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Your Cotton given three cleanings at Anderson Gin.....5t2



**THE ORGANIZED EFFORT**

of the officers of this bank will mean for you a full measure of the best of service, advice or co-operation that a modern banking Institution has to offer its patrons.

**THE FARMERS STATE BANK**

T. J. TOOMBS ..... President  
 JOHN SEARS ..... Vice President  
 R. L. BLAND ..... Vice President  
 R. O. ANDERSON ..... Cashier  
 F. Y. GAITHER ..... Asst. Cashier

**GOING FAST**

**Our Cut Prices**

are moving goods out in most satisfactory way

We have cut the Prices below any we have made at any time since we opened our doors four years ago

**For Instance**

The widest bleached bed sheeting that sold at \$1 per yard now marked down to ..... **77½c**

See our 9-4 brown sheeting, a bargain at ..... **57½c**

This sheeting has been selling at 85c

- 40c yard wide bleached domestic **25c**
- 28c yd.-wide brown domestic **18c**
- 25c Fancy light col. outings **18c**
- 25c Cotton check, med. weight **18c**

We have knocked out

**The bottom and sides on Mens and Ladies Suits**

Men, see our \$60.00 value suits **Cut to your choice \$38.50**

Ladies, we save you \$15 to \$25 on every \$45 to \$75 Suit

**TRY US OUT** on what we have told you about prices in this ad. **We Don't Sell Trash.** Our cash goes into best goods of Standard Quality

**THE Brown Dry Goods Co.**  
 Quality Merchandise

**PROGRESSIVE BANKING SERVICE**

**BANKING is OUR BUSINESS**

It is our interest to have every farmer get the very highest possible price for his cotton, his seed his maize and his cattle.

There is no competition between the interests of our customers and the interests of this bank. **OUR INTERESTS ARE MUTUAL.**

We are prepared to grant liberal credits in financing legitimate enterprises as any conservative bank should grant.

**OUR SAVINGS DEPARTMENT**

is at the disposal of any of our customers with the same rate of interest to everyone. Let us explain it.

We are what our name implies a Farmers & Merchants Bank.

Come in and open an account with us **TO-DAY.**



F. C. Sanders, who for the past year has made his home in Merkell with his daughter, Mrs. H. T. Merritt, left last week for Tennessee, to spend the winter with his children in that, his old home state, where for many years he resided as one of the most substantial and well known citizens of his home town. He has a host of friends here who regret his departure.

If the bowels do not act regularly, assist them with an occasional dose of Herbine. It is a fine bowel tonic and laxative. Price 60 cents. sold by Sanders Drug store. Nov.

\$25.00 worth of Records with every Pathe Phonograph we sell. Merkell Drug Company tf.

**FOR SALE.**

The Henslee tract of land, of 700 acres, three miles east of Merkell. This land was bought by Mr. Henslee about 30 years ago, when land was cheap, and there is more than 500 acres of good farming land on this tract. Can sell in one or three lots. Two wells, two windmills, good three room house and barn, one hundred and fifty acres in cultivation. Price very cheap for a few days only. Cash or terms. See E. D. Coats, Merkell, Texas. tf.

Kimbell's Extra High Patent Flour at Bradshaw & Sublett's. None Better. Try a sack. tf.

**SPRINGS—A SPRING FOR every purpose.** West Company. 19c3.



It takes a woman, a woman only to turn a house into a home.

But—there is no store in the land that can be of more assistance in the furnishing of it than ours.

We solicit the inquiries and inspection of women who are particular about their furnishings, hard to please.

**WE WILL PLEASE YOU**



A man won't do it, why should a woman?

**'American Beauty' Electric Iron**  
 the best iron made

A man won't use poor tools—why should a woman? Get one of these famous electric irons and free yourself of ironing worries. It does the work easier, quicker and better. Come in and get yours today.

Merkell Power Co.  
 Phone 202

**YEGGS BLOW TWO SAFES IN ABILENE**

According to the Abilene Morning Reporter, robbers entered the Wichita Valley Railway Freight Office Sunday night and secured about \$2,500 in cash and checks, and also on the same night blew the safe of the J. W. Pool Grocery Store and there secured about \$100 in cash, \$100 Liberty Bond and about \$225 in checks, besides some cotton tickets.

The work is supposed to be that of Experts, and is the second time safe blowers have been successful in the history of this city, so far as police records show states the reporter.

Kimbell's Extra High Patent Flour at Bradshaw & Sublett's. None Better. Try a sack. tf.

Columbia Records and Phonograph, at Merkell Drug Company. tf.

**A FEW SPECIAL BARGAINS IN FARMS**

No better investment can be made. Look over our listings and let us show you the property.

**Bargains also in Town Property**

**Fire Insurance**

Remember we write fire insurance on town and country property.  
 AND ON COTTON

**Merkell Realty Co.**

W. O. BONEY                      WALTER JACKSON



**TURKEYS, TURKEYS**

Place your order, for Thanksgiving Turkey not later than Monday next week, Immediate delivery made, and price right, at W. W. Wood's Cash Grocery, Phone 230 It.

**WOMAN'S RIGHTS, IN FULL**

No more wedding rings; no more adopting of the husband's name at marriage; no more male heads to acknowledge the graces womanhood; no more surrendering of seats in the street cars! Just a glad free world, where all the men—instead of part of them, as now—get on the cars first grab the good seats; a world wherein men will call women by their last names (maiden) and keep their hats on when they are talking to their mothers; where husband and wife each maintains a lofty isolation instead of working harmoniously and in proud accord at that ancient business of bringing up a family, using the wedding ring and patronym to simplify identification—this is the ideal promulgated by a band of militant women gathered in Washington to work out a bill of feminine rights to be presented to congress for action when it meets again.

According to certain of these

Come  Come

# Factory Range Sale

**Cole's Hot Blast Ranges Save Both Fuel and Food**

Fuel is hard to get and is high in price. Food prices are also high. *It is vitally important that we conserve these resources.* Come to our store—we are "Fuel Savers' Headquarters" and agents for the most remarkable fuel saving and food saving range ever made

**Cole's Ranges are Made in all Styles and Finishes**

*A stove for every need. Over a million Cole's Stoves in use saving food and fuel for satisfied users.*

**Buy Your Range at This Sale and Save!**

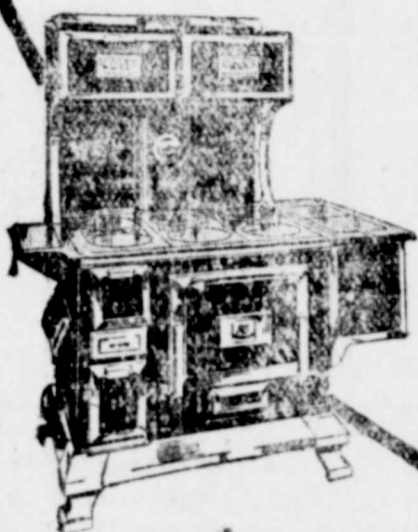
**YOU ARE INVITED**

to attend this special joint sale given by us and Cole Manufacturing Company on the dates given below.

**REMEMBER THE DATES**

Nov. 22-23-24

**WEST COMPANY**



**HOME OWNERSHIP**

- is the badge of Thrift, Stability and Citizenship.
- it encourages saving and economy and elevates you in the esteem of your neighbors and yourself.
- it is considered the best of reference in commercial circles and owning a part and parcel of your town you become more vitally interested in civic affairs.
- it is the foundation of success and should be the possession or ambition of every family.
- helping you to attain home-ownership is our purpose in life.

May we serve you?

**BURTON-LINGO CO.**

"Building Material"

PHONE 74

L. D. Levy Local Mgr.

women the old customs and courtesies which they would abandon are simply relics of woman's subserviency to man.

"The tired business man finds them a nuisance and so does the self-respecting woman."

The list of woman's rights as demanded by the militants at Washington are no more desired by the women of the South than was the right to vote. To be sure, woman has a right to all the things enumerated, but, so far as we are concerned, we'll be hanged if she shall have them. When we reach the point that we consider ourself as woman's equal, when we fail to lift our lid when she passes, when we hold down a chair in the car while she stands, we can trust some strong

legged fellow will end our career by kicking us off the earth—Honey Grove ignal.

**NOTICE**

A FRESH CAR of the BEST FLOUR, AND MEAL, just arrived. If you want good biscuit for breakfast try a sack of Kimbells Special High Patent Flour, and be convinced that it is SPECIAL. The price is right and the FLOUR cannot be surpassed. You will find it at Wood's Cash Grocery. Phone 230. 19t2

**COAL, COAL**

Plepty good coal, thirteen dollars per ton, at Kent street wagon yard. Won't last long. See A. L. Jobe. 12t2

Massachusetts voted on a proposal to legalize the sale of wines and beer and the proposal was carried by a good majority. At the same election Massachusetts gave Harding a majority of 400,000 over Cox and Cox was supposed to be much "wetter" than Harding. The ways of the voters are past finding out.—Ex.

\$25.00 worth of Records with every Pathe Phonograph we sell. Merkel Drug Company tf.

1,000 SPRINGS, all sizes, just received. West Company. 19t3

If you want a nice, fat turkey for Thanksgiving, call on Mrs. J. B. Jones, Route 5. 2t.

**GEM THEATRE**

The House of Good Pictures

Matinee Every Day from 2 to 5

We Appreciate Your Patronge

**Program for Week, Beginning Friday Nov. 19**

Fri. Nov. 19.

**BEAUTIFUL OLIVE THOMAS**  
Whose career was abruptly ended in a Paris tragedy, in "The Spite Bride"  
A most delightful comedy drama  
Extra—Billy Franey Comedy

Mon. Nov. 22.

**"THE RED RIDER"**  
A thrilling story of the Canadian Northwest and the Royal Mounted Police  
**HARY MYERS**  
in a two reel western drama  
And—A two reel Hank Mann comedy

Wed. Nov. 24

**"RANGERS AND RUSTLERS"**  
Thrilling Western drama  
**"MARY AN ORPHAN"**  
Western Drama  
**"CINDERELLAS CINDERS"**  
2 reel comedy

Sat. Nov. 20

**NEAL HART**  
in "Get your Man"  
**RUTH ROLAND**  
in "Ruth of the Rockies"  
Exciting story of romance and adventure in the west  
**BEN TURPIN** in  
"The Harem" 2 reel comedy

Tues. Nov. 23

Goldwyn Presents  
**TOM MOORE**  
in "Duds"  
A rollicking comedy drama  
A Bobby Vernon Comedy and New Pathe News

Thurs. Nov. 25

**WILLIAM RUSSELL**  
in "The Vally of Tomorrow"  
A special in 6 reels  
Big Bills greatest picture  
Extra—Universal Screen Magazine

Watch for the Lost City. It's coming Dec. 8. The greatest Serial ever made.

# READ 'EM AND REJOICE

10 Tubes given away Saturday morning to first ten customers entering our store making purchase amounting to \$5.00 or more  
We will give free one tube for your car regardless of size up to and including 37x5

## Sale Starts Thursday, November 18th, and Runs 10 Days

**SPARK PLUGS**

\$1.00 Champ Plugs, any car. . . . .75c  
\$1.00 Champion X. . . . .75c  
\$1.25 Spiltdorf. . . . .90c  
Ac Cico or Titan . . . . .75c  
Golden Giant . . . . .50c  
Mosler Superior . . . . .50c  
Champion X Porcelains . . . . .40c

**TUBES**

30x3 Red or Grey . . . . . \$2.00  
30x3 1/2, Red or Grey . . . . . \$2.50  
All other sizes up to and including 37x5  
only. . . . . \$3.25  
This applies to any make tube in stock.

**CASINGS**

\$23.50, 6000 mile guarantee any make in  
stock. . . . . \$17.50  
No seconds or blemishes.  
30x3, 6000 mile guarantee . . . . . \$14.00  
All other sizes at 30 percent discount—no tax  
32x3 1/2 Miller Seconds . . . . . \$11.50  
30x3 1/2 Smooth, 3500 guarantee. . . . . \$12.50

**COLD PATCH**

Moco Monkey Grip . . . . .  
60c size . . . . . 50c  
\$1.00 size . . . . . 75c  
\$1.75 size . . . . . \$1.25

**CUP GREASE**

35c can . . . . . 25c  
\$1.25 pail . . . . . 85c  
1 gal. can lubricating oil. . . . . \$1.10

**SHALER GOODS**

\$1.50 5 Min. Vulcanizers. . . . . \$1.25  
75c Patching . . . . . 65c  
40c valve cores box . . . . . 35c  
\$1.50 Air Guages . . . . . \$1.25

**CHAINS**

30x3 1/2 Rid O Skid . . . . . \$2.50  
30x3 1/2 Weed . . . . . \$4.25  
32x3 1/2 Weed . . . . . \$4.50  
32x4 Weed . . . . . \$5.00  
33x4 Weed . . . . . \$5.25  
34x4 Weed . . . . . \$5.50  
35x4 1/2 Weed . . . . . \$6.50  
32x4 1/2 Weed . . . . . \$5.50  
33x4 1/2 Weed . . . . . \$5.75  
36x4 1/2 Weed . . . . . \$6.50  
37x5 Weed . . . . . \$8.00

**REPAIR PARTS FOR FORD CARS**

30x3 wheels . . . . . \$6.00  
30x3 1/2 Wheels . . . . . \$6.00  
Front Hubs . . . . . \$2.50  
Rear Hubs . . . . . \$2.25  
Rear Axles . . . . . \$1.75  
Coil Units . . . . . \$2.00  
Vibrator Points . . . . . 25c  
Hot Shot Batteries . . . . . \$2.65  
Hub Bolts and Nuts . . . . . 4c  
Gemco Trans Bands . . . . . 90c

Wind Shield Glass . . . . . \$5.50  
Tail Light Bulbs . . . . . 25c  
Head Light Bulbs . . . . . 50c  
Head Lights . . . . . \$6.00  
Door Rim and Glass . . . . . 75c  
\$7.50 Carburators . . . . . \$6.25  
Upper Hose Connections . . . . . 20c  
Lower Hose Connections . . . . . 15c  
Hose Clamps . . . . . 7 1/2c  
\$4.50 Dillion Lense . . . . . \$3.00  
\$6.50 Steering Wheel Locks . . . . . \$4.50  
\$4.50 Tool Boxes . . . . . \$3.25  
Large Steerig Wheels . . . . . \$4.50  
35c Shallic . . . . . 20c  
\$7.50 Spot Lights . . . . . \$6.00  
All Tire Covers . . . . . \$3.00  
\$3.50 Front Springs . . . . . \$2.75  
\$2.50 Fire Extinguishers . . . . . \$1.50  
\$4.50 Golden Rod Pumps . . . . . \$3.00  
\$2.00 Pumps . . . . . \$1.25  
\$5.50 Leaver Pumps . . . . . \$4.00  
Rear Springs for Ford . . . . . \$10.00  
Timer Wires . . . . . 75c  
Spark Plug Wires Set . . . . . 40c  
Timer and Roller . . . . . \$1.25  
Fan Belts leather . . . . . 40c  
Mufflers for Ford . . . . . \$1.75  
Exhaust Pipes for Ford . . . . . \$1.75  
Spindles . . . . . \$2.25  
Gemco Spring Bumpers . . . . . \$12.50  
Springs for any Car . . . . . 20 pct Discount  
Rims for any Car \$5.00 to . . . . . \$7.00  
\$3.50 Relay Cut Outs . . . . . \$2.50  
75c 30x3 Boots . . . . . 40c  
\$1.00 30x3 1/2 Boots . . . . . 60c  
\$1.25, 4 inch Boots . . . . . 75c  
\$4.50 Jacks . . . . . \$3.00  
5000 Mile Guorantee Diamond Casings  
30x3 N S . . . . . \$13.00  
30x3 1/2 N S . . . . . \$15.50

1063 South Second  
Abilene, Texas

# I. R. DUNN MOTOR CO.

COME UP WHERE PRICES ARE DOWN

Kent Street  
Merkel, Texas

**\$25—\$50 REWARD.**

Stolen from my Dodge car on night of Nov. 6 a seat cushion. Will pay \$25 for return of same and \$25 for conviction of party who took cushion, or will pay for information of same. Car was cross the street in front of Rose barber shop. Leave cushion at F. & M. Bank and get reward. P. E. Rape. 1tpd

L. B. Scott of the Merkel Motor Company returned first of the week from Arlington and Dallas, accompanying Mrs. Scott and their little son to the former place for an extended visit to her mother there, and to the latter place on business.

Will call for and deliver Mattresses on short notice. Save some of your cheap cotton, it will make you as good mattress, as you can buy. See J. M. Jordan Kent Street. tf.

**GREETINGS—**

To one and all: To those who have been my customers the past season and to those who will be my customers when you know me better, I thank you. I have considerable trouble getting the coal I have bought the past few months, but conditions in the coal business promises to be better so that I hope to soon be able to keep a supply on hand. I also handle cow-feed and will appreciate a chance to fill a part of your wants in that line. To my mind the only excuse for any business enterprise is its ability to serve the public and I am trying to build my business on that principle, and I sincerely hope you will see fit to continue to give me liberal share of your patronage. Again, I thank you. T.J.R. Swafford, Coal-Wood-Feed.

Rusty nail woundds, festering sores, burns andscalds heal rapidly when Liguuld Borozone is applied. It is both antiseptic and healing. Price, 30, 60, and \$1.20. Sold by Sander's Drug Store. Nov



**FARM FOR SALE—120 acres, 80 acres in cultivation, well located, cheap and on easy terms. See S. L. Grayson. 19t2p.**

**FOR SALE—A 4 room-house on South side, close in. Would consider taking a 1920 model Ford Car as first payment. If interested see—S. F. Haynes. tf**

**COW FEED for the cows—New Hulls— Meal —Johnson Grass—Alfalfa. Car of Mixed feed in few days. T. R. J. Swafford 19t2.**

**HORSE for SALE— One bay horse, 15 hands high, 7 years old. Good work and saddle horse. Price \$60.00. See T. E. Reynolds Route 3, Merkel, Texas. 1t.**

**FOR SALE—Have a lot of second hand lumber, sash, doors, brick, ect., J. S. Burkhead, at J. B. Bell's. tf.**

**Closing Out Sale—If I can't sell all my goods to one man, I can sell them out to the people. Come and see me at once. A. L. Jobe 12t2**

**FOR SALE—A good four-room house, located on North side. Worth \$1,000 would consider Ford Car. See J. T. Mullican, at City Barber Shop. tf.**

**Highest prices paid for chickens and eggs on front street at W. G. Runnells Grocery Store. 5 3tpd.**

**KIMBELL'S EXTRA HIGH PATENT FLOUR \$3.35 a sack. Try a Sack, A. L. Jobe. 19t2.**

**FOR SALE—An Army Tent, 16x16, practically new. See T. J. Amazon, route 4 in French pasture. 19t2**

**FOR SALE or TRADE—One good Cotton Seed Culler at a bargain. See J. C. Mason. 1tp**

**FOR SALE—Quick--FORD COUPE. A real bargain. See Mc Donald Motor Company. . . . 1t.**

**WANTED—A crop on halves or regular job on a ranch or farm by married man with family, write full particulars to F. L. Pippin, Rosser, Texas. it.**

**FOR SALE—One mare, one horse and a span of mules. See Herbert Patterson, Merkel, Rt. one. 1tp**

**FOR SALE—3 bay horses 3 and one half years old. One bay mare 3 and one half years old. See A. B. Cranston, two miles east of Compere School house. 19t2.**

**JUST RECEIVED A NEW line of CLOCKS, WATCHES, and Simmons vest Chains at—Wilsons the JEWELER. tf.**

# COZY THEATRE

THE CREAM OF AMUSEMENTS

Special Matinee Saturday 2 to 5:30

Friday Nov. 19 Admission 10-20-30c  
**Bryant Washburn** Snub Pollard  
in in  
"Something to do" "The Swim"

Monday Nov. 22 Admission 10-20c  
**Joe Ryan** Leo Maloney  
in in  
"Hidden Dangers" "Honor of the Range"  
Unaversal Commedians in "Broken Hearts"

Wed. Nov. 24 Admission 10-20-30c  
**Lila Lee** Johnny Ray  
in in  
"A Daughter of the wolf" "Caseys Wedding"

Thurs. Nov. 25 **MATINEE AND NIGHT** Admission 10-20-30c  
**Madelaine Traverse** in "The Iron Heart"  
**Larry Seman** in "The Fly Cop"

Saturday Nov. 20 Admission 10-20-30c  
**William Russell** Fatty Arbuckle  
in in  
"Twins of Sufferin Creek" "The Garage"  
Mutt & Jeff in "One Around"

Tues. Nov. 23 Admission 10-20-30c  
**SOLDIERS OF FORTUNE**  
A real Art Special, from the popular novel,  
with an all star cast

The Gumps Topics of the Day  
**COMING COMING**  
**Wm. S. Hart** Viola Dana  
in in  
"The Deciple" "Please Get Married"



It is a powerful and scientific combination of sulphur and other healing agents for the relief and cure of diseases of the skin. It is especially effective in the ITCHING VARIETIES; giving instant relief from the itching and smarting sensations and by its germ-destroying properties it exterminates the microbe which is the cause of the eruption, thus curing the disease completely. Little's Liquid Sulphur Compound is used in all cases of Eczema, Tetter, Barber's Itch, Psoriasis, Herpes, Rash, Oak and Ivy Poisoning, also for relieving the annoyance caused by chiggers and mosquito bites. In the treatment of ECZEMA—the most painful and obstinate of all skin diseases—it is one of the most successful remedies known. Small size 50 cents bottle, Large size \$1.00. F. DALLARD, Prop. St. Louis, Mo.

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The papers have said it, and many people have told us, and it must be true that some of our dear Southern women are smoking cigarettes. All right, dears, smoke if you will. You have the same right to smoke that a man has, and this is the age of women's rights. But remember, dears, that if we see you puffing the coffin tacks, you will have to wield the lip stick vigorously and artistically be fore we will ever again pine for the nectar that is supposed to be on your lips.

If your child eats ravenously at times and at other times has no appetite at all, look out for worms. Whites Cream Vermifuge is the remedy to use. It clears them out. Price, 35c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Nov.

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

# Thanksgiving Is Coming

And the glad season, when every one is desirous of giving thanks for blessings and favors bestowed. And in this connection we are glad of the opportunity of extending our sincere thanks to the good people of Merkel and surrounding country, for the very liberal patronage extended us since opening our doors early in the beginning of this year. We also wish to say that our stock is larger and more complete to day than ever, with not a single item of stale or old stock on hand, and infact we are better prepared to serve you in every way, and shall appreciate your further business.

## FOR THANKSGIVING

We will have on hand all the items needed to complete your big dinners for this occasion. A special lot of cranberries, celery, lettuce etc. Come in and let us fill your Thanksgiving order.

# Bradshaw & Sublett

### ATTENDS NEPHEW'S FUNERAL KILLED IN FRANCE

T. L. Grimes returned last Sunday from San Saba, where he had been to attend the funeral of his nephew, Lieut. C. A. Grimes, who lost his life in the aerial service of the U. S. while on the front in the World war, and whose remains had been shipped back to the young man's home for burial. According to the Temple Telegram, the funeral took place at San Saba, on last Friday morning at 9:30. The deceased was an aerial combat instructor, the officer who gave those going to the front their last instructions. The funeral was conducted by the San Saba Post American Legion, and during the ceremony the Comander of the local post read a citation from General John J. Pershing, commending Lieut. Grimes for his skill and bravery in aerial warfare, after which the body was laid to rest with full military honors.

Mr. J. S. Thomas accompanied his daughter, Mrs. W. A. Holt on her return to her home in Tipton Okla. for a few days visit.

Bran and Shorts at Bradshaw and Sublett's. tf.

### COAL DEALER EXTENDS THANKS.

Notwithstanding the fact that coal has been scarce and hard to get, we have succeeded in getting a fair share of cars for our customers, and at this opportune time, take occasion to extend our thanks and appreciation to the Merkel and Merkel Country people for their kind patronage and business relation during our experience in this line. And we are glad to announce that we have several cars now in transit, all of which is strictly high class coal, and as it arrives we shall be glad to serve you further. Again we thank you for past business and solicit your further orders.

H. M. Rose & Son. It

### BARBERS ARE THANKFUL

H. M. Rose and the barbers connected with him desire to express their most sincere thanks to the public in general, for the liberal patronage extended us. We shall continue to render to one and all the best service to be found in a first class shop, where courteous treatment and real service is paramount. Rose's Barber Shop. It

### GOODBYE, TENNESSEE.

The Solid South is no more. For more than a half a century the old Southern States stood as true to Democracy as the big dipper to the north star. For many years no state warmed by the Southern Sun and kissed by the Southern breezes gave ear to the vapors of the wicked Republicans and "evening would have blushed to own a star" sooner than a member of this noble confederation would have turned her back upon the Democratic party. But the solid South is broken, and it was broken by the grand Old Volunteer State, the state of Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk and David Crockett.

It was Tennessee that this writer first saw the light of day. All the tender memories of childhood's happy days cluster around the hills and hollows, the forests and meadows of Old Tennessee and the very name of the old commonwealth has been music to our ears. But Tennessee has fallen from her high estate, and not only has she departed from the house of her fathers, but she has shattered the solid South. What must be her punishment? Surely the wrath of the Lord must fall heavily upon poor old Tennessee. Every chestnut crop will be wormy, the persimmons will lose their golden glow and honied taste, the crystal waters of the Watauga will turn to mud and slush and the lustre of the muscadine and the grapes will fade. For Tennesseans there will be no Southern Zephyrs bearing the breath of the magnolia and the jasmine, and for Tennesseans the mocking bird and the cardinal will not sing. The glory of the South has departed from the Old Volunteer State and never again will the rapture that wells up in the Democratic soul light the faces of her sons and daughters.

Dear old State of legend, song and hallowed memories, though we were nurtured at your breast, we do say you ought to be ashamed of your self.—Honey Grove Signal.

Rubbed into the skin for rheumatism, neuralgia, contracted muscles, sprains or lameness. Ballard's Snow Lintiment goes right through the flesh to the bone, easing pain and removing the cause. It is a powerful pain relief. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug. Nov.

If you cannot find something to interest or amuse you in these pages, we want you to kick like a little bay mule. Tell the truth, though. Tell US our faults, not others.

Let Orien Higgins do your Plumbing work, all work first class, and guaranteed. 1tp.

### FOR SALE

Five work mares; 2 sets of harness; 1 good wagon; 2 cultivators; 2 godevils; 1 planter; 1 harrow; 1 mule colt; 2 milk cows 1 Ford Car. See or write J. F. Davis, Merkel Texas, Rt.2 box-31 Located about 2 miles south of the Sears Well. tf.

### GET MORE EGGS—

By feeding "Martin's Egg Producer" DOUBLE your money back in eggs, or your money back in cash. "Martin's Roup Remedy" Cares and Prevents Roup. Guaranteed by Sanders Drug Store. April-15.

Bran and Shorts at Bradshaw and Sublett's. tf.

### BIDS WANTED

Bids will be received until noon, December 1, 1920 for the sale of the building occupied by the Merkel Baptist Church. Bids will also be received for site separate or with building. A certified check for \$400.00 must accompany each bid. If bid is accepted check will be retained as earnest money. Property will be delivered to successful bidder on January 2. All furniture and fixtures reserved. The committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Mail bids to Walter Jackson, Chairman of the committee. 5t4

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## Apples! Apples!

Just arrived from the Ozarks.

Apples Going at  
**\$2.50 per bushel**

You better hurry and get yours  
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Fresh and cured meats at the lowest market price. We will appreciate your patronage and extend to every one courteous treatment, and a square deal.

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# Fruit Cake!

## Don't Forget---

—that we have Fruit Cake, Bread, Cakes, Candies, Fruit, Nuts—in fact

Your Holiday Dinners will be incomplete if you fail to pay us a call before preparing a dinner

**Merkel Bakery and Candy Shop**  
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MODEL C

# Thanksgiving Time!

Our thoughts naturally turn to good eats, turkey, cranberries, fruit cake and ever' thing on this, the merriest Holiday of the year. With these thoughts come the realization that winter is actually here. Our minds naturally turn to good warmer winter clothes, then most people think of The Merkel Dry Goods Company, where their winter wants in Dry Goods have been supplied for many years

## "OVERCOAT WEATHER" ONE-FOURTH OFF

We are carrying too many overcoats and for the next few days we are throwing our entire stock of brand new over coats on sale at 1/4 off regular prices. These coats are the very latest models, ranging in price from \$25.00 to \$45.00 Select yours early.

## BLANKETS GALORE

Wool, wool- nap and cotton blankets—the warm downy kind — at greatly reduced prices.

\$3.49 \$11.98

## ONE-HALF PRICE

1/2 OFF ON LADIES HIGH TOP BOOTS

In keeping with the spirit of the times and as long as they last we are going to sell one lot of ladies high top full Louis heel boots at the unheard of price of 1/2 off. These ranging in price from \$8.50 to \$15.50. Remember this is no fake sale of junk but a legitimate clear cut proposition. We are simply taking our loss, nothing else. These very attractive shoes are shown in Field Mouse, dark greys and whites.

# Merkel Dry Goods Company

### METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The week of prayer was observed by the Woman's Missionary Society on last Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Geo. Brown.

Although the weather was somewhat disagreeable quite a number were present. The program committee had arranged quite an interesting program for the afternoon. Some of the facts about Mexico and the work being done there by the missionaries in the way of establishing schools and colleges and the work being done by the woman's missionary society was the first part of the program. A review of the Vashti Home for young girls was very interesting. How it originated by one woman being deeply impressed by the great need of young girls for protection and guidance till she began taking them into her own home and giving them protection and training, they so much needed. Soon her home was filled to overflowing and larger quarters were obtained. This was the founding of the Vashti Home. It is supported by the woman's missionary society.

The subject of Prayer was the deepest topic on our program and was very impressively given. The possibilities of personal prayer gave us a new vision and encouraged us to press on as we have never before. Family prayer and public prayer were both impressive and helpful.

Songs and prayers were mixed through out the entire program and at the close a freewill offer-

ing was taken, to be sent to the support of the Vashti Home. About \$12.00 was offered at this meeting and other ladies who were unable to attend, sent in their offering, swelling the fund to more than \$15.00.

This meeting was a spiritual

up lift to all present and each one went away feeling better for having been there.

I am now ready to Renovate old mattresses, also make new ones. Located on Kent street. See J. M. Jordan tf.

Fine Holstein Bull for service from a nine Gallon Cow. J. H. Craig, 1 mile South east of Merkel. 19t2p.

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We now have in operation two separate and distinct cleaners these in connection with our Airblast Gins afford the most complete and upto-date cleaning system in Merkel. One trial will convince you. Guitar Gin Co. It

## Thanksgiving Dinner!

On next Thursday, November 25, the people of the United States, the greatest people in the greatest nation on earth, will celebrate and give thanks for having enjoyed the greatest prosperity ever enjoyed by any nation.

### FOR OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS

We will arrange and prepare a special Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner, and we extend a cordial invitation to one and all to come and partake of same. We are prepared to serve same in the regular home fashion, and the cost to the average family will be by far less than if prepared at home. And besides a saving in cost, a greater saving in hard work to the average house wife.

Let us also extend our most sincere thanks to all the people of this country who have so liberally patronized us during the few weeks we have been open for business. Come again, your visits are appreciated.



## THE BUSY BEE CAFE

### BLAIR NEWS

Our community was visited the past week with a rain and snow which delayed the cotton pickers for a while.

Mr. Roy Cox and folks spent Sunday with their parents Mr. A. W. Hunter.

Mr. Roy Doan was in town Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Patterson spent Thursday night with their father and mother.

Miss Alice Fox and Miss Bessie Brooks were guests of Misses Fay and Lena Blackburn Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Sam Horton and son, Morris were in town Friday on business.

Mr. Elmer Patterson spent Friday afternoon in Merkel.

Miss Hester Blackburn happened to an accident Friday afternoon as she was feeding the pigs she got her hand cut badly.

Uncle Johnnie Ray and wife started visiting Sunday afternoon and happened to an accident as their car went dead but was soon fixed and they returned.

Mr. Billie Moore is here visiting friends for the past week. Slim Jim.

### CARD OF THANKS

We are using this means of thanking our many friends for their kindness shown us during the illness and death of our little Virnie. May God Bless each of you and hold us nearer and dearer as we journey lifes pathway. Sincerely,

E. W. TURNER and Family.

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**THE Oakland Sensible Six Sedan** links the homelike comfort of the closed car with the activity and thrift of the open model. No other car, regardless of size or cost, delivers transportation of a more efficient character. Powerful, roomy and reliable, it serves at exceedingly low cost. You are invited to examine the Oakland, now, at our salesroom.



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**A YEAR AGO**

A year ago today, no doubt, I had the fatods or the gout, or some grim grief oppressed my soul, and made the scalding tears roll. But what it was that made me sore, I don't remember any more. A year ago, I wist and wot, mygrumbings made the welkin hot; the burdens I was doomed to bear seemed greater than man could wear; but what those burdens were that galled my shoulders till I wept and bawled, I don't recall: how can one say what chanced a year ago today? Today I'm weeping by the hour; the life I live seems lemo-sour; the governmentis on the blink, there's nothing for a man to drink, the baseball scandal broke my heart, my ding-donged auto will not start. But if you meet me one year hence, and lean with me against the fence, and look me in the eye and say: "We met one year ago today, and you were shedding bitter tears, and had crape tassels on your ears, and sack-cloth on your jaded frame and ashes where your whiskers came; you seemed most grief-stricken man; now, please explain it if you can," ah, who can recollect the woe that jarred his soul a year ago? I have fresh troubles every morn; each hour catastrophes are born; I'd be a freak if I could say what hurt a year ago today.—Walt Mason.

**QUESTIONS for BIBLE STUDY**

Monday November 22 1920.  
Who was not allowed to mourn the death of his wife?—ans.; Ezekiel 24:16.  
Why was God against Tyrus? ans. Ezekiel, 26:2  
Who had been in Eden, the garden of God? ans. Ezekiel 28:13  
What great ancient kingdom was to be laid waste forty years? ans. Ezekiel, 29:12  
Who was as a tall and fair cedar of Lebanon? Ezekiel, 31:3  
When does God require blood at the watchman's hands? Ezk. 33-8-10.  
What charge is brought again st the shepherds of Israel? Ezk. 34-2  
Why was Mt. Seir judged? Ezk 35-5  
What became of the dry bones of the valley? Ezk. 37-7-10.  
How much time should be consumed in burying God? Ezk. 39-12  
In vision where was Ezekiel carried in the twenty-fifth year of the captivity? Ezk 40-2.  
What was Ezekiel's last great vision? Ezk. 40-48.  
How many chapters does the last vision of Ezekiel occupy? ans.-nine.  
How much land was given to the sanctuary? Ezk. 45-2.  
Describe the Stream of holy waters. ans. Ezk. 47-2-5.  
What didi the stream of holy waters symbolize? ans. Salvation.

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We have cut the Prices below any we have made at any time since we opened our doors four years ago

**For Instance**

The widest bleached bed sheeting that sold at \$1 per yard now marked down to **77½c**  
See our 9-4 brown sheeting, a bargain at **57½c**  
This sheeting has been selling at 85c

40c yard wide bleached domestic **25c**  
28c yd.-wide brown domestic **18c**  
25c Fancy light col. outings **18c**  
25c Cotton check, med. weight **18c**

We have knocked out

**The bottom and sides on Mens and Ladies Suits**

Men, see our \$60.00 value suits **Cut to your choice \$38.50**

Ladies, we save you \$15 to \$25 on every \$45 to \$75 Suit

TRY US OUT on what we have told you about prices in this ad. We Don't Sell Trash. Our cash goes into best goods of Standard Quality

**THE Brown Dry Goods Co.**

Quality Merchandise

**MRS. J. S. THOMAS PASSES AWAY**

While having been poor in health for about two years, and a constant sufferer for the past year, and her death not wholly unexpected, almost all Merkel was grieved to learn on last Saturday morning November 13, that Mrs. Thomas, wife of J. S. Thomas, one of the city's best and oldest citizens, had at eight o'clock on the previous evening passed away, at the family residence in south Merkel. Immediate cause of her death was heart failure, of which she had been a frequent sufferer for some time.

Besides having been known as a good neighbor, a true and loving wife, a good kind mother deceased had spent 40 years of her useful life a faithful follower of her Lord and Master; having united with the Methodist Episcopal church South when quite a young girl. And to mourn her demise she leaves a husband seven children and one sister, all of whom were present to witness the last sad rites.

The funeral was conducted at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon following her death, by pastor, W. M. Murrell, immediately after which the remains were tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery. We join a host of friends in extending deepest sympathy to the family.

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

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We always want your eggs, butter and chickens and other produce, that will market. And don't forget that we pay the HIGHEST MARKET PRICE. We have a big produce trade, and will be glad to handle all home grown products we can get. See us BEFORE YOU SELL. W. W. Wood Cash Grocery, Grain and Feed. Phone 230 1913

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Texas Red., stood the winter 60 bushel per acre 1919 on my farm, free from Johnson grass. \$1.00 per bushel sacked. See J. T. Warren 2t.

**LONE STAR PLANTING SEED FOR 1921**

Austin, Texas, Oct. 2, 1920

CAGE SEED CO., Austin, Texas  
Gentlemen:— Referring to yours regarding the Lone Star Cotton seed I bought of you and planted this season will say:— My five hundred acres of Lone Star will make about four hundred bales and so far, all of it has been one and one eighth inch staple cotton. It has made a better yield per acre than my other two hundred acres of Kasch and Mabene cotton, besides being a much better staple.

Everything considered, my Lone Star is making me twenty five to thirty dollars per acre more than my other cotton, grown in the same field under the same cultural methods.

One special feature of the Lone Star Cotton is its short joints, which enables it to put on about one third more forms and if conditions during the growing seasons are favorable for holding the form, it will make a third more to the acre.

You need have no hesitancy in recommending Lone Star to your Texas growers as it certainly is one of the best, if not the very best, money getters we can grow. Its roots go down deep and it withstands drouthy conditions better than most cotton.

Wishing you the very great success in your seed business that I believe you deserve, I beg to remain, Yours very truly  
(Signed) J. J. Smith

Lone Star Seed sold by  
McDonald & Anderson, Merkel. B. C. Moore, Trent.

**Registered and Pure Bred Duroc Stock Hogs for Sale**

3 sows 2 years old, weigh about 250 pounds each...\$60.00  
These are tried sows, good breeders and good mothers. Will transfer papers to buyer.

4 gilts 7 months old weigh about 160, each.....\$30.00  
These are pure bred unregistered

2 pigs 4 months old (1 boar, 1 sow) the pair.....\$30.00  
This is a fine pair, pure bred

30 pigs 8 weeks old, male or female each.....\$10.00  
Sire and dam both registered.

Buy one or more of these for the boy or girl. Give them what they can make out of them and watch them both grow. All offered subject to prior sale. They can be seen on my farm 3 miles east of Merkel.

J. T. WARREN

**HIGH SCHOOL NOTES**

Lucille Russell  
The Red Cross drive for school started Monday. The National goal for the drive has been set at ten million dollars. The students are expected to give their part of Merkel's quota. With this purpose in view school organizations will be perfected. The people realize the great work being done by the Red Cross. Assistance is given every day to at least one ex-service man, besides the ever new local benefits. Students make your part 100 percent.

On Nov. 5, the Second Senior Basketball Team and the Teachers had a hot game at noon. Some of the teachers evidently thought that basket ball was played on the lines. The score was 5 to 6 in favor of the Senior Team.

We were sorry to hear that Mr. Burgess was sick Tuesday but were we sorry to miss our lessons?

Wednesday morning the whispering was going around (and demerits going down) are we going to have a holiday tomorrow? I hope so don't you? You bet! At one o'clock Mr. Burgess announced that there would be no school on Nov. 11. We were glad it was one day but sorry that it could not have been two. The Solid Geometry class came back to the study hall looking as if things hadn't gone well. They had had a quiz.

The science classes are in need of about eighteen chairs to be used while making an experiment. Miss Carlisle's motto is, "If you want anything done do it your self." Accordingly a sandwich sale was held from

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We also have secured the agency for the Acme Graphophone and records and will have same on exhibit at the Gem.  
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**BEGINNING SAT. NOV. 20TH --- ENDING SAT. NOV. 27TH**  
We will make the following Special LOW PRICES

9x12 Gold Seal Congoleum Rugs, regular price \$19.00, special.....\$16.00  
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**AXMINSTER RUGS**

In order to reduce our immense stock of high-grade rugs we will sell for one week only, and for cash only, any Axminster or Velvet rug we have in stock at 25 per cent off.

This means that you can buy a real Wilton Velvet which sells regularly for \$150.00 for.....\$117.50

The very best grade Axminster Rugs that sell for \$100 for.....\$75.00

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If you intend to buy a rug within the next year you can not afford to miss this sale.

These prices are good for One Week Only

You had better come early, before the best patterns are gone

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which \$16.00 was made, which will add to the same equipment.

Since the rain, one morning Mr. Ashby was heard saying, "Rain! Rain! go to Spain, and never come back again."

"Hi, there" greeted one freshman as he met another.

"Morning," soberly replied the other.

"Smatter, have had biscuits for breakfast," asked the first.

"No, but speaking of dreams, I had one last night."

"What was it?"

"Well I had reviewed the Old Testament Narratives until I was simply dozing in my chair.

Then a long bony arm wrapped in white began to write on the wall in the whitest glaring letters. And it said; "English 74, Algebra 75, Science 62, History 49, Spanish 73." Then the hand just faded out of sight. 'Course I woke up. The fire had died down and I was cold. But I didn't pay much attention to that.

I looked at the place where the hand had been. I rebuilt the fire and washed my face in cold water, and got ready for another round of studying, for that's one dream that it doesn't take a Daniel to interpret.

..... MISSING .....

One of my most beloved articles, a history note book, and it had them dates all in it too. I haven't seen it since Halloween did it join the "Army of Spooks" or was it kidnapped?

Some students enjoyed the Cotton Palace and Grand Opera at Waco.

Listen to me one and all, There is a final term exam—

Listen don't you fall

And don't you "cram".

.....

Now you make them all That English, that History, and Math.

By studying in the study hall And steering straight of teacher's wrath.

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Then your Thanksgiving Holiday will be spent in glee

Not worrying over being a bustee.

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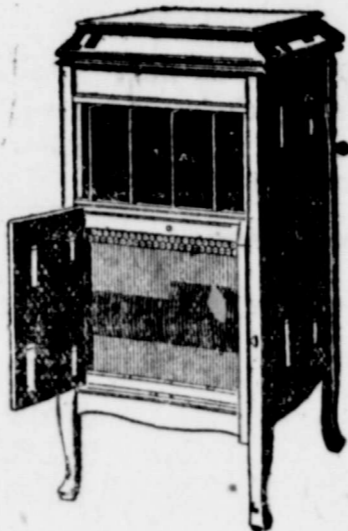
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my land. So I could make a nice profit but guess I will keep it as it is good and well located.

Am getting good rents off my Jones co. place.

We are liking here fine. Write me again when convenient. Lots of wheat got damaged, same before they got it thrashed, so I never did find you any good seed wheat that I could recomend.

People are sowing and are going to sow a large acreage.

Have you a good cotton crop Hope you will get it picked.

Best wishes to all your people and my friends in old Jones and Taylor Counties.

Your friend, S. T. Anderson.

ATTENTION FARMERS

I have just instilled another new cotton cleaner. I now have the best cleaning system in the west. Bring me your bolly and trashy cotton and get three to five cents more per pound. Sample Guarenteed. 1213 F. P. Hamm Gin.

Republicans waiting Wilson's move, says headline. Well when a man really says something, as is always the case with Woodrow Wilson, it generally states the opposition. And what Wilson says will likely ring around the nation. Yes around the world.

25.00 worth of Records with every Pathe Phonograph we sell. Merkel Drug Company. tf.

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Ostometrist of Dallas

Will be at Sanders Drug Store Wednesday Nov. 24th

and every Wednesday thereafter.

Take advantage of these visits and see him at once and be relieved of headaches, nervousness and failing sight.

EYES EXAMINED

GLASSES FITTED

Don't forget after January 1st the Abilene Morning Reporter will cost you \$6.50. You can get it with the Merkel Mail, both for one year now, for \$5.15.

Kimbells Extra High Patent Flour at Bradshaw & Sublett's. None Better. Try a sack. tf.

All sizes and kinds of springs. West Company 1913.

The Honey Grove Signal says: There will be a woman in the next Congress, the second to sit in the national law-making body. Her name is Miss Alice Robertson, and her home is at Muskogee, Okla. If Miss Robertson makes a speech in congress let us hope she will be very careful and prudent and not lose her supporters, as Congresswoman Jeanette Rankin did.

DONT FORGET THE TOP & PAINT SHOP

We have the good, felt lined hood cover, and radiator too. They should be kept warm the same as you. Leave your old tops and side curtain troubles with me And I'll fix them up to a T Let's paint the old cars up and make them shine So the boys with new cars won't beat your time.

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We have five different patterns of top fabric. You can see what is going in your top when we make it. Give us a trial and see.

Merkel Garage

Asouthern Exchange remarks: Farewell, Oklahoma: may the oil grafters give you no peace by day or night. Farewell, Old Mizuora; may the rag weeds grow thick and tall all over your broad acres; farewell, dear old Tennessee; may a new "drive" infest your land every year and your "quotas" always be heavy.

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The Star-Telegram will cost \$10.00 per year after bargain days. You can get it with the Merkel Mail one year, for \$8.35.

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REDUCED PRICES

Below we list a few items that we shall sell, while they last, at greatly reduced prices. Every item is a staple article and will add to the conveniences and the pleasure of your car. Thomas Ford Timer Elevators for \$5.25 Perry Ford Steering Wheel Lock for 5.25 Hand Warning Horn, Less Bracket 2.50 Bracket Type Headlight 2.50 Stewart Motor Driven Horn, 12 volt 4.50 Bailey Differential Ball Thrust for 2.50 Ford Master Vibrator 2.00 Radiator Ornaments .75 Ford Fabric Fan Belts .15 Ford Leather Fan Belts .25 WEST COMPANY

The Fort Worth Record will cost \$10.00 per year after bargain days. For \$8.35 you can get the Daily & Sunday Record and Merkel Mail for one year

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If you want to take advantage of our greatest national prosperity.

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You can't loose, especially if you buy material of us.

Merkel Lumber Co. advertisement with phone number 62 and address in Merkel, Texas.

S. T. ANDERSON WRITES FROM RALLS, TEXAS

The following letter from a former splendid citizen of this community, to the parties addressed, will be interesting to the many friends of the writer. Ralls, Texas, Nov. 7, 1920.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Paterson

Dear Friends—I have often thought I would write you since you were here in July but just haven't.

We have had a long rainy day and is still pouring down tonight, think it has rained at least three inches. I had just got to sow wheat four days; got in 30 acres with a hoe drill, in cotton land. Some have wheat up

and looking nice. There will be quite an acreage sown here this year, as we have fine season now. Had two weeks rainy weather last of October. September was pleasant and nice, infact we have had fine weather every since we came to the plains, except too much rain.

You rember my cotton was hailed out the 18th of June, then when you were here, we got 4 inches of rain on Monday, well we got a big one every Monday for I think five weeks straight, then for three weeks we got a big one on every Wednesday as regular as the day came. Then is tailed out by raining most every day up into September. My cotton looked like would make a bale to the acre easy but the Boll worms hit it and clean

ed it up. We have lots of late bolls but frost has fixed that so I am a man of leisure, nothing to do but sow wheat. Cotton just over the fence from me will make on third of bale. Lots of good cotton in the country, some will get from one half to three-fourths and some say they will get a bale to the acre. This is where it did not rain for five weeks after you were here, and they had no hail or worms.

My maize was fine; my corn weighed but 60 bushel to the acre at town. Price is 50 cents. I got \$17 for all my maize but it is 12 to 14 dollars now per ton. Well how it rains, it is bed time and still pours down; but it is warm and still no wind, just raining straight down. Stock are all fat. I refused \$100 an acre for

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## HER AUNT'S WILL

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Aunt Trimble leaned back in her chair and regarded her niece wrathfully.

"If you persist in your intention to marry this nobody," she said, "I will cut you out of my will and leave the money to charity. Was it to marry a poor clerk that I gave you education and accomplishments of the best?"

"Harry is not a nobody," Rhoda indignantly retorted, "he is a good man, and true. And he will not always be a clerk. His chosen business is one which promises steady advancement. But if it didn't," the girl added vehemently, "I'd marry him just the same."

"No doubt," muttered Aunt Trimble scornfully, "this Harry has not used his dark romantic eyes in vain. But if he were the man you think him to be, he would never accept the sacrifice you are making."

"Sacrifice!" cried the girl, the blue eyes gleaming. "Do you compare love for him with an old house no matter how grand and imposing? Why, I'd be happier in two rooms with my Harry, than mistress of all this estate."

"You shall have your wish then, ungrateful girl," the Aunt said bitterly; impulsively she tapped a bell at her side.

"Get Mr. Timmons, my lawyer on the phone," she commanded the maid who answered. "Tell him my business is immediately important. I wish to change my will."

A man's figure came quickly through the hall.

"I could not help hearing," said a grave voice, "what has just been said. Your voices carried, as I came up."

The young man turned a white face upon the girl, his eyes were tragic. "And Rhoda," he went on, "your aunt is right about my selfishness in allowing you to make this sacrifice. I can't take you this way, dear; I'm but a poor clerk after all, and I have not the courage to face those 'two rooms' of which you spoke, for your home. After all the luxury of your bringing up, in your heart, you would soon reproach me. But, neither can I give you up, dear. Won't you wait Rhoda, until I see my way perhaps to better things? I exact no promise; you shall be free to choose, but—"

The old lady leaned forward, rustling in her silks.

"You hear your lover," she said sharply. "Even he at last realizes the barrier between. You can give him your promise of waiting, without being actually bound. Then, when Mr. Timmons arrives, I shall say that his presence is not needed. My will shall remain as it is, with you as sole legatee."

With burning cheeks the girl stood regarding them both—the trembling old aunt, the sorrowful lover.

"You may do as you wish with your will, Aunt Trimble," she said quietly. "And you, Harry, may renounce me if you will. I have no wish to wait for a more successful suitor—for that I suppose is what the 'waiting' amounts to." She left the room before either could reply.

The man bowed to the old woman in her chair and went sadly down the hall and out into the street. When he endeavored upon the following morning to see his sweetheart, and to make a further plea for her own interests, he was met by the discouraging announcement that Rhoda had secretly departed from her aunt's dwelling the night before, leaving only a brief message to the effect that she had gone away to "earn her living."

The aunt looked white and worn when Harry Amsden sought her out. "Rhoda has left us completely in the dark as to her whereabouts," she said wearily, "but, she will come back."

Rhoda did not come back. Harry's own search for her was unavailing. The girl had apparently been lost among the many brave workers of whose lives she had heretofore known nothing.

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Behind all these is the passing of the home, the breaking of the family circle, gathered around

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