



## COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

### Nubia News.

August 2—Mrs. Mary Page left Tuesday for her home at West. She has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Cattie Deavenport.

Mrs. Mary Blackburn who has been very sick for several days is able to be up.

Mrs. Inez Reynolds and children visited Mrs. Cattie Deavenport Tuesday.

Effie Watkins of Butman visited her aunt Mrs. Hunter Sunday and Monday.

Miss Grace Wood and Ernest Boyd are visiting in Abilene.

Dook Blackburn of Knox county is visiting home folks. He reports fine crops there.

Herbert Deavenport and Mrs. Rhoda Watkins were in Merkel Tuesday.

Our protracted meeting will start Saturday night. Quarterly conference Saturday and Sunday. Sunshine.

### Shiloh Clippings.

August 1—Dear Editor and Correspondents, how are you all? Rejoicing over the good rain and good prospects for a good crop. Shiloh and the surrounding country was visited by a heavy rain and some wind but no damage done that we heard of.

Mrs. Sanford Callahan has been quite ill but is better now.

A big meeting begins Friday night here. Rev. J. H. Pace of Anson will assist Rev. Gentry. Knowing both I feel we will have a successful meeting.

Mr. Fredrickson has two children very ill. Mr. Barkley has a sick child also.

Dr. W. H. Kincade of Anson was down on his farm in his auto Sunday.

Mrs. Amy Callahan is reported ill.

Russel Stone and George Hightower were in Hamlin Saturday.

Cupid has another victim in our community. Joe Dyess of Shiloh and Miss Irene Truitt of Anson were married July at Anson. The happy couple will take up their abode among the Shiloh people. We wish for them a long and happy life.

Mrs. Hightower was called to Oklahoma to attend the bedside of her daughter.

Messrs. Hardy and Lovell Rutledge are here from Oklahoma visiting friends.

The overseer of this district has his hands working the roads this

week. There are some rough places to work.

Henry Vine and wife visited in Merkel Saturday and Sunday.

Happy Hooligan.

### Castle Peak News.

July 30—The farmers are all busy hauling in their feed.

A big meeting was started here Saturday morning and was closed Tuesday.

There was singing at W. P. Moore's Sunday afternoon which was enjoyed by quite a crowd.

Ira Davis and wife, Virgil and Misses Vio and Elsie were guests of Miss Pearl Baccus Saturday night.

Mrs. M. E. Baccus and children were in Merkel on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Davis has returned from Waco where she has been visiting her son.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes made a pleasant call at Bro. Sibley's Sunday afternoon.

C. C. Barnes and wife have returned from Fisher county.

Mr. and Mrs. McGehee attended prayermeeting at Castle Peak Sunday night.

Miss Pearl Baccus was the guest of Miss Estelle Moore Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Lydia Davis is sick and quite a number of her neighbors called to see her.

The Lost Dog.

Aug. 3—The farmers are all rejoicing over the rain.

Crops are looking fine.

There was a big reunion at the home of Geo. Richey Sunday.

Mrs. Richey and children from town, one of their daughters from Weatherford, Mrs. Winnie Fred Howard and Mrs. Get Riney from Riney were present. Mrs. Riney brought lunch for the crowd.

They came to Castle Peak Sunday morning to preaching and Miss Estelle Moore and Miss Cleo Barnes were their guests.

Hayt Horton accompanied Miss Estelle Moore home from prayer meeting Sunday night.

There was singing at W. P. Moore's Sunday evening and everybody reported a nice time.

Mrs. M. E. Baccus and children were shopping in Merkel Friday.

Farmers are busy plowing cotton since the rain.

Miss Viola Davis was the guest of Miss Pearl Baccus Sunday.

The big meeting will begin at

Castle Peak on Friday night before the third Sunday. Everybody invited.

Mrs. Barnes was the guest of her daughter Mrs. Ollie Barnes Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Emma Moore and children spent the day with Mrs. Baccus and children Wednesday.

Miss Vio and Mrs. Lydia Davis were the guests of Miss Pearl Baccus Monday.

Mr. Destan took dinner with W. P. Moore Tuesday.

Brother Sibley took dinner with Clifton Barnes Tuesday.

Miss Verna Hogan and Mr. Reidenbach, Miss Lola Tittle and Horace Hogan of Mt. Pleasant attended church at this place Sunday night.

Henry Patterson of Merkel attended church at this place Saturday night.

Mr. Patterson and family attended church here Saturday night and Sunday.

Virgil Davis accompanied Miss Pearl Baccus home from church Sunday night.

Misses Bessie Kenedy and Liddie Lemond of Mt. Pleasant visited Sunday school at Castle Peak Sunday morning.

There was a candy breaking at Mrs. Baccus Monday night. All reported a nice time.

Milford Martin of Big Springs visited his sister Mrs. Lula Barnes last week.

Three of the Mt. Pleasant boys attended the candy breaking at Mrs. Baccus Monday night.

A. H. Barnes and family of our community attended church at Nubia Sunday night.

Hayt Horton made a pleasant call at Mrs. Baccus Saturday afternoon. Stranger.

### White Church Items.

Aug. 8—Crops are looking fine in our community.

Miss Emily Hodge of Jones county visited at Mr. Burrus last week.

Dent Cozart and Miss Theresa Watford attended the party at Mr. Demere's Tuesday night.

H. R. Hicks, wife and son Vestal and Mrs. Starkey visited relatives and friends in Merkel Saturday and Sunday.

DeWitt Phillips of the Divide spent the day with Miley Burrus Wednesday.

Messrs. DeWitt Phillips, Clarence Hodge and Miley Burrus and Misses Emily Hodge, Willie and Addie Dulin attended preaching at Butman Wednesday night.

The Methodist protracted meeting will begin Friday night at this place. Everybody come.

Joe Bickley was a pleasant caller at B. L. Dulin's Sunday afternoon.

Quite a crowd from our community attended preaching at Butman Saturday night.

Zelmer Snow and Tom Purdum attended preaching at Butman Wednesday night.

Raymond Demere and Miss Ada Franks attended preaching at Butman Sunday afternoon.

Luther Franks and Miss Theresa Watford attended preaching at Butman Sunday morning.

Misses Mary Lee and Jewell Hicks returned home Sunday after spending the past week in Merkel with friends and relatives.

Zelmer Snow and Miley Burrus attended preaching at Center Point Sunday night.

Dent Cozart and Miss Theresa Watford attended preaching at Butman Sunday afternoon.

Clarence Hodge has returned to his home in Jones county after visiting in our community for the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Franks and daughter Miss Annie attended preaching at Butman Sunday.

Clarence Hodge and Miley Burrus were on the Divide one day last week.

The party at Mr. Farmers Thursday night was much enjoyed by all present.

B. L. Dulin and wife have gone to Stephens county on an extended visit.

Arthur West and sister Miss

Maud, Zelmer Snow and Miley Burrus attended preaching at Butman Sunday.

Lee White was a pleasant caller at Mr. Snow's Sunday.

Mr. Bickley transacted business in Merkel Monday.

As news is scarce give me my old white hat and I will go. Will someone show me the way home? I am a poor Lost Chicken.

### Butman Community.

August 7—Our community was visited by a nice rain since last Monday and a little storm also.

Crops are looking real nice in our community, cotton is opening fast.

D. D. Coats and family of our community were visiting in Merkel last week.

Miss Monta Whetsel spent last with Mrs. J. H. Ensminger.

The meeting closed at this place Sunday. Bro. Masters will go to Shep where he will hold a meeting. We welcome Bro. Masters in our community. The people have learned to love him and we truly hope he will be in our midst again in the near future.

George Davidson and family accompanied by Misses Ada and Addie Franks were visiting in the home of R. N. White Saturday.

R. N. White, J. H. Ensminger, J. A. Dulin and Sam Gant went to Shep Monday.

Miley Burrus and Zelma Snow of White Church were visiting in our community Sunday.

Lee White was a pleasant caller at the home of Mr. Snow Sunday afternoon.

Dent Cozart and Miss Theresa Watford were visiting in Butman Sunday.

Mr. Combs and family were the guests of J. A. Dulin and family last week.

Miss Emily Hodge and brother Clancie of Jones county were visiting in our community one night last week.

Miley Burrus and Miss Addie Dulin, Clancie Hodge and Miss Willie Dulin, Dewitt Phillips and Miss Emily Hodge attended preaching last Wednesday night.

Adron Phillips, wife and little daughter Ruby took dinner with D. D. Coats and family Sunday.

Miss Monta Whetsel was the guest of Ludie Dulin last Saturday.

Miss Lillie White spent Monday night with Mrs. J. H. Ensminger.

Pearl Thornton took dinner with Lottie Butman Sunday.

Ludie Dulin spent Thursday with Mrs. Mathews.

C. L. Tucker and family spent Tuesday with J. H. Ensminger and family.

Joe Dulin was visiting his cousins Lee and Mehen Dulin.

J. E. Costephens was visiting in Merkel last week.

Dent Cozart and Miss Theresa Watford and Dewitt Phillips took supper at J. A. Dulin's Sunday.

E. E. Patterson transacted business in Merkel Saturday.

Emit Patterson and uncle Mr. Tacket visited Jim Patterson on the divide Sunday.

Wade Ensminger took dinner with Chalmer and Owen Patterson Sunday.

Pealey West and wife attended church Sunday.

Miss Maud West was among our visitors Sunday.

Walter Lewis and family attended preaching Sunday.

Martin Costephens attended preaching one night last week.

R. N. White and family spent Friday with the family of J. H. Ensminger.

Joe Bickley of White Church was in Butman Sunday.

Luther Franks and Miss Theresa Watford attended preaching Sunday.

Raymond Demere attended church Sunday. Guess Who.

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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.  
The First National Bank located at Merkel, in the state of Texas, is closing its affairs. All note holders and other creditors of the association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment. J. E. Faucett, Cashier.  
July 10, 1911. 7-14m2

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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Grandma Lowe of Baird is visiting Mrs. W. R. Bigham.

Mrs. M. A. Martin has returned home from a visit to New Mexico.

Miss Lila Sandlin is at home from a two weeks visit to friends at Willis Point.

Mrs. W. D. Goett of Abilene is visiting Mrs. W. A. Franklin at Mrs. Templeton's.

Mrs. Mack Angus is attending the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Assembly at Colorado.

Misses Ola and Tennie Pope and Josie Lowrey are at home from the state normal at Canyon City.

Geo. L. Paxton, Jr., returned to his home at Abilene Wednesday after a week's visit with his cousin Booth Warren.

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FRIDAY, AUG. 11, 1911

### T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND	
Train No. 8, leaves Merkel	9:32 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

Now that the country has been thoroughly soaked and the prospects for a good crop are better than for several years it seems that the thing to do now would be for every town and community to turn his energies to their local enterprises on which they can all agree. Let the legislatures, congress and grand juries investigate whatever frauds have been practiced and whatever crime has been brought to their knowledge and bring the guilty parties to justice. This all right and really necessary if we expect to uphold and enforce the law but let us not forget that there are other things just as important. In a few weeks our public schools will open and there is no reason why everybody in every community should not be interested in making them a success. A man may have some sort of reason for being a prohibitionist or an anti, in fact it would hardly be expected that a neighborhood would be a unit on this question but on the subject of good schools there is no cause for divisions. On the proper education of our children depends altogether not only their success individually but the success of the government and its ability to settle all other questions aright. Then let the Merkel people begin now and continue to work to make the Merkel school one of the best in Texas. If a town has a good school every body is benefited and nobody injured. If the parents, teachers and school boards co-operate there is no other result possible than that the very best school be built up. What ever else we may be divided on let us be a unit on having a good school.

### Granulated Sore Eyes Cured.

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

### Revival at Tabernacle.

The revival at the tabernacle under the direction of the Methodist church continues with very great interest. The attendance has been very large. Rev. J. F. Pennybacker of Austin has been doing the preaching for a week. He is a great preacher and has stirred the people who belong to the churches by showing them how God would have them live. His preaching has been as plain and heart-searching as the town ever had.

Not only has many backsliders been drawn back to the Lord and christians edified but quite a number have been saved and many more asking for prayer.

The singing led by Prof. Stapleton of Macon, Ga., has been very inspiring. He is a great leader and a fine soloist.

Indications are that this will be one of the greatest revivals our town has ever had. We are informed the meeting will continue till Sunday night at least.

### 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.

### 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.

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An automobile party composed of Will Woodroof, W. A. Scott, Lester Ellis, Lloyd Wright and Carl Evans attended the picnic at Sweetwater last week. They made the trip in the Buick car of Woodroof's.

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.

Ernest Duckett who has been employed by the Merkel Telegram for the past few months left yesterday for Snyder where he goes to accept a position with the Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Co.

Cuts and bruises may be healed in 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.

C. E. Whitaker and family spent the latter part of last week with friends and relatives at Dora.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Joe Gunn visited friends in Abilene this week.

Mrs. Grubbs came in Thursday and is visiting Mrs. Templeton.

Mrs. W. A. Franklin and Miss Bera Stallings visited Trent Monday.

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

Miss Katherine Mathis is in Waxahachie visiting Mrs. Ernest Woodroof.

Mrs. Walter Jennings and daughter of Abilene were guests of Mrs. J. W. Jennings this week.

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

Mrs. John Elliott is attending the I.O.O.F. and Rebekah Assembly at Colorado this week.

Ben Ford of Blackwell was in the city Wednesday on business and paid our office a pleasant call.

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

### 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.

In a fairly good game of baseball the Merkel aggregation defeated the Stith team by the score of 9 to 4 Wednesday. The game was close for eight innings until the Merkel boys came from behind one score, making six runs in the eighth. Batteries: Merkel, Stroud and Jones; Stith, Mashburn and Baber.

Dennis McDonald happened to a very painful if not serious accident Wednesday, catching his finger in a cog wheel at the Merkel Bottling Works where he was working. The finger was badly mashed and may have to be amputated.

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.

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### What Others Say About It.

The farmer owning the land adjoining this tract said: "My land is no better and I paid \$17.00 per acre for my farm in a raw state and unimproved. It is worth nearly double the price asked for it."

C. L. Barker of the Southern National Bank of Merkel and a hard critic on any land said: "I inspected this property with John Sears, farmer and ranchman, for a banker of Dallas, and our report to him was that it is, in our opinion, the cheapest land we know of in West Texas. Land, no better than this, has sold this year for \$30.00 per acre, and some above that figure."

Tom J. Coggin of Merkel said: "I know every foot of this section of land and it is all first-class farming land; a red sandy soil and with season will produce bale of cotton per acre. I sold this same land six years ago for \$15.00 per acre, raw and unimproved, and it later sold for \$20.00. It is the best bargain I know of now for the price asked, \$15.00 per acre."

### Now What I Have to Say.

If you are a banker, lawyer, doctor, farmer, stockman, man, woman or child and looking for a home or an investment wire me when you can look at this land. It is all of the bargain I represent to you here, and will be bought by the first party who looks at it and can raise the amount.

## J.G. JACKSON

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

Misses Winnie and Louise Warren are at Hawley visiting the families of their uncles Charley and Albert Booth.

Mrs. W. B. Alsobrook of Hermleigh was called to the bedside of Grandma Alsobrook who is sick at her home in east Merkel.

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

Misses Lizzie Calvert, Ina Jobe and Messrs. Jack Provine and Homer Jobe were visitors at the Sweetwater W. O. W. picnic.

Mesdames Elmer Long of Sweetwater and C. C. Cheshire of Abilene are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Berry.

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.

Dennis McDonald returned Wednesday from San Angelo where he had been visiting friends and relatives 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

W. R. Walker, W. M. Brown, John Elliott and Ben Douglas were among our people who attended the W. O. W. Log-Rolling at Sweetwater last week.

All those living in this school district who have not received a school catalogue can get same by calling on Superintendent R. L. Krigbaum.

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.

Miss Lila Sandlin has accepted a position with the Radford Grocery Co. of Abilene as stenographer and left Wednesday night to go on duty.

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.

Mrs. James Terry and little grand daughters Mildred, Edna and Jimmie Ruth have returned to their home in Sentinel, Okla., after an extended visit to Mrs. Alice Templeton.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Wilson of Ellis county, old time friends of Judge W. W. Wheeler stopped over Tuesday to make the Judge a visit.







# WOODROOF BROTHERS

## OUR NEW GOODS ARRIVING DAILY

We will have in the next few days a large and swell assortment of new fall goods as our buyer, E. L. Woodroof, has been in the eastern markets for the past three weeks and, as always, has bought a large stock for you to select from, so come in and look whether you want to buy or not, and for the balance of this month we will give you the greatest bargains of the year on all summer merchandise. If you are in need of anything in this line it certainly will pay you to call and see our bargains

# WOODROOF BROS.--One Price, The Lowest



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

The G. F. & F. C.'s were entertained Monday afternoon by Miss Gene Rister. After the regular order of business Miss Gene served frozen punch and iced watermelon to Misses Margie and Clara Saffles, Clara Keeton, Pauline Johnson, Inice Moon, Fannie Burroughs, Irene Swann and Carrol Rister and the special guests Miss May Wilson of Abilene and Mrs. W. A. Scott.

Wednesday evening of last week Mrs. W. D. Woodroof entertained a few couples in honor of her sister Miss Nina Wright of Bellevue. Progressive 42 was arranged for the evening's amusements after which an ice course was served to Misses Maud Martin, Agnes Hall, Winnie Warren, Eva Teaff, Fannie Burroughs, Messrs. George and Frank Ferrer, Lloyd Wright, Lester Ellis, Letch Honeycutt, Virgil Touchstone.

The Hoya house party has been a much talked of affair for the past two weeks with Miss Clara Hoya as hostess. Quite a round of gayeties has been their portion Miss Deedie Hoya having entertained at luncheon on Thursday, Mrs. Blum Mast at dinner at the New Murphy on Friday, while bunco parties, picture show parties and such like was a feature of each day. The house guests were Miss Ruth Mims of Merkel, Miss Amilie Hoya of Dallas, Miss Olevia Faye of Shreveport, La., and Miss Dolphie Hillenkamp.—Nacogdoches Sentinel.

Miss Mims will visit Dallas before coming home. At present she is in Chireno.

J. P. C. Hunt and Miss Jessie O'Brient left Sunday for the eastern markets and says he will have some startling things to tell the people about the new line of dry goods and millinery that he will select for the fall season while gone.

Mrs. W. J. Ozee and little granddaughter Lynne Sheppard came in Sunday for a month's visit to Mrs. H. C. Burroughs. Lynne will visit her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sheppard.

J. C. Davidson of Cook county came in Tuesday. He is looking after his land interest in the Robinson pasture and says crops look better here than many other places in his travels.

Miss Pearl Baccus and her mother of near Castle Peak paid the Merkel Mail office a pleasant call last Friday.

Mrs. Maude McNeese of Hubbard who has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lee Carter returned Monday.

Mrs. J. M. Fryar left Sunday to join her husband at Ranger who is editor and proprietor of the Ranger Record a new enterprise for that city. We wish him much success.

B. D. Black who is to be principal of the Merkel high school next session has bought the Annis place in south Merkel and is moving in this week.

Misses Collins and Miller of Cleburne are visiting their cousin Miss Mabel Collins out of Bettles Heights.

Mrs. Ernest Kunze returned to Fort Worth Tuesday after a visit to her father R. J. Adecock and other relatives and friends.

Miss Cleo Bowler of Terrell and Miss May Wilson of Abilene were guests of Mrs. W. A. Scott this week.

Joe Higgins carried his boy who has been sick for several weeks to the Alexander Sanitarium Tuesday.

Mrs. Eva Perkins who has been taking a special course in the Chicago University has returned.

J. S. McCullah of Snyder is teaching the Masonic brethren the secret work this week and next.

Miss Maude Jenkins who has been sick for several days is reported better and able to be up.

W. D. Pipes and brother attended the funeral of their mother who died at Dublin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb of Fort Worth are visiting Mrs. Demere of the Nubia neighborhood.

Arthur Browning is making one of occasional visits to his father and mother this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Groene and children visited his father near Abilene Sunday and Monday.

Miss Fannie Tippet of Abilene visited her sister Mrs. W. L. Harkrider this week.

Miss Cleo Bowler of Terrell has been elected music teacher on the south side.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eoff are visiting their daughter Mrs. Usery at Austin.

Miss Willie McBride of Tyler is visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Boring.

Miss Madeline Adkisson is visiting relatives at Putnam this week.

Mrs. G. R. Pettis has gone to Beaumont to join her husband.

J. H. McDonald and R. C. Young spent Tuesday in Abilene.

Mrs. Bessie Reed is visiting her Merkel friends this week.

Mrs. Judge Gibbs of Midland is visiting Mrs. Fred Bigham.

Miss Johnnie Cox of Stanton is visiting relatives in Merkel.

Miss Eula and Mrs. Alex Sears were in Abilene Monday.

W. H. Clements has returned from a trip to Knox City.

### MERKEL FIRST BALES

J. W. Teaff Once More Gets to Market With First of Season.

### HUNDRED DOLLARS PREMIUMS

Merkel Merchants Make Up Purse of Even Money to be Divided \$65.00, \$25.00 and \$10.00 to First, Second, Third Bales.

All Hail, King Cotton.

The season of 1911-12 was opened on the Merkel market Thursday of last week when J. W. Teaff brought to town the first bale of the fleecy staple. His customary habit of taking the premiums for first bales in the past has made for him the name of First Bale Teaff and he once more showed himself deserving of the new cognomen. The bale was open and ready for picking the last day of September but was not gathered until Thursday and brought to town. J. D. Gaither and J. P. Sharp circulated a list and in a few minutes \$100.00 was subscribed by our merchants for premiums. Of this amount \$90.00 went to the first bales and all of this money was taken by Mr. Teaff who was in town Friday with a second bale. The first bale was bought by B. C. Gaither & Sons for 12 1/2 cents.

The following is the subscription list as made up by our merchants:

Farmers & Merchants National Bank \$10.00, Southern National Bank 12.50, B. C. Gaither & Sons 8.00, Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co. 7.50, J. P. Sharp 5.00, G. M. Sharp 1.00, Hogue-Hamilton Co. 2.50, E. D. Coats 1.00, Anchor Hdw. Co. 2.50, Woodroof Bros. 2.50, Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co. 2.50, West Texas Hdw. Co. 2.50, G. F. West & Sons 2.50, Parten Dry Goods Co. 2.50, Star Store 5.00, Hamblet & Rogers 2.50, City Barber Shop 50c, Turner & Sanders 50c, Pipes Bros 2.50, McClains Drug Store 1.00, W. L. Diltz 2.50, Jno. B. Bell & Son 50c, Merkel Lumber Co. 2.50, Picklesimer & Son 1.00, H. C. Burroughs 1.00, Rust & McCauley 1.00, J. T. Dennis 1.00, J. L. Bannet & Son 1.00, Rose & Jones 50c, Kent Street Grocery Co. 2.50, W. L. Harkrider 2.50, Merkel Mail 2.50, Burton-Lingo Co. 2.50, Williams & Johnson 1.00, W. W. Wheeler 1.00, Armstrong Drug Co. 2.50, Groene's Studio each one 1 bird's eye view of Merkel, Merkel Telegram first one year subscription, second one-half year subscription, third one-half year subscription.

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Read the Mail. 1.00 a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Below Ellis of Red River county are here this week visiting the former's brother, Vine Ellis and about a dozen other former Red River county citizens. The visitor has known our country for nearly a quarter of a century, first coming here when there was no Merkel and says that he believes now is the time to make an investment. He is a good man and we trust that he will be located with us.

W. F. Hamblet made a trip to the country south of Merkel Sunday and inspected the cotton of that section. He says that the average cotton that he viewed would make about a half-bale to the acre. He also stated that the feed looked better than any year's crop he had yet seen in the Merkel country.

At a meeting of the city council Wednesday afternoon a contract was made with W. E. Britain for the care and operation of the waterworks machinery for another year. The official publishing for the term was awarded to the Telegram and the regular routine of business was transacted.

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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### Gave Up Hope

"I suffered five years, with awful pains, due to womanly troubles," writes Mrs. M. D. McPherson, from Chad-bourn, N. C. "They grew worse, till I would often faint. I could not walk at all, and I had an awful hurting in my side; also a headache and a backache.

I gave up and thought I would die, but my husband urged me to try Cardui, so, I began, and the first bottle helped me. By the time the third bottle was used, I could do all my work. All the people around here said I would die, but Cardui relieved me."

### TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

For more than 50 years, Cardui has been relieving woman's sufferings, and making weak women strong and well. During this time, thousands of women have written, like Mrs. McPherson, to tell of the really surprising results they obtained by the use of this purely vegetable, tonic remedy for women.

Cardui strengthens, builds, restores, and relieves or prevents unnecessary pain and suffering from womanly troubles. If you are a woman, begin taking Cardui, today.

Write for Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. J. 49

### Learn BOOKKEEPING

We teach the ACTUAL BUSINESS methods from the start to finish. Each student has individual sets of books and gets individual instruction. We guarantee to make a first-class bookkeeper of you or refund your money. A course in salesmanship free to those who take the bookkeeping course.

### SHORTHAND

Learn to write shorthand. We teach the celebrated Modern Method of Shorthand, which is the best in use today. Also Gramham or Pitman. We can prepare you in a short time to be an expert shorthand writer. We teach the touch system of typewriting, which is far ahead of any other system.

### TELEGRAPHY

Thousands of telegraph operators needed. There is no calling that offers such sure promotion and certain success as telegraphy. We have the best equipped telegraphy department in the South, expert teachers, and direct main line connection with railroad companies (in fact, our college is now the official training school of the M., K. & T. Railway System), affording an abundance of practical work for our students. Now is the time to begin.

Special rates now on. Will give you more for your money than any other college. Every national bank in Fort Worth represented on our board of directors. Good positions absolutely guaranteed.

### Brantley-Draughan Business College

Corner Fourteenth and Main Sts. Fort Worth, Texas

### J. A. WOODARD

#### Livery, Feed and Sale Stable

#### SOUTH SIDE

Solicits a share of your patronage during the New Year and promises courteous treatment. Phone No. 44. Opposite T. & P. Depot.

MERKEL : : : : TEXAS

Rev. Norton Dead.

Rev. J. H. Horton of the Mulberry flat community after a lingering illness died Wednesday night and the remains were laid to rest Thursday afternoon in our cemetery at Merkel. He was about 77 years of age, a good moral citizen and our people mourn with his friends and relatives his death.

# AN OPPORTUNITY

## 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 will 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 Groeng 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 your 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 Pyron, 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 will take \$5,000 cash now for the first payment, with terms on the balance.

## SOME SPECIAL PROPOSITIONS

On 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 the 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 land 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.

# J. G. JACKSON, REAL ESTATE, MERKEL

### MERKEL FARM WILL MAKE BALE TO ACRE

Our modesty forbids us printing any real good reports of the Merkel country cotton crop for fear that we may be accused of boasting. We know there are some mighty fine cotton crop and of course some mighty sorry but we accepted an invitation of J.D. Gaither Monday afternoon and inspected the crop of J. N. Teaff just west of town. Now, we do not pose as judge of cotton but give you the judgment of men who do claim to know, that this citizen will under favorable conditions gather a bale to the acre off his 90 acres in cotton. It is about waist high, loaded to the guards and bending in all directions and some stalks breaking down with its load. It is a pretty piece of cotton and still growing and making a good season in the ground.

This good citizen came here seven years ago and bought his place 575 acres, most of which is valley land, rich as anywhere. He came from Bell county and one of his old neighbors on a recent visit said that his cotton could not be beaten anywhere in Bell county.

All of our country is good and will do as well with a season but the valley farm seems to make a crop whether it rains or not. Come to Merkel.

A well known Des Moines woman after suffering miserably for two days from bowel complaint, was cured by the dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale all dealers.

#### KEEP THE KIDNEYS WELL

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 84, 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."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

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

#### To the Public.

You will find the public cotton yard at the foot of Edwards street where the old cotton yard used to be, due north of Anchor Hardware Co.

Honest weights, prompt service and courteous treatment to all is my motto.

H.H. Tittle, Public Weigher.

S. C. Keith was a visitor in Abilene Monday.

### MERKEL MAIL GETS \$1.00 OF FIRST BALE

If the Merkel country farmers had plenty of cotton we would be printing a 49-page paper in three colors and have plenty of money.

That one little word "if" is always in our way, but then we are not grumbling. We are glad we are living and more so since the cotton season of 1911 has opened up. We got a big round dollar of the first bale and we are expecting to get the same amount out of every bale that comes to town this fall. We know there will be 10,000 to 15,000 bales and we will be satisfied with that many dollars. Our ambition is not so big and all that we expect is that every farmer or farmer's son who raises a bale of cotton subscribe for his home paper. Here's hoping.

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.

#### A TEXAS WONDER.

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

### CARTHAGE CITIZEN IS WELL PLEASED

S. A. Hawthorne of Carthage who has just recently invested about \$20,000 in this section was here this week on a visit to look after his interests. He is well pleased with the prospects on his farms, considering the dry weather, and believes there are better times for our country in the near future. He said: "Considering the amount of work it takes to make a crop here and the price of land a man can raise but one good crop every three years in your country and make a better average than in our section. I like the Merkel country."

T. J. Coggin left Wednesday night for an extended visit to El Paso and will go into old Mexico on a prospecting expedition before his return, provided he is made to feel safe from harm by the rebels and federals. In his old age he is assuming a very peaceable disposition and we believe that he would walk several hundred miles over the roughest part of the land of Moccetuzmas just to avoid any difficulty with rowdy or malicious Maderistas.

#### 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.

Oscar Pate was a visitor to Sweetwater the first of the 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. Walding, 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.

#### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the postoffice at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Aug. 12, 1911  
Mr. C. S. Knapp.  
Mr. Maggie Rayner.  
Mr. Willie Collier.  
Miss Mary Dudley.  
Mr. A. T. Hutton.  
Willie Milligan.  
If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Aug. 26, 1911.  
H. W. Derstine, P. M.

#### 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 the 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.

Editor and Mrs. I. S. Allen are this week visiting old friends and relatives at Denton and the Buzzsaw is operated this week without an editor.

### MERKEL BOY MEETS ACCIDENTAL DEATH

On Tuesday morning the news reached our little city of a serious accident which befell young J. P. Sutphen Monday night and which later proved to be fatal.

The accident happened at or near Blackwell on the Orient railroad between Sweetwater and San Angelo and although rumors are conflicting it is understood that the Merkel boy was on a freight train which was standing in the yards at Blackwell when another train bumped into the freight knocking him to the ground, his head striking with such force as to crush the skull and render him unconscious. A telephone message brought the news to Merkel and the grief-stricken mother, accompanied by Dr. M. Armstrong left immediately for Sweetwater where they met the patient and carried him to the Alexander sanitarium at Abilene. An operation, removing the injured skull and blood clots from the brain was performed but to no avail and after regaining consciousness for a few hours the patient began sinking and expired Tuesday night at 7:40 o'clock.

The remains were shipped to Merkel Wednesday morning and interment took place in Rose Hill cemetery. The Mail joins with our entire community in the universal sympathy extended to the mother and family.

H. F. Groene is in Colorado this week making photographs of the I. O. O. F. Convention which is in session for two days.



# UNCLE SAM TO RECORD INDIAN MUSIC

**T**HE United States government has recently undertaken to do something that a great many people have been declaring for years past ought to be done. This is to record and perpetuate the tribal music of the American Indians. All over the world people of every nationality have of late years been striving to perpetuate the folk songs of the different races that inhabit the globe, because it has come to be recognized that these primitive songs which have seldom been written but have simply been handed down from one generation to another constitute an invaluable link with the past.

In the case of our Indians, however, in greater degree perhaps than with any other primitive people, is there need for quick work if the old songs and ancient music is to be chronicled for the benefit of future generations who will know the Indian only from books and pictures. The Indian music alike to the folk songs of European nations, which have been brought to the fore in recent years, affords most interesting sidelights on the peoples in whose lives it has so long played a part and what is yet more important many of the old Indian songs have a historical significance or at least expression to traditions so interesting and poetic and beautiful that it would be nothing short of a calamity were they to be lost.

Aside, however, from the fact that the Indians of North America is a vanishing race and that their music is passing with them there is yet another incentive to urge energetic work now that this musical research has been undertaken in earnest. This extra spur lies in the fact that



A TYPICAL INDIAN VILLAGE

there is a tremendous wealth of Indian music to be studied and chronicled in permanent form,—each individual tribe having had from time immemorial its distinctive songs and chants. A man who is attempting to compile a complete pictorial record of the Indians has already spent twenty years in the work and it is likely that as much time will be required if there is to be mirrored for the benefit of future generations the distinctive music of all the various tribes.

Private individuals, musicians or scientists, have from time to time in the past made effort in a small way to perpetuate American Indian music and while they deserve credit for what they have accomplished it is an undertaking which through its sheer magnitude, if for no other reason, needs the resources of the national government. That it is pre-eminently a government function is likewise attested by the fact that it has promise of success only when prosecuted through the organized channels of intercourse with the Indians,—channels which enable federal officials to get into the confidence of the more intellectual men of all the various tribes in a degree that would scarcely be possible except in the case of an individual who lived for many years among the Indians whose secrets he sought.

The governmental study and perpetuation of Indian music is being conducted under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution and National Museum at Washington. The bureau of Ethnology is the particular branch of this great seat of research which has the Indian music investigation in charge. Probably the most interesting phase of the whole undertaking is that which has to do with the activities of Miss Frances Densmore. Miss Densmore, who is an accomplished student of music, has spent much time among the Chippewas and other tribes whose music is at once notable and representative and has recorded as many as two hundred songs belonging to a single tribe.

Oddly enough the phonograph has been the chief means of capturing the songs of the forest. There is no system of written music among most of the tribes and the phonograph was hit upon as the only possible means of providing the means of studying the music carefully and leisurely. As may be surmised it was anything but an easy task to induce some of the more superstitious of the red men to sing into the strange machine or to induce them to even permit the recording apparatus to be set up within earshot of their camp fires when there was in progress those ceremonial rites and dances which call up the musical lore of the savages.

Finally, after much perseverance, however, at Indian agencies and elsewhere, the music hunters have succeeded in making a creditable beginning in securing the priceless phonograph records of Indian music. In the case of one or two tribes the song collection of "canned music" is practically complete. After records of Indian songs or music are secured they are transcribed in piano score and studied scientifically. Meanwhile the collection of records will be kept on file for the benefit of the musical students of future generations who will find it a priceless boon to hear the Indian music as originally rendered.

The researches which have been made show that Indian music is as complex as is the tribal life of the original Americans. An accompaniment of song is provided for every public ceremony as well as for every important act in the career of an individual. The music of each ceremony has its peculiar rhythm, as have also the classes of songs which pertain to individual acts such as fasting and prayer, hunting, courtship, the playing of games and the facing or defying of death. An Indian or a person thoroughly versed in Indian



A TYPICAL INDIAN VILLAGE IN THE SOUTHWEST



INDIAN MUSICIANS PLAYING THEIR NATIVE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS



INDIAN MUSICIANS

musical lore can determine the class of a song by means of the rhythm of the music.

From a technical musical standpoint, the Indian music is very similar to the form of our own music. The compass of the songs varies from one to three octaves and some of the songs have no words, although this does not seem to impair their definite meaning. There is much chorus singing among the Indians and in some tribes there are choirs of picked singers who are paid for their services when they appear at any formal ceremonies. It may surprise many readers to learn that some of the Indian communities are so keen for music that they even hold musical contests. A favorite form of competition seeks to determine which singer or group of singers can make the best showing in reproducing a song with accuracy after having heard it but once.

The Indian songs are the property of clans, societies and individuals and the rights of ownership are rigidly enforced. In many instances the privilege of singing any individually-owned song must be purchased from the composer and in the case of the songs of clans not only is the right to sing the melodies restricted to members of the clan but each clan has special officers to insure the exact transmission and rendition of their songs, a fine being imposed upon any member who makes a mistake in singing. Indian women have composed many of the best of the Indian songs, including lullabies, spinning and

grinding songs and the songs of inspiration and encouragement intended to be sung to the warriors setting out for battle.

It is usually difficult for a listener of another race to catch an Indian song owing to the conflicting noise due, in a great part, to the beating of the drums. There is usually a difference in time, the drum beats being designed to govern bodily movements and mark the steps of the ceremonial dancers, whereas the song voices the emotion of the appeal. The drums may be beaten in 2-4 time and the song be in 3-4 time or the beat be in 5-8 time against a melody in 3-4 time, or the entire song may be sung to a rapid tremolo beating of the drum. The officials who have been making a study of Indian music are enthusiastic over its possibilities. They declare that not only does the field afford rich opportunities for the study of the growth of musical form, but the Indian songs themselves offer to the present-day composer a wealth of melodic and rhythmic movements constituting a source of inspiration equal to that which has been supplied by the folk songs of Europe and vastly more serviceable in the development of a distinctive American "school" of music.

## Scales That Would Weigh a Thought

Sir William Ramsay, the distinguished English scientist, has invented a pair of scales delicate enough, literally, to weigh a thought. Their record so far is one seven-millionth of an ounce, which is considerably lighter than most thoughts usually are. The scales are kept under Sir William's own laboratory in a small subterranean chamber.

The room is kept in semi-darkness. So delicate are these wonderful scales that their balance is disturbed by the alteration of temperature caused by the turning on of an electric light at the other end of the room. The operator has to leave them for an hour in darkness—after he has tiptoed from the roof, so that his footfall should not set up any vibration—and then read them swiftly, before any change in the temperature has had time to affect them.

Hanging by one end of the beam of the scales by a strand of silica fibre so slender that it is scarcely possible to see it is a tray. Upon this is placed a minute glass tube. Imprisoned in the tube is a whiff of xenon, a gas discovered by Sir William Ramsay. The movement of the scales when the tube is dropped upon them is so slight that it cannot be detected at all by the eye. But the movement is made to swing from side to side

a tiny mirror, upon which a beam of light is focused. The result is that a shifting point of light is thrown upon a graduated black scale six feet away. The weight of the tube, with the gas in it, is then recorded by the movement of this pin-point of light on the scale.

Then comes the interesting test. The gas is released from the tube, which is weighed again. It is now found to weigh a two hundred and fifty-thousandth of a milligramme, or a seven thousand millionth of an ounce, less than it did when the gas was in it. Therefore, the weight of this whiff of gas was a seven thousand millionth of an ounce.

The smallest object that can be picked up with the most delicate forceps is a piece of aluminum wire far thinner than a human hair, a twenty-fifth of an inch in length, which weighs a fourteen hundred thousandth of an ounce. It can scarcely be seen, and it is difficult to detect whether it is resting on the scales or not. A section of aluminum wire weighing an eighty-four hundred thousandth of an ounce can be prepared. But it is only visible in a microscope. For this reason weights of less than a fourteen hundred thousandth of an ounce have to be registered in gases.

## The Story of Lot

By Rev. Stephen Paulson

**TEXT.**—God delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked, for that righteous man dwelling among them vexed his righteous soul day to day with their unlawful deeds.—2 Peter 2:7.

These words bring before us the story of a man who was anxious to be rich. Let us recall the story and see what his overpowering desires for riches led him into. Lot was associated with Abraham from the first move from Ur of the Chaldees. With Abraham he tarried at Haran, and went down into Egypt, and returned from Egypt. But to be perfectly fair, Lot should be considered apart from Abraham. A face that is comely may suffer by comparison with one that is beautiful. So the character of Lot suffers by comparison with Abraham, and we will take him by himself. That he was a just man we have on the authority of the New Testament.

Crises do not make character, they only reveal it. A crisis came in the affairs of Lot. He and Abraham had grown to such wealth in flocks that they could no longer dwell together. So Abraham took him upon a high eminence and told him to choose any locality where he wished to dwell. And here it is that Lot's character is brought out in its true colors. He thinks he has the chance of his life. No consideration of Abraham enters his mind. He gets where he can look over the land, and then he chooses.

What did he choose? "Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan and Lot journeyed east; and they separated themselves one from the other. Abraham dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom."

He chose the well-watered plain in the valley of the Jordan because it was rich and like Egypt. He had never forgotten Egypt, with its great cities and wealth, out of his heart. He saw that in the plain were cities, centers of commerce, where men were making money fast. The only consideration that entered his mind was his own personal advantage. You notice that it said that Lot pitched his tent toward Sodom. Why not "within Sodom?" Because he knew perfectly well that Sodom was a wicked city, that the people of that city dishonored the God whom he wished to serve. So he did not feel right about going into the city, but he would get near it for the material advantage it would mean to him.

But let us see what happened. In the fourteenth chapter of Genesis we read that Lot is living in the city, and he has become an important man. "Lot sat in the gate." He had become a chief magistrate, an administrator of justice, and one who extended the hospitality of the city to strangers. What a wonderful case of success. Was he not right that day he made his choice? Try him by the business standards of today. Look at Abraham. He is still pitching his tents up and down the hills and valleys, and that is all he has amounted to.

But let us not be hasty in our eulogy. Let us get all the facts. Lot had become wealthy, and he had position, but what had it all done for him? A ray of light is thrown on the story by our New Testament. We learn that Lot "vexed his righteous soul from day to day." Is that a condition to live in? He was living among people who did not observe common decency. But you know, all his property was there, and he could not get away. When men were saying, "How well Lot is getting along," he never had an hour's peace.

But what had Lot's wealth and success done for his children? Would not they be well brought up and well provided for? You know the awful story of corruption and sin that came out of that life. One evening two angels came and warned Lot of the doom that was coming upon the city:

"And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? Sons-in-law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: for we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it. And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons-in-law, which married his daughters, and said, 'Up, get you out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city.' But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons-in-law."

That shows the influence he had over his family. Next morning when he fled the city, only his wife and two daughters accompanied him.

Let me point out just one lesson of this story. There is success that ends in failure. Man can do a great deal without God. You may acquire wealth and position without God, and men may flatter you. But after all, what good is it? There will be no peace of mind, no abiding happiness, and your wealth and power will never accomplish any good purpose. It is right to desire success, but if you leave God out of the question it will end in failure.

So when you are planning your own life, or choosing the life-work of your children, your first consideration should be whether you and they can serve God in the calling which you have chosen, and remember that "godliness is profitable for the life that now is, and for that which is to come."

## EVIDENTLY SHE WAS ANNOYED

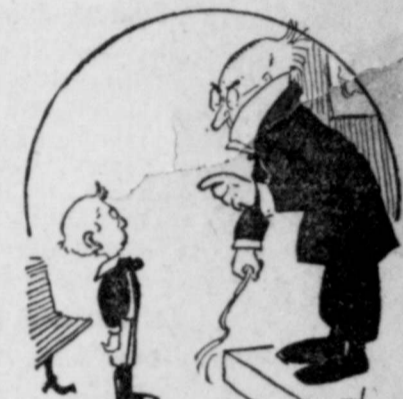
Good Wife's Punishment, Intended for Husband, Poor Compensation to Revivalist.

A popular revivalist had been holding services at a town in Mississippi when a heavy rain came on, and he accepted an invitation to pass the night at the house of one of the townsmen. Observing the preacher's drenched clothing, the host brought out a suit of his own and sent his guest upstairs to den it.

The good man had made the change and was on his way back to the sitting room, when the woman of the house came out of another room, holding in her hands the big family Bible, out of which the minister was to be invited to read a chapter before the family went to bed.

She was not, however, in a very amiable frame of mind, for careful housewives are likely to be put out of sorts by the advent of unexpected company. Seeing the revivalist in his borrowed garments, she mistook him for her husband, and as he passed in front of her she lifted the book and brought it down sharply on his head. "There!" she exclaimed. "Take that for asking him to stay all night!"—Lippincott's Magazine.

## THERE ARE OTHERS.



Teacher—What is Yalevard university noted for?  
Tommy—For its football team.

## Exhibition of Real Faith.

William Spill's little girl, who had been playing at making mud pies, aided by a tiny sprinkling can for a reservoir, ran to her father as he alighted from a car, bearing a package of dry-cleaned wearing apparel. Pointing to her muddy little boots Father Spill admonished his tiny daughter, impressing her with the value of a neat appearance.

That night the young lady offered her usual prayer with great earnestness. "And don't forget, dear Lord," she prayed fervently, "to dry-clean our street, and my shoes, for Jesus' sake, amen!"—Cleveland Leader.

## Went Up Twenty Points.

During the recent hot spell broker was complaining to a friend of the dull trading. "Business," said, "What can one do in the way of business with the mercury standing at 100?"

"Do!" replied his friend. "Great Scott, man; it's the chance of a lifetime to sell mercury."—Boston Evening Transcript.

## The Ground of Their Love.

"Let us have peace," said the English invader. "Can you not see that the white strangers love the red men?"

"Ah, yes," replied the intelligent Indian, "they love the very ground we walk upon."—Sacred Heart Review.

## He'd Get It.

Howell—I want to get all that's coming to me.

Powell—Well, stand right where you are; there'll be an automobile along in a minute or two.

## More Than That.

"Did they water the stock?"

"They fairly turned the hose on it."

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