## W. O.W. GUEESUPER

Results from Contest of Attendance During The Month
OVER 400 PEOPLE PREEENT
Musical selections Added to the loy of the
Evening. Ends With Free Show Evening. Ends Wirf free
it the Airdome.

Friday night was the acene of one of the largest gatherings ever held at this place under the uspices of local lodge of Wood. men.
For some time prior to the ban quet the Woodmen of the Merkel odge had been divided into two companies. Chosen at the beginning by Messrs Ben Merritt and Freeman, Rogers, each leador chossing their men as fast as they could see them in person. At each following meeting each membr so selected on one side was counted in the attendance contest. The loosing side were to do all the work of preparing a banquet for the winning side and their fa milies.
The side championed by Mr gers were loosers and at once aunched in
The lodge hail was arranged for an unusual cowd and a table erected for 100 people. During the evening Stewart Rogers and his assistants served over -300 people with good edibles and ended the feed by serving a course of oream. Many were presen who did not partake of the supper but contended themselve with meeting with their friends and enjoying the evening in conversation. As a culeaination of the event Mr. Groene of the Airdome tendered the visitors with a free show thereby making the evening all the more enjoyable for the Woodmen and their gueste.

View Store Burglarized.
Sometime Sunday night the mercantile eatablishment of the View Mercantile Company, at View, was broken into, and all the money in the cash drawer, which amounted to not over $\$ 5$, was taken; also an assortment of warious kinds of merchandise. The party, or parties entered the building by breaking in the front door, and took what they wanted, as they were not disturbed. The burglary was not discovered until Monday. Sheriff T. C. Weir and Deputy Whaley left Monday morning in an auto for View.
It is the opinion of the Sheriff'e Department that this robbery was committed by the samegang that burglarized a store at Tuscola, and also one at Blackwell, within the past sixty days, which is supposed to have been committed by Mexicans.-Abilene Roperter.

## Leaves for Sylvester.

Dr. R. I. Grimes and wife left Tuesday for Sylvester where the doctor will establish a practice. Dr. Grimes and wife have been making Merkel their home during the last month and their many friends regret to see them go but extend the heartest wishes for succese to them in their new home.

## COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

MAIL-ORDER HOUSES ADVERTISE-Of all retail merchandising firms the mail-order house is the biggest spender of money for advertising. It is not $\mathbf{r i}$ valed in this respect even by the big department store of the city except, perhaps, by those who themselves do an immense mail order business in addition to their local business.

The mail-order house, by the very nature of the case, must draw business from the entire country. To do that it and its business must be well known throughout the country. There is one big mail-order house whose name and place of business and nearest branch house are known to the whole nation. The number of people not familiar with them is a negligible quantity. And it is pretty well known in many foreign countries. How has it achieved this wonderful familiarity ? Through advertising

Every year this big concern issues its general catalogue, a book two inches thick and weighing several pounds. It is filled with illustrations, descriptions and prices-all very alluring-of almost every article man, woman or child use or plays with. Millions of these big books are printed, and they are put into every farm home in the country, and into thousands of homes in the towns and smaller cities. They are sent through the mail and are distributed by hand. In millions of homes they are carefully preserved, an ever present reminder of the bargains the big house offers.

In addition to the big catalogue, millions of smaller department catalogues are issued and distributed. Circulars and form letters are sent out by the tons Half and full page, and even double page advertisements are run in papers and magazines of wide circulation. Gifts of such articles as fountain pens are made by the hundreds of thousands to mail carriers and country postoffice clerks And a few months ago they announced the gift of $\$ 1,000,000$ for farm demonstration work in the counties of the various states-an immense appropriation for advertising.

The result of all of this advertising is that they get the business, get it from everywhere, get business that the local small-town merchants believe they ought to get. They get it through advertising and the small-town merchant wil have to advertise on the same big, careful scale to get it back and hold it. Many of them are beginning to do it-the others must, or fail.

## NEW BULIDMG TO OPEN II AUHUSI

## Classifict <br> LOSt-Man's coat, dark scotch wo

The new brick building to be are Company the Anchor Hardpletion and the owners hope to be comfortable installed in their new home by the 15 th, of next month.

The work of placing the metal eiling will be completed this week. Following that the forces
will be put to work installing the shelving and getting in the glass fron:. As soon as this is com-
pleted the stock from the old building that has occupied a prominent place in the street will be moved in to new quarters and the street will be cleared. The building they now occupy will be moved east of the new brick an

## Meeting Closes

The meeting at the tabernacle under the direction of W. F. Lud low closed Sunday night. During the ten days services there wa good attendance and attention to the respective services. Though here were not many conversions he work was a great benefit from the uniting effect it had among the church workesr. Elder Ludlow being a great believer in instruction to the church worker and the christians life at home as
well as the ohurch work on the outside.

Singing School
Professor M. D. Ussery, the well known instructor of song ervice for religious work is conducting a class at the north side Christian church.

## Restaurant.

WANTED-- Totrade new implement | Hor horses, muk |
| :--- |
| Hardware Co |

FOR SALE-Good second hand rang FOR cinap. T. L. Grimes.

## FOR SALE-Good set arness. T. L. Grimes.

## FFFTY WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE BUNNED

## Binghampton, N. Y., July 22

 -Fifty persons were killed, according to late estimates, and as many injured, a dazen of them mortally, in a fire which swep the four-story factory building o the Binghamton Clothing Company this afternoon. The victims were chiefly women and girls.Early Tuesday night twent-tw bodies had been recovered. In the city hospital and in private instilutions are thirty injured. Some two score persons are known to have escaped, as if by a miraele from the building, which burs into flame like a tinder box and became a roaring furnace almosi instantly after the first alarm wa sounded.

## To Preach Sunday

President Jesse R. Sewel of the Abilene Christian College will preach at the north side Chris11 o'clock and on Sunday night. The public is cordialy invited.

## AMEERCAIIS ARE HELD IN MEXXCO

Threats to kill all the Ameri cans in the Madera settlement burn the Madera lumber mill which supply the El Paso Milling company with lumber and raze every American house in the Pearson Pearson company as the result of the harboring of the American cowmen after they had killed tw of the bandits of El Mocho Martinez's outlaw band
Telegraph wires are down and the officials of the Madera com cany in Madera are afraid then bandits have already carried th their threats. The brigands are preventing any one from leaving the camp.-Exchange.

## To Leara Telegraphy

John and William Winter left for Fort Worth the first of the week to take a course in telegra phy at the Draughons Busines College. These two young men have for some time been doing all they could at home to learn the work, having constructed private line between their respec tive homes in the Shiloh ountry and have prown quite proficient in the art of sending percient They expect to work in a short time and be to receive messages as easily as they can now send them. Thei work at home has been only at times when there was nothing to do on the farm or after supper
Bring us your fat hen and
Oscar Ash is here visiting hie bunch of Merkel grapes that in our estimation take the prize for flavor and quality and will hold their own very well in a size and weight contest.
The grapes are of a seedles variets and have an excellent lavor, the bunch is 11 inches in ength and contains over 250 grapes. The grower Mrs. J. E Costephens said that she was sur prised at the immense production the vines were yielding, as they are only two years old at the present.

## Receives Message

A message was received here Thursday morning by T. E. Col line from relatives at Bagwell Texas telling him of the death of Collins Jones the four year old on of his sister Mrs. V. D. Jones. The child had been in very ser ous condition for some time and while its death was momentarily expected, the news of it was reeived here with great regret.
The Mail extends the deepes ympathies to the bereaved par ents and relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Grimes of Snyder stopped here Monday while on their honeymoon to visit the formers cousin T. L. Grimes. Mr. Grimes not being able to be away from his business in Snyder very long met his lady Miss annie Coombs of Lexington Mo. in Fort Worth where they were married, leaving for their home at Snyder immediately.

Oscar Ash is here visiting

## AMIUSHOMEBUNIS AT AI EARIY HOUR

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus swoke Thureday to find thei home a mass of flames and th ceiling above their bed burning fiercely.
They only had time to rued from the blazing building, Mr Angus taking the baby out onto the porch and returned to the room by way of the window. He was only able to get a few olothe out of the house and among these he could not find enough to completely clothe himself and family.
No reason can be given for the origin of the fire unless it wa started from matches carried into the ceiling by rats or mioe When first seen by outside par ties the fire seemed to be con fined to the upper part of the house but before the alarm could be given the flames had reached a stage where it would have been impossible to save the building. The fireboys re building. The fireboye re
sponded and carried all their apsponded and carried all their ap paratus to the nearest fire plug
but on finding the exact location but on finding the exaot location
of the fire they did not reel of any hose as their supply would not reach the scene.
The house and household goods were a complete loss. Mr.Angus while in a talk with our reporter at the scene of the fire stated that he was carrying some insuranoe on the place but was not positive of the amount, though he knew it would not oover the lose,

## Wore Merkel Grapes.

We are again in receipt of a

## The Southern National

Give Us an Opportunity to Show You What Good Service Is

LET US BE YOUR BANKER
THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL
Capital and Surplus :: \$64,000.00

A GOOD BANK FOR GOOD PEOPLE

John Sears, President<br>C. L. Barker, Vice-President<br>J. E. Faucett, Cashier

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Office over Behrens-McMil

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M. ARMSTRONG, M. D.

Practicing Physician
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EYES PROPERLY TESTED, Errectly Fittec. All Work Guaranteed DRS. ADKISSON \& MILLER

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Taylor county in all Tittes City property
Office in First State Bank nd Trust Company Abilene. Texas Your work appreciated
Prompt Service at Reasonable Rates
GEO. C. BISHOP
Manage
SHAVING AND BATH PARLORS
The most up-to-date
SHOP IN MERKEL
CITY BARBER SHOP
WEST \& PATE, Proprietors

## THE CITY TAILOR SHOP

Renovating and Altera-
tion work done to your
SATISFACTION
Ladies work a specialty
L. J. RENFRO, Proprietor

Our Motto: The Best is None Too Good for The Sick

## Rust \& McCauley Drug Co.

REXALL STORE

PHONE 43

## Pure Drugs and Medicines .-. Full line of Toilet Articles and

 Sick Room Supplies---Let us Fill your Prescriptions We Appreciate Your Trade
## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

A mighty nice line of station. ery at Grimes.
Mrs. Henry West was in Abilene Saturday and Sunday visit. ing friends.
Plenty of oats, shorts and chops at the Kent Street Grocery.
Mrs. Bragg of Hillsboro, who has been here visiting relatives left Saturday for her home.

Take a kodak along on your vacation. Rust \& MoCauley Drug Co.
W. E. Britain returned last week from Floydada where he has been visiting his father.

I am agent for the Weatherford Steam Laundry. Will appreciate your laundry trade. J. E. Martin.

Miss Mary McFarland Weatherford who has been her for some time visiting her sister Mrs. Geo. Bagwell, left for her home Wednesday morning.
Plenty of waggons, buggies and farm implements to trade for horses, cattle and mules. Anchor Hardware Co.
E. H. Sherman, W. A. Canpbell, W. E. Adams and E. W. Perminter were in Abilene SaturPerminter were in Abilene Satur-
day attending the county meet of elected delegates to the Farmers Congress at College Station next week.
Drop in and drink at the center of town. Grimes is the place.

GEO. C. CHATWIN Practical and Exper
Ladies garments a specialty

Suits to Order from $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 . 0 0}$ up. Trousers to Order from $\mathbf{\$ 5 . 0 0}$ up SATISFACTION GUARANTEED | William Winter of Trent was in | R. H. Collins reveived a mes |
| :---: | ---: | ut his way sats from his daughter Mrs. V His cotton most of which nicely. D. Jones of Bagwell last Thursis looking good and with a good age 4 was very low and not exrain in the next ten days he will pected to live. Mr. and Mrs. have a bumper crop. His feed Collins left that night for Bag. has been cut somewhat short by well.

the excessive hot days during the Miss Fitzgerald of Haskell who past two weeks but even at that ${ }_{\text {has been here visiting the family }}$ he will make a yield of that part has been here visiting the family
of his farm.
Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hunt $t \mathrm{tr}$
turned to Texas Friday from an
extented tour through the western states. Mr. Hunt stopped at Haskell for a short business stay while Mrs. Hunt came on to Merkel to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs G. E. Comegys.

Bring in your spare horses, mules and cattle and we will trade you farm implements for them. Anchor Hardware Co. Mrs. W. R. Woodrum and daughters Ada and Sadie are a home from a visit with Mrs. Woodrum's sister in Titus county, enroute home they visited Mrs. W. R. Russell in Dallas.

Waggon and buggy paint and furniture polish. A freeh supply at Grimes.
The birth of a 10 pound girl reported to Mr. and Mre. George Anderson of Nubia on last Wed

## nesday.

## TheStar Store low cut shoe sale

## $\$ 5.00$ Shoes now \$4.20 <br> $\mathbf{\$ 4 . 0 0}$ Shoes now $\mathbf{\$ 3 . 5 0}$ <br> $\mathbf{\$ 3 . 5 0}$ Shoes now \$2.95

Good Bargains. Absolutely
Ridiculous Low Prices. Only
A LIMITED NUMBER LEFT
try returned to her home Mon-
day.
Bring in your spare horses, mules and cattle and we will rade you farm implements for them. Anchor Hardware Co.

Mrs. C. V. Roughton of Temple eturned to her home Saturday night after a visit with her parents Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cy pert.
Mrs. C. D. Cowsert who ha been here visiting her daughter Mrs. J. C. Hamm returned home at Anson Saturday.
Mrs. J. T. Warren left last week to visit her sister Mrs. D. M. Doyle of El Paso, Ark.
Tommie Louise Coggin left Saturday for Midiand to visit her
aunt Mrs. George Easterwood.
Let Wheatley fill your presrip
ions at Rust \& McCauley's Drug

## ompany

s. H. Woodard of Roscoe re
turned to his home Sunday after a short visit with his brother J
A. Woodard of Route 1.

Clarence Demere of the panhandle country was hore last week visiting friends.

Make your old buggy look new with Grimes' paint.
Mr . and Mrs. W. A. Hall of Biair passed through here Saturday on their way to Abilene to visit friends.
Mrs, W. R. Walker was in Ab iene Sunday the guest of friends during the day.
Bring your laundry to Martins

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Eat Pure Food Bakery bread. I have the Light Crust flour. Walter Clark.
Mrs. B. E. Cranfill of Dallas is here visiting her aunt Mes. E. Hall.

Your pienic party is not complete without a kodak. Rust at McCauley Drug Co.
Mise Louise Warren is in Waco visiting her sister Misa Winnie Warren.

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Biokley and children are here from Fort Worth visiting relatives.

See our table of childrens slippers. Closing out at $1 / 2$ regular price. W. L. Harkrider.
Mr. and Mrs. Bluford Tittle of Abilene were here Sunday visiting friends and relatives.
More Lucky Blue Birds on t) road to Rust \& McCauley's elry Store. They'l be har
Mrs. Mittie Hill retur Abilene Wednesday after visit with Mrs. R. E. Bowles.

We are offering substancial reductions on all summer foot ear. W. L. Harkrider
Miss Ella Phelps of Abilene is here this week visiting Mrs. R Bowles.
Mise Josie Lilly and brother Dennis of the Canyon country are visiting their aunt Mrs. Lucy Prible of Clyde this week.
Mrs. Frank Powell and chilren Roy and Milton Hoyt are here visiting Mr. and Mre. J. J. Stallinge.
We are showing a beautiful line of new fall ginghams. W. L. Harkrider.
T. S. Dennis and wife of Ardmore, Okla., are here this week visiting the formers father and brothers.
Large stock Red Seal ginghams, new fall patters received this week, at Harkriders.
H. M. Rainbolt left for Midland Monday on a businese trip from there he will go further west.
Combination ladies purse and card case. Something new and novel at Rust \& McCauley's Jewelry Store.
Elder W. D. Black of Thorp Springs was here the first of the week visiting his brother Jim Black, manager of the Cash

Plenty of waggons, buggies and farm implements to trade for horses, cattle and mules. Anchor Hardware Co.


Sentors of 1913
In the Senior Class of '13 Three maids and five boys are seen Jolly, fun loving, happy and fre
First in the line of wit
Comes a jolly young man-Burroughs;
His accomplice, Grimes His accomplice, Grimes by name,
Has plowed very many furrows. Next comes a man of study, With eyes that are deep in thought Simpson, the bashful senior
Two names that forever are coupled Two names you can never forget; O, who said they were cousins yet
Shaffer, the geometrician
With him in any line of
With him in any line of argument
Murtice, our little musician, The donkey can imitate, She can surely take the cake Of myself, I nothing can say That would be of interest to you, I merely bid you a merry good day - Isla McDonald.

Surprising Cure of StomachTrouble When you have trouble with your
stomach or chronic costipation, don't imagine that your case is beyond help
just because your doctor fails to give you relief. Mrs.G. Stengle, Plainfield,
N. J., writes, "For over a month past I have been troubled with my stomach.
Everything I ate upset it terribly. One of Chamberlain's advertising booklets came to me. After reading a had been
the letters from people who cured by Chamberlain's Tablets, I decided to try them. and can
I want.'

## Dead Letter List

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending July 26,1913 . McClain, R. F.
Turner, Mrs. Gertrude
Wade, Chas
If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Aug. 9, 1913. H. W. Derstine, P.M.

How Foolish
To suffer from skin diseases, itch eczema, ringworm, etc., when one 50 c
box of "Hunt's Cure" is positively guaranteed to cure or your money promptly refunded. Every retail drug gist in the state stands behind this guarantee. Ask your druggist and see he guarantee with each box. You on't risk anything in giving it a trial
Cured of Enthusiasm.
A.-"You don't seem to have any A.-"You don't seem to have any
life in you. Is there nothing or no
body over which you can enthuse? life in you. Is there nothing or no
body over which you can enthuse?'
B.- "Nothing at all. I once becam? enthusiastic over somebody, and short time afterwards she became m y
wife. That was a sad warning to m to avoid enthusiasm.

The Best Medicine in The World "My little girl had dysentery very bad. I thought she would die. Cham berlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoe remedy cured he
say that 1 think
in the worid, writes Mrs. William Or

How to Deserve a Monument The man who succeeds in perfect-
ing an invention that wifl keep wrinng an invention that wifl keep wrin-
sles away may be sure that the la-
fies will willingly subscribe to a fund or the purpose of providing him with isplendid monument.

Calomel is Bad
But Simmons' Liver Purifier is de lightfully pleasant and its action is
thorough. Constipation yields, bilious. ness goes. A trial convinces. [In Yel low Tin Boxes Only] Tried once use

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POSITIVE PROOF
Should Convince the Greatest
Skeptic in Merkel Skeptic in Merkel

Because it's the exidence of a Merkel citizen. Testimony easily investigated. The strongest endorsement of merit The best proof. Read it. H. W. Derstine, postmaster, Merkel,
Texas, says: "I still believe Doan's Texas, says: "I still believe Doan's
Kidney Pills are good for kidney trouble although I never have to use them any more. You are at liberty to use my statement as heretofore. Backache troubled me off and on for years and Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Rust \& McCauley's, relieved me. I believe they will cure any case of kidne
trouble if taken as directed." Mrouble if taken as directed. Mrerkel people who have gratefully many Merkel people who have gratefully en
dorsed Doan's Kidney Pills. If your back aches-if your kidneys bother you don't simply ask for a kidney remedyask distinctly for Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mr. Derstine had-the remedy backed by home testimony. 50 c all stores. Foster-Milburn Co., Props.,
Buffalo, N. Y. "When Your Back is Lame-Remember the Name."

Firm Stand.
"Have you decided dhat appoint.
nent you will ask for?", "No," replied
he applicant for appointment, "but
ook a firm stand and let the adminis
ration know that on its action de
ends my decision on the advisability
t granting more tanan a single presi-
lential term."--Washington sle
Twenty-Five Cents is the Price Of Peace.
The terrible itching and smarting, in-
cident to certain skin diseases, is alnost instantly allayed by applying
Chamberlain's Salve. Price, 25 cents,

## Mrs, Witzwell Stand for That.

Mrs. Fitzwell (socially inclined)-
My dear, I have picked out a hus-
and for you." Her Daughter-"Very xell; but I tell you emphatically that
xhen it comes to buying the wedding iress I'l? select the material myself."

Hunt's Cure rapidly destroys itch, ringworms, itching piles, eczema, tet-
ter and like troubles. Under its influringworms,
ter and like troubles. Under its influ-
ence the diseased cuticle scales of ence the diseased cuticle scales off
leaving a smooth white, healthy skin in leaving a smooth white, healthy skin in
its place. A wonderful remedy and
only 50 c a box.-adv.

## OUR WEEKLY SERMONETTE

By Rev. R. A. Clements
Christ at Gadara
"What have I to do with thee Jesus,
hou son of the most high God?" thou son
Mark v: 7.
The life of Jesus consisted mainly in a succession of conflicts and victories. In fact all life with which we are familiar is a contest of forces, one arrayed against another.
Jesus came to the earth as the champion of the right, the pure and the good. There was pure, nd the good. There was never word nor an act of his life out of harmony with them. Herod
begins to seek His life in his infancy; at the age of twelve years He crossed the swords with the doctors and lawyers in the temministry His baptism He engaged in most awful combat for forty day and nights with the arch fiend of hell. The Scribes and Pharisess,
ever on His trail, but to be re-
pulsed at every onslaught. His decisive battle was fought at Cal
vory and after three days he rose triumphant over all the evi
cues a lost world.
You will remember that at the time of this miracie Jesus was
fresir from His conflict with the winds and the ses, but He had
hardly stepped from the ship to the sands on the shore when He
was confronted with a more teri-
was confronted with a more teri-
ble enemy, a human being en slaved and enraged with the pox ers and cruelties of hell.
Gadara seems to be a place suitable for the Devils most ferocious exploits, a mixed race, different religions, and the people
engaged in swine raising which was contrary to law. Thus it is that where the shadows of sin fall thickest, direst haunts of The slum district of our own

maize heading machine
The above machine although very peculiarly constructed is said to be the most practical maize heading machine yet put on the market. It is the invention of W. A. Cozart, Jr., of Rotan, formerly of this place. Mr. Cozart is reported to be having good sucmaize stalks instrating the machine and the matter of high and low maize staks is of no bother to him at all as the machine is easily
adjusted by use of the levers shown at the top of the picture adjusted by use of the levers shown at the top of the picture
When the bed is filled with the clipped heads the bottom is re leased and the heads all drop out in one large pile, the bottom then leased and the heads all drop out in one large pile, the bottom then
closes automatically without the machine having to stop its work.

## The Best Buggy

On Earth
is what we claim ours is. We do not care what you pay you can not get a handsomer, easier riding, better built carriage. Take a look at it. The more you know the more you will admire our the more you will admire ours the moderation of our prices. CROWN HARDWARE CO.

Fort Worth or Dallas will furnish ample illustration of this fact. All misery is a consequence of sin but individual misery is not necessarily a measure of individual sin for we see that children were some times possessed with devils. What awful misery do we sometimes see among children even in this enlightened age and country, ohildren whose lives are a living hell brought on them by godless and sinful parents. This esse shows Satans hatred of the human family and the woes he would bring upon it if he was permitted.
Among the few terrible glimpses we have of the mental state of emons, one is more significant than the rest. "When the unolean spirit is gone out of a man he walketh through dry places seeking rest and finding none"; in the arid and desolate regions e finds a congenial atmosphere for his own desolation and thus with this man when the Devil had mastered him he drove to the foul and dreary regions of the tombs. Like the worms that feed on the dead bodies in the tombs oul devils, vile men and women seek places of moral decay and death for a place of congeniality. You will find them lounging gambling houge or other places of vice and prostitution. When dectective goes in search of a
criminal he goes to places of this character to find him, for this is to him a congenial atmosphere, and the physical surrounding corresponds with his inward state.
Oh, how dreadful is sin and sa tanic influence; there was a time when thi Gadarene could be re strained but now no fetters or ohains could bind him. Wandering among the shadows of the silent tombs he makes the night hideous with his howls and ocreams, cutting himself with stones mangled with his own blood upon his nude body he makes it dangerous to pass that way, as if the
What strange impulse drove him to the feet of Jesus, what a strange conflict of tendencies? There was something still human which was attracted by the divine presense of Jesus, at the same time denying that he had any thing to do with Jesus. This same conflict of tendencies is to befound in every impenetent heart and mind, something about Christ and the Christian life that appeals to him, and at the same
time not willing to give up the little satisfaction there is in the gratification of ones sinful lusts. Another remarkable incident in this circumstance is that this insane man should recognize and
confess Jesus the son of the moat high God long before Peter was commended for the same confes. sion from heaven. No one knows that Jesus is the Christ better han the Devil and his angels. He drove the Devil from the courts of heaven, He defeated him in the wilderness, He came to earth to destroy his works. People whose religion consists in ession doxy and a loud prothat this demoniao did that well before he was delivered from his tormentor.
Jesus asks him his name. This is no idle question. His excitement needed to be calmed for lesus meant to cure bim. His reason was dethroned, he had lost his individuality and answered "We are Legion". His attention needed to be directed to himself. Would it not do many Just to be there and to look on men and women good to have be glory for me.

Man Killed at Baird.
At 12:45 Monday afternoon while engaged in a fist fight J. N. Gofort of Baird was killod. Heny Mathews and Gofort met on the street in front of Streets Livery Barn of the above town when hot words were passed between the men, one calling the other a scab. Mathews struck Gofort our or five licks and it is alleged broke his neok and bursted an artery in the dead man's neok. Mathews is a fireman on the west end, while Gofort had been running the hoister at the coal chute. Both men have lived in Baird for some time.
Gofort's body was removed to his home and Mathews surrendered to the officers. At this hour it is not known when Gofort's funeral will ocour or what hour uneral will oocur or what hour will be held.-Abilene Reporter.

## Mexicans Get in Trouble

Friday afternoon Sheriff weir received a message from the conductor of west bound T. \& P. passenger train number three, to meet the train at Abilene and take off five unruly Mexicans who had been drinking whiskey and were raising a disturbance on the train. The five Mexicans who had gotten on the train at Gladwater and had tickets in their possession for EL Paso were takén off and placed in jail. Saturday afternoon in Justice Willis' court the five Mexicans entered a plea of guilty to drunkenness and were each fined. The fine and cost amounted to $\$ 10.70$ each, the case against one of the Mexicans having been dismised. After throwing what dismissed. After hrowing what money they had together and paying their fine they had enough left to buy a meal and left on the Texas and Pacific number three for El Paso, Saturday afternoon, with $\$ 42.80$
less.-Abilene Reporter.

## Operation for Appendicitis.

S. E. Adcock of Blair was carried to Abilene on the noon train Wednesday an immediately on arrival at the sanitarium there he was operated on for appendicitus. The report following the operation was that it was succesful but as to how Mr. Adcock's chances bre for recovery the attendants were not able to say. His condition being very serious before the operation.
their attention called to themselves that they might see just how far their individuality had been overlayed with a legion of impulses, appetites passions and conventionalities which leaves them nothing personal, nothing essentially characteristic worthy of a name? As Jesus cast out the legion of devils from this poor man, He stands ready' to east our sins from us as the east is from the west and remember them against us no more forever, if we too will only come confessing Him and do Him the homage that is so justly due His holy home. "What have I to do with Thee Jesus" is a question confronting men and devils. We have Him on our hands and must deal with Him whether we be men or devils. Will our meeting with Him be with rigors of fear and excite-



