

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## DEMOCRATS ARE IN A DEADLOCK

Even after thirty ballots had been taken the democratic convention was still in a deadlock as to the selection of the banner carrier for the party.

While in the first vote Clark was ahead and continued to gain until his margin over Wilson was 170 votes, in the thirtieth Clark once so strong was losing votes to the New Jersey man. W. J. Bryan has caused a number of sensations in the convention hall by introducing measures that were not pleasing to the majority of the delegates and at several times he has been hissed until he would have to stop yet his continued persistency has brought him back into the fight and he seems to be doing a better job for himself than did T. R. in the Republican convention but the same roller that struck Roosevelt has so far failed to catch Mr. Bryan.

As to how the nomination is going to come out it seems very hard to tell and no doubt with the same sentiment prevailing that has carried throughout the only chance for a nomination is for some dark horse candidate to be sent in that will lead both the Clark and Wilson delegates but owing to Bryan having first supported Clark then to change when it looked as if Clark might be nominated and to take sides with a weaker force it makes the proposition look a little shaky.

### Wilson Nominated

Since the above was written the 46th ballot was taken and Governor Wilson of New Jersey was nominated by acclamation. The nomination came about after Senator Stone had released all the Clark delegates and Underwood and Foss had withdrawn from the contest. Fritzgerald then took the stand and moved to nominate Wilson by acclamation. The applause that followed was great and the formal nomination was delayed.

### From Agent Peel:

The harvest is over and the question arises as to what is best to do with our wheat and oat stubble land. Some will wait for a crop of grass or weeds or other vegetation to appear and then turn same under to enrich the land and make it ideal for fall sowing of grain or spring row crops. Others will plant said land to our various kinds of feed crops, and possibly harvest a good yield increasing the supply of feed for the winter, which is very desirable unless you have plenty of other feed already provided.

But, brother farmer, do you realize that you are doing your land a very serious injury from harvesting two crops from same in one year which will naturally reduce the fertility of the soil unless you can produce a legume of some kind to be turned under in the fall.

Let me suggest that you try our plan of alternating maize, kaffir or sorghum with cow peas; or to make it an easy matter in harvesting plant two rows of feed

and one row of peas. If you succeed in producing a good vigorous growth of pea vines and turn them under just as their fruit begins to ripen you will be able to see the good effect of this treatment to your land for several years. Lets be practical and try to retain the fertility of our land. If not we will see our error when it is entirely too late and will be forced to the expense of rebuilding soil that we have allowed to become depleted by our careless methods of handling same. If you intend to plant this stubble land to row crops do not turn it deep with breaking plows at this time of the year; better to use a disc harrow in the preparation of same or use the cultivator. Be sure the seed bed is well prepared, plant reasonably deep and cultivate well.

## PICNIC AT COZART'S TANK IN FULL FORCE

As we go to press on Wednesday night to allow the "devil" to celebrate July 4, the picnic at Cozart's tank is just getting itself into shape for the large crowds that are expected on that great day. On the first two days the crowds were of fair size. Many from the surrounding country were there to take part in the joy making.

Tuesday was candidates day and most every candidate in Taylor county was on the grounds to make his appeal known to the people. Some trouble was experienced at first in getting water but that was soon fixed by hauling water from a near-by well.

### Old Fashion Family Reunion.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Wiman of south Merkel spent a glorious time at the old home in Merkel on Monday June 24, the entire family being present with the exception of one half sister, Mrs. W. W. Harris of Stanton and two half brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiman had planned this reunion for many years but up to Monday had not been successful. It was the first time in over 30 years as the children are scattered over different parts of the country and all have families of their own to keep them at home. This meeting has been a glorious success for each one of the brothers and sisters knew Merkel as the old home and have enjoyed the fact of being in the old home once more.

The ones attending the reunion are in order of their seniority Mrs. H. R. Looney, Dallas; Mrs. W. T. Scarborough, Midland; Mrs. B. A. Cox, Abilene; Mrs. J. E. Stephenson, August, Ark.; Mrs. G. F. West, Merkel; T. D. Wiman, Roscoe; Mrs. H. M. Mayfield, Merkel; Milton S. Wiman, Dallas; A. E. Wiman, Fort Worth.

### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending July 6, 1912:

Berbir, Miss Mirtle  
Pippin, W. E.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office July 20, 1912.

H. W. Derstine, p.m.

## AVIATORS ARE KILLED

Woman and Man Companion Drop To Death From Bleriot Monoplane.

### WOMAN WAS NOTED AVIATOR

Thousands of People See the Young People Shoot Downward into Dorchester Bay at Boston, Mass.

Monday afternoon as Miss Harriet Quimby of New York was flying over Boston with W. A. P. Willard, a passenger, her Bleriot monoplane fell into Dorchester bay from a height of 1,000 feet.

It seems that Miss Quimby had shut the motor off and had started to settle to the ground when a gust of wind caught the tail of the plane and suddenly whisked it upward causing the machine to turn head first toward the earth throwing Willard out and soon Miss Quimby was thrown loose from the machine to shoot downward at a terrific rate. Hurling over and over the two bodies struck the water almost at the same time and as they sank out of sight the monoplane hit the water close by.

The force with which the bodies struck caused them to sink deep into the mud of the bay the fall having occurred close to the edge of the bay. On going out after them the men in boats found the bodies mashed almost to a pulp so great was the force of the impact against the water surface. Willard when brought out was found to have a large gash over one eye caused from striking the water face first.

Miss Quimby was the first woman flyer to cross the English channel and was considered by the flying craft as one of the best bird people at handling a machine.

## '12 OUR GOOD READERS '13

The Old and The New

Late additions to our mailing list are as follows:

City: G. E. Comegys, Jim Black, Mrs. Nan Thompson, S. L. Owens, Seth Hamilton, J. W. Johnson, T. L. Grimes, A. L. Hogue, A. J. Leighty, Rust & McCauley, Mrs. A. D. Templeton, J. L. Baker.

Routes: W. B. Dillingham, J. W. Deskin, L. L. Estes, W. A. McChandler, Mrs. E. H. Tyler.

Others: Alex Williamson S. W. Browning, Thos. Neil, J. I. Leamon, R. B. Beasley, Ed Massey, Mrs. M. F. Rollins, T. J. Williamson of Trent; W. U. Beene, Noodle; E. D. Parr, Celeste; A. C. Sosebee, Noodle; J. A. Wills, Inkum; W. T. Sears, Whitwright; Sam Swann, Tyler; J. C. Marlow, Archer City; W. B. Franklin, Allen; Marvin Sosebee, Canyon; Mrs. Harry Harris, Abilene; P. K. Cranford, Los Angeles, Cal; T. A. Harris, Dallas; C. A. Fryar, Abilene; Jno. Henry, Gatesville; J. M. Boney, Tucson, Ariz; C. C. Benson, Catoosa, Okla; Matthew Hughes, Morris, Ala; D. F. Abernathy, Palmersville, Tenn; A. M. Conner, Longwood, Mo.

Pate & Rose shaving parlor. Barber work a specialty.

Misses Jessie O'Briant and Zora Coggin left Monday for a trip to the Pacific coast country, going from here to El Paso, through lower Arizona and to Los Angeles where they will spend over a month. After leaving there they will visit San Francisco, Salt Lake City and on over the continental divide into Colorado where they visit Denver, Boulder, Colorado Springs, Manitou and will pay the cliff dwellers a visit in the lower west of Colorado. Their trip will take the greater part of the summer, returning home the latter part of August.

Mrs. Jno. G. Jackson returned last Thursday from visits to Abilene, Fort Worth and Galveston. She was accompanied to the coast by Mrs. Hanks of Abilene.

## BAPTIST MEETING STILL CONTINUES

The Baptist meeting is still in force with the best results that one could possibly ask for the interest shown seems to be very good and the personal manifestations are making the work a success to those directly connected with it.

Up to Monday night there had been six converts and then the meeting had only been going on about a week. Rev. Clapp who is in charge of the work seemed well pleased with the success he was meeting with and his singer Rev. Westbrook is doing his part to make the meeting keep up the now strong sentiment.

### Fire at Abilene.

Sunday morning at three o'clock the home of C. W. Hampton, between 8th and 9th on Hickory streets, was discovered on fire and the department made a quick run but too late as the flames had practically enveloped the entire building when the fire department arrived.

The distance of the run and the fact that one thousand feet of hose had to be laid prevented the saving of the building. The house and contents were valued at about \$2500 and is insured for \$1500.—Abilene Reporter.

### New Oats Coming In.

In the last few days there have been several loads of new oats on the streets and the price placed on them seems to be very reasonable while it will also give the grower a fair price for his grain. Monday one party was offering oats at 40 cents and was having some trouble in getting a buyer at that price. The crop through this country will justify a large amount of trade being brought here if the market is right.

A. M. Connor asks that we send him the Mail to his new home in Longwood, Mo. Since leaving here Mr. Connor has married one of the pretty Missouri girls and now Longwood carries no charms outside of his wife for his heart pines for the Merkel country.

Mrs. F. E. Allen came in last week to visit her daughter Mrs. C. V. Bigham.

## DANGEROUS FIRE FRIDAY MORNING

A fire broke out in the West building on north Front street last Friday morning about 9.30, burning out the back end of the Jones barber shop in which Leo Shepard had his cleaning and pressing establishment. After breaking through the room of the Jones barber shop which is inclosed in the West building, the fire ate its way through into the store room of the West Texas Hardware Co. and into the rear of the Telegram Printing Co.

Quick action on the part of the local fire department no doubt saved that part of town from being a total loss. The property endangered belonged to G. F. West excluding the stock carried by the different firms that occupied the West buildings. It is thought that the fire started from a gasoline stove in the rear of the barber shop and the secluded way in which the cleaning department was constructed made it very unhandy to get to with water and before the blaze was fully checked the third stream of water had been directed upon the fire coming through from the back of the West Texas Hardware Co's. ware rooms.

The loss is estimated at about \$2500 and is only partially covered by insurance.

### Something Extraordinary.

A personally conducted first-class Special Train Excursion through the Rocky Mountains to the famous Yellowstone National Park and return, under the auspices of "THE CAMPUS," the new monthly magazine of the Southern Methodist University, at low rates and consuming about 15 days, (tickets will be good until October 31st for returning and allowing stop-overs enroute) will leave Dallas and Fort Worth August 12th. For complete itinerary, expense particulars and photographic literature illustrative of the journey's superb attractions, free of cost, address Frank Reedy, Bursar, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

### Motor Car Service.

The Texas & Pacific Railway has recently established Motor Car Service between Dallas, Fort Worth and Mineral Wells, which affords direct connection to Mineral Wells without laying over from all points on the line. As there is considerable travel to Mineral Wells, now in the height of its season, this service will no doubt be greatly appreciated by its patrons.

### Operation for Appendicitis.

Wednesday Mrs. Tolbert Robertson was taken to the Alexander sanitarium in the car of her brother Dr. M. Armstrong to be operated on for appendicitis the operation to be performed that day but up to the time we go to press we have not heard how Mrs. Robertson stood the operation.

Miss Lila Pettit returned to her home at Throckmorton Friday after an extended visit to her brother S. A. Pettitt.

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## STATEMENT

### Farmers and Merchants National Bank

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#### RESOURCES

Loans .....	\$ 98,269.04
U. S. Bonds and Premiums .....	7,450.00
Furniture and Fixtures .....	2,800.00
Real Estate .....	6,437.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund .....	312.50
Cash and Sight Exchange .....	51,450.10
Total .....	\$166,718.89

#### LIABILITIES

Capital paid in .....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits .....	29,998.67
Circulation .....	6,250.00
Bills Payable .....	None
Rediscounts .....	None
Other Borrowed Money .....	None
Deposits .....	105,470.22
Total .....	\$166,718.89

The above statement is correct.  
THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.

### United States Depository

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. L. Holland is in Hylton this week looking after business.

Ollie Cordell was in Abilene Monday on business.

Mr. Elliott of Eskota was in the city the first of the week.

Mrs. D. M. Denton is in Trent this week visiting her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Adcock came in Saturday to visit relatives.

Mrs. Lowe of Abilene is here this week visiting Mrs. John Banner.

Mrs. Ed. J. Leeman and children left for their home in Duncan, Okla. They stopped at Abilene to visit before going on to Duncan.

Miss Bertha Boring came in from Fort Worth Monday afternoon to spend a few days with her parents before going on to Clouderoft, N. M. Miss Boring will return to Fort Worth where she has a position with the city schools.

When the baby is suffering the double affliction of hot weather and bowel disorders, the remedy needed is McGee's Baby Elixir. It reduces the feverish condition, corrects the stomach and checks looseness of the bowels. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Mrs. A. J. Leighty came up from Abilene Saturday afternoon to spend a few hours with Mr. Leighty. She returned to Abilene to take care of their place.

Miss Murphy of Midland spent last week visiting the family of J. W. Teaff.

## WILSON'S RUNNING MATE IS SELECTED

Tuesday afternoon the democratic convention again set to work to finish the selection of the national democratic ticket and in a very short time had placed the vice-president nomination on the shoulders of Governor Thos. R. Marshall of Indiana. When the balloting started it showed Marshall well in the lead of Governor Burke of North Dakota so the Burke delegation soon withdrew their man and Marshall was chosen by acclamation.

Some surprise was shown at the selection but the delegates were pleased with the national team and the convention adjourned sine die. Delegates began to leave Baltimore as soon as Marshall was selected and several special trains were soon on their way taking the delegates away from the scene of nominating the next president and vice-president.

#### Don't You Owe Yourself Something?

For programmes and beautiful illustrated literature (free of cost) relating to the Great Colorado Chautauqua at Beautiful Boulder and numerous splendid, home-like and not unreasonably expensive resorts throughout Wonderful Colorado and the Pacific Coast, address A. A. Glisson, General Passenger Agent, "The Denver Road," Fort Worth, Texas. Little vacations in these directions are always worth more than they cost.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Angus came in from Lynnville, Tenn., Sunday. Mr. Angus states that it was with some difficulty that he made the people of that country believe that Texas people were not as bad as the reports make them.

Dr. S. L. Davis and wife of Cleburne came in Tuesday. While here Dr. Davis will look after business matters as well as visit friends. He is also in position to receive congratulations for a happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hamblet, Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Hamblet were here last week visiting the families of W. F. Hamblet and Tom King. They made the trip over the country in the auto of Mr. D. W. Hamblet.

J. H. Thornton of Abilene is here visiting the family of A. L. Hogue. Shortly after coming up from Abilene Mr. Thornton was taken sick and is not able to be out yet.

Misses Lizzie and Eva Calvert accompanied by their mother left for San Angelo Monday where they will visit G. B. Cathey a brother of Mrs. Calvert. While there their time will be spent on a ranch belonging to Mr. Cathey.

John Warnick is on the list of sick this week with a bad case of slow fever. Dr. Warnick reports the case as one that is holding on well but he thinks they have it in hand and that there is not much room for uneasiness.

Mrs. Glenn and son of Fort Worth are here visiting the family of R. L. Bland. Mrs. Glenn will be here for something like a month enjoying the western breeze.

Rev. S. A. Barnes presiding elder of the Abilene district was here the first of the week looking after the quarterly conference. He returned home Tuesday.

W. A. Scott was in Abilene Wednesday on business. He reports Bob Ayers much improved from the injuries he received several days ago.

Mrs. E. C. Hartman of Eskota was in town Monday shopping.

Miss Ethel Roberts went to Abilene Monday to enter the summer school.

Mrs. W. F. Scarborough of Midland returned to her home Monday after an extended visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Wiman.

Miss Bertha Boring left for Pecos Wednesday. After a short visit there she will go on to Clouderoft, N. M., for the summer.

Miss Mary Reid came in from Hillsboro Wednesday to visit her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes.

Mrs. G. L. Brown returned to Sweetwater Wednesday after a short visit to relatives here.

Carl Evans left for Sweetwater Wednesday where he will accept a position.

J. M. Williamson and Fred Hale were down from Trent Wednesday on business.

Miss Barnett of Hamlin has been here this week visiting the family of J. R. Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Calvert were down from Trent Monday to see relatives and on business.

Mrs. H. D. Smith of Ozona is here visiting her friend Mrs. W. H. Laney.

Frank Hunter came in from Dallas Monday on a visit to relatives.

Miss Erma Alsobrook left for Hermleigh Wednesday to visit Miss Ina Northcutt.

### NOTICE TO OUR READERS

Notice the label on your paper and see when it expires. For example, if the figures "11Aug12" appear on the wrapper, your paper will be out the eleventh of August 1912. Watch this and renew before the time is out so as to avoid missing a copy.

Miss Augusta Hasslock who has been here for some time visiting Mrs. Eva Perkins returned to her home at Nashville, Tenn. Monday.

W. D. Woodroof returned to Sweetwater Tuesday afternoon, his baby having recovered sufficiently to let him leave.

Misses Mina and Jessie Mae Cox of Abilene are here this week the guests of their aunt Mrs. Geo. F. West.

Owen Anderson came in from Moran Tuesday to visit his mother and sisters. He will be here some time before returning.

Mrs. W. M. Isenhower came in from Putman Tuesday afternoon to visit her sister Mrs. Lake Renfro.

Mrs. Rose Perkins and daughter Miss Grace of Houston are here this week visiting the family of W. A. Scott.

Mrs. N. E. Kello left for Trent Tuesday afternoon on a visit to friends and relatives.

Roy Bradley left for Dallas Tuesday where he will be at work in the future.

A. C. Browning came in from the west Tuesday on a visit to relatives.

Miss Ruth Wheeler is in Abilene this week the guest of Miss Luolue Sutphen.

Mrs. Ethel Penny of Arbala is here this week visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Martin.

Mrs. I. N. Simmons of Slaton is here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe.

Mrs. Ona Mitchell came in from Midland Sunday night on a visit to friends and relatives.

Mrs. Julia Wesson of Colorado is here this week visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Baker.

J. E. Beene of Flemming county has returned home after a visit to relatives near Noodle.

W. H. Jobe of Scranton is here visiting his brother Rev. A. L. Jobe.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex McRee were down from Trent Wednesday.

Rev. W. G. Cyfert came in Monday to spend a few days with his family.

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Acid formation—decomposition of food particles—should be prevented. Cleanse the teeth with Nyal's Nydentol Tooth Paste—it goes into the crevices of the teeth, dissolves the particles and prevents fermentation—decidedly antiseptic. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

T. W. Clark left for Anson Saturday to attend to business.

Try us with this month's business and see The Cash Grocery.

Mrs. J. A. Cordell left for Putnam Saturday to visit her son.

If you are in a hurry for your groceries phone No. 80, The Cash Grocery.

F. R. Jones and Judge T. A. Bledsoe were up from Abilene Saturday.

See the moving picture show at the opera house on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Avoid the offensive odor caused from perspiring by using Euthymol Talcum Powder. Armstrong Drug Co.

J. E. Addison has returned to Midland after spending several days with friends here and in the Noodle country.

You will never find a better dentifrice than Nyal's Nydentol Tooth Paste. It's a cleaner, a preservative, an antiseptic, prevents fermentation and yet is delightful to use. Let us show you. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen returned Saturday from Bloomfield and Birmingham, Iowa where they have been visiting relatives for the last month.

We have a quantity of disinfectants, fly and insect destroyers that we guarantee. If it doesn't satisfy we refund your money. Armstrong Drug Co.

D. O. Huddleston has returned from east Texas where he has been for the past few weeks buying cattle. The shipment this time amounted to about 250 head.

For soreness of the muscles, whether induced by violent exercise or injury, there is nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. This liniment also relieves rheumatic pains. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. J. W. Powell is this week visiting her parents in Weatherford while Mr. Powell is away on business.

After the picnics and outings use Hinds Honey and Almond Cream to remove the sunburn and tan. We also have a large assortment of other cold creams. Armstrong Drug Co.

J. R. Jones of Atwell stopped here Tuesday to visit the family of W. A. Sheppard. Mr. Jones was on his way home from Plainview where he has been for some time. He reports good rains there last week.

Nyal's Nydentol Tooth Paste is just the thing for you—a delightful antiseptic paste that cleanses and preserves, whitens, polishes and preserves the enamel. Let us show you this dentifrice. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

**6--SPECIAL BARGAINS--6**

If you are looking for a home or good investment I can help you and save you money. I know the values here and the people who want to sell. I will mail you plat and description of any kind of proposition and guarantee what I have to say. I am not smart enough to fool anybody if I wanted to and that's not my idea of doing business. If you will tell me what you want I will tell you what I have. The following are a few of my best propositions:

No. 1. 640 acres 8 miles of Big Springs, all level and red sandy loam; 80 acres in cultivation and 4-room house. Owned by bank and offered for only \$15 per acre.

No. 2. Ten section ideal ranch (one-fourth tillable) all good grass, everlasting water; improved for farming and ranching. Price \$8.00 per acre. \$15,000 cash and terms.

No. 3. 400 acres 10 miles southeast of Merkel; 225 in cultivation and every foot first-class and level. Price, \$30 per acre; \$5,000 cash and terms.

No. 4. An ideal country home, within 3 miles of Merkel, 320 acres known as best farm in our country (never made a crop failure) 225 in cultivation; big fine house. Owner wants a ranch and offers at best investment in country. Price, \$12,800; one-half cash and balance 1 to 10 years.

No. 5. 160 acres of good land, 3 miles of Merkel; 80 in cultivation and average improvements. Bargain at \$25.00 per acre. 1/2 cash and terms.

No. 6. 160 acres, 3 miles of Merkel; 100 in cultivation, balance good grass; pretty good improvements and good home. Price, \$25.00 per acre; \$1,500 cash and terms.

I have a number of small farms and some stock and good grass land propositions for sale. Tell me what you want and I will do the rest.

JNO. G. JACKSON  
Real Estate Agent, Merkel, Texas

**New Plumber.**

Mr. Frank L. Turner has opened up a plumbing shop in his place of business. Will be with Mr. Wm O'Briant. Mr. Turner has been in the business for 25 years and is prepared to do plumbing and all kinds of repairs in his line. Leave your orders at Tin Shop. Windmills, pumps, bath tub, lavatories, hot and cold water put in and repairs made. Your work will be promptly attended to. Yours for business, Frank L. Turner. 1474

**Operated on for Appendicitis.**

Sunday Merkel furnished the first appendicitis patient to an Abilene sanitarium that has been sent down in the last month. The case was that of B. C. Moore of the Farmers State Bank. Mr. Moore is now resting well and his friends expect him to be out in a few days.

When you feel lazy, out of sorts and yawn a good deal in the daytime, you can charge it to a torpid liver which has allowed the system to get full of impurities. Herbine cures all disorders produced by an inactive liver. It strengthens that organ, cleanses the bowels and puts the system in good healthy condition. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

**Mrs. J. F. Rogers Dead.**

Mrs. J. F. Rogers an aged Merkel lady died at the home of her daughter Mrs. J. T. Dennis in south Merkel last Saturday night.

Mrs. Rogers has been in bad health for some time but her condition was not considered dangerous until last Friday afternoon when she was taken very ill, her condition slowly getting worse until her death Saturday night, at which time she had almost reached the age of 81. Mrs. Rogers has been a resident of Merkel for a number of years and was well known and liked by all who knew her. She was a staunch member of the Baptist church.

The funeral services were held at the tabernacle Sunday afternoon about 6 o'clock and burial was given the body soon after in Rose Hill cemetery.

The Mail extends sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

**25 Cents is the Price of Peace.**

The terrible itching and smarting, incident to certain skin diseases, is almost instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Salve. Price, 25c. For sale by all dealers.

A. W. Hunter left for Chattanooga, Tenn., last Friday where he will visit old friends and relatives. It has been 20 years since Mr. Hunter has seen his old home or the brother he is going to visit. He remarked that on his last visit in 1892 that he had to borrow the money to make the trip but that on this trip he was self sustaining and needed no assistance. He has been a resident of the western country for 33 years.

Would like to trade a good solid old work pony for young horse, four to seven years old, eight hundred to a thousand pounds. Will pay whatever difference there might be in value. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

T. J. Coggin returned to Mexico to look after the cattle business. While on his way to El Paso he received a message telling him that Otti his son was dangerously sick from ptomaine poison caused from eating rice that had stood in a tin bucket. His condition is much better at the present.

We will guarantee to keep the flies off your cattle and horses if you follow our directions, Cost only 25 and 50 cents. Armstrong Drug Co.

Uncle Jim Baker of Trent is in Putnam this week under care of doctors at a sanitarium there.

The new Cash Grocery is prepared to handle your business. A square deal is their policy. Merkel Mail One Dollar Per Year.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Mrs. R. Connor is in Trent this week visiting friends.

J. H. Counts was in Abilene Saturday on business.

Cary Touchstone is in Stamford this week visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Johnson of Trent spent Saturday in Merkel

Don't forget our Fountain, it is always clean and the glasses polished. Armstrong Drug Co.

Mrs. W. A. Riney of Abilene came in Friday to visit Mrs. Asa Sheppard.

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

Mrs. M. E. Tippett returned to Abilene Saturday. She had been here for some time visiting her daughter Mrs. W. L. Harkrider.

Remember that the Old Reliable Peace maker flour is to be found only at Hogue-Hamilton Company.

Miss Ruth and Louise Hagan who have been here for some time visiting the family of B. C. Gaither returned to their home Saturday.

Nyal's Nydentol Tooth Paste is a prophylactic and preservative—it whitens and polishes the enamel, sweetens the breath and prevents fermentation—we are sure you will like Nydentol. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Warren of Abilene passed through here last Thursday on their way to California to spend part of the summer.

Dysentery is always serious and often a dangerous disease, but it can be cured. Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has cured it even when malignant and epidemic. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. Ivy McCoy left last Sunday for Portales, N. M., where she will spend about five months. She was accompanied as far as Snyder by Miss Ruby Jones who is visiting friends there.

Nyal's Nydentol Tooth Paste cleanses and preserves—enters the crypts and crevices of the teeth, even where the bristles of the brush fail to go—you will like it. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wiman returned to their home at Fort Worth Friday. They stopped at Abilene between trains to visit friends. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wiman also left on the same date for their home at Dallas.

A bad taste in the mouth comes from a disordered stomach, and back of that is usually a torpid liver.—A condition which invites disease. Herbine is the remedy needed. It corrects the stomach and makes the liver active and regular. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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### MONUMENT FOR TEXAS HEROES.

If the plans of Emil Locke are carried out San Antonio will have one of the most unique monuments now existent in the world. This project has been approved by civic bodies and the city council. The funds to meet the expense will be collected by popular subscription. Letters already received from every section of Texas show that this collection of the necessary funds will not be a hard matter. In speaking of this project Mr. Locke says:

This monument will be a great shaft 800 feet in height, this will be the measurement from curb to upper balcony, 85x85 feet at the base and about 38x38 feet at the top. At the base it will be composed of huge granite columns about 80 feet in height and 10 feet across, the balance will be of steel and Texas granite and when completed will make one of the most imposing sights of the world. A cluster of powerful reflectors will be placed near the top, throwing a light down the shaft at night and making the monument visible for a distance of 100 miles in all directions. Four elevators will travel to the top of this shaft to carry sightseers to the balconies on its pinnacle, these balconies will project 18 feet from the outer walls and should accommodate from 1500 to 2000 persons at a time. Powerful telescopes will form one of the equipments on the balconies for the benefit of the visitors. The lower portions of this great monument will be made into museums and meeting rooms for public affairs. This undertaking I estimate to cost about \$2,000,000, a small enough sum indeed to be spent by Texans in demonstrating to the world that her honored dead are not forgotten. For the maintenance of the building it will be necessary to charge admission, the admission will be \$1 and with \$2,000,000 we can build an attraction well worth \$1 to anyone.

It is my intention to sell subscriptions of 50 cents each to every Texan, he to receive an admission ticket in return. My plan would be to sell 4,000,000 tickets in Texas at half the price which will be charged after 4,000,000 tickets have been placed, this giving everyone who at this time invests in these tickets an opportunity to get the money back and a nice profit besides, the tickets being negotiable and representing each the value of \$1 or the price of admission to the museum, art gallery, statuary hall, ride up to the top of the monument and the use and benefit of the powerful telescopes and astronomical instruments which are to be installed on the balconies and on top of the building.

We will not collect for these subscriptions and no tickets are to be printed until it becomes evident that the subscription of 4,000,000 tickets is in sight. As soon as the different committees have covered their respective territory they are to send their subscription to some bank in their county, which bank will send copies to the central office of the Alamo Daughters of the Republic, or to whatever place from where the business of this

movement is to be directed.

This is offered merely as a suggestive outline of what I think is a practical plan. Of course this plan can be improved on in a great many different ways. I feel confident that the people of Texas could be interested in a practical plan to erect a \$2,000,000 monument for the Alamo defenders, and that with the proper publicity it can be successfully carried out.

It's a time for the blues, gentlemen; it's a time for the blues. There's nothing of promise in this country save a 60-bushel oat crop, a 25-bushel wheat crop, a bale-to-the-acre cotton crop. A man works hard until noon, goes home to dinner to find nothing on the scanty board except beans and peas, beets and cucumbers, onions, squash, potatoes, lettuce, beef and bacon, strawberry short cake and berry cobbler, and nothing to wet his throat but coffee, tea and buttermilk. And what does the near future hold out? Only striped watermelons, big tomatoes, canteloupes, roasting ears, black-eyed peas, yam potatoes and red-cheeked peaches. Truly, it's a times for the blues. Should we not make preparations to emigrate to western Texas or Oklahoma?—Honey Grove Signal.

Pshaw, brother; you need not come to West Texas, thinking you can escape these luxuries, for we have plenty of just such. But the question with us is, why don't the farmers advertise just a little? Suppose Farmer Jones would place an ad with us something like this: Broilers are butter fat, peaches just plucked from the tree delivered to your door, we churn three times a week, the buttermilk is kept cool and is thick with golden polka dots. Beans poked the morning you want them, and will also bring along a few cucumbers and onions to fill out the order. Call Jones Model Farm, 2 long rings on line No. 123.

Wouldn't the people here in town be keeping that very line hot with orders? Central would wear her arm off. Come to Merkel.

The Texas farms and ranches have been producing over a half billion dollars per annum but this year promises to eclipse anything within the memory of man in the way of quantities and prices. The products of our mines and factories require six figures to express them and it is safe to estimate that the wealth produced in Texas in 1912 will amount to approximately a billion dollars. Then the increase in the value of our property runs close to a million dollars per day, and there is a vast amount of capital pouring into the state, and all these factors taken in the aggregate makes a magnificent prosperity.

According to the June edition of the Crop Reporter the normal temperature in Texas during May was 73.3 as compared with 61.1 for the United States as a whole. The precipitation for the same month was 3.85 inches in Texas and 3.07 in the United States as a whole.

Live stock reports show that Fort Worth handled 120,000 head of cattle during the month of May, an increase over the same period last year of 56,000 head.

Texas jobbers and manufacturers are in a position to place merchandise at your door in first-class condition. Patronize home industry.

A good publicity outlet is necessary to the progress of any community. Support your local paper and thereby increase its efficiency.

Increase the population by exterminating the breeding places of the fly and mosquito.

Meet the stranger at the town gate with an extended hand of good fellowship.

# PICNIC

AT BLAND'S TANK  
 THREE MILES SOUTHWEST MERKEL

2 Big Days, Friday and Saturday  
**JULY 19 & 20**

Everybody and even the candidates will be there and so will you. If you don't you will miss a good time. Plenty of shade and water.

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## FRESH VEGETABLES

Radishes, Turnips, Turnip Greens, Mustard Lettuce, new Onions, Celery and fruits for the table. We also give the highest market price for all kind of farm produce.

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IN EACH TOWN and district to ride and exhibit a sample Latest Model "Ranger" bicycle furnished by us. Our agents everywhere are making money fast. Write for full particulars and special offer at once. NO MONEY REQUIRED until you receive and approve of your bicycle. We ship to anyone anywhere in the U. S. without a cent deposit in advance, prepaid freight, and allow TEN DAYS' FREE TRIAL during which time you may ride the bicycle and put it to any test you wish. If you are then not perfectly satisfied or do not wish to keep the bicycle, we will ship it back to us at our expense and you will not be out one cent. **FACTORY PRICES** We furnish the highest grade bicycles at actual factory cost. You save \$10 to \$25 middlemen's profits by buying direct of us and have the manufacturer's guarantee behind your bicycle. **DO NOT BUY** a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone at any price until you receive our catalogues and learn our unheard of factory prices and remarkable special offers to rider agents. **YOU WILL BE ASTONISHED** when you receive our beautiful catalogues and study our superb models at the lowest prices we can make you this year. We sell the highest grade bicycles for less money than any other factory. We are satisfied with \$100 profit above factory cost. **SECOND HAND BICYCLES.** You can sell our bicycles under your own name at double our price. Orders filled the day received.

**COASTER-BRAKES** \$10.00 **Hedgethorn Puncture-Proof** \$4.80  
**Self-healing Tires** A SAMPLE PAIR TO INTRODUCE, ONLY

The regular retail price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but to introduce you will sell you a sample pair for \$4.80 (each under \$5.00). NO MORE TROUBLE FROM PUNCTURES. NAILS, Tacks, or Glass will not let the air out. A hundred thousand pairs sold last year. **DESCRIPTION:** Made in all sizes. It riding, very durable and lined inside with a special quality of rubber, which never becomes porous and which closes up small punctures without allowing the air to escape. We have hundreds of letters from satisfied customers stating that their tires have only been pumped up once or twice in a whole season. They weigh no more than an ordinary tire, the puncture resisting qualities being given by several layers of thin, specially prepared fabric on the tread. The regular price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but for advertising purposes we are making a special factory price to the rider of only \$4.80 per pair. All orders shipped same day letter is received. We ship C. O. D. on approval. You do not pay a cent until you have examined and found them strictly as represented. We will allow a cash discount of 5 per cent (thereby making the price \$4.56 per pair) if you send FULL CASH WITH ORDER and enclose this advertisement. You run no risk in sending us an order as the tires may be returned at OUR expense if for any reason they are not satisfactory on examination. We are perfectly reliable and money sent to us is safe as in a bank. If you order a pair of these tires, you will find that they will ride easier, run faster, wear better, last longer and look finer than any tire you have ever used or seen at any price. We know that you will be so well pleased that when you want a bicycle you will give us your order. We want you to send us a trial order at once, hence this remarkable tire offer. **IF YOU NEED TIRES** don't buy any kind at any price until you send for a pair of Hedgethorn tires from our big Tire and Sundry Catalogue which describes and quotes all makes and kinds of tires at about half the usual prices. **DO NOT WAIT** but write us a postal today. **DO NOT THINK OF BUYING** a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone until you know the new and wonderful offers we are making. It only costs a postal to learn everything. Write it NOW.



Notice the thick rubber tread "A" and puncture strips "B" and "D" also rim strip "H" to prevent rim cutting. This tire will outlast any other make--SOFT, ELASTIC and EASY RIDING.

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That question will be asked you almost daily by business men seeking your services, if you qualify--take the Draughon Training--and show ambition to rise. More BANKERS indorse DRAUGHON'S Colleges than indorse all other business colleges COMBINED. 48 Colleges in 18 States. International reputation. Banking, Typewriting, Penmanship, English, Spelling, Arithmetic, Letter Writing, Business Law--FREE auxiliary branches. Good POSITIONS GUARANTEED under reasonable conditions. **Bookkeeping.** Bookkeepers all over the United States say that Draughon's New System of Bookkeeping saves them from 25 to 50 per cent in work and worry. **Shorthand.** Practically all U. S. official court reporters write the System of Shorthand Draughon Colleges teach. **Why?** Because they know it is the best. **DRAUGHON'S PRACTICAL BUSINESS COLLEGE** Dallas, Houston, Austin, Galveston, San Antonio, Abilene, Denison, Amarillo, Texarkana, or El Paso, Texas.

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# GREAT JULY CLEARANCE SALE

The Time Has Come When All Summer Goods Must Go

**MUST HAVE THE ROOM THESE GOODS OCCUPY FOR OUR BIG FALL STOCK**

August 1st our buyers will visit the Easter Markets to purchase the biggest fall stock we have yet carried. Every inch of space possible must be had to accommodate this mammoth stock.

Room! Room! Room! shall be the key note to which our efforts will be tuned throughout the month of July. Greatest sacrifice sale of New Seasonable Goods ever. \$15,000 worth of these High-Class Wearables, including every article in our store will be Cut to the Core.

## This Great July Clearance Sale Begins Saturday July 6 and Continues Entire Month

Every day of this sale will be full of interest to you. No matter whether you buy 5c or \$5 your trade will be appreciated the same. These prices need no boosting, they stand for themselves as evidences of our good faith. Tables and tables of Notion Bargains---your every day needs---will be one of the most striking features of this sale.

**READ THESE PRICES AND DON'T FAIL TO BE HERE**

**PRICES THAT KNOW NO EQUAL**

Ladies All Silk Hose.....	39c
35c Silk Lisle Hose.....	19c
All "Wonder Hose".....	19c
10c Laces.....	3c
20 yards Noxall Bleach Muslin.....	\$1.00
10c Bleach Domestic.....	8 1/2c
12 1/2c Cambric Finish.....	10c
Best grade Calicoes, only 10 yards to customer.....	4c
36-inch Brown Sheeting, 16 yards to customer.....	\$1.00
7 Spools Best Thread.....	25c
10c Embroideries, this sale.....	5c
Best grade bleached Muslin.....	10c
10c plain white Lawn, this sale.....	5c
\$1 Silk Messaline, this sale.....	75c
20c to 25c Embroideries, this sale.....	10c
Round Thread Cotton Checks.....	4c
10c Dress Gingham, this sale.....	7 1/2c
50c and 75c Wool Goods, this sale.....	39c
All 12 1/2c and 15c Dress Gingham.....	10c
All white goods at greater reductions. Lack of space will not permit further quoting of prices, but you may come assured that prices will be lower than the lowest.	

**A GREAT SALE OF MEN'S SUITS**

\$20.00 all-wool Blue Serge Suits, latest makes, this sale .....\$12.50

**MIGHTY SHIRT & UNDERWEAR SALE**

Porosknit Underwear.....	25c
B.V.D. Union Suits, this sale.....	89c
Porosknit Union suits for men.....	89c
Porosknit Union Suits for boys.....	39c
Elastic Seam Drawers.....	39c
White Balbriggan short sleeve Under-shirts, this sale.....	25c

**REDUCTIONS IN MEN'S HATS**

Regular \$1.50 Hats, this sale.....	98c
Men's \$3 00 Hats, this sale.....	\$2.20
\$2.00 Hats, this sale.....	1.50
\$2 50 Hats, this sale.....	1.95
\$5.00 Stetson Hats, this sale.....	3.98
\$1.25 Dress Shirts, this sale.....	75c
76c and \$1.00 Dress Shirts.....	48c

**FREE--20 Dress Patterns--FREE**

At eleven o'clock Saturday morning July 6th we will give 20 Dress Patterns Free to the ladies in our store at that time. This will give ladies living out of town an equal show. Come, it will be worth your while to be here.

**SHOES AND SLIPPER SACRIFICE**

\$3 00 White Buck Pumps.....	\$2.38
2 25 Lace vici pat. tip Oxfords.....	1.48
2 00 Ladies White Pumps.....	1.35
Mens \$4 Packard shoes & slippers.....	2.98
Mens \$5 Packard shoes & slippers.....	3.85
\$1 50 Rubber side, rubber heel old lady's Comfort Slippers.....	98c
\$2 50 Ladies white button Oxfords.....	1.98
3 50 Satin Pumps, this sale.....	2.50
2 50 Black Crav Pumps.....	1.65
2 50 Pat. leather cloth top button.....	1.78
3 50 White Buck Pumps.....	2.85
3 00 White Canvas Shoes.....	2.38
Every other shoe in our store reduced likewise. Don't miss it.	

**GREAT SALE OF MEN'S PANTS**

\$2.00 Dress Pants, this sale.....	\$1.28
2 50 Dress Pants, this sale.....	2.18
3 50 Dress Pants, this sale.....	2.50
4 50 and \$5 Dress Pants.....	3.45
Men's Carhartt Overalls, this sale.....	89c

**BOY'S SUITS, 8 TO 18 YEARS**

200 Boy's Knickerbocker full peg pant Suits at almost.....ONE HALF

It is impossible to quote all prices. Rest assured, however, that everything will be cut to the core. Our store turned into a mighty heap of barains.

Don't let anything keep you from this sale of sales. We must have room and sacrifice prices must make it. You Will be the ones benefitted. REMEMBER THE DATE. All stand an equal chance. Follow the crowd. Be here early and get the benefit of first choice.

**Parten Dry Goods Co.**  
 MERKEL THE CASH STORE TEXAS



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Apron Party.

An apron and moonlight party out at the Martin pool was a delightful treat tendered a few friends Saturday evening June 29 by Mrs. Eva Martin Perkins, honoring her friend Miss Ida Haslock of Nashville, Tenn.

Japanese lanterns were hung in the branches of the trees and vied with the moon in giving out soft rays of light. Floor pillows and rugs were spread on the grass where seated Japanese style some were entertained with stories all of which had their origin in the long ago when we were young and giddy. Others enjoyed the delightful pleasures of boating.

At an early hour a tempting and delicious lunch consisting of chicken salads, olives, sandwiches, cakes lemonade, ice tea, etc., was spread by the picnickers. After lunch once more the call of the water was too great to be resisted. Those left behind responded to the merry laugh of the boating party as it came to them over the silvery waters. Even the sassy little mosquito sang a happy little ditty as he joined the party.

Reluctantly we bade our hostess and honored guest good night, each hoping to have the pleasures repeated in the near future.

Those present were Misses Ida Haslock, Maude Martin, May Valentine, Mabel Collins, Lulu Thornton, Willie Bigham, Mamie Rister, Annie T. Daniel, Ruth Mims, Mesdames Fred Bigham, G. H. Adams, Fred Blair of Dallas, Vol Martin, Jeffie Hibbetts, W. Parten, W. H. Dickson, Eva Martin Perkins, Little Misses Ina May Adams, Faye Perkins and Mary Parten.

The Three T's were royally entertained Wednesday afternoon June 26 at the home of Miss Leno Largent, three miles north of town. Club business and needle work were first on the program. Misses Inice Moon and Fannie Burroughs entertained with instrumental selections. Miss Leno Largent gave several voice selections. Tables were then arranged for 42. After a number of lively games pineapple and cake were served to Misses Mattie Paylor, Fannie Burroughs, Inice Moon, Ona and Virginia Hamblet, Pauline Johnson, Ezma Allday, Eugenia Rister, Clara and Margie Saffle and the hostess. At a late hour these happy girls enjoyed the pleasant drive home. Their next hostess will be Miss Inice Moon.

Misses Ethel and Kitty Lou Jenkins were at home Thursday evening in honor of Misses Ruth and Louise Hagan of Gainesville, guests of Mrs. B. C. Gaither. The evening's diversions were forty-two and flinch. At a suitable hour the hostesses assisted by Mrs. W. M. Jenkins served punch and cake to Misses Roxie Moon, Faye Allen, Hollice Cypert, Mary and Jackie Jennings, the honorees, Messrs. H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Ennis and Emmett Grimes, John King and Conna Adams.

Former Merkel Boy Married

The report came in this week of the marriage of Forest Adams formerly of Merkel to Miss Nora Hooker of Texarkana, Texas. The report comes as a surprise to many as they had not been informed of the coming wedding and none of the Merkel relatives knew of the marriage until five or six days after the wedding.

Mr. Adams is well known to the Merkel people having been a clerk for the Adams-Harris Drug Co., and was well liked by those who knew him.

The Mail extends congratulations in behalf of the Merkel friends.

Grayson-Martin.

Wednesday noon Mr. Will Grayson of the Shiloh community left Merkel for Simmons college but he was not going to take a summer course in that institution. Instead he robbed the school of one of their best young lady students, Miss Mary Martin of Big Springs.

Mr. Grayson and Miss Martin were married in Abilene at high noon and returned to Merkel on the evening train. Miss Martin during last year was connected with the Noodle school while Mr. Grayson is one of the Merkel country's most promising young farmers.

The Mail joins their many friends in congratulations.

KEEP BEAUTIFUL

Ill Health, the Great Destroyer of Beauty—A Talk to Women

To keep beautiful, keep well. Don't neglect any symptom of ill health. Hot weather brings extra fatigue, throwing extra work on the blood and kidneys—on all organs. One of the weaker ones begins to falter. It needs attention, that it may be healed and that its influence may not spread to other organs.

A loss of appetite, sleeplessness, becoming too easily tired, nervousness, dizziness, a blotchy or sallow complexion, indigestion, losing weight—you know the symptoms. The trouble is, you are too liable to neglect when one appears. Get at it at once. Health and beauty are worth preserving. Neglect may ruin both. Lose health and beauty goes with it. Cosmetics will not bring it back. The only way to get beauty and keep it is to get and keep health.

Every woman should know about Rexall Celery and Iron Tonic. It contains celery, famous as a nerve food, and iron, needed by the blood. In addition there are other ingredients that act on the stomach, bowels, liver and kidneys.

Rexall Celery and Iron Tonic is intended to aid in bringing all the organs of the body into healthy, active, harmonious action, toning up, refreshing and invigorating the entire system, giving energy to the spirits and new life to the muscles.

Rexall Celery and Iron Tonic is good for you, whether you are strong, "merely ailing," or weak. Its tonic and strength-building properties have been proven time and time again. If we did not know it to be valuable, we would not risk our reputation by recommending and guaranteeing it to you. We are right here at home, and if Rexall Celery and Iron Tonic does not help you, you can come to us and get your money back. There is no risk for you to take. A big bottle, enough for a full month's treatment, costs only a dollar. Sold in this community only at our store. The Rexall Store. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

EASIER THAN TO EXPLAIN

How the Man Who Had Been on Long Spree Squared Himself at Home.

Congressman Edward W. Townsend of New Jersey, very much in the public eye as the author of "Chimmie Fadden," the other day emerged hurriedly through the swinging doors out of the house, grabbed an acquaintance by the arm and rushed him down through the document room and into the open air.

"What's it all about?" demanded the friend when he got his breath. "Something tells me that a roll call impends," said Townsend. "and, for a reason I have, I'd like to be reported dead or absent. Either would be easier explained than my vote. Which reminds me of a story.

"A long time ago I worked on a newspaper in Carson City, Nev. There was another fellow on the paper who was a good deal of a rummy and who used to go off on long sprees. One day he disappeared and nothing was heard of him for a month. He just got aboard of a train and started east, and at St. Louis he got a bun, the record of which is still preserved in the archives of the brewery just back of the town. He forgot home and mother and everything else. When he came to at the end of 30 days he felt that he was up against it a bit at home.

"Here," said he, "is a desperate case requiring a desperate remedy." Then he hid him to a telegraph shop and sent this message to his wife: "I died at 4 o'clock this afternoon. What shall I do with the remains?"

There's the Rub.

"Why is it that you are so strongly opposed to extending to women the right to vote?"

"My wife has become a suffragette." "Well, what of it? Do you find that she neglects the children or that she isn't paying enough attention to the business of running the house?"

"No, it's not that. She's become so blamed well informed on public matters that I have to keep busy reading all the time in order to prevent her from finding out my ignorance concerning such things."—Judge.

Worms interfere with the growth of children. They become thin, pale and sickly. Get rid of these parasites at once if you would have healthy, happy children. White's Cream Vermifuge destroys worms and benefits the whole system. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

A Civic Alphabet.

There is a live Civic Improvement Club down in Sheffield, Ala., and it has set a precedent which might be followed to advantage by every civic league in the country. Recently this club sent to every housekeeper in Sheffield a post card on which was printed the following civic alphabet:

- A—Aim to make Arbor Day annual "clean-up" day.
B—Banish the tin can district from your city.
C—Clean up back yards and alleys.
D—Destroy rubbish by burning.
E—Educate housewives to demand clean work.
F—Fine every club member who does not work.
G—Give free lectures upon civic improvement.
H—Have campaign against unsightly billboards.
I—Interest city authorities in "clean-up" day.
J—Join all forces for the anti-dirt crusade.
K—Kill sidewalk spitting or it will kill you.
L—Let your slogan be: "Do it for home, sweet home."
M—Make requests of preachers for "clean-up" sermons.
N—Next to godliness is cleanliness.
O—Organize the children into civic leagues.
P—Plant trees and then plant trees, and plant more trees.
Q—Question authorities about city expenditures.
R—Remember to plan parks and playgrounds now.
S—Study city ordinances and work for their enforcement.
T—Try to make the school buildings social centers.
U—Use every effort to arouse citizens.
V—Vanquish the opposition with good nature.
W—Wage increasing war upon all weeds, flies and mosquitoes.
X—Xact obedience to the city sanitary laws.
Y—Your city is YOU; never forget that.
Z—Zeal, courage and patience will "clean-up" the city.

Every city in America would do well to follow in Sheffield's footsteps, and it is to be hoped that the good women of the Alabama city will act energetically in accordance with the hints offered in such a striking manner.

Every Housekeeper in Merkel would do well to cut this alphabet out and place it in a conspicuous place so that the lessons which it teaches may be inculcated by every member of the family. Not only is this good advice for every housekeeper in the city, but those in the country also will find it helpful.

During the summer months mothers of young children should watch for any unnatural looseness of the bowels. When given prompt attention at this time serious trouble may be avoided. Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be depended upon. For sale by all dealers.

WIGWAM HAS PASSED AWAY

Indians in Canada Now Make Use of Canvas Tents and Iron Stoves.

A novelist would find a veritable mine of data for stories of the severe life in the woods among any of the northern Indian tribes. During my stay among the Montagnais at Lake St. John two families descended from their winter hunting grounds to the post, being forced on the way to boil their moccasins and peltries for soup to avoid starvation. Yet these same people were strong enough to travel and attend to the necessities of their camp. Within five days they returned again to the forest. The canvas tents, which have entirely replaced the native birch bark wigwams, came into general use about twenty-five years ago. The first Indians to introduce them set up their tents and made camp in the space of an hour without having to cut the numerous wigwam poles or dig away the snow underneath, while the old bark lodge required the snow to be cleared to the ground on account of the fire in the center, the whole task consuming about two and one-half hours. The box iron stoves heat the tents very well and consume less wood than the open fires.—Southern Workman.

Buy it now. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. Buy it now and be prepared for such an emergency. For sale by all dealers.

Merkel Mail \$1.00 per year.

Are You Nervous?

What makes you nervous? It is the weakness of your womanly constitution, which cannot stand the strain of the hard work you do. As a result, you break down, and ruin your entire nervous system. Don't keep this up! Take Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is made from purely vegetable ingredients. It acts gently on the womanly organs, and helps them to do their proper work. It relieves pain and restores health, in a natural manner, by going to the source of the trouble and building up the bodily strength.

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

Mrs. Grace Fortner, of Man, W. Va., took Cardui. This is what she says about it: "I was so weak and nervous, I could not bear to have anyone near me. I had fainting spells, and I lost flesh every day. The first dose of Cardui helped me. Now, I am entirely cured of the fainting spells, and I cannot say enough for Cardui, for I know it saved my life." It is the best tonic for women.

Do you suffer from any of the pains peculiar to women? Take Cardui. It will help you. Ask your druggist.

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Nezumi Kozo Stole From Old-Time Daimyos to Relieve Sufferings of the Poor.

Behind the temple sacred to the Nameless Dead and close to the wrestling amphitheater in Tokyo there is to be found the grave of the celebrated robber, Nezumi Kozo, who stole from the daimyos long ago in the old Yedo days that he might relieve the sufferings of the poor. There is a superstition connected with this grave which has made it a much frequented spot. If a portion of the headstone is carried away it acts as a lucky talisman, particularly to those who speculate or are otherwise engaged in games of chance. It is usual for a person breaking a piece from the stone to make a vow that in case he is successful he will buy a new headstone to replace the one he has mutilated. Many prayers must have been answered, for the stones are piled high on either side of the grave, and an enterprising individual near by has the stones already for sale and only waiting the name of the donor to be engraved and then set up. A shelter has been placed over the spot, and from the roof hang gay lanterns and pilgrims' banners. A large money box catches all the stray sen which go for the upkeep of the grave. Gamblers and geisha are often visitors; students before their examination feel more assured of success if they have a chip of Nezumi Kozo's headstone in the sleeve of their kimono.

## Manufacture of Maniacs.

At a recent congress of neurology a paper was read in which the movement by which the growing young man caresses the first shoots on his upper lip was labeled mousetachlostrepomania; the habit of twirling the cane seen in old drum majors, strepsorbomania; that of putting the little finger into the ear, otodactylomania. Then we have "stomatodactylomania" who put the finger into the mouth, "onychophagomania" who bite their nails, "harmoniomaniacs" who drum with their fingers on window panes or tables and "trepodomania" who nervously move their legs.

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Beginning with the week following, the assessment grows to four cents, then six cents the next week, and so on, increasing two cents each week, but the increase is so very gradual that it is no great effort to put the amount away.

The following June the money is drawn out and each girl receives the amount that she has paid in, which would be \$25.50, the saving beginning in July plus about \$1 interest. You will readily see that the amount saved will provide a girl with a nice two weeks' vacation and it is almost like finding money. Until Christmas, when they need money most, the assessments are nominal, the "big" ones coming in Lent, when one does not need so much spending money.

As the rule was made in the beginning that anyone who failed to pay would lose what she had already put in, everyone makes it a point to pay promptly. One good clause in the laws stipulates that if any girl loses her position or marries she can withdraw the amount that she has put in.—Harper's Bazar.

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W. R. Grayson went to Abilene Wednesday to look after business.

Mr. Jim Woods of Loraine is here this week visiting Mr. Taylor.

S. P. Hardwick came up from Abilene Monday on a business mission.

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## PATHOS OF EATING OYSTER

It Requires Great Moral Courage to Think of Swallowing One of the Bivalves.

To me the practice of devouring any animal life in its entirety is, and always has been, most difficult. The terrible demand of the oyster is that he be swallowed as a unit, with all his hopes, his joys, his sorrows, his love, his fears, and his ears and his tears; the thought is appalling.

I can eat large slices of a cow, and I suppose in a lifetime I have eaten a number of mature oxen, a few calves, a flock of sheep, several lambs, a number of turkeys, a long roost full of hens, a good sized aquarium, a goose or two and some ducks—but I did not swallow any of them whole. I took a slice at a time and enjoyed it, as my appetite is above the average for most dishes.

I don't mind seeing oysters swimming in a savory stew, I like their society and flavor, but it takes all of my moral courage to think of eating one. Every time I get one of the little bivalves before me my eyes magnify him, he grows larger and larger, an emotional lump rises in my throat and I am obliged to content myself with swallowing my emotions instead of swallowing the emotions of the oyster. When I look at the little fellow lying helplessly before me, with his slippery surface and yielding body, I think that should I succeed in swallowing him I might have even more difficulty in retaining him.—Albert Scott Cox in the Metropolitan Magazine.

## PLAN TO FIGHT MOSQUITOES

Colonel Gorgas Devising Improved Methods of Combating Pest in Canal Zone.

Soldiers of the regular army who are in the canal zone or are to go there for the purpose of defending the fortifications will be pleased to know that experiments are going on now with a kind of fortification that has to do especially with the health of that region. Col. William C. Gorgas, medical corps, U. S. A., chief sanitary officer, has worked out a scheme for a permanent lining of ditches which will make them proof against the breeding activities of the mosquito. Having found that by controlling the incubation of insects, the fever situation was always kept in hand, the zone sanitary department turned its attention to the ditches which are so fertile a place for the production of mosquitoes, and the idea was hit upon of lining or "fortifying" them against the mosquito. So now there is being tried a Gatun a new scheme for permanent ditch lining with concrete blocks, made of a mixture of sand, cement and cinders. After a while there will be no chance for the poor mosquito at all in the zone. The army sanitarians are now making tests to ascertain the effect of wind upon the travels of the insect, both against and with the prevailing air currents, and it is thought that approximate or exact data along that line will have a marked effect upon the cost of anti-malaria work. No data are available to show that the anopheles, or malaria insects, are blown by the wind or travel with it.—Army and Navy Journal.

## Wily Sexton.

Visitors to the Old North church are shown through the historic old building usually by an elderly man who seems obsessed with a love for the church. His fund of reminiscences is refreshing, and the most interesting thing he recounts is the story of how the lanterns were placed in the belfry.

According to his version of the historic incident, the sexton overheard some English officers talking in the house he lived in, and immediately hung the lanterns. Returning to his room, he saw that his shoes were caked with mud and hid them, replacing them with a dry pair.

The officers, after they learned that a signal had been hung from the belfry, rushed to the room of the sexton, but, finding his shoes dry, became convinced that some one else had hung the lanterns and then locked all the doors of the edifice.—Boston Journal.

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Some London relics have wandered farther afield than the Black Boy of Clement's Inn. Swanage possesses quite an assortment. The entire stone facade of the Mercers' Hall, Cheapside, is to be found in the High street, whither it was moved from London in 1882. Facing the sea is a Gothic clock tower taken bodily from London bridge, where it had been erected as a memorial to the Duke of Wellington. And in several roads about the town may be seen iron street posts, inscribed "St. Ann's Soho," and "St. Martin's-in-the-Field." The explanation is that two quarries of Swanage became paving contractors in London, and patriotically transported to their native town the more picturesque oddments which found their way into their yard.—London Chronicle.

## DEFENDING THE GUILTY MAN

Frederick A. Brown's Story Illustrates the Conditions That Sometimes Confront the Lawyer.

Frederick A. Brown, a well known Chicago lawyer, told the following story at a recent dinner:

"Attorneys are frequently asked how they can defend men whom they know to be guilty. The reply is that we seldom if ever know that they are guilty. I once, however, became the unwilling attorney of a man whom I knew to be guilty.

"I was in Judge Brentano's court, waiting for a trial to be called, when a negro was brought in, charged with highway robbery. Judge Brentano, finding that he had no attorney, directed me, against my protest, to defend him.

"I took the colored man aside and said, 'Well, are you guilty?' and to my surprise he replied, 'Well, boss, they found the pocketbook on me and have twenty witnesses to prove it.' He then went on to tell me that he had snatched a woman's pocketbook on Thirty-ninth street and Cottage Grove avenue on a Saturday afternoon, ran west in Thirty-ninth street, turned up an alley, with a crowd after him, who caught him as he was getting over a six-foot board fence.

"In looking at the indictment I found that he was indicted under the habitual criminal act, under which he could be sent to the penitentiary for forty years. I returned to the courtroom and insisted that Judge Brentano should appoint some other lawyer, which he refused to do. I then made the proposition to the prosecutor that if he would waive the habitual criminal count I would have my man plead guilty and save the cost of a trial.

"This was agreed to, the darky was delighted, pleaded guilty, and received the minimum sentence. After it was all over the darky turned to me and said, 'Boss, that was so easy that I believed if you half tried you would have got me clean off.'"

## Spring Showers in Old Garden.

"It is a rare delight to wander in an old garden of a late afternoon just after a shower, when the day has been intensely hot and all Nature has fairly thirsted for rain. The flowers have drooped and the leaves curled for want of moisture. Even the birds have sought shelter from the fierce rays of the sun, when, late in the afternoon, suddenly, almost without warning, the welcome rain descends. A quick shower, soon over; and when the sun comes out clear and bright, all unmindful of the wet, you gather your skirts about you and go into the garden to watch the unfolding of the wilted leaves. You lift here and there a flower-stalk which the rain has beaten down; you wonder where the bees have taken refuge from the sudden downpour; you find one in the deep cup of a lily, another in the depth of a gladiolus blossom; farther on you see a rose which should have been added to your rose jar when you gathered in the morning, and as you grasp and pull it from the stem, you feel that sharp stab of pain that only the sting of a bee can give, which tells you that one has sought shelter in the heart of a rose."—Rebecca B. Simmons in Suburban Life.

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