

## GETS LETTER FROM FOLKS IN GERMANY

\* Emil (Dutch) Miller a native of Germany who has made Merkel his home since his arrival in the states received a letter from his mother in Hamburg, Germany telling him that his brother had been killed at the battle front and his father had been killed by a fast troop train and his sister had died.

The letter was dated April 6, and showed to have been opened by censors in England, as it bore the censor's stamp of approval. In all, the letter was five and one half months reaching its destination.

Emil was a member of the German navy, aboard a scout cruiser, until March 2, 1914 when he listed as an able-bodied seaman aboard a four-mast ocean going sail ship and started from Antwerp, Belgium, to Mexico. The trip was good and in a short time the boat reached Cape Horn and after six weeks of zig-zag sailing and set backs the turn was finally made around the "Great Horn" and then in just 144 days after having left port Emil landed in Mexico, remained in the interior of that country a short time and came on to Texas, and is now employed as night cook at the Busy Bee Cafe.

A talk with this former member of the German fighting forces is highly interesting to any one who is not familiar with conditions in the old country. When asked as to the wages he received while in the navy, Emil replied "Bout two-dowlos per month."

Since having come to this country Emil has received two letters from his people, one in March 1915 while he was in Mexico but he did not know of the death of his father, brother and sister until last week when he received the communication from his mother.

His brother met death in the early part of the war while engaged in a battle in Belgium. His father who was a former engineer on the national railroads of that country being too old and too inactive for duties on the railroad had been placed as a watchman in one of the small villages near the eastern front, a place through which a great troop movement was going on, and was struck by a troop train that was hurrying troops from the eastern to the western fronts. The letter told of the train being operated at a speed of sixty miles or over through the towns and when asked as to the probability of wrecks Emil said, "You don't know Germany, de don't habe no wrecks, less its a head on collision." He explained that the equipment of the railways in Germany was such that wrecks were almost unknown and to the efficiency of the railroads is due the success with which the armies of the Kasier are rapidly transferred from one battle front to another within a night time.

## BUFFALO GAP STORE IS BROKEN INTO

A burglar or burglars who broke into the N. J. Tims store at Buffalo Gap Saturday night made a haul that for variety of detail and wealth of artistic touches made the usual burglary look like a "job" in connection with the cracking of a penny-in-the-slot machine.

Gaining entrance by breaking

## T. G. WIER NAMED A STATE RANGER

T. G. Weir, former sheriff of Taylor county, is now a full-fledged Texas ranger, having received his commission from the adjutant general's department. He is listed with Company C, but will not be assigned directly to that company, being placed in charge of a district of which Abilene is the center. This city will be his headquarters, although his commission is good at any point in the state.

Mr. Weir was sheriff of this county for three terms and before that was county commissioner for two terms. Friends here and at other places united in urging his appointment upon the adjutant general, and the commission was made out last week.

Ranger Weir will be the only ranger in this immediate section of the state and will have a large territory. Friends in Abilene, Taylor county and other places where he is known will extend congratulations on his section for this important post. His experience as a peace officer well fits him for the place.—Abilene Reporter.

## HOG RECORD HUNG UP BY W. T. SHERRILL

W. T. Sherrill had one hundred head of hogs the first of May most of them pigs and sorter lean at that.

Mr. Sherrill also had a good sized patch of feed stuff which the "careless" weeds proceeded to take. The hogs needed feed and the feed needed plowing and W. T. was in the middle of a bad fix. He accidentally left a gate open one day and about twenty pigs got into the feed, much to his chagrin. He noticed however that they were only eating the weeds and were in no way molesting the feed so he made a run for the house and turned the whole bunch loose.—In short he fattened the hogs and they rooted up what was left of the weeds and finished themselves on foot off the feed. Six weeks ago he sold twenty eight head out of the bunch for \$443.50 and a few days ago disposed of twenty one head for \$280.70, a total of \$724.20 for forty nine head and he's got a few shoats left. This is a true story with a moral a mile long.

out a window, the raider or raiders proceeded to take what came handiest. Twenty-five or thirty finger rings, a quantity of watch fobs and chains, a collection of bracelets, and other jewelry were among the articles missing. With a sense of the eternal fitness of things taking a queer slant, the robber then stole some boys' and men's pants, trousers or "britches," as the case may be. The little foray was wound up by the theft of over \$3 in cash, including seventy-five pennies.

The sheriff's office was notified but no clue has been found as yet.—Abilene Reporter.

### New Meat Market

We have opened a market on front street, in the Coats building and will furnish the best of meats, fish, oysters, ham, bread and barbecue. Free delivery in Merkel. Give us a trial. Sunday delivery. Phone 94. McGehee and Conder. 8t2pd

Figure with us before you buy your bill, it will be to your advantage. E. L. Rogers.

## NEW GIN SYSTEM INSTALLED HERE

The Browning gin has lately been improved until it might be termed a new gin for Merkel.

Throughout the plant new gin machinery has replaced the old, and about all that can be said of the same gin that stood there last season is a part of the frame work of the building. The Dickerson cleaner the first one of its kind to be used here is in operation there, an is an ovation in the system of cleaning cotton without destroying the staple. The old gin stands have been taken out and replaced with five 80-saw stands of the Gullet type, making the gin new throughout in the operating machinery.

## BIT THREE TIMES BY A RATTLESNAKE

At 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon Herbert Deavenport had little thought about snakes as he started to picking cotton on the Hughes farm near Nubia. He had only picked a distance of a few feet from the end of a row when he thought he struck a thistle with his right hand, being in a hurry to have a good afternoon of pulling the long staple, he reached back to the same stalk of cotton for another boll and again his hand struck something which he thought was a thistle. Not to be undaunted he reached for the third time when the thistle hung but it proved to be a rattlesnake and the third time it bit Mr. Deavenport the fangs hung near the end of his second finger on the right hand. Each strike the snake made inflicted a wound on the second finger.

In less time than could easily be counted Mr. Deavenport reached the home of Mr. Hughes, his grandfather, and after instructing some member of the family to telephone here for an automobile he started out for town in a buggy. At the Geo. Moore home Geo. McDonald of the Warren & McDonald Co., met Mr. Deavenport and brought him here. Medical attention was promptly given at the offices of Drs. Miller and Adkisson and now the injured man is little worse from his experiences.

When Mr. Deavenport discovered he had received a snake bite he neglected to bind his arm and waited to take this first aid precaution until he had reached the Hughes home, this however was only a short distance and there the arm was tightly bound to stop circulation.

Mr. McDonald was only eighteen minutes reaching the injured man and returning to Merkel with him. The distance from here to the Geo. Moore home is about five miles and over some very rough roads.

### Correcting the Vote

Two errors appeared in the Mail's report of the second primary election in Taylor county. The total Vance vote was 1277 and Parmelly 1252. The vote on the Commissioner's race in Abilene precinct was H. E. Meyer 815, A. A. Hay 541.

### Regular Services Sunday

Rev. W. P. Garvin will preach at the regular morning hour Sunday at the M. E. church and again at the evening services. He has only recently returned from a protracted meeting.

School books are cash. Burroughs.

## HAVE YOU KICKED IN FOR CAMPAIGN

The amount received for the Democratic Campaign up to last publication day was.

Collected This Week	
J. C. Hairston	1.00
E. L. Rogers	1.00
C. L. Tucker	1.00
E. P. McMillen	1.00
Ben Walters	.50
Eugene Rargrove	.50
George Boyce	.50
Un-named party	1.00
Total received to Date	14.50

Which amount has been remitted to the National Democratic Chairman. All other contributions received will be forwarded at a later date.

## SUICIDE AND AN ACCIDENTAL DEATH

Anson, Sept. 2.—W. B. Myers, age 25 years, died Thursday in a sanitarium at Stamford from a gunshot wound accidentally inflicted. Myers was found wandering around near his home 13 miles east of Anson Thursday afternoon in an unconscious condition. The right side of his face was badly mutilated. According to a statement of his wife the deceased picked up a shotgun and left home early in the afternoon to go into the field and shoot some crows. Before Myers died he regained consciousness for a short while and made it known that the shooting was accidental.

Anson, Sept. 2.—The body of Mrs. J. H. Elza, age about 35 years, wife of a well known Jones county farmer, was found dangling from the end of a rope in an implement house at the Elza place 2 1/2 miles north of Anson this afternoon. Life was extinct. The rope had been fastened around the neck and run over a rafter and tied. A note signed by Mrs. Elza was found near a pillow in the house. It read: "I cannot bear to live and leave the children. God forgive me for what I am doing. Don't blame John and the children."

John Elza, husband of the deceased was away from home at the time of the death. Mrs. Elza sent the children away early in the afternoon and they came to town and reported that their mother was acting strangely. Those who went to the scene found the body in the implement house. Mrs. Elza is survived by her husband and four children, the oldest child, being a daughter 14 years of age.

## STOCKMEN NOTE A NEW ORDER IS OUT

Stockmen who contemplate shipments of cattle at any early date should prepare themselves with proper certificates of inspection before bringing cattle to the Merkel stock pens. The following is explanatory.

Abilene, Tex., Aug. 30, 1916  
T. & P. Ry. Agt., Merkel, Tex.

Dear Sir—In order that we may handle the movement of cattle, horses mules and asses in an intelligent and satisfactory way in accordance to the regulations of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission of Texas, it is respectfully requested that all shipping pens in Taylor county be kept under lock and none of the above mentioned live stock al-

## KILLS MAN, SAYS HE WAS HER HUSBAND

Dallas, Sept. 4.—A man known as G. C. Barger, employed as assistant superintendent of a Dallas candy and cracker company, was shot and killed this morning as he emerged from his office by a woman who said she was Mrs. G. C. Barger, his wife. The name Barger, she said, was assumed. After shooting down the man, the woman handed the revolver to another office employe near by.

Mrs. Barger was taken into custody. Police say she admits the shooting but declines to make a statement other than to say that she and her husband formerly lived at Chattanooga, Tenn. Charges of murder were filed against Mrs. Barger this afternoon. A preliminary hearing to determine whether she will be admitted to bail is to be held Thursday afternoon.

Police say Mrs. Barger said she shot her husband because he had mistreated her. To newspaper men who sought an interview she is quoted as saying: "I shot him and that's all I have to say."

## IN BEHALF OF THE STAMFORD SCHOOL

As a trustee I have been in touch with Stamford College for four years. I am thoroughly convinced that Methodism needs this Junior College to prepare her sons and daughters for her Universities. And no Junior College in Southern Methodism has a more promising field. I am personally acquainted with President, Rev. J. W. Hunt. He is well qualified for the work he intends to do at Stamford. He has been thoroughly tested at Snyder at St. Paul's Church Abilene. He has made good so far and will achieve success for us at Stamford if the church in this section will be loyal to her institution of learning and give him her support.

I have known the Dean, R. A. Smith for four years. He is a fine Christian gentleman and one of the best schoolmen I have known in thirty years. He is a good disciplinarian and all round success. He did a great work here at Abilene. Send him your sons and daughters. No scholoman will do more for them than R. A. Smith.

Stamford College has a great future. We must make her move forward to the goal. The heads of all the Methodist tribes in this part should gather at Stamford Sept. 12th for a time and a half. We should bring our sons and daughters and fill the school to its utmost capacity, stand by it through the coming years and make it the best Junior College in Southern Methodism. So mote it be.  
C. N. N. Ferguson,  
Presiding Eld. Abilene Dis.

### To K. C. to School

Chas. F. Williams, son of Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Williams, has returned to Kansas City, where he enters a medical college for his second term.

lowed therein, unless accompanied by a proper certificate by an inspector.

Therefore you will please put the Merkel pens under lock.

Yours truly,  
Olin Graves,  
Inspector Live Stock Sanitary Commission of Texas.

## STRIKES AND OTHER TROUBLES--SLIVERS

If this strike gits much worse we're a bunch o' blowed up suckers. The curb stone contingency may strike for padded seats.

We've been informed that Capt. Oliver says this open season for doves, slivers and other pestiferous insects, and any time the people see him on the streets with his shotgun, they'll know he's out slivering.

There's a strong talk among the Amalgamated Society of Bridge-Whist players to strike for shorter hours and bigger prizes. The 'lection laws of this state should be made more strinuous.

The fact that beauty is only skin deep is now claimed to be portrayed by the efficiency of the modern dresses.

Question.—Do road drags make good fence corner ornaments?

"Ye never lose anything by bein' perlite," said an Irishman, when he dodged with a low bow a hand grenade thrown into his trench.

Billy Sunday in a recent sermon: "Come on, you ball players; try stealing home to God." J. S. Swann (Jim for short) is still a-la-fing 'bout that mock funeral held last Mandy eve.

Funeral directors Messrs. Mims, Oliver, et al got their invitation list balled up and left W. W. Wheeler out of the bunch of invited guests.

If anybody can give us one good reason why Wilson order be beat we'll settum-up.

State vs. so and so (colored.) Place—Justice court, Saturday morning. Negro woman on stand. "Hold up your hand." She did. "Do you solemnly swear the evidence you'll give in this case to be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?" She did. Case will come up again Saturday 10 a. m.

Facts about some of our notables. Mayor Stallings has a good farm but is mayor for pastime. Constable Laney herds a bunch of steers in daytime and stands guard at nite. Justice Cobb had a good job but he lost it. Marshal "Ben" is just pure Marshal, that's all.

"See America first." You're right, sit down. Kent and Elm streets offer sights heretofore unheard of and unseen by the average tourist. So why go abroad when you've got plenty to see at home.

A year's subscription to this kolum for the first one to solve our street problem.

Somebody says Colquitt is sadder-bud-wiser.

Somebody punched Fred Hale while he was at Trent and everybody in Merkel thought he was here.

"Pap" McLeod of Trent was shoveling seed toter day but unceremoniously struck when he uncovered part of a rattle snake.

Cause, The despeptic look on H. W. Derstine's face, Woodrow Wilson. Effect. It'll get worse.

## GINNING MATTER IS NOW SETTLED

The friction between cotton raisers and Merkel gidders seems to have been settled to the satisfaction of all concerned and the prices of ginning has been restored to the usual charges.

At the beginning of the season a slight advance was made by all gins here, by reason given to cover increased cost of ginning.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Beasley returned last week from a trip to Wichita Falls with relatives and friends. They made the trip through the country in their Chalmers touring car and reported heavy rains throughout most of the country traversed.

I want to rent a good farm, handy located, and with plenty of water. References furnished. W. A. Jackson. Trent, Tex. \*ltpd

Mrs. John Childress and son Lason who have been visiting with relatives in Collin county, returned home Saturday morning.

Watch these column every week. We will show you items that mean Happiness, Health and Prosperity to you. Burroughs.

W.B. Robertson agreed to loan us his Overland touring car last week, but got out of town before we had a chance to use it.

Get our angelfood cake recipes Saturday, Sept. 16, from 12 to 6 o'clock, Merkel Bakery. 2t.

Miss Bobbie Clack of Abilene came in Friday on a visit to Miss Dota Garroue. She returned home Sunday.

Fresh car of Voquette flour. Clark and Walker.

Dr. M. Armstrong was in Abilene Monday.

Expected. Car of corn and corn chops by Saturday. G. M. Sharps.

Carbon at Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs Sr. and son Merle and Billy Bob and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs Jr., left Tuesday morning for Fort Worth to visit relatives and friends there and at other points in east Texas.

Two layer sponge cake, marshmellow icing and pitted cherries. Merkel Bakery. 2t.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett Smith and children of Big Springs are visiting their grandfather, G. W. Johnson. As Mr. Smith has disposed of his holdings in Big Springs their stay will be of an indefinite length, until a suitable location for future residence is found.

We sell all well known and approved toilet articles such as Hudnuts, Lazells, Colgates, Lily's, Pivers, Djer-kiss, Jergens, Hinds and many others. Burroughs.

Dr. C. J. Sherrill of Bellvue came in Tuesday to visit with the family of E. L. Woodroof. Mrs. Sherrill has been here for several days visiting her sister Mrs. Woodroof.

\$1.00 bucket of coffee for 75 cents at E. L. Rogers.

Mrs. M. D. Sharp of Floresville is the guest of her sister, Mrs. P. T. Allday.

Two gallon glass jars of kroust. New crop. G. M. Sharp.

A car load of butter and eggs wanted. E. L. Rogers.

Carbon at Burroughs.

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**SHILOH**

Mr and Mrs Terrel Winters and daughter Miss Albertine, spent Wednesday in Abilene.

Mrs J H Grayson returned Sunday from a visit to her brother at Gilpen. She also visited relatives at other points.

Omer Reeves and sister Miss Gladys returned a few days ago from a visit to relatives in Monday.

Tom Green and sister, Miss Nancy, were Merkel visitors Thursday.

Terrel Winters and W B Beavers attended the Association which convened at Hawley last week.

A number from here attended the baptising near Noodle Sunday afternoon.

Misses Lettye and Beulah Jones spent Sunday night with Mrs Thompson of Noodle.

Mrs Will Bond and children, Ben Bond and Miss Nina Beavers spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs. Mayberry.

Mr and Mrs Brown spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs S L Grayson.

Mr and Mrs Jennings Winters spent Saturday night with the latters sister Mrs Derstine near Merkel.

Clyde Shouse returned last week from Wichita Falls and

other points in north Texas.

Mr and Mrs Derstine from near Merkel spent Sunday with the latters father, Mr Hale, not Dr Hale as we were quoted as saying not long since.

**NUBIA**

This community has been materially rejuvenated by splendid showers recently.

Bro. Todd of Abilene filled his appointment at Butman Saturday night and Sunday.

Misses Emma and Pearl Evans of Abilene are visiting friends in the Canyon this week.

There was singing at Mr. H. H. Toombs Sunday night and quite a crowd was present to witness the initiation of his new piano.

Mr. Will Rawlings lost a good horse Monday night.

The Cross Roads Singing Class will send five delegates to the Trent Singing Convention next Sunday. They are: Leaders, Mr. C. E. Lewis, Ernest Boyd, Eugene Bankhead; Organists, Mrs. Nannie Perry and Miss Halie Moore. Several from here are expecting to go.

Uncle Dan Matthews sold a bale of cotton in Merkel Saturday for \$121.25. Pretty good Uncle Dan. That should defray your snuff bill.

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## LOCAL NEWS

Carbon at Burroughs.

Mrs. A. E. Scott of San Antonio, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brittain.

Try a sack of Seymore's flour at G. M. Sharps.

Miss Eula Sears has been in Eastland for several days visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Douglass.

Insure yourself against loss—vaccinate with Blacklegoids—Burroughs.

Mrs. W. M. Peak of Corpus Christi, formerly Miss Kate Craven, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. R. Walton of Route one.

Complete line of Dr. LeGear's and International stock remedies at Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, all of Stanton, are visiting their relatives, Marvin Smith and family.

Barrel pickles at G. M. Sharps.

Miss Tennie Pope left Saturday for Eastland, where she will teach this year.

Buy that tombstone of A. L. Jobe.

Miss Leon and Ted Briggs will leave Thursday night for Midlothian where they will remain thru the school year.

A. L. Jobe will sell you 25 cts. worth for 20 cents.

Mrs. Mary T. Edwards is enjoying a visit this week from her son Oran and other relatives of Midland.

Car load of ear corn for sale. J. C. Mason.

Miss Winnie Warren has returned from a two weeks visit in San Marcos.

Money saved is money made. Jobe's Store is the place for bargains.

H. P. Wilkins says this country beats the world for chickens, hogs, jacks and cattle. He's about right.

Mrs. S. T. Annis left the latter part of last week for Aspermont and Childress where she will spend the grater part of the winter with her sons.

50 cents worth for 45 cents at Jobe's Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Smith and children of Trent came down Sunday afternoon to visit with their brothers B. F. and E. C. Smith recently arrived from Big Spring and Stanton.



# FALL'S A'COMING

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED FRESH FROM FASHION'S CENTER AND PLACED ON SALE, A SPLendid LINE OF EVERYTHING MEN AND WOMEN LOVE TO WEAR.

THE NEW FALL STYLES AND SHADES HAVE BEEN DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED. THE GARMENTS WE ARE NOW SHOWING WILL BE CORRECT IN STYLE AND COLORS THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE SEASON.

EVERY ITEM WE SELL IS A BARGAIN; BECAUSE WE DO NOT PLACE FICTITIOUS VALUES ON MERCHANDISE.

FALL'S A-COMING AND YOU ARE COMING, ARE YOU NOT, TO OUR STORE TO BUY YOUR FALL OUTFIT,

Don't overlook our special shoe bargains. If you want something for every-day use, you will find it for an extremely low cost. \$2.50 to \$3.50 values for 98 cents

Let us assist you to equip the children for school in the selection of patterns and styles from our new stock dress fabrics.

Remember, we have a number ready-made dresses for children at very low prices. \$1.25 values for 90c

HIGH PRICED COTTON

### GROCERIES

4 packages best cocanut	25c
1 package best soda	5c
3 packages puffed wheat or rice	25c
14 cans best lye	\$1.00
1 3-lb. can good steel-cut coffee	90c
1 can No. 3 pie peaches	10c
1 can No. 3 pie apples	10c
10 pounds best comb honey	\$1.25

### THE STAR STORE

Young men take notice. Our Florsheim shoes for fall and winter are now present. Don't take chances, you might get as good but impossible to get better. Wear Florsheim and avoid risk.

Men's and boys' hats in new fall styles. Your fashionable appearance is materially affected by a suitable and becoming style of headwear. Ours are newest-latest. \$3 to \$3.50 buys 'em

LOW PRICED MDSE.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Craven and their mother Mrs. Craven Sr., all of Paducah spent a few days this week with the latter's daughter Mrs. J. B. Walton. On their return Thursday they were accompanied by Mrs. W. M. Peak another daughter of near Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain left Thursday morning of this week for Matador, Amarillo, Plainview and other points on the plains. They will be gone about ten days or two weeks.

The family of F. A. Sanders, accompanied by Miss Sallie Orr and W. A. Sheppard, motored to Aspermont Sunday, returning Wednesday.

School books are cash. Burroughs.

## ABILENE MEN TO BE HERE THURSDAY 14

One hundred Abilene representative business men will come to Merkel by special train next Thursday afternoon, about 5:31. The special train will arrive here from the west and will remain here several minutes. In advance of the coming of these visitors, the local business men should make some arrangements for their entertainment.

### COMMERCIAL LEAGUE MEETING CALLED 11TH

A meeting of the Commercial League is called for Monday evening of next week, and all members and others interested are hereby notified to be on hand at 7:45.

#### A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures Kidney and Bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists

Mr. and Mrs. U. P. Tippet of Longtry were visitors Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harkrider. Mrs. G. C. McDonald of Stamford who spent last week in the Harkrider home returned Sunday evening with the others to Abilene.

F. C. Sanders and daughter Mrs. B. W. Freeman and Master Bertie Freeman of Huntingdon, Tenn., are in Merkel visiting the family of H. T. Merritt and other relatives.

Miss Mildred Sanders returned Wednesday from Aspermont where she has been visiting the past few weeks.

One dollar's worth for 95 cents at A. L. Jobe's.

Miss Lorena Dry, who has spent the entire summer visiting in Brady and other eastern towns returned to her home here Sunday afternoon.

S. P. Rister, a member of the working force of the El Paso post office, is spending his annual vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rister.

## LOCAL NEWS

Blacklegoids at Burroughs.

Miss Mary Gunn who will teach the coming year in San Antonio left last week for her work at that place. Miss Gunn will make her home with her sister Mrs. Scott.

A classy line of cut glass at Burroughs.

Frank E. Smith, who has taken work in Southwestern University during the summer, is at home for a few days before leaving for his work in North Park school, Abilene.

Shorts and bran at G. M. Sharps.

J. O. Wetzel, who, with his family, have been guests the past month in the home of J. L. Banner, returned last Friday to their home at Comanche.

Ever-Ready flash lights and accessories at Burroughs.

W. H. Morris left last Thursday night for Dallas, where their new home will be made. Mrs. Morris expects to leave this week to join her husband there.

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Miss Annie Smith, who will teach English in the Bellvue high school, left last Thursday night for that place, where she began work the following Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith of Stanton arrived at Trent the first of the week to visit the former's brother O. A. Smith and family and latter came here to visit Mrs. Smith's father G. W. Johnson.

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#### Good for Biliousness

I took two of Chamberlain's Tablets last night, and I feel fifty percent better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness. For sale by all dealers.

## WHY PAY MORE?

"Where did you buy it?"  
 "From Mack."  
 "Why did you not order it from Dallas?"  
 "Because Mack sells it for less."  
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	Dallas net	Frt.	Price Dalas	Our Price
4 Dk. green and white Duplex Shades, 81c	\$3.24	\$.07	\$ 3.31	\$ 3.20
1 9-12 Japanese Matting Rug	2.95	.10	3.05	3.00
1 1F577 Lea Rocker Qr. Oak	9.95	.35	10.30	9.50
1 1F2148 Kitchen Cabinet	20.95	1.80	22.75	22.00
1 1F534A Vernis Martin Bed	6.80	.75	7.55	6.50
	\$43.89	\$3.07	\$46.96	\$44.70

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"Show me the cheapest paint you have. I'm going to paint my barn."

"Here you are, Sir," said the salesman as he brought out a gallon can.

"This is the cheapest?" inquired the customer.

"By far," answered the salesman. "We've three other grades that sell for considerably less, but this is the cheapest—in the long run."

Now that set me thinking, because every day I meet folks who, when they want a new car, look for the "cheapest."

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There are other cars costing \$300 or \$400 less, and they are probably mighty good cars for the money. But more costly than this 3400 r. p. m. Chalmers in the end.

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## NEWS AND VIEWS

New York, Sept. 3.—Francisco I. Madero Sr., father of the late President Madero of Mexico and one of the largest land and mine owners in that country, was found dead in bed at his home here today from heart disease. He was 67 years old.

Fort Worth, Sept. 3.—Petitions are being circulated in Tarrant County for a prohibition election, which will likely be presented to the Commissioners' Court in the near future. The Petitions have been circulated in offices and around the courthouse.

Colorado, Sept. 3.—Eastbound Sunshine Special struck and instantly killed a Mexican named Lorenzo Carrales this morning about seven miles west of here. Carrales is supposed to have been asleep on the track near a cattle guard.

### Mrs. B. R. Thompson Dead

Mrs. B. R. Thompson of Noodle died at the family home Tuesday morning at eight o'clock from heart trouble. At the time of her death Mrs. Thompson had reached the age of a very elderly lady and enjoyed the acquaintance and friendship of a large host of people, limited only by the number who knew her. She had been in bad health for nearly a year, and a few days prior to death was taken seriously ill.

The funeral and burial services were held last Tuesday afternoon at Shiloh cemetery, the services being conducted by Rev. W. K. Horn pastor of the Methodist Church to which Mrs. Thompson had been a consistent member. Surviving the esteemed lady are two sons and five daughters, Messrs. W. C. and John Thompson of Noodle, Mrs. Bayless of Hill county, Mrs. A. C. Sosbee, Mrs. Clearance Monroe, Misses Ruth and Helen Thompson, all of whom were with their mother at the time of her death.

### Grand Jury Reports

The grand jury which has been in session for a solid week brought in a report Monday morning to District Judge Blanton, returning seven felonies and no misdemeanors. The jury went back to work.

In district court Monday morning the business of the second week was taken up, with the jury for the week on hand.

The bond of Chas. Fowler, charged with burglary, was declared forfeited.

The cases of Espia Vaughan, Martha Dickson and I. S. Dickson were postponed and witnesses released until further notice. —Abilene Reporter.

### Returns to Canyon

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baker and baby, J. C. Jr. accompanied by the former's brothers, Obed and Brian of Mineral Wells, motored into town Saturday evening from Mineral Wells where they spent the latter part of Mr. Baker's vacation. While at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Baker and family, the latter had the misfortune of losing their home and household goods by fire. The trip was continued Sunday morning in order that Mr. Baker might reach Canyon by Tuesday morning to join the faculty of the West Texas State Normal College for his second year of teaching in that institution. His brothers will attend school in the same institution.

### Lecture on China

Quite a number of Merkel People had the pleasure of hearing Miss Mittie Shelton's lecture on China at the Methodist Church last Wednesday afternoon.

### Masons To Meet

Saturday night is regular meeting night of the local A. F. & A. M. Lodge and all members are hereby notified. Victor Harris W. M.

dragging, but the thing we are trying to get at is that the interest yet is far short of the needs of the roads. Let's have more road dragging, and we will then have better roads.

### Prof. Parker Goes to Merkel

The Signal learns that Prof. R. M. Parker, who has served Fannin county six years as Superintendent of Public Instruction, has been elected Superintendent of city schools at Merkel, Texas, and will move his family from Bonham to Merkel in a few days. Prof. Parker is a high-grade man and one of the most enthusiastic and competent educators in the state. As County Superintendent he has done a fine work. We congratulate Merkel upon securing his services, yet we confess that we regret that this splendid educator is to leave Fannin county.

Prof. Parker's term as county superintendent does not expire until November. We presume that Prof. Frank Young, Democratic nominee for County Superintendent, will be appointed to fill out the unexpired term. —Honey Grove Signal.

### Old Timer Here

J. M. Harwell of Dallas was seen on the streets Friday with W. R. Bigham, an old time friend. Mr. Harwell was here in '83 and remembers J. H. Thornton and some other old timers. Accompanying him were S. K. White and Millard Keese, both of east Texas who were looking for a location in the Merkel country.

### Mr. Hall Very Low

E. Hall who has been very low at his home near the Grace Presbyterian Church on Oak street is regarded to now be in very critical condition and is not expected to live.

A new and complete line of sundries just arrived. Burroughs,

## The Merkel Mail

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### Dragging Roads

We believe it is a wrong idea for road dragging to be done only after hard rains, and we further believe that better road conditions will prevail and roads can be maintained at less expense if all graded roads are dragged after any and all showers.

Oftentimes when local showers are coming over parts of the country, one or two miles of road in one community will become wet and heavy while the same road at another point will be perfectly dry and firm. In order to even the conditions up it would be necessary to drag any short stretch of road following a shower, and if this is not done and two or three light showers fall on any section of the road becomes extremely rough, a condition unnecessary.

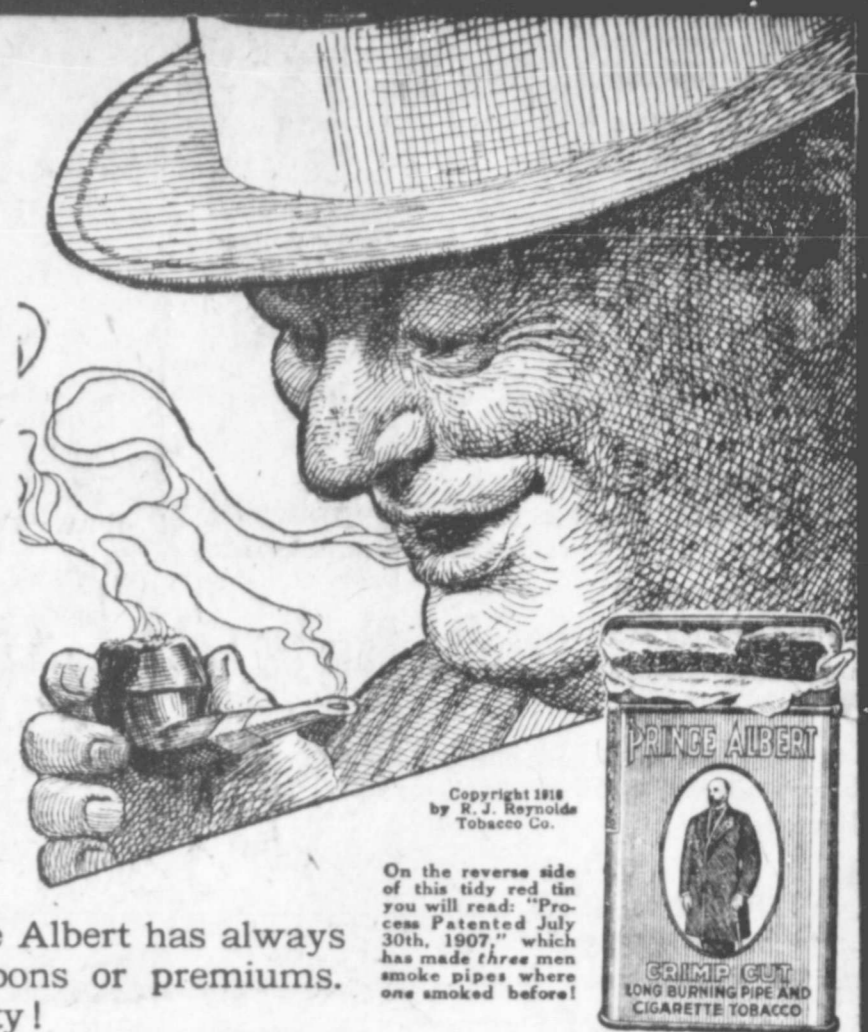
We are strong believers in the operation of road drags at the earliest possible moment after every little shower, and we further believe that if such a policy of dragging roads is adopted, the maintenance cost on such roads in the precinct will greatly decrease. At present there are sections of the roads leading from here to Tye which is in bad condition. These roads have recently been graded with fine grades, but four or five light showers have fallen on various parts of the road at various times, until now (well, go ride over the road and see for yourself).

The Mail is not taking any fancy shots at present Commissioner Lassiter, for his work in improving road conditions in this precinct is commendable. He has also been instrumental in starting a greater interest in road

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All bright new merchandise, no old junk to work off. Rest assured when trading with us that no old bankrupt stock ever enters our door, as we consider them high at any price, as we have found our customers want the very best, newest, up-to-date goods obtainable.

## A Glance at Our Prices Will Convince You

That we have taken care to have the price even though there has been a great advance in merchandise



### OUR READY-TO-WEAR DEPARTMENT

Is gradually growing bigger and bigger with every express from the New York markets and when completed we hope to make the best showing ever made in Merkel in this line. We have waited to the last in this line so that we knew the styles were correct before we had them shipped out. We are showing some pretty dresses in serges and taffetas at the remarkable low price of \$15.00. Other all wool serge combinations at \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$10.00. Beautiful georgette crepe waists in all colors from \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5, \$5.50. Many beautiful things in Crepe De Chine and wash taffeta waists, with a range of colors, in price from \$2.75, \$3 and up to \$5. We are making an extremely good showing in all wool skirts, all colors, in Poplin, Serges and Gaberdines, ranging in price from \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50, \$5, and \$5.50. A FULL LINE TO SELECT FROM

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### Staple Department

One lot best grade calico, well worth today 7½c, our price only, per yard.....5c  
 One lot best grade fast color percale, 36 inches wide, well worth today 12½c, our price only, per yard.....10c  
 One lot best grade gingham in solids, plaids, checks, and stripes, well worth today 12½c, our price per yd 10c  
 One lot cotton checks, in plaids and stripes, suitable for quilting, well worth per yd 5c, our price only, per yd 4c  
 One lot best grade cheviots in solid colors only, well worth 12½c, our price per yard only.....8½c  
 One lot light colored outings, full width goods and a hummer at 10c, our price only, per yard.....8½c  
 One lot best grade Amoskeag outing in solids, plaids, stripes and small checks, well worth 12½c, our price as long as this lot lasts, at per yard, only.....10c  
 One lot LL Brown Domestic, 36 inch goods, well worth today 8½c, our price, per yard only.....6c  
 One lot 36 inch Sea Island domestic, well worth today 12½c, our price, per yard, only.....8½c  
 Best grade heavy brown canton flannel, per yd, only 10c

### Our Dress Goods Dept

Is complete in its fullness and you will find your shopping made easy in this line, as we are showing a wonderful line of taffetas, crepe de chine, georgette crepes and wash silks in all the leading shades, stripes, plaids, etc., ranging in price from 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00 per yard. Wonderful line of woolens in serges, broad cloths, gaberdines, poplins, granite cloth, in prices from 50c, 65c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and up to \$4.00 per pard. The above goods in all the leading shades and colors. We have a well assorted stock of blankets in all the beautiful plaids and solids, colors, ranging in price from 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and up to the better grade woolen blankets and \$7.50 and \$8.00. An early purchase in this line gives us practically the same old prices that have prevailed the past two years. Don't forget we are still selling our overalls in blues and express stripes at the old price of, per garment \$1. One lot men's heavy ribbed, two-piece underwear, per garment, only.....45c

When hungry think of our grocery department, all new, clean goods, and a glance at our prices in this line will show you a saving of from 20 to 25 per cent on your fall grocery bill

100 pounds Myers Model Flour	-	\$3.50
100 pounds Light Crust Flour	-	4.00
One sack best Pearl Meal	-	85c
One 25 lb. sack best Eagle Brand Sugar	-	1.90

1 10-pound bucket best compound lard	1.25
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MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

### Miscellaneous Shower

Honoring Miss Carrol Rister the bride-elect of the week Misses Maud Martin, Faye Allen, Mary Reed and Miss Robt. Hicks entertained in the home of the latter Monday afternoon from four to six with a miscellaneous shower.

Six tables were arranged for forty two in this cozy little cottage which was opened socially for the first time by its young mistress herself one of the season's brides. After six games played progressively toasts were given "to the Bride" to the Groom" and "The Girls left Behind" responded to by Miss Evelyn Williams, Mrs. W. Parten and Miss Faye Allen.

Refreshments of punch and sandwiches were served.

Many dainty articles were showered upon the popular young lady the same being on display in the dining room.

The names in the guest book which were written upon each ones arrival read as follows, Mrs. G. A. Rister, Miss Manne Rister and Mrs. Jas. H. West mother and sisters of the honor guest, Mesdames H C and G F West, H C Burroughs Jr. Ernest Rogers, Vol Martin, Clayton Brown, T L Grimes, W Parten, L B Howard, W E Britian, L W Woodroof, H C Burroughs Sr., and B A Walters, Misses Genevieve Rust, Maggie Wheeler, Bess Touchstone, Mary Garvin, Almeda Harris, Jesse Sutphen, Evelyn Williams, Winnie Warren Mabel Collins and the hostess.

### Rister-Shaffer

The first early autumn wedding among Merkel's young people was solemnized Tuesday at 9:30, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rister, where their daughter, Lena Carroll, was married to Dr. O. J. Shaffer. A number of friends and relatives gathered for the ceremony and these mingled in an informal way before the ceremony, during which time Mrs. Robt. Hicks presided at the punch bowl.

As Rev. H. E. Bullock took his place in the corner of the parlor decorated with pot plants and flowers where the bridal party would stand, Mrs. L. B. Howard began singing "With The Breath of Roses." At the song's end, to Mendelssohn's Wedding March, the groom with Mr. Ennis Grimes and the bride with Miss Mary Reed of Hillsboro met in front of the waiting minister. A brief simple ring ceremony united the destinies of these two.

The bride was most becomingly dressed in a coat dress of bottle green crepe de chine, with hat to match, while her maid's dress of similar style was in navy blue of georgette crepe and taffeta. The bride's bouquet was of white chrysanthemums and Miss Reed's of pink.

Again in this wedding is there a culmination of school-day romance.

The bride, who is a young lady of many accomplishments, is admirably fitted to become the wife and mistress of a home, while Dr. Shaffer, since his completion of the high school here, has made a most splendid record in his chosen profession, that of dentistry. It would seem these two have a most promising future, which their friends would like to have proven a reality.

These young people will be in Merkel for almost a month, after which they will go to Atlanta, Ga., where they will spend the winter.

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The King's Daughters of the M. E. S. School met in regular session Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Geo. Brown. It being the time for the election of officers, Mrs. T. A. Johnson was elected president, Mrs. Lee Cox secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider press Reporter, Mrs. R. A. Martin teacher, Mesdames Geo. Brown and Will Hutchison associate teachers.

After the business session a pleasant social hour was spent. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Miss Mary Garvin.

### Are You Looking Old?

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The Vision of Peter, Act 10:9-16.—Holland Teaff.  
Music.—Lula Sharp.  
Peter goes to Caesarea, Act. 10: 17-24.—Mr. Porter.  
Peter and Cornelius, Act 10:25-33.—Winnie Warren.  
Peter's Sermon, Act. 10:34-43.—Hugh Owen.  
The Gift of the Holy Spirit, Act 10:44-48.—Dr. Pue.

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## ADVANCE STYLES SEEN IN THE SHOPS

### Dresses of Satin and Figured Silks Reflect the Mode of the Moment. Striking Waists of Striped Silks

New York, August 22.—More than half the summer is already gone and interest being turned to darker and heavier dresses and hats. In both of these there is much to attract the attention of those on the lookout for new ideas in dress.

A visit to the best shops shows many distinct styles on display. What is really most striking is the number of one piece frocks and the large variety of them. Some are of serge and light woollens, others are of satin or silk, according to the requirements of the woman must have her wardrobe stocked with a dress for every occasion. In dark dresses the navy blue serge is to be counted on again. Women never seem to tire of it; for it has so many qualities which make it too good to give up, and no satisfactory substitute has ever been found for it. White serges there are also, and they are truly fascinating.

Sleeves are long and some collars are high though the becoming sailor collar is still retained in many models. The skirts are full, the fullness being arranged in gathers, side pleats or stitched box pleats. There have been rumors also of the accordion pleated skirt coming in again.

A number of the new hats are in that most rich and wonderful color, royal and purple. The material is velvet or satin or both combined. Another new color for hats is ruby red. Topping a black or navy blue costume one of these spots of color gives a most striking and smart effect.

But let us come back to the styles that are worn just at present.

### The Dress of The Moment

If one judges by popularity, the dress of the moment is of satin or figured silk. Gathers and pleats, long tunics and interesting collars are the features that attract most attention in the present models. Gathered skirts are not new it is not true, but when all the gathering is placed at the sides below the hip line and finished with a heading, beneath which are pockets, we

have to admit that this is a novel way of handling gathers. This treatment is shown here in an illustration. The dress referred to has the waist cleverly designed to harmonize with the skirt, for the lines on either side of the white vest would continue down to meet those on the skirt were it not for the soft girdle that comes between them.

Designers are making a strong point of the long tunic again and in many models they hang in several points, as in the dress illustrated here. Full and pleated at the waist, it hangs softly over the foundation skirt. As if to balance the ripples on the skirt, a large cape like collar is placed over the shoulder of this model dress.

The cape collar is still with us, among the many other dainty collars which are particularly noticeable on dresses and waists. Some of the collars extend almost, if not precisely, down to the waist line in the back, and those that are not quite so long manage to get the desired length by the addition of a circular ruffle or gathered frill. Still another favorite type of collar is short in the back and very low cut and points in front—quite the reverse of the other style. The edges are bound or scalloped, or finished with picot edging. Certainly, the collars this season are as varied and graceful as possible.

They are quite irresistible in Georgette crepe, chiffon or organdy.

### Some New Waists

The shops are showing some very striking silk waists, very colorful and most attractive. These are for wear with tailored skirts for they are decidedly of the tailored type. The silk is striped with heavy wide stripes, sometimes combined with narrow ones. But it is chiefly in the color combinations that the attraction of these new waists lies. Light backgrounds of pink or cream and pale blue will have strong vivid stripes brought out on them. White silk collars and cuffs and large pearl buttons finish these waists.

### Cotton High at Trent

C. T. Becham said Wednesday afternoon that he sold cotton higher than he ever sold it during his experience in the cotton business.

Mr. Becham marketed the cotton and seed and after the ginning was paid received \$106.40, truly good money for the staple. This however, does not reach the mark Uncle Dan Matthews of Nubia set, when he sold a bale at Merkel for \$121.25.

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by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation is taken out and this tub restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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### Get a Bottle Today!

### Largest Cattle Away

The Largest Blue Ribbon Herd of cattle were shipped Wednesday to Amarillo where they will be exhibited at the panhandle fair. Will-Jo Largent is in charge and stated that he would not return until after the Dallas Fair.

Following the Panhandle Fair the herd will be taken to Midland, Oklahoma and other points.

### Notice

Hereafter, Merkel cream station will receive cream only on Friday and Saturday, cream now worth 25c per pound butterfat, bring me your cream, correct weights and test guaranteed.

E. F. Stanley, Agt. St2pd.



FOR RENT—Six rooms, bath and sleeping porch at my home. See me quick. J W Daniel.

FOR SALE—Five-room house on South Rose Street. Good terms. Robert Hicks. 23tf.

FOR SALE—Good phaeton and harness at a bargain. See Dr. Williams or G. F. West. 26t4

FOR SALE.—5 room house with 3 porches, well, windmill, running water in house, an cistern. South west part town, near school. \$800.00 terms. S. D. Russell. 8t4pd.

FOR SALE—Pair of young mares, some young mules and my farm. Chas. Beard. 2tpd

FOR SALE.—300 acres land 9 miles south of Merkel. Dem Rust. 8tf

FOR SALE.—80 acres land close to Merkel; 60 acres good land in cultivation, balance grass land. 3-room house, good well water. A bargain if sold in 30 days. J. H. Craig, Owner, Merkel, Texas. 8t3pd

FOR SALE or TRADE.—A 5 room house on Rose street. Apply at E. E. Britains or phone 97. 1t.

FOR SALE.—A home in Merkel. Dem Rust.

### Advertised Letters.

Brown, Mrs. Ora  
Brown, Mrs. D. M.  
Cox, Oscar  
Graffand, S. J.  
Hill, R. S. W.  
Rudd, Earnest

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Sept. 20th, 1916.  
H. C. Williams, P. M.  
Merkel, Texas

### W. B. Alsbrook Back

W. B. Alsbrook was very much at home here this week when he returned for a business visit. He is living at Cisco now but Merkel never fails to be more like home to him than any other place in the world.

### PROFESSIONAL

**O. F. McMASTER**  
DENTIST  
Office Phone 154  
Over Woodroofs Store

**O. J. SHAFFER**  
DENTIST  
Telephone No. 291  
Office over City Barber Shop

**DOCTOR MILLER**  
Physician and Surgeon  
Over Woodroofs Store

**W. W. WHEELER**  
Real Estate, Fire, Accident and Tornado  
Insurance Agent  
Notary Public.  
Office over Farmers State Bank

**C. D. MIMS**  
Attorney-At Law  
General Practice and Collections  
Land Title Work a Speciality  
Office over Farmers State Bank.

**G. W. JOHNSON**  
Insurance, Notary  
Public  
Office over Woodroof Bros.  
Store  
Merkel — Texas

### SHAVING AND BATH PARLORS

The most Up-to-Date  
SHOP IN MERKEL  
**CITY BARBER SHOP**  
WEST & PATE : : Proprietors

**W. U. W.**  
Merkel Camp No. 719 meets  
second and fourth Friday nights  
of each month.  
T. F. Compton, C. C.  
S. Hamilton, Clerk

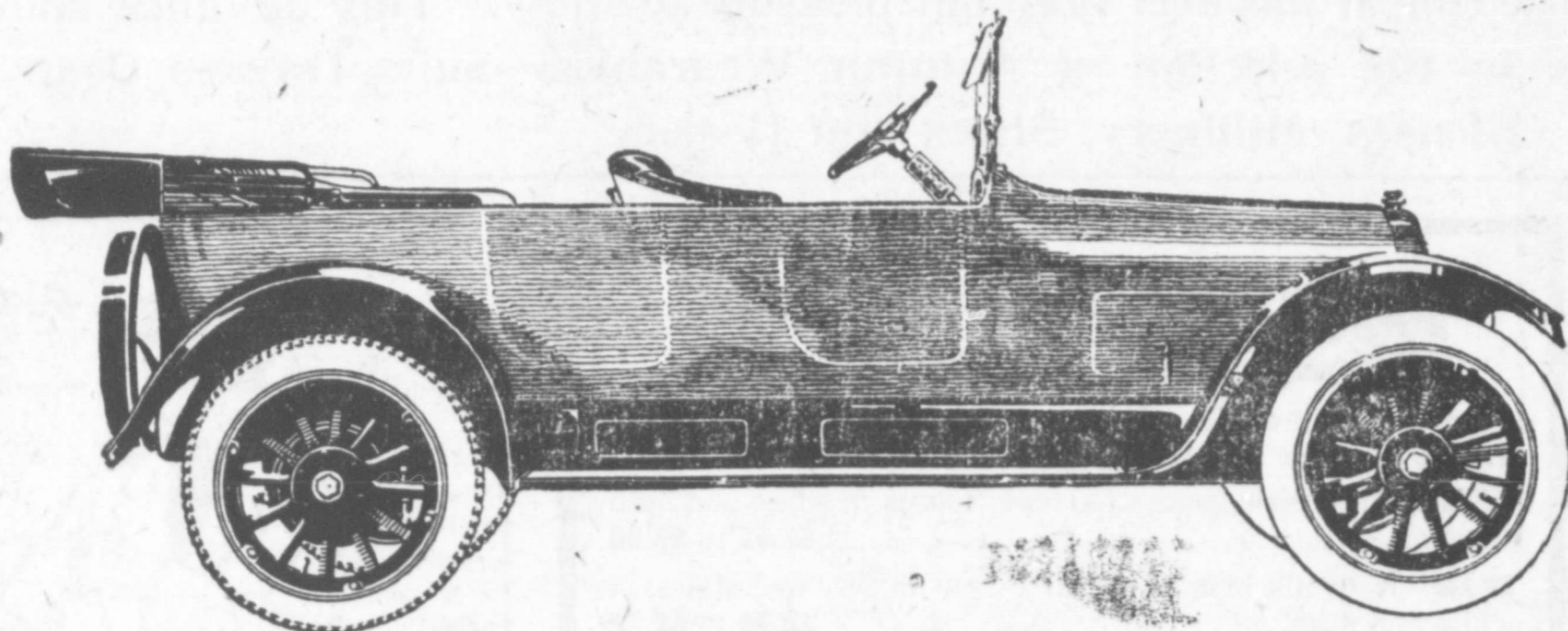


### WHEN YOU SERVE ICED COFFEE

or tea or any other cold beverage add safety to its goodness by using our ice to do the cooling. Put the ice right in with the liquid. It's perfectly safe to do so. Something that cannot be said about all kinds of ice.

### Warren Brothers

**Ladies Free Rest Room**  
Ladies don't fail to take advantage of the Rest Room when in Merkel. It is free to you to use at any time you are in Merkel. Side entrance to Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.



## Two New Values

**The Four**      **\$795**  
 Model 85-4  
*J. O. B. Toledo*  
 35 horsepower en bloc motor  
 112 inch wheelbase  
 32 x 4 inch tires non-skid, rear  
 Cantilever rear springs  
 Auto-Lite starting and lighting  
 Vacuum tank fuel feed  
 Gasoline tank in rear with gauge  
 Electric control switches on steering column

**The Six**      **\$925**  
 Model 85-6  
*J. O. B. Toledo*  
 35-40 horsepower en bloc motor  
 116 inch wheelbase  
 32 x 4 inch tires non-skid, rear  
 Cantilever rear springs  
 Auto-Lite starting and lighting  
 Vacuum tank fuel feed  
 Gasoline tank in rear with gauge  
 Electric control switches on steering column

## What 1000 Cars a Day Make Possible

**T**HESE two latest Overland developments again emphasize the enormous economy of enormous production.

1000 a day of cars of this size and class is more than double the production of any other manufacturer.

1000 cars a day permit the use of materials of a much higher quality.

1000 cars a day permit many additional manufacturing economies; many additional purchase savings.

1000 cars a day enforce an accuracy of workmanship which smaller productions of cars in the same price range neither permit nor require.

1000 cars a day make possible better, larger, much more comfortable cars than have ever before been possible at anywhere near these prices.

This newest Overland is the largest Four ever offered for so low a price.

In the first place, note the longer wheel base—112 inches.

The en bloc 35 horsepower motor which has made the Overland famous is continued.

True—it is perfected even more and now it is a fitting climax of the experience obtained from a quarter of a million of these Overland motors in daily use.

Shock absorbing cantilever type rear springs are a big and important improvement.

The gasoline tank placed in the rear is another improvement. The vacuum system insuring a steady, even gasoline flow at all times is still another improvement.

The famous and complete Auto-Lite electric starting and lighting equipment is furnished.

All electric switches are on the steering column—right within reach.

The artistically designed streamline body with one-piece cowl makes this car one of America's most attractive models.

Yet the price of this, our greatest four cylinder value, is less than any car of its size ever sold for before—\$795.

No less a pace-maker is the newest Overland Six.

Here is the Six of Sixes! A snappy five passenger, long stroke 40 horsepower model—easy to handle, light, economical, mighty comfortable, having all the advantages of higher priced sixes, yet it comes absolutely complete at a lower price than any other Six of its size.

Its smart body design is long and low—having lines of artistic simplicity.

And the motor! This will warm the heart of every six cylinder enthusiast in the country.

You've heard all about fast get-aways—smoothness—crawling and climbing on high. This Six does all that and then some!

The wheel base is 116 inches. It has the cantilever springs and even-flow vacuum system with the gas tank in rear.

The tires are four-inch. It has the complete Auto-Lite electric starting and lighting equipment with all switches on the steering column.

Some Six! Yet the price is lower than any other six of its size—\$925.

But come in and see these new models. Go over them—note all the very real and important improvements.

We are ready to make demonstrations of both models now.

FULWILER ELECTRIC COMPANY

IRA ARMSTRONG, Demonstrator

The Willys-Overland Company, Toledo, Ohio

### Aviator To Be At Abilene

Fred DeKor a Frenchman has been contracted with, to give aerial exhibitions daily at the Abilene Fair and from all accounts this will be a free attraction only exceeded at one other Fair in Texas and that at Dallas when Art Smith did "fool stunts" before thousands.

The DeKor is said to do about all that Art Smith ever did and has added a few of his own tricks. He flies up side down in his tractor biplane, loops to loop, does the wiggle woggle or something like that. Anyway its going to be a free attraction worth while and the Abilene Fair is where it can be seen.

### Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy

This is a medicine that every family should be provided with. Colic and diarrhoea often come on suddenly and often come on suddenly and it is of the greatest importance that they be treated promptly. Consider the suffering that must be endured until a physician arrives or medicine can be obtained. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has a reputation second to none for the quick relief which it affords. Obtainable everywhere.

### Superintendent Parker Arrived

Superintendent R. M. Parker and Mrs. Parker arrived here Thursday morning, this week, from Bonham and hereafter Mr. Parker will make his home in Merkel and is now preparing to arrange for the opening term of school on the 18th.

### Constipation the father of Many Ills

Of the numerous ills that affect humanity a large share start with constipation. Keep your bowels regular and the ill may be avoided. When a laxative is needed take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. Obtainable everywhere.

### Run Over By Auto

Samuel Harris, a fourteen year old boy of Abilene was run over by a Ford automobile driven by Charlie Humble, Tuesday morning of this week.

Two wheels of the car passed over the boy's body and severely injured him. A cranky steering gear was responsible for the accident.

### How to Give Good Advice

The best way to give good advice is to get a good example. When others see how quickly you get over your cold by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy they are likely to follow your example. This remedy has been in use for many years and enjoys an excellent reputation. Obtainable everywhere.

### Mules For Sale

Team large mules for sale. \$250 cash. A. J. Daniel. 1tpd Carbon at Burroughs.

# FIREMENS FALL CARNIVAL

Eight Clean, Moral, Up-to-date Attractions. Merkel September 11th to 16th inclusive

## CAPTAIN VAN CYCLE SHOWS

FEATURING THE MODEL FARM AND THE HUMAN ROULETTE, SOUTHERN MINSTRELS, MOTORSILO, LOUIS KATOOLS BIG SHOWS AND OTHERS

# BIG FREE ACTS

# DON'T FORGET THE DATES BENEFIT OF FIREMEN FUND

HOUSE OF COURTESY

WOODROOF'S

STORE OF SERVICE

# FORMAL AUTUMN OPENING

We announce for this week our formal OPENING for the NEW SEASON. We have without doubt the greatest collection of merchandise that it has ever been our pleasure to show. This advance showing is designed to guide our patrons in the selection of Autumn Wearables---Suits, Dresses, Coats, Skirts, Blouses, Millinery, Shoes and Hosiery



## New Fall Millinery

Everyday new Hats are arriving. Hats of all shapes and colors. Hats for every occasion. We are confident that we have one that will suit you, and we are waiting for you to find it. We are always willing and anxious to show Hats.



## SUITS

We have a complete showing of Redfern Suits in excellent grades of Gaberdine, Serge, Diagonal and Broadcloth in all the new colors. This line of suits is well made and bear all the style points of the much higher-priced ones.



## New Blouses for Fall

Among the new Fall Blouses received the past week was some of the new models in georgette, crepe and silk.

**GEORGETTES**—New georgette crepe blouses in white and flesh color at.....\$2.50 to \$6.00

**SILKS**—New silk blouses in many new models and styles, in white and flesh, at.....\$2.50 to \$2.75

## Stylish Boots for Ladies

You will find us ready in the shoe department with all the latest fashions in women's boots for the fall season. Come in and see them. No trouble to show you.

## Men's Shoes

We have a well-selected stock of men's shoes in all the leathers and new fall styles. We invite your early inspection.

## New Line of School Dresses

We are more than well prepared to fit your girls up with the proper dress for school wear. Ranging from those of the smaller ones up to girls 14, we have complete lines. Gingham school dresses in the new combinations of sport stripes, check and solid colors. Price.....50c to \$1.75

## Buster Brown Shoes

For boys and girls are better than ever. We have them at the same old prices. Better drop in and let us fit you before school starts. We have both lace and button, with white soles. **SEE WINDOW**

## Dress Goods and Trimmings

All the new things in dress goods. Satin faced serges and mixtures with trimmings to match. All the different kinds of **FUR** and several beautiful pieces of checked and striped taffetas for trimming serges and making combination dresses

## For School Girls

We have a beautiful line of sweaters and knit headwear, just the thing for the school girls. And fancy ribbons, too, suitable for school wear.

Lay in your fall supply of the fast colored **IRONCLAD HOSIERY**. None better.

WOODROOF'S



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# CLOTHING

To Fathers and Mothers of boys

It's time to get the boys ready for school. We have the clothes; so stylish that any boy wearing them away to school can be sure that he will not see smarter ones on anyone; and durable—they'll give you a good, long, hard' run for the money you spend.

Hart Schaffner & Marx

put all the style design and skill into their suits that have made their clothes famous. Start right and put the boys on the right road to style and economy in buying clothes. Prices

**\$18 TO \$25**

For the man or boy who wants a good suit for less money we have a well-selected line made by one of the best medium priced clothing concerns in the country. Prices

**\$10 TO \$17**