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SEEING THE WEST BY MRS. BROWNING

Mrs. W. P. Browning together with other friends left Merkel June 30, for El Paso, going from there to various parts of the western United States. In speaking of her trip the Merkel lady gives quite an interesting narrative.

Friends met us in El Paso with autos and asked us to go to Juarez and see the sights, I said no, as my husband had told me they were expecting to have a big fight there at any moment and I might get killed but with much persuasion I was induced to see the sights of another land. The Mexicans were a lazy and sleepy lot sitting around, and the town was not as enterprising as old Merkel during any day of the week. On leaving El Paso and going through the desert our ride was fearful and to make bad matters worse I lost my purse together with all my money except \$1.00. My traveling companion also had \$1.00 so I proceeded to make things hot on that pulman for awhile asking every person I saw if they had found a purse. On leaving my berth that morning I had failed to put on my Masonic pin so I did so at once and it was but a few moments until it seemed to me that every man in the car was a Mason as there were a number of men who asked me if I had money enough to go through and I told them I did. I went to Los Angeles with a heavy heart knowing what a scolding I would get on returning home for being so careless. I then visited a sister in Ventura where I obtained enough money to finish my trip as she was glad to lend me the money to get rid of me but never-the-less I spent two weeks of fishing and bathing with her in the grand old ocean. While there one of the battleship landed a bunch of soldiers who proceeded to get drunk as quickly as possible. On the fourth of July they all sobered up and marched in the parade and it was certainly the finest celebration of the Fourth I ever saw.

From Ventura I went to San Francisco, saw the cliff house, the union ferry, exposition building, the golden gate park and U. S. naval prison and Alameda Baths, but my heart beat fast when I got on the large boat to go to Oakland. On leaving Oakland I went to Salt Lake City and on arriving there took a sightseeing auto, visited the Brigham Young monument on Main Street, then to Amelia Palace the home of Brigham Young's favorite wife, then to his tomb where he and his first wife and two children are buried. This place which covers about half an acre is never to be used as a burial ground for others than the ones who are already interred there. I then visited the Mormon Temple a building that cost four million dollars and was over 40 years being constructed, also the tabernacle that has a seating capacity of 10,000 and the pipe organ said to be the finest one in the world, it contains 5,500 pipes

COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

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Modern times have ushered in a new species of panic known as "money panic" which usually develops during periods when the country is producing good crops of all kinds. These money panics have the same depressing effects on values as the panics caused by crop failures and shortage. The people can to a large extent control conditions which bring about "money panics."

If wealth produced by the people of any community is kept at home a money shortage is almost an impossibility. This wealth kept at home stimulates community values and benefits every local producer.

If the community wealth is not sent or carried to foreign markets having no interest in or paying taxes to the section from which it came, but is spent at home in so far as possible, conditions will be greatly benefited during money panics.

If you live in a community where co-operation is practiced you spend a certain amount of money with your dry goods merchant. He in turn patronizes the grocer, the druggist, the hardware dealer and the furniture man. His employees are paid by him and they in turn spend their wages with home dealer, etc. His employees are paid by him and they in turn spend their wages with home dealers. In other words any money you spend in a local store reaches nearly every legitimate line of business in the community even to the professions such as doctors, dentists, lawyers and others.

In such communities your local merchants purchase your various products or should do so, and in this way you get back from the merchant the money you have spent with him.

Community buying simply means the trading of money from one interest to another, thereby keeping a large percent of the wealth at home and in that way prevent depression during money shortages. Remember that during money panics every dollar has a buying value well above par.

Now suppose you send your money away from your community— what per cent of your foreign expenditures comes back to apply to the many needs of your home community, what per cent benefits the people where you live.

Weigh your purchase money carefully on the scales of your local market before sending it away.

given every day at noon that tourists may here the organ. We then went to the Assembly Hall constructed entirely of white granite, then to the Lion House formerly the home of Brigham Young's wives. As no Mormon had asked me to stay longer in the city I left for Pueblo, Colo., to rest awhile and from there I came home with my travels ended.

MERKEL PEOPLE TO COLLEGE STATION

Saturday night and Sunday saw from thirty to forty Merkel country representatives of the Merkel Farmers Association leave for College Station where they will take a weeks course in modern training of improved methods of farming.

It is reported that the delegates from Taylor county exceed those of any other county in the state which is represented at the Congress this year. There being over 400 Taylor county farmers who have received passes to attend this great meet. Among the representatives from this section of the country were several ladies, some of whom are interested in better farming while the others are interested in the raising of better poultry. The delegates will be at College Station a week.

Blair Woman Injured.

Mrs. William Clark of Blair was thrown out of her buggy Saturday night and as a result, received a broken collar bone. No particulars were received of the accident further than the horse she was driving became fright-

CLASSIFIED ADS

LOST—Man's coat, dark scotch woolen with black stripes. Return to Owl Restaurant.

WANTED—To trade new implements 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.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Two-cylinder Yale motorcycle, good as new. Mrs. E. M. Rust.

PIGS FOR SALE—Good Poland China pigs at \$3 each. J.H. Counts. 1tpd

FOR SALE—Two young mules, span of mares and 250 cord of wood.

WOODROOF GOES TO EASTERN MARKETS

W. D. Woodroof proprietor of the W. D. Woodroof & Co's. general dry goods store left Wednesday for the eastern markets.

Mr. Woodroof in talking of his trip said that he would be away until about the 20 of August and during his absence would visit St. Louis, Chicago, New York and Boston and would purchase the largest line of dry goods he has ever handled here. In the millinery department he expects to make a special showing and has employed a highly recommended milliner of Chicago to take charge of this line in his store.

In Dallas Mr. Woodroof will be met by his brother E. L. Wood-

Bragg of The Bragg Dry Goods Co. of Hillsboro, and together they will visit the eastern markets.

Miss Winnie Warren returned home Thursday of last week from Waco where she has been attending a summer school at Baylor. During her last week there her little sister Louise was with her returning home together.

THE PIANO CONTEST CLOSES SATURDAY

The piano contest at the West Texas Hdw. Co. closes with intense interest Saturday.

At the beginning of the race there were over 150 contesting young ladies throughout the Merkel country who aspired to get more votes and win the prize. Since that time their ranks have been gradually thinned out until there are now something over 30 who are still working to win. The Wednesday votes has been counted but there is still more time as all votes cast up until Friday night at closing time with the West Texas Hdw. Co. will be in the final count. This count will not be made known until the time for awarding the piano which will be in the afternoon and then to some young lady of Merkel or Merkel country there is going to be quite a prize in store.

J. T. Warren left Tuesday for El Paso, Ark., to visit Mrs. D. M. Doyle and return home with Mrs. Warren who has been there visiting her sister.

Bring us your fat hen and

THE COURT HOUSE BONDS ARE SOLD

Commissioners court of this county, with Judge E. M. Overshiner presiding, met in special session Saturday morning for the purpose of selling the Taylor county issue of \$150,000.00 court house bonds. The bonds were sold to A. B. Wood, agent at Dallas and brought par and accrued interest from April 3rd, 1913, the date of the bonds, up to the date the bonds are delivered.

Mr. Wood pays 97½ cents and the accrued interest and the difference of \$3,750.00 to make the bonds par, will be paid by the local banks. The commissioners court required a certified check for \$3,750.00 to make the deal binding.

As soon as the buyer's attorneys have passed on the bonds the money will be placed on deposit in the local banks and will remain in the banks during the construction of the building with the exception of the weekly estimate checks.

It will be at least 90 days before actual construction work will start. The attorneys for the bond buyers will have to pass on the bonds, the bonds will have to be printed and taken to Austin for approval and then delivered in Chicago. The plans for the building are not completed, bids for the contracts for construction will have to be advertised for and the contract let, all these things have to be done before work will and will require at least 90 days. Judge Overshiner stated Saturday afternoon that every member of the commissioners court was anxious for the work to commence and all would do what they could to start actual construction, but it will not be possible to start work on the new court house before November first.—Exchange.

Great Big Cucumber.

G. W. Brady who lives three miles west of Merkel was in the Mail office Saturday with a freak vegetable in the way of a giant cucumber. The creeping plant was of such elongated variety that it measured 51 inches from one end to the other, it was eight inches around the largest part and weighed three and one half pounds. This salad fruit is said to be fine pickles and when preserved as other cucumbers, is perhaps more delicious.

Two Flying Merckels.

During the last few days some of the Merkel Motorcycle men have, added to the patriotism of the town by purchasing machines that will carry out the town name. The machines are the property of Claud Sears and George Ferrier and are made by Merkel Motor Co. not of Merkel, Texas. The machines are making quite a record for durability and are known over the country as the Flying Merckels.

Elder J. M. Rice came in last week from Oklahoma to visit the family of G. M. Williams. Elder Rice had just closed a very successful meeting in for the Christian church in the sister state.



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It doesn't matter whether you are a farmer or not. YOUR HARVEST is the money you earn. Who gets the money you earn? The farmer saves some of his grain for seed. You should put some of yours in the bank for seed. Nothing will grow if you plant nothing. The money you have SPENT will not protect your old age—the money you plant in our bank will.

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MERKEL FIREMEN WANT BETTER RIG

Since the fire department of Abilene has purchased an auto fire engine they have a surplus of firefighting apparatus and it is rumored of a sale of their black team of horses to the Merkel department in the near future.

The horse that have done such good service for the Abilene department are to be sold and there is no town in the state that needs such addition to their fire fighting apparatus as does Merkel. The fire boys are strongly in favor of the increase if a moderate price can get the team and wagon from from Abilene and they are in line to make a strong fight for their wants. For the people in the resident portion of the town such an addition would give them double protection from fires. Long runs of the late has in many instances completely exhausted the fire-boys, the hose reels being entirely too heavy for speedy work when drawn by hand. It is their contention that if they are willing to do this hard and dangerous work for no pay the city should not stand back in granting them a reasonable amount of fighting apparatus.

Already there has been much talk among the boys that they were going to have to get a team if the city expected continued good work on their part and many have approached Mayor Potter on the subject and it is stated that he is in favor of such.

Every Merkel citizen should talk the matter up, and if there is any man who does not think the team of horses is needed it would be good for that person to try pulling with the boys when they make one of their long runs. Experience is the best teacher. So lets have the team.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

Misses Rowena and Eura Allen of Merkel are visiting relatives at Clyde.

Do You Want Results

THEN TRY A WANT AD IN THE MERKEL MAIL

Scourge Cure Revived.

After having been practically abandoned, the scheme of treating tuberculosis by compression of the lungs with nitrogen gas has been revived.

Overheard in Washington.

Wives of great men remind us of it pretty often—Woman's Home Companion.

Merkel Mail One Dollar Per Year A Good Investment.

W. D. Magli, a well-known merchant of Whitewater, Wis., bought a stock of Chamberlain's medicine so as to be able to supply them to his customers. After receiving them he was himself taken sick and says that one small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was worth more to him than the cost of his entire stock of these medicines. For sale by all dealers.—adv.

Don't You Owe Yourself Something.

For beautifully illustrated literature descriptive of the numerous splendid, home-like and not unreasonably expensive resorts throughout Wonderful Colorado and along the Pacific Coast, including the Great Colorado Chautauqua at "Boulder-the-Beautiful", address A. A. Glisson, General Passenger Agent, "The Denver Road"—Fort Worth, Texas. Little vacations in those directions are always worth more than they cost! (a16)

Closing Notice.

The leading business houses of Merkel will close at 6:30 each day except Saturdays until September 1st.—Adv.

Too Fond of Giving Advice.

He gave advice and never quit. He tossed it round both far and nigh and was annoyed when some of it flew back and hit him in the eye.

Causes of Stomach Troubles

Sedentary habits, lack of out of door exercise, insufficient mastication of food, constipation, a torpid liver, worry and anxiety, overeating, partaking of food and drink not suited to your age and occupation. Correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be well again. For sale by all dealers.—adv

The Way Today.

"You say you hope to become engaged to a suffragette?" "Well, I'm going to submit the question to a referendum consisting of her two sisters and her parents."—Washington Star.

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New T. & P. Trains.

According to an announcement given out in Fort Worth by Vice President, E. F. Kearney of the Texas & Pacific, Friday, the trains, of the road, formerly known as Nos. 1 and 2, will be reinstated. Train No. 1 formerly passed through here at 3:22 a. m. and No. 2. at 10:40 for the east, the first named train being west bound. The reinstatement of the trains will be made about September 1, according to Mr. Kearney. These trains were discontinued about six months ago.

The train formerly known as train No. 1, will leave Fort Worth, according to the present plans at 8:00 p. m. and a sleeper attached to the train will go direct through to San Angelo, being switched to the Orient tracks at Sweetwater, connecting at Abilene for the Wichita Valley territory and the Santa Fe for the Panhandle business. Train No. 2 will be put back at the same time. Mr. Kearney said:

"The restoration of the Sweetwater train I considered one of the most important of the pending schedule changes. It means much to Fort Worth and anything that helps one of the towns on our line helps us.

"I am trying to make my management mean as much for advancement and construction as I can. Whenever a train is added for which there is a need, something good is done, and as I learn the territory more thoroughly and become aware of the needs in various localities, a number of much needed trains probably will be added to the service."—Abilene Reporter.

Notice.

To the Voters of Taylor County: I wish to take this opportunity of stating that I am now out of the County Clerk's office.

As is well known, I have been connected with said office for eight years, most of the time as chief deputy. I am well acquainted with all of the affairs and details of same feel that I can make a competent official. At the proper time it is my purpose to announce as a candidate for the Office of County Clerk, and wish to assure all of my friends who have so kindly proffered me their support that I very much appreciate same, and will highly appreciate the support and influence of the entire citizenship of the county. 18th Miss Fannie Tippett.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Eat Pure Food Bakery bread.

C. L. Barker left Sunday for Fort Worth on a business trip.

Plenty of oats, shorts and chops at the Kent Street Grocery.

W. A. Hall of the Blair country was in Abilene Tuesday on business.

We give you three stamps and three post cards all for a nickel. Grimes Drug Store.

Rev. Sibley was in Abilene Tuesday looking after business matters.

Mrs. R. L. Proctor and children of Blackwell are visiting the former's sister Mrs. A. C. Rose this week.

Help those sick kidneys. DeWitts Kidney Pills gives instant relief. Ask us about. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. B. F. Teague of Brenham who has been here visiting her parents Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Gaddy returned to her home Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson of Gorman are here visiting the latter's sister Mrs. H. C. Burroughs.

Something doing all the time. We have a nice business but we need yours. Phone us your order today. The Cash Grocery. The place the people trade.

GEO. C. CHATWIN

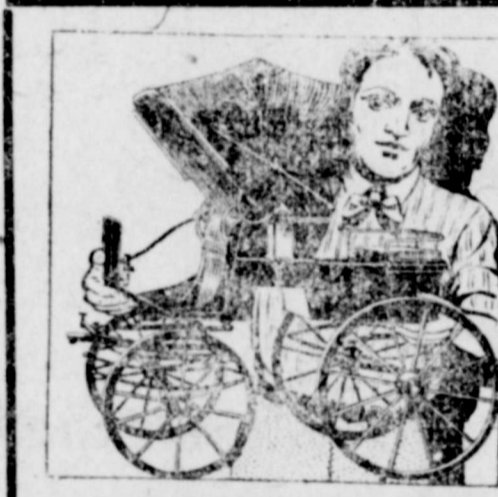
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Farmers To Meet In August.

President Lassiter of the Merkel Farmers Organization has called a meeting of the Merkel country farmers to be held the second Saturday in August.

The nature of the meeting will be a formal report from the delegates who are in College Station attending the Farmers Congress. This meeting promises to be an interesting one and Pres. Lassiter requests that the attendance be large as many matters of importance will be discussed.

Misses Lizzie Calvert, May Derstine and Lizzie Mae Freeman are in Galveston this week visiting the Cotton Carnival.

When we sell you anything we do so with the intention of making a satisfied customer. Give us your business this month and see the difference. The Cash Grocery? The place the people trade.

Mrs. W. T. Collins and sisters Misses Jennie and Maggie Bell Cathey and brother Alvin Cathey of Mertzon are here visiting their aunt Mrs. J. C. Calvert.

When you come to town thirsty, quench that thirst at Grimes Soda Fountain, the center of town.

Mrs. Fred Blair formerly of Baird who has been here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin left Monday for San Antonio where she joins her husband in their future home.

You are invited to our store to look over our stock, its clean and fresh. You will be treated courteous by all employees. Ask your neighbor, she trades with us. The Cash Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Rudmose who have been visiting the family of H. C. Burroughs left for their home at Fort Worth Sunday.

Miss Mabel Collins and little sister Christine returned Monday morning from Bagwell where they attended the burial of Collins, the 3 year old son of their sister Mrs. V. D. Jones.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. N. Routh of Abilene was in the city Sunday visiting friends.

Miss Flora Hendrick of Abilene visited Miss Eather Williams Sunday.

Mrs. Pottie Smith of Waco was here last week visiting her brother R. J. Adcock.

R. A. Ellis left Monday night for Pendleton to be gone during the next two months.

Misses Euphia Cypert and Fannie Pearl Moore were in Clyde last Thursday visiting friends.

G. C. Lowry who has been making his home here for some time left Monday for Oklahoma.

"As sick as a horse" that is, a sick horse. Give him Dr. Le Gears Stock Powder and Get it at Grimes Drug Store.

H. M. Rainbolt returned Monday from an extended business trip to the western part of the state.

Misses Lola and Wanda Jones returned to their home in Abilene Monday after a visit with Miss Madeline Adkisson.

Your chickens will be healthy if you feed them poultry powder. Absolute satisfaction always. Grimes Drug Store.

Mrs. Lulu Harrison of Fort Stockton who has been here visiting Mrs. Newton Harrison left Saturday for her home.

Miss Ethel Strickland of Crawford who has been here for some time visiting her uncle J. F. Merritt of Route 1, returned to her home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Edwards and Misses Mary and Jackie Jennings returned this week from an extended fishing trip and outing in the Pecos river country.

The Cash Grocery, the house always ready to look after your wants and give you complete satisfaction. Make your August bill with them.

R. A. Adcock of Oglesby returned to his home Tuesday after a short visit with his sons O. J. and Rufus Adcock of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Swafford of Yaokum came in last week to visit the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Swafford of Route 1. They were accompanied to Abilene Tuesday by Miss Virginia Swafford on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Ruth Harrison.

Mrs. G. M. Sharp and children are in Midland this week visiting relatives.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 H. C. Burroughs and Miss Evalyne Williams entertained the friends of Mrs. J. E. Young of Lampasas and Mrs. H. L. Rudmose of Fort Worth at the home of Miss Williams. 42 was enjoyed by some while others had the ever-ready fancy work. An ice course was served to Miss Duncan Browning, Mesdames V. M. Sutphen, J. M. Gilliam, J. W. Daniel, G. H. Adams, R. A. Martin, G. L. Miller, W. T. Potter, G. F. West, J. E. Young, H. L. Rudmose and the hostesses.

Mrs. J. E. Young entertained Saturday at the home of her mother Mrs. W. R. Bigam with a noontime dinner in honor of Mrs. H. L. Rudmose, Misses Evalyne Williams and Duncan Browning.

The W. M. S. of the M. E. church held a social meeting Monday afternoon Mrs. G. H. Adams being hostess. A very enjoyable time was reported. Cake and punch were served to about twenty members and visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Williams are entertaining a new daughter, who is also a member of the 20th Century Club. She made her arrival Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus, Misses Nell and Lucy Tracy and Maurine Angus were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Toombs at Nubia.

Cypert-Sandlin.

Mr. Oscar Cypert formerly of Denison and Miss Winnie Sandlin were quietly married Wednesday, the contracting parties driving to Anson where the nuptial knot was tied, returning here Wednesday evening. Miss Sandlin is the daughter of Mrs. N. E. Sandlin of this place and has a host of friends who are extending the warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Cypert for a long and happy life. Mr. Cypert was formerly a Merkel citizen and has many friends and relatives here.

League Programme.

Subject: The doctrine of sin. Leader Mrs. Allie Jenkins. Discussion of topic—Bertha Harris. Quartet—Will Ayers, Dennis McDonald, Simpson Christopher, John Moore. Sin as taskmaster—Annie Smith. Special prayer. Victims of Suggestion—Freemar Rogers. Fixing one's own reward—Mamie McNeess. What the league rally means to me—Rufus McNeess. Special comment. Epworth Visitor. Announcements. Benediction.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject for Aug. 3, at 6 p. m.; The Spiritual Hand. Leader, Ben Merritt. Scripture reading by leader. Sentence prayers, concluded by the president. Song, We'll Work 'till Jesus Comes. Of what is the hand emblematic?—Miss Irene Swann. Solo—Miss Eva Gaddy. The first finger, Life—Miss Winnie Warren. Piano solo—Miss Carroll Rister. Song, first verse of Take my Life—Robt. Hicks, the chorus by the union. The third finger, Voice—Miss Ruth Merritt. Luke 6, recited by Miss Lula Sharp. Second verse of Take my Life—The union joining in the chorus softly. The fourth finger, Service—Miss Wilmer Garrett. Song, Work for the night is coming. Introduction of new members. Closing prayer.

How Foolish

To suffer from skin diseases, itch, 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 the guarantee with each box. You don't risk anything in giving it a trial.

Uses of Corn. The most remarkable thing about corn is the new products that have been derived from it, the many new uses which science and American genius have created for it. Corn now enters into 150 different products, the most familiar being syrup sugar, breakfast foods, shortenings, salad oils and dessert.—Leslie's Weekly.

Surprising Cure of Stomach Trouble

When you have trouble with your stomach or chronic constipation, 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 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 and can now eat almost everything that I want." For sale by all dealers.—adv

Chinese Cooking Methods.

The Chinese use very primitive cooking apparatus. The little open air eating houses found everywhere along the streets of the native city and along the wharves have the simplest kind of a furnace supporting a kettle. Chinese cooking is either stewing or boiling, and this kettle answers all possible purposes. In the Chinese houses a very thin cast iron kettle is placed over the fire and everything which the family eats is cooked therein.

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.

How Fish Are Drowned.

Paradoxical as it may seem, fish have been drowned, just as human beings have been smothered by the great pressure of air. One experiment consisted in putting fish into salted water, which brought about death by suffocation. If a living and healthy fish be put into water recently boiled, from which have been driven all the gases ordinarily present in distilled water, the fish dies in the same way.—Harper's Weekly.

Twenty-Five Cents is the Price Of Peace.

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

Electric Resistance of Trees.

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Anyone who cannot afford a refrigerator will find this a good substitute: if you have a good cellar, procure a box, the larger the better; knock the bottom out, then dig a hole in the cellar just large enough for the box and set it in. About twice a week clean it out, strew borax around, and you will find everything nice and cool.—Women's Home Companion.

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Can a Danger "Happen?" Hudson Maxim considers the possibility of the earth blowing up, as did a small portion of its surface—Katakato—and thinks this danger is unlikely to happen.—London Spectator

Cynic. Many a girl would go through fire and water for a man, or even through his bank account.

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.

Patron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

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To Take Stains From Hands. To take stains from hands, use half cupful of coarse cornmeal and one cupful of strong vinegar. Wash and rub the hands well in this; rinse in warm water.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Aug 2, 1913.

- Burgess, Prof Rogers A.
- Calvin, Mrs. Lillie
- Erwin, Mrs. Jim 2
- Ferguson, Miss Etta

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Aug. 16, 1913.

H. W. Derstine, P.M.

Good Reason, Too.

"Miss Mary," inquired the clergy man, "have you seriously considered the great question of life?" "Well, you see, sir," Mary replied, blushing "none of the young men has asked me yet."

Gentleness.

Gentleness is far more successful in all its enterprises than violence—indeed, violence generally frustrates its own purpose, while gentleness scarcely ever fails.—Locke.

It Took Time.

"Your sister's a long time about making her appearance," suggested the caller. "Well," said the little brother, "she'd be a sight if she came down without making it."

Bonehead Plays.

The exchange that suggests adding another column to tabular baseball scores for the purpose of recording bonehead plays is justifiable, but unpractical. The papers are using all the space they can afford, already.

Explained.

"The critics gave my play a black eye." "Yes, I remember your telling me there was a punch in it."

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Good Bargains. Absolutely Ridiculous Low Prices. Only A LIMITED NUMBER LEFT

Bids for Treasury.

Up to noon August 30, 1913 will receive bids for the treasury of the school funds of this district. Rate of interest based on daily balances subject to call according to the State law governing Independent School Districts. By order of the board July 28, 1913. Bids to be filed with the secretary. Respt.

J. S. Swann, Pres.

There's A Big Difference.

In the quality and price of our hot water bottles and that last one you bought elsewhere. LET US PROVE IT. Phone, 43. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

'13 OUR GOOD READERS '14

The Old and The New '14

Our new and renewals for a portion of the ending month.

City—G. H. Adams, G. M. Sharp, T. H. Christopher, G. W. Johnson, W. N. Hall, R. L. Moore, J. P. Sharp, J. H. Witcher.

Routes—W. A. Harris, W. I. Burton.

Trent—Henry Peterson, M. M. Maybery, J. H. McMurray, J. B. Walton, John Childers, I. S. Simpson, C. S. Robinson, J. T. Williamson L. W. Pribble, M. G. Scott, W. H. Kirk, William Winter.

Others—C. C. Sharp, Stephenville; Guy Boyd, Chandler; Mrs. J. T. Middleton, Nabors; Mrs. Rufus Grisham, Hamlin; H. A. Clark, Houston; E. A. Burchett, Throckmartin; Mrs. O. L. Fowler, Seymour; C. H. Sherman, Whiteville; O. S. Mollroy, Abilene; B. D. Black, Austin; W. L. Johnson, El Paso; J. M. Booney, Fort Sam Houston; J. A. Bell, Dallas; J. E. Addison, Andrews; D. W. Williams, Paris; H. L. Rudmose, Fort Worth.

Paper Making in England.

Paper of an excellent quality is now being made in England from species of spinach of large proportions. The plant grows stems five feet high and supplies a fiber which, it is believed will prove an important factor in papermaking.

No Substitute.

Scientific formulae will never take the place of holding hands in the moonlight as a mode of mating, and the superlative idiocy of lovers will be always blessed.—Doctor Crane.

Says the Old Grouch.

It's the people who have no children who like to write poems about 'em.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Boyd are at home from a visit to the Cotton Carnival at Galveston.

Misses Ruby and Hester Goss of Abilene visited Misses Fannie Pearl and Mamie Moore this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellie left Saturday night Galveston, Temple and Troy to attend the Cotton Carnival and visit relatives.

R. H. Corneles of Midlothian has been engaged to sing at the Stith Baptist church Sunday. Everybody is cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bell of Dallas who have been here visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell returned to their home Monday morning.

Jack Provine and H. M. Warren are among the visitors in Galveston this week. During Agent Provine's absence O. J. Wilson of Pecos is in charge of the local express office.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Oualine and Mrs. Oualine's father J. A. Hamner arrived here Wednesday evening from Houston. Making the trip in Mr. Oualine's auto, from the Bayou city in three days. They will be here for some time visiting the families of J. A. Woodard of Route one and J. C. and W. E. Hamner of Trent.

Fire Chief Frank J. Ferrier and Assistant Chief J. C. Comegys were in Abilene Monday afternoon witnessing the demonstration of the new fire engine recently purchased by the Abilene fire department. Chief Ferrier is strongly in favor of such an addition to our equipment here but declares that in event of such improvement there will be no 4th Wednesday evening practice with the "Maroon Devil."

Receives Death Message.

Mrs. E. M. Rust received a message from relatives at Cottonwood Tuesday evening telling her that her father was at the point of death. Mrs. Rust together with her son Q. left that night for Cottonwood by the way of Putnam.

Beef of 1889 Still Fresh.

R. Whymper, writing in Knowledge mentioned that a piece of beefsteak which his uncle, the late Edward Whymper, the Alpinist, sealed up in a vacuum in 1889, is still in a remarkably good state of preservation.

Would Pay Big Dividends.

Every time you plan for an improvement on the farm plan for one in the home. You will be surprised how much more interest your wife and daughters take in farm life.

Enemies.

Knicker—"Jones says he is an impressionist." Bocker—"Then I am a suppressionist."

Worth a Strike.

It seems about time for social leaders to rise in their might and demand an eight-hour night.

Ouch!

"Do you believe that poets are born, not made?" "Sure. Who'd be so crazy as to make a poet?"

Makes Hard Work Easy!

DUSTING, cleaning and polishing hardwood floors is hard, back-breaking work. An almost never ending task and seldom satisfactory the old way. But it is easy, quick and satisfactory the new way—using the O-Cedar Polish Mop. With it you can spend a few minutes doing what it now takes you almost half a day. You simply pass the O-Cedar Polish Mop over the floor and every particle of dust and dirt is taken up and held. The floor is given a hard, durable, lasting polish and finish.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Inkum Items.

July 28—We had a good rain Friday night, which varied from three-fourths to two inches over the country.

Lem Dudley made a trip to Fort Worth last week.

Mrs. Bush of Altus, Okla., is visiting her son here.

Mrs. Bradford of Cedar Gap visited friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Perry made a visit to friends near Sweetwater Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Livingston and brother have returned to their home in Haskell.

Key Wilson of Guion visited home folks here Saturday and Sunday.

The Misses Hardin of View and Mrs. Leonard of Mount Pleasant attended the Methodist meeting at Elm Grove.

Fred Hardin of Guion was in this section Sunday.

A large crowd from here attended the meeting at Elm Creek at the picnic grounds Saturday and Sunday.

Madison Denton and wife of Nubia visited relatives here Sunday.

G. F. Atkins and family were trading in Merkel Wednesday.

Messrs. Atkins, Booth and Swindle went on a fishing excursion to Valley creek the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry were trading in Merkel Monday.

J. A. Wills made a business trip to Merkel Thursday.

Shiloh Items

July 24—Miss Vivian Hail is visiting her sister Mrs. Alexander in the shinary and Mrs. Maud Roundtree of Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Skidmore gave the young people an ice cream supper Saturday in honor of Mrs. Skidmore's brother Ernest Douglass of Kale. Quite a crowd of visitors attended from the Kale community.

Reese Hail spent Saturday and Sunday with his friend Wess Derstine near Merkel.

Bill Compton of Kale spent Saturday with his brother Jim Skidmore.

Clayton Hail of Trent and Roby Eiland of Stanton visited their uncle Mr. Hail.

Miss Pearl Faubian was the guest of the Misses Hail Sunday.

Harry Walker made a trip to Merkel Saturday.

Several of our people attended the Christian meeting at Trent.

Mrs. R. B. Bryan was a caller at Mrs. Jim Skidmore's Sunday.

Ernest Sellars went to Merkel to visit relatives.

Mrs. Nellie Sibley of Merkel has been visiting Mesdames Jim Skidmore and Joe Douglass.

Mrs. W. L. Boyd spent Saturday at Mrs. Sam Grayson's.

Mr. Bryan had six acres of sorghum cut this week which netted him 2500 big bundles.

Mrs. Pomroy called on Mrs. Joe Winters Sunday.

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AN EVENT OF IMPORTANCE

Every Record Broken

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Bargains are in Every Corner OF THE STORE

You will have lots of cause to regret it if you miss this Sale

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Trent Items.

July 28—A Methodist protracted meeting began here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Phillips returned home Sunday from a 2-weeks' visit at Enlow.

Misses Williamson and Hinkle of Arkansas and another lady of Wichita Falls are here visiting the families of J. T. Williams and C. T. Beckham.

Isaac Bright of Grant, Okla., is here visiting his brothers James and Jackson Bright.

G. G. Howard and wife of Hawley were here Thursday and Friday visiting the latter grandparents Mr. and Mrs. James Bright.

Mrs. James Blackman of the Robertson country came in this week to see her parents Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith of Oklahoma were here the past week visiting relatives.

People of this country are heading maize.

Frank Craddock visited his brother Will during the past week.

Uncle Billy Joanson and wife have returned from the western part of the state where they have been visiting their daughter.

There were some long faces here before the rain but the chronic growlers have gone to whis.

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The Old Joke About "Something Just as Good" Doesn't Apply to This Drug Store.

You have probably heard dozens of times the old story that a drug store was a place to "get something just as good." There is at least one druggist in the world that you can't say this about.

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But Dodson's Liver Tone is guaranteed to do all that is claimed for it and if you are not satisfied with it Rust & McCauley will hand your money back with a smile. Any person going to this store for a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will be sure of getting a large bottle of this genuine remedy in exchange for his half dollar.—adv.

Blair Items.

July 28—The Baptist meeting began at this place Monday night. Rev Williams will be assisted by Rev Ray of Ranger.

S E Adecock was operated on for appendicitis at Abilene last week and is getting along nicely.

Miss Adelia Campbell is spending a few days with her grandmother Mrs. Eliza Campbell.

James Doan is reported better.

Misses Altha Chambless and Mattie Campbell, Messrs Bert Chambless, W A Campbell and Clark are attending the Farmers Congress at College Station.

John Campbell and family were visiting in Blair Sunday.

Miss Addison of east Texas is here visiting her brothers Dee and Pat.

E Rains and J H Campbell spent Thursday in Abilene.

G W Jones was in Abilene Sunday visiting friends.

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.

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Salt Branch News.

July 27—Rev. McDonald of Stith preached at this place Sunday.

Claud Patton and family of Haskell county are visiting relatives and friends here.

JW Teaff and family attended church at Comper Sunday.

Several are attending the Farmers Congress at College Station.

Misses Gardie and Lula Higgins spent Saturday with Misses Oma and Ida Taylor.

Willie Wheat of Coleman is here visiting relatives.

Ellis Petty and family took dinner Sunday with W B Beavers and family.

W B Beavers spent a portion of last week on his farm near Shiloh.

The farmers are rejoicing over the rains.

Ralph Golightly and family took dinner Sunday with R D Allen's family.

Miss Alma Hays was the guest of Miss Ruth Allen Sunday.

Miss Mae Rainer was the guest of Miss Lyda Beavers Sunday.

W M Hays and family and W B Beavers and family spent a few hours pleasantly with W B Robertson and family Sunday afternoon.

Rev. McDonald and wife of Stith took dinner Sunday with W B Robertson and family.

Grover Ginn from east Texas came in Sunday to spend a few days with friends.

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. Hall'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.—adv.

New York City Crowded.

In the densest parts of Bombay there are 740 persons to the acre New York has 1,000 in the same area

As a Man Thinks.

Jennie—"He must have a soft spot in his heart for me." Wennie—"Why so?" Jennie—"He says he is always thinking of me." Wennie—"But, you know, a man doesn't think with his heart. The soft place must be in his head."—London Telegraph.

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.