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## ATWOOD'S FLIGHT ST. LOUIS - CHICAGO

MAKES 286 MILES IN 5:43 FLYING TIME.

## MAKES AMERICAN RECORD

Winging His Way Eastward to New York and Boston in Trial for More Laurels.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 15.—By flying the 286 miles from St. Louis to Chicago with only two intermediate stops, and in an actual flying time of five hours and forty-three minutes Monday, Harry N. Atwood of Boston believes he has set a pace which will result in his establishing a new record on his flight by aeroplane from St. Louis to New York and Boston. Atwood appears to have broken the American record for a single day's flight. The best previous American record was made by Atwood himself, when he flew 143 miles Atlantic City to Baltimore July 10, 1911. The best international cross-country record is held by Andre Beaumont, who, in the Paris-Rome contest, covered 401 miles in a single day, but in this instance he made three landings, while Atwood landed twice. Atwood, in a Burgess-Wright biplane left St. Louis at 6:19 p. m. His actual time in the air was five hours and forty-three minutes.

Atwood's descent in Chicago was thrilling. Sailing in from the southwest a lone speck in the clouds, he made directly for the downtown district and for a time hovered until noticed in the distance over the sky-crowded at the lake front intent upon the flights of the aeroplane competing in the aviation contest.

Suddenly the crowd noticed the oncoming stranger and a voice shouted, "That's Atwood from St. Louis." Immediately the vast assembly was in an uproar. Two or three of the air men sailed out to meet him.

Coming steadily onward, Atwood steered over the aviation field and circled around it while several of the machines listed in the meet, followed behind as an escort. Once around Atwood descended gracefully, touching the ground for the first time since stop at Pontiac, Ill., ninety-one miles from Chicago.

## STRICKLAND IS PLEASED.

Progress on Dallas-Waco-Corsicana Lines Is Satisfactory.

Dallas: Returning Monday morning from a business trip to New York and Boston, J. F. Strickland, president of the Texas Traction Company and the Southern Traction Company, announced that the actual work of constructing the lines of the latter company from Dallas to Waco and Corsicana will begin in ninety days.

"The line out of Dallas," said Mr. Strickland, "will run to Ferris. There it will bifurcate, one line going to Waco and the other to Corsicana, so that there will be double service over the line between Dallas and Ferris. One of the lines will parallel the Houston & Texas Central from Dallas to Corsicana, and the other will practically parallel the Missouri, Kansas & Texas from Waxahachie to Waco. I believe these lines will be worth more to Dallas than any other enterprise the city could secure at this time. We will have a car coming in and a car going out every thirty minutes.

## HARMON MEN ORGANIZE.

Plans for a State Organization Are Laid Out.

Austin: Resolutions endorsing Judson Harmon of Ohio for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency were adopted Monday afternoon at a meeting of fifty or sixty men in the parlors of the Driskill. The following committee on permanent organization was appointed:

Judge Nelson Phillips, Dallas, chairman; Representatives Nichols of Hunt, Nickens of Hill, Boehmer, Senator Claude B. Hudspeth, and W. O. Murray, W. A. Hanger of Fort Worth, W. G. Wagner of Austin, John C. Penn of Houston, C. L. Bass of San Antonio. This committee is to cause to be selected a chairman for each Senatorial District of the State and are to meet in Austin the last Monday in August for the purpose of selecting a permanent State chairman.

The unusual heat and drought in France continues without interruption. Lack of water has been responsible for a series of post village and forest fires in many parts of the republic.

## THE WEEK'S LEGISLATION.

After Arduous Work the General Appropriation Bill is Ready.

Austin: Carrying with it hundreds of items, aggregating a total slightly in excess of nine and one-half million dollars, the House appropriation bill was passed to engrossment Saturday morning. The bill had demanded the undivided attention of the House since Tuesday morning, and had been rushed to completion in a way that has satisfied both the appropriation committee and members of the House themselves. Although amended many times and especially the last day when the miscellaneous items came up for consideration, the bulk of the bill is covered as it came from the hands of the committee.

Cox of Rockwall introduced an amendment to the bill providing that the sum of \$160,000 be set aside to provide a per diem of 10 cents for the convicts of the State as well as to defray the funeral expenses and other items provided for in recent legislation. The sum, however, is to be expended only when the funds of the institutions are exhausted and returned to the treasury if possible, when a surplus appears. The amendment was carried by a large vote.

On resolution of Hunt the appropriation of the land office to be expended in surveying Texas lands was raised from the amount first decided upon, \$5,000 to \$11,000. Amendment by Terrell to appropriate \$45,000 for the purchase of a new engine, passenger coach and other items for repair for the State railroad was passed.

An appropriation of \$2,500 was made for the erection of a monument to ex-Governor George T. Woods, who was the second governor of the State of Texas. Governor Wood's grave is now marked by a simple slab at Point Blank, San Jacinto County.

## SENATE MAY INVESTIGATE

Attorney General Holds Senate Can Compel Attendance.

Austin: In a lengthy opinion to Horace W. Vaughan, chairman of the Senate investigating committee, Attorney General Jewell P. Lightfoot has held that the Senate committee has the full authority to conduct the convention which it is now carrying on and that it may compel the attendance of witnesses if it desires. The opinion is based, not on the original investigation resolution, but upon the substitute which was adopted Friday by the pros. The opinion says that the proclamation of the Governor for rewards for prosecuting offenders, and his request for an increased appropriation to prosecute charges that have been brought, give ample authority for the substitute resolution and the investigation.

## One Killed, 2 Hurt by Auto Flip.

Waxahachie: W. D. Boon, aged 21 years, of Tyler, was instantly killed, A. V. Cockrell of Dallas was seriously injured and R. L. Kurth of Lufkin had one rib broken when Cockrell's heavy touring car rolled down an embankment near here Sunday morning. Mr. Boon's neck was broken and death was practically instantaneous. Young Cockrell's collarbone was broken on the right side, two ribs on the right side were broken and the right hipbone badly fractured. It is possible that he also sustained internal injuries. It is believed that he is not fatally hurt.

## Texas & Pacific Shops Opened.

Marshall: The Texas & Pacific Railroad Company resumed work in the big shops of the company here and at all other places along the line on Tuesday morning. This means that about 3,000 men all told are back at work after a two weeks' lay off. At present the Texas & Pacific Railroad is doing a splendid business for this time of the year. There are two crops raised along the line that so far has promised a good yield this fall. The cotton crop so far is splendid, and judging from reports, there will be plenty of the staple to be handled when the crop begins to move in all sections of the State. The cane crop in Louisiana promises to be the heaviest in years.

## Happened in 1911.

Chicago: The Standard Oil Company is under contract to furnish the city of Chicago with gasoline for lighting purposes at 9½¢ a gallon. The city comptroller, examining the last batch of bills discovered that the city was being charged only 9 cents a gallon. He called up the Standard Oil Company and notified the book-keeper of the error. A Standard Oil attorney called on the comptroller a few minutes later and notified him that the company found itself in a position where it could sell gasoline at 9 cents a gallon and therefore did not desire to take advantage of the ½¢ rate.

## GENERAL GORDON ANSWERS FINAL ROLL

HEAD OF CONFEDERACY REACHES FINAL PROMOTION.

## THE END COMES PEACEFULLY

An Honored Soldier, Lawyer, Statesman Called from Long Suffering to Peaceful Rest.

Memphis, Tenn.: General George W. Gordon, soldier, lawyer and statesman, is dead. Worn by an illness dating from his last political campaign, when he was re-elected to the National House of Representatives, the last General of the Confederacy to serve in that body answered the summons to join the invisible majority here Wednesday. As the end approached, peace seemed to envelope his face, and he smiled, as with comforting words he bade relatives adieu. He died at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

At the bedside of General Gordon when he died were his wife and other relatives. George Washington Gordon was born in Giles County, Tenn., Oct. 5, 1836. In his early boyhood his parents removed to Texas, and later to Mississippi, but, as a youth, he returned to Tennessee and entered the Western Military Academy, from which he graduated in 1859. His first activity was a civil engineer.

At the outbreak of the Civil War General Gordon enlisted as drill master of the Eleventh Tennessee Infantry, C. S. A. Within a few weeks he was made a Captain and was later promoted to a Lieutenant-Colonel's rank, and in about a year was Commandant Colonel. In 1864 he was named Brigadier-General.

## NINETY-THREE DROWNED

French Steamer Collides in Dense Fog With English Vessel.

Gibraltar: The French steamer Emir founded five miles east of Tarifa, Spain, in the straits of Gibraltar. Ninety-three persons were drowned.

The ship sailed at 3 o'clock in the morning for a Moroccan port. An hour later in a dense fog she collided with the British steamer Silverton, bound from Newport, England, for Taranto, Italy.

The crew of the latter received twenty-seven of the Emir's crew and passengers. The Silverton later put in to this port with her starboard bow stove in and forepeak full of water. The Emir sank a few minutes after the collision. Sixty-nine passengers and twenty-four of the crew went down with the ship. Twelve of the crew and fifteen passengers were saved. All the passengers were French.

## May Get Glass Factory.

Wichita Falls: At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce a proposition to remove the plant of the Chanute, Kan., Window Glass Factory to Wichita Falls was accepted and committees are at work raising the necessary bonus. The plant employs 175 men and has a payroll of about \$2,500 weekly. The cheap natural gas available in Wichita Falls was the main factor in securing the glass factory.

## Statehood Celebration Planned.

El Paso: Steps have been taken here to hold a Statehood celebration in the near future for the benefit of Arizona and New Mexico, the affair to be held as soon as all elements of doubt are removed. The plan involves having Gov. Colquitt of Texas and Gov. Sloan of Arizona and Gov. Mills of New Mexico here to take part in the celebration. Gov. Colquitt to welcome the two new States into the sisterhood of States, and the Governors of Arizona and New Mexico to make suitable responses. The intention is to have a big historical display.

## Death From the Oil Can.

Dallas: Mrs. Beulah was fatally burned and her husband, Nick Garrett, was severely burned about the hands and face Wednesday afternoon at 6 o'clock as a result of an attempt to light a fire with kerosene in the kitchen stove at their home on Warren avenue, near Oakland street. Mrs. Garrett lingered until shortly after midnight. Mr. Garrett is not thought to be in a serious condition. The house, valued at \$700, was burned to the ground.

Mrs. Clara Manning, aged 70, Fort Worth, was struck by an automobile while crossing a street, and died from the shock and physical injuries received.

## CROPS SHORT ACREAGE LOW

Comparison Made Showing Per Cent of Condition on Aug. 1, According to Report.

Washington, D. C.: Cotton, lemons, apples, oranges and rice were the only crops which on Aug. 1 showed a growing condition above the average of recent years. All other crops fell below the average condition, while the combined condition of all crops was 14.6 per cent below average, according to the announcement of the Department of Agriculture. On July 1 conditions were 10.7 below the average and on June 1 they were 2.8 per cent below. The severe drought over a wide area of the country was the principal cause of the unusually low crop conditions, the report states.

A comparison of the condition of various crops on Aug. 1 (or at the time of harvest) with their average growing condition on Aug. 1 of recent years (last ten years for most crops) is shown as follows, 100 representing average condition and not normal:

Cotton 112.2, lemons 104.2, apples 101.7, oranges 100.2, rice 100, alfalfa 95.6, peanuts 94.1, sweet potatoes 89.8, kaffir corn 86.9, corn 85.7, tomatoes 85.3.

## KIDNAPED CHILD RETURNED

Chicago Kidnappers Get Ransom Demanded of Parents.

Chicago: Anglo Marina, 6 years old, who was returned Thursday evening after a ransom of \$500 in marked bills had been paid the kidnapers, is closed guarded by his parents.

"I will never let my darling out of my sight again until he is old enough to take care of himself," sobbed the mother as she wept with joy at the child's return, after being held prisoner by kidnapers for almost five days.

He said he was well treated by the kidnapers. They bought new clothes and gave him candy and cake.

Nine men and three women are under arrest for the kidnaping and the police expect to make additional arrests.

## SEVEN NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

Ambitious Project Initiated in the Senate Is Startling.

Washington: If a bill introduced in the Senate Friday by Senator Cullom of Illinois is enacted into law, the National capital will become the center of a wheel of seven great National highways, passing through practically every State in the Union.

The seven great highway provided for in the bill will have one terminus in Washington. The other extremities proposed are Portland, Maine; Buffalo, N. Y.; Seattle, Wash.; San Francisco, Cal.; San Diego, Cal.; Austin, Texas, and Miami, Fla.

It is estimated that the cost of the proposed highways would not exceed \$148,000,000, to be raised by the issuance of bonds.

## Tell Teddy of Texas.

Dallas: It is not often that the stork flies into the window of a moving passenger train, yet this was the experience of a Katy passenger train from the north early Wednesday night. A woman gave birth to a beautiful little babe near Rockwall, and when Dallas was reached the mother and child were removed from the train, and at last accounts were both doing well.

## Negro Lynched at Farmersville.

Farmersville: Commodore Jones, a negro, was taken from the lockup here at 7 o'clock Friday and hanged to a telephone pole by a crowd said to number between 75 and 100. The negro was jailed Thursday evening upon complaint by a young lady, who stated that he had used insulting language to her over the telephone. This was not the negro's first offense in this way. The negro was placed by the crowd to climb a telephone pole and a rope was put around his neck and fastened to the cable. He was then made to jump, and death by strangulation soon ensued.

## New Cotton Pest Appears.

Macon, Ga.: A new cotton pest, discovered near this city, is puzzling the experts. It made its appearance first on the farm of C. J. Langston about six weeks ago, and already has destroyed about fifteen acres of cotton. The bug is a brilliant red in color, and attacks the stalk and leaves of the plant, leaving it withered and dead. The pest, it is said, is spreading rapidly.

Ed. Williams, 45 years old, was killed by the fall of a tree in the Trinity River bottom near Ennis Wednesday. He leaves a wife and two daughters.

The fire station and city hall of San Marcos was damaged to the amount of \$2000 by an incipient fire Thursday morning. It is likely that the building will be entirely rebuilt.

## THAT BUMPER CROP GETS A BIG CRIMP

DROUTH AND INSECT PESTS HAVE BEEN BUSY.

## SECTIONS SHOW 1-4 SLUMP

Reports Written August 8 Show Texas Condition 102.2; Oklahoma 110.9 As to 1910.

Dallas: The Morning News in its issue of August 15, says:

In this issue The News presents its second report of the season, covering the condition of the cotton crop of Texas and Oklahoma, the same comprising individual reports from 725 correspondents in those States. These reports were written Aug. 8. Correspondents were instructed to compare the condition of the cotton crop in their respective trade territory on Aug. 8 with the condition the same time last year, using 100 as a basis of estimate. It should be understood that comparisons are not made with "normal" condition or with "average" condition.

The condition of the Texas cotton crop on Aug. 8 of this year is shown to be 102.2, or 2.2 per cent better than on Aug. 8, 1910.

The condition of the Oklahoma cotton crop on Aug. 8 of this year is shown to be 110.9 or 10.9 per cent better than it was on Aug. 8.

According to a large number of the reports the cotton crop deteriorated July 25 per cent in North, Central, South and portions of East Texas during the latter part of July and the first week in August.

Condition affecting the 1911 cotton crop in Texas vary according to location, aptly illustrating weather and climatic differences obtained in a State with an area of 265,000 square miles. The feature of all reports is the absence of complaint from boll weevils. Boll and leafworms, however, are doing great damage in many sections of the State, and the scarcity of Paris green and other poisons with which to fight these pests, it is claimed, has cost Texas cotton producers many thousands of dollars. Reports of lice, honey dew and black rust are numerous, but hot winds and drought seems to have been more damaging to crop prospects than all other agencies combined.

## CITYWARD DRIFT IN TEXAS

Some Figures From the U. S. Census Bureau.

Washington: The thirteenth census discloses that of the population of Texas, aggregating 3,896,542, a total of 938,104, or 24.1 per cent, live in cities of 2,500 population or more, leaving 2,958,438 persons living in the country and villages or smaller towns. In 1900 but 17.1 per cent of the people of the State lived in the larger cities and towns and in 1890 the percentage was only 15.6.

The census also disclosed that the increase in the urban as well as the rural territory of Texas was far above the average for the country at large. The increase for Texas in the number of people living in the cities was 67.6 per cent and the increase in the number of people living in the country and small places was 18.9 per cent.

## May Hold Cotton.

Fort Worth: Certificates were given to sixty men at the close of the Farmers' Union cotton school that has been in session at Third and Throckmorton streets for the past six weeks. Practically all of these men expect to secure positions in the Farmers' Union warehouses this fall if the crop is good enough to justify the employment of that many men. "If present decline in cotton continues you may depend upon it that the members of the Farmers' Union will hold their cotton this fall," declared a man prominent in the councils of the union Saturday. "This decline is proceeding in spite of the fact that the crop is last deteriorating as the result of the drought and the operation of insects, and there is every reason to believe that the bears will drive the market entirely too low."

## Sheriff's Secretary Dies.

Austin: Capt. John P. Kirk, aged 71 years, died at his home here Sunday morning, after an extended illness. Capt. Kirk was one of the organizers of the Texas Sheriffs' Association, and for the past thirty-seven years had been secretary of this organization. He served with distinction throughout the Civil War, having been a member of Green's Texas Brigade. He had been a resident of Austin for the past sixty-one years.

## TEXAS GETS LAND FOR COLONY

The Section is for Texas Only, but Large Per Cent is from Other States.

Washington, D. C.: So deeply appreciative were the members of the House of Representatives of the proposal of the State of Texas to maintain a State sanitarium for tuberculosis patients that Representatives Burleson and Garner were almost chided for not asking the Federal Government to turn over the entire Fort Clark military reservation to the State for such a worthy purpose.

When, however, Representative Burleson undertook to amend the Garner bill so as to increase the amount of land asked for from 500 to 1,250 acres, the Republican leader went back on his impulsive offer, and Texas had to be content with an increase from 500 to 640 acres. Thus amended, the Fort Clark tuberculosis bill passed the House without trouble.

One Republican wanted to know whether the sanitarium would be operated for the benefit of the afflicted all over the United States. Mr. Burleson assured him that it certainly would not be open to any but residents of Texas, but he added that 75 per cent of the afflicted had come from other States of the Union.

## FREE BOOKS FOR DALLAS.

Dallas Sets Pace for Southwestern Cities in Free Books.

Dallas: The Dallas School Board of Education Friday night adopted the committee report recommending the use of free textbooks in the Dallas public schools and directing the superintendent of the city schools, the principal of the High Schools and the secretary of the Board of Education to draft regulations for the use of the books.

This is the first city in the Southwest to adopt the free books system for public schools, and marks an era in educational advancement for Texas. The free school books plan has never been abandoned in any city where adopted, and prevails in fourteen American States, besides many cities and communities outside these States.

## I. & G. N. IS REORGANIZED

Capital Stock of New Company Is \$11,500,000.

Austin: With a certified capital stock of \$11,500,000, the reorganized International & Great Northern Railway Company of Houston, filed its charter with the Secretary of State. It was the biggest charter filed in the Secretary's office during the year.

The incorporators of the new concern are, Frank C. Nicodemus, Jr., of New York City, Horace Booth, Alfred R. Howard, W. L. Maury and Douglas J. Price, of Palestine, and Willis H. Cope, Samuel B. Dabney, Thomas J. Freeman, Frank T. Richardson and Milton L. Morris of Houston. The nine Texas incorporators constitute the first directorate.

The capital stock of the incorporation is divided into 115,000 shares to be sold at \$100 each.

The filing fee of the new charter was \$5900. The franchise tax amounted to \$3125.

## Gen. Van Zandt to the Fore.

Fort Worth: Lieut. Gen. K. M. Van Zandt of this city is regarded as the probable successor of Gen. George W. Gordon, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, who died recently at Memphis. Gen. Van Zandt succeeded Gen. Cabell as commander of the Trans-Mississippi Department, United Confederate Veterans, and is now in line of promotion for the highest command in the gift of the men who wore the gray. Other commanders who are also eligible are Gen. C. Irvine Walker, commander of the Army of Virginia, and Gen. Bennett H. Young, commander of the Army of Tennessee. Gen. Van Zandt, it is said, will have the support of all Texas veterans and may be accorded the support of the entire Trans-Mississippi Department.

## Boy Waif Finds a Home.

Temple: Wednesday morning Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brown were awakened by a noise on their back steps, and upon investigation it was found to be a baby boy about 2 weeks old, neatly wrapped in an old quilt. While its raiment was not of the very finest it was clad in nice clothes. It showed signs of emaciation, but otherwise seemed to be perfectly healthy. Officers were notified and took the baby in charge. Mr. and Mrs. Verne Allen, who had recently lost their baby, took charge of the child and will legally adopt it.



## COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

### Noodle Dots.

Aug. 14—Every thing is progressing nicely in our community this week.

Maize heading has been in order the past week and cotton picking is to follow. We are glad it is not like it was last year. A year ago most of our boys were leaving to find work.

Quite a number of the Noodle people have been attending the meeting at Shiloh.

The Misses and Mr. Chelton of Seymour returned home Wednesday after a weeks visit with their uncle Mr. J. A. Sosebee.

Hugh Cook returned to Matador Saturday.

Mr. and Miss Frost of Greenville are visiting their uncle Mr. Frost this week.

John Powell and family came down in his auto and spent a few days with Mr. Sosebee.

Dook Calloway left Thursday for Hill county.

We all had an enjoyable time at the cream supper at Mr. Forrie last Monday night.

Mrs. Ely and daughter, Mrs. G. N. Cook spent the first part of the week with Mrs. W. J. Ely at Carpenter Gap.

We are to have a gin at Noodle. The first load was hauled Saturday.

We are expecting a new school building at Noodle soon.

E. P. Beene went in as post master at Noodle last Thursday.

Tom Jones who has been sick for some time was seen in Noodle this week. We hope he will soon be well.

We enjoyed a singing at Mr. Herrings Sunday night.

Miss Bessylee and Lucile Beene spent the latter part of last week at Stith.

### White Dove.

### Castle Peak News.

Aug. 15—Cotton picking is opening up in our neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Barnes have been attending the big meeting at Nubia this week.

Miss Gertrude Stanley of Nubia took dinner with Mrs. Ollie Barnes Wednesday.

Mrs. Harris of the White Church community visited her daughter, Mrs. W. P. Moore, Thursday.

Mr. A. H. Barnes and family of our community have been attending the meeting at Nubia the past week.

The first bale of cotton of our

community was carried to town Friday by W. P. Moore.

W. P. Moore attended to business in Merkel Thursday.

Hayt Horton attended the funeral of his uncle Rev. J. H. Horton at Merkel Thursday.

Walter Boden our road overseer is doing some good work on our roads this week.

Clarence Howard and wife were visiting at W. P. Moore's Saturday and Sunday.

Millard Martin and family returned to Big Springs Thursday after spending several weeks in our community visiting relatives.

Hayt Horton made a pleasant call at W. P. Moore's Sunday.

Henry Patterson and Miss Pearl Baccus attended the baptizing at Nubia Sunday.

Misses Bessie Kennedy and Ludie Lemonds took dinner with Miss Pearl Baccus Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barnes spent the day with Bro. Sibley Sunday.

Masters Almer and Elmer Barnes attended Sunday school and preaching at Nubia Sunday.

Henry Patterson and Miss Pearl Baccus attended the party at Mt. Pleasant Saturday night.

Well I guess I had better hang up as I am tender footed, lend me your shoes. Stranger.

### 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.

### Sure to Be a Success.

"I expect to make a fortune out of an invention that I have just completed."

"What is it?"

"A piano that can be folded up and used as a card table. It will be a great thing for flats."

### Wife Got Tip Top Advice.

"My wife wanted me to take our boy to the doctor to cure an ugly boil," writes Dr. 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.

### NOBODY SPARED.

Kidney Troubles Attack Merkel Men and Women, Old and Young.

Kidney ills seize young and old. Come quickly with little warning. Children suffer in their early years—can't control the kidney secretions. Girls are languid, nervous, suffer pain. Women worry, can't do daily work.

Men have lame and aching backs. The cure for man, woman or child. Is to cure the cause—the kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys—Cure all forms of kidney suffering. The following testimony proves it:

J. C. Smith, cotton buyer, 701 Elm St., Abilene, Texas, says: "Being annoyed considerably by a weakness of my kidneys, and having heard Doan's Kidney Pills highly spoken of, I procured a box. In view of the results of their use, I know them to be a good kidney remedy. My nephew who was staying with me at the time also took Doan's Kidney Pills with benefit."

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.

### White Church Items.

Aug. 15.—Cotton picking the order of the day in our community.

Mr. Franks was in Merkel Thursday.

L. H. Burrus transacted business in Merkel Thursday.

Mrs. Dulin visited Mrs. Riggs Tuesday.

G. A. Watford was in Merkel Tuesday.

J. A. Dulin and family of Butman community were at B. L. Dulin's Thursday night.

Mr. Bickley transacted business in Merkel Saturday.

Quite a number from our community attended preaching at Nubia Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Farmer visited in the Butman community Sunday.

Misses Ludie and Vera Dulin and Eddie Bee Cozart visited Misses Willie and Addie Dulin Sunday.

Miss Nora Blazmon visited Miss Theresa Watford Wednesday.

Misses Lizzie and Linnie White of Butman community were visitors at Mr. Franks Sunday.

Mr. Franks and daughter, Miss Addie, were in Merkel Monday.

Miss Theresa Watford is visiting friends in Abilene this week.

Mr. White and family of Butman community attended church at this place Sunday night.

Lee White of Butman was a pleasant caller at Mr. Snows Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Costephens attended preaching at Nubia Saturday night.

Luther Franks and Miss Theresa Watford attended preaching at Nubia Tuesday night.

### Lost Chicken.

### 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.

### A Close Call.

"The rich Miss Screecher asked the minister of her church what he thought of her singing." "Gee! What a hole to put a minister in! He couldn't lie and he, of course, could not afford to offend her. What did he tell her?" "Told her he had never heard anything like it."—Houston Post.

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.

### Butman Community.

Aug. 14—Some of the people of this community are picking cotton this week.

A number of people from this place visited at Nubia Sunday.

Lee White and Miss Alda Snow attended church at White Church Sunday night.

Wiley Burrus and Miss Addie Dulin were visitors at the home of J. A. Dulin Sunday.

Sunday afternoon Otto Cozart was riding around in our community in a new buggy.

Mr. Farmer and family were visitors at J. A. Dulin's Sunday.

R. N. White and family were visiting friends in the White Church community Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Ensminger was among the visitors at White Church Sunday night.

Bonnie Matthews and Miss Amber Neighbors, Ira Thornton and Miss Ruth Jones of this place attended preaching at Nubia Sunday.

The Farmer's union of Butman and White Church met at Butman school house last Friday and served ice cream and cake. All present reported a delightful time.

Wiley Burrus took supper with Lee White Friday night.

D. D. Coats and Mr. Price transacted business in Merkel Thursday.

Miss Ludie Dulin spent part of last week with her friend Miss Lula Cozart.

Little Miss Eddie B. Cozart is spending the week with Vera and Emma Dulin.

Pat Hutcheson and Miss Eula Pannel attended preaching at White Church Sunday night.

Miss Effie Thornton was visiting at White Church Sunday.

Miss Ludie Dulin was the guest of the Misses Stanley Friday.

Well, as news is scarce this week I will quit for this time.

The last seen of poor Lost Chicken was on the way home Sunday night. Hope the little chick got there o k.

### Dew Drops.

### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the schoolboard of the Independent School District of Merkel, Texas, will receive bids from any resident citizen or domestic corporation of the state of Texas, as the law provides, for custodian of the school funds of said district for the current year beginning Sept. 1, 1911. Said bids to be based on the rate of interest which such persons or corporations so bidding shall pay for said funds based on the daily balances of same.

Said bids may be filed with the secretary, Dr. J. H. Warnick, at any time before 12:00 noon of said date of Sept. 1, 1911. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

All persons desiring any further specific information relative to such treasurership, will confer with the said secretary or I. S. Allen, president of the board.

I. S. Allen, President.

Attest: J. H. Warnick, Sec.

### To The Public.

After a two months absence from the city, combining both business and a muchly enjoyed vacation, I am again at my office over Hogue-Hamilton Dry Goods Company, ready for business, and shall be pleased to serve my old clientele as well as any new ones who may desire my services.

W. T. Potter, Attorney-at-law.

Up to date there have been 100 bales of cotton sold on the streets of Merkel. In talking with the farmers from different portions of the country we learn that the conditions compared with three weeks ago are not so favorable. The extreme hot weather has had a bad effect on the crops generally.

W. D. Smith of Odessa but formerly one of the pioneers of the Merkel country was in town Wednesday.

J. T. WARREN, President

T. A. JOHNSON, Cashier



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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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## Jellies Jams



Life would be flat and colorless for both young and old without some pleasure to give it piquancy. So with food. A relish creates pleasure and appetite for your meals. It is oft-times as much of a tonic as the best prescription handed out by a physician. It is your duty as a careful housewife to get the best in relishes. Bad relishes spoil good food.

We aim to keep the best in these as in everything else—delicious jams and jellies that are made with pure sugar and keep the natural flavor of the berries. Pickles preserved in the finest malt vinegar. Sauces of the best brand—all the hundred and one delicacies that help to make your daily meals more pleasing.

If you want any relish—we have it. Come in and look over our stock. Our leading brand is HENZ—57 varieties.

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FRIDAY, AUG. 18, 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.

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ing oils. Prices and quality  
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H. M. WARREN, Agent  
Baskets shipped Monday, Tues-  
day, 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  
Phone 48 In City Barber Shop

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#### ATTENTION

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,  
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## Electric Bitters

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



We often hear the cry, es-  
pecially when farm products are  
very low that it is caused by  
over production. There never  
was such a condition since the  
world began, if all the people had  
been well fed and clothed. Out  
of the one billion five hundred  
million people in the world only  
about one-third of them ever  
have plenty to eat and wear,  
while about two-fifths have less  
than half enough to eat and wear  
and the remainder never use  
anything raised on the farm.  
Now to bring about a condition  
that enough is raised to feed and  
clothe comfortably every man  
woman and child in the world it  
would take more than four times  
as much as was ever produced at  
one time in the history of the  
world. Now it is up to the  
socialist or populist to figure out  
what is the matter.

#### Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend thanks to  
our many kind friends and neigh-  
bors in Merkel and Abilene for  
their many acts of kindness and  
sympathy shown in our sad hour  
of bereavement. Your loving  
words helped to sustain us, we  
can never forget you. We wish  
to thank you for the lovely floral  
offerings. Mrs. J. P. Sutphen  
and family.

#### 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.

#### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in  
the postoffice at Merkel, Texas,  
for the week ending Aug. 19, 1911

Hardee, Mrs. J. W.  
McNeese, Mrs. Gliner  
McNeese, Mrs. A. G.

If not called for will be sent to  
dead letter office Sept. 2, 1911.  
H. W. Derstine, P. M.

Sallow complexion comes from bil-  
ious impurities in the blood and the  
fault lies with the liver and bowels—  
they are torpid. The medicine that  
gives results in such cases is Herbine.  
It is a fine liver stimulant and bowel  
regulator. Price 50c. Sold by H. C.  
Burroughs.

Mrs. B. A. turned to her  
home in Abilene Monday after a  
visit to her mother, Mrs. G. F.  
West. She was accompanied  
home by her niece, Miss Zora  
West.

W. Parten of the Parten Dry  
Goods Company left Saturday  
night for St. Louis and Chicago  
to purchase his fall and winter  
stock for this popular clothing  
house.

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

Mrs. Chas. Gibbs of Midland  
visited her friend Mrs. Fred Big-  
ham last week.

#### A Correction.

Our reporter was slightly in  
error last week in giving an ac-  
count of the sad accident which  
resulted in the death of J. P.  
Sutphen Jr. at Blackwell. At  
the time of the writing it was un-  
derstood by our reporter from the  
information that he fell from a  
freight train but later it was  
learned that he was on a passen-  
ger train when the accident oc-  
curred.

#### What is Best for Indigestion.

Mr. A. Robinson of Drumquinn, Ont-  
ario, has been troubled for years with  
indigestion, and recommends Cham-  
berlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets as  
"the best medicine I ever used." If  
troubled with indigestion or constipa-  
tion give them a trial. They are cer-  
tain 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 mar-  
ket 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.

#### Public Sale.

On Saturday, August 19, 1911  
at 8 p.m., in the town of Merkel,  
Texas, I will sell to the highest  
bidder 6 head of horses, 2  
wagons, 1 buggy, 1 set wagon  
harness, household and kitchen  
furniture.

Terms of sale will be cash in  
hand for all amounts of \$10.00  
and under. Notes with approved  
security will be taken for all  
amounts over \$10.00.

S. A. Freeman.

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.

J. T. Howard was saved of  
what might have been a serious  
fire this week by a passer-by  
who saw the flames which  
originated from the flue just in  
time to be stopped before it was  
too late.

Cuts and bruises may be healed in  
about one-third the time required by  
the usual treatment by applying Cham-  
berlain's Liniment. It is an antiseptic  
and causes such injuries to heal with-  
out maturation. This liniment also re-  
lieves soreness of the muscles and rheu-  
matic pains. For sale by all dealers.

Rev. J. T. Dean of Dallas who  
has been holding meetings at  
Moro and Inkum was in the city  
Monday the guest of his sister  
Mrs. J. S. Swann and left on the  
noon train for his home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pipes are  
the happy parents of twin boys  
born at their home on Elm street  
Monday night. The little fellows  
weighed six and a half pounds  
each and are doing well.

Miss Nora Martin, daughter of  
S. P. Martin, has been quite sick  
with fever for the past ten days  
but is much better and is ex-  
pected to be up in a short while.

Alex Wisdom is enjoying  
shaking hands with his many old  
time friends in Merkel.

## The Southern National Bank OF MERKEL

Opened for business Monday, July  
10, 1911, succeeds the First National  
Bank of Merkel, Texas

ALL GOOD BUSINESS SOLICITED

JOHN SEARS, President

C. L. BARKER, Active Vice Pres.

T. J. COGGIN, Vice Pres.

J. E. FAUCETT, Crshier.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

H. F. Groene made a business  
trip to Ballinger last week.

Wm. Jenkins of Fort Worth is  
in Merkel visiting his children.

WANTED Quick—Man with  
small family to do farm and  
ranch work. C. M. Largent. If  
Misses Bertie Diltz and Eu-  
genia Prather of Lamesa spent  
Monday in Abilene.

Mrs. W. T. Clinton of Waco is  
visiting her mother, Mrs. E. Hall  
and other friends in the city.

Mrs. J. O. Calvert and Mrs.  
Cathy are visiting W. C. Cal-  
vert and family at Trent.

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.

Geo. T. Coleman and wife and  
Miss Anna, their daughter, who  
have been visiting Mrs. J. W.  
Jennings returned to their home  
at Paris Tuesday.

If you sit in a cold 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 any-  
where. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

#### Tortured for 15 Years

by a cure-defying stomach trouble that  
baffled doctors and resisted all remedies  
he tried, Jno. W. Modders, of Modders-  
ville, Mich., seemed doomed. He had to  
sell his farm and give up work. His  
neighbors said "he can't live much long-  
er." "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. Bur-  
roughs.

S. A. Freeman is in Merkel for  
a few days to dispose of his  
property before returning to  
California where he will make his  
future home. Mrs. Freeman is  
visiting in Pempie but will spend  
a few days in Merkel before re-  
turning to California.

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.

FOR SALE—My farm, 260  
acres, 140 in cultivation 2 miles  
west of Merkel. See John Rus-  
sell or write me. E. C. Gokley,  
Spring Hill, Tenn. 1814

W. W. Wheeler and J. C. Wil-  
son of Ellis county were visiting  
in Big Springs last week.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Lawrence Miller was in Sweet-  
water last week.

B. F. Cox was in Buffalo Gap  
the past week on business.

Miss Kathrine Mathis has re-  
turned from Waxahachie.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hutcheson  
of Trent were visiting in Merkel  
last week.

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

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Randolph  
of Abilene are visiting relatives  
in Merkel.

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

Steve Duckett, an employe of  
the Southwestern Telegraph &  
Telephone Company at Ovalo, is  
in the city visiting his parents.

Now is the time to buy that  
windmill. 8-foot steel mill \$18;  
12-ft. wood mill \$35.00. John  
Elliott.

Miss Kittie Pipes returned from  
Dublin Tuesday where she has  
been visiting relatives and friends  
for the past three or four weeks.

Prof. O. W. Stapleton who has  
been leading the singing at the  
Methodist revival left Monday for  
Quanah.

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

Mrs. Bob Winston of Cisco  
who has been visiting her sister,  
Mrs. Hiram Phillips of the  
Divide returned home Tuesday.

An ordinary case of diarrhoea can, as  
a rule, be cured by a single dose of  
Camberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diar-  
rhoea Remedy. This remedy has no su-  
perior for bowel complaints. For sale  
by all dealers.

Commissioner Banner is in  
Abilene this week attending the  
regular quarterly term of the  
commissioners court which con-  
vened Monday.

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

Miss Bertha Boring who has  
been teaching in the Fort Worth  
public schools the past session is  
spending her vacation in the city  
with her parents.

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

Mrs. Gentry of Abilene who  
has been visiting her parents,  
Mr. and Mrs. Dodd, returned  
home Wednesday.

We are always after new busi-  
ness. 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.

## SECTION OF LAND AT A SACRIFICE

A bank at Dallas has given to me exclusively the following described  
land to sell within the next thirty or sixty days to satisfy a note they  
hold with this as security.

#### It's all Level and Good Land.

640 acres of first-class land, all level and every acre tillable, located  
eight miles northwest of Big Springs; red sandy loam, new four-room  
house, well and cistern, fenced and cross fenced, all improvements in  
good condition, 100 acres in cultivation, and balance or all desired can  
be made ready for plow at little expense. Price \$15.00 per acre; one-half  
cash and terms on balance.

#### 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 un-  
improved. 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

Office Next to Postoffice at Merkel



## THE FARMERS UNION OFFICERS ELECTED

PETER RADFORD, OF PARKER, MADE PRESIDENT.

## NO NEWSPAPER ALLIANCES

Harmonious Ending of a Meeting Devoid of Rupture. Organization in Perfect Peace.

Fort Worth, Texas: After completing the election of officers the ninth annual meeting of the Texas Farmers' Union came to an end Friday.

Officers elected: Peter Radford of Whitt, Parker County, president; P. F. McCormick, Cherokee County, vice president; Charles Smith of Fort Worth, secretary; J. L. Armstrong of Hays County, lecturer and organizer.

Executive Committee: W. D. Lewis, chairman, Coryell County; J. P. Lane, Cherokee County; J. E. Pearson, Fannin County; F. A. Grinberg, Hunt County; J. L. McConkle, secretary, Wichita County.

The executive committee organized by electing the officers above. Delegates to the National Farmers' Union, W. T. Loudermilk, E. A. Calvin and W. D. Lewis.

The Grievance Committee, among other reports, says: "We find that the greater part of the confusion in our organization has been brought about by misunderstanding through newspaper reports. Therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Farmers' Union of Texas shall not in any form associate itself with any particular newspaper in Texas."

Resolutions against all forms of reciprocity treaties were adopted.

A resolution was adopted urging the State to appropriate sufficient funds for the proper enforcement of quarantine regulations.

Southern Senators who voted against placing cotton bagging and ties on the free list were strongly condemned, without being named however.

Among other resolution adopted was one condemning the practice of taking money from postal banks to deposit in National banks; approving an appropriation of \$10,000 a year for farmers' institutes; asking the landowners of the State to assist the diversification movements by making proper terms with tenants. A resolution condemning bonds for building macadamized roads was voted down.

The initiative, referendum and recall were endorsed as the only safe way to secure and perpetuate "a government of the people, for the people and by the people."

### Portable Wireless in Army Use.

Washington: The military value of the cavalry branch has been enormously increased by the adoption of wireless telegraphy for the first time in this country thoroughly tried out in the Texas maneuvers. The signal corps has devised an extremely light and portable wireless apparatus, easily carried on the back of a horse and capable of being put up into operation from any point in the field within a few minutes. It was found that the messages could be reliably received when the cavalry detachment was anywhere within twenty miles of a receiving station, a fact which added greatly to the value of the cavalry in its scouting capacity.

### Collapsing Towers Kills One Man.

Dallas: Lee Hewitt was instantly killed, Ed C. Shafer and Harry Myers were probably fatally injured and Jesse Hewitt and F. O. Reese, structural iron workers, were seriously injured when a water tank fell at the rear of St. Paul's Sanitarium Monday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock. Jesse Hewitt and F. O. Reese will recover. Crumbling its steel supporting frame beneath the big water tank at the rear of St. Paul's Sanitarium crashed eighty feet to the ground, striking the structural iron worker who were repairing the steel frame.

Seven prisoners, charged with burglary or theft, escaped from Fort Worth city jail Wednesday morning. A policeman saw one of those escaping run across the street, and captured him. The others made good their escape.

### Giant Skeleton Discovered.

Prescott, Ariz.: The skeleton of an immense human being was found by Peter Marx on his farm near Juniper, northwest of Prescott. The bones are those of a man probably twice as large as the average man of today and several feet taller. The skull is complete and in the jaws are teeth that are tusk-like in size. In no wise do they seem related to the remains of the ancient races found in such abundance in valleys of this country.

We are told that there are 1,737,317 more women than men in Great Britain, and yet those noblemen persist in looking for wives in America.

China is to have a modern school of medicine, though in the rural districts the natives will continue to drive away disease by beating tin pans.

That prophet of frost, the katydid, should change its name to the future season.

# FARM OPPORTUNITY FOR CITY POOR

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HERBERT S. HADLEY  
GOVERNOR OF MISSOURI

It is difficult for those who are concerned more with enjoying the luxuries and pleasures of life than they are in securing its necessities to understand the feelings of those to whom hunger is not an unusual experience. And, yet, we are told that one-tenth of the American people do not get enough to eat; that four-fifths of our wage earners do not earn in excess of \$500 a year. Living on such an income is likewise more or less incomprehensible to those to whom the expenditure of such a year's earnings in a brief outing in the mountains, the northern woods or at the seashore is not an unusual experience.

The problem of achievement of ambition and of success that confront the business or the professional man is radically different from that prob-



GATHERING THE GRAIN

lem of existence that daily demands a solution from 75,000,000 of people in the United States alone. This problem is, of course, most acute in those centers of population and industry where great wealth and great poverty exist side by side in striking contrast. While poverty and misfortune are not unknown in the country districts, they exist there generally as a result of accident, misfortune or disease, and not from the lack of opportunities or the discrimination and injustice apparently incident to our present industrial system. While the problem of the poor has always been, and doubtless will always be, with us, that is no reason why we should accept with complacency conditions which, if not capable of being completely reformed, are, at least, capable of considerable correction.

The increase in the cost of living in recent years has given a new interest to attempted explanations of existing conditions, and various theories are offered. We are told that the increase in the amount of gold production, or rather the decrease in the cost of gold production, has lowered its value, and, therefore, enlarged our measure of value, with a consequent increase in the cost of necessities as well as the luxuries of life without a corresponding increase in wages and salaries; that combinations and trusts have increased the price of their products by arbitrarily fixing the price of the raw material to the producer and the price of the finished product to the consumer; that labor unions have increased the cost of the necessities of life by the increase that they have brought about in wages; and finally, the explanation is offered that supply has not kept pace with demand; that consumption has increased more rapidly than has production.

It is unusual that a general condition is to be attributed to any one cause. That all of these influences are more or less responsible for the present conditions is probably true. That a permanent correction of the tendency of the price of the necessities of life to increase must be based upon a proper relation between supply and demand, is at once apparent. A demand increasing out of proportion to the available supply is sufficient in and of itself to cause an increase in prices. And any correction of the other conditions which may have helped to bring about the increase in the cost of living must necessarily fall unless there is maintained a proper relation between consumption and production. The fact that in 1909 the value of our exports of food-stuffs decreased, as compared with 1908, eighty-seven millions of dollars, while the value of the food-stuffs imported into the country increased thirty-seven millions of dollars, making a charge of one hundred and twenty-four millions of dollars upon the wrong side of our national ledger, shows that the consumption of that which we produce has been increasing more than has the production.

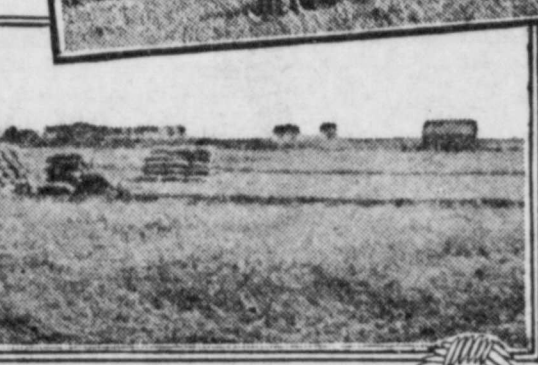
To bring about a correction of these conditions it is apparent at once that there must be an increase in production, and the question is how is this to be accomplished. We must either use to better advantage the soil that is already in cultivation, or cultivate that which is now uncultivated. The truth is, we must do both. Production in this country, as compared with other countries, shows that we are not using to the best advantage the great resources with which nature has endowed us. The average production of wheat in the Netherlands is 34 bushels to the acre; in England, 32; in Germany, 28; in France, 20, while in the United States it is only 14. The same disparity is found in fields of corn properly cultivated compared with those not properly cultivated.

In a recent report it was stated that approximately 40 per cent. of the soil that was cultivated was used in such a way as to decrease, rather than increase, its productivity. The correction of this condition of inadequate production, due to lack of scientific methods of cultivation, must come from the agricultural department of the United States and the agricultural colleges of the different states. From these sources the farmers must get the scientific information which will enable them to adopt not only effective methods of agriculture, but effective methods for conserving the productivity of the soil. The other correction must be accomplished by inducing a larger portion of our population to engage in the cultivation of the soil.

We can all agree as to the advisability of the "Back to the Soil" movement. But how to make it effective and successful is another and far more difficult problem. Some time ago George Ade, the



QUERNEYS AT PASTURE



HIS FIRST CROP OF POTATOES



AT THE END OF THE HARVEST

Great American humorist, said in a speech before the representatives of the Associated Press that everybody thought they could "write a play, run a hotel or edit a newspaper." He might have enlarged his list by adding "become a successful farmer." To put seed in the ground and see it grow seems so easy that almost every one imagines himself capable of doing it successfully. But we know that farming, that is, successful farming, is both a science and a business. One can make just as complete a failure of farming as he can of practicing law, running a hotel or editing a newspaper. It would be worse than useless to encourage the "Back to the Soil" movement if it is not planned and executed in a way that is likely to be successful. The natural yearning to "get back to the soil" that comes to most people causes such a movement to appeal to those who are well qualified, as well as to those who are poorly qualified successfully to do their part as cultivators of the soil. To go back to the soil is to the man of ordinary means and under ordinary circumstances something like pioneering, and not every man, by any means, is capable of becoming a successful pioneer. To undertake indiscriminately, unscientifically and without proper method and organization, to get people back to the soil will result in more of failures than successes; in more of injury than of good. But this work can be accomplished in a way that will be both effective and successful and which will increase the proportion of producers as compared with consumers. All that is necessary for the accomplishment of this result is that the same foresight and organization should be adopted in starting the business of farming as is adopted in the inauguration of any other business enterprise. If men of means, who also have the disposition to help their fellow men, would realize that they could make a good paying investment, as well as relieve distress and suffering by helping others to return to the soil in the right way, the "Back to the Soil" movement would then give promise of accomplishing all that its enthusiasts have claimed for it. Such a movement must, of course, be undertaken on a business basis; upon a plan which will promise not only a profitable return on the investment, but result in giving good homes and steady employment to many people who need both.

It is easy enough to say to the poor of the large cities that they should "go back to the soil;" but for the successful accomplishment of such a result money, and considerable money, is required. One cannot expect to make a living on a few hundred dollars invested in a farm and the machinery necessary for its cultivation, any more than one can expect to make a living on the same amount invested in any other business. So, in the first place, it requires money or credit to buy a farm, and money or credit to secure necessary implements, machinery, horses, cows, etc., to successfully conduct it. It will take from five to one hundred and sixty acres, according to the character of the soil and the methods of its cultivation, to support a family. You cannot expect large returns from a poor farm, or from a good farm, poorly cultivated. You cannot expect to receive a return from a farming investment out of all proportion to the value of the investment and the labor expended thereon. The difficulty in this proposition begins at once. Many of those whom

we all agree should be brought back to the soil have neither the money nor the credit necessary to accomplish it. It is as to the method by which this difficulty can be overcome and this deficiency supplied that this article is written.

There have been successfully established in Missouri and other states in recent years a number of farm home colonies, which seem to offer the best method for bringing people back to the soil in a way which is likely to make the experiment a successful one. The general plan of these farm home colonies for some individual or association to divide a tract of land available for farming and fruit raising into a number of small farms, which are sold on easy terms or rented to persons who desire to go back to the soil, with a central or home farm conducted in a way and with the appliances necessary not only to encourage and to instruct, but also to assist those living upon the other farms; the idea being that the central farm, under the control of an experienced farmer, will be a source of example, and with the establishment at some central place of a church, schoolhouse, blacksmith shop, creamery, silos, milk separators and other modern conveniences and necessities of the farm, the chances of success will be increased and the chances of failure correspondingly lessened. The isolation and lonesomeness incident to individual effort in getting back to the soil is thus, of course, avoided, with a consequent improvement of conditions of social life.

Under the auspices of the Catholic church, and particularly under the direction of Archbishop John J. Glennon of the St. Louis diocese, there have been established in Missouri a number of such farm home settlements which have proven both interesting and beneficial. One was established some years ago at Knobview as an Italian colony, which has enjoyed a most successful career. There has

resulted a marked benefit to the settlers, as well as to the people of the surrounding country who have been taught many things in the use of the soil by these foreign farmers that they had not known before.

One of the farm colonies that promises the most successful results is a Swiss colony recently established in Howell county, Missouri.

Another settlement of similar character has been established by Col. J. L. Torrey, who was the organizer of one of the "Rough Rider Regiments" in the war with Spain, and whose regiment through the unfortunate accident of a railroad wreck was perhaps deprived of the opportunity for actual service. Col. Torrey purchased a tract of 10,000 acres upon the southern slope of the Ozarks, which he is selling to deserving people upon terms which practically place it within the reach of all who are looking for an opportunity to engage in farm life who have not the means available to do so. That Col. Torrey is interested in developing good citizens, as well as good farmers, is manifest from the fact that he insists that every one of his tenants, or those to whom he sells a farm, shall own an American flag which they shall, on proper occasion, display from their homes.

These farm home colonies are all established on the same general plan. A tract of land is divided up into different farms with a central farm and village. The land is sold or rented on such terms as puts the opportunity to become a farmer within the reach of any deserving man. The profits or returns to be realized from such an investment will, of course, vary according to the size of the farm purchased and the character of the soil. Horace Greeley said that a man could make a living for himself and his family upon five acres of land. This is true of some land and not true of other land. But it is true that a small acreage properly cultivated, with cows and chickens well managed, a good live stock, made on a comparatively small investment, the enterprise is conducted with industry and intelligence. It is, however, always dangerous to put your chickens before they are hatched. The results in farming enterprises, as in other enterprises, will usually fall short of expectation. Bad luck, accidents and other misfortunes will, of course, confront the farmer. But if he has "the right stuff in him," the land will yield him a liberal return if he will use good judgment, work hard and stick to it. He can then be independent of the beef trusts and other trusts, enjoy luxuries that the city man of means cannot secure, and view with complacency an increase in the cost of living when he realizes that he is a producer as well as a consumer.

When President Roosevelt's Country Life commission, after an extended investigation of conditions of country life throughout the country, made its report to the effect that improvement in the social life of the farmer was one of our most important problems, many regarded this statement as a mere academic or theoretical utterance. But any one really familiar with the conditions of country life knows full well that the limited social life of the country is one of the greatest disadvantages that now exists in connection with the cultivation of the soil. To provide a proper social life is an essential if the "Back to the Soil" movement is to be made generally successful.

## NEW STRENGTH FOR BAD BACKS.

Those who suffer with backache, headache, dizziness and that constant, dull, tired feeling will find comfort in the advice of Mrs. C. S. Tyler, Cando, N. Dak., who says:



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# POULTRY

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When you pick out those which you are going to keep for your foundation stock, if you have only one male and one female that suit you, you had better use only those for the first year's breeding. It is not quantity that the beginner wants—it is quality. Next season select your best pullet and mate back to the old male and mate the yearling hen and the choicest one of the season's cockrels. These matings are reasonably sure to produce plenty of quality, if you buy the eggs from a breeder who has line bred his stock properly.

## FOLDING COOP FOR CHICKENS

Ends and Sides Turn Down When Not Being Used—Of Great Convenience in Shipping to Market.

Now comes the collapsible chicken coop, designed by a Wisconsin man, and in view of the present mania for raising chickens it will probably interest a great many people. The sides and ends of the coop are hinged beneath the ends. When the recep-



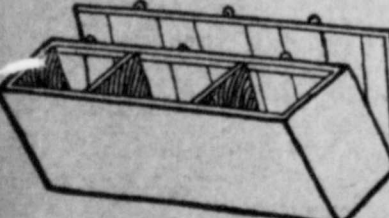
Folding Chicken Coop.

tle is extended the sides form a support to the ends, and all are held firmly in the extended position by clips at the four corners. When the coop is collapsed, pins lock the folding parts and keep them down. As will be readily understood, a coop of this kind will be a great convenience to the poultry farmer who ships his chickens to market or to a poultry store. After the live fowls have been disposed of a dozen of these improved receptacles can be folded up, tied in one bundle and shipped back to the place where they came from at small expense and no trouble. They are equally handy on the chicken farm.

## DUMPING NESTS ARE HANDY

Bottom Arranged with Hinges So That It Will Drop and Contents Fall to the Floor.

A good way to build hens' nests is to have the bottom attached with hinges and fastened at the front with small hooks and staples. When the nests are to be cleaned the bottom



Dumping Hens' Nest.

can be dropped and all the contents will fall out. The nests should be at least twelve inches square, and for the large-sized breeds fifteen inches will be better.

## Turkey Raising.

Because of their natural roaming disposition a great many persons think that turkeys are hard to raise, but to those who understand their habits they are the easiest to raise of all domestic fowls, says a writer in an exchange. I think I say "domestic" advisedly, although I know there are some who consider it a misfit when applied to turkeys, but surely no one could call a flock of turkeys as tame as mine anything but domestic. This quality of tameness can be bred in turkeys and should be considered by all careful breeders, as well as size, shape of plumage.

## USEFUL INSECTICIDE APPLIERS

Apparatus Arranged to Make Application Automatic as Chicken Helps Itself to Water.

One of the most ingenious of the many sanitary appliances for use on poultry farms is the insecticide applying device shown in the illustration. It was designed by an Ohio man. On a large farm it is practically impossible to apply insect-destroying preparations for every fowl. The apparatus here makes this application automatically as the chicken drinks. A central support is placed in the water pan and two tubes are



Insecticide Applier.

suspended from the sides. A strip of flexible percolating material hangs down from each tube to a point close to the water. The tube is filled with liquid insecticide, which keeps this strip continually saturated. When a chicken wants a drink it has to push its head under the flap and both in this motion and by the action of withdrawing its head, the feathers on head and neck become soaked with the solution. As every fowl has to drink, none is missed in this treatment.

## TO FORCE EARLY MOULTING

Fowls Should Be Confined for About Ten Days and Given About One-Quarter of Usual Ration.

To bring about early moulting, confine the fowls in their various quarters about August 1, and for ten days only allow them one-fourth of their usual rations. During this time they lose flesh and stop laying.

Then liberate and feed them all the corn, oats, peas, sunflower seed and wheat they will eat. This causes a rapid moult and the new feathers start at once. The hens soon recover from the process and begin to lay regularly about October 1.

The ration for laying hens should not be too heavy, but should be varied at frequent intervals. With your grain ration animal food such as ground flesh meat and bones, is essential. Some green food too must be given. Experiments at the New York station showed that the product of eggs from hens fed on corn meal was from 28 to 57 per cent. greater than from hens kept on a more nitrogenous ration.

## Summer Gains Are Rapid.

The gains made by chickens during the summer are rapid, and poultrymen are fast beginning to realize that if they have large healthy birds they must have abundant range during the period when they are growing and developing.

# POULTRY NOTES

Let the chicks have plenty of free range.

The young chicks should be kept growing.

The first requisite in fattening fowls is a good coop.

To make chicks grow first give plenty of good fresh air; don't allow them to crowd.

Keep plenty of water fresh and clean for your poultry, and fight for lice and mites.

Much loss is suffered by poulterers from a failure to properly fatten their stock for market.

Fowls, to fatten well, should be confined in a small space in perfect darkness, and kept perfectly quiet.

Fine gravel is not the proper grit for poultry. They want a sharp material with which to grind their feed.

Charcoal pounded fine and kept in the drinking pans will keep the young and old birds in good condition.

Swelling of the head is frequently caused by a sharp draft on the fowl, from some small knothole or crack.

Grit must be provided for fowls, but the substance should be sharp and of size for poultry as for man or animals.

To keep a hen in good health she needs nearly seven times more fresh air in proportion to her size than does the horse.

If the hens are expected to lay heavily during the winter, they must be cared for every month of the year, and fed more heavily as the fall months come on.

If you are in the thoroughbred poultry business, do not sell your cull stock alive. Dress it and see that the culls are not worked onto the markets as your particular grain.

# QUEER DISEASE IS IN UNITED STATES

Many Here Afflicted With Odd Ailment, Says Prof. Munyon.

## GREWSOME CREATURES VERY COMMON, FINDS EXPERT.

Many people in the United States are afflicted with a queer disease, according to a statement yesterday by Professor James M. Munyon. He made the following remarkable and rather gruesome statement:

"Many persons who come and write to my headquarters at 534 and Jefferson Sts., Philadelphia, Pa., think they are suffering from a simple stomach trouble, when in reality they are the victims of an entirely different disease—that of tape worm. These tape worms are huge internal parasites, which locate in the upper bowel and consume a large percentage of the nutriment in undigested food. They sometimes grow to a length of forty to sixty feet. One may have a tape worm for years and never know the cause of his or her ill health.

"Persons who are suffering from one of these creatures become nervous, weak and irritable, and tire at the least exertion. The tape worms rob one of ambition and vitality and strength, but they are rarely fatal.

"The victim of this disease is apt to believe that he is suffering from chronic stomach trouble, and doctors for years without relief. This is not the fault of the physicians he consults, for there is no absolute diagnosis that will tell positively that one is not a victim of tape worm.

"The most common symptom of this trouble is an abnormal appetite. At times the person is ravenously hungry and cannot get enough to eat. At other times the very sight of food is loathsome. There is a gnawing, faint sensation at the pit of the stomach, and the victim has headaches, fits of dizziness and nausea. He cannot sleep at night and often thinks he is suffering from nervous prostration.

"I have a treatment which has had wonderful success in eliminating these great creatures from the system. In the course of its regular action in aiding digestion and ridding the blood, kidneys and liver of impurities it has proven fatal to these great worms. If one has a tape worm, this treatment will, in nine cases out of ten, stupefy and pass it away, but if not, the treatment will rebuild the run-down person, who is probably suffering from stomach trouble and a general anaemic condition. My doctors report marvelous success here with this treatment. Fully a dozen persons have passed these worms, but they are naturally reticent about discussing them, and of course we cannot violate their confidence by giving their names to the public."

Letters addressed to Professor James M. Munyon, 534 and Jefferson Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., will receive as careful attention as though the patient called in person. Medical advice and consultation absolutely free. Not a penny to pay.

## A Personal Matter.

"You must have studied political economy pretty thoroughly to be so impressed with the iniquity of the trusts."

"To tell you the truth," replied the candid citizen, "I don't know much about the inside workings of trusts. But I have seen pictures of the men who run them, and I have kind of taken a dislike to them."

## A Mystery.

He (during the spat)—Well, if you want to know it, I married you for your money.

She—I wish I could tell as easily what I married you for.—Boston Transcript.

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## PHILOSOPHY TO THE RESCUE

Pat Went Without His Steak, but at That Everything Was Not Lost.

Charles Nagel, secretary of commerce and labor, says the Irish race has, in addition to its sentiment and romance, a lot of philosophy as one of its characteristics.

"The best illustration I ever heard of this," he explained to a dinner party one evening, "was the case of a poor Irishman who had been given a fine, juicy piece of steak. Being a religious man, he placed the steak in front of him, and there, in the shade of the trees surrounding his benefactor's house, he folded his hands, closed his eyes, and gave thanks to heaven for the meal. When he was in the attitude of prayer, a dog rushed up and captured the steak. Pat looked around in time to see the food disappearing over the hill.

"Thank heaven," he exclaimed, again closing his eyes, 'he left me my appetite!'"—The Sunday Magazine.

## HIS CRIME.



Evelina—I am sorry, but I cannot marry a man of your character.

Edgar—What have I ever done?

Evelina—I have just learned that you are a director in a life insurance company.

## Family Enough.

Horace, five year old, has a brother, nine, and a sister three, and with his father and mother, he deemed this family large enough. When, therefore, he was told by his aunt that a little baby was to be added to the family, he protested—

"I think papa and mamma might better spend their money for more strawberries and powdered sugar for me," he observed, indignantly.

On a certain day a doctor came to the house and Horace thought he knew what that meant. His spirit of revolt nearly got the better of him, however, when a second doctor came.

A few hours later, after the doctors had departed, his Aunt Ella told him he had a new little brother. Horace brightened, and tiptoed to his mother's room. "It's all right, mamma," he assured her. "There's only one."

## Unimportant.

Southern negroes have an irresponsible way of visiting about indiscriminately.

"Please tell me your name and address?" asked the depot reporter of a middle-aged negro.

"Ah's Mrs. Ca'tah from Co'fax."

"Whom have you been visiting, Mrs. Carter?" she was asked. "Ah's been visiting de ole colo'd woman down de track heah a couple blocks fo' about a week. Ah can't jus' member her name."—Success Magazine.

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A western mining prospector was paying his first visit to New York.

"What do you think of it?" asked the proud Gothamite as he pointed out the skyscrapers.

"Well," replied the miner, "it looks like a permanent camp all right."—Success Magazine.

## Original "Hello Bill."

William G. Meyers, who died in Philadelphia, Pa., January 7, 1911, is said to have been the original "Hello Bill" of the Fraternal Order of Elks.—From the Magazine of American History.

## A Specimen.

"Did you ever hear of anything so ridiculous as men of honest graft?"

"What's the matter with the gardeners?"

A sordid love of money is certainly a very senseless thing, for the mind much occupied with it is blind to everything else.—Diphilus.

Lewis' Single Binder gives the smoker a rich, mellow-tasting 5c cigar.

The man who plays poker for pastime usually passes more or less coin over to the other fellow.

Know prudent, cautious self-control is wisdom's root.—Robert Burns.

Our highest religion is named "the worship of sorrow."

On Second Washing.  
"I've just washed out a suit for my little boy—and now it seems too tight for him."  
"He'll fit it all right, if you'll wash the boy."—Meggendorfer Blaetter.

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## WOODROOF BROS.--One Price, The Lowest



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Mrs. Fred Bigham entertained a few guests at her lovely home Thursday afternoon complimentary to her house guest Mrs. Chas. Gibbs of Midland. The house was very prettily decorated with a profusion of sun flowers, suggesting the coming of fall. The score cards were in the autumn coloring and marked progression in several delightful games of progressive forty-two. Mrs. W. H. Dickson was fortunate in winning high score and was presented the cut glass favor which she in turn presented to the honoree. Mrs. J. W. Daniel was consoled with a pair of silk stockings which she very gracefully presented to the honoree. The guests were Mesdames L. Brown, Cloud Bigham, T. J. Coggin, J. W. Daniel, W. H. Dickson, Charles Gibbs of Midland, L. D. Gaither, S. S. Harris of Abilene, E. Hall, J. G. Jackson, N. C. Sinclair, H. C. West, Misses Annie T. Daniel, Willie Bigham. The house decoration and color scheme was carried out in the refreshments, the hostess serving angel's food and cream moulded in sun flower form.

Friday evening Aug. 11 Mrs. J. W. Daniel and Miss Daniel were hostesses at an informal dance given to Dr. S. L. Davis. The reception rooms were beautifully decorated with trailing vines and a profusion of lovely roses. Delicious punch was served during the evening. The guests were Messrs. J. E. Faucett, R. O. Anderson, Trent, L. Brown, L. D. Gaither, John Ayres of Abilene, Manley Hank of Abilene, Jackson, C. C. Cheshire, Dr. S. L. Davis. Misses Agnes Hall, Juanita Harris of Abilene, Mabel Collins. Mesdames Chas. Gibbs of Midland, Fred Bigham, L. Brown, L. D. Gaither, J. P. C. Hunt, S. S. Harris of Abilene, C. C. Cheshire, the hostesses.

Monday afternoon the G. F. and F. C. Club met with Miss Inice Moon. A number of musical selections were given and greatly enjoyed. Misses Pet Sears and Roxie Moon were welcome guests. The members present were Misses Winnie Warren Venona Hamblet, Margie and Clara Saffle, Carol and Gene Rister, Clara Keeton, Mary Gunn, Irene Swann, Fannie Burroughs, Annie Smith, Jessie Sutphen, Tennie Brown, Faye Lowrey. Cream was served.

Little Miss Louise Warren entertained a few little friends Saturday Aug. 12 from five to even. Various games were played on the nice green lawn. The little guests were then in-

vited to enter the dining room where they found a lovely birthday cake with ten lighted candles. Congratulations were in order. Banana cream and pine apple sherbet were served with cakes to Misses Elizabeth Barker, Ruby and Evelyn Hamm, Julia Martin, Hazel Harkrider, Lucy Tracy, Maurine Angus, Dixie and Girlie Howard, Annie May and Ned Swann, Ona Faye Rose, Madalyn Hunt, Fannie May Douglass, Mildred Hogue and the hostess.

Mrs. Arvin and daughter, Miss Kate, of Mexia, who visited Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gaither last week are the guests of Mrs. S. S. Harris in Abilene this week.

Mrs. Proctor and children are here. They visited Mrs. Arthur Rose and will be here while Mrs. Rose is in the sanitarium.

Mrs. S. S. Harris has returned to her home in Abilene after a visit to her niece Mrs. J. D. Gaither.

Mrs. T. H. Largent and little son, Joe Sutphen, are in Abilene this week visiting Mrs. Tandy and other friends.

Miss Fannie Pearl Moore left Sunday night for Fort Worth where she will visit her aunt Mrs. Ernest Kunze.

Miss Ruth Mims returned home Wednesday from a delightful trip to Nacogdoches, Fort Worth and Dallas.

Mrs. Arthur Rose went down to Abilene Tuesday for special treatment at the Alexander Sanitarium.

Mrs. E. M. Brown is at home from Comanche where she visited her son Rev. Bob Brown and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Fields of Haskell were the guests of Mrs. Courtney Hunt Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Bessie Reed has returned to Hillsboro after a short visit to Merkel relatives and friends.

Mrs. L. D. Gaither spent Tuesday in Abilene with friends.

C. E. Whitaker was run over in the lot Wednesday while feeding some stock and it was thought at first seriously hurt but later it was found not to be so bad as first reported.

W. T. Potter and family who have been in Fort Worth for the past three months returned to Merkel last Saturday.

Merkel public school will open Sept. 18 instead of the 11th as announced in the catalogue.

Miss Ollie Kate Harris of Abilene is on a weeks visit to Merkel friends.

J. P. Sharp and W. L. Harkrider left Wednesday night for the eastern markets where they will spend several days selecting a line of fall goods for the Merkel trade.

### League Program.

Subject, Sympathetic Service.  
Leader, Rufus McNeas.  
Songs (two)  
Explain how true sympathy gives variety of service and then brings rest to the weary—Simpson Christopher.  
Instrumental music—Bessie Touchstone.  
Leaders address.  
Duet—Mary and Jackie Jennings.  
The benefits derived from the League services—John Moore.  
Quartet—Genevieve Rust, Roxie Moon, Leno Largent and Dorothy Lee Potter.  
Prayer by League.  
Do I really enjoy the services I render—Tennie Pope.  
Song.  
Miscellaneous.  
Announcements.  
Benediction.

### B. Y. P. U. Program.

Leader, Charlie Lofton.  
Subject, The Little Books of the Bible.  
Scripture, II John 1-13.  
Song 151.  
Explanation of subject—Mary Gunn.  
Piano solo, Harp at Midnight—Lena Rister.  
Bible quiz, Moses subject—Irene Swann.  
Song 303.  
Select reading—Murtice Saffle.  
Solo—Miss Ethel Roberts.  
Closing exercises.

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

### Cats That Coo.

Another New Jersey genius has turned his attention to the conservation of the energy lost in cat yowls. The backyard concert is not only a wanton waste of power, but murders sleep. Experts have discovered that by transplanting the vocal chords of a dove into the throat of a loud-mouthed Tomcat the backyard night concert is transformed into a lullaby of inspiring sweetness that coaxes sleep to the weary eyes of the most inveterate insomniac or poker player. The cooing cat has come to stay.

Abdon Holt and family and W. G. Swinson and family of Abilene passed through Merkel Wednesday in autos on their way to Denver, Colorado.

E. E. Carpenter of Farmersville is in town visiting Jeff Jones and at the same time taking a look at the country. He says that Collin county crops have suffered about on line with ours.

W. M. Brown of Kentucky is here visiting his brother L. Brown.

Mrs. Copeland of Huckabay is visiting her daughter Mrs. L. B. Pipes.

Capt. I. and Pettis Pipes of Dublin are visiting relatives in Merkel.

Mrs. John Morgan and daughter Miss Sabilla of Huntingdon, Tenn., are visiting the family of L. E. Sanders in North Merkel. Mrs. Morgan is Mrs. Sanders mother.

L. L. Hyer who is in the service of the U. S. Government in Panama is visiting his mother, Mrs. J. H. Counts.

### Obituary.

J. P. Sutphen, Jr. was born at Coleman, Texas, May 20, 1896. His parents were J. P. and Mattie Sutphen. He was severely injured Aug. 7, 1911, at Blackwell, Texas, by the 8:20 p. m. south-bound Orient passenger train. His mother was immediately notified and phoned to her daughter, Miss Jessie, who was visiting at San Angelo to go to Blackwell and bring I. P. to Sweetwater where she and Dr. Armstrong would meet them. They passed through Merkel Tuesday noon enroute to the Alexander sanitarium where all that loving hands and medical skill could do was done. But at 7:50 that evening the spirit of J. P. returned to the tender care of the great creator "Who doeth all things well." The passing away was softened by God's great love for his earthly children as J. P. was able to know and talk to his mother and family before sinking into the last sleep.

Seven years ago his parents moved to Merkel. His father was an invalid and passed into the great beyond six years ago. His mother, two brothers, Vernon of Meridian and Charles, three sisters, Mrs. T. H. Largent, Jessie and Lucile are left to mourn his untimely death for the death of this dear boy has cast a gloom over his many friends. His love for little children was wonderful as it was beautiful. His lunch at school was always shared with the orphan or poor child.

Rev. A. M. Martin conducted the funeral services at the Sutphen home at 2 p. m. Wednesday. The interment was in Rose Hill cemetery. The floral offerings were beautiful. A Friend.

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### 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 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 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

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 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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## LEGISLATIVE NEWS OUR SOLONS BJSY

Austin, Aug. 15.—Our solons have been working as industriously as a lot of boll weevils and they keep at it they will be able to migrate by the 31st. Considerable progress has been made on the appropriation bill and the house put a few spokes in the wheels of progress by making more liberal appropriations for the support of the agricultural department and to the A. and M. college. The senate has passed the appropriation bill and it will be ready for a free conference committee within a few days.

One of our solons who was evidently born a century ahead of his time suggested that a new mansion be built for our governor but the prospects of the increase in the tax rate rose up like a sheeted ghost and frightened the members away.

The committee from the house and senate appointed to investigate the recent election has been examining the leaders on both sides of the issue and some flimsy evidence has been passed between the two bodies but many of the anti-Jacksonians recognized the jurisdiction of the committee and the matter is to be tested in the courts.

The pros have had their inning and sprung some correspondence which had been taken from the files of the anti leaders which, according to the interpretation of the committee, pointed toward a live jack pot, but a investigation of all

members of the legislature failed to reveal this much-talked-of utensil.

The Colquitt-Lightfoot controversy broke out afresh in the house and senate when the item in the appropriation bill was reached providing for the maintenance of the attorney general's department. An amendment was offered which, in effect, prevented the governor from vetoing any section of the item. The amendment passed the house on a vote of 68 to 38. The measure also passed the senate.

The governor made it clear to the legislators that he would sanction no legislation until the subjects regularly submitted were disposed of and he returned the resolution favoring the legislation for the stricter regulation of the saloon traffic; endorsing San Francisco for the Panama canal exposition; inviting the advertising clubs of America to hold their 1912 convention in Dallas and inviting President Taft to visit Texas. The legislature now has before it the appropriation bill, the re-districting of the state, the repeal of the automatic tax law and fixing of the state ad valorem tax rate. The appropriation bill is the only measure submitted that has received serious consideration.

If your town will support other industries than those she has gotten. Offer inducements that are in harmony with the good that will accrue to your town, but beware of the bonus hunter. Many towns have crippled themselves by undertaking to give large bonuses for different things and perhaps after it was secured the thing was valueless to the town but some promoter had filled his coffers and as a result

an elephant has been left on the town. Therefore, great care should be exercised in selecting the enterprise wanted.

#### A Town Bars Motor Cars.

There's one town in the United States that is a motorless municipality. It is Bar Harbor, Maine, the most fashionable and exclusive ocean resort on the North Atlantic Coast.

"There are no motor cars in Bar Harbor," said Augustus Gumpert at the New Ebbitt. "In fact, the horse is king up there, and when it is suggested by a resident that he would like to bring his motor along, he is quickly notified that while there is no ordinance to prohibit it, he might have trouble in getting permission to drive about the principal streets. The result has been that many of the wealthy people of Bar Harbor have cut the place. The people are to vote this fall on the question of permitting motors in Bar Harbor, and the impression is general that the horse will have a rival next year. There are many fine teams of horses in the place, and the Bar Harbor show is one of the most fashionable functions in the country, where the most aristocratic of equine flesh is shown.

"No ocean resort I ever visited has a finer climate than Bar Harbor. There is practically no bathing in the ocean because the water is too cold, but there is an immense swimming pool, where members of the Swimming Club hold forth. Bar Harbor has so many attractions that the surf bathing is not missed."—Washington Post.

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## FIRE AT ABILENE LOSS IS \$135,000

Abilene, Aug. 15.—Shortly after one o'clock this afternoon flames supposed to have originated from an explosion of combustible matter caused a property loss conservatively estimated at \$135,000, which is partially covered by insurance. Losses are as follows:

H. O. Wooten Grocery Company, building and all contents, including contents of cold storage, property loss estimated at \$68,000; insurance \$40,000.

Burton-Lingo Lumber Company, three sheds and two offices, including all contents; loss estimated at \$50,000; amount of insurance not stated, but fully covered.

W. T. Wilson Transfer Company, building and contents destroyed; property loss between \$1,500 and \$2,000; amount of insurance not known.

National Packing Company, office in Wooten building all old papers, fixtures and 2,500 cases of canned meats valued at one thousand dollars; property loss estimated at \$5,000.

Texas & Pacific freight cars loaded with canned goods and salt for H. O. Wooten, and cement for Burton-Lingo Company; amount of loss not estimated.

Total property loss estimated at about \$135,000; total amount of insurance about \$75,000.

The origin is not authoritatively known, the story of combustible matter which was reported as exploding being only hearsay statements. Neither Mr.

Wooten nor A. H. Herring, Burton-Lingo's manager, can give any information as to the origin.

#### Flames Finally Controlled.

The fire broke out shortly after one o'clock, and for an hour it appeared that the entire business section of Abilene west of Walnut street, was in danger of destruction. The firemen laid seven lines of hose and fought the blaze from every angle, at two-thirty subduing the flames and confining them to the buildings heretofore mentioned.

#### 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, 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.

#### The Tenth of a Second.

It is not common to find a person who can correctly estimate the lapse of a single second. But in these days of speeding automobiles, the exact time when each of two colliding vehicles must have occupied particular spots may be a matter of great importance. In a recent experiment a car took nearly two seconds to stop after brakes were applied, and in that time it moved nineteen feet. So even fractions of a second are important. One can train himself to estimate even tenths of a second. Try it with a watch and it will be found that it is just possible to count ten in the lapse of a single second. But one must count very fast to do it.—Scientific American.

#### Falls Victim to Thieves.

S. W. Bends of Coal City, Ala., has a justifiable grievance. Two thieves stole his health for 12 years. They were a liver and kidney trouble. Then Dr. King's New Life Pills throttled them. He's well now. Unrivalled for constipation, malaria, headache, dyspepsia, 25c. H. C. Burroughs.

## MERKEL JUNIORS TIE A GOOD GAME

Merkel 5, Trent 5, 11 innings. The above is the result of the best ball game played by Merkel lads on the home grounds this season. The game was fast from the first frame to last. Merkel scored the first run of the game in the opening inning and shut Trent out until the fourth when they scored two, Merkel in their half added two more and no more scoring was done till the Trent boys tied the score in the ninth, and forged to the front in the tenth with two runs in the lead, but the Merkel lads hammered out two in their half tying the game once more. This completed the score, neither team doing nothing in the eleventh, when the game was called on account of darkness. "Little" Berry done the feature playing of the game both in the field and at the bat, hitting safe three out of four times at bat.

The Merkel Juniors have won two, lost two and tied two and want games with any fast 15-year-olds.

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### A Complication.

Bessie found getting well much more tiresome than being sick. She was becoming very impatient about staying indoors and eating soups. When her aunt asked her how she felt she replied that she was much worse; that the doctor had found something else the matter with her. "Why, what is it?" asked her aunt. "I think the doctor said 'convalescence'."

### AT THE PARSONAGE. Coffee Runs Riot No Longer.

"Wife and I had a serious time of it while we were coffee drinkers. She had gastritis, headaches, belching and would have periods of sickness, while I secured a daily headache that became chronic. "We naturally sought relief by drugs without avail, for it is now plain enough that no drug will cure the disease another drug (coffee) sets up, particularly, so long as the drug which causes the trouble is continued. "Finally we thought we would try giving off coffee and using Postum. I noticed that my headaches disappeared like magic, and my old 'trembling' nervousness left. One day wife said, 'Do you know my gastritis has gone?' "One can hardly realize what Postum has done for us. "Then we began to talk to others. Wife's father and mother were both coffee drinkers and sufferers. Their headaches left entirely a short time after they changed from coffee to Postum. "I began to enquire among my parishioners and found to my astonishment that numbers of them use Postum in place of coffee. Many of the ministers who have visited our parsonage have become enthusiastic champions of Postum. Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. "Read the little book, 'The Road to Wellville,' in pkgs. 'There's a reason.' "Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest."

## SERIAL STORY

# ELUSIVE ISABEL

By JACQUES FUTRELL

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### SYNOPSIS.

Count di Rosini, the Italian ambassador, is at dinner with diplomat 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 head detective, are warned that a plot is brewing in Washington, and Grimm goes to the state ball for information. His attention is called to Miss Isabel Thorne, who with her companion, disappears. A shot is heard and Senator Alvarez of the Mexican legation, is found wounded. Grimm is assured Miss Thorne did it; he visits her, demanding knowledge of the affair, and arrests Pietro Petrovitch, Miss 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; the money is restored, but a new mystery occurs in the disappearance of Monsieur Boissegur, the French ambassador. Elusive Miss Thorne reappears.

### CHAPTER XIII.—(Continued.)

"You knew I was here," repeated Mr. Grimm mysteriously. "And may I—?" "Just as you knew that I, or some one, at least, had entered this house a few minutes ago," she interrupted. "The automobile horn outside was a signal, wasn't it? Hastings was in the car? Or was it Blair or Johnson?" Mr. Grimm did not say. "Didn't you anticipate any personal danger when you entered?" he queried instead. "Weren't you afraid I might shoot?" "No."

There was a long silence. Mr. Grimm still sat with his elbows on his knees, staring at the vague white spot which was Miss Thorne's face and bare neck. One of her white arms hung at her side like a pallid serpent, and her hand was at rest on the seat of the couch.

"It seems, Miss Thorne," he said at length casually, "that our paths of duty are inextricably tangled. Twice previously we have met under circumstances that were more than strange, and now—this! Whatever injustice I may have done you in the past by my suspicions has, I hope, been forgiven; and in each instance we were able to work side by side toward a conclusion. I am wondering now if this singular affair will take a similar course."

He paused. Miss Thorne started to speak, but he silenced her with a slight gesture of his hand.

"It is only fair to you to say that we—that is, the Secret Service—have learned many things about you," he resumed in the same casual tone. "We have, through our foreign agents, traced you step by step from Rome to Washington. We know that you are, in a way, a representative of a sovereign of Europe; we know that you were on a secret mission to the Spanish court, perhaps for this sovereign, and remained in Madrid for a month; we know that from there you went to Paris, also on a secret mission—perhaps the same—and remained there for three weeks; we know that you met diplomatic agents of those governments later in London. We know all this; we know the manner of your coming to this country; of your coming to Washington. But we don't know why you are here."

Again she started to speak, and again he stopped her.

"We don't know your name, but that is of no consequence. We do know that in Spain you were Senora Casavant, in Paris Mademoiselle d'Aubnon, in London Miss Jane Kellogg, and here Miss Isabel Thorne. We realize that exigencies arise in your calling, and mine, which make changes of name desirable. Necessary even, and there is no criticism of that. Now as the representative of your government—rather a government—you have a right to be here, although unaccompanied; you have a right to remain here as long as your acts are consistent with our laws; you have a right to your secrets as long as they do not, directly or indirectly, threaten the welfare of this country. Now, why are you here?"

He received no answer; he expected none. After a moment he went on: "Admitting that you are a secret agent of Italy, admitting everything that you claim to be, you haven't convinced me that you are not the person who came here for the letters and cigarettes. You have said nothing to prove to my satisfaction that you are not the individual I was waiting for tonight."

"You don't mean that you suspect—?" she began in a tone of amazement.

"I don't mean that I suspect anything," he interposed. "I mean merely that you haven't convinced me. There's nothing inconsistent in the

fact that you are what you say you are, and that in spite of that, you came tonight for—"

He was interrupted by a laugh, a throaty, silvery note that he remembered well. His idle hands closed spasmodically, only to be instantly relaxed.

"Suppose, Mr. Grimm, I should tell you that immediately after Madame Boissegur placed the matter in my hands this afternoon, I went straight to your office to show this letter to you and ask for your assistance?" she inquired. "Suppose that I left my card for you with a clerk there on being informed that you were out—remember I knew you were on the case from Madame Boissegur—would that indicate anything except that I wanted to put the matter squarely before you, and work with you?"

"We will suppose that much," Mr. Grimm agreed.

"That is a statement of fact," Miss Thorne added. "My card, which you will find at your office, will show that. And when I left your office I went to the hotel where you live, with the same purpose. You were not there, and I left a card for you. And that is a statement of fact. It was not difficult, owing to the extraordinary circumstances, to imagine that you would be here tonight—just as you are—and I came here. My purpose, still, was to inform you of what I knew, and work with you. Does that convince you?"

"And how did you enter the embassy?" Mr. Grimm persisted.

"Not with a latch-key, as you did," she replied. "Madame Boissegur, at my suggestion, left the French window in the hall there unfastened, and I came in that way—the way, I may add, that Monsieur l'Ambassadeur went out when he disappeared."

"Very well!" commented Mr. Grimm, and finally: "I think, perhaps, I owe you an apology, Miss Thorne—another one. The circumstances now, as they were at our previous meeting, are so unusual that—is it necessary to go on?" There was a certain growing deference in his tone. "I wonder if you account for Monsieur Boissegur's disappearance as I do?" he inquired.

"I dare say," and Miss Thorne leaned toward him with sudden eagerness in her manner and voice. "Your theory is—?" she questioned.

"If we believe the servants we know that Monsieur Boissegur did not go out either by the front door or the rear," Mr. Grimm explained. "That being true the French window by which you entered seems to have been the way."

"Yes, yes," Miss Thorne interposed. "And the circumstances at-



"The Ambassador."

tending the disappearance? How do you account for the fact that he went, evidently of his own will?"

"Precisely as you must account for it if you have studied the situation here as I have," responded Mr. Grimm. "For instance, sitting at his desk there—and he turned to indicate it—he could readily see out the windows overlooking the street. There is only a narrow strip of lawn between the house and the sidewalk. Now, if some one on the sidewalk, or—or—" "In a carriage?" promptly suggested Miss Thorne.

"Or in a carriage," Mr. Grimm supplemented, "had attracted his attention—some one he knew—it is not at all unlikely that he rose, for no apparent reason, as he did do, passed along the hall—"

"And through the French window, across the lawn to the carriage, and not a person in the house would have seen him go out? Precisely! There seems no doubt that was the way," she resumed. "And, of course, he must have entered the carriage of his own free will?"

"In other words, on some pretext or other, he was lured in, then made prisoner, and—!"

He paused suddenly and his hand met Miss Thorne's warningly. The silence of the night was broken by the violent clatter of footsteps, apparently approaching the embassy. The noise was unmistakable—some one was running.

"The window!" Miss Thorne whispered.

She rose quickly and started to cross the room to look out; Mr. Grimm sat motionless, listening. An instant later and there came a tremendous crash of glass—the French window in the hallway by the sound—then rapid footsteps, still running along the hall. Mr. Grimm moved toward the door untroubled, perfectly self-possessed; there was only a narrowing of his eyes at the abruptness and clatter of it all. And then the electric lights in the hall flashed up.

Before Mr. Grimm stood a man, framed by the doorway, staring unseeing into the darkened room. His face was haggard and white as death; his mouth agape as if from exertion, and the lips bloodless; his eyes were widely distended as if from fright—

clothing disarranged, collar unfastened and dangling.

"The ambassador!" Miss Thorne whispered thrillingly.

### CHAPTER XIV.

#### A Rescue and an Escape.

Miss Thorne's voice startled Mr. Grimm a little, but he had no doubts. It was Monsieur Boissegur. Mr. Grimm was going toward the enframed figure when, without any apparent reason, the ambassador turned and ran along the hall; and at that instant the lights went out again. For one moment Grimm stood still, dazed and blinded by the sudden blackness, and again he started toward the door. Miss Thorne was beside him.

"The lights!" he whispered tensely. "Find the switch!"

He heard the rustle of her skirts as she moved away, and stepped out into the hall, feeling with both his hands along the wall. A few feet away, in the direction the ambassador had gone there seemed to be a violent struggle in progress—there was the scuffling of feet, and quick-drawn breaths as muscle strained against muscle. The lights! If he could only find the switch! Then, as his hands moved along the wall, they came in contact with another hand—a hand pressed firmly against the plastering, barring his progress. A light blow in the face caused him to step back quickly.

The scuffling sound suddenly resolved itself into moving footsteps, and the front door opened and closed with a bang. Mr. Grimm's listless eyes snapped, and his white teeth came together sharply as he started toward the front door. But fate seemed to be against him still. He stumbled over a chair, and his own impetus forward sent him sprawling; his head struck the wall with a resounding whack; and then, over the house, came utter silence. From outside he heard the clatter of a cab. Finally that died away in the distance.

"Miss Thorne?" he inquired quietly. "I'm here," she answered in a despairing voice. "But I can't find the switch."

"Are you hurt?"

"No."

And then she found the switch; the lights flared up. Mr. Grimm was sitting thoughtfully on the floor.

"That simplifies the matter considerably," he observed complacently, as he rose. "The men who signaled to me when you entered the embassy will never let that cab get out of their sight."

Miss Thorne stood leaning forward a little, eagerly gazing at him with those wonderful blue-gray eyes, and an expression of—perhaps it was admiration on her face.

"Are you sure?" she demanded, at last.

"I know it," was his response.

And just then Monsieur Rigolot, secretary of the embassy, thrust an inquisitive head timidly around the corner of the stairs. The crash of glass had aroused him.

"What happened?" he asked, breathlessly.

"We don't know just yet," replied Mr. Grimm. "If the noise aroused any one else please assure them that there's nothing the matter. And you might inform Madame Boissegur that the ambassador will return home tomorrow. Good night!"

At his hotel, when he reached there, Mr. Grimm found Miss Thorne's card—and he drew a long breath; at his office he found another of her cards, and he drew another long breath. He did like corroborative details, did Mr. Grimm, and, of course, this—! On the following day Miss Thorne accompanied him to Alexandria, and they were driven in a closed carriage out toward the western edge of the city. Finally the carriage stopped at a signal from Mr. Grimm, and he assisted Miss Thorne out, after which he turned and spoke to some one remaining inside—a man.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

#### Many Dogs in France.

There are more dogs in France than most countries. Thus it appears that to one thousand inhabitants there are 75 dogs in France and only 38 in England, 31 in Germany and 11 in Sweden. Still, hydrophobia is extremely rare in the department of the Seine, the last case observed dating back to the year 1905. Doctor Martel says this good state of things has been brought about by the law for killing not only every mad dog, but also for killing every dog any mad dog may have bitten or played with. But since this law cannot work out to perfection the French also exterminate all stray dogs.

#### His Probable Fate.

"Waal, some ways I'd like to an' some ways I guess I wouldn't," said honest Farmer Bentover, when the suave dispenser of encyclopedias had paused in his siren song. "Ye see, if I was to sign for that 'ere cyclopedic in forty-seven parts, includin' the index an' appendiclitis, I'm sorter afraid I'd hev to work so hard to pay fer it that I'd be too tired to enjoy readin' it; while if I read it at my leisure, as I'd ort to, in order to git the good of it, I wouldn't hev time to earn the price. So, all things considered, I guess I'll hev to deny myself the privilege, as it were. Looks sorter like rain off to the northwest, don't it?"

#### Fine Winter Vegetables.

We are only just now beginning to have skirrets in our market. This vegetable is an Asiatic one, being known to China and India. It has been a favorite in Europe and especially in Paris for 25 years, and has tubercles clustered roots, very white and sweet, and when served with butter they are delicious. It is a most desirable winter vegetable.

# Money

By Dr. Frank Crane

Since the dawn of preaching we preachers have been threatening rich men with our right fist—and extending to them our left palm. It is hardly to be wondered at that we find difficulty in being taken seriously.

And our advice has been so confusing that we have not had much effect. For now we exhort the youth to all the virtues, giving as an inducement the assurance that thus they will be enabled to get on; and now again we turn to those that have gotten on and warn them of the danger of riches. It might as well be asked, if riches be dangerous, why acquire them; and if virtues lead to riches, are they really worth cultivating?

It may be well, therefore, to set down a few common sense facts in re riches and the relation of the same to the moral values.

In the first place, money is simply the token or sign of our common human wants. It means power, power over others, power to make our personality felt. No wonder we want it. Again it means liberty. Poverty is a curse. It ties the hands. It binds the mind. It narrows the soul. One who has to sweat ten hours a day for bread has no time nor strength left to develop the higher part of himself.

Money means also a full life. We can gratify our cravings, whether they be for beer or art, for Paris gowns or Wagner music. With money we have a chance to grow; without it we are stunted.

Money, therefore, is simply concentrated—we might say canned—human value.

It naturally follows that it is good or bad, never of itself, but only as giving opportunity to its possessor. Here, then, we have the moral gist of the whole matter: money is simply—opportunity.

It unlocks the door and bids the cramped and chafing passion go and do its will. It liberates desire. Hence it simply emphasizes a man. If he is good he can now be better, having more scope; if bad he can, and probably will, be worse. If idle and useless, he becomes a living fountain of idleness and uselessness, poisoning others.

So, money is like any other gift: as beauty, which adds power to the person; or genius, which multiplies the efficiency of the mind and hand; or position, for kinship magnifies a common man to heroic proportions, in his influence on other men.

Now, the sole relation of morals to power of any kind is this: that the moral sense adds to power—responsibility.

The root of any genuine moral feeling is altruism. Given any desire, it becomes moral as it takes a direction toward the welfare of other people; it is immoral exactly in proportion as it disregards others and looks only to self.

Wicked people, therefore, are those who live, think, and do for self alone; and that whether poor or rich. Whoever says, "I would like to be rich, for I could do so much good with my money," should examine himself and ask what good he is doing with the little he has. It's all a matter of relation. If one is not helpful and liberal on \$40 a month, he would not be so on \$4,000 a month.

In the ultimate realm of morals there are no commandments; there is only one test—do I live for myself or for others; am I altruistic or egocentric.

The dawdling smart set, flitting from bridge to matinee, from theater to bedizened restaurant, from the club to the horse race, are wicked; but no wickedness than the better poor who want to lead such a life, and who curse their lot because their selfishness is bound and chained.

To the real man, therefore, riches means nothing at all, as to his character; it simply means an opening to give vent to his character. And a clear-eyed soul, that sees and realizes what responsibility means, is never eager for power and opportunity. It is easier to be good in moderate means than in riches for the principal reason that it is easier to bear a small than a great load of responsibility. "It is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven," just because a rich man to be moral must be great. And, unfortunately, great souls are scarce among great fortunes.

The greatness of Jesus was not in his wisdom, magnetism, nor ethical perception, but in the fact that he was utterly altruistic; that is, he used all his powers not to advance himself but to help others. His tormentors unwittingly told the truth, and stated unknowingly his very secret, when, as he hung on the cross, they wagged their heads at him and cried: "He saved others; himself he cannot save!"

#### Working for Eternity.

Never mind where your work is. Never mind whether it be visible or not. Never mind whether your name is associated with it. You may never see the issues of your toils. You are working for eternity. If you cannot see results here in the hot working day, the cool evening hours are drawing near, when you may rest from your labors, and then they may follow you. So do your duty, and trust God to give the seed you sow, "a body as it hath pleased him."—Dr. Alexander MacLaren.

## HE HAD THEM IN A CORNER

Clergyman's Rebuke to Thoughtless Youths at Once Neat and Disconcerting.

A well-known clergyman was one day, in a barber's shop, when four or five young men walked in whom he knew by their voices, but who did not recognize the man in the chair, with lather all over his face. They proceeded to spend the time by telling stories and using expressions which, to say the least, were rather—sing. When the barber pulled away the towel the clergyman, cleanly shaved, stood before them. So nonplussed were they that no one tried to take the vacant chair, and the barber called several times—"Next gentleman! Next gentleman!"

The clergyman smiled somewhat grimly as he said:

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#### Crafty.

"What does the veterinary surgeon next door advise for your pet lap dog's sickness?"

"He forbids my playing the piano."—Flegende Blaetter.

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