

## 20,200 BALES OF COTTON FOR MERKEL Over \$1,000,000 Crop Has Been Gathered

### Much Fleecy Staple Being Held Throughout the Country Balance of Crop Probably 2,000 Bales---Largest Crop in History of Entire Merkel Country

#### PEDDLERS HERE CITY ORDINANCE?

On page 165 of the book of City Ordinances can be found an ordinance numbered 67 which prohibits peddlers from using the streets or alleys in making disposition of their wares.

We would suggest that if this ordinance is not needed and if the City of Merkel needs \$2.50 license for letting peddlers sell drawn work for two days or more, thereby "Shanghying" Merkel people, that said ordinance be stricken from the city's books and every fake known to us be allowed free access to our town. We further suggest that our merchants feel that they are being imposed upon to an extent that they make a slight kick against such \$2.50 permits, maybe it will do some good. You can't never tell what you can get unless you have nerve enough to ask for it.

Facts about the case are that the City of Merkel in the face of this ordinance received \$2.50 this week for permitting the sale of some kind of drawn work within the corporate limits. The price of this drawn work per piece ranged from \$30.00 down or whatever the salesman thought he could get for his material. Some paid one price and some another.

#### 3 ARE WOUNDED AT GRAHAM TEXAS

Graham, Texas, Feb. 24.—Cherry Holmes, a deputy, and Patrick Carlton were possibly fatally wounded and Peter Fry was slightly wounded in a fight at the court house here before daylight over the possession of records said to be wanted in the case of State Representative E. W. Fry, who is charged with burglary. Peter Fry is a brother of Representative Fry.

Deputies say that Patrick Carlton and two others attacked the court house trying to get the records. It is understood that deputies guarded the court house to safeguard the Fry case records.

#### SOME FIGHT, THIS BADGER BUSINESS

Tuesday at exactly 11:30 this fight took place in the regular athletic field for these events.

Dr. W. B. Foster, who had arrived from North Dakota the day prior and heard something about the ferocity of this animal and was eager to see the Great Dane dog of Dr. Miller in a genuine fight.

Well, it worked. A better fight was never had in any place and from the facial expression of the Doctor a person could see that he was quick to realize he had easily fallen the victim of a friendly embarrassing prank.

For pure cane syrup try a bucket of White Swann at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Preacher Jobe is selling some nice monuments. See him. 1913

#### Merkel Good Roads Talkers

This Man Favors Bonds.

Editor Merkel Mail:

Since you have requested me to say something for, or against better roads, I say it is not necessary to describe the condition of our roads, for all who travel them know the awful condition they have been in all fall and winter. The Nubia road, of which I know the most about, is traveled as much or more than any other road in the country, and needs attention as bad as a road could need work. But no one should censure our present or past commissioner for its condition, for all has been done that was possible under the circumstances.

I have assisted more than one dozen cotton wagons that were stalled in the mud the past winter, near my place, and the swingle and double trees I have loaned to replace the broken ones, have put me on the buy. (See?)

Now, Mr. Editor, it is not a question as to whether the roads need improving or do not need it, but the question is what must we do? We have a road tax of fifteen cents voted a few years ago. The law gave the commissioners court the power to put that tax on or take it off, just as they saw fit. I understand that tax has been off for several years, as it was not needed as a maintenance fund.

I have had the honor of holding that exalted office—Road overseer—and have some idea, I think, what a road needs.

Now, Sir, the roads in the Merkel country, after being graded and the drag gone over them after a light rain, are as fine as any road until we have a big rain, and they have been traveled during the muddy weather, then they are nearly as bad as any road. I suspect you think I have gone about far enough to tell what kind of medicine they need.

In my honest opinion, we will never have any decent roads until we vote bonds in the Merkel precinct. When we had a road bond election a few years ago I was opposed to it. I talked and voted against it, not because I did not want better roads, but for other reasons. No one should get scared on account of a little raise in their taxes. I paid the taxes for a party who lives in Merkel and owns two lots and a residence in Abilene and the special tax on that property was forty five-cents. We should not criticize the management of some of the road funds in Abilene but should commend her people for voting the taxes.

I believe, nine times in ten, mistakes are made when bonds are defeated. Some people seem to be against bonds because "they don't believe in taxation without representation." If that was the right view to take of the bond question our West Texas would not be settled for years to come, if ever. If it is right and best to have better roads it is certainly wise to vote bonds and build them. Let us vote bonds to improve our schools and public roads. By so doing we will help our country and leave an inheritance to our children for which they will be proud.

Respectfully,  
H. M. RAINBOLT.

#### Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones for Good Roads

Mr. Jones in stating his position in regard to good roads only answered a query from our office as to what he thought of better roads. He stated he was certainly in favor of better roads

and was strongly reminded of just how glad he would be to vote for good roads bonds while he was making a recent trip to Merkel from his home over the rough roads.

Mrs. Jones, one of those good

#### ESTIMATES PUBLISHED BY THE MAIL ON AUGUST 7, 1914, HAS BEEN EASILY PASSED

Merkel, Texas, Feb. 25.—The largest crop in the history of the Merkel country has already been harvested and the story is not complete yet. The estimate of a 20,000 bale crop published by the Mail on August 7th of last year has been reached and passed by 200 bales up to the close of Thursday of this week.

Taking into consideration the curtailed territory of the Merkel country this cotton crop greatly exceeds that made in 1906 when the receipts of the town totaled 24,000 bales. At that time Merkel received the entire crop of cotton from the Trent country. Trent has received over 5,000 bales this year against a probable 500 in 1906. The Santa Fe small shipping points on the south have decreased Merkel receipts at least 1,000 bales. These totals when taken into consideration far exceed the total of Merkel's former largest crop and as yet we see our season unfinished.

Feed raised in the Merkel country this year is by far in excess of any previous crop and when added to the gross revenue derived from our cotton crop gives the Merkel country credit with having produced over a million dollar crop this season. Then there is enough feed left in the country to supply our needs for at least two years.

Truly the past year was a great one for the Merkel country and our town remains in claim of being the largest local shipping point of cotton and feed stuffs between Fort Worth and El Paso.

"Bring on the good roads."

ladies you feel free to converse with and like to address as Grandma, was with Mr Jones when he visited the Mail office and stated his position and added to his statement that one bad place in the road near their former home had caused enough wood, wire and other things to be taken away from their house to fix mud holes and patch up broken harness to have paid the additional tax it would have taken to carry the bonds. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jones are looking forward to the time that Merkel and Trent country will have good roads and then, in the words of Mr. Jones "All compliments of the Merkel and Trent country will not be exaggerated."

#### The Church of Christ.

Eld. Jno. M. Rice of Merkel, Texas will preach at the Church of Christ on next Lord's day February 28.

We ask the public to come and study with us the following subjects:

At 11 A.M. "Saul and David," at 7:30 P. M. "The Great Salvation."

We thank you for your presence in the past and with love and kindness invite you again.

Fresh car of Peacemaker flour just received at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

#### Piano Tuning.

For the next thirty days I will tune pianos for \$2.50 and guarantee my work. Leave orders with E. D. Coats. L. A. Mangum, the blind man.

All sorts of garden seed and onion sets at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

#### OUTLAW NEGRO KILLED IN FIGHT

Shad Fenniel, a desperate negro wanted in various parts of the State, was killed in Dallas Saturday and Detective Gunning of the Dallas department badly wounded, when detectives and Fenniel engaged in a fight near the State Fair Grounds.

Detective Gunning suffered having a portion of his left hand torn off by a heavy charge fired by Fenniel at close range. Officers had been on the watch out for several days on strong evidence that he committed the murder of Miss Florence Brown. He was also wanted for the killing of five negroes near Calvert. Three others were wounded at this time when he attacked the family he assassinated with an axe.

Evidence is somewhat conflicting as to whether Fenniel committed the Brown murder or not. The police department think him guilty while a study of his teeth fails to correspond with an impression taken of the teeth prints taken from Miss Brown's body.

They are here? What are here?

A full line of Kodak and supplies, plenty of films. Now is the time to get a kodak. We can furnish you films and then can develop them and make you pictures. Look over the Eastman line, for if it isn't an Eastman it isn't a kodak. At Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Air free and gasolene 10 cents. H. M. Rose.

### Prices Here AND Prices There

Merkel Merchants can offer you just as attractive prices as the Merchants elsewhere. They have what you want and you should spend your money with Merkel Merchants. You save railroad fare, time and money—you keep your money in circulation in Merkel.

N. B.—Money spent with Home Institutions will more than likely come your way again soon.

# One Million Dollars Protection

Have you stopped to consider that the Depositors Guaranty Fund of the State of Texas now has approximately \$1,000,000.00 in **CASH** for the benefit of depositors? In addition to this the board has a right to levy an assessment of 2 per cent against the average deposits of all State Banks in Texas in any one year, should there be need for it.

This protection is yours by your availing yourself of the privilege of depositing in a State Bank.

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### HE RAISES CORN EATS AT HOME

A diversifying farmer, W. E. Hamner of Trent, passed through Merkel Wednesday morning of this week on his way to Abilene with a load of corn raised on his farm in the Trent country.

Mr. Hamner will have about four or five such loads of corn to carry to market and is having it ground into meal. Already he has contracted a sale of much of it to individuals in Trent and Merkel, saving for himself ample supply for future needs. In addition to Mr. Hamner's corn crop he has a "world of maize," according to his own words and managed to pick about 75 bales of cotton. When he was not busy his time was spent in putting up meats for winter and summer use; laying away vegetables sufficient to keep a well supplied table and figured up a bank account of a few cents to go through this year on.

A good slogan, "Diversify and get-by."

Texas Co., gas 10 cents per gallon at the Merkel Garage.

Mrs. Chas. Fryar of Abilene came in the first of the week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, of this place.

The ladies new skirts at J. P. Sharp's in prices ranging from \$4.50 to \$10.00.

Messrs. Austin Boyd and E. M. McDonald and families were in Abilene Sunday evening.

Go to the Merkel Garage for your oil and gas. We highly appreciate your patronage.

Mrs. E. L. Mangum of Trent and her guest, Mrs. L. A. McGregory of Coahoma, visited friends here Wednesday.

Panama, serge and diagonal weave new skirts at J. P. Sharp's See them.

W. N. Tucker of Fullbright was here the first of the week visiting the family of T. R. Lassiter. He will return within a short time with a shipment of hogs.

Be sure and see the new ready to wear skirts at J. P. Sharp's.

### GET TO THE CAUSE

#### Merkel People are Leading The Way

There is but little peace or comfort for the man or woman with a bad back. The distress begins in early morning—keeps up throughout the day. It's hard to get out of bed, it's torture to stoop or straighten. Plasters and liniments may relieve, but cannot cure if the cause is inside—the kidneys. When suffering so, use Doan's Kidney Pills, the tested and proven kidney remedy, used in kidney troubles for over 50 years. Doan's Kidney Pills are recommended by thousands for just such cases. Proof of their effectiveness in the testimony of this Merkel resident:

Mrs. T. J. King, Kent St., Merkel, Texas, says: "One of my family had severe pains across the small of his back, making it almost impossible for him to get about. He used two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills as directed and was quickly cured. The time that has since passed has proven this cure to be a permanent one."

Price 50c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. King recommends. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

#### The Methodist Baraca's.

The Baraca class met Sunday, February 21, with a large attendance and a great deal of interest shown on the part of everyone. The subject of the lesson was "The death of Eli and his sons."

These Sunday mornings are so beautiful and inspiring that every young man should feel that he owes his respect to God enough to attend Sunday school. We received some new thoughts and ideas from our teacher every time he appears before the class. Come and hear him. He is a young man's friend and seeks your presence.

Press Reporter.

#### Painting the Lily.

A New York jokesmith has written a new libretto for one of Verdi's operas. The next we know some sure-fire sharp from Tinpan Alley will be tinkering up the music.

### BIG SURPRISE TO MANY IN THIS TOWN

Local people are surprised at the QUICK results received from simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ka, the German remedy which became famous by curing appendicitis. This simple remedy draws off such a surprising amount of old foul matter from the body that A SINGLE DOSE relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation INSTANTLY. It is the best remedy we have ever sold.

H. C. BURROUGHS, Druggist

### GOLDEN WEDDING TO BE SOLEMNIZED

Tomorrow will bring the anniversary of the fiftieth year of married life to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Young of this city.

A dinner in honor of the occasion has been planned and many relatives and friends will meet at the home on Kent street to congratulate these good people on having attained this age in life. Not all the children who now survive this union will be able to be present and celebrate this occasion with their parents.

I now have a fully equipped shoe shop in connection with my second hand store on Kent street. Visit me for your needs. J. T. Dorsey.

Pure California honey, 10 pound buckets \$1.25 at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and Mrs. Fred Bigham motored to Abilene Sunday. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. O'Malley.

See the little Tipperary in the newest Spring Shades at the Popular Millinery Parlor.

Miss Beulah Burkett attended a reception given by her brother, Eugene, at their home in Abilene Saturday evening.

H. M. Rose for 10 cent gasoline and the best lubricating oils manufactured.

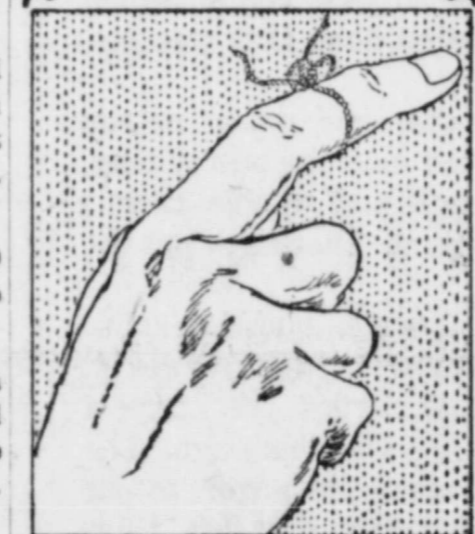
#### Breeders Notice.

An standing a registered Jersey Bull at my place 6 miles southwest of Merkel. 2614 John Hughes.

The Texas Co., who have been advertising extensively in this paper have their oils and gas on sale at the Merkel Garage. Texas people should keep Texas money in Texas.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of H. W. GROVE, 25c.

### REMEMBER



That we have every facility for turning out neat printing of all kinds. Letter heads, bill heads, office stationery, etc., furnished at the lowest prices first class work will permit.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies 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, \$1.50

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A daily newspaper, including Sunday, published at Abilene, member the Associated Press and the United Press, the greatest news gathering associations in the world, publishing all the Foreign, National, State and Local News, and the

### The Merkel Mail

Your own home paper, which carries all the local news while it is news, the two to your address for one year for only **3.00**

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Opportunity you cannot afford to overlook—THINK OF IT!—A daily newspaper, including the big Sunday issue, and your own Home County Paper for 365 days for only **\$3.00**. This is the regular subscription price of the REPORTER-NEWS alone.

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### CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED—Jobs on farms for large boys 16 years and older; to start them at small wages. Address Emile Reek, Agent, Weatherford, Texas. 1Feb3mo

MOTORCYCLE, for sale or trade. Twin cylinder Indian motorcycle practically new, 1914 model. Write or see E. L. Horton, Noodle, Rt. 1, May-10pd.

For Sale.—Thoroughbred plymoth rock chickens and Indian Runner duck eggs, per setting 50 cents. Mrs. O. F. McMaster. 1914

FOR SALE—Good mule; part cash and good note. See C. L. McNeese.

FOR SALE—Fresh Young Jersey milchcow. Anchor Mercantile Co.

WORK WANTED—By single man until July on farm or ranch. Write to W. P. McGee. Route 1.

FOR SALE.—Thoroughbred white plymoth rock chickens and Indian Runner duck eggs, per setting 50 cents. Mrs. O. F. McMaster. 1914.

LOST—Small pocket book containing 14 ten cent pieces, three nickels and two half dollars. Finder please return to Mrs. A. J. Young.

FOR SALE—14-inch sulkey plow. Cheap for cash. Thos. Largent.

#### Agents Wanted.

\$5 to \$7 daily selling New Fibre Brooms; every woman will buy. Sample by parcel post, 30 cents. Wynne Broom Co., Elmira, N. Y.

#### GINNER'S NOTICE

Beginning next week we will gin on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday only until new schedule is published. Respectfully,

Browning Gin Co.

#### GINNER'S NOTICE.

Beginning next week we will only gin on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. This schedule remains in effect until further notice is published. Respectfully,

Guitar Gin Company.

#### Making Children Think.

There is no end of discussion as to what courses of study shall be taken up by the schools. Different views are expressed, ranging from the bare outlines of the old-time "three R's" to the most elaborate idea of culture study, of more practical forms of teaching hand work and home arts. Meanwhile, there is one great essential running for all instruction. That is, that children be taught to think things out for themselves. Almost any course of study is good if this power is given.—St. Joseph News-Press.

#### Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest, 50c.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

For City Marshal—  
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SAM ROBERTS  
B. C. GAITHER  
R. E. COUNTS  
For City Secretary—  
G. W. JOHNSON

#### Colds and Croup in Children

Many people rely upon Chamberlain's Cough Remedy implicitly in cases of colds and croup, and it never disappoints them. Mrs. E. H. Thomas, Logansport, Ind., writes: "I have found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be the best medicine for colds and croup I have ever used, and never tire of recommending it to my neighbors and friends. I have always given it to my children when suffering from croup, and it has never failed to give them prompt relief. For sale by all dealers."

#### Ponderously Built.

My aunt, a buxom lady of 200 pounds, was dusting the room in a suffragist cap, when I remarked: "You ought to go to war in that cap." Buddie, aged five, who had been sitting quietly by, spoke up: "Cheer, Aunt Babe, you would make a swell fort!"—Chicago Tribune.

A child that has intestinal worms is handicapped in its growth. A few doses of WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE destroys and expels worms; the child immediately improves and thrives wonderfully. Price 25c  
Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv

# Our New Spring Goods Have Arrived

The best buying we have ever done by taking advantage of a Great Consolidation Sale by two of the Largest Wholesale Dry Goods Houses of St. Louis

## THE MOST VARIED LINES Remarkable Prices

Best grade 10c Ginghams . . . 7½c  
 Good quality 6½c Apron Check  
 Ginghams . . . . . 5c  
 10c Bleached Domestic . . . 7½c  
 10c Brown Domestic . . . , 7½c  
 10c Percales going at only . 8½c

## Styles!

Tipperary  
 Turbans  
 Barnyard  
 Straws  
 and  
 Sailors



## Colors!

Sand  
 Rose  
 Greys  
 and  
 New  
 Blues

Most Extensive Line of Tailored Hats Yet  
 Brought to Merkel.  
 Department in charge of Miss Lura Spregue

## THE MOST SELECT BUYING Ladies Apparel

Ladies' waists in Crepe Dechine, Jap Silks and Voiles, new military effect, price \$1.25 to . . . . . \$4.50  
 Dainty New Embroideries  
 New dress goods in embroidered crepe and silks. The newest Faille silk, an exquisite pattern.

A visit to our store will convince you of its completeness and the careful buying we have done for this season. Visitors cordially invited

# W. D. Woodroof, Dry Goods

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Buy your tombstones and monuments from A. L. Jobe.

Seymour's best flour at G. M. Sharp's.

Mrs. J. I. Leamon of Trent visited here Sunday.

Complete line of bulk garden seed at G. F. West Co.

Pertle Owens of Nugent is here visiting his cousin Rotan Cypert.

Silk Brand Flour at \$3.50 per hundred at G. M. Sharp's.

Miss May Green visited friends in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

Rotan Cypert visited friends and relatives in Rochester the latter part of last week.

New car apples, to be sold in wholesale and retail lots. J. B. Cox The Apple Man 1st door North of G. M. Sharps Gro. 514

Ollie Higgins was in Lorraine the first of the week attending to business matters.

I have moved my wholesale and retail apple store from Kent St. to 1st door North of G. M. Sharps Grocery. Call and see me for fresh fruits of all kinds. J. B. Cox. 514

Gas in the stomach or bowels is a disagreeable symptom of a torpid liver. To get rid of it quickly take HERBINE. It is a marvelous liver stimulant and bowel purifier. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee of Noodle and Mr. and Mrs. Will Hill of Golan were in El Paso the first of the week visiting the family of T. J. Coggin and other relatives in the Pass city.

Don't forget to vote for your friends in the piano contest at The Anchor.

Mrs. E. P. McMillen and Miss Carrol Rister returned from El Paso Tuesday morning where they were the guests of friends for a short time during the Washington Day celebration.

## MONUMENTS AND TOMBSTONES

### Keep Taylor County Money in Taylor County

No better workmanship, no better material and no better prices can be had than we can give you. Our work is done in Taylor county by Taylor county people who are experts in their line. If you are in the market for either **TOMBSTONES OR MONUMENTS** Investigate Our Service

C. M. TANDY MARBLE WORKS, Abilene, Texas



YOU NEEDN'T LOOK IN THE MIRROR to see if you look all right so far as your shirtwaist and collar are concerned if we do your laundering. They will be simply the perfection of dainty cleanliness. Send us your linen this week and when you get it back you will be amazed at how much better it looks than it has ever done since it was new.

SWEETWATER STEAM LAUNDRY  
 M. B. BELL, Agent, Merkel.  
 Phone No. 133

For that Terrible Itching. Eczema, tetter and salt rheum keep their victims in perpetual torment. The application of Chamberlain's Salve will instantly allay this itching, and many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all dealers. adv.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days  
 Your druggist will refund money if PAIN-EXPELLER fails to cure any case of Itching, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c

### How to Prevent Bilious Attacks.

Coming events cast their shadows before. This is especially true of bilious attacks. Your appetite will fail you will feel dull and languid. If you are subject to bilious attacks take three Chamberlain's Tablets, as soon as these symptoms appear and the attack may be warded off. For sale by all dealers. adv.

### Arrives Here From Dakota.

Dr. W. B. Foster, formerly of Mandan, N. D., arrived in Merkel Monday morning and is already becoming highly pleased and satisfied with our town and country.

Until his car shipment of furniture reaches here Dr. Foster's family will remain in the northwest. This will probably be for two or three weeks yet.

A heavy cold in the lungs that was expected to cure itself has, been the starting point in many cases of disease that ended fatally. The sensible course is to take frequent doses of BALLARD'S FOREHOUND SYRUP. It checks the progress of the disorder and assists nature to restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv.

Mesdames W. D. Switzer of Rising Star and J. S. Little of Stephenville were here the first of the week visiting Mrs. W. E. Justice.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.  
 Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D., 1886.

A. W. GLEASON,  
 Notary Public.  
 Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.  
 Sold by all Druggists, 75c.  
 Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones of Trent and neice Miss Susie Jones of Pontotoc, Miss., were very pleasant callers at the Mail office Wednesday. Miss Jones who had just arrived from Enlow, Tex. where she visited relatives will visit her uncle for several months.

A scald, burn, or cut heals slowly if neglected. The family that keeps a bottle of BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT on hand is always prepared for such accident. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Buy your garden seed from G. M. Sharp.

### Presbyterian Announcements.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Attendance more than one hundred; interest splendid; every department active. On Sunday, March 14, there will be a Presbyterian Sunday school rally at the church. Rev. Bernard L. Rice, Sunday school superintendent of Texas synod, will be with us and will direct the activities of the day. Let us work to make the day most profitable.

Choir practice each Sunday at 4 p. m. You are cordially invited to join our choir.

Prayer meeting and bible study Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., is growing in attendance and interest.

Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend all these services.

E. P. McMillen, Supt.  
 H. E. Bullock, Pastor.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv

### Renovated Mattresses.

Why would you sleep on a run down mattress when it costs so little to have it straightened up. The mattress man is in town renovating old cotton beds or making new ones. Also, upholstering feather mattresses especially. No germs or insects can live in a bed renovated and fumigated by me. Will call for your work in the morning and deliver in the afternoon. All work guaranteed. Phone 215. R. J. Bassette.

Enter the piano contest this week and get started right. The first 60 enrollments receive a nice silver souvenir. The Anchor Mercantile Co.

Miss Jewel Tipton returned home Monday from a visit with friends at Tuscola.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Seed oats at G. M. Sharp's.  
 Call for your votes in the piano contest at The Anchor.

Miss Mary Reese visited friends here Monday.

Mrs. F. A. Polly of Noodle visited friends here Monday.

Mrs. R. E. Martin of near Big Springs is visiting her daughter Mrs. Wilmer Grayson.

Don't place an order for a tombstone until you get prices from A. L. Jobe. 1913

Mrs. A. F. Morgan of Greenville is visiting her father F. E. Hale and family.

Buy your grocers from G. M. Sharp. He pays cash and saves all discount.

Miss Carroll Rister visited her brother, Pope Rister, in El Paso the first of the week.

Mrs. W. H. Link of Aspermont is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. V. Cranford.

Plant bulk garden seed and save money. G. F. West Co. have them.

Mrs. W. M. Gaddy is here from Fort Worth visiting Mrs. W. A. Scott this week.

Send in your votes by each Wednesday for the piano contest at The Anchor.

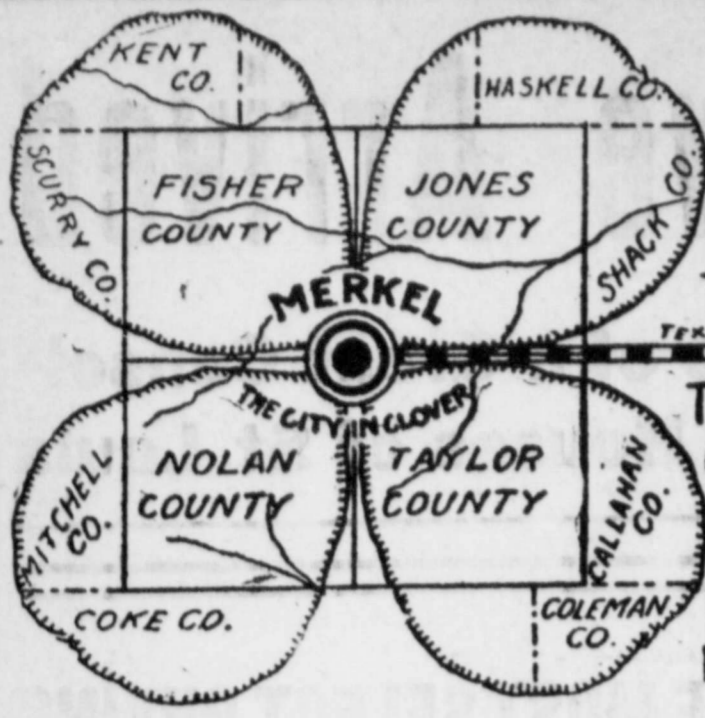
Mrs. E. P. McMillen visited Dr. Nettie Satterlee in El Paso this week.

Fresh shipment of telephone batteries just received. G. F. West Co. 2612

Mrs. Jim Monroe of Nubia spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pilcher.

Get your telephone batteries from G. F. West Co. 2612

Mrs. W. V. Cranford and sister, Mrs. W. H. Link, were Abilene visitors Friday.



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### OUR GAIN BY THE WAR. (By R. T. Arnold.)

Average Bill Smith, Made in U. S. A. in the early part of 1914 pulled down thirty a week for about six hours a day genteel work. With this thirty, he and Missus Average are buying a lot out in Easyhurst and a bungalow out in Stylish Terrace.

Every month, when the nineteenth rolls around, fifteen dollars go on the lot, while the twenty-fourth sees thirty more plastered on the house, — for both the lot and the house were bought on "suspicion"; the agent suspecting that he'd get his house back when it was about half paid for.

Stylish Terrace is "real-estatically" speaking "just a short distance from the court-house," so, of course, they had to have a car, and they bought a little second-hand roadster that costs, each month, including repairs' thirty more of real money; but of course, "that is almost as cheap as street cars, and think how much more convenient!" is splendid salve for the conscience in "flush" times.

Little Sister Smith must be taught music because Gladys Mucha Coin, who lives next door, "takes regularly from a fine teacher, and this little balm costs another ten. "What good is teaching unless one can practice?" is the argument the piano man used to make him contract for another five every month.

Of course an auto owner can't smoke anything less than ten-cent cigars, and Average Bill absolutely requires a good beefsteak every day, and that accounts for \$5.60 every week of the fifty-two, while the fact that Bill works in a bank absolutely precludes the possibility of his wife's washing the dishes or doing the cooking. The cook costs \$4 and eats \$5 more, so she depletes the Smith treasury \$36 more every thirty days.

When the bills payable get too big, Bill hocks his insurance, easing his conscience with the fact that borrowing money at five per cent is a cinch; and when the hocking results begin to fade he touches the cashier for a couple of hundred on some sixty-day paper, and looks forward to better times (if he has time to look forward at all.)

War comes! Money is tight! No more "easy" loans. Unimproved real estate is not eagerly sought for by banks as collateral, and Bill gets a letter from the Boss saying: "The Directors have ordered a twenty per cent reduction in salaries." Now Bill has got to retrench.

Mrs. Bill gets out her kitchen apron and prepares meals that take the tired look from Bill's face, and the whole family soon forget what indignation feels like: Little Sister "learns" herself, and no one looks askance, for everyone else is in the same boat.

Soon Bill finds that street cars run regularly and are most convenient, and that by patronizing them he can save twenty dollars a month and put five of it in a savings bank. The saving lust is started. Bill and his three quarters find that by letting slide this little luxury and that little trifle, they can add another ten dollars every month to the savings department balance.

The "Impossible" has happened. Bill Smith, the Average American, has found that there's more joy in living within his income than there ever was in splurging, and this is the greatest gain that our country can have from the war.

### NOW IS THE TIME TO SWAT THE FLY.

Uncle Sam is waging a relentless war on the deadly housefly and in a late bulletin prepared by the Department of Agriculture, valuable in-

formation is given on the best means of combating this deadly pest. The most effective way of exterminating the fly, according to the bulletin, is to eradicate his breeding place. The breeding season of the fly begins early in March and continues throughout the spring and summer months. All dirt should be removed from the premises, stables cleaned and decaying vegetables destroyed.

The fly has rightly been called the undertaker's traveling salesman, and in addition to his regular line of "typhoid bugs," he carries a side line of tuberculosis, Asiatic Cholera and other disease germs. Now is the time to "swat the fly."

### GOOD ROADS NOTES.

No other citizen realizes the value of good roads as does the farmer.

A community can safely be judged by the kind of highways it maintains.

The greatest chasm between the producer and the consumer is the mud hole.

Production must cease when the transportation costs eats up the profit.

Without good roads, there can be no development that will be permanent and enduring.

Bad roads keep the children away from school and impair the efficiency of church work in a community.

The elementary principles involved in improved highways are social and domestic happiness and business economics. —Homer D. Wade.

### THE SPLIT LOG DRAG.

The split log drag has contributed more toward the economic maintenance of public highways than any implement of modern usage. It does not require special acts of the legislature, bond issues nor expensive educational campaigns to make it available as usually precedes construction work. A drag can be built or purchased for twenty dollars and is easily operated by any one who can drive a team. We need more drags in this state.

### CHEAP MONEY.

Cheap money is the fount that makes the brook of industry flow and without it the homeless farmer can hardly hope for a home or the manufacturing industry expect to prosper. The farmers of the United States owe \$5,000,000,000 and cheap money will mean millions of dollars in saving to the farm.

### ABILENE CHEESE FACTORY.

How about a cheese factory for Abilene is a question the Reporter has been called to answer. It should be done. A cheese factory here will pay. —Abilene Reporter.

We are in favor of it, but since the Reporter has not classified the kind of a factory we suggest it be one of the Limberger denomination.

We say this with selfish intent, and have nerve enough to back it up. Yes, we are in favor of a Limberger cheese factory for Abilene. That will mean lots of money to proposed jitney drivers of Merkel who would in such event make regular trips to our sister city to help bring the people to Merkel. Indeed, it would pay greatly for Merkel, so bring on the factory.

West Texas is again looking good. No submarines are reported to be operating in this section of the country, their work being confined to east Texas where it has rained for over forty days.

Personally the Mail is neutral in this good road proposition. We don't care how they get good roads just so they get them.

We are also neutral in the European situation as we heard a man say. We don't care who whips the Kaiser.

Commercialisms say Home Run Baker is going to be a farmer. Instead of swatting "flies" he will annihilate potato bugs.

Fashion plates say the new skirts will show five inches of ankle. Enough for anyone.

What do you think of good roads? "Speak up, gentlemen. 'Spreess yourselves."

March the 6th and the big smoke will go wailing upward. Here is hoping.

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My offices are located next to the F. & M. Bank at Abilene, Texas, and I will be glad to have you call and see me when in Abilene. My telephone numbers are: Office, 1-3-9; residence, 7-8-0, and I will be glad to talk to you about business.

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Physiological Facts.  
Several recently discovered facts about the body's growth are surprising. One is that the height increases more during the warm months, while the reverse is the case with the weight. Another is that women continue to grow tall long after men have stopped. A man's height rarely increases after he is twenty-five years old. But a woman when she becomes a mother or under other conditions, may add as much as an inch to her height up to the age of thirty or even

Made Immediate Success.  
The "Arabian Nights" did not become familiar to Europeans until 1704, when Galland translated them into French. Scholars cast doubt on the authenticity of some of Galland's work, accusing him—like Fitzgerald and Omar Khayyam—of inventing rather than translating, but with the public the success of the tales was immediate and immense.

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Applications may be obtained at the best barbers and hair dressers.

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One lot good brown domestic 36 inches wide, 20 yards to the ..... **\$1.00**  
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Full 10-4 bleached sheeting, per yard ..... **25c**  
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 Best line gingham ever shown for only, per yd **10c**

Our house is overflowing with many pretty things in the Dress Goods line and we will take pleasure in showing you through the most complete line of Dress Goods, Laces, Embroideries, Novelties, Shoes, Hats, Clothing, etc., ever shown in Merkel.

Also, don't forget the PIANO CONTEST, and if you are not in the race, enter now. Call for your votes and help some friend win the Piano.

## Anchor = Mercantile = Company



### What Rigid Inspection Means

Maintaining the quality of a number of products with a large business and varying buyer's requirements is not always a simple matter. It can only be accomplished where the most careful inspection of all products is frequently made.

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Port Arthur laboratories are a part of Texaco Quality and Service by which these products made in Texas have been foremost in oil manufactures.

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### IRONING DAY

Hereafter each Thursday morning from 8 to 11:30 will be Ironing Day and electric current will be supplied to our customers between those hours.

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#### Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

#### How To Give Quinine To Children.

FERRILINE is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for 2-ounce original package. The name FERRILINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

### 24 HOURS IN EL PASO AND JUAREZ

Ordinarily a person can see more in El Paso and Juarez in 24 hours than can be seen in any other place in or bordering the State within a week's time.

This is what about thirty Merkelites think of the situation in a nut shell after having spent a short time there Sunday and Monday, taking advantage of \$7.00 to and from those towns.

Arriving in El Paso you are confronted with a cosmopolitan people. You think you are in the wrong pew and if you only go far enough you will wake up to this fact. More can be seen within half a day in El Paso that will attract the average country editor's eye than we expect to see or hear about during the entire Panama Exposition. Two hours with Jess Willard who is destined to beat the "Loll" out of Jack Johnson, as W. E. Adams was heard to say, was sufficient to convince even the most skeptical that Willard was indeed a mighty specimen of physical perfection and is hardly such a joke as many are inclined to think. One light lick from his left hand to the solar-plexus of a volunteer fighter of 204 pounds from New Mexico brought the new recruit to a sad conclusion that he had been knocked from amazing grace to a floating opportunity and the managers escorted the lad, who was groggy from the lick, out of the ring and into oblivion so far as he would further be concerned in helping Willard get into trim.

Many of the Merkelites who visited the Pass city spent the Sabbath in the town of Juarez witnessing a Mexican on a flea-bitten, blindfolded, half-starved-to-death pony, fight a bull. Among this crowd was W. A. Scott and son Edwin, so we are informed. W. E. Adams, W. J. Douglass, T. J. Coggin, Will Hill of the Golan community, Clarence Eoff and W. L. Barbee, both of Noodle, Judge W. W. Wheeler, J. D. Jones and Sam Brandon. There may have been others but we missed seeing them. Some of these parties did not intend to visit this place. Mr. Scott endeavored for some time to locate a Baptist church in Juarez and the best he could do was to get a seat in the bull fighting arena.

Many of those, if not every Merkel individual, in El Paso during the last week, took a look at Juarez and its notable sights. At all times, Sunday included,

the natives and others who flock into that Monte Carlo of America scarcely think of anything except the past time offered by the various reports of the place, which, by the way, are crowded with types of people who we would not like for our neighbors unless there was a good lock on the smokehouse and a bull pup to guard the door. Faces of every race of civilized and parti-civilized people in existence can be found in those places. Ninety per cent or more of these faces are of the lowest types possible to imagine, the other probable ten per cent, if it be that large, is composed of those drawn there through curiosity of seeing the town in America known to be second to Monte Carlo as a gambling resort. During Sunday four bulls were killed and a small portion of this carnage witnessed by the Merkel bunch. The evening, however, was not without excitement, one of the copper colored contortionists who fights and kills the bull was very roughly handled by his charge and seemingly narrowly escaped death himself. At the races, held on the most costly race courses in either of the Americas, more excitement was furnished for the evening. Here was seen the cleanest sport possible to see in Juarez. Blooded horses from various parts of the United States, Mexico and Canada are there in contest. One thoroughbred racer was so seriously injured in a fall that he had to be destroyed to end his misery. This was the only undesirable feature of the racing other than it was open for gambling as are all other sports in Mexico.

The race of horses was not all that the visitors to El Paso were given the benefit of. One race for a passenger train by a Merkel man was exceeding interesting. It all happened at Kent the oasis of the dry country between here and El Paso. This was an instance of steam pitted against the brawn of man and an instance where the former was winner owing to its untiring efforts. Probably the outcome of this event was due to what race horse men would call a handicap. That is the man was sorely handicapped by unnecessary weight in his running. He was on a mission to relieve the thirst of the situation and had not completed his purchases and loaded his pockets when the alarm was sounded for the race to start. Amusing as it was it had its good qualities and only for a false footing obtained by the runner and his handicap he

would have successfully caught the last coach of the speeding train. A wait of twelve hours was then necessary until the next west bound passenger came along.

For the benefit of those who travel west Kent is very small and devoid of accommodations. All to be found there is a depot and two business houses, one a wholesale dispensary of alcoholic beverages, so we saw from the car window.

After all it is exciting to visit such a place as El Paso but before it would look good to a person who has enjoyed the peaceful life, possible only in Merkel, it would be necessary to completely divorce the town of Juarez together with its ill effects from any connection whatever with the U. S. A.

#### Recognized Advantages

You will find that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has recognized advantages over most medicines in use for coughs and colds. It does not suppress a cough but loosens and relieves it. It aids expectoration and opens the secretions, which enables the system to throw off a cold. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. It contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult. For sale by all dealers. adv.

#### Breeders Notice.

Farmers having gilts to breed should see A. V. Dye's Hampshire hog just southwest of the depot.

#### A Good Piano for Sale.

I have two pianos and would like to sell one of them. Will sell on fall time to the right party, or take young stock. If you are interested in a trade for a good piano come in and see me. Mrs. E. M. Rust.

#### Shade Trees for Sale.

Now ready for delivery, shade trees of all descriptions and now is the time to set them out. Make your home look better. See J. D. Boring & Son for prices. 1915pd

#### GINNER'S NOTICE.

Beginning next week we will only gin on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. This schedule remains in effect until further notice is published.

Respectfully,  
 McDONALD & STITH, Ginners

#### Breeders Notice.

I am standing the Britain jack at my place 2½ miles east of Noodle. S. H. Meeks. 281f

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

A social hop was enjoyed at the Hall Friday evening. Music was furnished by the Largent Victrola. The chaperones and dancers were Meslames Tom Largent, Jno. C. Hamm, J. W. Daniel and S. P. Miller. Misses Ona Hamblet, Willie and Janie Lee Weir, Messrs J. Parker Sharp, Dee and Emmett Grimes, Ralph Bigham, Sam Swann, Clayton Hale, Tom Largent, H. C. Burroughs and Robert McDonald.

Miss Maude Jenkins entertained the members of the 20th Century Club at her home Saturday afternoon. The Vice President presided in the absence of Mrs. Geo. West. Mrs. Otho Williams gave a synopsis of the Iron Woman. Miss McLinden gave the synopsis of the Awakening of Helena Ritchie. Mrs. Ruby Harris gave the biography of Maragret Deland. A general discussion was then given by the Club, after which the hostess served dainty refreshments to those present.

The social meeting of the Womens Missionary Society was held Monday afternoon with Mesdames Armstrong and Laney assisted by Frank and Lola Armstrong. The lesson was on "Korea" and "Our Work in Korea". Some features of the work were brought out by posters. Plans are being made for some important local work in the near future. The ladies were glad mother Armstrong and Mrs. Black were present. Dainty refreshments were served. The next social meeting will be held at Mrs. T. L. Grimes. Publicity Supt.

Mrs. E. M. Rust entertained with a five hundred party Thursday evening at her home on South 1st St. At the conclusion of the fifth game the hostess and her daughter Miss Genevieve Rust served a salad course to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Leighty, Mr. and Mrs. Davenport Gaither, Dr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Miller, Mesdames Jno. Hamm, Sterling P. Miller and J. W. Daniel. Misses Evelyn Williams, Mabel Collins, Lou Sears and Venona Hamblet. Messrs. J. C. Mason, Homer L. Easterwood and Luke Woodroof.

The Willing Workers of the Presbyterian church met Sunday with Mrs. W. H. Dickson on Oak St. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. M. D. Angus. Twelve members and one visitor were present. The class will take up the Teachers Training Course. The next meeting will be with Mrs. M. D. Angus on Austin St. March 7th.

Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mershon and children, Otto and Yowell, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Rush Buford drove to Sweetwater. Deadmans Hollow was added to the journey. He took the tating home to his mother and started out to hunt the Ridgeways to turn in twenty dollars to Miss Ina. Rosina came to the door. "I've come to confess!" began Bob, humbly. "Yes?" "I'm a liar and a thief!" "In spite of herself Rosina laughed. "How dreadful! You look contrite enough to be a murderer also. We may as well be comfortable while having this awful confession! Won't you sit down? Now tell me why you let me talk to you yesterday when you knew I was at the wrong house?"

Mrs. T. Robinson's Sunday School class of the Presbyterian Church met Sunday afternoon with Miss Eunice Bullock and organized under the name of Portheon. Officers were elected and other business matters were attended to. Eight members were present.

Remember the \$400.00 piano is now on display at The Anchor.

### THE WRONG ADDRESS

By OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON.

Rosina looked around doubtfully, scrutinizing the houses along the street. "White, with a buckeye tree to the left of the front porch," Aunt Ina had said. The one before her answered the description.



Bob Nevis, with his feet comfortably elevated on the porch rail, sat reading the morning paper. Noticing a lady turn in at the gate he sprang up and stood waiting for her at the door.

"I've brought the tating for Mrs. Mendelheim," Rosina began diffidently. "Will you please give it to her, and tell her that Aunt Ina, I mean Miss Ridgeway, is sick today and won't be able to help with the fancy-work booth. She's very sorry and hopes Mrs. Mendelheim will be able to manage without her."

Bob stood looking after her. "Hia! Who the deuce is she, I wonder? Don't remember having ever seen her before. By Harry! she's a cracker-jack for looks, isn't she?"

Doctor Nevis stood smiling inside the screen door and Bob spied him. "Then you heard, dad!"

"Yes, couldn't help it and can't say that I blame you much. Mighty pretty young lady! But if I were you I believe I'd have told the truth. That Mrs. Mendelheim does not live here, and, incidentally, suggested showing her the way to the right house."

Bob considered the matter. He didn't relish a walk of eight blocks—alone—when he had an interesting book and good cigars.

So he called Sammy Croop, next door, and gave him a nickel and the bundle of tating, telling him where to go. Sammy Croop stuffed the small bundle into his pocket and started on his way. At the corner of Crissmore street he met Jimmy and David Harrowdale on their way to the swimming hole. Sammy yielded without much coaxing and agreed to go along, deciding that the return trip would be time enough to make his delivery.

But Sammy got a cramp in the deep water, and Jimmy managed to hold him up in a way while David yelled for help to some men in a nearby field. The result was that Sammy, weak and subdued from his soaking, was brought home on a partly loaded hay wagon and delivered to his mother.

All day, Mrs. Aaron Mendelheim worked at the church, wondering why Miss Ridgeway did not come to help.

"If she can't come she might have sent word," she soliloquized indignantly. "I could have gotten someone to help. And how about that tating she has been working on for months? She says there's twenty dollars' worth. And now where is she? Does anybody know anything about Miss Ridgeway?" But nobody did. At six o'clock Mrs. Mendelheim left the completed yellow and lavender booth and dragged her weary way homeward. Her cup of tea failed to revive her and she went to bed with a splitting headache.

One of the Mendelheims telephoned to the Ridgeways and the result was that Rosina went to take charge of the proprietorless booth, puzzled about the miscarriage of her message.

Mrs. Nevis, leaving the house that night, asked Bob to go along, and he soon found himself facing Rosina! But Rosina had a disconcerting way of looking directly through him that made him feel decidedly insignificant. "I hear that I can get some of Miss Ridgeway's beautiful tating," said his mother.

"I'm sorry, but we have none. It was sent, but through some error has not reached the church."

"That is too bad!" returned Mrs. Nevis, moving away. "Come, Robert."

Robert discovered the Indian suit and the tating next morning, both drenched with rain.

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"Because—because, you were so lovely and I was afraid you'd go. I wanted to have you stay and—and—say, I'm a stupid donkey, and here's the money for the—whatever you call that stuff. The little boy I sent with it went swimming instead. You must think me a muddle-head!"

Rosina laughed again. "Oh, don't go! Here you have a chance to talk to me and now you are running away."

Bob needed no second invitation. (Copyright, 1914, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

### PROPOSE MEMORIAL TO DR. GEO. C. RANKIN

PLAN MEN'S HALL ON THE CAMPUS OF METHODIST UNIVERSITY.

Prominent Churchmen Launch Movement in Dallas to Honor Former Religious Editor.

A tall cedar has fallen on the slopes of Lebanon! A mighty Prince in Israel has passed! In the death of Dr. George C. Rankin, editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, Texas has lost one of her most honored citizens, the cause of Prohibition one of its most fearless champions, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, one of her most efficient leaders. No man in Texas was more distinguished or had rendered more conspicuous service to the cause of Christianity and civic righteousness.



Dr. George C. Rankin.

This great man has been an inspiration to every young person who knows anything of his life. At an early age he was left an orphan with a widowed mother to support. He was without funds and yet had a yearning ambition for a college education; he endured all manner of privations while working his way through college. His career as a successful pastor, fearless preacher, noted editor, and illustrious citizen should be kept before the young men of this State in an enduring way.

In order to do this, it is proposed to build a suitable monument to commemorate his life and deeds. Since Dallas has been his home and the chief field of his labors for the last eighteen years, and since he was one of the leading ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and since Southern Methodist University is to become the center of Methodist influence this side of the Mississippi River, where many young men and young women will be gathered annually, it has been decided that a great memorial building to be named "RANKIN HALL" should be erected on the campus of Southern Methodist University at the earliest possible date, and a life-size bronze statue of George C. Rankin put in a conspicuous place on the campus. Room rent in this building will be given at the lowest cost to young men who are struggling to secure a college education and make the most of life.

The building should cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000.00, and the money should be raised in CASH. The immediate family of Dr. Rankin and the University authorities have consented that the work should be undertaken, and we therefore send out this urgent appeal that every friend or admirer of Dr. Rankin send in one (\$1.00) dollar in cash, and if possible this same amount for each member of his family or any amount he desires to go into this memorial building. Let no one who has been benefited by or who appreciates the life and influence of this great man fail to send in a suitable amount, at least one dollar or more. Doubtless we will desire to send a larger sum. It should not be confined to Methodists, for his life reached beyond his own church and was a blessing to the cause of righteousness at large.

Hon. L. L. Jester, President of the Merchants National Bank at Dallas, has agreed to serve as Treasurer. Rev. J. D. Young, Ennis, Tex., General Manager and Secretary of the campaign, has been asked to serve as Secretary and General Manager of the campaign. Let money be sent to him, also any correspondence.

A correct list of all contributions will be carefully kept and a copy deposited in the corner stone of the building, and another kept in a suitable book in the archives of the University. This list will be published from time to time in the daily press and in the Texas Christian Advocate and the Home and State while the campaign is in progress. Do not wait until tomorrow! Send your check or postoffice money order today to Rev. J. D. Young, Ennis, Texas. The campaign must be brief.

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### SHE DARED THE SEA

By JACK NORMAN.

To Brittany, at the westernmost part of France, came in the tenth century many thousands of settlers who had just left that part of England now called Wales to avoid the rule of the Norman.

How strange and rude that Brittany! How rough and picturesque her people! "Arid as Brittany," says a proverb; "Stubborn as a Briton," retorts another. And there you have in a few words the most striking characteristics of both.

Fancy a succession of bleak plateaus spread over a hundred square miles of land, showing to the sun nothing but the baroness of their myriads of granite rocks, and the vegetation that can extract a living in the interstices, under the action of frequent sprinkles and vapor baths exhaled by the Gulf stream, and blown over by the ocean breezes. This is the country!

Imagine an individual of mean size, but sturdy, muscular, vigorous, and seeming to have inside the skull more elements of will, of tenacity, of obstinacy than the rest of the world. That is the man!

The traveler in Brittany infallibly hears the story of Marie Legoff, and, told by her countrymen, it is worth the trip, but we had better tell it and save time.

Marie Legoff, then fourteen years old, was the housekeeper of her father, a fisherman of Lannion, when the turbulent waves of the British channel crushed the old man and his boat on the reefs. The fisherman who found the wreckage on the sands went to Marie Legoff and told her about his discovery.

"Poor girl," he concluded, "what are you going to do now?" Then with Briton brusqueness, "You'd better go to an orphan asylum. Do you want to do anything about it?"

The sight of Marie Legoff was a pitiful one at first, but her blood did not take long to reveal itself in pulses of undauntedness, and presently, restraining her tears, raising her bowed head, her eyes flashing a fierce determination, she said:

"Thank you just the same, John; but the sea took my living, and the sea shall give it back to me—or swallow me altogether."

And two days after she went out to sea with an uncle.

The short trips of her uncle's boat did not satisfy Marie Legoff, as she longed for a time when she could, on a bigger boat, fight and wrestle with that sea that had taken her father. That time had come with her marriage. Husband and wife having some money, put it together to buy a sloop of about fifty tons burden, and they went to sea, doing a coasting trade.

If the husband had the brevet, the wife was the acting captain, and no one on board would have dared to say a word about it. People from different parts of the coast have still that vision of a sloop coming into port crowded with sails, speeding so silently amidst an anchorage full of moored ships, and steered by a tall, straight, energetic woman, a veritable picture of determination and daring.

At the very moment when onlookers, breathless, anticipated a crash against pier or wharf, Marie Legoff uttered a sharp order, staysails and anchor dropped at the same time, and the ship, veering sharply, came quickly stern to windward and rocked herself on her cable.

After years of high-spirited life, the end came. One day as the sloop, pursued by a maddened sea, was feeling her way through a snowstorm and trying to enter the river of Morlaix, the boom broke, the spanking power of the fore and aft mainsail slackened, and she was driven helplessly against the rocks.

Between the ship and the shore was a rocky reef, a veritable wall, over which the sea broke, raging furiously. Only one thing could save the crew from certain death, and it had to be done quickly. It was to swim ashore with a line.

Who would dare to attempt the perilous undertaking? The sailors shook their heads and muttered: "That is a sure death."

Without a word Marie Legoff seized the end of a rope and began to fasten it about her waist, when her husband sprang to her and shouted:

"What are you doing, Marie? There is just a blanket of foam on the rocks; you can't get across."

But the acting captain had not yet given up her command. She stopped him with her intrepid look and said:

"Who told you that there was no more than a blanket of foam on the rocks? Not I! I only say that I will carry the rope!"

Without listening to further protestation, she sprang overboard and dived into the raging waters. After an age she gained the surface. "Silence prevailed on board. Straining eyes watched her. She was dashed forward by a violent surge, drawn back and buffeted by another, but still swimming and struggling she made her way, dragging with her the rope. Suddenly a huge wave hurled her on the top of the reef, another one tossed her to the other side, toward the shore. She seemed then but a floating thing with her clothes bagged by the wind.

Finally she stranded, still clasping the rope of salvation. She was seized by the fisher folk who had gathered and watched her audacious act, but she was lifeless, crushed and torn by the sharp teeth of the reef.

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### 24 HOURS IN EL PASO AND JUAREZ

Ordinarily a person can see more in El Paso and Juarez in 24 hours than can be seen in any other place in or bordering the State within a week's time.

This is what about thirty Merkelites think of the situation in a nut shell after having spent a short time there Sunday and Monday, taking advantage of \$7.00 to and from those towns.

Arriving in El Paso you are confronted with a cosmopolitan people. You think you are in the wrong pew and if you only go far enough you will wake up to this fact. More can be seen within half a day in El Paso that will attract the average country editor's eye than we expect to see or hear about during the entire Panama Exposition. Two hours with Jess Willard who is destined to beat the "Loll" out of Jack Johnson, as W. E. Adams was heard to say, was sufficient to convince even the most skeptical that Willard was indeed a mighty specimen of physical perfection and is hardly such a joke as many are inclined to think. One light lick from his left hand to the solar-plexus of a volunteer fighter of 204 pounds from New Mexico brought the new recruit to a sad conclusion that he had been knocked from amazing grace to a floating opportunity and the managers escorted the lad, who was groggy from the lick, out of the ring and into oblivion so far as he would further be concerned in helping Willard get into trim.

Many of the Merkelites who visited the Pass city spent the Sabbath in the town of Juarez witnessing a Mexican on a flea-bitten, blindfolded, half-starved-to-death pony, fight a bull. Among this crowd was W. A. Scott and son Edwin, so we are informed, W. E. Adams, W. J. Douglass, T. J. Coggin, Will Hill of the Golan community, Clarence Eoff and W. L. Barbee, both of Noodle, Judge W. W. Wheeler, J. D. Jones and Sam Brandon. There may have been others but we missed seeing them. Some of these parties did not intend to visit this place. Mr. Scott endeavored for some time to locate a Baptist church in Juarez and the best he could do was to get a seat in the bull fighting arena.

Many of those, if not every Merkel individual, in El Paso during the last week, took a look at Juarez and its notable sights. At all times, Sunday included,

the natives and others who flock into that Monte Carlo of America scarcely think of anything except the past time offered by the various reports of the place, which, by the way, are crowded with types of people who we would not like for our neighbors unless there was a good lock on the smokehouse and a bull pup to guard the door. Faces of every race of civilized and parti-civilized people in existence can be found in those places. Ninety per cent or more of these faces are of the lowest types possible to imagine, the other probable ten per cent, if it be that large, is composed of those drawn there through curiosity of seeing the town in America known to be second to Monte Carlo as a gambling resort. During Sunday four bulls were killed and a small portion of this carnage witnessed by the Merkel bunch. The evening, however, was not without excitement, one of the copper colored contortionists who fights and kills the bull was very roughly handled by his charge and seemingly narrowly escaped death himself. At the races, held on the most costly race courses in either of the Americas, more excitement was furnished for the evening. Here was seen the cleanest sport possible to see in Juarez. Blooded horses from various parts of the United States, Mexico and Canada are there in contest. One thoroughbred racer was so seriously injured in a fall that he had to be destroyed to end his misery. This was the only undesirable feature of the racing other than it was open for gambling as are all other sports in Mexico.

The race of horses was not all that the visitors to El Paso were given the benefit of. One race for a passenger train by a Merkel man was exceeding interesting. It all happened at Kent the oasis of the dry country between here and El Paso. This was an instance of steam pitted against the brawn of man and an instance where the former was winner owing to its untiring efforts. Probably the outcome of this event was due to what race horse men would call a handicap. That is the man was sorely handicapped by unnecessary weight in his running. He was on a mission to relieve the thirst of the situation and had not completed his purchases and loaded his pockets when the alarm was sounded for the race to start. Amusing as it was it had its good qualities and only for a false footing obtained by the runner and his handicap he

would have successfully caught the last coach of the speeding train. A wait of twelve hours was then necessary until the next west bound passenger came along.

For the benefit of those who travel west Kent is very small and devoid of accommodations. All to be found there is a depot and two business houses, one a wholesale dispensary of alcoholic beverages, so we saw from the car window.

After all, it is exciting to visit such a place as El Paso but before it would look good to a person who has enjoyed the peaceful life, possible only in Merkel, it would be necessary to completely divorce the town of Juarez together with its ill effects from any connection whatever with the U. S. A.

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

A social hop was enjoyed at the Hall Friday evening. Music was furnished by the Largent Virola. The chaperones and dancers were Meslames Tom Largent, Jno. C. Hamm, J. W. Daniel and S. P. Miller. Misses Ona Hamblet, Willie and Janie Lee Weir. Messrs J. Parker Sharp, Dee and Emmett Grimes, Ralph Bigham, Sam Swann, Clayton Hale, Tom Largent, H. C. Burroughs and Robert McDonald.

Miss Maude Jenkins entertained the members of the 20th Century Club at her home Saturday afternoon. The Vice President presided in the absence of Mrs. Geo. West. Mrs. Otho Williams gave a synopsis of the Iron Woman. Miss McLinden gave the synopsis of the Awakening of Helena Ritchie. Mrs. Ruby Harris gave the biography of Maragret Deland. A general discussion was then given by the Club, after which the hostess served dainty refreshments to those present.

The social meeting of the Womens Missionary Society was held Monday afternoon with Mesdames Armstrong and Laney assisted by Frank and Lola Armstrong. The lesson was on "Korea" and "Our Work in Korea". Some features of the work were brought out by posters. Plans are being made for some important local work in the near future. The ladies were glad mother Armstrong and Mrs. Black were present. Dainty refreshments were served. The next social meeting will be held at Mrs. T. L. Grimes. Publicity Supt.

Mrs. E. M. Rust entertained with a five hundred party Thursday evening at her home on South 1st St. At the conclusion of the fifth game the hostess and her daughter Miss Genevieve Rust served a salad course to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Leighty, Mr. and Mrs. Davenport Gaither, Dr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Miller, Mesdames Jno. Hamm, Sterling P. Miller and J. W. Daniel. Misses Evelyn Williams, Mabel Collins, Lou Sears and Venona Hamblet. Messrs. J. C. Mason, Homer L. Easterwood and Luke Woodroof.

The Willing Workers of the Presbyterian church met Sunday with Mrs. W. H. Dickson on Oak St. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. M. D. Angus. Twelve members and one visitor were present. The class will take up the Teachers Training Course. The next meeting will be with Mrs. M. D. Angus on Austin St. March 7th.

Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mershon and children, Otto and Yowell, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Rush Buford drove to Sweetwater. Deadmans Hollow was added to the journey. The road was so inviting the party could not resist the temptation of going to Nolan where they spent the night with Mrs. McKee, the grandmother of Mr. Buford. The party saw some pretty scenery and had a delightful time even tho some of their friends were muchly distressed when they failed to come home Sunday.

Mrs. T. Robinson's Sunday School class of the Presbyterian Church met Sunday afternoon with Miss Eunice Bullock and organized under the name of Portheon. Officers were elected and other business matters were attended to. Eight members were present.

Remember the \$400.00 piano is now on display at The Anchor.

### THE WRONG ADDRESS

By OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON.

Rosina looked around doubtfully, scrutinizing the houses along the street. "White, with a buckeye tree to the left of the front porch," Aunt Ina had said. The one before her answered the description. Bob Nevis, with his feet comfortably elevated on the porch rail, sat reading the morning paper. Noticing a lady turn in at the gate he sprang up and stood waiting for her at the door.

"I've brought the tating for Mrs. Mendelheim." Rosina began diffidently. "Will you please give it to her, and tell her that Aunt Ina, I mean Miss Ridgeway, is sick today and won't be able to help with the fancy-work booth. She's very sorry and hopes Mrs. Mendelheim will be able to manage without her." She held out a small paper parcel which the young man accepted with thanks.

Bob stood looking after her. "Hial! Who the deuce is she, I wonder? Don't remember having ever seen her before. By Harry! she's a cracker-jack for looks, isn't she?"

Doctor Nevis stood smiling inside the screen door and Bob spied him. "Then you heard, dad!"

"Yes, couldn't help it and can't say that I blame you much. Mighty pretty young lady! But if I were you I believe I'd have told the truth. That Mrs. Mendelheim does not live here, and, incidentally, suggested showing her the way to the right house."

Bob considered the matter. He didn't relish a walk of eight blocks—alone—when he had an interesting book and good cigars.

So he called Sammy Croop, next door, and gave him a nickel and the bundle of tating, telling him where to go.

Sammy Croop stuffed the small bundle into his pocket and started on his way. At the corner of Crissmore street he met Jimmy and David Harrowdale on their way to the swimming hole. Sammy yielded without much coaxing and agreed to go along, deciding that the return trip would be time enough to make his delivery.

But Sammy got a cramp in the deer water, and Jimmy managed to hold him up in a way while David yelled for help to some men in a nearby field. The result was that Sammy, weak and subdued from his sousing, was brought home on a partly loaded hay wagon and delivered to his mother.

All day, Mrs. Aaron Mendelheim worked at the church, wondering why Miss Ridgeway did not come to help.

"If she can't come she might have sent word," she soliloquized indignantly. "I could have gotten someone to help. And how about that tating she has been working on for months? She says there's twenty dollars' worth. And now where is she? Does anybody know anything about Miss Ridgeway?" But nobody did. At six o'clock Mrs. Mendelheim left the completed yellow and lavender booth and dragged her weary way homeward. Her cup of tea failed to revive her and she went to bed with a splitting headache.

One of the Mendelheims telephoned to the Ridgeways and the result was that Rosina went to take charge of the proprietorless booth, puzzled about the miscarriage of her message.

Mrs. Nevis, leaving the house that night, asked Bob to go along, and he soon found himself facing Rosina! But Rosina had a disconcerting way of looking directly through him that made him feel decidedly insignificant. "I hear that I can get some of Miss Ridgeway's beautiful tating," said his mother.

"I'm sorry, but we have none. It was sent, but through some error has not reached the church."

"That is too bad!" returned Mrs. Nevis, moving away. "Come, Robert."

Robert discovered the Indian suit and the tating next morning, both drenched with rain.

He took the tating home to his mother and started out to hunt the Ridgeways to turn in twenty dollars to Miss Ina.

Rosina came to the door. "I've come to confess!" began Bob, humbly.

"Yes?"

"I'm a liar and a thief!"

In spite of herself Rosina laughed. "How dreadful! You look contrite enough to be a murderer also. We may as well be comfortable while having this awful confession! Won't you sit down? Now tell me why you let me talk to you yesterday when you knew I was at the wrong house?"

"Because—because, you were so lovely and I was afraid you'd go. I wanted to have you stay—and—say, I'm a stupid donkey, and here's the money for the—whatever you call that stuff. The little boy I sent with it went swimming instead. You must think me a muddle-head!"

Rosina laughed again. "Oh, don't go! Here you have a chance to talk to me and now you are running away."

Bob needed no second invitation. (Copyright, 1914, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

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A tall cedar has fallen on the slopes of Lebanon! A mighty Prince in Israel has passed! In the death of Dr. George C. Rankin, editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, Texas has lost one of her most honored citizens, the cause of Prohibition one of its most fearless champions, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, one of her most efficient leaders. No man in Texas was more distinguished or had rendered more conspicuous service to the cause of Christianity and civic righteousness.



Dr. George C. Rankin.

This great man has been an inspiration to every young person who knows anything of his life. At an early age he was left an orphan with a widowed mother to support. He was without funds and yet had a yearning ambition for a college education; he endured all manner of privations while working his way through college. His career as a successful pastor, fearless preacher, noted editor, and illustrious citizen should be kept before the young men of this State in an enduring way.

In order to do this, it is proposed to build a suitable monument to commemorate his life and deeds. Since Dallas has been his home and the chief field of his labors for the last eighteen years, and since he was one of the leading ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and since Southern Methodist University is to become the center of Methodist influence this side of the Mississippi River, where many young men and young women will be gathered annually, it has been decided that a great memorial building to be named "RANKIN HALL" should be erected on the campus of Southern Methodist University at the earliest possible date, and a life-size bronze statue of George C. Rankin put in a conspicuous place on the campus. Room rent in this building will be given at the lowest cost to young men who are struggling to secure a college education and make the most of life.

Cost of Building. The building should cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000.00, and the money should be raised in CASH. The immediate family of Dr. Rankin and the University authorities have consented that the work should be undertaken, and we therefore send out this urgent appeal that every friend or admirer of Dr. Rankin send in one (\$1.00) dollar in cash, and if possible this same amount for each member of his family or any amount he desires to go into this memorial building. Let no one who has been benefitted by or who appreciates the life and influence of this great man fail to send in a suitable amount, at least one dollar or more. Doubtless some will desire to send a larger sum. It should not be confined to Methodists, for his life reached beyond his own church and was a blessing to the cause of righteousness at large.

Hon. L. L. Jester, President of the Merchants National Bank at Dallas, has agreed to serve as Treasurer. Rev. J. D. Young, pastor at Ennis, Texas, the originator of this memorial plan, has been asked to serve as Secretary and General Manager of the campaign. Let money be sent to him, also any correspondence.

A correct list of all contributions will be carefully kept and a copy deposited in the corner stone of the building, and another kept in a suitable book in the archives of the University. This list will be published from time to time in the daily press and in the Texas Christian Advocate and the Home and State while the campaign is in progress.

Do not wait until tomorrow! Send your check or postoffice money order today to Rev. J. D. Young, Ennis, Texas. The campaign must be brief.

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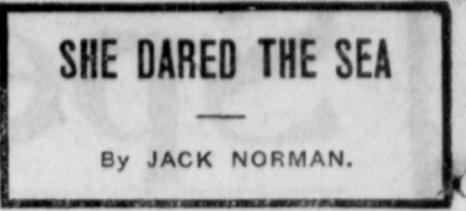
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To Brittany, at the westernmost part of France, came in the tenth century many thousands of settlers who had just left that part of England now called Wales to avoid the rule of the Normans.

How strange and rude that Brittany! How rough and picturesque her people! "Arid as Brittany," says a proverb; "Stubborn as a Briton," reports another. And there you have in a few words the most striking characteristics of both.

Fancy a succession of bleak plateaus spread over a hundred square miles of land, showing to the sun nothing but the bareness of their myriads of granite rocks, and the vegetation that can extract a living in the interstices, under the action of frequent sprinkles and vapor baths exhaled by the Gulf stream, and blown over by the ocean breezes. This is the country!

Imagine an individual of mean size, but sturdy, muscular, vigorous, and seeming to have inside the skull more elements of will, of tenacity, of obstinacy than the rest of the world. That is the man!

The traveler in Brittany infallibly hears the story of Marie Legoff, and, told by her countrymen, it is worth the trip, but we had better tell it and save time.

Marie Legoff, then fourteen years old, was the housekeeper of her father, a fisherman of Lannion, when the turbulent waves of the British channel crushed the old man and his boat on the reefs. The fisherman who found the wreckage on the sands went to Marie Legoff and told her about his discovery.

"Poor girl," he concluded, "what are you going to do now?" Then with Briton brusqueness, "You'd better go to an orphan asylum. Do you want us to do anything about it?"

The sight of Marie Legoff was a pitiful one at first, but her blood did not take long to reveal itself in pulses of undauntedness, and presently, restraining her tears, raising her bowed head, her eyes flashing a fierce determination, she said:

"Thank you just the same, John; but the sea took my living, and the sea shall give it back to me—or swallow me altogether."

And two days after she went out to sea with an uncle.

The short trips of her uncle's boat did not satisfy Marie Legoff, as she longed for a time when she could, on a bigger boat, fight and wrestle with that sea that had taken her father. That time had come with her marriage. Husband and wife having some money, put it together to buy a sloop of about fifty tons burden, and they went to sea, doing a coasting trade.

If the husband had the brevet, the wife was the acting captain, and no one on board would have chanced to say a word about it. People from different parts of the coast have still that vision of a sloop coming into port crowded with sails, speeding silently amidst an anchorage full of moored ships, and steered by a tall, straight, energetic woman, a veritable picture of determination and daring.

At the very moment when onlookers, breathless, anticipated a crash against pier or wharf, Marie Legoff uttered a sharp order, staysails and anchor dropped at the same time, and the ship, veering sharply, came quickly stern to windward and rocked herself on her cable.

After years of high-spirited life, the end came. One day as the sloop, pursued by a maddened sea, was feeling her way through a snowstorm and trying to enter the river of Morlaix, the boom broke, the spanning power of the fore and aft masts slackened, and she was driven helplessly against the rocks.

Between the ship and the shore was a rocky reef, a veritable wall, over which the sea broke, raging furiously. Only one thing could save the crew from certain death, and it had to be done quickly. It was to swim ashore with a line.

Who would dare to attempt the perilous undertaking? The sailors shook their heads and muttered:

"That is a sure death."

"Without a word Marie Legoff seized the end of a rope and began to fasten it about her waist, when her husband sprang to her and shouted:

"What are you doing, Marie? There is just a blanket of foam on the rocks; you can't get across."

But the acting captain had not yet given up her command. She stopped him with her intrepid look and said: "Who told you that there was no more than a blanket of foam on the rocks? Not I! I only say that I will carry the rope!"

Without listening to further protestation, she sprang overboard and dived into the raging waters. After an age she gained the surface. "Silence prevailed on board. Straining eyes watched her. She was dashed forward by a violent surge, drawn back and buffeted by another, but swimming and struggling she made her way, dragging with her the rope. Suddenly a huge wave hurled her on the top of the reef, another one tossed her to the other side, toward the shore. She seemed then to be floating along with her clothes bagged by the wind."

Finally she stranded, still clasping the rope of salvation. She was seized by the fisher folk who had gathered and watched her audacious act, but she was lifeless, crushed and torn by the sharp teeth of the reef.



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Mr. and Mrs. James Bright are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Mosley, near Haskell. They made the trip through the country in their new Dodge car.

Mr. Coopwood of South Arkansas is here visiting his sister, Mrs. A. P. Boyd, who is in very poor health.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson of Merkel were visiting Mrs. Boyd last week.

Tom McLeod has been very sick during the past week with mumps and other complications. Rev. W. Hammer, pastor of the Baptist church, preached

some very interesting sermons Saturday and Sunday. Also, the Presiding Elder Ferguson of the Methodist church preached some fine sermons here at the Methodist church.

Ernest Massey and Winslow Beckham, two school boys of Trent, are taking an experience lesson this week by visiting El Paso and Juarez.

There is some talk among our people as to devising plans for building better roads but as yet haven't decided how to begin. We would like to have some suggestions from someone who has had experience in road building.

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Wm. Eoff has been very sick for the past week but is reported some better.

Miss Sallie Hall of Ballinger is visiting relatives at this place.

Miss Lucile Beene is spending this week in Merkel with her sister, Mrs. E. C. Church.

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The singing given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Green was enjoyed by all present last Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson, Marvin and Otto Sosebee motored from Paducah last Friday to spend a few days with relatives and friends, returning home Monday afternoon.

Elder Dan Simpson of Trent filled his regular appointment at the Church of Christ Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Dook Thompson of Sinclair spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.

Rev. Ferguson of Abilene conducted services at the M. E. church Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. A. B. Ely returned from Abilene last Friday.

The basket ball game was real interesting which was played last Friday afternoon by the Merkel High School boys and the Noodle High School boys. When the game was finished the score stood twelve to fourteen in favor

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Messrs. Bruce Wheeler and Gurney Richards spent Saturday and Sunday in Abilene.

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A. J. Robinson, Athletic Director of the University Interscholastic League, reports that a total of 605 schools have taken out membership in the League. There are 125 counties represented in this organization. Taylor county has five schools in the League, as follows: Abilene High School, Supt. R. H. McDaniel; Bradshaw High School, Supt. A. J. Jones; Caps High School, Supt. R. B. Hood; Merkel High School, Supt. M. H. Morris; Tye School, Supt. J. A. Russell.

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Messrs. Jackson and Pribble are just finishing a cozy bungalow for Mr. Burton on his farm near here.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bright are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Mosley, near Haskell. They made the trip through the country in their new Dodge car.

Mr. Coopwood of South Arkansas is here visiting his sister, Mrs. A. P. Boyd, who is in very poor health.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson of Merkel were visiting Mrs. Boyd last week.

Tom McLeod has been very sick during the past week with mumps and other complications.

Rev. W. Hammer, pastor of the Baptist church, preached

some very interesting sermons Saturday and Sunday. Also, the Presiding Elder Ferguson of the Methodist church preached some fine sermons here at the Methodist church.

Ernest Massey and Winslow Beckham, two school boys of Trent, are taking an experience lesson this week by visiting El Paso and Juarez.

There is some talk among our people as to devising plans for building better roads but as yet haven't decided how to begin. We would like to have some suggestions from someone who has had experience in road building.

### NOODLE

Wm. Eoff has been very sick for the past week but is reported some better.

Miss Sallie Hall of Ballinger is visiting relatives at this place.

Miss Lucile Beene is spending this week in Merkel with her sister, Mrs. E. C. Church.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill, C. L. Eoff and D. H. Thompson left Saturday morning for El Paso to visit relatives and friends; also, to attend the celebration of Washington's birthday. They returned Tuesday.

The singing given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Green was enjoyed by all present last Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson, Marvin and Otto Sosebee motored from Paducah last Friday to spend a few days with relatives and friends, returning home Monday afternoon.

Elder Dan Simpson of Trent filled his regular appointment at the Church of Christ Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Dook Thompson of Sinclair spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.

Rev. Ferguson of Abilene conducted services at the M. E. church Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. A. B. Ely returned from Abilene last Friday.

The basket ball game was real interesting which was played last Friday afternoon by the Merkel High School boys and the Noodle High School boys. When the game was finished the score stood twelve to fourteen in favor

of the Noodle boys.

Messrs. Bruce Wheeler and Gurney Richards spent Saturday and Sunday in Abilene.

### Taylor County has Five Schools in Interscholastic League.

A. J. Robinson, Athletic Director of the University Interscholastic League, reports that a total of 605 schools have taken out membership in the League. There are 125 counties represented in this organization. Taylor county has five schools in the League, as follows: Abilene High School, Supt. R. H. McDaniel; Bradshaw High School, Supt. A. J. Jones; Caps High School, Supt. R. B. Hood; Merkel High School, Supt. M. H. Morris; Tye School, Supt. J. A. Russell.

County directors are sending in gratifying reports as to the number of schools they expect to take part in the various events, including spelling, essay writing, declamation for boys and also for girls, debate, tennis, basket ball and track.

The first county meeting will be held February 26-27 at Three Rivers, in Live Oak county. State Chairman, E. D. Shurter and A. J. Robinson, Director of Interscholastic Athletics, have agreed to attend this meeting and assist as officials.

The next county meets of the season will be held March 5-6 when Erath, Medina, Blanco and Red River counties will decide who their representatives shall be at their respective district contests.

March 12-13 Bell, Jasper and Milam counties will hold their meets; and the following week Marion, Travis, Hopkins, Karnes and Walker counties will do the same.

### Advertised Letters

Barfield, R. J.  
Brown, M. J.  
Browning, Mrs. Lidie  
Harris, Ellis  
Jackson, Mrs. Grace  
Kirk, Mrs. Mary  
McCoy, C. A.  
Osborn, Albert  
Roberts, Frank  
Washington, G. E.  
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office March 6th.  
H. C. Williams, P. M.