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STATE LAWMAKERS AGAIN IN SESSION

GOVERNOR URGES PROMPT AND
VIGOROUS ACTION.

DEFICIENCIES MUST BE MET

Appropriations and Means for Paying
Expenses Are Now Up to the
Legislature.

The convening of the Legislature Monday, according to the call of the Governor issued some time since, was attended by nothing spectacular. The Governor's message does not contain anything more than has been presented in previous sessions principally to review the condition of the State as generally known, the regular session adjourned without providing for raising funds sufficient to run the government. The message says, "The condition of the State's finances is anything but encouraging, and it will be impossible to avert a deficiency in the near future."

Without repeating all the figures, it appears that on July 31, 1910, there was on hand in the treasury \$1,360,000, and on July, 1911, only \$32,975, a difference of \$1,327,024. This difference was owing to a failure of the previous administration to levy sufficient taxes to keep the State government going.

Immediate and decisive action must be taken to take care of the State institutions and administrative functions of the government. Further the Governor says:

"I respectfully urge upon the Legislature prompt action in the passage of the appropriation bill. The fiscal year closes Aug. 31, and unless the Legislature adjourns before that date, the State will be unable to meet its obligations."

The Governor also mentions the Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Normal College of Industrial Arts and our agricultural experiments. I respectfully suggest that the students of the Agricultural and Mechanical College. For two years a large number of tents have been pitched upon the campus. This condition should prevail longer than the tents take for the Legislature adequate provision for them.

"I fully urge that the Legislature fix the tax rate, particularly revenues for the common schools of the State. The terms of the constitution should be better considered, to the end that more efficient instructors be secured for the children at our common schools."

Subjects treated are asylum districts of Senatorial and local Districts.

Boy Kills Negro Man.

A negro named George was shot and almost instantly killed Monday morning and a negro named Simpson was wounded in one arm and also a blow in the back of the head. The killing and near killing occurred on the Texas & Pacific railroad three miles west of Dallas.

The boy, by the name of Bud Simpson, had been shot in the shooting. The shooting was looking backward toward Simpson. The charge struck a little to the right of the back of the neck, dropped in his tracks and was dead. Simpson then fired once on a negro woman and, running up, struck her across the back of the head. He then dropped the woman and fled.

DOZENS OF FATAL ACCIDENTS

During a Falling Tree and Drowning Each Has Victim.

Dumby: Elbert Roland, a young man about 18 years of age, was instantly killed Monday morning at the home of his uncle, C. H. Hall, three miles north, when a tree fell on him. He was out in the woods chopping down a tree when it turned and fell across his body, crushing him to death.

Temple: Boon Samuels, a youth of about 15 years of age, was drowned in Leon River at the mouth of Nolan Creek Monday afternoon. He was a member of a party of Sunday school children on an outing. He was in swimming and the current carried him to a deep water.

DINNER CALL AT A SUMMER RESORT



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EIGHT ARE KILLED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

MAINE EXCURSION TRAIN COLLIDES WITH REGULAR TRAIN.

PROBABLY 150 ARE INJURED

Cause of the Disaster is an Unsettled
Question. Train With Help and
Supplies Sent Forward.

Bangor, Maine: Eight persons were reported instantly killed in a head-on collision late Friday night between a crowded excursion train on the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad and the mid-night train from Van Buren to Bangor. Fourteen persons are known to have been injured, and it is thought that several others are beneath the wreckage.

The collision took place just outside the Grindstone station, seven miles north of Millinocket.

The excursion train was bound from Kidders Point, on Penobscot Bay near Searsport, for points in Northern Maine. It was late and is reported to have been making good speed when the crash came.

What cause the accident is not known. A heavy storm prevailed and it is believed the thick weather conditions had much to do with the disaster.

Grindstone, where the wreck occurred, is a small hamlet of only forty-two inhabitants, with no facilities for the care of the dead or injured excepting the rough and ready hospitality of the backwoods people.

It was reported that few, if any of the 150 passengers on the excursion train escaped death or serious injury. The regular train was the heavier and ploughed its way through the lighter excursion cars with comparatively little injury to the regular passengers.

DALLAS VIADUCT PROGRESS

The Immense Structure Now 70 Per
Cent Completed.

Dallas: With fully 70 per cent of the big steel and concrete viaduct completed, the building operations on the mammoth structure are proceeding with as much rapidity as is said as is commensurate with proper execution of the work.

The work on the north side of the river is practically completed, the only remaining construction being the pouring of the concrete for the span over the Santa Fe tracks and the erection of the ornamental concrete balusters.

Twenty-six arch spans extend from the Trinity River to the first railroad track. Over the railroads another type of construction is used. Steel girders resting on concrete supporters and covered with concrete give the appearance of an all concrete structure. Some of the ornamental railing has been put in place and enough has been molded to reach to the river.

It is announced that in postal savings banks established in second-class offices up to June 30, \$777,748 had been deposited and \$100,974 withdrawn. The average amount of the 28,974 deposits on July 30 was \$57.57.

Parker County Cotton Estimates.
Weatherford: A discussion of the cotton crop condition with those in a position to know the conditions in this county shows that a conservative estimate places the prospect for yield in Parker County for 1911 at 6,000 bales.

PRESIDENT'S POSITION CLEAR

President Assumes Entire Responsibility
for Opening Lands to Needed
Improvement.

Washington: President Taft has sent a special message to the Senate shouldering full responsibility for opening for settlement and development 12,800 acres of the Chugach National forest reserve in Alaska—an incident which has become to be known as the "Controller Bay affair." In concluding, he brands the now famous "Dick to Dick" postscript as a "wicked fabrication," and says that Charles P. Taft, whose name appeared in the alleged postscript, "has no interest in Alaska, never had, and knows nothing of the circumstances connected with this transaction." Moreover, the President adds, his brother does not even remember that he ever met Richard S. Ryan, representing the Controller Railway and Navigation Company.

As for eliminating the land in question from the reserve, the President says that there is no danger of the Controller Railway and Navigation Company or any other interest monopolizing the field, and nothing to show that this company is in any way connected with the Morgan-Guggenheim interests. Hence he believes that in eliminating the land he has acted for the best interests of the Nation.

"I wish to be as specific as possible upon this point," says the President in his message, "and to say that I alone am responsible for the enlargement of the proposed elimination from 320 acres to 12,800 acres, and that I proposed the change and stated my reasons therefor. The thing which the Territory of Alaska needs is development, and where rights and franchises can be properly granted to encourage investment and construct a railroad without conferring exclusive privileges, I believe it to be in accordance with good policy to grant them."

Eight Killed; 87 Injured.
Charlotte, N. C.: Eight are dead, fifty-nine seriously injured and twenty-eight painfully hurt as the result of a head-on collision between a negro excursion train bound from Durham to Charlotte, and a freight train in the Hamlet yards. When the trains came together several of the eleven passenger coaches telescoped, burying the excursionists in splintered wood. Of the sixty seriously hurt, a score or more may die. Four white trainmen were badly hurt. The cause of the wreck is unknown. The engines telescoped and six of the eleven coaches of the excursion train crumpled like pasteboard.

Lunatic Escapes Penitentiary.
Dallas: Jim Clark, a negro, aged about twenty-one years, probably escaped a sentence in the penitentiary when a jury in Judge Young's court found him of unsound mind. He, however, will be sent to one of the insane asylums as soon as room can be found for him.

Suicide's Laconic Message.
Hackensack, N. Y.: Hanging from the bedpost where his wife had ended her life three months previously, the body of Gustav Ising was found by an undertaker to whom Ising had written, "come up to the house and get me—I am dead."

Illegal Voting Charged in Houston.
Houston: Affidavits by election officers attacking the validity of between fifty and one hundred votes cast in Saturday's election were lodged with the county clerk and it is stated that more will be filed before the official canvass of the vote. Just what action will be taken is not known. In some instances the charge is made that some who voted are not even on the county poll tax lists.

BREWERIES OFFER AID TO THE STATE

CONTROLLER LANE TURNS DOWN
OFFER OF MONEY.

BREWERS WILL RE-ORGANIZE

Demand for Liquor Regulation—To
Reorganize Texas Brewers'
Association.

Austin, Texas: The neat sum of \$10,000 was Saturday offered Controller Lane by an attorney for the Texas breweries, to be used in the enforcement of the liquor regulation laws of Texas but it was promptly refused. The Controller says the Legislature will give him a special appropriation of \$5,000 for that purpose and that he would not think of accepting the money tendered him.

The offer was made by George Clough of Galveston in the name of B. Adoue, president of the Galveston brewery. It was explained that at this time there is no Texas Brewers' Association, it having dissolved, according to Mr. Lane's information, but that a meeting is to be held on Aug. 5 to reorganize.

The offer of the breweries or brewery at this time, on the eve of the special session, may have its significance and possibly its effect.

While there is a demand for liquor regulation by the pros and some of the North Texas antis, who want the night closing bill passed, the Governor will probably not open up that subject at the forthcoming session, particularly so wide as to enable the pros, with their majorities in both branches, to pass the ten-mile law, quart law, etc. He might attempt to open it enough to have the session pass the law requiring the saloons to remain closed from 7 p. m. to 7 a. m., but it would be difficult to frame a message confining legislation to that one law. The general subject of liquor regulation would embrace numerous other laws.

JEALOUSY; REVENGE; FREED

Dr. Alexander Is Acquitted of Charge
of Murdering O'Neal.

Anson: A verdict of not guilty was returned by the jury which tried Dr. J. M. Alexander, a prominent physician of Abilene, Texas, charged with the murder of R. L. O'Neal of Milwaukee at Stamford, Texas, on June 20. Alexander objected to O'Neal's attention to Mrs. Alexander. O'Neal was the son of well-to-do parents in Milwaukee. For several years he had made his headquarters in Dallas, traveling for a paint and glass firm. He had married three times, according to testimony at the Alexander trial, and was recently divorced from his third wife.

Barber Commits Suicide.

Dallas: After telling a party of friends that he was going to leave them and bidding each good-bye, Billie Gilbert, aged 45, a barber, at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon stepped to a water cooler in a rooming-house on Elm street, poured the contents of a two-ounce bottle of carbolic acid in the drinking cup and drained the glass. Turning to the proprietor of the rooming house, W. J. Miller, Gilbert told what he had done. He was carried into a room and died within thirty minutes.

Greenville's Schools Advance.
Greenville: The Board of Trustees of the public schools of the city has set aside \$2,000 for manual training, domestic science and art, to be taught in the public schools of Greenville. The Board of Trustees will add to this amount an appropriation of \$2,000 from the State, and the total sum of \$4,000 will be used in fitting up a manual training, domestic science and art department in the handsome new \$70,000 High School building.

Wichita Falls Line Extension.
Guthrie, Okla.: The Wichita Falls & Northwestern Railroad, headquarters at Wichita Falls, Texas, has let the contract for the extension of the line from Hammon toward Woodward, of the first nine miles of the extension north of the South Canadian River. The contract for the extension from Hammon to the river was let during the past week. A third contract has been let to J. L. McSpadden for a portion of the construction work between the river and Woodward. This extra extension north from Elk City to Woodward covers near 200 miles and will give the Wichita Falls & Northwestern, when completed, nearly 500 miles of main line in this State.

BAILEY INTERPOSES FOR TEXAS FARMERS

CATTLEMEN OF TEXAS NEED
PROTECTION.

STONE AND WILLIAMS OBJECT

Texas Plans to Strike Out Farm
Provisions of Free
List Bill.

Washington: In an effort to save the cattlemen of Texas from worldwide competition and to prevent the agricultural interests of the United States from facing a similar condition, Senator Bailey has introduced an amendment to the free list bill pending in the senate striking out that portion which deals with farm products. There is a strong probability that this amendment will be adopted.

Senators Stone and Williams, Democrats, objected to this amendment when proposed in connection with the reciprocity bill and they may again interpose objections, but with the new coalition in the Senate its adoption now becomes more probable.

In addition to a favorable outlook for the passage of the free list bill, it is understood the democrats and insurgents are "very close to an agreement on the cotton schedule, debate upon which opened in the House last week. Penrose, leader of the stand-pat Republicans, expects to see this bill rushed through before adjournment.

Majority Leader Underwood of the house may hold a conference with the members of the Ways and Means Committee. The House will refuse to concur in the Senate amendments. It is the disposition of the House to wait for the Senate to ask for appointment of a free conference committee, but this will occasion little delay, as the Senate is anxious for action now.

Texas will have two members of the conference committee, Senator Bailey and Representative Randall. A strong stand will be made for the original Underwood bill before a compromise is reached.

STATE COURSE OF STUDY.

Department of Education Provides for
All Grades Taught.

Austin: For the first time in the history of Texas the State Department of Education has prepared a complete course of study for the public schools of the State, ranging from the first grade in the primary school up to and including the four years in the regular high school, eleven years of grades being included in the entire course of study. Another feature about this course of study is that it contains regular courses in the high school for the subjects of agriculture, manual training and domestic economy. The first four years or grades are allotted to the primary school, the fifth, sixth and seventh years or grades to the intermediate school and the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh to the high school. State Superintendent F. M. Bralley says that one who satisfactorily completes this course of study will be reasonably well prepared for the duties and responsibilities of life, and at the same time will be equipped to enter the freshman year of the colleges of the State.

Body Cut in Twain.

Dallas: William Amos, a negro, apparently 40 years old, was run over and instantly killed by a Frisco passenger train as it was leaving Dallas for Fort Worth. Amos' body was several about the hips, both feet were cut off, the lower limbs badly mutilated and other parts of the body cut and mashed.

Mother of Many Children Dies.

Dallas: Mrs. Mary Jane Butler, aged 78, died Thursday at the home of her son, W. H. Butler, on the Lemon avenue road. She was born in Kentucky and had lived in Dallas for twenty-five years. Mrs. Butler is survived by fourteen children, seventy-five grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren.

Railways and Street Cars to Report.

Austin: Every railroad and street car company in Texas will be required within the next sixty days to report to the Labor Commissioner the number of men employed, the amount earned by each daily, and a list of the general condition of their employes, also other statistics. This is under the act creating the department of labor.

Convicted Man Shot.

Houston: E. L. Reaves, a white man who is out on bond pending an appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeals from a conviction for second degree murder, was shot and probably fatally wounded at a late hour Thursday night in the suburbs of the city. George Vetti is charged with the shooting, which is said to have resulted from a difficulty.

Hopkins' Peaches Pay Well.

Sulphur Springs: The cash received on the Elberta peach shipments from Hopkins County up to last Friday in car lots and express shipments is \$52,600. The amounts taken from the growers by the wagon trade from the black lands is not included in the above, but will be ascertained and tabulated later.

WOOL BILL PASSES SENATE

Original House Bill and La Follette
Bill Difference Split, Large Re-
duction of Rate.

Washington: A sort of compromise bill revising the woolen schedule was passed in the Senate through a combination of Democrats and insurgent Republicans by a vote of 43 to 32, after considerable parliamentary maneuvering which permitted record votes demonstrating that neither the House wool bill nor the wool bill prepared by Senator La Follette and offered as a substitute for the House bill could command a majority.

The compromise bill thus passed by the Senate provides for a reduction of the duty on raw wool of 5 per cent below the 46 per cent rate of the original La Follette measure, with corresponding reduction on the duties on woolen manufactures. But Senator La Follette and his friends say the general average of rates in his bill is very much lower than the average of rates in the Payne-Aldrich act and about 13 per cent higher than the average of the House bill. For instance, it has been figured that the general average of the Payne-Aldrich act is 119, of the House bill 34%, and of the La Follette bill 47 per cent.

CAMPAIGN EXPENSE RULING

Pro and Anti Must File Bill of Ex-
penses for Campaign.

Austin: Attorney General Lightfoot has completed his opinion to County Judge Young of Dallas County, and holds that the pros and antis must file itemized statements of receipts and expenditures, etc., incident to the campaign which terminated with last Saturday's election. The opinion establishes an important precedent in the State. The reports to be filed as a result of it will probably have close scrutiny by the coming special session.

It also directs attention to the discrepancy in the provision of the law requiring the filing of reports and that prescribing penalty, but refuses to say whether or not it nullifies the penalty. However, it is not expected that either side will take advantage of the situation and refuse to file a statement.

Found Dead by Track.

Handley: The body of an unknown man was found at the side of the Texas & Pacific track, about one mile west of this place, by the crew of a freight train. The left leg was entirely severed from the body, just below the thigh, and there was a bruise on the side of his left jaw, as if he had been struck with a heavy weapon. Council, issued a call for another election to be held for the same purpose on Tuesday, August 29.

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COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

White Church Items.

Aug. 1.—Our community was blessed with another good rain Monday afternoon.

Crops are looking fine.

Misses Mary Lee and Jewell Hicks are visiting friends and relatives in Merkel.

G. A. and H. H. Watford transacted business in Merkel Monday.

G. O. Cozart and Miss Theresa Watford attended preaching at Butman Friday night.

Cland Demere transacted business in Merkel Monday.

Mr. Hicks was in Merkel Saturday.

Quite a crowd from our community attended childrens services at Butman Sunday.

Misses Jewell and Annie Franks visited Misses Lillie and Lannie White Saturday night.

Oscar Dulin was a pleasant caller at Mr. Watford's Sunday.

Misses Willie and Addie Dulin visited Miss Theresa Watford Thursday afternoon.

Ernest and Marvin Costephens spent Saturday and Sunday in Merkel with homefolks.

Miley Burrus and Clarence Hodge were pleasant callers at Mr. Whites Sunday.

Mrs. Noel and Mrs. Saulsbery and children were in Merkel Saturday.

Clarence Hodge is visiting in our community.

Luther Franks was on the Divide one day last week.

Pat Hutchins and Ray Brown transacted business in Merkel Tuesday.

Ernest Costephens was in Merkel Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson transacted business in Merkel Friday.

Jim Pannel of Oklahoma visited homefolks in our community Saturday.

Lost Chicken.

Community.

July 30—Meeting started at this place Saturday night, is well attended and we are having some good preaching.

The childrens exercises were carried out real nice Sunday morning, a large crowd being present.

Misses Jewell and Annie Franks were the guests of Misses Lillie and Linnie White Saturday night.

Alva Hutchins of White Church community was in this community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks of White

Church were visiting at Butman Sunday.

Miss Theresa Watford took dinner with Mrs. J. H. Ensminger Sunday.

Emmett Patterson and family attended preaching at Butman Sunday night.

The Misses Stanley of Nubia were in our community Sunday.

Pealey West, wife and baby attended childrens day at Butman Sunday.

Miss Monta Whetsel of Riny community spent part of last week with Mrs. J. H. Ensminger.

Bro. Pritchard took dinner with E. E. Patterson Sunday.

Mrs. Tucker of Center Point was the guest of Mrs. Ensminger last week.

Mrs. Costephens has returned to town.

Mrs. White and Mrs. Dulin were the guests of Mrs. Costephens while she was at her home in the Canyon.

Oscar Dulin is real lonesome batching this week since his cats have returned to the Canyon.

Clarence Hodge of Jones county was in this community Sunday.

R. N. White transacted business in Merkel one day last week.

Mrs. J. H. Ensminger was shopping in Merkel last week.

Miley Burrus was among our visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Abbie Sloan who has been visiting her parents has returned to her home in Big Springs.

Lewis Butman was trading in Nubia Saturday.

Jorden White was the guest of Wade Ensminger Sunday.

Misses Addie and Ada Franks were at Butman Sunday.

Geary Daviston and family were in our community Sunday.

Miss Willie Dulin took supper with Miss Lillie White.

Miley Burrus took dinner with Lee White Sunday.

Ethel Coate was the guest of Ludie Dulin Monday.

Miss Mary Grider went to Butman Sunday.

Mrs. Farmer and children were at Butman Sunday.

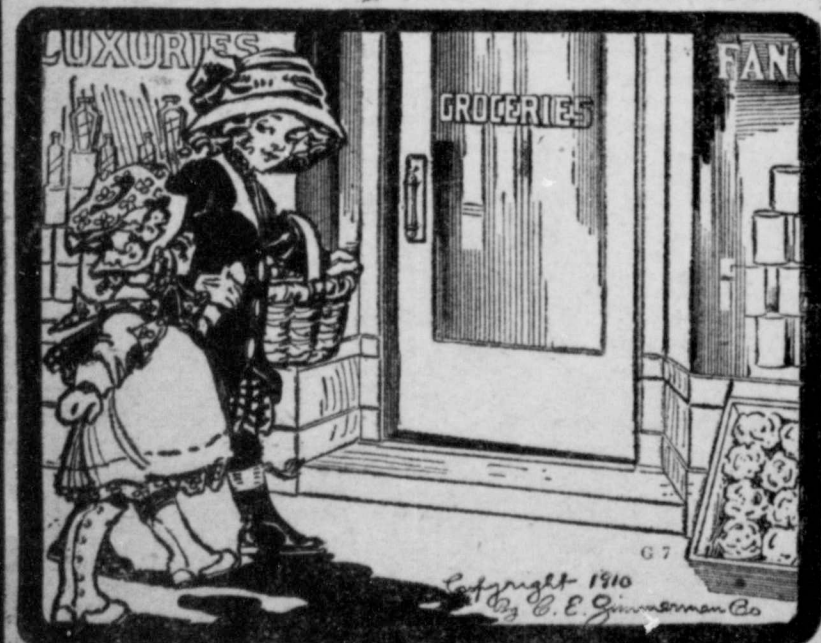
Ernest Moore and Miss Stanley were at Butman Sunday.

Miss Effie Thornton was in Butman Sunday.

Misses Amber Neighbors and Bonnie Matthews were at Butman Sunday.

Guess Who.

Send the Children



WE LOVE THE CHILDREN

Many of the shoppers who visit our store daily are bright little men and women. And they are shrewd buyers, most of them, in their way.

They are always welcome here—and you may rest assured that every attention will be shown to an order forwarded by them—just as much as would be given to yourself. It is a convenient way of getting groceries in a hurry and is used by many of our neighbors.

B. C. GAITHER & SONS
The Reliable Grocers

Local News.

The farmers are rejoicing over the fine rain which fell Monday night.

Mrs. Wat Blair and children visited her father J. S. Blair Monday.

Miss Grace Wood and cousin Ernest Boyd are visiting in Abilene.

T. J. Toombs went to Nubia Friday.

A. L. Stanley and sons E. F. and Roy went to Merkel Friday.

Misses Sallie and Willie Toombs were in Nubia Friday.

Sam Patton, wife and children who have been visiting W. A. Thornton returned to their home in Dublin Monday.

D. L. Boyd and H. Blackburn went to Merkel Thursday.

Henry Randolph and wife went to Merkel Monday.

Miss Nela Stanley spent Friday night with Miss Sallie Toombs.

Mrs. Criss McGehee went to Nubia Saturday.

Emit Patterson was in Nubia Tuesday.

Miss Amber Neighbors and Mr. Bomie took supper with the Misses Stanley Sunday.

Miss Ruby Reid and Bird Hughes attended prayer meeting here Sunday night.

Mrs. Rodie Watkins and Mrs. Katie Davenport visited at W. A. Hunters Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stanley visited Mrs. Josie Clark Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davenport attended preaching at Butman Monday.

Mrs. Bartie Reynolds visited Mrs. Katie Davenport Tuesday.

We are very sorry to say Mrs. Jim Blackburn is quite sick.

Mrs. Effie Atwood visited her brother Dan Tuesday.

Mrs. Ina Patton spent Friday night with the family of A. L. Stanley.

Ira and Ollie Shaffer were in Nubia Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bub Perry spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stanley spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blackburn.

A. W. Hunter and sons went to Nubia Monday.

J. W. Dowdy and family attended preaching in Merkel Sunday.

E. F. Stanley and wife attended preaching in Merkel Sunday night.

Charlie Thornton left Monday for Abilene.

Miss Effie Thornton visited Mrs. John Davenport Saturday.

Master Troy Stanley celebrated his 8th birthday Monday, July 31, with an ice cream supper, all his classmates in Sunday school being present. After they had served ice cream, water melons and peaches they were entertained with a ball game.

The Methodist meeting will begin at this place Saturday. Conference Saturday. Dinner on the ground. Lost Dog.

Wife Got Tip Top Advice.

"My wife wanted me to take our boy to the doctor to cure an ugly boil," writes D. Frankel of Stroud, Okla. "I said 'put Bucklen's Arnica Salve on it.' She did so and cured the boil in a short time." Quickest healer of burns, cuts, scalds, corns, bruises, sprains, swellings. Best pile cure on earth. Only 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

Two very interesting letters—one from Nubia and one from Castle Peak—were received too late for publication this week.

How's This.

"We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. Walsing, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family for constipation.



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Health is Worth Saving, and Some Merkel People Know How to Save It.

Many Merkel people take their lives in their hands by neglecting the kidneys when they know these organs need help. Sick kidneys are responsible for a vast amount of suffering and ill health, but there is no need to suffer nor to remain in danger when all diseases and aches and pains due to weak kidneys can be quickly and permanently cured by the use of Doan's Kidney Pills. The following statement leaves no ground for doubt.

C. D. Phillips, P. O. Box 34, Rotan, Texas, says: "I never used another remedy that acted as satisfactorily as Doan's Kidney Pills. I had an extreme lameness in my back, accompanied by a constant, dull ache in my kidneys and these troubles defied all my efforts for relief until I used Doan's Kidney Pills. I can strongly recommend this preparation for all troubles arising from disordered kidneys."

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Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Swearing.

"How would you like for your wife to swear? Any man who swears works for the devil and feeds himself. A man who steals or fights or commits other such crimes gets some satisfaction out of what he does, but the man who curses gets nothing. You who swear have no mark of manhood about you. You started it because you were a contemptible coward. It has now become a habit with you. Get a kicking machine and break yourself of the habit. Aside from the harm that it does you, you are ruining the boy whom some mother is giving her life to make a man of.—Ex.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity 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.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the postoffice at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Aug. 5, 1911: Hayes, William Nugent, Mrs. M. 2 Poage, J. T. Bried, Mathes Turner, S. P. West, Miss Vernette If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Aug. 19, 1911. H. W. Derstine, P. M.

Buy it now. Now is the time to buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. This remedy has no superior. For sale by all dealers.

WAGONS

Say, how about that old wagon? Will it haul your crop this year? Owing to the fact that we have a big stock of wagons on hand and we want to move them, in order that you might replace your old one with a new wagon we are going to make a price on some of ours for a short time. Don't fail to come and see us while you can get these prices.

2 1/2 Florence, less sheet and bows	\$62.50
3 Florence, less sheet and bows	65.00
3 1/2 Florence, less sheet and bows	67.50
3 Old Hickory, less sheet and bows	75.00
2 1/2 Bain, less sheet and bows	77.50
3 Bain, less sheet and bows	80.00
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Treasury Department of the Comptroller of Currency, Washington, D. C., July 7, 1911.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL" in the town of Merkel, in the county of Taylor and state of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking:
Now therefore, I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL" in the town of Merkel in the county of Taylor and state of Texas is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.
In testimony whereof witness my hand and Seal of office this Seventh day of July, 1911.
T. P. KANE,
Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency.

hereby notified to present notes and other claims for payment. J. E. Faucett, Cashier July 10, 1911. 7-14c

The Reason.
He—Why do you say women never buy votes?
She—Because they couldn't change them.—Princeton Tiger.

Granulated Sore Eyes Cured

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NO. 24.

STATE LAWMAKERS AGAIN IN SESSION

GOVERNOR URGES PROMPT AND
VIGOROUS ACTION.

DEFICIENCIES MUST BE MET

Appropriations and Means for Paying
Expenses Are Now Up to the
Legislature.

The convening of the Legislature Monday, according to the call of the Governor issued some time since, was attended by nothing spectacular. The Governor's message does not contain more than has been previously reported principally to review expenditures. As is generally known, the regular session adjourned without providing for raising funds sufficient to run the government. The message says, "The condition of the State's finances is anything but encouraging, and it will be impossible to avert a deficiency in the near future."

Without repeating all the figures, it appears that on July 31, 1910, there was on hand in the treasury \$1,360,000, and on July, 1911, only \$32,974, a difference of \$1,327,026. This difference was owing to a failure of the previous administration to levy sufficient taxes to keep the State government going.

Immediate and decisive action must be taken to take care of the State institutions and administrative functions of the government. Further the Governor says:

"I respectfully urge upon the Legislature prompt action in the passage of the appropriation bill. The fiscal year closes Aug. 31, and unless the Legislature takes prompt action on the appropriations for the State for the year 1911-12, the State will be unable to carry on the business of the government."

The Governor also mentions the Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Normal College of Industrial Arts and our agricultural institutions. I respectfully suggest attention should be made for the benefit of the students of the Agricultural and Mechanical College. For two years a large number of students have been tented upon the campus. This condition should be prevailed longer than the Legislature will take for the Legislature adequate provision for them.

I respectfully urge that the Legislature, in fixing the tax rate, particularly consider revenues for the common schools of the State. The terms of these schools should be lengthened and provision made for better compensation of teachers, to the end that better and more efficient instruction may be secured for the children attending our common schools.

Other subjects treated are asylum needs, redistricting of Senatorial and Congressional Districts.

Negro Boy Kills Negro Man.
Dallas: A negro named George Wright was shot and almost instantly killed Monday morning and a negro woman whose name was not learned was slightly wounded in one arm and also received a blow in the back of the head. The killing and near killing occurred on the Texas & Pacific railway about three miles west of Dallas. A negro by the name of Bud Simpson is alleged to have done the shooting. At the time of the shooting Wright was running and was looking backwards toward Simpson. The charge of the shot struck a little to the right of the middle of the back of the neck, dropped in his tracks and was dead. Simpson then fired once at a negro woman and, running up, struck her across the back of the head. He then dropped the woman and fled.

TEN OF FATAL ACCIDENTS
In a Falling Tree and Drowning Each Has Victim.

by: Elbert Roland, a young boy about 18 years of age, was killed Monday morning at the house of his uncle, C. H. Hall, three miles north, when a tree fell on him. He was out in the woods chopping a tree when it turned and fell on his body, crushing him to death.

Example: Boon Samuels, a youth of 15 years of age, was drowned in a river at the mouth of Nolan county Monday afternoon. He was a member of a party of Sunday school children on an outing. He was in a boat and the current carried him to deep water.

DINNER CALL AT A SUMMER RESORT



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EIGHT ARE KILLED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

MAINE EXCURSION TRAIN COLLIDES WITH REGULAR TRAIN.

PROBABLY 150 ARE INJURED

Cause of the Disaster is an Unsettled
Question. Train With Help and
Supplies Sent Forward.

Bangor, Maine: Eight persons were reported instantly killed in a head-on collision late Friday night between a crowded excursion train on the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad and the midnight train from Van Buren to Bangor. Fourteen persons are known to have been injured, and it is thought that several others are beneath the wreckage.

The collision took place just outside the Grindstone station, seven miles north of Millinocket. The excursion train was bound from Kidders Point, on Penobscot Bay near Searsport, for points in Northern Maine. It was late and is reported to have been making good speed when the crash came.

What cause the accident is not known. A heavy storm prevailed and it is believed the thick weather conditions had much to do with the disaster.

Grindstone, where the wreck occurred, is a small hamlet of only forty-two inhabitants, with no facilities for the care of the dead or injured excepting the rough and ready hospital of the backwoods people.

It was reported that few, if any of the 150 passengers on the excursion train escaped death or serious injury. The regular train was the heavier and ploughed its way through the lighter excursion cars with comparatively little injury to the regular passengers.

DALLAS VIADUCT PROGRESS

The Immense Structure Now 70 Per
Cent Completed.

Dallas: With fully 70 per cent of the big steel and concrete viaduct completed, the building operations on the mammoth structure are proceeding with as much rapidity as is said as is commensurate with proper execution of the work.

The work on the north side of the river is practically completed, the only remaining construction being the pouring of the concrete for the span over the Santa Fe tracks and the erection of the ornamental concrete balusters.

Twenty-six arch spans extend from the Trinity River to the first railroad track. Over the railroads another type of construction is used. Steel girders resting on concrete supporters and covered with concrete give the appearance of an all concrete structure. Some of the ornamental railing has been put in place and enough has been molded to reach to the river.

It is announced that in postal savings banks established in second-class offices up to June 30, \$77,748 had been deposited and \$100,974 withdrawn. The average amount of the 26,974 deposits on July 30 was \$57.57.

Parker County Cotton Estimate.
Weatherford: A discussion of the cotton crop condition with those in a position to know the conditions in this county shows that a conservative estimate places the prospective yield in Parker County for 1911 at 40,000 bales.

PRESIDENT'S POSITION CLEAR

President Assumes Entire Responsibility
for Opening Lands to Needed
Improvement.

Washington: President Taft has sent a special message to the Senate shouldering full responsibility for opening 12,800 acres of the Chugach National forest reserve in Alaska—an incident which has become to be known as the "Controller Bay affair." In concluding, he brands the now famous "Dick to Dick" postscript as a "wicked fabrication," and says that Charles P. Taft, whose name appeared in the alleged postscript, "has no interest in Alaska, never had, and knows nothing of the circumstances connected with this transaction." Moreover, the President adds, his brother does not even remember that he ever met Richard S. Ryan, representing the Controller Railway and Navigation Company.

As for eliminating the land in question from the reserve, the President says that there is no danger of the Controller Railway and Navigation Company or any other interest monopolizing the field, and nothing to show that this company is in any way connected with the Morgan-Guggenheim interests. Hence he believes that in eliminating the land he has acted for the best interests of the Nation.

"I wish to be as specific as possible upon this point," says the President in his message, "and to say that I alone am responsible for the enlargement of the proposed elimination from 320 acres to 12,800 acres, and that I proposed the change and stated my reasons therefor. The thing which the Territory of Alaska needs is development, and where rights and franchises can be properly granted and encouraged investment and construct a railroad without conferring exclusive privileges, I believe it to be in accordance with good policy to grant them."

Eight Killed; 87 Injured.

Charlotte, N. C.: Eight are dead, fifty-nine seriously injured and twenty-eight painfully hurt as the result of a head-on collision between a Negro excursion train bound from Durham to Charlotte, and a freight train in the Hamlet yards. When the trains came together several of the eleven passenger coaches telescoped, burying the excursionists in splintered wood. Of the sixty seriously hurt, a score or more may die. Four white trainmen were badly hurt. The cause of the wreck is unknown. The engines telescoped and six of the eleven coaches of the excursion train crumpled like pasteboard.

Lunatic Escapes Penitentiary.

Dallas: Jim Clark, a negro, aged about twenty-on years, probably escaped a sentence in the penitentiary when a jury in Judge Young's court found him of unsound mind. He, however, will be sent to one of the insane asylums as soon as room can be found for him.

Suicide's Laconic Message.

Hackensack, N. Y.: Hanging from the bedpost where his wife had ended her life three months previously, the body of Gustav Ising was found by an undertaker to whom Ising had written, "come up to the house and get me—I am dead."

Illegal Voting Charged in Houston.

Houston: Affidavits by election officers attacking the validity of between fifty and one hundred votes cast in Saturday's election were lodged with the county clerk and it is stated that more will be filed before the official canvass of the vote. Just what action will be taken is not known. In some instances the charge is made that some who voted are not even on the county poll tax lists.

BREWERIES OFFER AID TO THE STATE

CONTROLLER LANE TURNS DOWN
OFFER OF MONEY.

BREWERS WILL RE-ORGANIZE

Demand for Liquor Regulation—To
Reorganize Texas Brewers'
Association.

Austin, Texas: The neat sum of \$10,000 was Saturday offered Controller Lane by an attorney for the Texas breweries, to be used in the enforcement of the liquor regulation laws of Texas but it was promptly refused. The Controller says the Legislature will give him a special appropriation of \$5,000 for that purpose and that he would not think of accepting the money tendered him.

The offer was made by George Clough of Galveston in the name of B. Adoue, president of the Galveston brewery. It was explained that at this time there is no Texas Brewers' Association, it having dissolved, according to Mr. Lane's information, but that a meeting is to be held on Aug. 5 to reorganize.

The offer of the breweries or brewery at this time, on the eve of the special session, may have its significance and possibly its effect.

While there is a demand for liquor regulation by the pros and some of the North Texas anti, who want the night closing bill passed, the Governor will probably not open up that subject at the forthcoming session, particularly so wide as to enable the pros, with their majorities in both branches, to pass the ten-mile law, quart law, etc. He might attempt to open it enough to have the session pass the law requiring the saloons to remain closed from 7 p. m. to 7 a. m., but it would be difficult to frame a message confining legislation to that one law. The general subject of liquor regulation would embrace numerous other laws.

JEALOUSY; REVENGE; FREED

Dr. Alexander is Acquitted of Charge
of Murdering O'Neal.

Anson: A verdict of not guilty was returned by the jury which tried Dr. J. M. Alexander, a prominent physician of Abilene, Texas, charged with the murder of R. L. O'Neal of Milwaukee at Stamford, Texas, on June 20. Alexander objected to O'Neal's attention to Mrs. Alexander. O'Neal was the son of well-to-do parents in Milwaukee. For several years he had made his headquarters in Dallas, traveling for a head and glass firm. He had married three times, according to testimony at the Alexander trial, and was recently divorced from his third wife.

Barber Commits Suicide.

Dallas: After telling a party of friends that he was going to leave them and bidding each good-bye, Billie Gilbert, aged 45, a barber, at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon stepped to a water cooler in a rooming house on Elm street, poured the contents of a two-ounce bottle of carbolic acid in the drinking cup and dripped the glass. Turning to the proprietor of the rooming house, W. J. Miller, Gilbert told what he had done. He was carried into a room and died within thirty minutes.

Greenville's Schools Advance.

Greenville: The Board of Trustees of the public schools of the city has set aside \$2,000 for manual training, domestic science and art, to be taught in the public schools of Greenville. The Board of Trustees will add to this amount an appropriation of \$2,000 from the State, and the total sum of \$4,000 will be used in fitting up a manual training, domestic science and art department in the handsome new \$70,000 High School building.

Wichita Falls Lins Extension.

Guthrie, Okla.: The Wichita Falls & Northwestern Railroad, headquarters at Wichita Falls, Texas, has let the contract for the extension of the line from Hammon toward Woodward, of the first nine miles of the extension north of the South Canadian River. The contract for the extension from Hammon to the river was let during the past week. A third contract has been let to J. L. McSpadden for a portion of the construction work between the river and Woodward. This extra extension north from Elk City to Woodward covers near 200 miles and will give the Wichita Falls & Northwestern, when completed, nearly 500 miles of main line in this State.

BAILEY INTERPOSES FOR TEXAS FARMERS

CATTLEMEN OF TEXAS NEED
PROTECTION.

STONE AND WILLIAMS OBJECT

Texas Plans to Strike Out Farm
Provisions of Free
List Bill.

Washington: In an effort to save the cattlemen of Texas from worldwide competition and to prevent the agricultural interests of the United States from facing a similar condition, Senator Bailey has introduced an amendment to the free list bill pending in the senate striking out that portion which deals with farm products. There is a strong probability that this amendment will be adopted.

Senators Stone and Williams, Democrats, objected to this amendment when proposed in connection with the reciprocity bill and they may again interpose objections, but with the new coalition in the Senate its adoption now becomes more probable.

In addition to a favorable outlook for the passage of the free list bill, it is understood the democrats and insurgents are very close to an agreement on the cotton schedule, debate upon which opened in the House last week. Penrose, leader of the stand-pat Republicans, expects to see this bill rushed through before adjournment.

Majority Leader Underwood of the house may lead a conference with the members of the Ways and Means committee. The House will refuse to concur in the Senate amendments. It is the disposition of the House to wait for the Senate to ask for appointment of a free conference committee, but this will occasion little delay, as the Senate is anxious for action now.

Texas will have two members of the conference committee, Senator Bailey and Representative Randall. A strong stand will be made for the original Underwood bill before a compromise is reached.

STATE COURSE OF STUDY.

Department of Education Provides for
All Grades Taught.

Austin: For the first time in the history of Texas the State Department of Education has prepared a complete course of study for the public schools of the State, ranging from the first grade in the primary school up to and including the four years in the regular high school, eleven years of grades being included in the entire course of study. Another feature about this course of study is that it contains regular courses in the high school for the subjects of agriculture, manual training and domestic economy. The first four years or grades are allotted to the primary school, the fifth, sixth and seventh years to the intermediate school and the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh to the high school. State Superintendent F. M. Bralley says that one who satisfactorily completes this course of study will be reasonably well prepared for the duties and responsibilities of life, and at the same time will be equipped to enter the freshman year of the colleges of the State.

GREAT UNREST IN MEXICO

Danger of a Reign of Unlawfulness is
Apparent.

San Antonio: That the State Department is uneasy in regard to conditions in Mexico, especially in view of the approaching general election, is shown by the disposition of the troops to remain in Texas. Two brigades, numbering almost 10,000 troops, will be kept within easy reach of the border for an indefinite period. Extensive investigation is being made by the Engineering corps in regard to the available camps, particular attention being paid to water supply and railroad transportation for the quick movement of troops. There will be a patrol of two companies of cavalry continued on the border and the remaining troops will be within easy reach.

The undercurrent of unrest that is seemingly now to reach all parts of Mexico has had its effect on the foreign residents. Many foreigners are leaving the Republic.

What is believed to be either honey bee or root wilt has appeared in the better fields in some sections of Anderson County.

WOOL BILL PASSES SENATE

Original House Bill and La Follette
Bill Difference Split, Large Reduction of Rate.

Washington: A sort of compromise bill revising the woolen schedule was passed in the Senate through a combination of Democrats and insurgent Republicans by a vote of 43 to 32, after considerable parliamentary maneuvering which permitted record votes demonstrating that neither the House wool bill nor the wool bill prepared by Senator La Follette and offered as a substitute for the House bill could command a majority.

The compromise bill thus passed by the Senate provides for a reduction of the duty on raw wool of 5 per cent below the 40 per cent rate of the original La Follette measure, with corresponding reduction on the duties on woolen manufactures. But Senator La Follette and his friends say the general average of rates in his bill is very much lower than the average of rates in the Payne-Aldrich act and about 13 per cent higher than the average of the House bill. For instance, it has been figured that the general average of the Payne-Aldrich act is 119, of the House bill 34%, and of the La Follette bill 47 per cent.

CAMPAIGN EXPENSE RULING

Pro and Anti Must File Bill of Expenses
for Campaign.

Austin: Attorney General Lightfoot has completed his opinion to County Judge Young of Dallas County, and holds that the pros and antis must file itemized statements of receipts and expenditures, etc., incident to the campaign which terminated with last Saturday's election. The opinion establishes an important precedent in the State. The reports to be filed as a result of it will probably have close scrutiny by the coming special session.

It also directs attention to the discrepancy in the provision of the law requiring the filing of reports and that prescribing penalty, but refuses to say whether or not it nullifies the penalty. However, it is not expected that either side will take advantage of the situation and refuse to file a statement.

Found Dead by Track.

Handley: The body of an unknown man was found at the side of the Texas & Pacific track, about one mile west of this place, by the crew of a freight train. The left leg was entirely severed from the body, just below the thigh, and there was a bruise on the side of his left jaw, as if he had been struck with a heavy weapon. Council, issued a call for another election to be held for the same purpose on Tuesday, August 29.

Body Cut in Twain.

Dallas: William Amos, a negro, apparently 40 years old, was run over and instantly killed by a Frisco passenger train as it was leaving Dallas for Fort Worth. Amos' body was severed about the hips, both feet were cut off, the lower limbs badly mutilated and other parts of the body cut and mashed.

Mother of Many Children Dies.

Dallas: Mrs. Mary Jane Butler, aged 78, died Thursday at the home of her son, W. H. Butler, on the Lemon avenue road. She was born in Kentucky and had lived in Dallas for twenty-five years. Mrs. Butler is survived by fourteen children, seventy-five grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren.

Railways and Street Cars to Report.

Austin: Every railroad and street car company in Texas will be required within the next sixty days to report to the Labor Commissioner the number of men employed, the amount earned by each daily, and also the general condition of their employes, also other statistics. This is under the act creating the department of labor.

Convicted Man Shot.

Houston: E. L. Reeves, a white man who is out on bond pending an appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeals from a conviction for second degree murder, was shot and probably fatally wounded at a late hour Thursday night in the suburbs of the city. George Vetti is charged with the shooting, which is said to have resulted from a difficulty.

Hopkins' Peaches Pay Well.

Sulphur Springs: The cash received on the Elberta peach shipments from Hopkins County up to last Friday in car lots and express shipments is \$52,600. The anti-ants taken from the growers by the wagon loads from the black lands is not included in the above, but will be ascertained and tabulated later.

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

White Church Items.

Aug. 1.—Our community was blessed with another good rain Monday afternoon.
Crops are looking fine.
Misses Mary Lee and Jewell Hicks are visiting friends and relatives in Merkel.
G. A. and H. H. Watford transacted business in Merkel Monday.
G. O. Cozart and Miss Theresa Watford attended preaching at Butman Friday night.
Cland Demere transacted business in Merkel Monday.
Mr. Hicks was in Merkel Saturday.
Quite a crowd from our community attended childrens services at Butman Sunday.
Misses Jewell and Annie Franks visited Misses Lillie and Lannie White Saturday night.
Oscar Dulin was a pleasant caller at Mr. Watford's Sunday.
Misses Willie and Addie Dulin visited Miss Theresa Watford Thursday afternoon.
Ernest and Marvin Costephens spent Saturday and Sunday in Merkel with homefolks.
Miley Burrus and Clarence Hodge were pleasant callers at Mr. Whites Sunday.
Mrs. Noel and Mrs. Saulsbery and children were in Merkel Saturday.
Clarence Hodge is visiting in our community.
Luther Franks was on the Divide one day last week.
Pat Hutchins and Ray Brown transacted business in Merkel Tuesday.
Ernest Costephens was in Merkel Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Davidson transacted business in Merkel Friday.
Jim Pannel of Oklahoma visited homefolks in our community week. Lost Chicken.

Community.

July 30—Meeting started at this place Saturday night, is well attended and we are having some good preaching.
The childrens exercises were carried out real nice Sunday morning, a large crowd being present.
Misses Jewell and Annie Franks were the guests of Misses Lillie and Linnie White Saturday night.
Alva Hutchins of White Church community was in this community Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Hicks of White

Church were visiting at Butman Sunday.
Miss Theresa Watford took dinner with Mrs. J. H. Ensminger Sunday.
Emmett Patterson and family attended preaching at Butman Sunday night.
The Misses Stanley of Nubia Nubra were in our community Sunday.
Pealey West, wife and baby attended childrens day at Butman Sunday.
Miss Monta Whetsel of Riny community spent part of last week with Mrs. J. H. Ensminger. Bro. Pritchard took dinner with E. E. Patterson Sunday.
Mrs. Tucker of Center Point was the guest of Mrs. Ensminger last week.
Mrs. Costephens has returned to town.
Mrs. White and Mrs. Dulin were the guests of Mrs. Costephens while she was at her home in the Canyon.
Oscar Dulin is real lonesome batching this week since his cats have returned to the Canyon.
Clarence Hodge of Jones county was in this community Sunday.
R. N. White transacted business in Merkel one day last week.
Mrs. J. H. Ensminger was shopping in Merkel last week.
Miley Burrus was among our visitors Sunday.
Mrs. Abbie Sloan who has been visiting her parents has returned to her home in Big Springs.
Lewis Butman was trading in Nubia Saturday.
Jordan White was the guest of Wade Ensminger Sunday.
Misses Addie and Ada Franks were at Butman Sunday.
Geary Daviston and family were in our community Sunday.
Miss Willie Dulin took supper with Miss Lillie White.
Miley Burrus took dinner with Lee White Sunday.
Ethel Coats was the guest of Ludie Dulin Monday.
Miss Mary Grider went to Butman Sunday.
Mrs. Farmer and children were at Butman Sunday.
Ernest Moore and Miss Stanley were at Butman Sunday.
Miss Effie Thornton was in Butman Sunday.
Misses Amber Neighbors and Bonnie Mathews were at Butman Sunday. Guess Who.

Local News.

The farmers are rejoicing over the fine rain which fell Monday night.
Mrs. Wat Blair and children visited her father J. S. Blair Monday.
Miss Grace Wood and cousin Ernest Boyd are visiting in Abilene.
T. J. Toombs went to Nubia Friday.
A. L. Stanley and sons E. F. and Roy went to Merkel Friday.
Misses Sallie and Willie Toombs were in Nubia Friday.
Sam Patton, wife and children who have been visiting W. A. Thornton returned to their home in Dublin Monday.
D. L. Boyd and H. Blackburn went to Merkel Thursday.
Henry Randolph and wife went to Merkel Monday.
Miss Nela Stanley spent Friday night with Miss Sallie Toombs.
Mrs. Criss McGehee went to Nubia Saturday.
Emit Patterson was in Nubia Tuesday.
Miss Amber Neighbors and Mr. Bonnie took supper with the Misses Stanley Sunday.
Miss Ruby Reid and Bird Hughes attended prayer meeting here Sunday night.
Mrs. Rodie Watkins and Mrs. Katie Davenport visited at W. A. Hunters Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stanley visited Mrs. Josie Clark Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davenport attended preaching at Butman Monday.
Mrs. Bartie Reynolds visited Mrs. Katie Davenport Tuesday.
We are very sorry to say Mrs. Jim Blackburn is quite sick.
Mrs. Effie Atwood visited her brother Dan Tuesday.
Mrs. Ina Patton spent Friday night with the family of A. L. Stanley.
Ira and Ollie Shaffer were in Nubia Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Bub Perry spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Boyd.
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stanley spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blackburn.
A. W. Hunter and sons went to Nubia Monday.
J. W. Dowdy and family attended preaching in Merkel Sunday.
E. F. Stanley and wife attended preaching in Merkel Sunday night.
Charlie Thornton left Monday for Abilene.
Miss Effie Thornton visited Mrs. John Davenport Saturday.
Master Troy Stanley celebrated his 9th birthday Monday, July 31, with an ice cream supper, all his classmates in Sunday school being present. After they had served ice cream, water melons and peaches they were entertained with a ball game.
The Methodist meeting will begin at this place Saturday. Conference Saturday. Dinner on the ground. Lost Dog.

Wife Got Tip Top Advice.
"My wife wanted me to take our boy to the doctor to cure an ugly boil," writes D. Frankel of Stroud, Okla. "I said 'put Bucklen's Arnica Salve on it.' She did so and cured the boil in a short time." Quickest healer of burns, cuts, scalds, corns bruises, sprains, swellings. Best pile cure on earth. Only 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

Two very interesting letters—one from Nubia and one from Castle Peak—were received too late for publication this week.

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Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the postoffice at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Aug. 5, 1911:

Hayes, William
Nugent, Mrs. M. 2
Poage, J. T.
Bried, Mathes
Turner, S. P.
West, Miss Vernettie

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Aug. 19, 1911.
H. W. Derstine, P. M.

Buy it now. Now is the time to buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. This remedy has no superior. For sale by all dealers.

WAGONS

Say, how about that old wagon? Will it haul your crop this year? Owing to the fact that we have a big stock of wagons on hand and we want to move them, in order that you might replace your old one with a new wagon we are going to make a price on some of ours for a short time. Don't fail to come and see us while you can get these prices.

2 1/2 Florence, less sheet and bows ...	\$62.50
3 Florence, less sheet and bows....	65.00
3 1/2 Florence, less sheet and bows....	67.50
3 Old Hickory, less sheet and bows.	75.00
2 1/2 Bain, less sheet and bows.....	77.50
3 Bain, less sheet and bows.....	80.00
3 1/2 Bain, less sheet and bows.....	82.50

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No. 10052.
Treasury Department of the Comptroller of Currency, Washington, D. C., July 7, 1911.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL" in the town of Merkel, in the county of Taylor and state of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking:

Now therefore, I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL" in the town of Merkel in the county of Taylor and state of Texas is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and Seal of office this Seventh day of July, 1911.

T. P. KANE,
Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency.

hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment. J. E. Faucett, Cashier.
July 10, 1911. 7-14d2

The Reason.
He—Why do you say women would never buy votes?
She—Because they couldn't change them.—Princeton Tiger.

Granulated Sore Eyes Cured
"For twenty years I suffered from bad case of granulated sore eyes, Martin Boyd of Henrietta, Ky. February, 1903, a gentleman asked to try Chamberlain's Salve. I bought one box and used about two-thirds, and my eyes have not given me trouble since." This salve is for sale by all dealers.

Sympathy.
"Poor Machin has lost his wife." "I'm not surprised. He's so absent minded he'll lose everything he has"—Pete Mele.

Cuts and bruises may be healed about one-third the time required by the usual treatment by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. It is an antiseptic and causes such injuries to heal without maturation. This liniment also relieves soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains. For sale by all dealers.

Send the Children



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Many of the shoppers who visit our store daily are bright little men and women. And they are shrewd buyers, most of them, in their way.

They are always welcome here—and you may rest assured that every attention will be shown to an order forwarded by them—just as much as would be given to yourself. It is a convenient way of getting groceries in a hurry and is used by many of our neighbors.

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OF MERKEL

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C. L. BARKER, Active Vice Pres. **J. E. FAUCETT, Crshier.**

MONDAY'S CYCLONE

Taylor, Jones and Scurry Counties are Sufferers—Loss at Abilene.

CROPS BUT SLIGHTLY DAMAGED

Vernon Milner Crushed Under Barn—Wind 60 Miles Hour—Hamlin Banker Hurt—Loss in Abilene Alone Is \$200,000.

Abilene, Aug. 1.—Last night's wind, rain and hail storm, which swept Abilene, Hamlin, Roscoe and the surrounding territory, cost one life, the serious injury of a half dozen others and \$500,000 damage to property. Three counties were touched by the cyclone—Taylor, Jones and Scurry. The first named suffered more than the others, with one man dead and with \$200,000 loss in Abilene. In fact the damage was confined mainly to the cities, crops escaping.

Vernon Milner is the sole victim thus far. He is the 21-year-old son of T. A. Milner, a farmer living four miles east of here on Lytle lake. He was caught under the falling roof of the barn and was crushed to death before his father and brothers could rescue him from the wreckage.

W. W. Johnson, cashier of the Continental State Bank at Hamlin, was struck by a plate glass window and is in a serious condition. Other less serious accidents are reported in Abilene and Hamlin.

Many Narrow Escapes

Dozens of narrow escapes are reported both in Abilene and in the vicinity. H. J. Williamson, residing on a farm three miles north of the Taylor county seat, left his home and hurried into the storm cellar a minute before the wind overturned and lightning struck his dwelling. Had he and the members of his family remained indoors, they would undoubtedly have been killed.

The storm broke in Abilene at 6 o'clock when it began to abate. The wind, rain and hail came from the east, and today scarcely an east window in Abilene contains a solid pane of glass. The rain measurement was three and three-quarter inches.

Hail Drifts of 12 Inches

Daylight this morning showed drifts of hail twelve inches deep in sheltered places. The loss here is principally in the business section. First, the terrific hail and wind would smash out the skylights in stores and permit the solid sheets of rain to pour in upon the goods. Salvage losses will run up to \$10,000.

The entire lighting and telephone systems of the city were put out of commission by the first burst of the storm and fire alarms and calls for doctors went unheeded.

Through the streets of the business sections poured such a stream of water that telephone poles were caught up and swept blocks away.

Man Swims for Life

A half dozen horses and cows were killed, practically every church in the city was damaged, the Grace hotel suffered a \$6,000 loss, on Lytle lake the home of a farmer by the name of Cunningham was carried 50 yards and deposited in the water. Cunningham the owner alone in the house was forced to swim fifty yards and reached dry land more dead than alive. Rescuers found him this morning.

While the storm was at its height in Abilene a negro dwelling caught fire and the occupants were forced to flee out into the wind, rain and hail scantily clad.

A wall of the Modern Steam Laundry was demolished and the contents of the building badly damaged.

The morning paper's plant was so badly damaged that today's issue was abandoned.

Read the Mail. 1.00 a year.

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Baskets shipped Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, returned Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Work called for and delivered promptly or received at the City Barber shop. I will appreciate your patronage.

H. M. WARREN

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Electric Bitters

Used when everything else fails. Nervous prostration and female weaknesses they are the supreme remedy, as thousands have testified. **FOR KIDNEY, LIVER AND STOMACH TROUBLE** is the best medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter.

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Is your horse, mule or cow sick? If so we will give your money back for any case you fail to cure with any of Watson's celebrated line of Veterinary Remedies. Sold and guaranteed by Rust & McCauley Drug Co., Merkel, Texas. Manufactured only by

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TELEPHONE No. 61

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of The Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires, a reporter will be promptly sent for full particulars.

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FRIDAY, AUG. 4, 1911

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND	
Train No. 8, leaves Merkel	9:02 a.m.
Train No. 4 " " "	12:04 p.m.
Train No. 6 " " "	12:22 a.m.
WEST BOUND	
Train No. 5, leaves Merkel	4:18 a.m.
Train No. 7 " " "	4:41 p.m.
Train No. 3 " " "	6:01 p.m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

The young Mexican who killed a Miss Brown near Pecos July 23 has been tried, convicted and sentenced to be hung all within a weeks time. After a verdict had been turned in by the jury some steps were taken to get a new trial but the citizens declared that they would not stand for it so sentence was passed and time set for the hanging.

The new equipment on the T. & P. Ry. means faster time and better accommodations. A through train from El Paso to St. Louis has a combination mail and baggage car, a smoker and chair car, a standard Pullman and a dining car of elegant and up-to-date model. This will no doubt make the T. & P. a popular route from the east to the Pacific coast.

The Wells Fargo Express Co. took over the business of the Texas & Pacific Express Co. on Aug. 1 which ought to be a benefit in the way of cheaper rates and quicker service.

Tortured for 15 Years

by a cure-defying stomach trouble that baffled doctors and resisted all remedies he tried, Jno. W. Modders, of Moddersville, Mich., seemed doomed. He had to sell his farm and give up work. His neighbors said "he can't live much longer." "Whatever I ate distressed me," he writes, "till I tried Electric Bitters, which worked such wonders for me that I can now eat things I could not take for years. Its surely a grand remedy for stomach trouble." Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c at H. C. Burroughs.

Joy.

His Wife (2 a. m.)—John, John, there is gas escaping downstairs! John (sleepily)—Great! Won't the gas company be sore when they find it got away from them!—Puck.

What is Best for Indigestion.

Mr. A. Robinson of Drumquin, Ontario, has been troubled for years with indigestion, and recommends Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets as "the best medicine I ever used." If troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial. They are certain to prove beneficial. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. Price, 25 cents. Samples free by all dealers.

Notice to our Friends and Customers.

Our buyers will be off to market in the next few days. If there is anything special any of our friends would like to have us get for them, we will take pleasure in getting it for them. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

The Magnolia Petroleum Co.

Illuminating oils, gasoline engine naphtha, auto oils, lubricating oils. Prices and quality guaranteed. Jno. Elliott, Agt.

If your child is pale and sickly, picks at the nose, starts in the sleep and grinds the teeth while sleeping, it is a sure sign of worms. A remedy for these parasites will be found in White's Cream Vermifuge. It not only clears out the worms but it restores health and cheerfulness. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

A card from E. C. Counts from Vancouver, B. C., states he is on his way home and will reach Merkel about the 5th or 6th. Ernest has been in Honolulu for quite a while and says he likes that country but oh you Merkel.

We sell the best light bread and biscuit flour milled in Texas. Don't take the other just as good but insist on nothing but Light Crust and you will have the best flour milled in Texas. For sale only at Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Miss May Miller of Dallas has returned to her home after a visit to her sister Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

We have plenty of Red Top cane seed. Now is the time to plant for late feed. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Middleton of Stamford are visiting Mrs. Middleton's parents, Mr and Mrs. J. T. Howard.

Miss Juanita Harris of Abilene returned home Saturday accompanied by Miss Annie T. Daniel, who will visit her for a few days.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A 2-year old black Jersey male, no better in the west. Will trade for Jersey cow. See me and animal near Stith. T. W. Collins. 3pd

WANTED Quick—Man with small family to do farm and ranch work. C. M. Largent. 1f

When you want the best flour call for White Crest, Magnolia or White Billows.

Hamblet & Rogers.

Mrs. Effie Scott of Mart, Mrs. Lucy Graston and three children and B. B. Burgess of Waxahachie who have been visiting Mr. Vantrees of the Stith neighborhood returned home Monday.

Constipation is the starting point for many serious diseases. To be healthy keep the bowels active and regular. Herbine will remove all accumulations in the bowels and put the system in prime condition. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Misses Isla McDonald and Fay Allen are visiting in Sweetwater.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Greene's Art Store. Open 8 to 6; and 8 to 10 on Saturdays.

Miss Sallie Orr has returned to her home in Putnam.

R. L. Godwin of Roscoe was in town Monday.

Miss Bessie Norton of Lubbock is visiting Miss Inice Moon.

J. T. Walker of Nubia paid us a pleasant call Wednesday.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen is in Abilene the guest of friends.

Miss Lucile Sutphen is visiting her sister Mrs. T. H. Hargent.

Mrs. John Little of Hamilton is the guest of Mrs. Fred Bigham.

Miss Jessie Sutphen is in San Angelo visiting Mrs. Jim Brown.

Miss Frances Berry is in Abilene visiting her sister Mrs. C. C. Cheshire.

Go to the City Barber Shop for first-class work. West & Evans, Proprietors.

Miss Dixie Howard is at home from a visit to her sister Mrs. Middleton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Cash are visiting Merkel friends and relatives.

Misses Jewell and Mary Lee Hicks are visiting friends in Merkel.

W. B. Farmer has returned from a visit to his boys at Eagle Cove.

W. L. Harkrider, Hazel and W. L. Jr., were in Abilene Monday.

J. W. Anderton of Spur visited I. S. Allen Saturday and Sunday.

Henry Orr of Putnam spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Merkel.

Miss Fannie Pearle Moore is back from Fort Worth for a short visit to homefolks.

Mrs. R. E. Koonce of Fort Worth is visiting relatives in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Elder of Trent were attending court in Merkel Monday.

Prof. Cox, president of the Christian College at Abilene, was in Merkel first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Walker were guests of Abilene friends last Saturday and Sunday.

Now is the time to buy that windmill. 8-foot steel mill \$18; 12-ft. wood mill \$30.00. John Elliott.

Mrs. Arnett of Hamlin who has been visiting her brother Judge N. D. Cobb returned Thursday.

Mrs. E. V. White returned from Galveston Thursday where she has been attending the cotton carnival.

If you sit in a cool draft when you are heated and get a stiff neck or lame back, you will be looking for something that will ease the pain. Fix your mind on Ballard's Snow Liniment and don't be talked out of it because it is the best pain relieving liniment you can get anywhere. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Seemed to Give Him a New Stomach

"I suffered intensely after eating and no medicine or treatment I tried seemed to do any good," writes H. M. Young-peters, editor of The Sun, Lake View, Ohio. "The first few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets gave me surprising relief and the second bottle seemed to give me a new stomach and perfectly good health." For sale by all dealers.

Try the New Store on your grocery account next month. We carry a big stock of groceries and have what you want and we believe you will like our treatment. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Mrs. Proctor of Colorado is visiting her sister Mrs. Arthur Rose. They will move back to Texas. Her husband will come overland and will be on the road about four weeks.

R. L. Bradshaw and family are in Portales, N. M., attending the bedside of Geo. Cutler, a brother of Mrs. Bradshaw, who is very low with fever.

We are always after new business. If you are not already a customer of ours, try us next month. You will like our goods, prices and treatment. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

W. D. Pipes was called to the bedside of his mother Wednesday who had a stroke of paralysis. She lives at Dublin and about 70 years old.

Ben T. Merritt will leave Friday night for Weatherford where he will meet his sister Miss Ruth and they will visit friends in Mineral Wells for several days.

Fresh Vegetables, Fruits and Baker's Bread every day in the week at Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Mrs. Edgar Maxwell of El Paso and Mrs. Randal of Oklahoma are in Merkel visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Counts.

Master Harry Merritt is spending the week in the mountains with Master Vestel Hicks near White Church.

Mrs. E. V. White of Abilene who has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin returned home Friday.

Misses Bettie and Susie Bird of Loraine are guests of Miss Eva Calvert.

An ordinary case of diarrhoea can, as a rule, be cured by a single dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. This remedy has no superior for bowel complaints. For sale by all dealers.

Miss Adelle Harless of Snyder and Miss Jettie Davis of Emma have been visiting Miss Ruby Jones on Elm street for several days.

Leonard Sublett of Clovis, N. M., is in Merkel visiting homefolks.

Mrs. R. A. Miller and daughter Miss Hattie are at home from east Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel were Abilene guests the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pettit have moved into the O'Brian house on Oak street.

RECLAIMING LOUISIANA LAND

Plans to Reclaim Millions of Acres of Swamp.

New Orleans, La.: Reclaiming a desert is a task set for itself by the United States Government in the arid West. Reclaiming an ocean and converting it into lands as rich as any in the world is a task set and being accomplished by the people of Louisiana, at their own expense. This, in a brief way, expresses what is being done in Louisiana in the way of reclaiming millions of acres of "wet" extending 150 miles inland, traversed by innumerable waterways.

Years ago this land was the ocean's bed. Today it is the deep, rich soil of the delta, and modern science has made it as dry, safe and usable as the prairie lands of the Middle West.

It is estimated that there are 9,000,000 acres of marsh land in Louisiana which may be reclaimed and cultivated and which will add more than \$450,000,000 to the annual agricultural wealth of the State.

FOR HOOKWORM ERADICATION

Dispensaries in Southeastern States Meeting With Success.

Washington: Hookworm dispensaries in several counties in Georgia during the past months have met with unusual success, and a request has been made of the Rockefeller Hookworm Commission here that the dispensaries be allowed to remain for longer periods. Many applications are being received for the establishment of additional dispensaries.

During last week 1,285 cases of hookworm were treated in the four counties in North Carolina having dispensaries and it is said the prospects for this week are that the number will reach 2,000.

Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi also have hookworm dispensaries.

State Encampment Meeting.

Austin: Sunday morning the troops will begin to arrive at Camp Mabry for the annual State encampment and for ten days Camp Mabry will be a scene of bustling activity and the home of 3,000 troops, members of the Texas National Guard and regulars.

Brig. Gen. Duncan and Major Gen. Carter of the United States Army have requested permission to attend the encampment and will probably be here with their staffs. Gov. Colquitt, as commander in chief of the Texas National Guard, will spend as much time at the camp as possible. Adj. Gen. Hutchings, Gen. Hearne, Col. Cecil Lyon and many others prominent in the Texas guard circles will be here.

Illinois Sleeper Wakes Up.

Vandalia, Ill.: After sleeping almost continuously for 105 days, Miss Hazel Schmidt, the 18-year-old girl whose strange case has puzzled physicians for weeks, was awake for five hours Sunday and ate three meals. She said she felt no ill effects from her slumber. Attending physicians say the girl's trance is broken and that she soon will be herself again.

Accidentally Killed Himself.

Kopperl: J. D. Barnes, Constable of this precinct, was killed at his home, about five miles south of here, Friday. His family had gone to church and on their return found him dead on the ground near the edge of the porch. It is supposed that he accidentally shot himself, as he had his pistol in his hand, and near him were a bottle of oil and a feather, as if he had prepared to clean the pistol.

Ripped Off His Shirt for Signal.

Belefontaine, O.: Robert Cook of Degraff flagged Big Four Flyer No. 1 at Quincy Curve, probably saving the 150 passengers aboard from death. The Quincy Curve is the sharpest on the Indianapolis division, and Cook, while walking along the track, discovered a broken rail. He ripped off his shirt and running half a mile up the track flagged the train.

Temple Gets Clerks Convention.

Galveston: Temple was almost the unanimous choice of the County and District Clerks' Association as the convention city of 1912, winning easily over Fort Worth, Dallas and San Antonio. The three days' convention adjourned at noon Saturday.

Thief Restores After 5 Years.

Sharon, Pa.: Five years ago when Walter J. Redmond attended a Labor day celebration at New Castle, Pa., his pocket was picked and \$24.73 taken. Redmond has received a money order for the exact amount from Niles, Ohio.

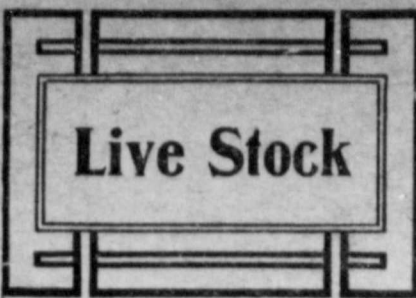
Well-Known Guard Dead.

Washington: Martin O'Brien, for eighteen years one of the guards at the White House, and for the last ten years known as the president's body guard, is dead of heart failure.

Life Lost on New England Coast.

Boston: Grim tales of loss of life and disaster to shipping by the West Indian hurricane which swept the New England coast Friday continues to come in. Eleven lives are known to have been lost and a long list of fishing and coasting craft and yachts were wrecked or disabled is constantly growing.

A site has been selected for the Texas exhibit at the Panama International Exposition.



Live Stock

RUBBER SHOES FOR HORSES

Growing Popularity of Soft Heels for Human Feet Results in Similar Idea for Animals.

The growing popularity of rubber spring heels for human feet has resulted in a somewhat similar idea being adopted for horses, although in the latter instance the resistance of



Spring Shoes for Horses.

the rubber heel-pad is reinforced by a spring. The rubber pad, as shown in the illustration, is in the form of a cross bar, with the spring in a chamber between it and the top of the shoe.

EXCELLENT FOR LITTLE PIGS

Rape Has Bloating Effect on Cattle and Sheep and They Must Be Gradually Accustomed to It.

(By J. H. SHEPPERD.)

Rape is commonly sown either broadcast or in rows 30 inches apart, and cultivated. I like the row system. When it is sown broadcast alone, it is put in at the rate of five pounds of rape seed per acre of the Dwarf Essex variety; allowed to grow until it is about 14 inches high, and then pastured down with pigs or sheep as the grower may desire.

It is advisable to have two pasture lots of it, so that the stock can be changed to a fresh one, while the one which has been fed down until the stalks are about five inches high and no leaves remain on them can grow up again. It will take a very short while for it to throw out new leaves and be as heavy a growth as it was before it was pastured down. When it is sown in drill rows and cultivated, three pounds of seed per acre is sufficient. It is cultivated as corn or potatoes would be until it is so that it will be the ground completely between the rows.

Rape will stand a vast amount of stable manure, and give a surprising growth of green feed. It is excellent for growing pigs and for brood sows and their litters.

It is frequently sown in a mixture with field peas, barley and millet. It is the only one of the list of plants that will grow after being fed down and while it makes a rather quick growth after it is pastured off the first time, it springs up and supplies a vast amount of forage after the other plants have once been fed off and given a chance to grow without being crowded.

It has a very severe bloating effect on cattle and sheep and they must be very gradually accustomed to it before they can be allowed to pasture on it as long as they would naturally do. When it is damp with dew or light rain, it causes bloating to be very much worse and to come on more quickly. They can gradually be accustomed to it as they are to clover and alfalfa, so that it will do them no harm. It causes no trouble when feeding pigs or horses on it.

Feed for Work Animals.

Any farm animal that does a large amount of work needs and wants a good supply of feed. Hard work makes a good appetite whether the animal be a work horse pulling a plow or a milk cow filling a big pail twice a day. Both are machines and both must have fuel. Upon the quantity and utilization of this fuel will depend the amount of work done. A good milk cow must be a good feeder and then she must have a good supply of the right kind of feed.

Feeding Experiment Finished.

The feeding experiment with 40 cattle at the Iowa experiment station has just been finished. The object was to ascertain the value of ensilage to the feeder. It proved less valuable the last two months than clover, indicating that the fattening steer requires more concentrated and drier food after the first three months of the feeding period.

Grain for Draft Cattle.

Don't forget that your draft cattle need some grain this summer. You may let them eat with the mares, but it is better to provide a place where they may eat undisturbed and get the amount they ought to have. There is nothing better than oats for young colts, but it is a good idea, also, to give a little corn. That is the way to make big horses out of them.

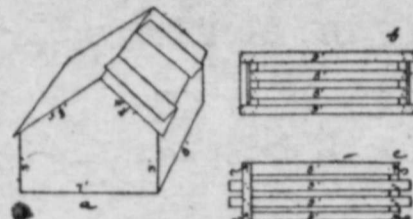
Salt for the Pigs.

There should be placed in every pig yard and pasture a box with salt, charcoal, air-slaked lime, bone-meal and hard-wood ashes, so the pigs can help themselves at will.

INDIVIDUAL PENS FOR HOGS

Many of Best Swine Growers Are Providing Themselves With Two Types of Houses for Animals.

Whether the large house with individual cot is an open question, perhaps largely a matter of individual preference. Each has its distinct advantage which cannot be secured in the other. Many of the best hog raisers are now providing themselves with both types of houses, and this seems



A—Diagram of Good House With Knockdown Pen. B—Front of Pen. C—Side of Pen.

to be the most satisfactory method. It is no more expensive in the long run, for all the buildings can be kept in use the year around. In such cases the large houses are used for farrowing quarters, and as soon as the pigs are a week or two old, or as soon as the weather permits, the sows and litters are removed to the individual cots. During the remainder of the year the large houses are utilized for sleeping quarters.

SALT SHED FOR THE PASTURE

Permanent Covering May Be Easily Made and Is Quite Inexpensive—Thatch Keeps It Dry.

A shed covering a permanent salting place for animals in the field or pasture, may be cheaply and easily built. It may be either circular or square and covered with boards, or thatched with straw. The stump of a tree or post may be used, and a



Salt Shed for Pasture.

wooden measure firmly fastened on top, or set into the top, should be filled frequently with rock salt. The post should be of a height to enable sheep to reach the salt. The thatch keeps it dry at all times.



LIVE STOCK NOTES

The future of the mutton crop depends upon the attention given the young lambs, and the degree to which they are kept growing from the start.

Horses always bring a higher price in the spring than in the fall, as many men sell their horses in the fall, preferring not to keep them through the winter months.

It pays to feed sheep grain on pasture.

A little fed regularly goes a long way to make them profitable.

The extra growth of wool will pay alone.

After the lambs have been taken away from the ewes, they need good pasture. It is a good plan, too, to leave a few gentle ewes with them to help them get wonted to their new surroundings.

Separate the pastures in which you keep the ewes and the weaned lambs so far apart that they will not hear each other call.

There is no better general feed than good green grass for growing and producing farm animals.

Dark, unsanitary, poorly lighted and filthy stalls are sure breeders of disappointment in calf raising.

Whenever you discover a sheep limping along, catch him and examine his feet for rot.

Cement floors are best for feeding purposes, but it is our belief that a hog should always sleep on a board floor with plenty of clean bedding.

Cold floors, like cement floors, next to starving, prevents thrift more than anything else.

Without pure air and abundant exercise there can be no sound or healthy development.

If sows are expected to raise a fall litter, it is best to wean the spring pigs at from eight to ten weeks old.

If sows and pigs are properly fed and cared for from the first, this can be done with safety and profit.

Some breeders claim that six or seven weeks is long enough for the pigs to remain with the sow, but this, I think, is extreme.

As long as the breeding of a sow is profitable she should be bred. It is not advisable to sell off a good brood animal.

SERIAL STORY

ELUSIVE ISABEL

By JACQUES FUTRELLE
Illustrations by M. KETTER

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SYNOPSIS.

Count di Rosini, the Italian ambassador, is at dinner with diplomats when a messenger summons him to the embassy, where a beautiful young woman asks for a ticket to the embassy ball. The ticket is made out in the name of Miss Isabel Thorne, Chief Campbell of the secret service, and Mr. Grimm, his Thorne visits an old bomb-maker and they discuss a wonderful experiment. Fifty thousand dollars is stolen from the office of Senator Rodriguez, the minister from Venezuela, and while detectives are investigating the robbery Miss Thorne appears as a guest of the legation. Grimm accuses her of the theft and threatens her with deportation.

CHAPTER XI.—(Continued.)

"But if I am innocent?" she protested.

"You must prove it," continued Mr. Grimm mercilessly. "Personally, I am convinced, and Count di Rosini has practically assured me that—"

"It's unjust!" she interrupted passionately. "It's—it's—you have proved nothing. It's unheard of! It's beyond—!"

Suddenly she became silent. A minute, two minutes, three minutes passed; Mr. Grimm waited patiently.

"Will you give me time and opportunity to prove my innocence?" she demanded finally. "And if I do convince you—?"

"I should be delighted to believe that I have made a mistake," Mr. Grimm assured her. "How much time? One day? Two days?"

"I will let you know within an hour at your office," she told him.

Mr. Grimm rose.

"And meanwhile, in case of accident, I shall look to Count di Rosini for adjustment," he added pointedly. "Good-morning."

One hour and ten minutes later he received this note, unsigned:

"Closed carriage will stop for you at southeast corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Fourteenth Street to-night at one."

He was there; the carriage was on time; and my lady of mystery was inside. He stepped in and they swung



out into Pennsylvania Avenue, noiselessly over the asphalt.

"Should the gold be placed in your hands now, within the hour," she queried solicitously, "would it be necessary for you to know who was the thief?"

"It would," Mr. Grimm responded without hesitation.

"Even if it destroyed a reputation?" she pleaded.

"The Secret Service rarely destroys a reputation, Miss Thorne, although it holds itself in readiness to do so. I dare say in this case there would be no arrest or prosecution, because of—"

of reasons which appear to be good."

"There wouldn't?" and there was a note of eagerness in her voice. "The identity of the guilty person would never appear?"

"It would become a matter of record in our office, but beyond that I think not—at least in this one instance."

Miss Thorne sat silent for a block or more.

"You'll admit, Mr. Grimm, that you have forced me into a most remarkable position. You seemed convinced of my guilt, and, if you'll pardon me, without reason; then you made it compulsory upon me to establish my innocence. The only way for me to do that was to find the guilty one. I have done it, and I'm sorry, because it's a little tragedy."

Mr. Grimm waited.

"It's a girl high in diplomatic so-

ciety. Her father's position is an honorable rather than a lucrative one; he has no fortune. This girl moves in a certain set devoted to bridge, and stakes are high. She played and won, and played and won, and on and on, until her winnings were about eight thousand dollars. Then luck turned. She began to lose. Her money went, but she continued to play desperately. Finally some old family jewels were pawned without her father's knowledge, and ultimately they were lost. One day she awoke to the fact that she owed some nine or ten thousand dollars in bridge debts. They were pressing and there was no way to meet them. This meant exposure and utter ruin, and women do strange things, Mr. Grimm, to postpone such an ending to social aspirations. I know this much is true, for she related it all to me herself.

"At last, in some way—a misplaced letter, perhaps, or a word overheard—she learned that fifty thousand dollars would be in the legation bank overnight, and evidently she learned the precise night." She paused a moment. "Here is the address of a man in Baltimore, Thomas Q. Griswold," and she passed a card to Mr. Grimm, who sat motionless, listening. "About four years ago the combination on the legation safe was changed. This man was sent here to make the change, therefore some one besides Senator Rodriguez does know the combination. I have communicated with this man today, for I saw the possibility of just such a thing as this instead of your stethoscope. By a trick and a forged letter this girl obtained the combination from this man."

Mr. Grimm drew a long breath.

"She intended to take, perhaps, only what she desperately needed—but at sight of it all—do you see what must have been the temptation then? We get out here."

There were many unanswered questions in Mr. Grimm's mind. He repressed them for the time, stepped out and assisted Miss Thorne to alight. The carriage had turned out of Pennsylvania Avenue, and at the moment he didn't quite place himself. A narrow passageway opened before them—evidently the rear entrance to a house possibly in the next street. Miss Thorne led the way unhesitatingly, cautiously unlocked the door, and together they entered a hall. Then there was a short flight of stairs, and they stepped into a room, one of a suite. She closed the door and turned on the lights.

"The bags of gold are in the next room," she said with the utmost composure.

Mr. Grimm dragged them out of a dark closet, opened one—there were ten—and allowed the coins to dribble through his fingers. Finally he turned and stared at Miss Thorne, who, pallid and weary, stood looking on.

"Where are we?" he asked. "What house is this?"

"The Venezuelan legation," she answered. "We are standing less than forty feet from the safe that was robbed. You see how easy—!"

"And whose room?" inquired Mr. Grimm slowly.

"Must I answer?" she asked appealingly.

"You must!"

"Senorita Rodriguez—my hostess! Don't you see what you've made me do? She and Mr. Cadwallader made the trip to Baltimore in his automobile, and—and—!" She stopped. "He knows nothing of it," she added.

"Yes, I know," said Mr. Grimm.

He stood looking at her in silence for a moment, staring deeply into the pleading eyes; and a certain tense expression about his lips passed. For an instant her hand trembled on his arm, and he caught the fragrance of her hair.

"Where is she now?" he asked.

"Playing bridge," replied Miss Thorne, with a sad little smile. "It is always so—at least twice a week, and she rarely returns before two or half-past." She extended both hands impudently. "Please be generous, Mr. Grimm. You have the gold; don't destroy her."

Senor Rodriguez, the minister from Venezuela, found the gold in his sack on the following morning, with a brief note from Mr. Grimm, in which there was no explanation of how or where it had been found.

And two hours later Monsieur Boissegur, ambassador from France to the United States, disappeared from the embassy, vanished!

CHAPTER XII.

The Vanishing Diplomatist.

It was three days after the ambassador's disappearance that Monsieur Rigolot, secretary of the French embassy and temporary charge-d'affaires, reported the matter to Chief Campbell in the Secret Service Bureau, adding thereto a detailed statement of several singular incidents following close upon it. He told it in order, concisely and to the point, while Grimm and his chief listened.

"Monsieur Boissegur, the ambassador, you understand, is a man whose habits are remarkably regular," he began. "He has made it a rule to be at his desk every morning at ten o'clock, and between that time and one o'clock he dictates his correspondence, and clears up whatever routine work there is before him. I have known him for many years, and have been secretary of the embassy under him in Germany and Japan and in this country. I have never known him to vary this general order of work unless because of illness, or necessary absence."

"Well, Monsieur, last Tuesday—this is Friday—the ambassador was at his desk as usual. He dictated a dozen or more letters, and had begun another—a private letter to his sister in Paris. He was well along in this letter when—"

"He was well along in this letter when, at ten o'clock, he was seen to enter the room, closing the door behind him. His stenographer's impression was that some detail of business had occurred to him, and he had gone into the general office to attend to it. I may say, Monsieur, that this impression seemed strengthened by the fact that he left a fresh cigarette burning in his ash tray, and his pen was behind his ear. It was all as if he had merely stepped out, intending to return immediately—the sort of thing, Monsieur, that any man might have done."

"It so happened that when he went out he left a sentence of his letter incomplete. I tell you this to show that the impulse to go must have been a sudden one, yet there was nothing in his manner, so his stenographer says, to indicate excitement, or any other than his usual frame of mind. It was about five minutes of twelve o'clock—high noon—when he went out. When he didn't return immediately the stenographer began transcribing the letters. At one o'clock Monsieur Boissegur still had not returned and his stenographer went to luncheon."

As he talked, some inbred excitement seemed to be growing upon him, due, perhaps, to his recital of facts, and he paused at last to regain control of himself. Incidentally he wondered if Mr. Grimm was taking the slightest interest in what he was saying. Certainly there was nothing in his impassive face to indicate it.

"Understand, Monsieur," the secretary continued after a moment. "I knew nothing whatever of this until late that afternoon—Tuesday afternoon about—"

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Again he paused and ran one hand across his troubled brow.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

How He Timed His Talk.

A successful salesman for a large hardware line of goods had a novel way last season of exciting at least a momentary interest in his prospective customers. The new territory he had been given. On entering the office of his prospect, his first remark was: "Mr. Smith, we are both business men with whom time is money. I only ask for three minutes of yours, as I can only give you three minutes of mine. Let's be sure we keep to the limit."

Thereupon he pulled from his pocket quickly and placed on the desk before him, well within his vision reach, a neat little article of the shape as and patterned after the known hour glass, but containing sand enough to require three minutes for its passage from the upper to the lower compartment.

"You keep tab and don't let me overtake the limit."—System.

Morgan, Sentimentalist.

The sentimentalist of the world of finance is J. Pierpont Morgan. He gives money widely and recklessly to help men who think they have some wonderful invention or other thing that will be a sensational benefit to the human race. A few years ago an electrical experimenter got some friends to obtain a hearing for him with Morgan. He had plans for the greatest of all inventions. He had no money himself; he had no backing. He went away with a fat check, but returned for more again and again. In the course of time he received \$150,000 to perfect his wonder, but it was not perfected even then. He made a final appeal for \$50,000 more. Morgan wanted to send him to him, but some of the other members of the firm induced the banker to shut down on the supplies until there should be more signs of making good.

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POULTRY

FRAME FOR POULTRY PICKING

Frame Shown in the Illustration Can Be Adjusted to Fit Fowls of Different Sizes.

An excellent frame to while picking or other fowl to while picking is shown in the illustration. The upper bracket is provided with a spreader in which the legs are hooked.



Poultry-Picking Frame.

ed, and the lower bracket has a hook which engages with the neck of the fowl. The spreader is attached to the upper bracket by a spring, which allows it to give slightly, and the hook of the lower bracket is extensible, to accommodate fowl of different sizes.

FATTEN FOWLS FOR MARKET

Maine Experiment Station Finds That Small Pens Give as Great Gains as Latticed Coops.

The experiment station in Maine has demonstrated that small pens have been observed, counting labor, feed, etc., by feeding in small pens holding but four to six birds with a roosting coop with them. Four weeks to be the extreme limit of feeding, either in coops or pens, the birds should be under the age to give the greatest for feed consumed. The birds are fattened after eight weeks, the greater the gain of food consumed. The pen-fed chick is quite different from the corn-fed chick. The former is soft and evenly fattened, while the latter is tough-muscled, stringy, with more original fat, and with but little fat distributed throughout the flesh of the body. Milk-fed chickens are superior to any other kind. The dairy farmer is particularly fitted for producing this class of chicken. Eight pounds of skim milk were used with each pound of grain; this was considered a good proportion.

MOST USEFUL KIND OF DUCK

Southern Illinois Farmer Trains His Flock to Destroy Potato Bugs—Clean Field Quickly.

A farmer in southern Illinois has, so he claims, educated his big flock of ducks to eat potato bugs and he is



A Handy Kind of Duck.

By sending his neighbors \$1 a day for line. At first on his ducks went through a small shut up his ducks good and hungry and am loose on his neighbors with equally good

KEEPING CHICKS ALONG

To send some of your fall fairs you must chickens right along for all that is out so be large enough for In order to get the good shape for showing, must try to get them to molt as possible and then feed will stand. To get fowls, feed very sparingly for a few weeks with a relaxing such as bruised meal or oil cake

SEPARATE COCKERELS

Separate cockerels should now be fed from the pullets, and the fowls an extra allowance of food. It will need an additional amount on the fowls in order that they be kept growing.

PROPER CARE OF DUCKLINGS

Hen Should Be Confined Until Youngsters Reach Age When They Can Be Left Unbrooded at Night.

If ducklings are to be raised with hens, it is necessary to confine the hen until the ducklings have reached an age when they can safely be left unbrooded at night. In a very few days the ducklings will wean themselves by refusing to follow the old hen's persuasive clucks; at first she follows them, but soon, growing weary of this, she takes up with the flock, and the ducklings become stunted from lack of brooding at night. Have a roomy, bottomless coop, with a good roof, covered with a broad mesh poultry netting or slatted front. Move the coop to fresh grass each day. The wire front should come clear to, or very near the ground, as the ducks are apt to sprain their legs in climbing over a board to get in the coop.

When the ducklings are old enough to be weaned, try and get them to take up with the older ducks.

Give green food and sand every day after the first. A sod of grass in front of the coop—if that is on plowed ground—will afford them much pleasure and lettuce is their delight. Chopped onion tops, dandelions or lettuce may be mixed with the food.

Water should always be beside them in a cup too small for them to get in, but deep enough to cover the holes in the beak, as these are their breathing places, and if clogged, death will result. A duck will take a bite of food, and run to the water.

A breeder complained that his ducks were dying. Inquiry showed that the ducks had absolutely no shelter from the sun, and, of course, they died. If ducklings are kept clean, dry and well fed, there is very little loss among them. Rats are the worst enemy they have to deal with, as an old rat loves a tender duckling, better even than chicken.

BROWN LEGHORN IS FAVORED

Fowl Is Exceedingly Handsome, Bright, Active, Quick-Growing and Early to Come Into Profit.

I like Brown Leghorns and keep them exclusively, because I take an especial pride and delight in the number of eggs I can get, and while I am about it I want to get as many as there are to be had, finding that it pays to raise eggs for the market.



Brown Leghorn Cockerel.

Because the up-to-date Brown Leghorn is exceedingly handsome, is bright, active, quick-growing and early to come into profit. And a breed so popular that to win a genuine honor, for it was won in competition, it takes good stuff to do it.

POULTRY NOTES

CLEAN UP THE POULTRY YARD

Sow a patch of cowpeas near the poultry yard. It is a mistake to try to keep more than one variety of chickens. If the hens lay soft-shelled eggs, it is a sign they need some lime and green food.

Always save the young ducks that make the best growth for next season's breeders.

Select the breeders carefully from the best matured fowls and those that lay most freely.

When only a few fowls are to be bred, the home market is usually the most satisfactory.

The hens that are laying freely need an abundance of good, clean water at all times.

A warm, dry board floor that can be easily cleaned is the right place to keep the chicks.

Kerosene is a great disinfectant to be used in the roosts and nests. It is cheap and effective.

Milk is a splendid feed to force young chicks or stimulate hens to greater egg production.

Hens for incubation should be of a quiet disposition and on friendly terms with their keeper.

Late chicks should always have a shady place away from the older ones and at some distance from the fowls.

If the old tom turkeys are cross and seem inclined to attack the young ones, the former should be placed in yards.

Keep the drinking vessels in the shade these hot days. Even then it will be necessary to renew the supply of water often.

Do not try to force nature. In fitting young fowls for the market give the chicks proper food, freedom from lice and nature will do the rest.

SAVED FROM AN OPERATION

By Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Peoria, Ill.—"I wish to let every one know what Lydia E. Pinkham's remedies have done for me. For two years I suffered. The doctors said I had tumors, and the only remedy was the surgeon's knife. My mother bought me Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and today I am a healthy woman. For months I suffered from inflammation, and your Sensitive Wash relieved me. Your Liver Pills have no equal as a cathartic. Any wishing proof of what your medicines have done for me can get it from any druggist or by writing to me. You can use my testimonial in any way you wish, and I will be glad to answer letters."—Mrs. CHRISTINA REED, 106 Mound St., Peoria, Ill.

Another Operation Avoided. New Orleans, La.—"For years I suffered from severe female troubles. Finally I was confined to my bed and the doctor said an operation was necessary. I gave Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial first, and was saved from an operation."—Mrs. LILY PEYROUX, 1111 Kerlerec St., New Orleans, La.

The great volume of unsolicited testimony constantly pouring in proves conclusively that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is a remarkable remedy for those distressing feminine ills from which so many women suffer.

JUST ONE Bond's Liver Pill

at bed time CURES Headache, Constipation, Biliousness, Colds, Malaria, etc. They are mild, safe and effective. One is a dose.

TRY ONE TONIGHT.

Your druggist can supply you, or send 25c to

Bond's Pharmacy Co.
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
25 cents, or 5 for \$1.00, by mail. A free sample on request.

HE WAS HUNGRY, TOO.



Mrs. Justwed—There's nothing in the house fit to eat. I'm going home to my mother.
Mr. Justwed (broke)—Wait till I get my hat, and I'll go with you.

A Clew.

"How did the accident happen?" asked the reporter on the scene of the railway horror, the Cleveland Plain Dealer records.

"Somebody stopped the train by pulling the airbrake cord," answered the conductor. "So the second section ran into it. It will take six hours to clear the track so that we can go ahead."

"Six hours?" shrieked a passenger. "And I was to married today!"

"Have you any idea who pulled the rope?" continued the reporter, disregarding the interruption.

"I didn't have until now," whispered the conductor. "But what do you think of that fellow that just butted in? I'll sic the detectives on him."

His Criticism.

An old man stood on the street corner in Cherryvale when the trolley stopped and let off a woman passenger. She had on a linen dress, a Panama hat, champagne-colored hose and strapped pumps. "Gosh!" exclaimed the old man. "I'd spend less money on my bonnet and buy some socks."—Cherryvale (Kan.) Journal.

His Prescription.

A young doctor wishing to engage the company of a young lady for a buggy ride, sent the following prescription:

One buggy, one horse, one good road, one doctor. Take from 3 p. m. on.—Judge.

Well Described.

Tommy—Pop, what is a theorist?
Tommy's Pop—A theorist, my son, is a man who thinks he is learning to swim by sitting on the bank and watching the frog.

BLACKMAILING MUST BE AIRT

Amateur Makes Mistake When He Seeks to Make Money in Such an Avocation.

Police Commissioner Waldo of New York was talking about blackmailers. "They are, as a rule, stupid," he said. "Their threatening letters are as ludicrous in their stupidity as a letter a friend of mine received the other day."

And Commissioner Waldo, with a laugh, produced the letter. Written in a large, boyish hand, it said:

"Dear Sir—Your winder was broken by a bad bot wat throo it throo four thee prups. The ball belonged to me, but an enemy of mine sneaked it and did the deed to put the blame on me. I am sorry he did it, and that it have give you grate pain, and I have persecuted the perpetrator wot done it. But you would not have thee innocent suffer for the guilty, so, if you drop thee ball over the garden wall, if you don't beware!—(Signed) Innocent."

BABY'S HAIR ALL CAME OUT

"When my first baby was six months old he broke out on his head with little bumps. They would dry up and leave a scale. Then it would break out again and it spread all over his head. All the hair came out and his head was scaly all over. Then his face broke out all over in red bumps and it kept spreading until it was on his hands and arms. I bought several boxes of ointment, gave him blood medicine, and had two doctors to treat him, but he got worse all the time. He had it about six months when a friend told me about Cuticura. I sent and got a bottle of Cuticura Resolvent, a cake of Cuticura Soap and a box of Cuticura Ointment. In three days after using them he began to improve. He began to take long naps and to stop scratching his head. After taking two bottles of Resolvent, two boxes of Ointment and three cakes of Soap he was sound and well, and never had any breaking out of any kind. His hair came out in little curls all over his head. I don't think anything else would have cured him except Cuticura."

"I have bought Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Soap several times since to use for cuts and sores and have never known them to fail to cure what I put them on. Cuticura Soap is the best that I have ever used for toilet purposes." (Signed) Mrs. F. E. Harmon, R. F. D. 2, Atoka, Tenn., Sept. 10, 1910. Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold everywhere, a sample of each, with 32-page book, will be mailed free on application to "Cuticura," Dept. 16 L, Boston.

Resting Must Be a Business.

Will M. Ross, a well-known writer of Stevens Point, Wis., who is himself a cured consumptive, holds that unless resting becomes a business to the tuberculosis patient, he might as well give up his fight for health. "The period of infection with tuberculosis," he says, "is not a vacation. It is a twenty-four-hour-a-day job. True it is a period of idleness, but one of intelligent, directed idleness. The day's work should consist of rest; rest should be the only business on hand. The light exercise, or hour of reading, should be considered as the reward of a good day's work, like the evening of slippared ease to the tired business men at the end of the day. This recreation, however, should be considered only as an incidental result of the patient's work, not the main object."

Athletes Who Made Good.

Walter Barnes of Boston, who keeps a close watch on things athletic in New England, says:

"Burr, Fish, Withington and Fisher, the successive Harvard football captains, have been notable examples of the scholar in athletics at Harvard. Hamilton Fish's appointment as an instructor in government at Harvard is an index of his mental caliber."

Expert Advice.

"How long does it take to learn to run an automobile?"

"You'll need about three days to acquaint yourself with the working parts of the machine and a week to master the vocabulary."

DISTEMPER

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

The G. F. and F. C. girls met Monday afternoon with Miss Clara Saffle. A pleasant time was spent in sewing. A number of musical selections were given by the members of the club. Miss Margie Saffle was received as a new member. Misses Mollie Peterson, Ira Brady and Murtice Saffle were welcome visitors. The members present were Misses Faye Lowrey, Clara Keeton, Inice Moon, Gene Rister, Irene Swann, Pauline Johnson, Mattie Paylor, Clara Saffle, Winnie Warren, Tennie Brown and the hostess, Miss Gene Rister will be the next hostess.

The Baptist church ladies honored Mrs. J. T. Howard who recently underwent a successful operation in the Baptist sanitarium in Dallas. The ladies together with their husbands and families met at the Baptist church Friday evening, each coming with a well-filled basket. They went in a body to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard taking them completely by surprise as they drove up about 6 o'clock.

After a few words of greetings the ladies commenced to cover the walk from the porch to the front gate with table cloths, then the secret was out, for the contents of the baskets revealed everything good to eat, as one lady said "from beans to cream." The supper will be long remembered by all who were fortunate enough to be present. The compliment was most pleasing to Mrs. Howard, showing her how much she means to her many friends in the Lord's vineyard.

At 8 o'clock everyone left after a delightful evening. More than 60 friends were present.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Wing to the B. Y. P. U. program for Aug. 6, with Miss Alice Valente leader.

Scripture, Gal. 5:16-26. Song. John 14:15-17—Ben Merritt. Acts 19:1-7—Ben Moore. Rom. 8:1-17—Barney Garrett. John 16:7-11—Miss Fannie Swann. Rom. 8:26-31—Grady Collins. Psa. 95—Walter Picklesimer. Acts 13:1-4—Miss Murtice Saffle. Resisting The Holy Spirit—Sam Swann. Lying against the Holy Ghost—Miss Maggie Wheeler. Song and closing exercises.

Impurity.

"How would you like for your wife to be impure? How would you like for your daughter or your sister to be impure? Right here, men of Texas, is where your greatest trouble lies. Right here is why nine out of ten of you are not right with God. A young man once said that a physician told him that he could not live a virtuous life and be healthy. That is a lie. You cannot be healthy unless you do live a virtuous life and the best medical authority of the times will bear me out in this statement.

"You are not pure because the powers of hell are in your heart. It may be you lead a clean life but in your heart you are not clean. You who stand around and tell smutty pikes, would just as soon act those things if you dared. You don't do it, but you would if your were not afraid to. Many of you watch your own home with a jealous eye, but you watch your neighbor's with a lustful eye. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

"We are raising up a race of boys who will be degenerates. You stand around and tell your vulgar tales and think that little boy who is listening does not know what you are talking about, but he does. Children know more than you think for.—Ex

J. D. Gaither reports a boy arrival at his house.

People and the Peddler.

Why will people buy of peddlers things they do not need and pay prices that no merchant could ever hope to ask?

Here it is: A glib fellow comes into your sitting room with a roll of samples well calculated to dazzle the unwary. He is willing to trust the purchaser, and the purchaser knows that for some reason best known to himself that no merchant in town would volunteer to do so much. After praising the poor victim's credit, his taste and judgement manages to sell him something by taking a small price down and contract for balance in monthly payments. The first payment is usually the worth of the goods, and the others are just what the man pays for experience. Next month a stranger comes about and collects the forfeits, which are the goods, and usually two of his visits does the work.

Money is scarce but there is always enough to pay an army of peddlers and agents to come around to gather it in. If the people would just see that they are paying the expenses of these people and every dollar goes out of the country and does no one any good. The merchant needs your trade and your money. If you owe your local merchant don't further wrong him by buying of an agent or a department store. Your merchant deserves your trade. He is a tax payer and likely does more to keep up what market you have than any other man. Dismiss the agent, for he has no interest in you nor in the community. Stick to home enterprises, for when you help them you help yourself and your entire community.—Ex.

Trinity Church in Debt.

Trinity church, New York, rich as everybody agrees beyond the thoughts of money value, is \$2,358,294 in debt. Contrary to its former practice, it now tells in its annual reports the values of its properties, its income and its debts. Its report of last year, just issued, values productive property owned at \$15,117,000, of which \$12,858,600 is real estate at city assessed valuation.

Fred Groene and family who have been on an extensive trip through the northern states and Canada returned Wednesday. Fred was a delegate to the national photographers convention at St. Paul where all the noted picture makers of the world met of whom he was one. He says that the northern country is in fine shape but situated too far from Merkel to be attractive to him.

The first bale of the season was ginned at Bowles gin and sold to B. C. Gaither & Sons at 12 1-2 cents per pound Thursday, Aug. 3, and was raised by J. W. Teaff three miles north of Merkel. The merchants made up a premium of \$65.00 for the first bale, which goes to Mr. Teaff. There are premiums offered for the second and third bales, a list of which will be published next week.

A message from Rev. J. M. Bass states that the child is no better and he would not be able to be in the meeting. Rev. Pennybacker of Austin has been secured to take his place in the meeting.

An infant babe of Ford Smith and wife was buried in Merkel cemetery Wednesday.

Mrs. J. H. Counts while standing in a chair arranging pictures fell and broke her arm just above the wrist Thursday morning.

While on her way to church Wednesday evening Mrs. W. L. Diltz fell from the vehicle and broke one of her wrist bones.

Will Hays, a prosperous farmer living a few miles east of Merkel, was in town Wednesday.

J. H. McDonald, Wesley Edwards and Dr. S. L. Davis were in Abilene Tuesday.

Dr. Fussel of Cisco was visiting old acquaintances in Merkel Sunday.

The Water Problem

Water is one of the most abundant and essential elements of nature and the life and happiness of the people and the success of all lines of industry depend upon quality, cost and durability of our water supply.

Ever since the days when Moses smote the rocks and water gushed forth to quench the thirst of the children of Israel, the people have murmured for water. In time of drouth it is the custom of the people of the rural districts to pray for rain and of the inhabitants of cities to curse the waterworks. Irrigation is solving the problem in agriculture in the arid regions of the state and pure artesian water is available for most cities. Nature has done her part by depositing vast lakes of pure water beneath the surface and numerous rivers traverse the state, offering an abundance of surface water to the cities and it is merely an engineering problem of watering the cities of Texas.

A permanent source of water is one of the most important questions confronting many growing cities in the state and one which may be, by common consent, postponed, but, Banquo's ghost, it will rise up again with increased frightfulness.

Solve the water problem and solve it now.

Good Roads.

Prosperity follows good roads as commerce follows the flag and no community has advanced far in civilization that has not improved its public highways. The condition of the public road and the commodities handled usually gauge the progress and development of communities. Get in line and build good roads.

Texas Needs Capital.

Texas cannot be developed with home capital and if this generation purposes to develop the state, we must get men and money from the outside, and an invitation to home-seekers and capitalists is cordially extended.

HAD NEVER BEEN TEMPTED

Delegation of Citizens Looking for County Treasurer Decided Candidate Was Too Honest.

Upon a certain occasion an eminent citizen was approached by a delegation of other eminent citizens, the leader of whom proceeded to say: "Friend, it must be known to thee that we have had dishonest men in office and the taxpayers have suffered loss thereby?" "Truly, the facts have come to my ears," was the reply. "We would further state that we are a delegation looking for a new man to fill the position of county treasurer."

"And in me you will find an honest one." "That is to say, thee wilt not graft?" "Not the value of a cent." "There wilt be much cash to handle." "But it will be safe with me." "And there will be constant temptations." "But I shall withstand them all." "Hast ever handled public funds?" "No, but I again assure thee of my honesty." "Friend," continued the speaker for the delegation, "thou art honest because thou hast never been tempted. We are now losing about ten per cent. by graft. Let the office be given to an honest man and he'll either take all or none, and the chances are about even up. We will pass on!" Moral—The honest man of today is the rascal of tomorrow.

HIRED MAN WAS NOT DAINTY

"Uncle Joe" Cannon Points Moral With One of His Typical Humorous Stories.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon, at a dinner in Washington, said of a piece of tariff revision that he opposed: "It is useless for the foreigner and no good at all for the American producer. The whole thing is a costly error, like the case of Slank's hired man."

"Slank, for a June treat, set before his hired man a nice mess of fried soft-shell crabs. The crabs were to do for the cook and stable boy as well, but Slank happened in on the hired man in the middle of the meal, and found the cook's and boy's prospects looking very dark."

"Why," said Slank reproachfully, "you are eating your soft-shell crabs without bread!"

"Well, boss," replied the hired man, as he thrust half a crab into his mouth, "them wot can't eat good rich crabs like these without bread deserves to go hungry."

Are You a Woman? TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

The Family Paper

The printing press is the industrial educator of the age. The citizens of Texas lead those of all other states in the Union in the number of newspapers read per capita. The improvement of public highways and the establishment of rural free delivery routes has extended the zone of circulation and reading the newspapers has become as much a part of the work on the farm as caring for the stock, and it has proven about as profitable. The ability of a farmer can be as easily judged by the literature he reads as by the crop he harvests.

Pipe Lines.

Pipe lines are primarily city builders. The pipe line brings the oil field to the refinery and the gas well to the city and to the factory, reducing the cost of transportation, as well as providing a feasible method of distributing the products of the oil and gas wells throughout the state. All enterprising cities should be connected with a pipe line.

Farm and Factory.

The farm and factory go hand in hand and the prosperity of either is dependent upon the other. By bringing the factory to the farm we adjust economic conditions and the increase in value of live stock goes to the producer without increasing the price of meat to the consumer. By building factories in Texas we can greatly decrease the high cost of living.

Rural Telephones.

The scientist in giving the farmer improved varieties of products and the inventor in giving us machinery that reduces the cost of production; has performed a great service to the farmer. But the telephone, born from the creative mind of the inventive genius is destined to companion in utility and convenience all human accomplishments for the intelligent promotion of agriculture. The telephone is the improved public highway of information and is as valuable to the farmer in selling his products as good roads are in hauling his goods to the market.

In every home where there is a baby there should also be a bottle of McGee's Baby Elixir. It may be needed at any time to correct sour stomach, wind colic, diarrhoea or summer complaint. It is a wholesome remedy, contains no opium, morphine or injurious drug of any kind. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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NOW IS THE TIME

It takes two men to make a trade and the secret of success in the real estate business is very simple—simply to get those two men together. The farmer who is in need of money to meet obligations and has land to sell should have a proposition of real merit for the man with money to invest in land. I am going after the man with the money and if you have a farm to sell it will pay you to see me right now. It is absolutely necessary that you put a price on your land that will appeal to the prospector. If you have not a proposition of real merit there will be no need for either of us to waste our time and money but if you have a good deal let me know what it is and I may be able to help you.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Every farmer in the Merkel country knows this truth and all who know me know full well that I practice what I preach on this subject. I am now preparing a descriptive pamphlet of Merkel and the Merkel country, with large circuit pictures being made by the Groene Co., an honest book with just plain facts for the information of the man back east who is looking for a home. I believe we have many opportunities for those men and I am going to try and show it to them. I believe in the present and future of this country and I want the assistance of every man who does. If you can say anything good for this section let me know what it is, write out your statement for me and help me get up this book, if you have anything to sell or not. If you cannot say anything good list your land with me and I will help you to move. Men are just human beings and it is human nature with some people to be always on the go and I want to help every man on his chosen course. Some good men here can be suited better farther west and we just go, moving on, changing and trading. It is just human nature and business for the real estate man. If you want to buy, sell or exchange let me know what you want and I will try to help you.

Section of Good Cheap Land.

One of my clients who owns land in all parts of our country is making some prices which he knows will move the property and realize for him the cash. This proposition is to sell a section of land, with nearly one hundred acres in cultivation, more than one hundred acres of balance good tillable land and the rest good grass land. There is a good little house, good cistern and well with inexhaustible supply of water and this property is within one-half mile of good little town with bank, school, churches, gin and stores. Price, \$8.00 per acre, one-half cash and terms on balance.

For Farming and Stock Raising.

A tract of land in the Clear Fork valley consisting of 1128 acres, 450 in cultivation and the most of the other the richest valley land would make an ideal stock farm and one of the most profitable investments possible. This land is for sale at a bargain figure simply to enable the owners to divide their interests. Price, \$30,000; \$10,000 in cash or good trade worth the money. If you are looking for this kind of an investment do not waste time writing but come and look at the property and then make your proposition.

Real Bargains in Merkel Farms.

No country has a richer soil and our seasons compare favorably with those where lands are worth \$100 to \$150 per acre. We have the country for the man of ambition who wants his property to enhance in value. Our lands will never be cheaper and now is

the time to make your purchase of a home. We promise you more than this value in our lands, the greatest blessing of life and that is the best of health which you can not buy in the countries with a lower altitude. This is not idle newspaper talk for I will make good on everything I tell you and you may come to look at any of the following propositions on a guarantee from me or our banks that you will find everything just as I represent it to you with this ink and paper.

A tract of 550 acres of land, 75 in cultivation, 90 per cent tillable but no improvements except tanks and fencing, desirably located and a good investment at \$18.00 per acre.

Half section, 320 acres, 125 in cultivation, 75 more good, making 200 acres of the richest Canyon valley soil, some of which has produced two bales of cotton per acre, balance rough mountain but some good grass land. No better home for a good farmer or investment for anyone. Price \$5,000; \$1500 cash, balance easy.

A good and good-looking improved farm, 135 acres in Stith country, 107 in cultivation and all level as the floor except three or four acres, good house, barn, cistern, well and other improvements. Price \$32 per acre; \$1500 cash and liberal terms.

A small tract, 80 acres, desirable property, well located and 4 miles of Merkel, will make someone a good little home. An abundance of good water and 55 acres in cultivation. Price \$27.50 per acre; \$1000 cash and terms.

I have some of the best little farms in our country, right up close to town and will be glad to show you or submit you propositions if you will let me know what you want.

Opportunity for Anyone.

The owner of three 160-acre tracts of good land on North Cottonwood creek, joining Claytonville and within seven miles of Pylon, a new town on the Santa Fe offers an opportunity for any good renter who would like to become an owner and build him a good home. This is a real rich soil and having an abundance of good heavy timber will pay for itself for the right man. It is near a country, devoid of any timber and near the best wood market in West Texas. The owner knows any good man can make the money out of the land to pay him and will take a small payment of \$500 to \$1,000 cash on each tract from purchaser who will agree to improve and cultivate same. Price \$20.00 per acre and worth the money.

Section of Land at Sacrifice.

There is a real stable value in all good agricultural land, easily evident to any practical farmer or business man and in this piece of property you can get the biggest and best bargain in farming land in the Merkel country. It is already fairly well improved, 330 acres in cultivation, three sets of improvements but the value is in the soil outside of any of these. The price is \$10.00 to \$15.00 below the price of the same grade of land in that community and the land is offered for sale for just the amount against it. It will take \$5,000 cash now for the first payment, with terms on the balance.

SOME SPECIAL PROPOSITIONS

account of the drouth and depressed financial conditions the past two years I have a few special bargains in farm and ranch lands and I want more for my book before it is printed in next week or ten days. If you have a tract of land to sell list it with me now. If you have any friends back east or north who are looking for a home or an investment give me their names and let me send them some advertising matter. You may help me in this way and every time we get a good citizen to locate with us we are helping ourselves. The man who invests his money in here now is making no mistake and I will help him to find a place. If you are looking for a place tell me what you want and then I will tell you just what I have got—no misrepresentation.

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GENERAL RAINS MONDAY AND TUESDAY NIGHTS SOAKED THE MERKEL COUNTRY

The recent election this territory voted dry by a handsome majority but since that date the same country has been landed fairly and squarely in the wet mud, figuratively speaking and otherwise.

The Merkel country has been one of the favored spots and we have received all along showers over most of our trade territory but the general rain which soaked our farming lands from center to circumference did not arrive until Monday evening. It poured then and while hail, wind and electricity did much damage in other sections only the benefit of the abundant moisture was cooled out in our immediate vicinity. This rain averaged from one to three inches over our entire country and was followed by a similar downpour Tuesday night.

The Mail has made efforts to learn of the extent of both these rains and so far as we have received reports it extended in all directions and was general over this section. No damage has been reported to us from any part of the Merkel country and people are jubilant over the season and prospects. The cotton and feedstuff were beginning to show signs of suffering in many parts of our country but the rains came in time and it is believed that the second crop of feedstuff to be gathered will be better than the first, and with an average crop of cotton farmers will be in good shape at the windup of the season.

The farmers and all others of our little town and country are all smiles and the following are among the expressions which have come to our ears:

J. N. Teaff: I had a good rain on the 13th of last month and these last two were extra good and I have plenty of moisture. I know the crops have suffered from the drouth but believe this is one year when all our people will be surprised by their yield. I believe they will pick all of the cotton they expected to raise and then keep on gathering the staple.

D. O. Huddlestone was in the driest streak of our trade territory until the two last big rains and then he was right in the middle of it. He has 250 acres in cotton and while he has not been very proud of it before he said: "I know now that I will make a cotton crop. I rode over my field after the first rain and it was boggy for my horse. My land is all level and the water stood all over my place after the first rain."

J. S. Swann: "It just simply poured out my way and to give an idea it rained faster in the bunghole of a barrel than it could run out the end."

Uncle David Crockett Hutcherson is one of the old-timers here and a very conservative man. He said: "I have been watching crops in this country for 30 years and we have plenty of time to make lots of cotton. If our country will just average a quar-

ter of a bale we will be doing mighty good.

The Noodle country has suffered but little at any time this year for moisture for they have had good rains all along. Our reporter was out there a week ago and they had plenty of moisture and the best crop prospects in this or any other section of West Texas. Now, with the last two big rains they have an assurance, barring the boll worm and other calamities. Mr. Horton, who lives southeast of Noodle reported the first rain Monday night amounting to two inches. The rain Tuesday night covered the same territory.

Hiram Phillips was on his way to town with 100 bushels of wheat from his divide farm and was caught in the rain Monday night. He sold the wheat the next morning and hit the road back to his farm, saying that he had 100 acres of stubble land to break and make ready for another grain crop. He has 45 acres in cotton and says he will make 15 bales whether or no and he is expecting to gather much more.

H. R. Hicks was in from the White Church community where he is farming this year and reported that they had plenty of rain out their way and conditions were looking good.

J. S. Hutson living southeast of town always keeps record of the rainfall at his place. He reported about an inch and a half Monday night and we are sure the precipitation Tuesday night equaled that if not more.

W. A. Cozart, Wm. Clark, H. C. Floyd, H. L. Propst, J. T. Simmons, W. J. Rogers, John Sears, Edgar Wheeler, Bob Allen, J. M. Fogleman and Terrell Winter all report fine rains in their neighborhood.

MONEY MAKING AS AN ART

No Question That America Has the Best Bank Notes That Are Produced.

To say that Americans make the best bank notes in the world may sound at first rather boastful, and yet any history of the art and industry of note-engraving which failed to record that fact would be incomplete. Paul Revere was the first American bank note artist, and from the time of the chartering of the Bank of North America under the direction of Robert Morris, in 1781, up to the present, American engravers have excelled not only in the artistic quality of their designs, but in their provisions against counterfeiting.

The American style of bank note has become the standard in the countries of Central and South America. The experiences of the Brazilian government led the way in this, after various disappointments. First, the much-vaunted Austrian system was tried, the notes being engraved and printed in England under that system. They proved a complete failure. Counterfeiters flourished. The Brazilians tried bank notes made in France, and these were promptly and extensively imitated as soon as the counterfeiters could get the plates and paper ready. Brazil tried German and English establishments, but still without securing protection to the bank note circulation, and at last turned to the United States and found a type of bills practically impossible to counterfeit. So it is no boast but a mere record of fact to state that Americans make the best bank notes in the world.—Harper's Weekly.

Life Saved at Death's Door.

"I never felt so near my grave," writes W. R. Patterson, of Wellington, Tex., as when a frightful cough and lung trouble pulled me down to 100 lbs., in spite of doctor's treatment for two years. My father, mother and two sister died of consumption and that I am alive today is due solely to Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me. Now I weigh 187 pounds and have been well and strong for years." Quick, safe cure, its best remedy on earth for coughs, colds, lagrippe, asthma, croup, and all throat and lung troubles. 50c & \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

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Ammonia Cleans Clothing and Paint and is Good for Numerous Other Purposes.

In housekeeping ammonia has many uses. It is an efficient help about the wardrobe. Black material, sponged with a cupful of water in which a teaspoonful of ammonia has been mixed, will renew its freshness, while black silk will lose its objectionable shininess by such a sponging. A little ammonia will remove grease from collars, and when rubbed over corsets will cleanse them to a nicety. When mixed with equal parts of turpentine, ammonia will remove paint stains from cloth. If the paint is stubborn it may require several applications before the work is done. Persevere. Nothing is so good for boys' tweed suits as to sponge them with the ammonia mixture. For toilet use, a small quantity will soften the water in which the hair is washed and aid in cleansing the scalp. It renders the bath delightful, and carpets, when thoroughly gone over with ammonia and water, are surprisingly restored to something like their original freshness. When mixed with white wax and turpentine it makes the best of polishes for the floor. To relieve the pain and prevent inflammation resulting from the bites and stings of summer insects ammonia ranks first as a cure.

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FIND THEN THE WORM TURNED

Remark Really More Than Suffering Street Car Passenger Could Stand Without Complaint.

At either end of a seat in a Broadway open car was an individual, the one at the far end smoking a very bad cigarette. Midway between these two sat something very fat. Not only was it very fat, but its hat was fat with feathers, its fingers were fat with many jeweled rings, its neck was fat with beads and its corsage was superfatted with chains, lorgnettes, vanity (!) boxes and falls of lace. It was in fact so fat and so accurately placed in the exact center of the seat that between it and the two individuals at the ends there was not room for the thinnest of passengers to "right or left."

The car stopped to take on a small person in a bee-hive hat, just from rehearsal. She inventoried the car with the sweeping glance of the experienced New Yorker and picked the seat containing the individuals above enumerated as offering the best chances for room, seeing that it held but three, counting the one in the middle as only one passenger.

The newcomer insinuated her small frame between Mrs. Fatness and the man with the bad cigarette. She wriggled, pried and shoved, but got no further than halfway back in the seat. Then she swept the cigarette gentleman with a scathing glance. "Kindly move over," said she to him with considerable acidity.

The gentleman had paid no attention to her shovings and wriggings, since he was too tightly jammed against the rail to have them matter one way or the other. But this was too much. He slowly turned and looked at her, pressing his lips together on one side to hold the cigarette in safety. Then he growled: "Kindly direct your remark to the dime museum thing on your right."—New York Press.

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His Thoughtful Wife.

"I hate to boast," said a Cleveland lawyer, "but my wife is one of the most economical women in the world. The other day she told me she needed a new suit. I said she ought to have it, by all means, but asked her not to spend a big bunch of money without letting me know about it. Well, the next day she said: 'The tailor said he couldn't make the suit for less than \$150. I thought it was too much, but told him to go ahead.'"

"Well, I suppose it is all right," I said, "but why didn't you consult me first?"

"Why, dearie, I didn't want to spend car fare for two visits."

"I tell you, it's these little economies that count, eh?"

The OUTDOOR WOMAN

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ARCHERY A FAVORITE SPORT FOR WOMEN



A LESSON IN HORSEMANSHIP—HANDLING THE REINS



WITHIN the past few years representatives of outdoor sports among the women of this country have multiplied and increased to a greater extent than in any previous era. Although in the years past there have been a few devotees of the more strenuous sports and recreations, the modern woman has just begun to realize all that outdoor life means to her, and the benefits she may derive thereby.

A great number of the women who are today living a life of health and pleasure in the outdoor world have developed from timid, feeble beings of no physique whatever, whose only so-called pleasures were found over cards and other social functions the nature of which not only sap the physical, but impair the mental vitality as well. These women date their convalescent period from the time these enervating pastimes were abandoned for a life free from petty worries and cares—the life of the great outdoors.

What a blessing it would be to womankind if more husbands and brothers, being sportsmen themselves, would say oftener: "Come, go with me into the woodland's cool retreat, to the clear lake where lurk the wily bass, and the air is filled with the fragrance of growing things," or perhaps, "Come where Bob White is hiding in the lonely willow swale."

As a rule, man is, or has been, a selfish creature where sport is concerned, and until recent years has considered his work well done when after a fortunate day of sport he came home, glowing with exercise and vigor bringing the fish or game for the "meek and humble" wife to prepare. But mankind also is beginning to "see the error of his ways," and each season there are more and more recruits to the army of happy men who have fitted their wives out with all necessary equipment for the life outdoors, whether to meet the requirements of the gentle art of angling or the more exerting though not less congenial recreation with the gun.

In the United States, those women who have asserted themselves, either for their inherent love for nature, or the acquired attachment that invariably springs up—the result of close communion with nature—have proven the equal, and not infrequently the superior of man contestants, in games that try the utmost skill and endurance in his or her special sport. To the woman who has, as she will probably express it, "lost her health," and whose strength and courage with which to combat every-day tribulations is fast deserting her, the one physician who can answer every time as positive to a permanent cure is old Doctor Outdoors, and his prescriptions are many and varied. This physician will never advise a timid, nervous woman to go for the first time, armed with shotgun, nor would he tell a woman who never held before a more formidable weapon than a "straight flush" to start out after big game without some preliminary instructions in this line. The first advice would be: Learn to love the outer world, cultivate a taste for natural beauty, learn to look, learn to listen, learn to walk correctly, to tread the woodland paths lightly, and learn to breathe, fully and freely expanding, exhaling, till the blood coursing merrily through every vein brings a warm glow to cheeks that have long been pinched and faded.

In using the terms, looking and listening, I refer to the cultivation of the senses, without which life in the open air loses much of its enchantment. Cultivate the sense of hearing; when out alone in the woods, pause occasionally and note how many different sounds you can hear distinctly and remember. Perhaps it is the music of a stream as it ripples softly over a bed of gravel; maybe it is the voice of the waterfall as it tumbles over great boulders or through a narrow gorge, and simultaneously you may hear the twitter of feathered songsters in the neighboring trees, and the cry of some great bird of prey on its pilgrimage through the air, while away off in the opposite direction comes the faint tinkle of a cowbell. While grasping these separate, distinct sounds and storing them in your mind your eyes have kept busy. Perhaps you may notice a bent or broken twig or a bush near by, so your eye involuntarily follows the course of the path and seeks the next shrub to find more bent in the same manner. Your conclusions

are rapid. Some animal has passed that way. As the twigs alone, and not the branches being mutilated, you know the animal has not rushed by in fright, and the nipped leaves higher up will indicate the leisurely passage of some herbivorous animal, and if you feel inclined to follow this trail you will be rewarded in the end by finding a stray horse, as at first surmised. Not big game, far from it, but you have learned one lesson in the book of woodcraft, which is only a page of the many volumes yet in store for the earnest student. It may have been smaller tracks that have claimed your attention, tracks that are visible in the soft earth. Learn to distinguish those of a rabbit from those of the squirrel has made. This is easy if you will be member that in running the rabbit places both fore feet close together and spreads the hind feet apart, while the squirrel places all feet at nearly equal distance apart. In using the olfactory sense you can stand perfectly still and tell what trees or bush is in blossom.

Truly, one season spent out of doors in cultivation and close observation will be of more real benefit than years over books.

These things, then, are the first rudiments toward that higher education, the education of the outdoor woman. Perhaps the most important stage to be considered during the preparatory stage is the clothing to be worn, for without comfortable attire, advanced lessons will be of little real benefit. Although the outing costume varies with the individual taste, and also with the expense to be considered, still the most popular and the one universally adapted to most needs is a suit consisting of a plain short skirt worn over knickerbockers, a coat of the same material, which may be made plain for camping purposes alone, or supplied with the proper pockets for hunting and fishing. A soft flannel shirt will be found more convenient than a waist, and stout shoes worn with leggings are lighter and less fatiguing than the high top boots, although they may be worn to advantage in colder weather or where there is a rough tramp to be taken. A soft felt hat, or cap with generous visor to protect the eyes completes the costume.

After simplicity, durability is an item to be considered. Strong, serviceable duck, canvas and khaki cloth are durable and easily cleaned, but of recent years whole suits of waterproof material can be had at such reasonable cost that it is folly and a greater expense to make one's outing garments at home.

Cultivate a love for nature, which you can do with neither rod nor gun, the use of which implements of pleasure should come after the first rudiments are mastered. With new strength and nerve gained through a life out of doors will also come new courage and confidence.

In some respects the prevailing variety of sport is characteristic of that portion of country wherein it is most indulged. In the southern and some of the eastern states, fox hunting is one of the most popular of recreations, as the physical features and topography of the country make it the natural home of the fox, red and gray; and in the sunny south for generations fox hounds have been bred with the exhilaration of the chase in view; horses have been judiciously bred in order to keep up with the hounds; and who may say but that the beauty of the famous women, especially of Kentucky, has not been

established through generations of riding to hounds in the open air, for it is a sport that is indulged in to a great extent by women, and it is worthy of note that they have proved to be the most fearless as well as most graceful of riders.

In the wilder portions of the west where the turbulent broncho and the fiery mustang hold supreme sway, riding is one of the prevalent modes of enjoyment, although in a very different manner from that of riding to hounds, for the eastern horsewoman differs as much from the cultivated horsewoman of the south and east as the broncho differs from the thoroughbred; and yet the daughters of the west are fearless riders, many of whom are expert ropers and spend their spare moments in the healthful, albeit rude, atmosphere of the camp.

Archery claims many devotees who are very enthusiastic over their favorite pastime, but as yet the game of William Tell has not gained national pre-eminence. It seems to be growing in popularity, however.

More than a century before our beloved Isaac Walton had published his immortal work, "The Complete Angler," another book was written on the subject so dear to the heart of the angler—this by a venerable dame, Juliana Berners. It was called "Treatyse of Fysshynge with an Angle," and even in that remote time (1496) there must have been the same existing charm of outdoor life and proof that a woman might profit by this recreation either beside still waters or running stream, as demonstrated in the old dame's words: "It nedde be the dysporte of fyshynge with an angle that causeth a long life, and a merry." And truly, what life can be more full of the sweet, seductive charm than an outing beside a running brook?

Take a warm day in early spring when all nature is awakening from her long winter sleep. Go away off "far from the maddening crowd" to some sequestered nook where the trees are beginning to wear their green dress of the season, and where the lark sings. Take with you the light rod and little coxer, and try your luck with the finny tribe. It is not all luck, however, and it is interesting as well as instructive to note under what conditions the greatest amount of success in angling can be attained.

From a practical viewpoint, angling has much to recommend it as an enjoyable means of recreation, as the sport need not be made an expensive one, although with angling as with all other sports, it may be made as expensive as one would wish, according to the richness of the outfit to be employed and enjoyed. Many an old fisherman, and any little boy will tell you that he can catch more fish using a pole cut from a neighboring tree, with home-made tackle, than with the most elaborate set of bamboo rods and flies ever manufactured.

Trap shooting is a great sport and claims a number of women devotees in this country as well as abroad; it is said that Queen Margharita of Italy is an adept with both shotgun and rifle, trap shooting being her favorite diversion.

Gradually but persistently the outdoor woman and lover of this means of recreation is asserting herself, and at present time plans are under way to perfect an organization composed of the women trap shooters of the United States. At the head of this movement is one of the most enthusiastic and able representatives of trap shooting among the fair sex. More than ever women are beginning to realize how much outdoor life means to them, and they will soon find that no one but the doctor has a kick coming if they spend their vacation in the wilderness or on the plains.

My advice is "Throw your powder rags and medicine bags to the first stray goat you meet and come with me into the open," thereby placing your name upon the great roster as an outdoor woman.



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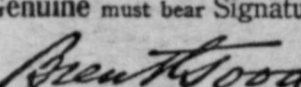
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Experienced Shopper, Who Was Wise, Put Hubby Onto Facts of the Case.

Speaking of family poker parties this really happened:

A young married couple attended such a session at the home of a neighbor the other night. And when this young couple got home, the female end of the sketch said:

"Jim, I hate to say anything about the Halls—they seem to be nice. But I'm afraid they cheat cards."

"Nonsense!"

"I knew you'd say that, and dear of you to be so unsuspecting. But—well, what was the price chips, tonight? Five cents. That's what I thought. Jim, I examined those chips carefully, and they're the very same thing that I could have bought at Jones' store for a dollar a hundred in all three colors, too!"

A Distinction.

Mrs. Gaddy—There are some distinctions in life which are very puzzling to me.

Professor Pundit—Like what, instance?

Mrs. Gaddy—When you write a thing bad and mean in a man's life a book for everybody to read, it biography; but when you just tell the same things to a few people on a front porch, it's gossip.

Look Before You Leap.

Agitated Old Gent—Quick! My daughter is overboard! Save her, and she shall be your wife!

Blase Person—Wait till the waves roll her over and I can see her face!

—Puck.

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"Her nerves, which had become shattered by the use of coffee have grown healthy again, and today she is a new woman, thanks to Postum." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich., and the "cause why" will be found in the great little book, "The Road to Wellville," which comes in pgs.

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