

## TO THE PUBLIC!

In order to reduce my stock of crockery, I will sell a beautiful decoration of the genuine Meakin ware, absolutely guaranteed, at cost for 30 days for cash only.

Here is a splendid chance to obtain the very best crockery at lowest prices. Those who come first will get the pick of the stock.

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### PERSONAL AND GENERAL

Rain fell all day Sunday.  
Lent began Wednesday.  
Potato planting is nearly over.  
Mrs John Elisk died Monday.  
There are 4401 convicts in our state penitentiaries.  
Go to Merseburger's for fruits.  
Miss Willie Dickson returned from Wharton Sunday.  
New garden seed for sale by J E Merseburger.  
According to reports precinct No 3 is without a constable.  
A nice assortment of work baskets at J E Merseburger's.  
The new Lutheran church will be dedicated next Sunday.  
J H Huebner is building a new residence. Wm Lau, contractor.  
Get a bottle of Vic's shoe polish at Ed Coleman's.  
The waterworks have been extended to several saloons.  
Abie Mulkey is coming to Moulton this summer.  
Get you a ready made fishing line at J E Merseburger's.  
Rain fell all over South-west Texas for several days this week.  
Rent contracts and chattel mortgage blanks for sale at A. Grave's drugstore.  
A car load of choice New York seed potatoes just received at C H Flato's.  
Wiley Thornton had his harness badly cut up at the tabernacle one night last week.  
Hon Jonathan Lane announces that he will not be a candidate for congress this year.  
L B Richter is in Rose Bud, and Rudolph Welhausen is in Alice on business this week.



## A SPECIAL INVITATION

Is given our friends, patrons and the public in general to come and look over our full and complete stock of

### Dry Goods, Clothing, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats, etc.

A FEW BARGAINS IN JEWELRY LEFT.  
**SEYDLER AND ESCHENBURG.**

## Chas. Welhausen,

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**HAHNKE & ESCHENBURG.**  
HAVE THE LARGEST STOCK OF  
**FURNITURE**  
IN THE COUNTY.  
Remember this when you get ready to buy.

### THE MASQUERADE

BALL A SUCCESS.

Over Forty Masks—Fully One Hundred People Attended.

As everyone predicted, the Masquerade ball given by the Firemen's Band at the opera house Thursday, February 20th, was a decided success in every particular. The weather was favorable, and, the occasion being the initial mask ball of the season, together with the desire on the part of the people to assist and encourage our local band, they turned out in a body. With the exception of the leap-year ball this ball was the grandest and best of the season. The maskers were very slow about putting in their appearance. Every one seemed to be waiting for some one else to come first. At last the boot black made his appearance with his box and in the usual delapidated attire of the street boot black. He was followed by a beautifully dressed flower girl, two clowns and a sailor. Next came a typical negro sport, straight as an Indian, with "region frock" coat and low cut vest, check pants, 4-inch collar, silk bowler, "billed" shirt, the front of which was adorned with an immense brilliant. George Washington then made his appearance, followed by two clowns who came in wheelbarrow fashion. The four clowns then proceeded to amuse the crowd with various feats and tricks. Two playmates with blonde hair and tanned complexion then came in, followed by two U S mail carriers, who proceeded to go their rounds and distribute mail. One hungry looking man received a package postmarked Corpus Christi. On opening same he found a piece of bologna sausage. The maskers then came in thick and fast, and soon all were walking around the hall. The Gypsy and dancing girls wore beautiful costumes. The hoop girl, rolling her hoop around, looked quite natural and life-like. The five old women and the shoemaker seemed to be the most ludicrous characters present. The comet, butterfly and empire girl, who were beautifully dressed, were looked upon with admiration. The Lily and sunflower wore beautiful costumes profusely decorated with emblems of the characters represented. The characters of a Spanish dancing girl and of sailors were as near perfect as possible. The impersonation of a witch was good. The fruit girl had a basket of fruit, much to the delight of the little ones. "Two little girls in blue" and the U S flag attracted much attention. A shudder ran through the eager spectators when they noticed the slow, measured tread and sad countenance of the Nun, or Sister of Charity, and white-robed emblem of death, with its implement of destruction. It would be exceedingly hard to tell who had the best mask. All were good.

Below we give the names of those who masked and the character each represented.

Mrs Annie Wolters and Miss E Baumgarten; U S mail carriers, Mrs Ed Wangemann and Mrs J F Mittauck; flower girls. Mrs Henry Messer; hoop girl. Mrs Chas K Holchak, Mrs R Eschenburg and Miss Augusta Eschenburg; old women looking for husbands. Miss Henrietta Richter and Rudy Flato; playmates. Miss Lenora Richter; Spanish dancing girl. Miss Isabel Wendtland; butterfly. Miss Emmie Mueller; Gypsy. Miss Bertha Doebler; witch. Miss Lydia Windel; flower girl. Miss Lizzie Valenta; Lily. Miss Minnie Griebsch; comet. Miss Emma Luedke; dancing girl. Miss Frieda Wangemann; Empire girl. Edwin Wolters and Lizzie Wendtland; sailors. Tillie Wolters; fruit girl. Miss Mary Koenig; Nun. Miss Paula Prokitch; flower girl. Misses Annie Lyons and Lorena Ware; "Two little girls in blue." Mrs Maudie Lyons; U S flag. Charles Richter, Frank Neumann, Adolph Herms, Chas Eschenburg and W Zander; clowns. Holt Richter and Erwin Wendtland; sailors. Otto Richter; boot black. Wash Ruhmann; Negro sport. G E Ruhmann; old woman. Max Wolters; country woman selling chickens and eggs. Joe Wrbs; death. Aug Schramm; shoemaker. Mike Koch; George Washington.

The masks were removed about ten o'clock and great were the surprises, loud exclamations, etc. from the throng of spectators when they discovered that they had guessed right or wrong, (and in most instances they guessed wrong.)

After quiet had been restored dancing began in good earnest and such a dance! The musicians seemed to realize that the success of the affair depended on them furnishing good music, consequently each one did his best, and as a result they broke all previous records for giving good music.

Three o'clock! and still the dance goes on with apparent renewed vigor and energy. At about 3:30, however, the participants began to

slowly and reluctantly disperse, all loud in their praises of the Firemen's Band, and all declaring that they had had a splendid time. The occasion will long be remembered.

Among the visitors were Misses Annie Lieck, Lizzie Finkenstein, Selma Mueller; Messrs Mike Koch, Ed Thulemeyer and Ben Kempe of Flatonia; Miss Frieda Wangemann, Mrs Montie Lyons, Messrs Letherman and Knosal of Youkum; Miss Lena Wrbs, Miss Sladeck, Miss Elizabeth Baumgarten, and Mr Ed Wolters of Schulerburg; Miss Lorena Ware of Moulton.

A car load of genuine New York seed potatoes received at Seydler & Eschenburg's.

Our old friend George Phillips, from Valley View, reported the arrival of a remarkable litter of pigs at Tom Holly's. One of the pigs has two heads and another two noses, well developed.

G. E. Ruhmann is now prepared to sell you a Steel Star or an Improved Dandy wind mill.

We are authorized to announce that J C Habermacher and his talented troupe from Flatonia will be here about March 5th or 6th and play "Rio Grande" for the benefit of the public schools.

Joe Machel, a Bohemian farmer living about three miles from Weimar, got on a drunken spree Saturday and shot his wife and son and then committed suicide. The wife and son are still alive and may recover.

Mrs Wm Green has been in Galveston for the past two weeks in attendance upon Miss India Taylor, who has been undergoing medical treatment for injuries received in an accident in Shiner two years ago next July. Miss Callie Hughes was injured at same time. Misses Hughes, Taylor and another young lady were driving, when the buggy was overturned in making a sharp turn to be treated by Dr Buess.