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REVIVAL MEETING PROGRESS IS GOOD

The Methodist meeting at the tabernacle is progressing nicely. At the beginning Rev. Wyatt was not able to be here and Rev. Barnes presiding elder of the Abilene District took charge of the work and continued with it until Rev. Wyatt arrived Tuesday afternoon.

The work is a success in bringing the members out for worship and in getting the feeling of outside members in sympathetic work and the ones in charge of the services here feel that the meeting is going to be a grand success. The song service being rendered by an altogether local talent is to be commended on the way they are handling their part of the work. Wednesday night the singers were accompanied by five different instruments.

Rev. R. A. Clements the local pastor asks that every one give their support and in that way help the members directly connected with the welfare of the revival services.

Rev. A. A. Norsworthy Dead

Saturday night Rev. A. A. Norsworthy a former Merkel country minister and farmer and a man highly respected by all who knew him, died at his temporary home in Trent.

Several years ago Mr. Norsworthy sold his interest here and moved to Callahan county where he resided until the last few months when he moved to Trent in quest of better health, hoping that he might be benefitted by the change. The change was not as great a help as he had hoped for and while in Merkel last week shaking hands with friends he complained of not feeling well though his looks did not betray the near end that came Saturday night.

For a number of years Mr. Norsworthy had been a staunch supporter of the Baptist church was loved by all who knew him. It was with regret that we learned of his demise. He is survived by a wife and five children, one son and four daughters as follows: Claud Norsworthy, Mrs. Pool, Mrs. J. J. Pee, Mrs. McEachern and Mrs. Claud Reid, to whom we extend our sympathy.

The remains were brought here from Trent. Funeral services were held at the tabernacle at five o'clock and burial took place immediately after in Rose Hill cemetery Sunday afternoon, Rev. J. W. Saffle conducting the services.

Drowned While Swimming.

News reached here Wednesday that Dubley D. Darling was drowned while swimming in a lake near Crowell. No further particulars were given.

Deceased was a son-in-law of J. D. Birdwell of this place, having married Miss Annabell Bird in May 1911. He was a traveling salesman and had many friends throughout his trade territory.—Big Springs Enterprise.

Miss Leno Largent left for Abilene Wednesday where she will visit friends for some time.

THE MAIL AND TELEGRAM

In a deal consummated last week the Merkel Mail purchased the Hoe cylinder press, Chandler & Price job press, gasoline engine, electric motor, the good will and business of the Merkel Telegram, giving in exchange our Campbell press, gasoline engine and Pearl jobber, the balance to be paid in cash.

Thus, marks the consolidation of the business of the two papers and one consideration of the transaction is that we are to make good all paid-in-advance subscriptions to the Telegram with subscriptions to our paper for the same length of time. A number of their subscribers are already on our list and unless they desire the paper sent to some friend or relative at some other point their subscription will be credited with the time paid for on the Telegram and the date on their Mail will show such an extension in the next two weeks, unless we are otherwise instructed to send the paper to another address. Those on the Telegram list not now receiving our paper will be added to our list, credited with the time paid for, thus consolidating the two lists. We hope that this arrangement will be satisfactory to all interested.

In the last issue of the Telegram Editor W. Ernest Duckett very fairly and frankly reviews the situation and admits there is but one field and one opportunity here for one newspaper and job printing plant. This is a fact too evident to the mind of any practical newspaper or business man and one which needs no comment from us.

It will be our hope and ambition to take care of this field, to publish a paper worthy of the support of all of our people and to fairly and fully represent all legitimate interests and to work harder than ever to publish a paper calculated to promote the moral and business interests of our town and country. The Mail has always been for Merkel and the Merkel country first and the rest of the world afterward. Our policies in the future will be the same as in the past except that we shall strive harder than ever to please you with any business given to us.

As in the past we shall have our views on all questions affecting our town and country and we shall cheerfully accord you the same privileges. In a few words our policy is that of an independent newspaper giving to all a fair and square deal.

Yours sincerely,

MERKEL MAIL PRINTING COMPANY.

FARMERS MEET AT A. & M. COLLEGE

Taylor county is going to be well represented at the Farmers' Congress which will meet the latter part of this month at the A. & M. College. Those who were selected to make the trip are as follows: Fred Cockrell, Abilene; C. P. Booker, Buffalo Gap; R. V. Biggam, Caps; O. D. McElroy, Hamby; W. H. Tucker, Ovalo; N. Y. Brookerson, Buffalo Gap; Sam Martin, Merkel; S. L. Higginbotham, Tuscola; F. A. Peel, Abilene. Three others were selected but were disqualified owing to being school trustees and are not, under the law, permitted to accept free transportation that is to be awarded the delegates who are selected to attend the congress and under this condition others will be selected to fill their places.

Dr. Miller Going North.

Dr. Miller will leave in a few days for Chicago to be away for several weeks. He will devote his time while there to advanced studies and attend the summer Clinics at the hospitals.

Part of the doctor's time will be devoted to special work on the eye at the Physicians Post-Graduate school as it is his intention upon his return to install a complete optical parlor in connection with his offices. During Dr. Miller's absence his practice will be cared for by his associate Dr. Adkisson.

Mrs. J. W. Daniel has accepted a position in the Woodroof dry goods store where she invites the visit of her friends and a share of their patronage.

Eugene Hargrove came in from Dallas Friday to visit relatives and friends. He returned Sunday night.

Duke Evans was here last week from Dallas where he has been for the last few months.

NOTICE, CANDIDATES

The next issue of the Merkel Mail, July 26th., will be your last opportunity to talk to the voters of the Merkel country, in Jones and Taylor counties. Our paper is published Thursday afternoon and goes out on the routes and into the homes of all our readers Friday and will be read before the opening of the polls Saturday. It will be your last chance and the final word in the campaign. If you have anything to say write it out and mail it to us by Wednesday at the latest with a check to cover same, one cent per word. It is worth that much for us and may be for you.

JUDGE HILL TO SPEAK SATURDAY

The Mail is in receipt of a letter from Judge D. G. Hill requesting that we make announcement of the following speaking dates for him next Saturday, July 20th. Merkel, on street, 3:00 p. m. Trent, on street, 5:00 p. m.

Judge Hill is well and favorably known to all of the pioneers and old timers of this country, having been identified with every movement for the progress and development of this section as well as taking an active part in our political history. He desires to be heard by every voter, regardless of your convictions at the present time.

DR. SANDEFER TO SPEAK AT MERKEL

Saturday afternoon Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Simmons college will speak at Merkel in behalf of the candidacy of Judge Ramsey for governor of this state.

Most every person in Merkel has heard Dr. Sandefer speak and knows of his ability to entertain his hearers, not so much with flowery deliveries as he does with his straightforwardness in making his talk to the people. Those who have not had a chance to hear Dr. Sandefer should be present and hear this address whether they are for Ramsey or not.

At the time of going to press we did not learn just where the speaking would take place but it will be convenient to all who want to hear the talk.

Light Rains Over Merkel Country.

The rain Wednesday night which in some spots was light in others it was more liberal and will be a great benefit to the crops.

The reports from the west give accounts of rains that were better than at Merkel, at Shiloh a nice rain fell being some lighter at Noodle though it is reported better at Noodle and Stith than here. Abilene and east for some miles the rain was better than in the close surrounding Merkel country while the Dora and upper Canyon is yet to be heard from.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Abernathy returned from Tennessee Thursday morning where they have been visiting friends and relatives for the past three weeks. On the way home they stopped at Temple to visit relatives.

AGENT F. A. PEEL ON GRASSHOPPER

The following recommendation for the destruction of grasshoppers, has just been received by me from the Bureau of Entomology of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Possibly it is too late for these suggestions to be worth much to us this season, and I suggest that each farmer preserve this letter for future reference.

F. A. Peel.

All grasshoppers likely to become in serious depredations have very much the same habits and are probably susceptible to about the same treatment. The question of specie is not one to interest the farmer particularly, beyond his ability to determine which is the most destructive and apply his measures of destruction thereto. The eggs are deposited in the ground in masses, in more or less kidney-shaped pods in late summer and fall, in moderately compact, damp uncultivated lands. The winter is passed in the egg stage. The young hatch in the spring and reach their full development in the summer, there being but a single generation annually. The eggs may be destroyed by either plowing, harrowing, discing, or otherwise cultivating such waste lands to the depths of a couple of inches as late as possible in the fall.

Grasshoppers may be poisoned the most cheaply and satisfactorily soon after they hatch, but both old and young are readily destroyed by the Criddle mixture.

This mixture is composed of a half a barrel of horse droppings in which is mixed each one pound of salt and Paris green. If the horse droppings are not fresh the salt is dissolved in water and mixed with the manure and poison. When this mixture is scattered freely about where the grasshoppers are abundant they seem to be attracted to it, for they devour it readily and are poisoned thereby.

Another poison bait is made by mixing one pound of Paris green with fifty pounds of wheat bran, brought to a stiff dough with sweetened water. This is placed about the field as with the Criddle mixture. The Criddle mixture, however, appears to give the most satisfactory results and is less expensive and is more easily prepared and applied. Throughout the country west of the Mississippi river from Mexico to Canada, it has been used most effectively on the farm, the ranch and even on the stock ranges.

F. M. Webster.

Letter to the Voters.

Abilene, July 16, 1912
To the readers of the Merkel Mail. Owing to sickness of the past week or two I will be unable to finish up my canvas of the county for county treasurer as I had hoped to do but am now convalescing and hope to be out again in a few days. Trusting my friends will remember that I will still be in the race until July 27, 1912.

Respectfully,
J. H. Thornton.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Nice kept. Ice kept chocolates at the Elite.

Oran Thornton of Loraine was here the first of the week visiting relatives.

Special low prices at Sharp's continue until they go to market.

Joe and Will Abbot of Tye were here the first of the week visiting the family of W. C. Ayers.

They keep their chocolates on ice at the Elite. Try 'em.

Mrs. F. E. Fuller of Snyder came in Saturday to visit her father J. W. Sibley.

A cool smoke and a cool place to smoke at Burroughs'.

Mrs. M. L. McDonald and children are in Colorado this week the guests of Mrs. McDonald's sister Mrs. Dorn.

Three miles to Bland's tank. Picnic July 19 and 20.

Mrs. A. W. Hemmett of Odessa returned to her home Friday after an extended visit with her uncle J. W. Warren of the Merkel country.

Mrs. W. A. Scott, Mrs. W. H. SoRelle, Mrs. R. Perkins and Miss Grace Perkins left Tuesday afternoon for Sweetwater where they will spend a few days visiting.

Mrs. Homer Greene carried her little son down to Abilene Friday to have his eyes examined. The little boy was playing with some other children several months ago and by accident struck himself a grazing lick on the right eye with an open knife which caused a loss of the eye so affected. An artificial eye was placed and with good results until of late when it has been needing attention.

Mr. Lucas of McKinney has accepted a position with the Merkel Dry Goods and Gro Co., taking charge of his duties Monday morning. Mr. Lucas is an experienced dry goodsman and will be a valuable addition to the sales force of the above mentioned firm.

T. J. Toombs and Jno. Boden returned from Tennessee Sunday morning. Mr. Toombs has been visiting in Memphis and other points near there while Mr. Boden visited in the western part of the state and the southern part of Illinois. Mr. Boden reports the country some what damaged from the heavy rains.

We regret that we did not mention in our last week's paper the arrival of a fine boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Sheppard. Mr. Sheppard says the youngster is rapidly approaching manhood and is almost as much a man as is the father.

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.

Dr. S. L. Davis of Carthage is arranging to open a dental office over the Behrens-McMillen furniture store, notice of which he gives to his former patrons in this issue. Dr. Davis formerly enjoyed a very lucrative practice in our little town and country but on account of the health of his father it was necessary for him to give up his practice to help in the business affairs of his father.

Shelled corn in even weight sacks, corn chops, kaffir chops, wheat bran, wheat shorts, cotton seed meal, meal and hulls in 100 pound sacks. New crop Taylor county oats, alfalfa hay, anything to be found in a first-class grain store. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Company.

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Mrs. W. N. Hall returned Tuesday night from Opland where she has been for a few days instructing that lodge in Eastern Star work.

Misses Lucy Bean and Dixie Howard are in Hamlin this week guests of Mrs. Rufus Grisham.

ICE

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IT IS SERIOUS

Some Merkel People Fail to Realize The Seriousness of a Bad Back.

The constant aching of a bad back, the weariness, the tired feeling, the pains and aches of kidney ills are serious—if neglected. Dangerous urinary troubles follow. A Merkel citizen shows you how to avoid them.

D. J. Dodd, Merkel, Texas, says: "Doan's Kidney Pills did me a great deal of good and I am glad to let others know of their great worth. For a long time I suffered night and day from kidney trouble and my rest was broken. The first symptom of kidney complaint was my being unable to control the kidney secretions and it steadily grew worse. About three months ago Doan's Kidney Pills were recommended to me and they did me so much good that I cannot endorse them too highly. My kidneys now act in a normal manner.

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.

Wednesday morning Jno. Banner, W. R. Walker, J. M. Dunagin and S. L. Owens left for Lytle lake where they will spend this week fishing and catching the big ones.

Mrs. W. R. Creighton of Big Springs was here last week visiting the family of H. P. Allen. From here Mrs. Creighton went to Abilene where she will visit friends before returning home.

If you are a housewife you cannot reasonably hope to be healthy or beautiful by washing dishes, sweeping and doing housework all day, and crawling into bed dead tired at night. You must get out into the open air and sunlight. If you do this every day and keep your stomach and bowels in good order by taking Chamberlain's Tablets when needed, you should become both healthy and beautiful. For sale by all dealers.

W. H. Kendrick a prosperous young farmer of the Shiloh community left for Houston Monday to visit his mother Mrs. Oscar Rhode. He will be away for some time.

Misses Mattie Paylor and Virginia Hamblett attended the picnic at Clyde Wednesday. Miss Paylor will visit in Abilene before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hale and children left Merkel Wednesday morning for east Texas by an overland route to Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kelso of Sweetwater were in Merkel three days last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shelton.

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.

CLASSIFIED ADS

TAKEN UP—At my place 8 miles north of Merkel, chestnut sorrel Shetland pony, age 4, small white spot in face. H. R. Horton, Noodle, Tex. 1tpd

HAND WANTED—To work on farm by the month. Sam Butman, Nubia, Texas. tf

FOR SALE—Some fine milk cows. Fresh. See or phone R. D. Allen. 7t4

FOR SALE OR TRADE.—Wagner motor-cycle in good condition. Will trade for good pony. See or write W. H. Craddock, Trent, Texas.

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND
Train No. 2, leaves Merkel... 10:04 p.m.
Train No. 4 " " " " 11:38 a.m.
Train No. 6 " " " " 12:19 a.m.
Train No. 8 " " " " 9:02 a.m.

WEST BOUND
Train No. 1, leaves Merkel... 4:02 a.m.
Train No. 3 " " " " 4:48 p.m.
Train No. 5 " " " " 4:28 a.m.
Train No. 7 " " " " 4:20 p.m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

Nos. 3 and 5, 4 and 6 stop at Sweetwater, Eskota, Merkel, Abilene, Clyde, Baird, Cisco, Eastland, Mingus, Weatherford and Fort Worth. West of Sweetwater all trains are locals except 3 and 4; they do not stop at Itan.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Carbon at Armstrong's.

Jim Black was a visitor in Abilene Friday.

Charlie Jones came in from Dallas Sunday.

W. M. Jenkins was in Abilene Monday on business.

Pate & Rose shaving parlor. Barber work a specialty.

Only three miles to picnic at Bland's tank. West of Merkel.

J. A. Hamner spent last week in Coleman on business.

Miss Ethel Roberts was up from Abilene Saturday visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. N. Roberts.

Mrs. I. N. Howerton of Winters returned home Monday, she had been here visiting relatives.

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

Miss Allie Davis of Elgin came in Monday to visit the family of T. B. Garroute.

Miss Winnie Sandlin left last week for Arlington and Willis Point where she will visit relatives.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bankhead came in last week from the plains country for a visit with home folks.

A good place to rest at Bland's tank July 19 and 20.

Mrs. J. F. Campbell of Waco is here visiting her father at Comper. While here she was the guest of her brothers H. M. and Will Warren.

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.

Mrs. J. C. Calvert and daughters Misses Lizzie and Eva returned home Tuesday from San Angelo where they have been visiting G. B. Cathey a brother of Mrs. Calvert.

Charlie Campbell of Colorado is here visiting his brother J. Ben Campbell. This is the first time in 14 years that the brothers have met and the meeting is like a family reunion.

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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Two Popular Excursions.

The Texas & Pacific Railway announces two popular rate excursions to Cloudcroft, N. M., July 27th and August 31st, with thirty day limit and stop-over privilege at El Paso.

There is not a more delightful place for Texans to spend their Summer Vacation than Cloudcroft, 9000 feet high and surrounded by magnificent mountain scenery.

Notice.

I will open up a new stock of Groceries, Saturday July 27, first door west of Rust & McCauley at my old stand and would be glad to have all my old customers and every one else who buys Groceries to come around and give me a chance at your bill, you will find that I have the prices right. 19t-2 Walter Clark.

Spirellas.

The name is a synonym of ease and comfort. If you wear a Spirella once, you will never wear any other make of corsets. Let me take your measure. Phone 122. (pd) Miss Nola Whitley.

Notice to Dental Patrons.

After being absent from Merkel unavoidably for some time I will open my office Monday, July 22 over Behrens-McMillen Furniture store. S. L. Davis.

Dinner Saturday July 27.

The Baptist Philathea Sunday school class will give a dinner Saturday July 27 and ask the co-operation of the people in making it a success.

H. C. Floyd, Optician.

If you have Headache try Rest Ray Lense. H. C. Floyd, with S. S. Scheidler.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Calvert of Trent who recently sold their farm to C. A. Bickley have given possession and are at the present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Martin of Merkel.

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.

Mrs. J. M. Everett of Valley Mills who has been here visiting the family of H. S. Wilson left Merkel for Jayton. She was accompanied by her son Robt. L. Everett.

Good Shades at Bland's tank during the picnic July 19 & 20.

Mrs. W. H. Dickson attended a reunion of her mothers children in Dallas last week when seven of the eight children were at home for the first time in nine years.

Get the habit of buying from a cash store. It will put dollars in your pocket. Ask your neighbor if he believes this statement. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

Mr. Walters was in Abilene Monday to visit his daughter Miss Eva Walters at the Alexander sanitarium.

Good well water and easy to get at Bland's tank July 19 and 20.

A traveling man after drinking at Burroughs complimented their service. Suppose you try them.

Mrs. J. H. Bird and mother Mrs. Mattox of Hamlin came in Saturday to visit the family of W. H. Mattox.

Lemons and oranges and all kinds of dried fruits in our grocery department. Hogue-Hamilton Company.

Mrs. W. B. Alsobrook went to Sweetwater Saturday where she is visiting her son Reed Alsobrook.

Every day of the week you can get fresh vegetables and fruits at the Cash Grocery.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Carbon at Armstrong's.

Chas Hutchens was down from Trent Saturday.

See J. P. Sharp's bargain counter.

W. O. Boney was in Abilene Friday on business.

A person gets good service when drinking at Burroughs.

Rosecoe Sharp attended the picnic at Clyde Wednesday.

Deering Binder Twine at Anchor Hardware Co.

W. E. Hamner of Trent was in town Tuesday on business.

Special prices on all shoes at Sharp's.

Miss Mary and Flay Gunn were visitors in Abilene Friday.

We handle all leading brands of cigars. Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore of Colorado were here last week visiting relatives.

Irish potatoes, cabbage, Taylor county onions, fresh tomatoes at Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Master DeVerle Johnson went to Sweetwater Saturday to visit his uncle Arthur Johnson.

Every day of the week you can get fresh vegetables and fruits at the Cash Grocery.

Mrs. Lillie Nelson of Abilene was here last week visiting her mother Mrs. Dollie Kent.

Deering Binder Twine at Anchor Hardware Co.

Mrs. W.H. SoRelle and daughter Mrs. R. Perkins of Houston were visitors in Abilene Monday.

See the Democratic ties at Sharp's. Wear one and be patriotic.

Miss Leola Coats visited her parents Saturday. She returned to school at Abilene Sunday.

Deering Binder Twine at Anchor Hardware Company.

L. Brown left Friday night for Temple where he will visit relatives and friends for a short time.

G. M. Sharp and Jim Grayson are in Corpus Christi this week enjoying the sad sea waves.

FOR SALE—Fine Jersey heifer calf, price \$5.00. See Dr. O. F. McMaster, Dentist.

Mr. and Mrs. Telford of Anson who have been here visiting their daughter Mrs. J. P. Sharp, left for Bronte Monday where they will visit other children.

Good music and other entertainments at Bland's tank July 19 and 20.

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

TEXAS AND THE RAILROADS.

Texas was one of the first states to create a railroad commission and to impress upon that commission the idea that railroads are built to serve the people rather than to make fortunes for their builders and operators. The first session of the commission was held June 10, 1891. In the twenty-one years since there has been no question of the commission's loyalty to the people.

A logical result, which is beginning to disturb the business builders of Texas, is that railroad construction has gone forward at an abnormally slow rate. The state had 8,654 miles of railroad on June 10, 1891, and since then less than 5,500 miles of new road have been built. In the last 21 years railroad construction for each 100 square miles of territory has been 2.17; over the whole of the United States in that same period the figure is 2.57; in Oklahoma, which borders Texas on the north, the figure is 6.48; in Louisiana on the east the figure is 8.64; in Arkansas, also a part of the eastern border of Texas, the figure is 5.99; in Wisconsin where railroad control by the state has been strict 3.51 miles of road have been built for each 100 square miles of area.

These are figures collected by the new Texas Welfare Commission, a body chosen from the commercial associations of 32 cities. Its members are seeking an explanation; they are counting the cost of 21 years of "dissension between state government and the railroad companies." They say that the people want to know. "In east Texas where the products of tree and vine rot for lack of facilities to transport them to market; in west Texas where progress and prosperity are withheld for lack of railroad mileage; in the cities where manufacturers and merchants are losing business on account of poor service," inquiry is persistent.

Apparently the quarrel is to be made up. Railroad men have appeared before the Welfare Commission to give their side, and the orators who have been boasting that Texas leads the world in railroad development, as in everything else, have been invited to consider the commission's figures. —Collier's Weekly.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Some confusion has arisen over the identity of the candidates for railroad commissioner. The present commission is composed of Allison Mayfield of Grayson county, chairman, whose term expires in January, 1917; William D. Williams of Tarrant county whose term expires in January, 1913, and John L. Wortham of Harris county whose term also expires in January, 1913, by reason of the constitutional limitation on appointments. Allison Mayfield it will be seen has four years to serve and of course is not a candidate. Mr. Williams has no opponent and is running for the full term of six years. Mr. Wortham is a candidate to complete the unexpired term of two years to which he was appointed. Against him

J. C. Mason of Lamar county, Theodore G. Thomas of Harris county and Earl B. Mayfield of Bell county, cousin to Allison Mayfield, are running. It seems that some people have confused the two Mayfields.

Commissioner Mayfield is a man of perhaps fifty-five years of age and has given seventeen years' service to the commission. Candidate Mayfield is a man of thirty-one years and is at present a member of the state senate. Should he be elected the commissioners for two years at least would be Mayfield, Williams and Mayfield.

BURYING MISTAKES.

The doctors are said to be the only class of people who bury their mistakes, but our law makers have frequently given us legislation that sent industry to the cemetery and paralyzed growth and progress.

Since the day when Moses gave us the commandments written by a divine hand legislation has been a powerful force in human affairs. Our legislators can build a magnificent civilization or become the pallbearers to prosperity according to their inclination or ability and our coming legislature faces an opportunity of making Texas a world power in commerce and industry by giving us constructive legislation. Texas has been nominated by nature as the industrial headquarters of the universe, and nothing but injudicious legislation will cause us to miss our destiny.

TEXAS HOGS GO HIGHER.

The Federal Department of Agriculture, Stockyard Station at Chicago, in a recent dispatch quotes Texas hogs at a farm value of \$6.30 per 100 pounds, which is an increase of 70 cents per hundred over last year's price. The Texas hog, says the report, is a welcome visitor at that market and he demands tip top prices.

The first bale of cotton of this year's crop has been shipped to market from the Rio Grande valley and for the next few weeks we shall hear of "first" bales from different sections of the cotton growing region before there is any mention of the second bale. The honor of shipping the first bale belongs this year to Harlingen, the junction point on the main line and branch of the Brownsville railroad but it is about four weeks later than the first bale of last year's crop, shipped from the nearby town of San Benito. —Abilene Reporter.

Since the democratic convention at Baltimore the Wilson prospects have been on a steady rise among the democratic ranks and in many places the progressive republicans have thrown their influence with the Wilson forces, and in that way have almost wholly eliminated the possibility of a third party with a Roosevelt head. There can be no question as to the fitness of the New Jersey man, his character is politically and morally clean and all factions of importance seem to grant that Wilson will without a doubt carry the country by storm at the election in November.

The Mercantile Land and Irrigation Co. has been organized in San Angelo with a capital stock of \$600,000. The company will develop land adjacent to the Orient railroad survey in Sutton and Val Verde counties under irrigation.

The most convincing way to promote the advantages of your country is by a continual display of the farm products.

The county that can boast of good roads has taken the first step to becoming an empire within itself.

It's not so hard to travel the straight path provided it's a good road.

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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, **prepay 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, ship it back to us at our expense and you will not be out one cent.

FACTORY PRICES We furnish the highest grade bicycles it is possible to make at one small profit above 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.

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COASTER-BRAKES single wheel, imported roller chains and pedals, parts, repairs and equipment of all kinds at half the regular retail prices.

\$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 we introduce you to a sample pair for \$4.80 (cash with order \$4.55). **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 is lively and easy 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. You do not pay a cent until your 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 10 per cent (usually making the price \$4.55 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 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.

IF YOU NEED TIRES don't buy any kind at any price until you send for a pair of Hedgethorn tires quoted above; or write for our big and Sundry Catalogue which describes and quotes all makes and kinds of tires at about half the usual prices.

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Dallas, Houston, Austin, Galveston, San Antonio, Abilene, Denison, Amarillo, Texarkana, or El Paso, Texas.

Reputed the Idea.

Old John, the gardener, had been drinking again, and when he became sober Mr. Brown called him down. "This won't do, John," said he. "As I have told you before, I will not have a man in my employ who drinks." "Oh, sure, 'twas but a mite of a dhrup I was aither takin', Mr. Brown, an' I was niver to say dhrunk at anny time in me loffe." "John," said Mr. Brown sternly, "you are a hypocrite." "A Dimycrat, is it?" flashed John indignantly. "Well, sir, not to be puttin' too foine a p'int on, I've heard say ye was a Dimycrat yerself!"

A Child's Wild Midnight Ride.

To warn people of a fearful forest fire in the Catskills a young girl rode horseback at midnight and saved many lives. Her deed was glorious but lives are often saved by Dr. King's New Discovery in curing lung trouble, coughs and colds, which might have ended in consumption or pneumonia. "It cured me of a dreadful cough and lung disease," writes W. R. Patterson, Wellington, Tex., "after four in our family had died with consumption, and I gained 78 pounds." Nothing so sure and safe for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

Rural Financier.

Boggs had managed to ditch his car, and after hailing a passing farmer tried to arrange a dicker for help. "Why, ya-as, brother," said the farmer, bringing his team to a standstill. "I'll help ye out. Let's see what it'll come to—one day's use o' the team, \$5—"

"One day?" retorted Boggs. "Tisn't going to take you a day to haul that machine out, is it?"

"Why no," returned the farmer, "but arter I git the \$5 I don't callate to do no more work until to-morrer." —Harper's Weekly.

This Is So.

We wish to state in as plain and vigorous way as words can express it that Hunt's Cure will positively, quickly and permanently cure any form of Itching skin disease known. One box is guaranteed to cure. One application affords relief.

Last Resort.

Matrimonial Agent—Yes, sir, I think we can suit you perfectly. Ah—our preliminary fee is five guineas. The Client—Five guineas? My dear laddie, don't be farcical. Why ever should I want to marry if I possessed all that money?—London Opinion.

Chiggers and Mosquitos

Are now in their glory—their business is good and they are happy. There is no earthly use of letting them chew on you, however, if you do not like their ways. A little Hunt's Lightning Oil applied to exposed parts will keep them off and immediately relieve the irritation caused by their bites. Rub a little on and see for yourself.

Great Sea Monster.

While one of the gardeners in Broomhall gardens was digging a trench recently, says the London Globe, he came upon an ancient sand bed. On further excavations being made for the purpose of securing sand for gardening purposes, a huge bone was discovered. The bone is believed to be one of the vertebrae of a whale or other great sea monster. If that be so, the waters of the Firth of Forth must have extended at least a quarter of a mile farther inland at some very remote period. The osseous find was deposited in Lord Elgin's museum at Broomhall.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hell's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by druggists. Price 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

JULY CLEARANCE SALE

Now for the Second Week of Our July Clearance Sale

Now for still deeper reductions and bigger bargains than even those that attracted such great crowds during the first week of this sale. We must make an absolute and final clearance of all summer goods to make room for our great big stock of new fall goods. Come in early and select your wants as early selections are best. These prices hold good as long as the goods last, not for an hour or a day, but until a final and complete clearance is made. This enables our friends and customers in both city and country to take advantage of the best we have to offer with ample time to come in and be served before advertised specials are closed out. JOIN THE CROWDS AND PROFIT BY THESE GREATEST OF ALL CLEARANCE PRICES.

A FEW EXTRA SPECIALS GATHERED AT RANDOM THAT WILL ATTRACT ECONOMICAL SHOPPERS HERE EVERY DAY THIS WEEK

Three dozen Fancy Parasols for Children. Clearance price each only.....**10c**

Two dozen Short Kimonos, made of Printed Lawn. Clearance price each.....**5c**

Colored Taffeta Ribbons, numbers up to 100. Special clearance price.....**8 1/2c**

One lot of Swiss Ribbed Vests, taped neck and sleeves, a 10c quality. Clearance price.....**5c**

One lot of Tissues and 40 inch Bordered Lawn, 20c and 25c values. Clearance price.....**15c**

One lot of 12 1/2c and 15c Batiste, new patterns, special.....**9 1/2c**

36 inch Brown Linen, all pure Linen. Special.....**19c**

50c and 65c quality Lace and Net Fichues. Clearance price.....**35c**

Velvet Boas; black and colors; 50c grade. Clearance price.....**25c**

16 Button Cotton Chamousette Gloves. Special.....**45c**

White wash Suede; 16 button Gloves, just received; \$3 50 grade. Special.....**\$2.85**

We have just received a heavy shipment of Embroideries, a special purchase for this event. See the prices at Embroidery Counter.

This The Greatest of All Clearing Sales is Now in Full Swing, Come and share Extraordinary Values Offered

Clearance Prices From Staple Dept.	Five dozen Sheets, sizes 72x90. Clearance price only..... 45c	Large assortment of White Goods in Reps, Voiles, Crepes and other fancy sheer goods. 25 and 30c values. Special..... 19c	Ginghams Special
75 pieces Standard Calico in both dress and shirting patterns. Clearance price, per yard..... 4c	Fifty dozen Bleached Huck Towels, large size, per pair..... 19c	One lot of White Goods, consisting of checks, stripes and dotted Swiss; 15c and 20c values. Special at..... 11 1/2c	60 pieces Dress Gingham and Checks, values up to 10c. Our Clearance price, per yard only..... 7 1/2c
One lot of Printed Lawns, pretty colors. Clearance price while they last, per yard..... 2 1/2c	Twenty-five dozen Bleached Turkish Towels, 35c grade. Special..... 27c	One lot of Gauze Tissues, 25c values; a very popular fabric. Choice while it lasts... 19c	Our entire stock of Bookfold Red Seal Gingham, 12 1/2c quality. Clearance price, per yard, only..... 10c
	Best quality Shirting, Madras and Percal, 15c quality. Special..... 10c		

COME EXPECTING GREAT VALUES---YOU'LL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED

Extra Special 10,000 yards of Embroidery and Insertions to match, 10 to 18 inches wide, values up to 25c. Clearance price, per yard only..... 10c A special shipment just received.	Great Sacrifice in Ladies Outer Garments. Our entire stock of Ladies Tailored Suits, made of Whip Cord, Diagonal and Fancy Mixtures; \$18.50 to \$35.00 On sale at..... HALF PRICE All Ladies Dresses in Stock go at Half Regular Price. Beautiful Lingerie, Voile, Marquissette and Linen, made and trimmed in the latest approved fashion, Clearance price exactly..... HALF PRICE All House Dresses will go in this sale at just half price	Some Specials From Our Silk Department. All \$1.00 quality Messalines and Taffeta; full stock. Special at only..... 79c Pretty line of Foulards in 65c and 75c grades. Special at only..... 39c One lot of light weight Silks, 27 inches wide; 25c and 35c qualities. Priced only..... 19c	Ladies Silk Boot Hose lisle foot, 50c grade, Special..... 25c Broken sizes in ladies Hose, values up to 75c; black, tan and white. Special only..... 40c Childrens socks, all colors and full line of sizes, choice..... 10c
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Mens Suits Sacrificed Clothing Must go.

Here is the inducement we offer you to buy now.

\$27.50 Suits.....	\$18.75
25.00 Suits.....	\$17.75
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20.00 Suits.....	\$15.65
18.50 Suits.....	\$13.75
17.50 Suits.....	\$12.95
15.00 Suits.....	\$11.25
10.00 Suits.....	\$ 7.95

CLEARANCE PRICES ON ALL LOW SHOES

All Low Shoes go in this sale at Sweeping Reductions. The greatest Shoe stock in the West from which to make your choice.

We Quote a few Extra Special Bargains

All \$5.00 Low Shoes for men, in button and lace. All new lasts and leathers. Choice.....	\$3.85	Edwin Clapp Low Shoes, the best shoe made at any price. Your choice for only.....	\$4.95	Sixty pairs childrens Low Shoes, broken lots, values up to \$1.50. Your choice for.....	55c	Forty pairs children white and pink canvas low shoes, sizes 5 to 10; while they last, choice....	25c
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Red-Hot Underwear Bargains.

Sixty dozen imitation porous knit Under Shirts and Drawers; while they last, per garment, only...**15c**
Thirty dozen elastic seam Drawers, the best 50c Drawers on the market, per pair.....**37 1/2c**

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Miss Grace Perkins of Houston was the honoree of a pretty 42 party given by her aunt Mrs. W. A. Scott last Thursday afternoon from 4 to 7. Small pink butterflies in water colors were given to the players while large butterflies marked the score and table. The color scheme was carried out in the dainty refreshments as the hostess served pink cream and angel food to Misses Willie Bigham, Susie Penn, Ruth Mims, Sophia Howard, Ova Teaff, Mabel Collins, Maude Martin, Annie T. Daniel, Grace Perkins, Cleo Wilson Bowler, Jackie Jennings, Mesdames W. M. Jenkins, Wesley Edwards, B. H. Wheeler and Rosa Perkins. Miss Willie Bigham and Mrs. Wesley Edwards won honors, having stayed at the head table all afternoon.

A most delightful outing and fishing trip was enjoyed last week when a bunch of young people, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. John Sears, spent several days on the Clear Fork in search of fun and pleasure and they were not disappointed for they had bushels of fun, the fun that is true, genuine and dignified. The personnel were Mr. and Mrs. John Sears, chaperones, Misses Inice Moon, Reba Britton of Cisco, Winnie Warren, Pet Sears, Mossie Sears, Messrs. Dyess of Cisco, Virgil and Cary Touchstone, Ottis Barnett, John West and Claude Sears. Saturday evening the chaperones entertained the members of the fishing party at their home on Oak street. Several games of 42 were played and refreshments served.

Friday afternoon a few art devotees were royally entertained by Miss Willie Bigham at her lovely home on Locust. Misses Grace Perkins of Houston and Susie Penn were deeply absorbed in needle work while water colors held the attention of Misses Maude Martin, Willie Bigham, Mabel Collins, Ruth Mims, Mesdames J. M. Gilliam, W. A. Scott and W. H. Dickson. Miss Annie T. Daniel and Mrs. Fred Bigham talked art and planned a summer outing but will paint next time, sure. Miss Daniel assisted the hostess in serving delicious cream and small cakes to those present. The afternoon was truly a delightful one and will long live in our memories.

Dr. and Mrs. McMaster delightfully entertained the Methodist Baraca and Philathea classes at their home Friday evening. The boys had a class meeting at eight o'clock at Mrs. McMaster. Dr. McMaster had invited his class of girls to come at nine. Tables had been arranged for progressive 42. Ice cream and angel food was served to Misses Mattie Paylor, Virginia and Venona Hamblet, Leno Largent, Ezma Allday, Dorothy Lee Potter, Elma Sheppard, Fannie Burroughs, Messrs. Ernest and Steve Duckett, John Moore, Ollie Shaffer, Adam Sibley, and Simpson Christopher.

A few friends were invited to meet Tuesday afternoon with Miss Annie T. Daniel at her home on Locust street. Plans were discussed for the organization of the needle work club. Miss Willie Bigham asked the ladies to meet with her next Tuesday. The invitation was gladly accepted. Miss Elma Sheppard assisted the hostess in serving a delicious ice course.

Fishing Party.

Wednesday night one of the jolliest fishing and picnic crowds made Mulberry creek the scene of their feast and fishing grounds. Once in camp the ground was made the dining room and all kinds of good-to-eats were placed before the picnickers together with water melons and fruits enough to feed twice the crowd. Everything progressed nicely until the rain indications gave good warning of the coming shower just in time to drive the crowd home before it began to rain. Those going were Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mrs. Fred Bigham, Misses Willie Bigham, Olga Sheppard, Lulu and Gertrude Thornton, Messrs. Jno. Daniel, Homer Jobe, Ollie Sharp and Forest Gaither.

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.

Letter From Miss Browning

Extracts from a most interesting letter from Miss Duncan Browning to her mother Mrs. W. P. Browning under date of July 5 will be of interest to her many Merkel friends.

"We are now sailing down the Hudson. How delightful the weather is. The boat we are on is perfectly beautiful. We left Syracuse at 2 a. m. Went to Albany, caught the boat at 8:30 a. m. While in Albany we visited all the big buildings. The educational building cost four million dollars. We also went through the capitol building which was so fine I did not know whether I was in paradise or on earth. I sat in the president's chair. At the Catholic cathedral I saw next to the finest pipe organ in the world.

We waited over in Syracuse to be there on the 4th so we could see the display of fire works which was to be in the stadium which seated 30,000 people, but we did not get to go as it rained hard all day.

Last Sunday night George's friend, Prof. Browning of Syracuse, gave us a dinner after church. It was a swell affair, six courses. His guests were dressed quite swell but we told them we were traveling and our "fine clothes" were in Kentucky. I don't know whether we fooled them or not. The hostess got out the cards. Here they never think anything about cards. Everybody plays and dances and are big church members too. Even the preacher plays. The minister preached on Booker T. Washington. He asked me what I thought of the sermon. I told him I was too much of a southerner to appreciate such a sermon. He said he loved the negroes as much as the white people. I can't get used to the negroes sitting down by me on the street cars and on the trains.

Wednesday we took one of the finest trips I expect to make on this trip. We went to the Thousand Islands by boat on the St. Lawrence river. The trip was grand. The Mr. Browning that papa has been getting letters from New York has a beautiful summer home on one of the islands. The island and house are worth \$1,000,000. We get to New York to-night. From there we go to New Jersey to visit the Stouls. Then we go to Philadelphia. Will go to Independence Hall to see the Liberty Bell, the house where the Ladies Home Journal is published and many other places. We will then make an ocean trip to Atlantic City to Virginia Beach where we will spend a few days bathing, etc., recuperating in general. Then we go to Washington City. We may never get out of New York but we can depend on Dan to pull us through. He certainly makes it interesting for us. I can't begin to describe how grand this trip is and never expect to find words to express myself."

Miss Browning is touring the northeast with her cousins, Dan and Elizabeth Browning of Kentucky. She expects to be at home by the 1st of September.

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.

League Program.

Subject, School Days, our schools and religious education.

Leader—John McDonald.

Song.

Prayer.

Song.

Scripture readings, Luke 2:51-55; Gen. 37:1-11; Deut. 4:9; Ruth 2:7; Acts 5:42; 1 Thes 2:9.

Topic Events—Miss Almeda Harris. Discussion of lesser topic No. 5.—Mr. Johnson.

Prayer.

Special music—Miss Fannie Burroughs.

Miscellaneous.

Benediction.

Program for W. M. and A. S.

Leader—Mrs. Teaff.

Scripture, John 4.

Song and prayer.

Paper, our mission work in Mexico—Mrs. Causseaux.

Reading from our Mission Field—Mrs. Bradshaw.

Paper, Personal Service—Mrs. Saffle.

Doers of the word and not hearers only. Mrs. G. M. Sharp.

Reading from the Foreign Mission Journal—Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Closing song. Work for the night is coming.

HEARD ONLY CALL OF DUTY

Brave Irish Physician Scorned Danger When Welfare of Patient Was at Stake.

The talk of how Dr. O'Brien of Innismore braved the Atlantic storm to help a sick patient has made all western Ireland ring with his praises.

He received a wire that his services were urgently needed on the island of Innismaan, but the storm was raging so fiercely that he had difficulty in finding a crew willing to put to sea. At last he succeeded and the corragh—a small canvas boat—started on its four and a half mile journey through the surging waters that ran with terrific force between Innismore and Innismaan.

It was a life and death battle all the way, half the men striving to keep the boat headed across the straits while the rest bailed out the water that was continually shipped. At length Innismaan was reached, the patient's life was saved and the return journey began.

By that time a regular hurricane was blowing and several times the doctor and his crew seemed on the point of death when they happened upon some trawlers at anchor, with which they sheltered till a lull in the tempest enabled them to make a dash for the shore.

\$100 Per Plate

was paid at a banquet to Henry Clay in New Orleans in 1842. Mighty costly for those with stomach trouble or indigestion. Today people everywhere use Dr. King's New Life Pills for these troubles as well as liver, kidney and bowel disorders. Easy, safe, sure. Only 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

Woman Doctors in Siberia.

A number of influential Siberians are petitioning the Ministry of Education in St. Petersburg to allow women to be admitted to the medical faculty in the University of Tobolsk. The petitioners point out that there is a wide field for women doctors in Siberia, where it is often difficult for settlers to get medical aid.

There are many Mohammedans in the country, and it is explained that only women doctors can come to their help in illness, as they do not permit men to see their wives and daughters. Many women have entered the medical profession in Russia proper, and there are a great many women practicing dentistry, a department of surgery which does not seem to have attractions for the English woman.

Frightful Polar Winds

blow with terrific force at the far north and play havoc with the skin, causing red, rough or sore chapped hands and lips, that need Bucklen's Arnica Salve to heal them. It makes the skin soft and smooth. Unrivaled for cold-sores, also burns, boils, sores, ulcers, cuts, bruises and piles. Only 50 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

Another Triumph of Surgery.

Two visiting surgeons at the Massachusetts General hospital, a few days ago "tied off" the entire right lung of a patient at the institution. Although the operation was an advanced one, the surgeons said that the anesthetic was administered according to a new method and it was their belief that the patient would recover. The difficulty heretofore, when ether had been given in the normal way, had been that the patient regained consciousness before the operation was concluded. In this instance the incision was made in the patient's back. The surgeons said that the method was so new that it was yet impossible to say whether a tuberculous lung could be taken out in the same way.

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.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending July 20, 1912:

Shanks, J. W.

Smith, Miss Weona.

Williams, Lee.

Zurnn, H.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Aug. 3, 1912.

H. W. Derstine, p.m.

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English Writer Says the Automobile Tourist Misses All the Charm of Journey.

A writer in T. P. O'Connor's London Weekly holds that the claims of the motor car to minister to our pleasures and our education are pretentious, exaggerated and absurd, and as such are to be condemned. He boldly asserts that the motor car sightseer may travel hundreds of miles and return home with no other impressions of his journey than that he stopped for a few moments at this or that place for luncheon, and supped and lodged at some other place, from which he flashed next morning sounding his "honk-honk" to drive the bewildered people of the country to the side of the road, that the destroying motor might pass in safety. He says:

"As the motorist whisks through Enfield does he ever think how Charles and Mary Lamb 'played truant and wandered among the hills' there, making believe that the scenery was as good as that of Westmoreland? And 'Christopher North?' Do you remember how he set off to fish in Loch Tolla, thirteen miles away; arrived there, found he had forgotten the top joint of his rod, walked back, breakfasted, tramped to the loch again, fished all day, and then began his journey home? But a friendly farmhouse drew him from his track, and midnight found him finishing a bottle of whisky and a can of milk. When he reached home he had covered seventy miles. But could your modern motorist, with his flabby muscles and his love of ease, do as much? In his passion for speed he never deigns to understand the charm and suggestion of a half-obliterated milestone or a decayed signpost, to drink in the spirit of the countryside, or attempt to sense a life that harks back to the beginning of our history."

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Mrs. B. C. Moore has returned home from Abilene Wednesday where she has been attending the bedside of Mr. Moore who was operated on for appendicitis at the Alexander Sanatorium some time ago. Mr. Moore's condition improved very slow, much slower than the average appendicitis patient and for that reason he has been held under treatment longer than usual. He is expected to return home as we go to press unless his condition should turn worse than it has been for the last few days.

The medical profession report three more births during the last, as follows: to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Turner a boy on last Friday and to Mr. and Mrs. Boss Peoples who live south of town a boy on the 9th and to Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins of Route 1, a boy on the 12th. These new comers with two others mentioned in this issues all of which were boys give the male population of this community a decided advantage over members of the fair sex.

Mrs. A. L. Pitman of Coffeyville, Miss., returned to that state Thursday with her sister Mrs. B. M. Webb. Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Pitman have been here visiting their cousin J. A. Buford whom they have not seen in 33 years. Mrs. M. L. Montgomery of Cisco was also here during their visit to be with them and to visit Mr. Buford her uncle. Mr. Buford had not seen her in 23 years.

Dr. M. Armstrong accompanied Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler to the Alexander sanitarium Tuesday morning. Wednesday he and Mrs. Templeton went down to witness the operation which was a success in every way. Miss Bowler was a victim of appendicitis. She has a host of friends here who hope for her speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Banner are the proud parents of a fine boy who made his appearance at their home Wednesday morning. The young man is reported doing well.

Elder W. G. Cypert returned from Loraine Thursday morning where he has been holding a meeting for the past two weeks.

Mrs. C. L. Simmons and Mrs. Pearl Cochran are in Abilene this week the guests of their friend Mrs. Weed.

Mrs. W. R. Walker and Jack Walker returned from Big Springs Thursday where they have been for several days visiting.

Miss Pearl Rollins and daughter Blanche returned from Abilene Wednesday where they have been visiting.

Closely following the departure of Fred Hale and family for east Texas two more wagons from the Trent community left Merkel Wednesday for different parts of east Texas on visits. Rust Jackson and family started for Fort Worth while Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Leonard made their way to Eastland county. All of the visitors will be away for some time as they are making the trips in wagons and are in no hurry to get there.

Mrs. G. H. Adams is at home from a delightful visit to her son Oscar and his wife in Harrold. While away Mrs. Adams visited friends in Haskell and Chilli-cothe. Miss Ina May accompanied her mother.

Miss Eva Walters who was operated on for appendicitis at the Alexander sanitarium has sufficiently recovered to permit her being brought back to Merkel Sunday.

Mrs. B. N. Webb of Calhoun City, Miss., who have been here visiting the family of J. A. Buford visited in Trent Wednesday night. Mrs. Webb started on her return home Thursday.

Mrs. Mattie Cash and son Silas of Hamlin are in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stevens. Mrs. Cash is the sister of Mrs. Stevens.

George Ferrier and Roscoe Sharp attended the picnic at Clyde. They report the affair a howling success.

Mrs. Homer Wheeler of Colorado returned home Monday after a short visit with the families Uric and Edgar Wheeler.

Homer Jobe is in Tuscola this week helping with the opening of the Tuscola Dry Goods Co.

Mrs. Will Provine of Mountain Park, Okla., is here visiting relatives.

Miss Annie T. Daniel visited friends in Abilene Thursday.

Mrs. M. D. Ussery left Thursday morning for Fort Worth.

Foster Edmundson was in the city Thursday morning.

HOW HE SOLVED PROBLEM

Squire Perkins Quickly Explained the High Cost of Living to the Village Loafers.

We were sitting around the redhot stove in the lobby of the village tavern, and just when a silence had fallen upon the group one man turned to another and asked:

"Squar Perkins, if you don't mind, I'd like to ask you a question."

The squire didn't say whether he minded or not, but the other went ahead with:

"It's about this 'ere high cost of living. Have you figured out what's the reason for it?"

"I have," was the answer.

"Then I'd like to hear it."

"Did you raise any wheat, corn or oats last year?"

"Noap."

"Any potatoes, beets or carrots?"

"Noap."

"Didn't raise nothing whatever to eat?"

"Guess I didn't."

"Just ate all you could of what other folks raised?"

"Looks that way."

"And sot around and let your wife take in washing to support you?"

"Why, she likes to wash."

"Well, I've answered your question. You and 100,000 lazy loafers like you boosted the cost of living!"

I expected to see a row follow, but none came. There was a minute of suspense and then the questioner yawned and stretched and exclaimed:

"Well, by thunder! I've been puzzling over that matter for more'n a year and here you have solved it in three minits!"—Detroit News-Tribune.

Measurement.

"Your wife thinks a lot of you, doesn't she?"

"I suppose I might say so," replied Mr. Meekton. "When she starts in to tell me what she thinks of me it takes a long time."

BEASTS ARE GOOD SWIMMER

Rhinoceros, Elephant, Elk, Reindeer and Most Other Animals Better Than Man in Water.

Nearly all animals are better swimmers than man and take to the water naturally, while he has to learn to propel himself. The rhinoceros and hippopotamus are wonderful swimmers and divers, while the Indian elephant crosses great rivers with heavy loads. The elk and reindeer are first class swimmers. The elk keeps his head above water and crosses directly from bank to bank to avoid turning. The reindeer, on the other hand, turns as often as he likes, keeping his head only a little above the surface. But of all swimmers of all climes the best, though not the swiftest, is the polar bear who passes half his time in the water swimming and diving. His swimming power is nothing short of marvellous if it be remembered that the water in the regions he frequents is invariably cold and that cold is normally prohibitive to good swimming. There are bears that can swim from 40 to 50 kilometers without great effort.

One of the swiftest swimming animals is the squirrel. A sportsman on one occasion, having at hand a squirrel born in captivity, which had never seen water, wanted to see if it could swim, and took it with him in a row-boat to the center of a lake. The squirrel turned toward the bank, head and paws above the water, back and tail underneath it, and began to swim so rapidly that it was with the greatest difficulty that the man recovered it when it neared the shallow water near the land. It is said that even many non-aquatic birds will swim like ducks if an attempt be made to drown them.—Harper's Weekly.

USE FOR HOUSEHOLD PETS

Psychologist Says Cats and Parrots Would Keep Lonely People From Committing Suicide.

A new use for cats, parrots and other household pets has been discovered by Dr. Colin A. Scott, professor of psychology at the Boston Normal school. He is reported to have said to an audience of public-school principals in Chicago that one reason why people commit suicide is that they feel their own uselessness, and that if an unmarried woman has a cat or a parrot to care for it may give her something to live for and prevent her from taking her own life.

Anything else that awakens and holds interest in life would serve the purpose equally well—a fad of any sort, plants, a garden, whist, novels, history, charitable work, crocheting, votes for women. The number of possible objects to keep a woman interested in life is unlimited. Even for elderly and disillusioned bachelor-maids, who find the world a lonesome place, there are countless fascinating subjects of interest.

Perhaps cats are among the least promising of such subjects, for cats generally are selfish and self-centered. They take all they can get and give as little as they can. No woman really ever owned a cat. The cat owns the woman. And possibly that is why the psychology professor suggested cats as preventives of suicide.

Not Quite Practical.

"She is very liberal in her charities," said one woman.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Inkum Items.

July 15—Farmers are getting nearly up with their work. Weather still continues dry.

Brit Williams and wife left Monday for Scurry county and other points. They are traveling for Mr. Williams' health. He has been sick for quite a while. Clarence Williams, his brother, accompanied them.

Mr. Tarver and family of Sweetwater have moved into our midst and are occupying the house vacated by Brit Williams.

Ernest Perry and wife visited relatives at Abilene Tuesday and Wednesday.

J. J. Self was taken sick Tuesday and carried to Shep to a physician.

Since our last writing Miss Callie Pippins and a Mr. Smith of eastern Texas have married.

Messrs. Oscar Clifford and Willis Perry made a business trip to Merkel Wednesday.

Arthur Wilson and Marvin Cox attended preaching at Buffalo Gap Sunday night.

Services at Elm Grove Sunday were conducted by Charles A. Annis a Methodist minister who was appointed by the presiding Elder to fill out Mr. Lowrey's unexpired term in this circuit. He is the son of the late J. T. L. Annis who formerly lived upon his ranch in this section.

Fred Brookerson of Buffalo Gap and John Atkins and Boon Bush of Nubia attended the literary society Friday night.

Mr. Harrison of near View was in this section Sunday.

Oran, Emmitt and Raymond Perry of Abilene are spending their vacation with their grandparents W. C. Perry and wife.

Messrs. Atkins and Steen were in Merkel on business last week.

Mrs. Jap Hallmark was in Merkel trading Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Payne of Wingate visited relatives in this section the latter part of the week.

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The Sullivan Law.

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On Safe Ground.

Whenever, on one of his rare holidays, Captain Goldby went to the city, he took some young relative with him as a special treat. On one such occasion he told his seventeen-year-old grandson, whom he had with him, that they would "dine at a real rest-rant, and get a taste of fancy cooking."

When they were at last seated in the great dining room, the grandson waited impatiently while the captain read the bill of fare completely through without omitting a single article, whether domestic or foreign in title. At last he sighed, and handed the card across the table to the boy.

"You choose what you like, sonny," he said, with a sigh. "As for me, I reckon as I've already eat more herrin' than any other man livin', I might as well stow away a little more. It's allays agreed with me, so far."—Youth's Companion.

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My Lady of Doubt

BY RANDALL PARRISH

Author of "Love Under Fire," "My Lady of the North" and other stories

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(Continued from last week's Telegram)

wrote:

"I think you a brave, noble woman," I burst forth. "How could I feel otherwise? Look up, little girl; I want to see your face. No, don't shrink back from me. There is no cause. I know the whole story without your speaking a word. You asked me to come back to help you, and I came."

"Yes," she whispered. "I know. You have been so good."

"Good! I loved you, dear. From the moment I lifted you out of the way of that mob in Philadelphia, I have loved you. I did not understand much that occurred, but I have never doubted you. Now I realize the cause of your masquerade and know you were justified. I can bring you good news—Eric is not a traitor, but was a prisoner, captured by Fagin, and held at Grant's request. We found him bound and under guard out yonder, as we approached the house."

"And he is here now?"

"Yes; he was hurt in the fight, and is still unconscious, but will live."

"His reputation—"

"Is safe. Washington believes he brought him the news of Clinton's route of march, and will never know otherwise."

She arose to her feet, standing straight and slender before me, the flickering light of the candle on her face.

"Major Lawrence," she began, "I wish to get out of here—it seems like a grave to me—but I must speak first. Oh, I am so glad I have accomplished what I endeavored to do for my brother. Captain Grant tried to make me believe him a deserter, but I would not. When he failed to come back to me as he had promised, I could hardly determine what my duty was. I knew his plans, his orders, and the thought came that I should carry these out myself. We looked sufficiently alike so that this could be done with little danger of discovery. He had uniforms concealed here, and I felt driven to impersonate him. I do not insist that I did right; I do not know—only it seemed right to me. Then—then" her voice faltered, "I met you, again and again, and I—I began to doubt myself. I had no one to confide in, no one to advise me. I was simply compelled to go ahead, and keep my own secret. The only ones I knew I could absolutely trust were our old house servants."

"You doubted me, even?"

"Yes, at first, but you must not blame me. We met strangely; you were a gentleman and an officer; I felt sure of this, and was tempted often to tell you my story. But before I dared do so, you—you spoke of other things and—then I was afraid."

"Afraid of what?" and I caught her hand in mine. "That a knowledge of what you were attempting to accom-

plish would turn me against you?"

Her eyes fell, shaded by the long lashes.

"Yes; once, do you remember I almost began a confession, when you spoke of your old-fashioned mother, and her conception of womanhood. How could I tell you then that I had dressed as a man, and played the part of a spy? I—I thought you might despise me, and—and I wished so to retain your respect. It was an accident we were with Delavan that night. We were endeavoring to waylay a courier, and rode suddenly into his party. I had to invent a tale on the spur of the moment. Major Lawrence, now that you know all, tell me the one thing I must know before we join the others—would you wish your own sister to do as I have done?"

"Not to pass through the dangers, surely," I returned eagerly, "but I should rejoice at her loyalty, and be proud of her. Claire, Claire, there has never been in my heart aught but love for you. As Lady of the Blended Rose, as daughter of a colonel of Queen's Rangers, even in the disguise of a dragoon, I have never questioned the depth of your womanhood. Once I guessed you a British spy, yet ceased not to love you. Am I to have my reward? You know little of me, as you say, but as an officer and a gentle-



Farrell stood bareheaded, a Great Figure. "This Has Been a Fine Night's Work," He Said.

man, I ask you to repeat again what you whispered to me once yonder under the stars—do you remember, dear?"

"It was only to compel you to leave me."

"And now it is an invitation to remain."

Her eyes were uplifted to mine. Slowly I drew her toward me, her arms were upon my shoulders, and our lips met.

"I love you," she said slowly. "Yes, dear, I love you."

Above us, his head thrust through the opening, Farrell called:

"Have you found her, major? Shall I come down?"

"It's not necessary."

"The colonel is half crazy, and the boy is getting back his senses."

We went up together, I hearing the candle in one hand, and helping her along the circular stairs with the other. In the upper hall I glanced below, but the bodies of the dead had been removed. Farrell stood bareheaded, a great figure on his short legs.

"This has been a fine night's work," he said steadily, "the last of Fagin's gang."

"Dead?"

"Ay, and Grant with him—begging your pardon, mistress."

Her eyes glanced from his face into mine, and my hand-clasp tightened. It was thus we went in together, and stood opposite the colonel's bed.

[THE END.]

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