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| WAS VEFY MaBRO | Miss Dorthy Collins and the

small baby of her sister escaped
a narrow chance at death or
serious injury Thursday morn-
ing when a run-a-way team
drawing a cotton wagon landed
in a heap at the corner of the G.
F. West Co. Hardware store
Witnesses stated the team
started running from the Hamm
a nd Douglas gin in west Merkel
coming east until they reached
Edwards street where they at-
tempted to duplicate a run-a-way
turn they made on the same
spot a few days ago. Owing to
the street being very slippery
from the rain Wednésday the
horses, wagon and a partial load
of cotton seed collided with the
sidewalk at the corner above de-
scribed. Both horses fell one
which came very near going
completely in the store and in
his fall struck the above young
lady who was holding the child
in her arms. Miss Collins was
slightly bruised about the arm
where she came in contact with
the floor but the child she was
talding escaped without a
ratch. Several other children
inding in the door also had a
y narrow escape. The team
onged to Earl Diltz and start-
running from some scare
y recieved at the above gin.

## Nas mameme wemer <br>  <br> FIVE BOYS PIGK 2777LBS. COTTON


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 vius bile sum 1 try one dollar poorer.
Better still, buy good made in the south if it is possible to get them. The nishing the south over 80 percent of what we use
part of that comes from Europ
Europe.
GET IT AT HOME.
The dead body of an infa south of Abilene Monday mor ing by Ezekiel King, a small boy who was searching for horses i ing into the well saw a body dog he secured a fishing pole and hooked the clothing but quick
released his find when he di released his find when he di
covered what it was, allowing to drop back into the water.
The boy notified his father in Abilene. Sheriff Weir and Whaley and county Attorney Keeble and Justice of the Peace T. M. Willis went to the scene
an auto, bringing the body Abilene where an autopsy was held by Drs. Cash, Hollis and
Estes. After a thorough dissection of the body it was the
opinion of the doctors that the child had lived a few days; from three to ten days and had prob-
ably met his death by choking or smothered to death.
According to a statement of
the doctors the body had been in the water about ten days.
Discomposition had already set

## The infant was a victim

 some awful tragedy.To those who viewed it, the
only opinion naturally formed only opinion naturally formed
would be, that the child had for a short time received the paren-
tal attentions of someone.. It was dressed in swaddling cloth-
ing, wearing a stomach band and being entirely covered expresumably of German make

clusion was given by the doctor,
who stated that the draw-string who stated that the draw-string
sleeves and the draw-string about the bottom of the dress was commonly found in such
homes. It is reported that an homes. It is reported that a automobile stopped near the
well on Tuesday night of well on Tuesday night of last
week; the machine coming from toward Abilene and returned in toward Abilene and returned in
the direction of that city after a the directio
short stop.
The body was viewed at the by several parties Monday after-
noon where the autopsy was
held. It was afterward buried in held. It was afterward buried
the Abilene Cemetery.

## ing pictures of real western ranch

## Aged Lady Dies

Dunning, wife G.W. Dunning deceased died at day morning from old age, hay Mre Dunning was one of the
Months.

was prohibited through late in church work owing to the loss

children.
Surviving the mother are
Messrs Will, Sam and Homer
Dunning and Mrs McConnell,
the later of Eskota, Texas.
Funeral services were held
the Baptist ohurch Monday evening with burial immediately afterward in Rose Hill cemetery.
121.20 ginghams at 10 e at

Plan Was Started by Chicago Newspaper. U. S. Battleship to Transport Cargo Free of Charge. Texas to Send Pecans and Peanuts to Orphans.

M. Lewis both of the Houston Post are at the head of the giagantic proposition to furnish Peanuts and Pecans for the
Christmas ship that will sail Christmas ship that will sail
from New York with a cargo of from New York with a cargo of of the war torn Europe. The people in this country are not in Sympathy with the Governments of the East in the big conflict but those little childreu cannot be held accountable for what the Juders are doing.
Judd M. Lewis, said to be the greatest child lover in the South and the man who is known
throughout the United States throughout the United States for his poems published in the Houston Post showing sympathies for the "kiddies" says in a
letter to the Mail. "Keep to the package of nuts idea. It permits every man, woman and mas Ship cargo and the more mas Ship cargo and the more babies they will reach And I reckon a package of nuts will look pretty good to most of them this year." Each package should contain the name of the town from which the shipment is sent neatly written and inserted in the ackage.
The package should be wrapped dress: THE CHRISTMAS SHIP, 39th Street and Second Avenue, Bush Terminal Station rooklyn N.Y. The address should also per and should be marked in care of the Red Cross Association for distribution to what ever country you want the package to go.
A few packages of nuts from the Merkel country might make some little child happy, if only for one day. The Belgian children at the present present to the
public eye the most destitute class of people the world has ever seen. Homes have been
burned. cities have been leveled to the ground and the fathers and brothers of the children driven from their homes. The Editor of the Mail be glad to
confer with any Society of the confer with any Society of the endeaver to he Mrk in tribute to this movement.

## League Program

Leader-Mrs. R. A. Martin. unities in the mission fields.

## Song-Prayer. How ean we best help the

How can we best help the
mission work in Mexico?-Mrs.
$\qquad$
Discuss the present Christianity in Europe. - Leslie McNees duty to the European sufferers?

## Song-Mrs. Saddler.

Prayer-Song.
Business-Benediction
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A class in physical training would be a splendid thing for the young people of this town who have left school and are entering upon the important duties of life.
It would be of equal benefit to many who are not so young. It might well be made a class for everybody.
Physical exercise does much to develop the physique and strengthen the mind and broaden the intellect. It is conductive to health, and good health brings peace of mind and ambition to do things.
Many of the greatest and wisest men of the nation are regular in their physical exercises. The strain upon their mentality is so great that without some diversion they would soon collapse. But exercise and strong physical development
serves to keep them in the best condition and enserves to keep them in the best condition and en-
ables them to continue unabated their streneous ables them to continue unabated their streneous pare unnt late in life.
A system of physical exescise would do much for the people of this town. Its beneficial results would be seen in many ways-in increased am-
bition, in tangible results, in youthful arrearance
in old age.
School children are not the only ones who need physical exercise. We all need it, and should have it

## "bought at home"

When buying goods "Made in America" go just a little futher, be just a little more patriotic and buy goods at home!
It is good to buy things made in America but it is even better to buy them from home mer chants.
By buying American made goods you keep your money in circulation in America. But by buying your goods from our local merchants you keep the money in circulation at home.
Every man and woman talks patriotism and
likes to be considered patriotic.
Let's practice what we preach.
Buy American made goods -from our mer chants
That is patriotism.

## "made in america"

The "Made in America" movement is sweeping the country. It has penetrated every city,
village and hamlet and is still hunting for fresh fields to envade.
Everybody seems to want goods "Made in America," and for so much at least, we may
thank the war in Eprope
It is a good slogan.
It keeps American people employed and and It is good for our country, and it is good for each individual.
Push it along!
To prove that intoxicants are detrimental, both the German and Russian armies are prohibited
from using strong drink during the war. The Krom using strong drink during the war. They seem to know that a mar can't fight booze and the other enemy at the sape time.

He shot an arrow in the air
It started a fuss o'er yonder Hill
$u$ started a fuss o'er yonder Hill
We'er fighting some says Kaiser Bill

Last year our farmers realized over eight billion dollars on their crops. And yet some long legged
cander shanked.addle patted and brainless nin conpoops assume an air descension when honoring themselves by addressing the man without whom the worid would starve to death.
Much of the welfare of this country is in the hands of the young men on the farms. If they remain there and prosper the country will prosper
in like manner. But if they forsake the fields and rush off to the overcrowded cities it will be ation.
"The Fox Trot" has struck the country with a whirlwind and is about to be the new dance fad for the winter season. Now just trot out the
bull's bellow and the pig's grunt and the Billy oat's wiggle and the program will be complete.
If the government wants more revenue and will tax every man according to his wealth, we and prepared to forward a check for our penny henever desired
A New York man has just paid $\$ 1100.00$ for ostage stamp. Presumably he has also ributed a nickle to charity.
When your friend tells you a joke, laugh! Laugh again, and laugh heartily. You may want him to return the courtesy some day.
Patriotism is a powerful good thing. But like all other good things its mighty slippery and hard to hold.
What Europe needs most is an alopathic dose of common sense, a good spanking and a hole to crawl into.
When you see a six foot string with a dog at ne end and a woman at the other, which do you ee first.
To the President; Toss a few balls of prosperity over this way. Our mit is out for a lightning catch.
It may be cold where the Zepplins are, but it gets dinged hot down where the bombs drop.
If Poland is to send abroad for a new king we respestfully decline in advance.
Some people talk a little and say a lot. Other talk lot and say a little.
The war is proving about as disasterous as the
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i ance. Mr . Fryer soon after retiring Monday night heard noises like screen being cut. The noises
continued and the uninvited guest commenced what the owner termed a thorough search of the premises, going through every room of the house in his
endeavor to find valuables. Ow ing to the unarmed condition of Mr. Fryer, he feigned sleep
while the calm business like burglar continued his investigation and departed from whence he came $\qquad$
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Richards Medicine Co, Sherman Abilene Man Dies

## Rowan Spicer, housemover b profession and one of the oldest

 citizens in Abilene, passed away at his late residence, Seventh and China Streets. Interment was held at 3 o'clock Tuesdayafternoon in the local cemetery. Rev. Chas. W. Hearon of the first Methodist church conduct
ing the funeral service. The de ing the funeral service. The de ceased leaves a wife and e.
children.-Abilene Reporter. Mr. Spicer is well know throughout the Merkel country, having made numerous visit here in interest of his profession
More Than Enough is Too Much
To maintain health, a mature man or
woman needs just enough food to re. woman needs just enough food to re-
pair the waste and supply energy and pair the waste and supply energy and
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of more food than is necessary for
these purposes is the prime cause of
stomache troubles, rheumatism and these purposes is the prime cause of
stomache troubles, rheumatism and disorders of the kidneys. If troubled
with indigestion, revise your diet, let reason and not appetite control and
take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tab-
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N. Hall and Rev. Ed R pailene were among those who Abilene on business Abilens on business

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 on of Sinclair spent Saturday
nd Sunday with their sister Mrs. Sosebee. Eld. Dan Simpson of Trent filled his regular appointment he
Sunday. He baptized three. W.J. Bieknell and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. E
Jones of Shiloh. Clarence Eoff has returned NO DIFFERENCE The Proof is Here the Sam As Everywhere

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Notice to Library Readers. Beginning with Monday the 26th hours for opening the libra ry will be changed. The hour will be frow four to iive o'clock on Monday, Wednesday and Sat urday
The 20th Century Club mem bers held a very interesting les8on at the library room Saturday afternoon. Roll call was an
swered to with es in the play, Miss willisme es in he play, Miss Williams Mrs. O. W, Williams gave Mre.
eketoh of Hamlet. Misses Huffekeroh oletane Misses hunf
aker, Fletcher and Smith were aker, Fletcher and smith wera
elected to membership. The next meeting will be with Miss Evelyn Gaddy Oct. 31st.
Class No. 3 of the Presbyterian church organized last Sunday morning. The members met Sunday afternoon in the home of Mrs. R. L. Bland to perfect the
organization. The officeers electorganization. The officers eleco--
ed were, president, Mrs. Anderson; vice president, Mrs. Angus; treasurer, Mre. Evans; secretary, Mrs. Bland; teacher, Mrs. Dickson. The name will be deoided on later. $\qquad$
The Baraca boys of the Presbyterian church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen on Edwards St. Thursday evening in bu siness session. The class decided to give a dinner in the Thornton building second door north of the Crown Hwde. store Saturday October 24 th. The funds raised will be used for Sunday work. At the close of the of the meeting the hostess pickles and potatoes chips.

A quiet marriage ceremony was read by Rev. Ed. R. Wallace at the Methodist Parsonage Sunday afternoon at $5 ; 30$. The contraoting parties being Mr. B. F. of this oity, The bride Coats both daughter of Mr and Mrs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Coats, was oharmingly gowned by her sister Misa and Mre. Tom Coate. Mr. and Clark are among our most and minent young people and are worthy of the best wishes congratulations that is being howered on them. For Chapped Skin
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