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W. O. W. GIVE SUPPER

Results from Contest of Attendance During The Month.

OVER 400 PEOPLE PRESENT

Musical Selections Added to the joy of the Evening. Ends With Free Show At the Airdome.

Friday night was the scene of one of the largest gatherings ever held at this place under the auspices of local lodge of Wood.

For some time prior to the banquet the Woodmen of the Merkel lodge had been divided into two companies. Chosen at the beginning by Mesers Ben Merritt and Freeman, Rogers, each leader 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 families.

The side championed by Mr. gers were loosers and at once aunched into getting their work into shape.

The lodge hall 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 cream. Many were present who did not partake of the supper but contended themselves with meeting with their friends and enjoying the evening in conversation. As a culmination of the event Mr. Groene of the Airdome tendered the visitors with a free show thereby making the evening all the more enjoyable Woodmen and their for the gueste.

View Store Burglarized.

Sometime Sunday night the mercantile establishment of the View Mercantile Company, View, was broken into, and all the money in the cash drawer, which amounted to not over \$5, was taken; also an assortment of various 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's Department that this robbery was committed by the same gang 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 success to them in their new ducting a class at the north side 11 o'clock and on Sunday night. home.

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MAIL-ORDER HOUSES ADVERTISE-Of all retail merchandising firms the mail-order house is the biggest spender of money for advertising. It is not rivaled 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 uses 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 will 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.

The new brick building to be occupied by the Anchor Hardware Company is nearing combe comfortable installed in their new home by the 15th, of next month.

The work of placing the metal ceiling 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 completed 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 and will be used as a wareroom.

Meeting Closes.

The meeting at the tabernacle under the direction of W. F. Ludlow closed Sunday night. During the ten days services there was good attendance and attention to the respective services. Though there were not many conversions the work was a great benefit from low being a great believer in in- into flame like a tinder box and in the art of sending message. and the christians life at home as instantly after the first alarm was well as the church work on the sounded. outside.

Singing School.

service for religious work is con- tian church Sunday morning at Christian church.



LOSt-Man's coat, dark scotch woolen with black stripes. Return to Owl

WANTED-Totrade new implements pletion and the owners hope to for horses, mules and cattle. Anchor Hardware Co.

> FOR SALE-Good second hand range stove cheap. T. L. Grimes.

> FOR SALE-Good set double buggy harness. T. L. Grimes.

cording to late estimates, and as the camp.-Exchange. many injured, a dozen of them mortally, in a fire which swept the four-story factory building of the Binghamton Clothing Company this afternoon. The victims were chiefly women and girls.

city hospital and in private insti-

To Preach Sunday.

well known instructor of song preach at the north side Chris- when the days work was over. The public is cordialy invited.

Threats to kill all the Americans in the Madera settlement, burn the Madera lumber mills which supply the El Paso Milling company with lumber and raze every American house in the camp, have been made to the the harboring of the American cowmen after they had killed two of the bandits of El Mocho Martinez's outlaw band.

the officials of the Madera company and friends of the Americans in Madera are afraid the bandits have already carried out Binghampton, N. Y., July 22. their threats. The brigands are -Fifty persons were killed, ac- preventing any one from leaving

To Learn Telegraphy.

John and William Winter left for Fort Worth the first of the week to take a course in telegraphy at the Draughons Business Early Tuesday night twent-two College. These two young men bodies had been recovered. In the have for some time been doing all they could at home to learn tutions are thirty injured. Some the work, having constructed a two score persons are known to private line between their respecthe uniting effect it had among have escaped, as if by a miracle, tive homes in the Shiloh country the church workers. Elder Lud- from the building, which burst and have grown quite proficient struction to the church worker became a roaring furnace almost They expect to complete their work in a short time and be able to receive messages as easily as they can now send them. Their work at home has been only at President Jesse P Sewel of the times when there was nothing to Professor M. D. Ussery, the Abilene Christian College will do on the farm or after supper

> Bring us your fat hen and friers. Kent Street Grocery Co. brother E. L. Ash and family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus awoke Thursday to find their home a mass of flames and the ceiling above their bed burning fiercely.

They only had time to rush 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 clothes 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 was started from matches carried into the ceiling by rate or mice. When first seen by outside parties the fire seemed to be confined 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 responded and carried all their apparatus to the nearest fire plug but on finding the exact location of the fire they did not reel off 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 insurance on the place but was not positive of the amount, though he knew it would not cover the lose,

More Merkel Grapes.

We are again in receipt of a 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 seedless variets and have an excellent Pearson company as the result of flavor, the bunch is 11 inches inlength and contains over 250 grapes. The grower Mrs. J. E. Costephens said that she was surprised at the immense production Telegraph wires are down and the vines were yielding, as they are only two years old at the

Receives Message.

A message was received here Thursday morning by T. E. Colline from relatives at Bagwell. Texas telling him of the death of Collins Jones the four year old son of his sister Mrs. V. D. Jones. The child had been in very serious condition for some time and while its death was momentarily expected, the news of it was received here with great regret.

The Mail extends the deepest sympathies to the bereaved parents 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 Fannie Coombs of Lexington. Mo. in Fort Worth where they were married, leaving for their home at Snyder immediately.

Oscar Ash is here visiting his

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

A mighty nice line of stationery at Grimes.

Mrs. Henry West was in Abilene Saturday and Sunday visiting 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 Rust & McCauley vacation. 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 of Weatherford who has been here 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 Saturday attending the county meet of elected delegates to the Farmers Congress at College Station next

Drop in and drink at the center of town. Grimes is the place.

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SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

William Winter of Trent was in town Monday and reports things sage from his daughter Mrs. V. out his way getting along nicely. D. Jones of Bagwell last Thurs-His cotton most of which is early day stating that her son Collins is 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 Baghas been cut somewhat short by well. the excessive hot days during the past two weeks but even at that of his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hunt re- day. 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 willl trade you farm implements for them. Anchor Hardware Co.

Mrs. W. R. Woodrum and daughters Ada and Sadie are at 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 fresh supply at Grimes.

The birth of a 10 pound girl is reported to Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson of Nubia on last Wed- Company.

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R. H. Collins reveived a mes-

Miss Fitzgerald of Haskell who has been here visiting the family he will make a yield of that part of W. M. Davis of the Stith coun- Abilene Wednesday after try returned to her home Mon- visit with Mrs. R. E. Bowles.

mules and cattle and we will wear. W. L. Harkrider. trade you farm implements for them. Anchor Hardware Co.

Mrs. C. V. Roughton of Temple E. Bowles. returned to her home Saturday night after a visit with her parents Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cy-

Mrs. C. D. Cowsert who has 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 Midland to visit her aunt Mrs. George Easterwood.

Let Wheatley fill your presriptions at Rust & McCauley's Drug

S. H. Woodard of Roscoe returned to his home Sunday after a short visit with his brother J. A. Woodard of Route 1.

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

Make your old buggy look new with Grimes' paint.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hall of Blair passed through here Saturday on their way to Abilene to visit friends.

Mrs. W. R. Walker was in Abilene Sunday the guest of friends during the day.

Bring your laundry to Martins LEFT Barber Shop.

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 Mrs. E.

Your picnic party is not complete without a kodak. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Miss Louise Warren is in Waco visiting her sister Miss Winnie Warren.

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Bickley 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 th road to Rust & McCauley's elry Store. They'l be here

Mre. Mittie Hill retur

We are offering substancial re-Bring in your spare horses, ductions on all summer foot

> Miss Ella Phelps of Abilene is here this week visiting Mrs. R.

> 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 children Roy and Milton Hoyt are here visiting Mr. and Mre. J. J. Stallings.

> 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 business 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 Grocery.

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



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

It was a merry crowd that started on July 2 for a 2-weeks' vacation on the Concho. The crowd consisted of 7 boys. Everything was fun until the second day, when it became necessary for one of them to make bread-oh those biscuits. The boys enjoyed seeing the river on an 18 foot rise. They reached the river the third day. Here, where the fish play in riotous confusion, was to be spent their vacation. The days fairly flew. On Saturday one of the boys had to go to Paint Rock and while there was bantered for a ball game. That evening the "Fishermen Ball Team" proceeded to the city and piled up a score of 12 to 3 on the P. R. lads. Our happiness received a slight blow when one of the number was bitten by a spider and had to return home on the train. Then we were invited to the Banquet of the Crooks. Think of us in our river garb at such a banquet. But there is an end and the morning soon came when we must start home. On the homeward trip the pleasure did not cease and long will be remembered those pillow fights, hand-to-hand scuffles and nights in camp awake. The party consisted of Ira add Ollie Shaffer, John and Noel Moore, Simpson and Charlie Christopher and Dennis Mc-Donald.

Wednesday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harris and Mrs. J. M. Pate chaperoned a crowd to the dam on Warren Lake. 'Twas a beautiful moonlight evening, everything was grand, the supper included. Punch was served at regular intervals. A bunch of the picnicers enjoyed swimming and wading in the lake. Those in the crowd were Misses Lizzie May Freeman, May Derstine, Ezma Allday, Virginia and Venona Hamblet, Ruth Merritt, Bessie Touchstone, Minnie and Almeda Harris, Jewel Pate, Willie Hill, Mattie Hazelwood and Miss Hodge; Messrs. Jesse Fergusson, F. A. Sanders, Ben Merritt, Steve Duckett, Adam Sibley, Oscar, Ely and Milton Pate, Olly Cordell and Britton Jobe.

Miss Dorothy Lee Potter entertained stipation. - adv. with 42 and rook Wednesday evening of last week in honor of Miss Ruby Black. Beautiful ladyheads graced the score cards. Punch was served. Miss Black made high score, Music and outdoor games were enjoyed. Those present were Miss Zora West, Hattie Bell, Genevieve Rust, Gene Rister, Mabel McFall, Eva Calvert, Tommie Coggin, Elma Sheppard, the honoree and hostess; Messrs. Luther Grimes, Freeman Rogers, Raymond Touchstone, James West, Frank Ferrier, Jack Walker, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Emmet Boring, John West and Bill Sheppard.

Wednesday afternoon Miss Gladys Walters honored Miss Rebecca Sewell with progressive 42. The house was lovely with its arrangement of cut flowers. At the conclusion refreshments were served to Misses Rebecca Sewell, Gene Rister, Genevieve Rust, Carroll Rister, Eva Walters, Tommie Coggin and the hostess.

A daintily arranged social affair was given Thursday evening by Miss Eva Walters in honor of her guest Miss Rebecca Sewell of Pilot Point. Progressive 42 was played at three tables, the players being Misses Ruth Merritt, Carroll Rister, Eugene Rister, Gladys Walters, Rebecca Sewell and the hostess; Messrs. Robt. Hicks, Ben Merritt, pands beautifully framed and hung in Choc Jones, Oscar, Pate, James West our sitting-room." and Jake Walters. Sherbet and cake were served.

Mrs. T. H. Christopher served a noonday dinner perfect in all its appointments, Saturday at her home in south Merkel. Her guests were Rev. C. A. Bickley and family of Fort Worth, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Clements, Mrs. J. F. Bickley and family, Mrs. C. D. Simpson and Miss Virgie May Williamson of Ft. McCavitt.

Messrs. Oran Edwards, Choc Jones, Oscar Pate and Misses Ruby Jones, Cora Hodge and Bessie Touchstone were guests of Ben T. Merritt and his sister Ruth on Tuesday evening. Croquet and other games were enjoyed until a late hour.

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Promptly at 7 o'clock Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Potter, assisted by their daughter Miss Dorothy Lee. tendered Messrs. J. E. Faucett, Lester Ellis and Homer Easterwood with an elaborately appointed dinner. The order of the occasion was a farewell to Mr. Faucett who leaves Merkel soon. The other two guests equally enjoyed the intentions of the occasion, though the host and hostess were slow to believe that all their guests were members of the same clan and were eligible to receive consideration as honorary members to the farewell occasion. The evening ended with a party to the Airdome. Effective Aug. 1, 1913.

League Programme.

Subject-Forty years in Japan. Leader, Georgia Moore. Song.

Reading hymn 644. Prayer for Japan.

Plea to Christian America-Josie

Hear, O America, from the beautiful sland empire of Japan-Sallie Toombs.

Scripture losson, Acts xi: 12-18.

Leader's comment. Our answer to poor Japan's call-H. . Burroughs.

Special music-Fannie Burroughs. Prayer.

Mission study course-John Moore. Special prayer.

Announcements. Benediction.

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Help for Those Who Have Stomach Trouble."

After doctoring for about twelve years for a bad stomach trouble, and spending nearly five hundred dollars for medicine and doctors' fees, I purchased my wife one box of Chamberlain's Tablets, which did her so much good that she continued to use them and they have done her more good than all of the medicine I bought before. - Samuel Boyer, Folsom, Iowa. This medicine is for sale by all dealers. -adv.

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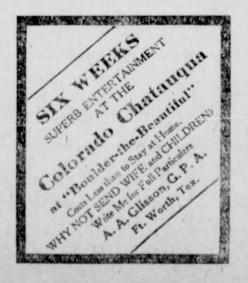
"'I love you, Estelle,' he continued 'star of my soul. I loved you through opera-glasses at the opera . . . and shall love no one else." "-"Women Have Loved," by Henry Drane.

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The Mail is the Paper the People Read

Church Directory

METHODIST CHURCH-Preaching each Sunday at 1I a. m. and 7.45 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; Junior League at 3 p. m.; Senior League at 6:45 p. m.; Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:45; Womens Missionary Society each Monday at 4 p. m. R. A. Clements, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-Sunday school at 9:45, E. P. McMillen, superintendent. Excepting the first Sunday in each month there will be preaching morning and evening at the usual hours. On the first Sunday evening in each month there will be song service. Prayermeeting each Wednesday evening with International Sunday school lesson as a subject. The public cordially invited. Geo. Hamilton, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST-Preaching each 4th Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school each Sunday at 10 o'clock. Regular church services at 3 p.m. each Sunday. W. G. Cypert.

BAPTIST CHURCH .- Preaching each Sunday 11 A. M. and 8.15 P.M. Sunday school 9.45 A. M. Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening Rev. W. M. Gaddy, pastor.

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AUGUST IS THE BIG MONTH AT THE WELLS

Seniors of 1913.

In the Senior Class of '13 Three maids and five boys are seen; Jolly, fun loving, happy and free, A graduate each desired to be,

First in the line of wit Comes a jolly young man-Burroughs; 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, In time of trouble is sought.

Two names that forever are coupled-Two names you can never forget; Johnson and Eiland, Johnson and Eiland, O, who said they were cousins yet.

Shaffer, the geometrician, Shaffer, the athlete; With him in any line of argument No one can compete.

Murtice, our little musician, The donkey can imitate, And also in smiling at Emmett 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 And leave you to find what is true. -Isla McDonald.

Surprising Cure of Stomach Trouble

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 of granting more than a single presi-I have been troubled with my stomach. | lential term."-Washington Star. Everything I ate upset it terribly. One of Chamberlain's advertising booklets came to me. After reading a few of the letters from people who had been cured by Chamberlain's Tablets, I decided to try them. I have taken nearly three-fourths of a package of them most instantly allayed by applying and can now eat almost everything that | Chamberlain's Salve. Price, 25 cents, I want." For sale by all dealers. - adv For sale by all dealers. - adv.

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, only 50c a box.-adv. eczema, ringworm, etc., when one 50c box of "Hunt's Cure" is positively guaranteed to cure or your money promptly refunded. Every retail druggist 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 life in you. Is there nothing or nobody over which you can enthuse?" B .- "Nothing at all. I once became enthusiastic over somebody, and a short time afterwards she became my wife. That was a sad warning to me to avoid enthusiasm."

The Best Medicine in The World

"My little girl had dysentery very bad. I thought she would die. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy cured her, and I can truthfully say that I think it is the best medicine in the world," writes Mrs. William Orvis, Clare, Mich. For sale by all dealers.

How to Deserve a Monument. The man who succeeds in perfectng an invention that will keep wrintles away may be sure that the ladies will willingly subscribe to a fund 'or the purpose of providing him with splendid monument.

Calomel is Bad

But Simmons' Liver Purifier is delightfully pleasant and its action is thorough. Constipation yields, biliousness goes. A trial convinces. [In Yellow Tin Boxes Only] Tried once used always. -adv.

Didn't Do Her Much Good. Mrs. Chancel-"Oh, Henry, I wish you had been to church this morning. Dr. Dives preached one of the loveliest sermons on 'Love your neighbor,' and the way his remarks made that spiteful, hateful Mrs. Gabbers squirm was something that would have done your heart good."

Cores Old Sores, Other Remedles Won't Cure The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

POSITIVE PROOF

the Greatest Should Convince Skeptic in Merkel

Because it's the exidence of a Merkel citizen. Testimony easily investigated. thou son of the most high God?" The strongest endorsement of merit. Mark v: 7. The best proof. Read it.

H. W. Derstine, postmaster, Merkel, Texas, says: "I still believe Doan's Kidney Pills are good for kidney trouble although I never have to use them any 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 kidney trouble if taken as directed."

Mr. Derstine is only one of many Merkel people who have gratefully endorsed 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. 50c all stores. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. "When Your Back is Lame-Remember the Name."-adv

Firm Stand.

"Have you decided what appoint nent you will ask for?" "No," replied the applicant for appointment, "but I .ook a firm stand and let the adminisration know that on its action depends my decision on the advisability

Twenty-Five Cents is the Price Of Peace.

The terrible itching and smarting, incident to certain skin diseases, is al-

Won't Stand for That.

Mrs. Fitzwell (socially inclined)-My dear, I have picked out a huspand for you." Her Daughter-"Very well; but I tell you emphatically that when it comes to buying the wedding iress I'll select the material myself."

Hunt's Cure rapidly destroys itch, ringworms, itching piles, eczema, tetter and like troubles. Under its influence the diseased cuticle scales off leaving a smooth white, healthy skin in its place. A wonderful remedy and

OUR WEEKLY SERMONETTE

By Rev. R. A. Clements

Christ at Gadara.

"What have I to do with thee Jesus,

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 more. You are at liberty to use my of forces, one arrayed against another.

> Jesus came to the earth as the champion of the right, the pure, and the good. There was never a 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 temple. Then entering His public ministry immediately succeeding His baptism He engaged in a most awful combat for forty days and nights with the arch fiend of hell. The Scribes and Pharisees, the sleuth hounds of hell were ever on His trail, but to be repulsed at every onslaught. His decisive battle was fought at Calvory and after three days he rose triumphant over all the evil forces of earth and hell, and rescues a lost world.

You will remember that at the time of this miracle Jesus was fresh from His conflict with the winds and the sea, but He had hardly stepped from the ship to the sands on the shore when He was confronted with a more terible enemy, a human being enslaved and enraged with the powers 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 wretchedness is always found 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 success in demonstrating the machine and the matter of high and low maize stalks 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. When the bed is filled with the clipped heads the bottom is released 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 get a handsomer, easier riding, better built carriage. Take about buggies and their values, the more you will admire ours and the more you will appreciate the moderation of our prices.

CROWN HARDWARE CO.

Fort Worth or Dallas will furnish ample illustration of this fact. permitted.

Among the few terrible glimpses some time. we have of the mental state of he finds a congenial atmosphere for his own desolation and thus with this man when the Devil responds with his inward state.

screams, cutting himself with less .- Abilene Reporter. stones mangled with his own blood upon his nude body he makes it dangerous to pass that

of wild beasts. What strange impulse drove him to the feet of Jesus, what a strange conflict of tendencies? time denying that he had any same conflict of tendencies is to the operation. befound in every impenetent heart and mind, something about their attention called to themappeals to him, and at the same how far their individuality had

courts of heaven, He defeated is so justly due His holy home. tormentor.

men and women good to have be glory for me."

Man Killed at Baird.

At 12:45 Monday afternoon All misery is a consequence of while engaged in a fist fight J. N. sin but individual misery is not Gofort of Baird was killed. Hennecessarilya measure of individual ry Mathews and Gofort met on sin for we see that children were the street in front of Streets Livsome times possessed with devils. ery Barn of the above town when What awful misery do we some- hot words were passed between times see among children even in the men, one calling the other a this enlightened age and country, scab. Mathews struck Gofort children whose lives are a living four or five licks and it is alleged hell brought on them by godless broke his neck and bursted an and sinful parents. This case artery in the dead man's neck. shows Satans hatred of the hu- Mathews is a fireman on the west man family and the woes he end, while Gofort had been runwould bring upon it if he was ning the hoister at the coal chute. Both men have lived in Baird for

Gofort's body was removed to demons, one is more significant his home and Mathews surrenthan the rest. "When the un-dered to the officers. At this hour clean spirit is gone out of a man it is not known when Gofort's he walketh through dry places funeral will occur or what hour seeking rest and finding none"; the examining trial of Mathews in the arid and desolate regions will be held .- Abilene Reporter.

Mexicans Get in Trouble.

Friday afternoon Sheriff weir had mastered him he drove to the received a message from the confoul and dreary regions of the ductor of west bound T. & P. tombs. Like the worms that feed passenger train number three, to on the dead bodies in the tombs meet the train at Abilene and foul devils, vile men and women take off five unruly Mexicans seek places of moral decay and who had been drinking whiskey death for a place of congeniality. and were raising a disturbance You will find them lounging on the train. The five Mexicans around the liquor saloon, the who had gotten on the train at gambling house or other places Gladwater and had tickets in of vice and prostitution. When their possession for El Paso were a dectective goes in search of a taken off and placed in jail. Satcriminal he goes to places of this urday afternoon in Justice Willis' character to find him, for this is court the five Mexicans entered a to him a congenial atmosphere, plea of guilty to drunkenness and and the physical surrounding cor- were each fined. The fine and cost amounted to \$10.70 each, the Oh, how dreadful is sin and sa- case against one of the Mexicans tanic influence; there was a time having been dismissed. After when this Gadarene could be re- throwing what money they had strained but now no fetters or together and paying their fine chains could bind him. Wander- they had enough left to buy a ing among the shadows of the meal and left on the Texas and silent tombs he makes the night Pacific number three for El Paso, hideous with his howls and Saturday afternoon, with \$42.80

Operation for Appendicitis.

S. E. Adcock of Blair was carway, as if the tombs were a lair ried 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 opera-There was something still human tion was that it was successful but which was attracted by the divine as to how Mr. Adcock's chances presence of Jesus, at the same Bre for recovery the attendants were not able to say. His conthing to do with Jesus. This dition being very serious before

Christ and the Christian life that selves that they might see just time not willing to give up the been overlayed with a legion of little satisfaction there is in the impulses, appetites passions and gratification of ones sinful lusts. conventionalities which leaves Another remarkable incident them nothing personal, nothing in this circumstance is that this essentially characteristic worthy insane man should recognize and of a name? As Jesus cast out the confess Jesus the son of the most legion of devils from this poor high God long before Peter was man, He stands ready to east our commended for the same confes- sins from us as the east is from sion from heaven. No one knows the west and remember them that Jesus is the Christ better against us no more forever, if we than the Devil and his angels. too will only come confessing He drove the Devil from the Him and do Him the homage that

him in the wilderness, He came "What have I to do with Thee to earth to destroy his works. Jesus" is a question confronting People whose religion consists in men and devils. We have Him their ortho doxy and a loud pro- on our hands and must deal with fession only should remember Him whether we be men or devthat this demoniac did that well ils. Will our meeting with Him before he was delivered from his be with rigors of fear and excitement like this miserable demo-Jesus asks him his name. This niac, begging and pleading with not care what you pay you can is no idle question. His excite- Him not to torment us or will it ment needed to be calmed for be with shouts of victory and Jesus meant to cure him. His glad hallelujahe? And can we a look at it. The more you know reason was dethroned, he had say with C. H. Gabriel, "When lost his individuality and an- by the gift of His infinite grace. swered "We are Legion". His I am accorded in heaven a place, attention needed to be directed to Just to be there and to look on himself. Would it not do many His face, Will through the ages

2,500 yards extra good

yard-wide Brown Domestic...........5c

10c Bleached Domestic

yard wide......7%c

12%c Cambric Muslin

yard wide9c

10c Cheviot Shirting

81/3c Checked Apron Ginghams5c

Black Rock Sea Island Brown Muslin....85c

30c full width Pepper-

al Sheeting......25c

50c Roll Cotton Batting 40c

20c Oil Cloth 15c

Bossball Thread, 2 for....1c Safety Pins, 2 papers.....5c 7 spools best sewing thread 25c

The Big Sacrifice Clearance Sale

PARTEN DRY GOODS COMPANY'S CONTINUES ALL NEXT WEEK--TILL AUGUST 2

CHANCE YOUR LAST

Never were new, high-class Dry Goods sold so cheap before. This is your one last opportunity to supply your summer wants. Hundreds of dollars worth are being sold daily. Lasts only one more week. Closes Saturday night August 2

\$5.00 in Gold Free Saturday July the 26th

Coupons given from now until Saturday the 26th at 4:30 o'clock with 50c purchase or more. Only one to Customer

9 FT. BY 12 FT. BEAUTIFUL ART SQUARE FREE

Saturday at 4:30 o'clock. Coupons with every \$1.00 purchase

PARTEN DRY GOODS CO

The Cash Bargain House of Merkel

2 dozen good pearl buttons for.....5c 10c pearl buttons, per paper......5c

15 skiens embroidery thread.....25c

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Butman News.

July 21-Health in this community is greatly improved at this writing.

Cook who has been dangerously ill for some time is reported to be improving.

T M Clinton of Stanton is visiting relatives in the Canyon country and Prof. Preachard is conducting a

rolled. The school will continue for The Sunday schools at Live Oak are

singing school with forty pupils en-

progressing nicely.

Maize harvesting will be the opening song for the program of several of the farmers of this community this week.

Rev. E O Phillips is conducting a meeting at the Center Point Christian but a sure reliever of constipation and church this week. The crowds that and a perfect substitute for calomel, gather each night to hear him are as they can get it of the money drawer. of View are visiting Mrs Hefferman at large and enthusiastic.

Blair Items.

July 21-Interest is growing in the meeting being conducted by Rev Henry

The childrens day program was rendered Sunday to a large and appreciating audience.

The Blair gin is being repaired.

S E Adcock is reported sick. Rex McLean who has been very sick with fever is improving.

Mrs G W Gowens has been very sick but is improving.

Mrs Maggie Johnson is visiting her sisters the Misses Dean.

Leslie Powell of Oklahoma is a visitor at the home of his uncle S E Ad- aunt Mrs Demere. cock.

cousins F D and Pat Addison. Blair is on the build. A new school

this place. Prof Clark of Merkel and Miss Jessie apply at once the wonderful old reliable DR.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Every Article of Merit that is Sold ing the week with Mae Wilson. These Days is Guaranteed—No Guarantee Often Means Poor Quality.

> There is very little excuse for any person to claim that he has been 'stung' on a purchase. Fifty years ago the buyer had to look out, but to- ing the meeting. day it is unusual to find a merchant who will not return the money for any article that has proved unsatisfactory. An excellent example of this kind of Bumpeery. fair dealing is shown by the clean-cut guarantee that Rust & McCauley gives

on Dodson's Liver Tone. These people tell us that any person this section. who pays 50c. for a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone and does not find it a gentle and most pleasant liver tonic, harmless can get his money back just as quick

Dodson's Liver Tone has practically this place. taken the place of calomel. It is absolutsly harmless, sure in its action and causes no restriction of habit or diet. No wonder the drug people are glad to guarantee it, while other remedies that imiitate the claims of Dodson's Liver Tone are not guaranteed at all. -adv

Compere Items.

July 21-Rev. Tucker the Presbyterian preacher and Rev. Lynn have closed a week's meeting at this place with good success.

W N Moore made a business trip to Merkel today.

Will Sherrell is very sick with slow Henry Foster who has been very

sick for some time is no better. Miss Ruth Moore and brother Billie have returned from a visit with their

The Baptist meeting will begin at Will Addison has been visiting his this place Saturday to continue for a

week or ten days. Most of the farmers are heading new uses which science and American building is soon to be constructed at maize.

To Prevent Blood Poisoning

Williams of Abilene have been employ- PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL, a sured to teach here during the next term. gical dressing that relieves pain and heals at ie's. the same time. Not a liniment. 25c. 50c. \$1.00.

Inkum Items.

July 21-Health is good.

The home occupied by Will Atkins burned Monday during a high wind. Mr and Mrs Atkins lost most of their clothing and household goods.

Miss Willie Coats of Merkel is spend-

Mr and Mrs Petree of Abilene are visiting in this community.

Road Overseer McWilliams has had his forces out the past week working the roads.

The Misses Dickerson of Abilene are

visiting at Aaron Sandell's aud attend-Mrs R D Fullerton and children are

spending the week with friends at Gus Randolph and family of McCau-

ley spent the week with relatives in Harry Riney and wife of the Canyon

country were the guests of N C Bush and wife Saturday. The Misses Hardin and Mrs Leonard

Mrs G W Wilson and daughter Mae were trading in Merkel Wednesday.

John Scroggins of Hylton made a trip to this section Wednesday. Mr and Mrs Wileman of Hawley

spent part of the week with T E Rey-

nolds and family. Elias Pruitt and wife who have been visiting here returned to their home in Haskell Wednesday. Miss Bertha Reynolds accompanied them home for a

short visit. S K White visited a brother in Limestone county whom he had not seen in many years.

Mr and Mrs T J Burleson returned home Friday from a trip to Plainview.

Wonderful Uses of Corn.

But the most remarkable thing about corn is the new products that have been derived from it, the many genius have created for it. Corn now enters into 150 different products, the nost familiar being syrup, sugar, preakfast foods, shortening, salad oils, lessert materials and candies .- Les12½c quality Mattress Ticking......10c

STAPLES

Extra quality Clover-

dale Mattress Ticking......81/30

18c quality Norristown Feather Ticking 15c

An Exceptional Ribbon Bargain

Hundreds of pieces of ribbon in all widths, colors and shades, will be offered in this sale at tremendous price reductions.

15d, 20e and 25c silk and satin ribbon thrown on the table at the small price of per yard......10c

81/3 c dress percales, all colors5c

81/3 c dress ginghams 5c

81/3 c 10c, 15c and 20c Laces, all thrown on one table at5c The first to visit this table will get the best.

10c Embroideried and Bands 5c

And hundreds of other articles too numerous to mention of equal value

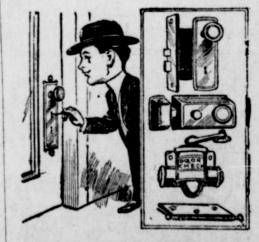
You Need a Tonic

There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take-Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you. You can't make a mistake in taking



Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth. for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything."

Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers. Has Helped Thousands.



What Joy.

self act.

ALL SORTS of LOCKS

here, of course, but we specialize in the better and handsomer kinds. In the same kinds of builders' hardware generally too. If you are going to build or improve you'll do well to see how at little extra expense you can make your building very much handsomer.

CROWN HARDWARE CO.

Humorists Always Geniuses. Men of humor are always in some

Legitimate actors may sneer, but the actor who acts to the "movies" has degree men of genius; wits are truly one privilege worth more than gold so, although a man of genius may, or precious stone-he can see hin amongst other gifts, possess wit, as Shakespeare.-Coleridge.