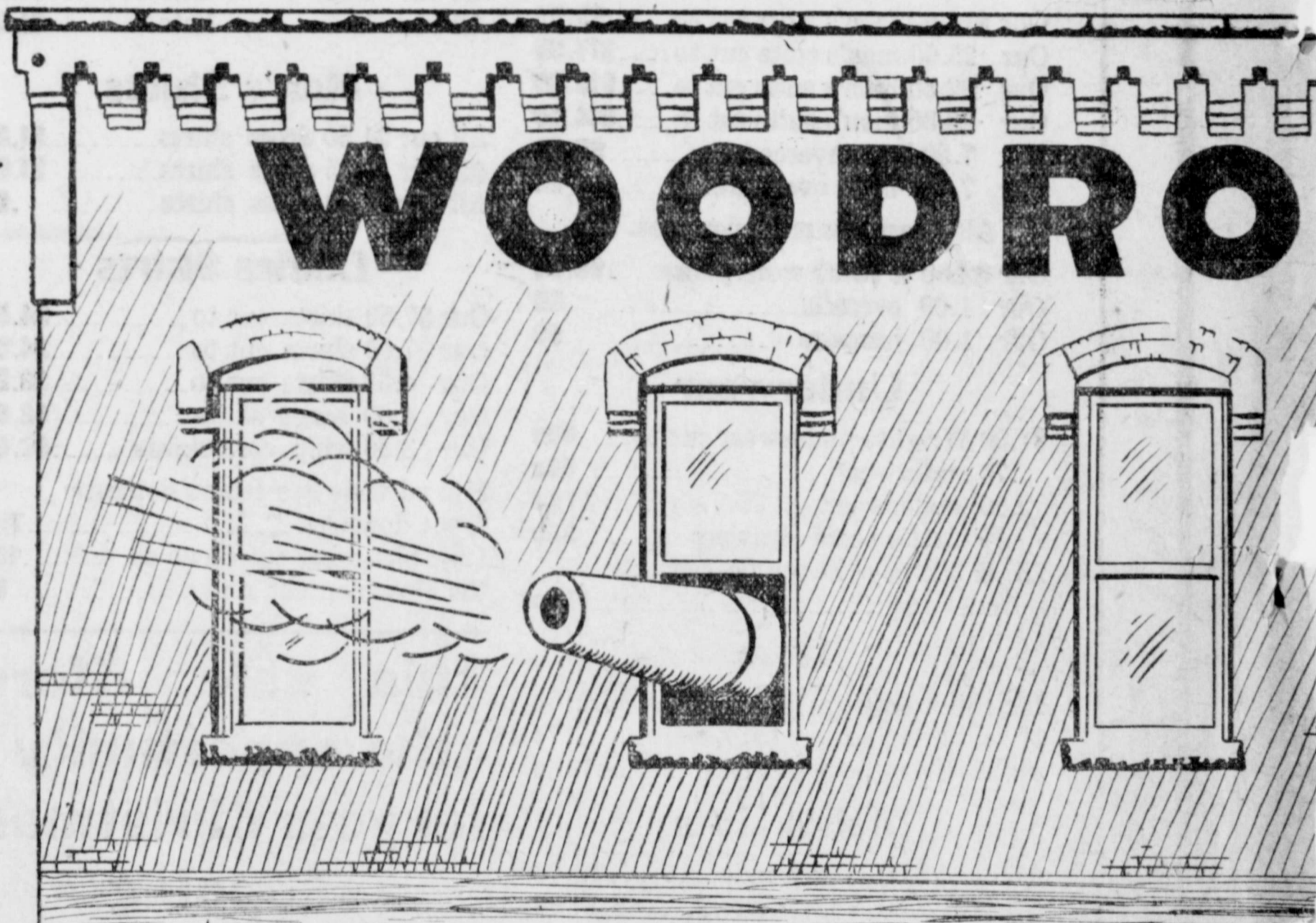
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Come we will take care of you

36 Bombarding Extra Specials
Read everyone of them in this circular. 36 big Specials almost given away. Come help yourself to them

Store Closed Wednesday Dec. 4th
To Bombard prices and arrange stock so can be handled easy
COME

No sale like this sale. Don't be misled by fake sales. Our goods are marked in plain figures. We do not have a credit price and a cash price -- --



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