MERKEL THE MAIL

RAIN OVER ENTIRE MERKEL

COUNTRY---2 INCHES IN LAST WEEK

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resting Story Was Shown It The Cuzy Theatre Tuesday **4 REELS---TWO INSTALLMENTS**

Episode Will be Shown Tuesday.

Synopsis Episode No. 1.

sent to their daughter. Ella, at his books. coming to New Pork for the friends, Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh. and attended by Ian MacDougal, butter, and his wife, Lenora, who came from England with her. season.

One morning the hotel is are sed by the wild shrieks of monds are missing.

pector French, of the police, is baffled by the case and calls in the services of Sanford Quest. criminoligist.

Quest cleverly traps Lenora, the maid, into an expression of terror. Satisfied that he is on

MacDougal's trial for the slaying GOOD the court for long. The hour is set for sentence. Lord Ashleigh and his twin brother, Edgar, are leaving the latter's home in Yonkers, for the anthropogist hastened back to the United States when he heard of his niece's

Below is a Synopsis of Entire First Four cruel death. Alike in every re-Reels or First Two Episodes. The Third spect physically, save that Edgar is clean-shaven, the two brothers have been close friends since The Black Box" in 15 epi- boyhood. Lord Ashleigh is highsodes by E. Phillips Oppenheim. er strung, more warmblooded, The most exciting, grotesque and Edgar the typical scientist and balling photoplay ever written, exployer, keen in every way while in the open, slightly

Lord and Lady Ashleigh con- stopped, thoughtful and studious

Edgar's body servant, John opera season. As a parting gift Craig, has come, through long Ella's father presents her with service and close companionship, the far-famed Ashleigh diamond to be more of an intimate than is necklace. Chaperoned by old accorded to most English servants. The man has a secretive, almost furtive air which might alarm anyone less suspicious than the simple, sincere scholar, After Ella spends a most delightful the brothers leave, Craig comes to the library with the small black box in his hand.

MacDougal is sentenced to life Lenora. Ella's body is found on imprisonment and taken away to the floor and the famous dia- prison. Quest meets Prof. Ashleigh with warm expressions of friendliness, for the two had known each other in years gone

Upon returning to his home, Edgar Ashleigh finds a message The message says that the skelethe correct trail, the criminologist ton of an anthropoid ape which conveys her to his study and Ashleigh had sent to the museum through hypnotism draws a con- for safe keeping has been stolen. fession from her implicating her Ashleigh is greatly agitated and husband. McDougal, the butler. calls in Quest's services. Leo-

Meanwhile, in a strange little

Satisfied that she is merely the nora finds on the window sill a tool of her husband, Quest im- small bone which Ashleigh propresses on her that she must re- nounces the minor digit of the tarn to his study at 7 p. m. bear- ape's right hand.

Rainfall During Present Year Amounts to 2.80 at Abilene during this week has Inches. Small Grain Crop is Assured. Good Rains Over All West Texas.

The Rainfall that started Wednesday night at 9 o'clock continued throughout the night and showed no indications of stopping soon at the time of going to press Thursday.

The precipitation Wednesday night and Thursday morning amounted to 1.35 inches, which amount added to the light showers of Saturday and Sunday brought the rainfall of this week over two inches. This marked the beginning of the spring season for the Merkel country, the amount of rain during January, February and March being less than an inch and scattered in light showers that added little to the ground season. Reports from various parts of the country show that the rain was general with many places reporting a much heavier fall, Abilene having received over four inches within the last few week. Practically every county in West Texas has also reported heavy rains within the last few days.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PUB.

In this issue of the Mail there H. C. Quentin, proprietor of third week.

islature. the Supreme Court shall consist he has made in his business since judgment for plaintiff for \$120. of certain members: 2nd, author- coming to Merkel.

suance of bonds for public im- This was done Thursday at 11 \$250. provements; 4th, Providing for o'clock and a liberal patronage S. A. Pitzer vs. Texas and Pa-

Business in the County Court been very busy, many cases have been called and a number disposed of.

IN

Tuesday: State vs. Joe Lee Lockhart, passed to Friday. ry Willis.

Halstead; State vs. Hart. Co., vs. W. D. Diltz.

The following cases have been disposed of as follows:

continued by agreement.

R. T. Owen, et al., suit on debt; the Merkel Club will be one of plea of privilege filed.

Jungman Bros. suit on account: fraying the primary expenses dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

Curtis, suit for damages: passed Groene and Harrison of the Cozy to Friday of third week.

Over Hardware Co., vs. L. A. agreed to allow their place to be Friddle et al., suit on note; judg- used one night each for this purment for plaintiff by default. pose.

E. E. Hall vs. Geo. Edwards, suit on notes, passed to Friday of out are Howard, Renfro, Dye,

from the American Museum, appears six constitution amend- the Quentin Home Bakery and E. E. Hall vs. Harb. C. Smith Sharp, Adams, Stanley, Grimes, ments as passed by the last Leg- Confectionery is one of the most suit on notes; judgment for plain- Pate, Rose, Woodrum, the old progressive business men in Mer- tiff by default. time Ferrier Bros., battery, and

These amendments in sub- kel. This statement is qualified G. R. Holloway vs. Texas & the Iron man twirler, Bill Brown, stance are, 1st, Providing that by the continued improvements Pacific Ry. Co. suit for damages; Jones and others.

From these a winning team S. A. Pitzer, vs. Texas & Pa- can be picked and every Merkel izing qualified voters to vote for The latest progressive move on cific Ry. Co., et al, suit for dam- Fan should lend a helping hand. state officers in precincts other the part of Mr. Quentin was to ages; dismissed as to defendant Highland park will be cleaned than the one in which the voter open a cafe in connection with Ft Worth Belt Ry. Co., and judg- and all improvements possible resides: 3rd, Authorizing the is- his confectionery and bakery. ment against Texas & Pacific for made to the place. Everybody root for the home team.

COURT IS MERKEL BALL COUNTY Team Promises to be a Fast one and all Local Material.

WORKOUTS ARE GIVEN DAILY

Organization was Perfected Monday Night. Interest is Being Manifested and Town Will soon have a Fast Club.

Merkel Baseball Fans and base-Wednesday: State vs. John ball players are showing a keener Henry Willis; State vs. John Hen- interest in the horsehide this year than for several seasons. A meet-Thursday: W.C.Petree vs. Ben ing of players and enthusiasts being held Monday night which Friday: J. M. Radford Grocery marked the starting of the season here.

Workouts are given about 20 prospects each afternoon at High-W. F. Belcher vs. Texas & Pa- land Park. The material to be cific Ry. Co., suit for damages; picked from is the best that could be asked and if the writer is not J. M. Radford Grocery Co. vs. too greatly enthused, we believe the fastest if not the fastest team

J. M. Radford Grocery Co., vs. in west Texas. Funds for dewill be obtained by the receipts C H Whittaker vs. Motz & of picture shows. Both Managers and Royal respectfully having

Among those who are working Pendleton, Boring, Burroughs,

a.

ing the jewels with her. Then Not long after this Ashleigh is bringing her back to the normal invited to attend a reception at the home of Mrs. Bruce Reinstate, he releases her.

Leonora, not aware that Quest holdt, whose son was a former is shadowing her, immediately pupil of the anthropologist. A joins her husband in an appar- storm blows up and Craig comes ently deserted house. The crimi- to the house with Ashleigh's rainnologist is trapped and thrown coat. A footman invites the serinto a cellar and the gloating ex- vant to have a bit of supper in butler starts a flow of poisonous the pantry and later sends him gas into the compartment to de- out through the conservatory and stroy his prisoner. While left garden gate as saving him quite alone, Leonora's eyes fall on the a distance.

clock which then indicates that Five minutes later Mrs. Reinthe hour of 7 is at hand. Me- holdt, who has been alone in the chapically she takes up the jewels reception room, hsterically shriekand makes her way to Quest's ing that two hands floated out of stude mid-air and wrenched from her MacDougal believing the crim- throat a wonderful necklace

inelogist to be disposed of, dis- which all of the guests had been covers the departure of the girl freely admiring. No trace of and the absence of the jewels. the robber is found and Quest is plosive and returning to his away study he finds Leonora waiting Quest can make nothing from ever closes.

or him with the jewels.

while in a state of hypnosis, body, Juest puts her under his in-

luence, and adjusting some ap- hut, a weird charactor is being aratus, commands her mind to drawn in by the weaving ten- Eder W.G Cypert will preach ng, protrayed in a mirror ar- jaw primitively undershot the tend each of the services. angement, even though he is at man 's a wild, uncouth figure.

great distance.

enge, sees his wife alone in key's who are his companions, 500. The Star Store uest's study. Stealthily he waiting until his cue shall be ad that the figure he struck food. as a cleverly constructed

my. and, but Quest convinces the escaped from the rapidly moving to grasp him by the throat. He bleman that she is only a tool train. the criminal's hands.

Sypopsis Episode No 2. The weeks have passed. Ian city until at last he drifts into a

& M. and Texas University; 5th, entire noon hours.

collection of a road tax. These amendments are very feel as if you were being served S. S. Howe vs. Texas and Pa-

carefully the substanc of the success for the new enterprise. amendments in order that all may vote intelligently on each

and every proposition.

The McDonald & Stith Gin Co., Mad with rage he determines to summoned at Ashleigh's sugges- owners of the McDonald & Stith revenge himself upon her. tion. Outside the garden gate Gin at this place have placed an Meanwhile Quest has released Craig crouches, listening to the order for new machnery to be nimself through the agency of a hubbub inside. Then a look of placed in their Merkel plant beittle known but powerful ex- white fear on his face he rushes fore the next ginning season Merkel country in general. open, that is if the present one

for customers to stay over night.

To Preach Here Sunday.

ind MacDougal. The experi- tacles of the BLACK BOX. at the north side Christian Church aent is in every way successful, Heavily built his great limbs Sunday morning and Sunday he ex-butler's every action be- hung loosely together, hairy, his night The public is asked to at-

Gibberingly he talks to the Just recrived a shipment of MacDougal, thirsting for re- chained leopard and tiny mon- ladies Silk Hos-, \$1 00 values for

reeps up and striking a terrific called. And while he waits a Salvation Army hall where a low, finds himself handcuffed mysterious hand serves him with pretty lassie is pleading with preceding the meeting for the the sinners to confess. Craig,

Leonora is no longer safe from listenes. His heart is touched. her wrathful husband. for Ian He staggers to the platform. He quested to be present and visitors Lord Ashleigh wishes to prose. MacDougal bested his guard on will confess. But as he drops to ite Leonora as well as her hus-the way to the penitentiary and his knees some awful force seems Edwards, W. M.

> cannot, he cannot tell. Craig, some terrible fear urg- Episode No. 3, Tuesday, April ing him on, wanders about the 27, at the Cozy. Don't miss it.

Creating a Students loan fund; To an outsider who visits the G. W. Stevens vs. Abilene St. 6th. Authorizing the levy and Quentin Cafe there is something Ry. Co., suit for damages; conabout the place that makes you tinued by agreement.

OPENS MODEL CAFE

THURSDAY AT

important and the voters of Tay- in an up-to-date cafe of the cific Ry. Co., et al, suit for damlor county will do well to study larger cities. We predict much ages; judgment for plaintiff. First State Bank and Trust Co.,

> Latest styles in silk waist at for rent: dismissed at plaintiff's J. A Ducket's.



J. A. Barnett of Blue Ridge an owner of Merkel country property was in the city Saturday looking after his interests and casualat plaintiff's cost. ly noting the advancement of the Mr. Barnett was outspoken in

saying the Merkel country was The improvements to be made in better condition than any coun- ing no jury for the first week: try he has seen and is highly R. L. Turnbow, Z. D. Bonner, C. pleased with the investments he T. Beckham, J. W. Daniel, C. W. has made in our midst. From Mingus, R. A. Redell, L. A. Mil-

here he went to Runnells county ler, Carl Graham, G.W. Chastine,



A regular meeting of the Masons will be held in Merkel Lodge Hall Saturday night.

The price is the thing. This will be the last meeting election of officers which will be held in May. All members are reare respectfully invited. Wesley

Our After Easter Sale is booming. Parten Dry Goods Co.

at the Bob Martin Grocery Co. Mrs. E. M. Rust.

the separate maintainance of A. was given the place during the cific Ry. Co.. suit for damages; judgement for plaintiff for \$100.

et al vs. C. A. Lanius et al. suit

Estes & Alexander vs. M. S.

Perry, suit on note: defendant's

plea of privilege sustained and

cause transfered to the county

Mrs. Clara F. Versyp vs. W.A.

Young et al., conversion of per-

sonal property; dismissed at plain-

Geo. W. P. Coats vs. E.C. Tar-

vin, et al, suit on note; dismissed

Jury List.

week of court follows, there be-

A. G. Pippen, W. A Robinson,

John Barbian, T. C. Crifton, Al-

len Williams, A. Parker, C. W. Waldrop, J. W. Claxton, Geo. W.

The jury list for the second

court of Haskell county.

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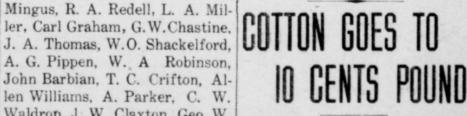
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MAKES SHOWING

Again and for the fourth time within the past five months Agent A. J. Leighty has been credited with the greatest increase in sales on tickets over the Texas & Pacific of any agent on their entire road.

These increases are figured in comparison with the same month of the preceding year. The increase of sales credited to the Merkel office for March was 80.8 percent over March of 1914. The next nearest town on the Texas & Pacific either in Louisiana or

Texas was in Colorado where the sales jumped 42.8 percent. Letters from various officials of the Texas & Pacific system bear out the fact that Mr. Leighty is doing good work and that Merkel is increasing in business so far as the railroad is concerned.

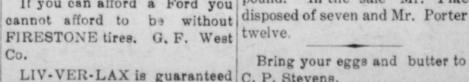


For the first time since the opening of the 14-15 cotton sea-Don't forget the free autoson the Merkel Cotton Market mobile at Parten Dry Goods Co. reached the high point of 10 Those bargains at Duckett's cents per pound.

store are drawing the crowds. This level was reached Monday morning when J. A. Pike and J. Don't forget, prices at C. P. D. Porter sold nineteen bales of the fleecy staple at 10 cent per If you can afford a Ford you pound. In the sale Mr. Pike

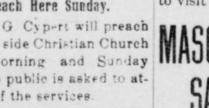
Bring your eggs and butter to

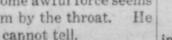
a disordered liver. Pleasant to The celebrated FIRESTONE German millet seed for sale take and perfectly harmless. Ask automobile tires. Sold by G. F. West Co.

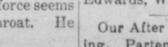




the hysterical woman's words, as Having reason to believe that she maintains that the hands will consist of five 80 saw stands, he girl is an exceptional subject, which stole her necklace had no an unloading house and a yard







Stevens are lower. FIRESTONE tires. G. F. West Co.

LIV-VER-LAX is guaranteed C. P. Stevens. to relieve troubles resulting from



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If your money is in a STATE bank you have no cause for worry, for there has never a Depositor lost a Dollar in the State Banks of Texas.

This Bank is a Guaranty Fund Bank and offers you the protection for your money to which you are entitled.

SAFETY

SERVICE

Baby Grace West Dies.

Mary Grace, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. West, died at the family home Wednesday at 4:00 after an illness of pneumonia.

This baby child, the flower of the home, had been ill with pneumonia for about two weeks prior to her death but her condition did not grow alarming until Saturday night, after which time she gradually succumbed to her afflictions. Funeral services were held at the home of Geo. F. West Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock owing to the fact that Weston, the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. West, was also dangerously ill with pneumonia. Interment was given the body immediately after the funeral, Rev. Hubert E. Bullock conducting the services.

Mrs. F. M. Cordell.

Mrs. Roda Jane Cordell, wife of F. M. Cordell of this place, who died at the family home in this city Friday morning of last week, was buried Friday afternoon at the White Church ceme-



Meaning as Follows

Quentin's Home Bakery and Confectionery

Is now making another step forward to the improvement of their business by making addition of a cafe complete.

NUBIA

People in general seem to be feeling good this week as we had a little shower to soften the clods.

I guess we will have to report some good news for us boys, that is, the five of us single, namely, John Blackburn, Roy Cogburn, Walter Hunder. Rufus Purcell and Lee Cargill. Well, I had forgot, there is Grover Blair and Will Toombs, but they are batching and don't want to marry

Small grain is needing considerable little shower to make them thrive well.

Several of the young folks attended singing at Blair Sunday. All reported a nice time and plenty of chuck.

There was preaching at Nubia Sunday. All turned their attention to the preacher.

Ford McGafuas of Marlino is here visiting John Mason.

There was a party given at the home of John Hunter. A nice time followed the entertain. ment.

We were all glad to see the



COURTESY

Would not compare with prices we are making on Seasonable Merchandise. Note some of the prices." Trade where your money goes farthest. All goods guaranteed satisfactory or money refunded. Don't send your money to mail-order houses; in fact, you can't afford to, as WE SAVE YOU MONEY

COMPARE OUR PRICES

Special-One lot ladies 75c waists	.49c
Clean-up-prices on children's and misses Middi	
Blouses, worth 95c to \$1.00, only	
Big lot of children's Dresses, white and colored	35c
Ladies underwear of all kinds at Special	Prices
Ladies' and children's Hats atHalf	Price
Men and-boys' Hats at Less than Cost to Manufa	acture
Large Bandana Handkerchiefs, 2 for	
Men's Silk Hose, per pair	
Matches, double dip, best grade, 2 boxes	
Lib table of a	- 10

tery, near the former home of this aged lady. Elder W. G. Cypert conducted the services.

Mrs. Cordell at the time of her death had attained the age of 75 years, four months and nine days. She was born in Missouri in 1840 and moved to Texas in an early day. As a Mrs. Brandon she moved with her family to the Mulberry Canyon in the early history of the Merkel country, the family being one of the first to locate in the Canyon country.

Mrs. Cordell affiliated with the Church of Christ while a young lady and was one of the stanchest members to her belief. She was widely known by the pioneer citizenship of both the Merkel and Canyon country and has a M. Cordell November 22, 1905. and made her home with husband in this city during the last few years. Surviving her are two than two inches deep. When up growing to ship, only one variety children, one daughter and one to a safe stand, cut out all except should be planted. At present, J. D. Jones of Nubia, and J. B. If two plants to the hill are left, the call. For the far north mar- baby boy which made its advent Brandon of Putnam, both of they should not be closer to- ket, the "Blue Gem" is a good the 17. whom were with their mother at gether than 18 to 20 inches. the time of her death.

Get rid of the grouch. LIV-VER LAX makes the sun shine brighter. Mrs. E. M. Rust will tell you about LIV-VER-LAX.

Planting Commercial Water-Melons. weeds or large bunches of grass Lay off rows wide and deep, are bad soil and moisture roband 10 feet apart, with big solid bers, preventing large melons; sweep or middle-buster. Sub- and small melons are little good soil the middle furrow with long, in growing to ship.

narrow shovel-plow, if sub-soil The fertilizer formula should dead letter office May 1. plow is not at hand. Broad - cast depend on the character and contwo to four sacks of fertilizer to dition of the land. If the land the acre, across the furrows, is comparatively new, has been about five feet on each side. Bed well handled, or had peas plowed back deeply on the furraws, be- under the previous season, halfing careful to leave no ground and half meal and phosphate ing our thanks to the good people ing our literary at Nubia. It met unbroken, and harrow these back- would be about right. On very of Merkel for their kind assist-Make very shallow furrow in cotton meal with good results.

flat, and plant one seed every about grading, loading and sellfew inches, covering not more ng. Of course, in neighborhood

Especially do we cater to the ladies and ladies parties.

We have made arrangements to serve a Merchant's Lunch between the hours of 11 and 2 each day. Short orders during all hours.

Special spreads will be prepared for parties on short notice.

OUR CAFE, in connection with our Confectionery, makes it possible for the very best of service to be given at all times.

"The Cafe for Ladies and Ladies Parties."

NOW OPEN

host of friends who deeply mourn her Loss. She was married to F. OUENTINS PLACE IS COMPLETE

CALL ON US

variety, and that is a profitable

R. R. Claridge,

Longview, Texas.

Advertised Letters

These letters will be sent to the

Card of Thanks

Merkel Bottling Works

Coggin, J.

Vaxendale, C.

Wright, Mrs. S. L.

In cultivation, keep clean, and market. don't let the surface bake after

rain. Handle the vines as little Agricultural Agt., T.& P. Ry. Co. Methodist in the afternoon. as possible, and when they are too much in the way of cultivation, keep clean with hoe. Large

center, with wide heel-sweep set A little later will have a word Cordill.

nice shower Sunday night.

Rev. Ferguson of Abilene preached here Sunday evening. Mrs. John Hunter, who has been very sick, is reported much

better at this writing. Miss Ona Stanley of Merkel visited home folks Saturday and Sunda".

T. L. Grimes of Merkel transacted business here Friday.

Mrs. F. Riney and baby visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blair, of Merkel, last week.

D. L. Boyd and daughter, Miss Emma, were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

There will be singing here Sunday evening.



A gentle rain fell here Sunday night and everything looks pro-

mising. Mr. and Mrs. E. Bankhead are son, Mrs. Fannie Jones, wife of one or two plants every 10 feet. the "Tom Watson" seems to have the proud parents of a fine new

> There were two services at Nubia Sunday. The holiness preached in the morning and the

Some of the farmers are nearly done planting their. Maize is up and looks fine.

Sunday School was very well attended Sunday. A missionary collection to the amount of \$9 was taken. We would like for the people to come out and at- services at Nubia Sunday. meets at 10 a m. .

H. C. Williams, P. M. Merkel, Texas ed to finish teaching the remain. tible harbingers of spring.

der of our school. We take this method of return-We cant refrain from mention-

again Friday night and an infurrow beds down to a level, thin land I have used straight ance in the last sickness of our teresting recital was given. dear wife and mother Mrs. F. M. George Anderson is building

F. M. Cordell.

an addition to his home.

Mrs. F. L. Jones. erson and W. Hunter attended for your liver.

Boys' Caps, worth 25c, only_____10c Still selling 10c Shoe Polish for 50 Don't fail to see our Complete Line of Paint

If you don't trade here we both lose money.

J. A. DUCKETT The Price is The Thing

If you have an idea in your mind that you can do better by sending away to some so-called Manufacturer for your Lumber, we want you to give us a trial first. You can do a mighty sight better here at home. We will meet any legitimate competition. Besides, we have paid hundreds of dollars School Trx in the city and country, have helped church es and schoo's since we have been in business here. Don't you think we are entitled to SOME consideration?

BUILD YOU A HOME

BURTON-LINGO CO.

LIV-VER-LAX tones up the

tend our Sunday School. It Killdees, scissor tails, horney system, stimulates the liver to frogs, negroes toes and breath work in harmony with the other satisfaction by Mrs. E. M. Rust

Come down to C. P. Stevens'

Wnenever You Need a General Tom Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the An addition to his home. Mrs. E. M. Rust knows about Misses Jewel and Ila Mae And-LIV-VER-LAX. You need it and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents

south of Merkel. 16t2pd

Mrs. E. M. Rust knows about

A new teacher has been secur- of flowers, these are incontrover- organs. Guaranteed to sive Wood Must Come Down. store. Jno S. Hughes sells it at \$2.50 per cord on the ground 6 miles

Present Conditions

Through a varied experience of many years in this country we do not recall a time at this season of the year when the outlook was more encouraging.

The general results from the labors of last year were fairly satisfactory to the farmer, the stockman and to the man engaged in commercial affairs. The crops were bountiful, the financial condition of most people is easy, the rains have fallen, the prospect is good and the country is prosperous.

In view of these facts we see no reason why all our people should not be hopeful and active. Let us go forward in the development of our splendid country, in the building up of all our institutions in every way that will make for the betterment, prosperity and happiness of all our people.

But let us use judgment and conservatism in all things. Let us be active, but let us at the same time be vigilant and calculating.

THE Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Nellie Stanley of Nubia visited here Tuesday. Come down to C. P. Stevens'

store. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Warren are at home from Dallas.

Our after Easter Sale is booming. Parten Dry Goods Co.

Miss Alice Williams of Abilene visited friends here the past week

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

Miss Amanda Curtis is visiting friends in Walnut Springe.

Mrs. E. M. Edwards was in Abilene the first of the week. Let us send you some Alba-

ross flour. Its better. Anchor Mercantile Co.

Miss Juanita Young of Abilene is visiting Miss Mabel Collins.

A complete line of FIRE-STONE auto casings and inner tubes at G. F. West Co.

Prof. and Mrs. [M. E. Witt v sited friends in Anson last wiek

Don't forget the free automobile at Parten Dry Goods Co. Miss Mary Reece of Noodle visited Mrs. Henry Orr the past week.

Have you seen those large bed sheets at J. A. Duckett's. Only 69 cents.

Miss Annie Smith of Mount Pleasant visited relatives here Saturday.

German millet seed for sale at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Deutschman of Noodle were visitors here Tuesday.

Get your loose cotton seed.hulls and meal from G. R. Gazzoway.

Mc. and Mrs. L. L. Stonecipher of Nubia visited friends here Tuesday.

J. T. Browning left Monday for Throckmorton, via Cisco and other points.



Is Now Prepared to Serve You Well

Our stock is complete in every department and contains a big line of Ladies' Ready-to-Wear, Millinery, Dress Goods and Trimmings

Men's Furnishings, Clothing and Shoes

Dr. Hess's Poultry Pan-a-ce-a

Give your chickens a good spring tonic, a guaranteed tonic, that will make your chickens healthier and makes them produce more eggs.

If not satisfied your money will be cheerfully refunded



stands ready and has ever been ready to assist in all these things.

We thank the people of the Merkel country for the patronage they have always given us. We have never had an unsatisfactory year; business is better with us than usual for this season of the year. But we want more business. We are not satisfied. We want more deposits. We want more loans; that is where we get our income; all we ask is that the paper is good.

We have a large

Capital & Surplus of \$50,000

and are splendidly equipped for the handling of all classes of accounts, large and small.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren G. F. West C. P. Warren **Henry** James Ed. S. Hughes Ben T. Merritt Thos. Johnson

\$1.00 Silk Stockings for ladies on y 50c at the Star Store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Browning of Noodle were shopping here Tuesday.

"You cant be worried about something to eat." Just telethe Anchor Mercantile Co.

Miss Gladys Daniel visited her sister, Miss Eleanor, at Sweetwater the past week.

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

The birth of a baby girl is reported to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wheeler on the 18.

Fresh honey at 10 cents per pound at C. P. Stevens.

Mrs. O. J. Lawrence of Arlington is visiting her brother H. C. Burroughe and family.

Get pure Sudan Seed at the Trent country during this week. tine. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Miss Mamie Moore is visiting not a deadly poison like calomel. store. Miss Eather Williams and other friends of Abilene this week. A full line of staple groceries Mrs. E. M. Rust.

at C. P. Stevens.

Mesdames H. L. Propst, W. Parten and A. C. Rose were Drew, of Dublin spent a few guests of friends in Trent Friday. days with Mr. Welch's daughter, O. W. Williams returned from heavy rains in that section of the panied home by Mrs. Merritt. Ballinger Sunday and reported country.

Phone 124 for fresh vegetables the Bob Martin Grocery Co. three times each week. Anchor Mercantile Co.

Mrs. J. W. Jennings returned home Monday from Dallas where she visited her daughter Mrs. W. Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Deaton of Stone- some improved now.

with the family of L.I. Valentine. from Mrs. E. M. Rust.

J. T. Williamson, C, T. Beck. Mr. and Mrs R. Deaton and ham, Sol Johnson, Chas. Hutch- children of Aspermont have reson and James Bright were turned home after visiting the among a few of the visitors from latter's mother Mrs. L. I. Valen-

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Miss Vivian Hall of Abilene returned to her home Monday Bob Martin Grocery Co. after a short visit with her grandfather, W. C. Sublett, of

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R J. Adcock who has been in co Wednesday where he consulted Ft. Worth and Uvalde for several months visiting his daughters Mesdames R. E Kunze and suffering for some time with a Prentice Rice returned home teaching school at Noodle spent Saturday.

> Have your old cotton beds renovated or new ones made. morning and deliver in the Phone 214. R. J. Bassett.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL Mesdames J. A. Woodard and

UNI

E. Henderson were guests of Come down to C. P. Stevens' Mrs. J. Cal Hamner of Trent Friday.

Get pure Sudan Seed at the

Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford is at home from Abilene where she visited her daughter Mrs. Rush Bufford.

German millet seed for sale at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Mrs. J. B. Brandon who was tone up your system. Ask Mrs. called here by the illness of Mrs. F. M. Cordill, returned to her home Tuesday morning.

> Mebane ane Lone Star Cotton Seed at the Bob Martin Gro. Co. Miss Maude Ferguson who is the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. J.P.C. Hunt and children, Matalyn and Deyo, of Will call for your work in the Haskell were visitors here last week. They were guests of the G. E. Comegys.

Any child is safe and happy by the use of LIV-VER-LAX. Ask W. E. Pipes of Huckaby, D. O. Welch and two sons, Mack and this place.

Mrs. Ben T. Merritt the first of the week. They were accom-Seeded Ribbon Cane Seed at

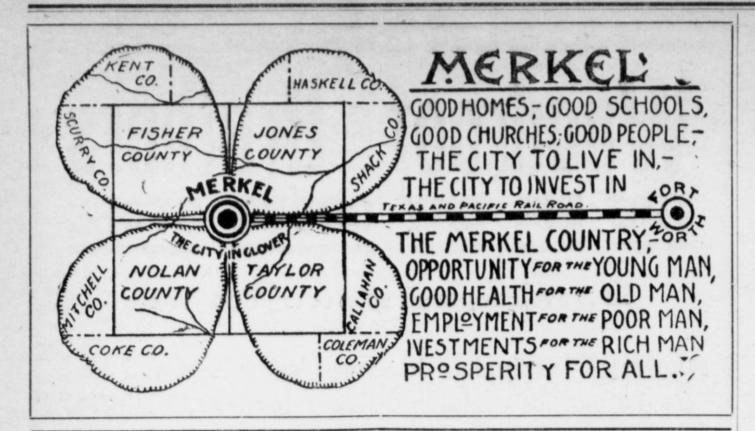
R T. Boden returned from Cis-

a specialist in regard to his effected eyes. Mr. Boden has been

trouble in his eyes thought to have been caused by a recent

Mebane and Lone Star Cotton case of smallpox he contracted. Seed at the Bob Martin Gro. Co. He reports the optical member Feather matresses a specialty.

wall county left Monday for their LIV-VER-LAX relieves all ills home after an extended visit here of the liver and stomach. Get it afternoon. All work guaranteed. families of R. O. Anderson and



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WORKING UNDER TAREE MUNDRED FEET OF WATER.

The American submarine "F-4", which now lies at the bottom of the sea in Honolulu Harbor, exceed 21 pounds per square inch. Where the has presented to the Navy Department a very serious problem. The actual raising of the boat, lying as she does in 40 or 50 fathoms of water running up to 78 pounds, four cylinders are neces-(300 feet), has proved a task to which local equip- sary; and six cylinders from this pressure up to, ment and skill are unequal. The unsurmounted say, 90 pounds. At Honolulu, the pressure redifficulty is concerned largely with the necessity quired may run up to 125 pounds or more, and of properly securing to the body of the vessel the will probably be supplied by a power-operated chains or cables by which she is to be hoisted to the surface.

Accordingly, interest focuses upon the problem of making fast the hoistering lines. But divers capable of successfully performing the duties are very few. Some years ago Angel Erostarbe, presumably a Spaniard, went down in 182 feet of water near Cape Finisterre, at the northwestern corner of Spain, and successfully recovered horrors of war. some \$45,000 worth of silver bars from a wrecked steamer. James Hooper went down to the depth signs of a demise. of 204 feet near Pichidanque, South America. But these depths, great though they are, are still does not want another element in her fight. far short of the necessities at Honolulu. However, the U. S Navy has in it a number of will end October 1, and he is accustomed to the men who have been developing the possibilities of work of making time tables. deep diving. One of these, Chief Gunner's Mate S. J. Drellishak, has been down to a depth of 274 heard about the coon calling the possum narrowfeet in the waters of Long Island Sound. Others faced. have done work comparable with this. A group of these men under Gunner G.D. Stilson has been dispatched from New York for Honolulu by the Navy Department. Their duty upon arrival will be, first of all, to attach to the "F-4" the necessary lines. Deep diving is difficult because of the enormous pressure of the water. The pressure of the water increases at the rate of about $0.43\frac{1}{2}$ pound per square in for every vertical foot. At 200 feet below the surface the water surrounding stunt; too much of a thing ceases to be a novelty. a diver's body exerts the very great pressure of 87 pounds per square inch. Assuming a man's body to have a superficial area of 2,160 square inches, he would accordingly at this depth be subjected to a total pressure of nearly 94 short tons. At 300 feet the pressure would be 130 1/2 pounds per square inch and 141 tons for the whole body. It is necessary, as greater and greater depths are attained by a descending diver, that pressure within the body be continually increased to match the increasing external pressures. In practice, it is found that this takes place very rapidly, if the pressure of the air supplied by the diver is a guessing contest on the same old question: "To progressively added to at the rate of increase of dash to sea, or not to dash" the external hydrostatic pressure. That is to say, a diver may go down rapidly if the air pressure on the fishes when that ship load of chalk went is kept right Apparently, the body automatically to the bottom of the channel responds and permits a rapid increase of internal pressure without especial discomfort. Upon ascending, however, all this is changed. A diver have brought out. The girls know; ask them. may make a quick descent to a considerable depth, but he may not safely make the return trip quickly. There must be stops of considerable length to permit the body to accommodate itself to the reduced internal pressure. Recent practice seems, however, to favor making the said love me and love my dog, and the old boy first half of the ascent a single, fairly rapid could not swallow the pill. operation. The remainder of the distance is then divided into sections, with the rests at the ends of sections rather long. Altogether, to come up of the fire into the Fry.

The MERKEL MAIL from 250 or 300 feet may require from one to two hours.

In supplying the diver with air, provision must be made for two distinct things. First, the requisite pressure must be maintained-this despite the fact that air is being continually discharged from a valve in the diving helmet. This brings SUBSCRIPTION, \$1.00 PER YEAR, IN ADVANCE us to the second requirement. The air surrounding the diver's head must be kept fresh. He keeps breathing, absorbing oxygen and emitting carbon dioxide. If there were no outlet, the atmosphere about him would soon consist of but little else than carbon dioxide and nitrogen, when he would "drown," though still in the dry. Consequently, in addition to the maintenance of the pressure, it is necessary to provide for a continuous renewal of air.

In order to meet these requirements, the air pump must be operated more and more vigorous-Probably no other naval undertaking is being ly as the diver goes to lower and lower depths, or watched with more interest than is the raising of more and more powerful methods must be emthe U S. Submarine "F-4". The following arti- ployed. This may be illustrated by the fact that cle from the ScientificAmerican gives some inter- with one type of standard hand-operated air esting facts connected with this deep sea work. pumps, a single cylinder will supply a diver with sufficient air in cases where the pressure does not pressure is greater than this, but less than 42 pounds, two cylinders are required. For pressure air compressor.-J. F. Springer.

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The farmers are all feri good over crop prospects. W got a good rain Sunday night Wheat and cats are looking fine There is quite a lot of corn and maize up to a stand and som are about done planting cotton. An i fant baby of Mr. and Mrs Jim Moore was buried Sunday. The mother was reported dangerously ill but is better at this time. James Doan has moved his brother, C. Doan, who is in very bad health, from Merkel to hi home on the farm. W. A. Tittle's little boy, Al fred, happened to a very pair in accident one of those windy days last week. He was trying ! close a barn door and was jerked down and got his leg broken H was doing well at the last report J W. Mayfield had the misfortune to lose a nice young m .ie He found it dead in his pastur. Sunday. A large crowd attended church. services Sunday despite the fact the rain prevented some from at lending and the program winot rendered as had been plan ned. The day was pleasantly spent. Some visitors that wernoted : Miss Frankie Smith, View : George Reeves and M. Jones. Newman; Misses Ethel Jone-, Velma Clark and James Mayfield. Abilene; T. L Stephens and family and Mr. Nalley and daughters from Treut, and Mr. and Mrs Dulin of Merkel.



Get inoculated with baseball and forget the

The peach crop's symptom continue good; no

Mexico had better have Huerta interned if she

Railroad Magnate James J. Hill says the war

Villa says Huerta is a "monster." You've

The gladdest words The tongue may say Are these, of course: "Play ball today."

Today the office boys go back Unto the same old trick: "Please, sir; can I get off at 2? My grandma's awful sick."

Culebra Cut ought to be cut out this sliding Don't overlook this important item: On men's spring hats the bows are still in the rear. Thriller, isn't it?

New potatoes, fresh onions and mustard salad -here's where we give our can-opner a wellearned holiday.

That "fleet" of allied warships supposed to be watching just off the capes, dwindled to one armored cruiser when there was an effort to get the pictures

And now the Kronprinz Wilhelm will open up

Just think of the face powder that was wasted

G'long! there isn't any new spot on the sun; it's that same old freckle which the March winds

Paying as you go is good advice but here comes one who says many who boast, of doing so never have enough to pay their way back.

A Boston girl cast off her sweetheart. She

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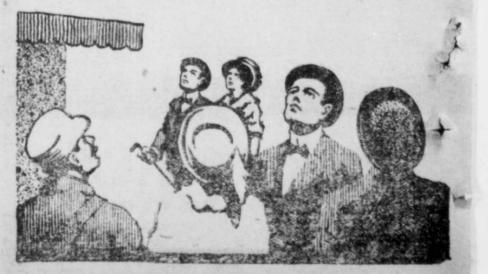
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Bouse Joint Resolution No. 34

A Joint resolution proposing an amendment to Article 7, Section 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the establishment and separate maintenance of the University of Texas and fixing its permanent location in Travis County; providing for the permanent location of the medical branch of the University of Texas in Galveston County; providing for the establishment and maintenance of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas as an independent college, and providing for its permanent location n Brazos County; providing for the establishment and separate maintenance of the College of Industrial Arts and fixing its permanent location in Denton County; authorizing the establishment of junior agricultural college subsidiary to and under the government of the Agricultural and Mechanical College Board; establishing the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College, and declaring it a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and fixing its permanent location at Prairie View, in Waller County; making an equitable division of the State permanent endowment fund between the University of Texas, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College; making an appropriation to defrav the expenses of advertising the Governor's proclamation

people. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 10, 11, 12, 18, 14 and 15, Article 7, of the Constitution of Texas, be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Sec. 10. The University of Texas is hereby established and permanently located in Travis County, and shall be a university of the first class. The Legislature shall provide for its organization and for its development, maintenance and permanent improvement shall make and permanent improvement shall make by appropriation and otherwise such State of Texas, providing for the provision as may be necessary for the promotion of literature and the arts and sciences, pure and applied, in a university of the first class. The af-airs of the University of Texas shall be administered by its own governing board as provided by law. The present members of the board shall continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms. The location herein made of the University of Texas shall no way affect the location of the medical branch thereof situated in Galveston County

granted by the Republic of State of Texas to the University of Texas, or e University of Texas and its branchexcept the lands transferred by Section 13 of this Article to the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and to the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College, shall together with the proceeds of the sale of such lands, constitute the permanent university fund. All the income derived therefrom shall be the available fund, and shall be applied to the support and development of the University of Texas and to meet its obligations. he proceeds from the sale of University lands shall be invested as authorized by law for the investment of the permanent school fund. The one-tenth of the alternate sections of lands granted to railroads, reserved by the State, which was set apart and appropriated to the establishment of the University of Texas by an act of the Legislature of February 11, 1858, entitled "An Act to establish the University of Texas" all not be included in or constitute a part of the permanet university fund. Sec. 12. The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas is hereby established and permanently located in Brazos County and separated from the University of Texas and constituted an independent college. The Legislature shall provide for the organization of said college and for its development. maintenance and permanent improve-ment, shall make by appropriation and otherwise such provision as may be necessary to accomplish the purpose of said institution, which, without excluding classical and cultural studies, shall be to teach and develop those branches of learning which relate to agriculture and the natural sciences connected therewith, the various branches of engineering, the mechanical arts and military sciences and tactics. The affairs of the Agricultural and Mechanical College shall be administered by its own governing board as provided by The present members of the and shall continue in office until the xpiration of their respective terms. The Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College for Colored Youths is mereby established and its government and control shall continue under the governing board of the Agricultural and Mechanial College of Texas. Provided the Legislature may establish junior agricultural colleges subsidiary to the Agricultural and Mechanical College and under the control of the Agricultural and Mechanical College Board. Sec. 13. Of the land heretofore set apart to the University and to the University and its branches by the State of Texas, and remaining unsold, there are hereby transferred to and made a pert said tax for the next year prior to of the permanent fund of the Agricul- the time he offers to vote, voting at an bir and Mechanical College of Texas, election held for that purpose, shall bix hundred thousand acres of land of vote such tax, not to exceed fifty cents average value; there are hereby transferred as a permanent fund to the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College one hundred and fifty thousand acres of land of average value; and all of the remainder of the said land shall constitute a part of the permanent fund of the University of Texas. The Legislature shall provide for the divis- local laws. ion of the land as specified herein-The land herein set apart to the Uni. versity, the Agricultural and Mechani-tution of Texas shall be submitted to yersity, the Agricultural and Mechanial College of Texas and the Prairie the qualified electors of this State for Wiew State Normal and Industrial Colhave may be sold under such regula-be held on the fourth Saturday in the tions, at such times and on such terms month of July, 1915 All voters on as may be prescribed by law. The this proposed amendment at said elec-Legislature shall provide for the prompt tion who favor its adoption shall have collection at maturity of all debts due on account of the sale of said lands, following: "For amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution, authorgranted to any purchaser. Sec. 14. All lands and other property road tax not to exceed fifty cents on heretofore granted or herein granted to the hundred dollars valuation or prop the Agricultural and Mechanical Col-lege, together with the proceeds of the sale of such lands, shall constitute its permanent fund. All the income de-rived therefrom shall by the available fund and shall be applied to the support and development of the Agricultural and Mechanical College and to meet its obligations. The proceeds from the the Agricultural and Mechanical Col- erty in any county, subdivision or sub

in Denton County, Texas, is hereby es- authorized by a majority of the qualipropriation and otherwise, such provision in addition to that heretofore and sciences and the practical industries of the age. The college shall publishing and proclamation and print-have its own governing board, which ing of tickets and necessary blanks to every male person of foreign birth, subshall designate the officers of adminis- use in said election. tration and instruction, and other employees, determine their salaries, establish departments, subdivision, libraries and laboratories and other agencies of education consistent with the objects of the college and perform such

other duties as the Legislature may prescribe. Sec. 2, The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation and have same published as required by the Constitution and the laws of this State. The sum of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of publishing said proclamation and the expenses of submitting and submitting same to a vote of the this resolution to a vote of the people Sec. 3. The foregoing amendment to Article 7, Sections, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, nd 15 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State for its adoption or rejection at an election to be held on the fourth Saturday in July, A. D. 1915, the same being the twentyfourth day of said month. All the voters voting on this proposed amendment at said election who favor the adoption shall have printed or written on their ballots, "For amendment to separation of the University of the State of Texas and the Agricultural and Mechanical College and an equitable division of the university lands. All voters voting on this proposed amendment at said election who oppose its odoption shall have printed or written on their ballots the following: 'Against Amendment to Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the separation of the University of Texas and the Agricultural and Mechanical College and an equitsec. 11. All lands and other property Previous to the election the Secretary of State shall cause to be printed and forwarded to the County Judge of each county for use in said election a sufficient number of ballots for the use of voters in said county, on which shall be printed the form of ballot herein prescribed for the convenience of the

> John G. McKay, Sec. of State. (A true copy.)

House Joint Resolution No 4.

A Joint Resolution of the Legislature of the State of Texas proposing and submitting to a vote of the people of Texas an amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution, authorizing the levy and collection of a special road tax not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars of valuation of property in any county. subdivision or subdivisions, or defined districts thereof, when same has been authorized by a majority of the electors voting at an elec

sale of the Agricultural and Mechani-cal College lands shall be invested as of a special road tax not to exceed fifty authorized by law for the investment cents on the one hundred dollars valuaof the permanent school fund. Sec- 15. The College of Industrial Arts for White Girls located at Denton, trict thereof, when same has been

tablished and recognized as an inde-pendent college, and the Legislature shall provide for its organization, main-Sec. 3. The Governor of the State tenance, development and permanent is hereby directed to issue his necessary improvement and shall make, by ap- proclamation ordering this election, and have same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State. made as may be necessary for the es- The sum of five thousand dollars, or so tablishment and maintenance of a first much thereof as may be necessary, is class college, for the education of white hereby appropriated out of any funds girls in the literary branches, the arts in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of ing of tickets and necessary blanks to

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 18

Joint Resolution proposing and submitting to a vote of the people of Texas an amendment to Section 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution, authorizing the issuance of bonds for public improvements, and levying of a tax to pay the interest and sinking fund on same, and for maintenance. Be it resolved by the Legislature of

the State of Texas: Section 1. That Section 52. of Arti-

le 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as hereafter to read as follows, to-wit:

Sec. 52. The Legislature shall have no power to authorize any county, city, town or other political corporation or subdivision of the State, to lend its credit or to grant public money or thing of value in aid of, or to, any individual, association or corporation whatsoever, or to become a stockholder in such corporation, association or company, provided, however, that under legislative provision any county, any political subdivision of a county, or any defined district now or hereafter to be described and defined within the State of Texas, and which may or may not include towns, villages, or municipal corporations. upon a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property tax payers voting thereon who are qualified electors of such district or territory to be affected thereby, in addition to all other debts may issue bonds or otherwise lend its credit in any amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such district or territory; except that the total bonded indebtedness of any city or town shall never exceed the limits imposed by other provisions of this constitution; and levy and collect such taxes to pay the interest thereon and provide a sinking fund for the redemption thoreof as the Legislature may authorize, and in such manner as it may authorize the same, for the following purposes, to-wit:

(a) The improvement of rivers, creeks and streams to prevent overflows, and to permit of navigation day, and then mail same to the person thereof, or irrigation therefrom, or in aid of such purposes.

(b) The construction and mainten ance of pools, lakes, reservoirs, dams, canals and waterways for the purposes of irrigation, drainage or navigation.or in aid thereof.

(c) The construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof.

Provided, however, that under legislative enactment any defined district personally paid his poll tax within the unless he shall have attained the age now or hereafter to be described and defined within the State of Texas, which may be formed for the purpose of reclaiming and improving overflow-ed and swamp lands in the State and immedment shall be submitted to a of reclaiming and improving overflow-ed and swamp lands in the State, and maintaining the improvements there. of, may, upon a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property tax payers voting thereon who are qualified electors of such district or territory, in addition to all other debts, issue bonds or otherwise lend its credit in any amount not to exceed fifty per cent of the assessed valuation of the real property in such district or territory. Provided, further, that where a county, district or other political subdivision has issued bonds for improvements for the purposes named in this Section, the Legislature may authorize the levy valuation in any one year. Sec. 2. The foregoing amendment of Section 52 of Article 3, of the Con-stitution of Texas, shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State for its adoption or rejection, at a special election hereby ordered for the Fourth Saturday in July, A. D. 1915. the same being the 24th day of said month. All voters on this proposed amendment at said election who favor its adopttion shall have printed or writ-ten on their ballots the following: "For amendment of Section 52 of Article 3. of the Constitution, authorizing the issuance of bonds for levee, drainage, road and other public improvements, and for taxes therefor." Those voting against its adoption shall have printed or written on their ballots the following: "Against the amendment of Section 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution, authorizing the issuance of bonds for levee, drainage, road and other improvements, and for taxes therefor. Previous to the election the Secretary of State shall cause to be printed and forwarded to the county judge of each county, for use in said election, a sufficient number of ballots for the use of the voters in each county, on which he shall have printed the form of ballot herein prescribed, for the convenient use of voters. Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue his necessaproclamation ordering this election, d have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this state. The sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000) or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of publishing said proclamation, and printing and distributing the necessary tickets and blanks for use in said election.

in a precinct other than the precinct students' loan fund, said tax not to exof his residence under certain condi- ceed in any one year twenty cents (20c) tions, and making an appropriation on the one hundred dollars (\$100) valutherefor. ation of the property subject to taxa-Be it resolved by the Legislature of tion in each county; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax

Sec. 3. The Legislature shall pass

Sec. 4. That the above and forego

posed amendment, on the fourth Sat-

John G. McKay, Sec. of State.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 3.

(A true copy.)

the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 2, of Article paying voters of the county voting at 6, of the Constitution of the State of an election to be held for that purpose Texas be so amended as to hereafter shall vote such tax. Provided, that if read as follows: the tax is adopted, after it has been

tions, who shall have attained the age missioners' court to determine whether of twenty-one years, and who shall be or not said tax shall be repealed; and a citizen of the United States, and who provided, further, that it shall be the shall have resided in this State one duty of the Commissioners' Court to year next preceding an election, and order such election upon a petition so the last six months within the district to do by twenty-five per cent of the or county in which he offers to vote, qualified tax paying voters of the counevery male person of foreign birth, sub-

ject to none of the foregoing disquali-fications, who shall have become a citi-this provision of the Constitution. zen of the United States in accordance with the Federal naturalization laws, ing proposed amendment shall be duly and shall have resided in this State one published once a week for four weeks, commencing at least three (3) months

year next preceding such election and the last six months in the county in which he offers to vote, shall also be the purpose of voting upon such prodeemed a qualified elector; and all electors shall vote in the election precinct urday in July, 1915, in one weekly of their residence; provided, that elec- newspaper of each county in the State tors living in any unorganized county of Texas, in which such newspaper may vote at any election precinct in may be published, And the Governor the county to which such county is at- shall, and he is hereby directed, to istached for judicial purposes; and pro- sue the necessary proclamation for the vided further, that any voter who is submission of this proposed amendment subject to pay a poll tax under the to the qualified electors for members of laws of the State of Texas shall have the Legislature. At such election al

paid said tax before he offers to vote persons favoring such amendment shall at any election in this State, and holds have written or printed on their ballots a receipt showing his poll tax paid be- the words "For the Amendment to fore the first day of February next Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitupreceding such election. Or, if said tion, adding thereto Section 3b, authorvoter shall have lost or misplaced said izing the Commissioners' Court to cretax receipt, he shall be entitled to vote ate a Students' Loan Fund," and those upon making affidavit before any offi- opposed thereto shall have written of cer authorized to administer oaths that printed on their ballots the words such tax receipt has been lost. Such affidavit shall be made in writing and of Article 7 of the Constitution, adleft with the judge of the election. If ding thereto Section 3b, authorizing any qualified voter in this State shall the Commissioners' Court to create a return home Sunday night. have personally paid his poll tax in the Students' Loan Fund.' county and precinct of his residence, or secured an exemption certificate show- thereof as may be necessary be and ing that he is exempt from paying a the same is hereby appropriated out of poll tax, he shall be permitted to vote any money in the Treasury not othern the county in which he may be on wise appropriated, to defray the exelection day on any proposition which penses of advertising and holding the may have been submitted to the voters election provided for above. of the entire state, and for any office to be filled by the voters of the entire state; also for members of either branch of the Legislature and Con-gress and judicial officials; provided, no

voter shall vote for members of either branch of the Legislature, Congress, or judicial officials outside of the legislature, congressional or judicial district of such voter's residence, and nothing herein shall permit a voter to vote at any place other than his residence, if he be within the county of his residence on election day. Any person offering to vote in any county other than the county of his residence shall deliver to Be it resolved by the Legislature of the election managers his poll tax receipt or exemption certificate, who shall retain same until the following depositing same to any address he may read as follows: name; and in addition to depositing the politax receipt or exemption certificate, consist of a Chief Justice and four As-

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Jno. G. McKay, Secy. of State. (A true copy.)

House Joint Resolution No. 1.

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House Joint Resolution No. 9.

A Joint Resolution to amend Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Section 3b, as necessary, is hereby appropriated authorizing the Legislature to pro-from any fund in the State Treasury authorizing the Legislature to provide by law for the creation of a stu- not otherwise appropriated to defray dent's loan fund in each county in the expenses of printing said procla-connection with the public schools mation and of holding said election. thereof.

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Health of our community is fairly good.

W. Moore of Nugent is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Moore.

Jack and family visited Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Moore Saturday. Rev Dawson preached here Sunday afternoon.

We have our phone line about built but are slow to get service. We had a fine rain Sunday night. People can plow their land now.

A Cure for Sour Stomach.

women, regulates bladder troub- Creek, Mich., writes: "I have been ies in children. If not sold by troubled with indigestion, sour stomach

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Bouse Joint Resolution No. 34

A Joint resolution proposing an amendment to Article 7, Section 10, 11, 12, 18, 14 and 15 of the Constitution of establishment and separate maintenance of the University of Texas and fixing its permanent location in Travis County; providing for the permanent location of the medical branch of the University of Texas in Galveston County; providing for the establishment and maintenance of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas as an independent college, and providing for its permanent location in Brazos County; providing for the establishment and separate maintenand fixing its permanent location in Denton County; authorizing the establishment of junior agricultural college subsidiary to and under the government of the Agricultural and Mechanical College Board; establishing the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College, and declaring it a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and fixing its permanent location at Prairie View, in Waller County; making an equitable is hereby directed to issue the necesdivision of the State permanent endowment fund between the University of Texas, the Agricultural and Me-Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College; making an appropriation to defray the expenses of advertising the Governor's proclamation and submitting same to a vote of the

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Toron State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 10, 11, 12, 18, 14 and 15, Article 7, of the Constitution of Texas, be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Sec. 10. The University of Texas is hereby established and permanently located in Travis County, and shall be a university of the first class. The Legis-Jature shall provide for its organization and for its development, maintenance and permanent improvement shall make by appropriation and otherwise such provision as may be necessary for the promotion of literature and the arts and sciences, pure and applied, in a university of the first class. The afairs of the University of Texas shall be administered by its own governing board as provided by law. The present members of the board shall continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms. The location herein made of the University of Texas shall it no way affect the location of the medical branch thereof situated in Galveston County.

Sec. 11. All lands and other property granted by the Republic of State of fexas to the University of Texas, or e University of Texas and its branches, except the lands transferred by Section 13 of this Article to the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and to the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College, shall together with the proceeds of the sale of such lands, constitute the permanent university fund. All the income de rived therefrom shall be the available fund, and shall be applied to the support and development of the University of Texas and to meet its obligations. The proceeds from the sale of Univer-sity lands shall be invested as authorized by law for the investment of the permanent school fund. The one-tenth of the alternate sections of lands granted to railroads, reserved by the State, which was set apart and appropriated to the establishment of the University of Texas by an act of the Legislature of February 11, 1858, entitled "An Act to establish the University of Texas" not be included in or constitute a part of the permanet university fund. Sec. 12. The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas is hereby established and permanently located in Brazos County and separated from the University of Texas and constituted an ndependent college. The Legislature shall provide for the organization of said college and for its development, maintenance and permanent improve-ment, shall make by appropriation and otherwise such provision as may be necessary to accomplish the purpose of said institution, which, without excluding classical and cultural studies, shall be to teach and develop those branches of learning which relate to agriculture and the natural sciences connected therewith, the various branches of engineering, the mechanical arts and military sciences and tactics. The affairs of the Agricultural and Mechanical College shall be administered by its wn governing board as provided by The present members of the ford shall continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms. The Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College for Colored Youths is mereby established and its government and control shall continue under the governing board of the Agricultural and Mechanial College of Texas. Provided the Legislature may establish junior agricultural colleges subsidiary to the Agricultural and Mechanical College and under the control of the Agricultural and Mechanical College Board. Sec. 13. Of the land heretofore set apart to the University and to the University and its branches by the State of defined within any county, who has Texas, and remaining unsold, there are hereby transferred to and made a part said tax for the next year prior to of the permanent fund of the Agricul- the time he offers to vote, voting at an the time he offers to vote, voting at an the time he offers to vote, voting at an election held for that purpose, shall wix hundred thousand acres of land of vote such tax not to exceed fifty center average value; there are hereby transferred as a permanent fund to the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial county, political subdivision or sub-College one hundred and fifty thousand divisions, or described or defined disof land of average value; and acres all of the remainder of the said land shall constitute a part of the permanent fund of the University of Texas. The Legislature shall provide for the divis- local laws. ion of the land as specified herein-The land herein set apart to the Uni. versity, the Agricultural and Mechani-to Section 9, Article 8, of the Consti-tution of Texas shall be submitted to ion of the land as specified hereinversity, the Agricultural and Mechani-cal College of Texas and the Prairie Wiew State Normal and Industrial Coltions, at such times and on such terms month of July, 1915. All voters on as may be prescribed by law. The this proposed amendment at said elec-Legislature shall provide for the prompt tion who favor its adoption shall have collection at maturity of all debts due on account of the sale of said lands, and in no event shall any relief be granted to any purchaser.

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Sec. 3. The foregoing amendment to Article 7, Sections, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State for its adoption or rejection at an election to be held on the fourth Saturday in July, A. D. 1915, the same being the twentyfourth day of said month. All the voters voting on this proposed amendment at said election who favor the adoption shall have printed or written on their ballots, "For amendment to Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the separation of the University of the State of Texas and the Agricultural and Mechanical College and an equitable division of the university lands.' All voters voting on this proposed amendment at said election who oppose its odoption shall have printed or written on their ballots the following: 'Against Amendment to Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the separation of the University of Texas and the Agricultural and Mechanical College and an equit-able division of the university lands." Previous to the election the Secretary of State shall cause to be printed and forwarded to the County Judge of each county for use in said election a suffi-cient number of ballots for the use of voters in said county, on which shall be printed the form of ballot herein prescribed for the convenience of the voters.

John G. McKay, Sec. of State. (A true copy.)

House Joint Resolution No 4.

A Joint Resolution of the Legislature of the State of Texas proposing and submitting to a vote of the people of Texas an amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution, authorizing the levy and collection of a special road tax not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars of valuation of property in any county. subdivision or subdivisions, or defined districts thereof, when same has been authorized by a majority of the of reclaiming and improving overflow qualified electors voting at an elec-

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John G. McKay, Sec. of State. (A true copy.)

Senate Joint Resolution No. 18

A Joint Resolution proposing and submitting to a vote of the people of Texas an amendment to Section 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution, authorizing the issuance of bonds for public improvements, and levying of a tax to pay the interest and sinking fund on same, and for maintenance. Be it resolved by the Legislature of

the State of Texas: Section 1. That Section 52, of Arti-cle 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as hereafter to read as follows, to-wit:

Sec. 52. The Legislature shall have no power to authorize any county, city, town or other political corporation or subdivision of the State, to lend its credit or to grant public money or thing of value in aid of, or to, any individual, association or corporation whatsoever, or to become a stockholder in such corporation, association or company, provided, however, that under legislative provision any county, any political subdivision of a county, or any defined district now or hereafter to be described and defined within the State of Texas, and which may or may not include towns, villages, or municipal corporations. upon a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property tax payers voting thereon who are qualified electors of such district or territory to be affected thereby, in addition to all other debts may issue bonds or otherwise lend its credit in any amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such district or territory; except that the total bonded indebtedness of any city or town shall never exceed the limits imposed by other provisions of this constitution; and levy and collect such taxes to pay the interest thereon and provide a sinking fund for the redemption thoreof as the Legislature may authorize, and in such manner as it may authorize the same, for the following purposes, to-wit:

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The construction and mainten (b) ance of pools, lakes, reservoirs, dams, canals and waterways for the purposes of irrigation, drainage or navigation, or in aid thereof.

(c) The construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof.

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 3.

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age done. Members of the family proposed amendment to the Consti- were awakened by strong fumes tution of the State of Texas, amendof smoke and the fire was found ing Article 5, Section 2 of the Constitution of said State, so as to pro- to be in a clothes closet in one vide that the Supreme Court of this corner of the room. On opening State shall consist of a Chief Justice and four Associate Justices, describe the door the flames shot out and their qualifications, tenure of office Mr. Beavers began fighting with

ing several buckets of water on Section 1. That Section 2 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of the flames he succeeded in ex-Texas be so amended so as to hereafter tinguishing the fire but not before Section 2. The Supreme Court shall several pieces of wearing ap-consist of a Chief Justice and four Asparel, a couple of quilts and a sociate Justices, any three of whom shall constitute a quorum, and the con- watch were burned. There were currence of three judges shall be necesstirring times and a very badly son shall be eligible to the office of frightened woman and children. Chief Justice or Associate Justice of It is not known just how the fire time of his election a citizen of the originated as there had not been United States, and of this State, and any fire in the room during the

cured the certificate of his exemption from the payment of a poll tax. Sec. 3. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a was very fortunate indeed for vote of the qualified electors for mem- by the the qualified voters of the State bers of the Legislature at an election at a general election, shall hold their himself and the family that he to be held throughout the State of Tex- offices six years, or until their succeswas at home for the house and all as on the fourth Saturday is July, 1915. sors are elected and qualified, and shall each receive an annual salary of five its contents would have been of July, 1915, and the Governor of this thousand dollars until otherwise proburned as the fire was in a room State is hereby directed to issue the vided by law: In case of a vacancy in necessary proclamation for said elec- the office of Chief Justice of the Su- not occupied by the family.

tion held for that purpose, and making an appropriation for carrying out the provisions of this resolution. Be it resolved by the Legislature of

the State of Texas: Section 1. That Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows, to-wit: Section 9. The State tax on property,

exclusive of the tax necessary to pay the public debt, and of the taxes provided for the benefit of the public free schools, shall never exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation; and no county, city or town shall levy more than twenty-five cents for city or county purposes, and not exceeding fifteen cents for roads and bridges, and not exceeding fifteen cents to pay jurors, on the one hundred dollar valuation, except for the payment of debts incurred prior to the adoption of the amendment, September 25, 1883; and for the erection of public buildings, streets, sewers, water works and other permanent improvements, not to exceed one dollar on the one hundred dollar valuation in any one year, and ex-cept as is in this Constitution otherwise provided; and the Legislature may also authorize an additional annual ad valorem tax to be levied and collected for the further building and mainten ance of the public roads; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the county or of any political subdivision or subdivisions of the county, or of any defined district now or hereafter to be described, and been assessed a property tax and paid the time he offers to vote, voting at an vote such tax, not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property subject to taxation in such trict. And the Legislature may pass local laws for the maintenance of the public roads and highways, without the

local notice required for special or

the qualified electors of this State for adoption or rejection at an election to month of July, 1915 All voters on tion who favor its adoption shall have printed or written on their ballots the following: "For amendment to Section 9. Article 8, of the Constitution, authorizing the levy and collection of a special

Sec. 14. All lands and other property road tax not to exceed fifty cents on heretofore granted or herein granted to the hundred dollars valuation or propthe Agricultural and Mechanical Col- erty in any county, subdivision or sub lege, together with the proceeds of the divisions, or defined district thereof, sale of such lands, shall constitute its when same has been authorized by a permanent fund. All the income de-rive therefrom shall be the available election held for that purpose." These fund and shall be applied to the support and development of the Agricultural and Mechanical College and to meet its obligations' The proceeds from the to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitu-

ed and swamp lands in the State, and maintaining the improvements there, of, may, upon a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property tax payers voting thereon who are qualified electors of such district or territory, in addition to all other debts, issue bonds or otherwise lend its credit in any amount not to exceed fifty per cent of the assessed valuation of the real property in such district or territory.

Provided, further, that where a county, district or other political subdivision has issued bonds for improvements for the purposes named in this Section. the Legislature may authorize the levy and collection of taxes for the maintenance of such improvements, not to exceed fifty cents on the hundred dollars valuation in any one year.

Sec. 2. The foregoing amendment of Section 52 of Article 3, of the Constitution of Texas, shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State for its adoption or rejection, at a special election hereby ordered for the Fourth Saturday in July, A. D. 1915. the same being the 24th day of said month. All voters on this proposed amendment at said election who favor its adopttion shall have printed or written on their ballots the following: "For amendment of Section 52 of Article 3, of the Constitution, authorizing the issuance of bonds for levee, drainage, road and other public improvements, and for taxes therefor." Those voting against its adoption shall have printed or written on their ballots the following: "Against the amendment of Section 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution, authorizing the issuance of bonds for levee, drainage, road and other improvements, and for taxes therefor.'

Previous to the election the Secretary of State shall cause to be printed and forwarded to the county judge of each county, for use in said election, a sufficient number of ballots for the use of the voters in each county, on which he shall have printed the form of ballot herein prescribed, for the convenient use of voters.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue his necessary proclamation ordering this election, and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this state. The sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000) or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of publishing said proclamation, and printing and distributing the necessary tickets and blanks for use in said election.

Jno. G. McKay, Secy. of State. (A true copy.)

House Joint Resolution No. 1.

A Joint Resolution proposing an amend- tered by the Commissioners' Court of the Constitution of the State of Tex-as, by adding thereto a provision au-thorizing a qualified voter to vote for State officers, or on any proposition be levied and collected within such State officers, or on any proposition State officers, or on any propos

House Joint Resolution No. 9.

A Joint Resolution to amend Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Section 3b, authorizing the Legislature to provide by law for the creation of a student's loan fund in each county in connection with the public schools thereof.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as section 3b, which shall read and be as follows, to-wit:

Sec. 3b. The Commissioners' Court of each county in this State shall have the power, and is hereby authorized, when a majority of the qualified voters such county shall vote to create such fund, to create a fund to be known as a "Students' Loan Lund," for the purpose of enabling students of the public free schools of said county to borrow money to be used in their education for the purpose of graduating from the county public schools and after graduation to continue their education in any higher State institution of learning, such fund to be created and adminis-

ment to Section 2, of Article 6, of each county as may be provided by the Constitution of the State of Tex-law.

State officers, or on any proposition be levied and collected within such submitted to the voters of this State county for the purpose of raising said Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

required by the Constitution and laws vacancy until the next general election of this State. Those favoring the for said officers; and at such general amendment shall have written or print- election the vacancy for the unexpired "For term shall be filled by election by the qualified voters of the State. The the Constitution, authorizing qualified Judges of the Supreme Court who may voters to vote in precincts other than be in office at the time this amendment the precinct of their residence under takes effect shall continue in office until certain conditions." Those opposing the expiration of their term of office under the present Constitution, and until Immediately after the adoption of Article 6, of the Constitution, author- this amendment the Governor of this State shall call an election for the purpose of electing two Associate Justices by his firm.

of the Supreme Court, one of whom shall, when elected, hold said office

(\$5,000) dollars, or so much thereof as which of them hold for six years shall Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents be determined by lot, as now provided

> Sec. 3. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the neces- pation. sary proclamation, ordering an election to determine whether or not said Constitution amendments will be adopted, and have the same published, as required by the Constitution and the laws of this State. Said election shall be held on the fourth Saturday in July 1915, and the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or so much thereof as necessary, is hereby appropriated from any fund in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of printing said procla-mation and of holding said election.

John G. McKay, Sec. of State. (A true copy.)

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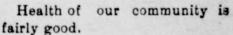
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W. Moore of Nugent is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Moore.

Jack and family visited Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Moore Saturday. Rev Dawson preached here Sunday afternoon.

We have our phone line about built but are slow to get service. We had a fine rain Sunday night. People can plow their

A Cure for Sour Stomach.

and bladder in both men and Mrs. Wm. M. Thompson, of Battle women, regulates bladder troub. Creek, Mich., writes: "I have been les in children. If not sold by troubled with indigestion, sour stomach your druggist, will be sent by and bad breath. After taking two mail on receipt of \$1. One small well. These tablets are splendid-none

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Methodist Baraca.

The Baraca class entertained the Philathea class at the home of Mrs. Burroughs Friday evening, March 16. The following program was rendered: Piano Solo—Jasper Tucker. Talk—Mr. Morris. Songs—By class Question Contest.—E. Rogers. Served cream and cake—Jno.

Morgan.

Toast—Jasper Tucker. Everyone reported an enjoyable time. We appreciate Mrs. Burroughs hospitality and thank her for giving us access to her home.

The class was pleased to have our teacher back with us again after an absence of two Sundays. He had an interesting message for the class which was enjoyed.

The class continues to grow. We had to bring in more seats to seat them Sunday. Press Reporter.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Aid society met at the church Monday afternoon in regular session. The reports from the Woman's Department of the Abilene Presbytery which met at Baird was given by Mrs. Emma Daniel, the delegate from here. Mrs. R. L. Bland was elected Presbyterial Secretary and Treasure of Contingent Fund for the Woman's Department of the Abilene Presbytery. The Aid is justly proud of this honor, for Mrs. Bland is well fitted for this office.

Mrs. Ruby Harris entertained the Twentieth Century Club Saturday afternoon at her mother's home on Marion street. After the business and lesson period a social half hour was spent in conversation. The hostess served dainty refreshments. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ben T. Merritt.

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SYNOPSIS.

Zudora is left an orphan at an early age. Her father is killed in a gold mine. Zudora and the fortune from the mine, which grows to be worth \$20,000,000, are left in the guardianship of Frank Keene, udora's mother's brother. Zudora, giv ing promise of great beauty, reaches the age of eighteen. The uncle, who has set mself up as a Hindu mystic and is nown as Hassam All, decides that Zuora must die before she can have a ance to come into possession of her pioney, so that it may be left to him, the boxt of kin. Hassam All sees an obstacle to his scheme in the person of John Storm, a young lawyer, for whom Zu-dora has taken a fancy, and he com-

mands the girl to put the man out of her mind. Zudora insists that if she cannot "Well, well," says Hassam Ali, "If you take such a stand I'll compromise. Solve my next twenty cases and you can marry him; fail in a single case and you must unce him.

Zudora, using the knowledge gained from years of association with her uncle, unravels a baffling mystery and wins her first case-a case in which John Storm is saved from being convicted of a murder instigated by Hassam All himself.

CHAPTER II.

The Sleeping House Mystery.

THE clearing of John Storm was a nine days' wonder. In court Hassam Ali testified that Burns had been seeking some facts regarding the past and that their trance." he, Hassam Ali, had succeeded in aiding him to a certain extent. But Before going downstairs again Zudora the name of Bienreith had never been mentioned during those seances. He could not imagine why Burns had committed the crime. There was no evidence to be found that the two men had ever exchanged a word. He was rather confounded at the turn of events. The broken phrase "but another" was as much a mystery to him as to the court. It was inexplicable. Hassam All received a good deal of contemptuous grilling from the district attorney, but the witness answered every question calmly and in detail. He admitted that he was a disciple of the Hindu cult; admitted that he had the wift of second sight at times. There were many who could testify to this. Hassam All finally left the witness chair with honors in his favor.

A subsequent investigation by the police revealed nothing to his discred it so far as the law was concerned His past, from the circus days to the present day, was as an open book. In deed, Hassam All was himself the in stigator of this research. He wanted It definitely understood that, while his cult was not looked upon favorably by the police, he was not the object of any justifiable suspicion. His grave air, his unfailing patience under the gibes of the interrogator, his frank ness, all won him at least the respect of his detractors.

The man Burns was buried at the expense of the city, and what was known as the Bienreith case went into the public archives as one more un solvable mystery.

It was remarked, however, among deal of his impetuosity and that in his subsequent cases he was no longer brilliant and erratic, but calm and steady, always extremely well fortified within his facts. New York city has without doubt the

"Your servant here recommended that her uncle had deserted her. The "Feringhi!" he shouted. Which means you to us. Sahib, we are in the midst strange idols fascinated her, especial- a foreigner. of a strange mystery. In our abode by the heroic one before which were Others came to life at the same mothe god of sleep comes suddenly and grouped the sleepers. It was a mon- ment, and John Storm found himself struggled blindly toward the exit. How unawares. Our own god seems to ster, a man's body with an elephant's in a predicament little to his liking. have forgotten us. This dread thing head. As she gazed up at its sinister He was strong and sturdy, but he was comes almost instantly, and we are little eyes she began to see things as no match for the dozen or so lithe taken in sleep no matter what pose we through a film of rain. It seemed as East Indians. He was overcome and are in. That we are here tonight and if some invisible hands were forcing taken away from the octagonal room not under the evil god's influence is her down, down. There was no feeling He was cast into a steel dungeon in due to the fact that we waited outside of alarm, no sense of danger; just a the basement of the house. the octagonal room." "The octagonal room." repeated Has-

sam All thoughtfully.

"You are known to us as a great yogi, a seer into the future. Will you making no effort to fight off this sleep. aid us to find out what causes this dreaded sleep? Our religious ceremonies are being interfered with."

All this was in an English that was only fairly understandable. Here and cumbed. there Hassam Ali's man interpolated the right word.

"You will accompany us, Huzoor?" Hassam All smiled and nodded. Here was an adventure that rather appealed to him. More than that, it would banish from his mind, at least temporarily, certain psychological agencies which were making their power felt more and more strongly as the days went by.

"I must go. too, uncle," said Zudora. "Hurry, then. I should like to see these people before they come out of

They went away to get their wraps.



"Tell me where she has gone or I wil kill you!'

fondled for a moment the carrier pi geon which Storm had given her re cention John had one for himself. The birds carried messages. Aside from its practicality it was very romantic and obviated the necessity of trusting one's secrets to the telephone bis associates that John Storm lost a girls. And Zudora was not always sure that some one in the house was

grateful, dreamy sensation, not unlike that of going to bed after some strenuous physical exertion. The oddest part of it was that she was conscious of As she fell she clutched in her hand a little ivory figure, a small elephant which had evidently escaped the fingers of the princess when she suc

Now there had grown in John Storm's heart an orientalism, doubtless engendered by his frequency at the house of Hassam Ali. It consisted of a poignant sense of danger to Zudora at those moments when she really was in danger. He could not have analyzed this sensation, but he immediately surrendered to it. He was this night in the act of retiring when this sense came to him. He at once went to his desk and wrote a note, which he at tached to the carrier pigeon. In less han a quarter of an hour the bird returned. The message had not been received. Storm got into his topcoa and hat and hurried over to the Keene lace. Amed answered his ring, but hesitated to admit the man his master had forbidden the house.

"Where is your mistress?" demanded

"She is out, sahib."

Storm.

"Where?" "I cannot tell you," said the servant. gradually closing the door.

But Storm was in no mood for par leying. He resolutely pushed his way in. In his hand there was an automa-

"You will tell me where she has gone or I'll kill you!" he said, making po ef fort to lower his voice.

"Sahib, Hassam Ali will kill me if tell you!" wailed Amed.

"I don't care what he'll do, but I know what I'll do if you don't answer me. Where has she gone?"

The curtains stirred a little, but nel ther Storm nor the servant noticed this. Hassam Ali peered forth cau tiously.

The servant saw in Storm's eyes pecies of madness, and he was quite ertain that Sahib Storm would shoot him, as he said Rapidly he recounted what had taken place.

"You can take me there just as soon as you can.'

"Very well, sahib. But it will be the death of us both in the end." The curtains fell back gently. Has am All returned to his globe smiling

Both of them! Storm was greatly astonished when the Hindu told him that he must be blindfolded. He refused emphatically.

"Very well, sahlb, Shoot, I cannot

The sleeping mystery of this house had its ebb and flow evidently. Zudora awoke without any abnormal effect for her short sleep, and the men who had gone to Hassam Ali's house also awoke. Nabok Shan demanded of them who this white girl was. Were they betraying him? They should die like

dogs in that case. They groveled and hastily explained that she was the niece of the celebrated Hassam All and that she might be able to break the power of the sudden sleep by discovering how it was accomplished. "Where is this man Hassam Ali, then?" demanded Nabok Shan, who

ad grown very suspicious. "Huzoor, we know not. Mayhap overcome as we were by the sleep. But this memsahib is clever and may help us."

"Who was this man I just sent to the dungeon?" "We know not.

"Well, you speak the accursed English tongue. Question her and learn what she has to say .- And on your heads be it if there is any sign of treachery." "It is just," said the leader of the

men who had brought Zudora. They then proceeded to squat down

upon the rug, and Zudora plied her questions and culled a story which ran omewhat as follows:

tain native prince had in his extreme youth, as is customary in India, become betrothed to the little princess of a neighboring state. There were great festivities, not to say extravagant ones, in honor of the event. When the girl became a young woman and the boy a young man the marriage cerpossibility of throwing the three states into a tribal war. The British raj

might interfere, but not until a good deal of damage was wrought. The rival prince was Nabok Shan, a brave, hardy and none too scrupulous chieftain. He succeeded in carrying off the princess, but he was beset by so many trials that he fled from India to America with the bulk of his treasure and the purloined princess. The house with its oriental trappings had been the property of an uncle, who had chosen America because his neck had been in danger.

"But the mystery is this, memsahib: It is written that the marriage ceremony shall take place before our god, the elephant headed, and always when

Zudora could not wholly escape the subtle and amazing narcotic. She princess.' she managed to reach the street was something she could never remember. She was mighty glad to get back to New York again, for she had been 13,-000 miles away in spirit if not in fact. Still, she determined to return and solve the riddle. She had already formed a campaign. What simple fools these orientals were in some respects! ment. Yet something deep down in about.

Storm Saw the Walls Slowly and Relentlessly Contract.

his soul told him that she would return unhurt.

"But how did you escape, uncle?" "They wanted you," he said glibly. "They blindfolded me again and sent me about my business. What did you learn?

"Enough to determine me to see what I can do. Of course it is a colossal trick of some sort, but it would not be wise to suggest that. It must be proved."

"My child, this is altogether a strange business. These orientals are quick to distrust. If they find you gone when they wake up it is quite likely they will try to kill you." "I've made up my mind."

Then she ran upstairs. She was anxious to send a message to Storm by the carrier pigeon. She wrote a short note explaining the situation and liberated the bird. Storm's housekeeper received the bird and naturally read the message. She scribbled on the back of this message and informed her master's sweetheart that he had left the house in haste the night before and had not yet returned. The return of the pigeon left Zudora in a fair state of excitement. She immediately set out for Storm's apartments, but the housekeeper could add nothing further than that Mr. Storm had sent a pigeon to her and it had come back with the note.

the aid of the dampened handkerchief | My lover is hidden somewhere in this house. Save him, and I will save the

> The man turned to see if his comrades had observed him. They were all busy with the vat.

> "I will go with the memsabib. If she has lied she shall die."

"I agree to that."

Once home she ran upstairs for her automatic. When she came down again the stranger had vanished. Amed refused to speak and Hassan Hassam Ali concealed his astonish- Ali did not know what she was talking

> "He came in behind me," she de clared.

"Then he took to his heels the moment your back was turned." Over her shoulder to Amed Hassam All sent a terrible glance, and Amed knew that death awaited him if he opened his lips. He was still breathing heavily from the struggle.

Zudora left the house more deeply puzzled than ever.

Two hours later she had cleared up the mystery of the sleeping house and rescued Storm from his dreadful prison.

The fact that the ceremony could take place only before the elephant headed god made it a simple game to the enemies of Nabok Shan. Zudora did not go to the octagonal room, but proceeded directly to the secret chamber. For one brief moment death stared her in the eyes, but she spoke bravely. In return for the liberation of her lover she declared that with the aid of one man she would bring the princess down to them. The young prince struck his forehead in rage. He had never thought of such a thing. His one aim had been to force Nabok Shan from the bouse and then to seize his betrothed.

When the princess awoke the next time she found her true lover gazing down into her eyes. Then they started out in search of Storm, and they were just in time. The steel chamber had become a box, coffin shaped, three feet square and eight feet high. Storm was in bad shape, but food and water and an hour or so in the outer air revived him.

"Will you be good hereafter?" he said to Zudora. "Yes."

"You promise never to go anywhere without first sending the pigeon?" "Yes."

"And now what the dickens made those chaps go to sleep?"

She explained. The vat was a brew of an oriental narcotic, the vapor of



It began in southern India. A cer-

emony was brought about, but not consummated, for the simple fact that a prince of still another principality had seen the princess and had determined to make her his own regardless of the

most conglomerate population of any city in the world. The only alien race that they were to go blindfolded, garbwhich does not find babitat in New York is the Aztec, and that is merely

each race has quietly formed a city of where for aid. They made this deciits own within the greater city. There sicn unemotionally. Hassam All bent are Little Italy, the Ghetto, China. his head to signify that if they took town and heaven knows how many that attitude he was ready to submit. others, all familiar to sightseers. But there is a lot going on in New York into the street. They hurried along among these aliens that even the po- for several blocks; then came a long lice never hear about except by purest automobile ride. Hassam All counted accident. Who can say he knows the the turns and felt quite assured in the heart of Chinatown unless he actively end that they were being driven in belongs to it?

the Bienreith case, recorded in the pre- When the bandages were finally taken feding chapter, Zudora heard the clock off Zudora found herself in a room chime the hour of 9. She went up which might easily have been taken stairs to her room and threw up the bodily out of the "Arabian Nights." It shade for a final glance at the heavens was, indeed, like some fabulous fairyand paused in amazement. Coming land-the idols, the sleeping people, the toward the house was the strangest strange, sweet odor which seemed to procession she had ever seen. Turbans, flowing robes and white panta- sure that she had not been transported lets here in this workaday city of by some magic carpet to the heart of New York! She rubbed her eyes as if the ancient city of Bagdad. striving to awake. She looked again. She became childishly inquisitive. They were trooping silently up the She moved about the recumbent figsteps. She next heard the thunder of ures, and suddenly she came upon the knocker, which nobody used in what looked for all the world like the these days of electric buttons. She then became alive to the fact that this was reality. She reached the head of the stairs just as her uncle's Hindu servant, Amed, opened the door. He bowed deeply and ceremoniously. He tan, due to her out of door habits was dressed a good deal like his strange visitors.

Zudora came down the stairs undecided as to whether she was frightened or merely upset. The man who was evidently the leader of this strange caravan advanced toward Zudora. "I wish," he said in broken English.

"to see him who is called Hassam Ali, the giver of light."

"Oh, you wish to see my uncle?" said Zudora, greatly relieved.

"And thou art his daughter?" "His niece. I will call him."

She left the hallway and sought the mystic room, where she found Hassam All crouched over his globe. He looka up impatiently.

?"Well?" "Some Hindus to see you, uncle." "Hindus, at this time of night? Why didn't you send Amed to me? It low as you in his opinion to take upon Travest & do his work. Hinduswhat can they want, I wonder?" "I'm sure I don't know nor care"-a bit angry at being rebuffed by her un-

When Hassam All stood before his guests there was some time wasted in genuflexions.

'You are Hassam All, the man who

not listening when she telephoned. As Hassam Ali never entered this room of hers she was quite confident that he knew nothing of the pigeons.

When they returned to the visitors they were greatly astonished to learn ed in oriental costume. Hassam All objected. Very well, then; the Hinbecause the Aztec is extinct. And dus declared that they would go else-Presently the procession filed out

circles and that the house of mystery On a certain night two weeks after was not so far away as it seemed. permeate everything. She was not

sleeping beauty of the fairy tale. The sleeping woman was beautiful in the accepted sense of the Caucasian race. Her skin was as light as Zudora's own, which generally wore a slight Near the young woman lay the figure of a fine looking native. Zudora surmised that these sleeping people had been in the midst of some solemn ceremony, possibly a wedding, when overtaken. The ensemble resembled nothing so much as a prearranged tableau such as she had often played at school. "Who is this beautiful woman?" asked Hassam Ali, as keenly interested as Zudora.

"She is our ruler, our princess. Al!" be murmured, darting toward Zudora. who was now stooping over the sleep. ing beauty. "The memsahib must not touch!"

"But"- began Zudora.

"The memsahib's touch would defile her," said the man stoically.

Meantime an idea had come to Hassam Ali. He was beginning to sense a peculiar heaviness about his eyes, and he realized with alarm that this mysterious sleep was overtaking him. the room and managed after some difficulty and some explanations to reach the street. Zudora was there alone. If she was clever enough she might ex-

Hassam All's idea. Zudora went on with her visual in- instantly. He sprang to his feet, a tagonal room fell to nodding and from

take you where the memsahib is with out blindfolding you."

Storm saw that the man was in ear nest, so, after much grumbling and warning, he submitted to be blindfold ed Half an hour later the bandage was taken from his eves

"Where is she?" he whispered to his guide.

"That sahib, is for you to find out." and with that Amed turned away quickly.

Storm resolutely moved forward un til he came upon the form of the sleeping princess. He was rather awed in spite of his democratic assurance. What in heaven's name was going on here? Where was he? In Hindustan. in the middle of a mad dream? Suddeply, even as he gazed, the woman in the rug before the idol stirred and sighed. Her dark, sloelike eyes opened. Storm stooped and raised her to her feet.

"Is Zudora here?" he asked.

Zudora lay almost at his feet, but he ad not recognized her, due to the out andish costume.

The princess looked at him bewilder ingly, shaking her head. Presently



He Was Overcome and Taken Away From the Octagonal Room.

se spoke softly, but so far as his anowing the intent of the liquid words Quietly and unobserved he slipped from it might as well have been the wind moving through the treetops.

The handsome native who had been tying at the side of the princess now opened his eyes, saw the strange white tricate herself; if not-well, that was man talking or trying to talk to his princess. The stupor left him almost

restigations, quite oblivious to the fact vicious looking knife in his hand.

we begin the ceremony we are thus strangely overcome by sleep. Solve this riddle for us and my master will pay you well." The spokesman addressed a few words to Nabok Shan.

The prince smiled and dangled a rope of superb pearls before the girl, intimating that in the event of her success they would become hers.

Now, Zudora did not seek monetary reward, but she was wise beyond her years in understanding the oriental mind, due to the several years that her uncle had employed Hindus as servants. If she signified that she asked for no reward these dark eyed men would instantly begin to suspect her. and once they suspected her her life would not be worth a snap of the fingers. Besides, it would not be such a very hard ordeal to accept such a magnificent gift. So she told the leader to say to Nabok Shan that she hoped to solve the mystery for the sake of the pearls, being a normal woman. But she must have free run of the house.

This was agreed, but under no circumstauce must she leave without being blindfolded, and, moreover, she must remain that night. Zudora accepted the conditions phil-

osophically. She never wore Nabok Shan's rope of pearls, however.

She would have liked very much. though, to acquaint her lover with her whereabouts. Her uncle's disappearance puzzled her. But perhaps he had already begun his investigations. The night passed uneventfully. Those who slept did so naturally. Zudora, however, wandered in and out among the curious alcoves and quaint balconies. She peered behind the grotesque statues into the fountain. Whenever the ceremony began sleep came. This fact kept ringing through her mind. She just must solve it It would be another step toward her lover and happiness. One thing she ascertained for future use and this was the exit more or less carclessly guarded. She might

have to take to her heels. And all the while, in the steel dungeon below. Storm saw the walls slowly and relentlessly contract. He had beaten upon the unfeeling steel until his knuckles bled. He had shouted until his lungs hurt, and smaller and smaller grew his prison. He recalled a certain tale by Poe and touched the metal from time to time to see if it were growing hot. But it was evident that he was to be crushed only, not incinerated.

Morning came. The feast of the night before was resumed. Nautch girls danced; musicians played the sad and wailing music of the east. Zudora had quietly wet her handkerchief in the basin of the fountain and at the moment the ceremony begun held the wet cambric to her nose. She showed wak English?" her foresight in this, for shortly after the music began the people in the oc-

nodding into peaceful sleep. Even with

Zudora returned home and guizzed her uncle; but, of course, he plously denied having seen Storm. Surreptitiously she plied the Hindu servant. This man secretly worshiped the young memsahib, and by and by she got the facts from him. So! She had not only to solve the mystery of the sleeping house, but to save her lover also. He would be without a mission in that fantastic house, and it was quite likely that he would be made to suffer for his audacity.

Bravely she set out for the house of Nabok Shan and boldly she demanded admittance. The servant at the door recognized her, but it took a bribe to open the door wide enough for her to slip through.

The persistent ceremony was being started again. To Zudora it would have been laughable but for the new tragedy underneath. The man who had brought her to the house originally finally disclosed to her what had been done to Storm. His death had been decided on.

As Zudora gazed wildly about the room she saw a man in a garb quite different from that worn by those in the octagonal room. She stole up to where he stood and covertly watched him and became suddenly conscious of the desire to sleep. She breathed through her handkerchief, never letting her glance waver from the hidden man. He turned, smiling ironically, and she saw him raise a stone in the flooring. He disappeared into a pit. letting the stone fall carefully into place

Sleep had again attacked those determined upon the ceremony. One would think that they would have at least given her some chance to investi gate before proceeding again in an en deavor which had so many times proved a failure. This very sleep, how ever, gave her freedom of action. She stole from the octagonal room, found the stone, raised it and discovered a tunnel It was not the safest tunnel in use world, but with John's life hanging in the balance she accepted her chances. The tunnel led to a room under the cellar. This room bewildered her far more than the octagonal one. There was a large vat, which from some finishing school .- Life. had the appearance of a distillation vat, with many little pipes leading up from it. The men gathered about this strange contrivance were evidently of a different caste from those in the up per room A tail, graceful young man seemed to be directing the others. One of them, however, saw the shadow by the door, drew his knife and stole quietly up to the girl. She was caught! Ready witted, she asked, "Do you

The man paused. He nodded grimly. "I am a friend. I would save your princess. I would defeat Nabok Shan

She Found the Stone, Raised It and Discovered a Tunnel.

which superinduced sleep. It was quite transitory and harmless. The pipes led to all the elephant trunks, and each time the ceremony began the vapor was liberated at a signal from the watcher above.

"That's the oriental mind, John. They cannot go at anything in a straightforward way. It must be all mystery and trickery."

"Do you know, Zudora?" he said ruminatively.

"Know what?" "That I've an idea we'll be married before the year is out!"

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