complete loss.

and a six-shooter and with the asked to officiate. protection of another building office. that stood only a few feet away. In this they were successful. THREE INCH PAIN-Perminter.

Mr. Perminter called at the Mail office Tuesday morning and asked that the fireboys accept his sincere thanks for the good work they did, though it seemed a fraction inches Sunday mornlike ages from the time he first ing brought the total rainfall of gave the alarm until reached the last week to over three inches in place. He further showed his the Merkel country. appreciation of their good work by signing a check for ten dollars country show that some early made payable to the Merkel Fire cotton will have to be planted Department.

The loss of the building was being packed by the hard rain. fairly well covered by insurance, Farmers in various parts of the household effects also being the country are extremely busy partially if not fully covered, at the present with their spring there being \$800.00 insurance on planting and the noticeable rep-

MERKEL BOYS JOIN HAVY: LEFT SUNDAY

Slifford Westenhouver and Dock Hall, both Merkel boys, passed through Sunday from Dallas on Texas & Pacific passenger No. 5 on their way to the naval training school at San Francisco.

fied their parents here of their county attorney. tripland it was a quiet little crowd that gathered at the depot Sunday morning just at day break to was dismissed on motion of the bid the boys good-bye and wish county attorney. them God-speed in their endeavors.

HORSES RUIN SHADE TREES

sions of people hitching horses of the defendant. to shade trees in and about town with the reports that the horses with the reports that the horses \$1,000,000.00 MYSTERY extent that beautiful shade trees ure sometimes killed by this buse.

These come usually from resilents whose homes adjoin church property of the town, and the he Tacks that were built for Theatre Friday, May 7. hese purposes instead.

ILSON-BRADFIELD HERE MAY 3

The Gilson-Bradfield Company ho played "A Bachelor's Honeymon,""Lavender and Old Lace" nd "Rarriers Burned Away" at ne Cozy in January are returnig to Merkel Monday at the ozy for a one night stand, playg "The Woman of Mystery."

ie Bob Martin Grocery Co.

SHOME IN MERKEL Y. M. B. L. AT HEAD

Fire discovered in the home of An unannounced meeting of Tuesday morning all but de- the Grimes Drug Store Monday stroyed the building, all furniture evening was held for the purpose and household goods being a of organizing a Young Men's Business League and Gymna-Mr. Perminter was sleeping in sium. A board of advisors, who the house at the time, being will constitute a governing board, awakened by the smoke fumes was selected. In this capacity and only had time to escape with E. L. Woodroof, T. A. Johnson one suit of clothes, an overcoat and T. L. Grimes have been

light artillery he gave the first The next meeting will be held alarm. When the fireboys reached Monday evening of next week the scene the walls of the kitchen to enlist new members and perand dining room were falling and fect the organization. Rooms the two front rooms were masses have been tendered the organizaof flames. There being no tion free of charge but an atchance to save anything of value tempt will be made to secure to the building the attention of more roomy quarters The meetthe fighters was turned to keep- ing for Monday night is scheduled ing the flames [under control in to be held at the Merkel Mail

Rain that amounted to one and

Reports from some parts of the over on account of the ground

both the building and furniture. resentation from the farms on the streets of Merkel has been dwindling to quite an extent during this week.

In the county court at Abilene Wednesday the jury in the case of Price Jones, negro, charged verdict of not guilty.

The case against Ed Honeycut, charged with aggravated assault, Both the young men had noti- was dismissed on motion of the

One case against Frank Mangaras, charged with pistol toting,

The case of State versus Jim Hart, charged with aggravated assault, went to trial Wednesday afternoon.

Tuesday in the case of J. M. Radford Grocery Co. versus Complaints have been made Texas & Pacific, suit for damages, to us by parties on various occa- a verdict was rendered in favor

SOLVED---COMING FRIDAY AT THE ROYAL THEATRE

The last episode of "The Milwners have requested the Mail lion Dollar Mystery," the 23rd, o kindly ask the church goers to which solves completely the enefrain from using the shade tire story of the interesting mys-

> The Royal offers a special fearegular show. Don't miss it.

highest quality in coal oil cook- Oenaville, where he visited his E. M. Rust. ing stoves. If you have not in. father, M. C. Anderson, who has vestigated the merits of the new been dangerously ill. Mr. An-Fireless Cooker oil stove please derson reports much rain in that do so at once. We are always section of the country. Seeded Ribbon Cane Seed at glad to show you whether you Get pure Sudan Seed at the pound for hens. Bring us your the fall being heavy enough to Come down to C. P. Stevens' buy or not. G. F. WEST CO. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

TO ORGANILE GYM SCHOOL BOND ELECTION IS CALLED FOR MAY 25TH: AMOUNT \$18,000.00

E. W. Perminter at 3 o'clock fifteen young men of Merkel at Purpose of Issue is for Making Purchase of Additional Site, Building and Equipping Merkel School Building.

> On May 25, next, the voters of the Merkel Independent School District will decide by their vote whether or not the school board shall be authorized to issue bonds to the amount of \$18,000.00 for the purpose of buying additional site, building and equipping a school building to confirm with the needs of our town and country.

> This issue is without a doubt the most interesting of its kind that will be presented to the voters of Merkel during the present year. Even it surpasses the road bond issue from the fact that our district is sorely in need of better school facilities. As the present school buildings are equip. ped and arranged it is impossible to obtain the best of results from school work. The fact that these buildings are inconveniently arranged is unfortunate but indications seemed to justify such improvements at the time they were constructed but time has proven the locations and construction to have been impractical. It now behooves the patrons of the Merkel schools to correct this matter with their votes on May 25.

> The question may arise as to the amount the proposed bond issue will increase taxes in this district. Should this be a factor in influencing a single vote it will be well for the Merkel voters to remember that our tax rate cannot be increased for these school purposes. We can only issue additional bonds under the present rate by extending the time of payment from twenty to forty years. The school bonds now against the Merkel School District are of the twenty year series and will in no way conflict with the forty year bonds proposed in the ordered election of May 25.

Every voter should thoroughly investigate the school needs of the Merkel District and then vote for the betterment and advancement of the best advertisement a town can have-a good school.

DISTRICT METHODIST CONFERENCE MEETS HERE 3 DAYS NEXT WEEK

with carry a pistol, returned a Ministers and Laymen of Abilene District From Childress. Trent To Baird Will Assemble Here For Three Days' of Work.

> District Conference of the Methodist church for the Abilene District will meet here Thursday, March 6, beginning a three days's meeting.

The district embraces all of Taylor and Callahan counties and a portion of Jones and Shackleford counties, including the towns of Anson, Moran and other charges in the vicinity of these places. Local members of the Methodist church are expecting over a nundred representatives during these three days and Merkel should prepare extend the visitors a hearty welcome.

BALL GAMES NEXT TRUSTEES TO BE WEEK; NEW PARK ELECTED SATURDAY

Indication now seem to show ball enthusiasm next week.

rees as hitching places but use tery, will be shown at the Royal Team of Abilene at Abilene and Merkel School Board. reels in connection with their Sweetwater will be here for a radical move. game if not two games.

An election of school trustees that the town will be full of base- for the Merkel Independent School District will be held here Already two games have been Saturday, May 1, for the purpose scheduled, one with the Christian of electing two trustees to the

the following day Simmons Col- Those aspiring to this position lege comes here for an opener. should have their names placed ture for Saturday of this week, Then for the latter part of the on the ballot and their friends 'The Master Rogue' in three week expectations are that notified at the same time of their

LIV-VER-LAX is purely vege-S. T. Anderson of Route 1 re- table. Just what you need to New Perfection means the turned the first of the week from tone up your system. Ask Mrs.

Broilers and Hens Wanted.

poultry. Ash Brothers.

BULL CALF BRINGS MERKEL DEFEATS A RECORD PRICE TRENT 11 TO ONE

highest price ever paid for a two the Trent aggregation Tuesday months old bull calf was handed afternoon by a score of 11 to 1, over by Earl Morrison of Colo- the visitors at times going skyrado to Thos. Largent of this ward in their support of their place the 21st inst.

The consideration was the neat netted runs for the home boys.

Hunters of the Salt Branch community, led by J. W. Childress of Route 4, made a grandstand catch of wolves Wednesday night and captured 15 of the sly varmits within three miles of Merkel.

The hunters congregated by agreement soon after dark at the holes that looked like certain back of what was the Coggin pasture and the fun started from the very first. Mr. Childress is owner of four Birdsong wolf hounds and is known as one of the most successful hunters in the country. With his assistance and the good work of his hounds the people in the Salt Branch community are rid of fifteen chicken eaters.

Hogg, Dee and Bowie Floyd, H. try is in at present. P. Wilkins, Rush and Walter Buford, Henry Petty and J. W. fifty acres of wheat he had in

R. J. and Davis Beasley, two prominent young farmers of the Noodle community, have pur- MAN IS MURDERED AT BRONTE chased a Case 30-60 gas tractor and separator. The machinery was received the first of the week but owing to the failure of the effect that Deputy T. A. a representative to arrive from Griffith, who was out on a \$10,-Dallas to superintend the un- 000 bond charged with the murloading of the big engine and the der of Ex-Sheriff Hichman about thrasher they remain on the two months ago, had himself cars in the local yards.

that they had already booked searching for Bob Hickman, numerous orders for future work brother of Ex-Sheriff Hickman, and expected to be very busy as who is charged with the shootsoon as the season opened. They ing. The story is that Hickman expect to use the gas tractor for was standing in front of his store breaking the land they are farm- at Bronte and Griffith was standing when it is not being used ing across the street when shot. with the thrasher.

Receives Beautiful Flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Pribble Mrs. S. F. Kirk of Acilene, a of roses, pinks and other flowers of the killing. that has graced our desk since At the time Ex-Sheriff Hickthe first of the week.

garden spot of West Texas we a fear of mob violence at Bronte, believe that it is the flower spot where he was conveyed by the of the State. Flowers are gifts authorities. Griffith was known that we will be grateful to re- to a large number of Abilene ceive from any of our readers at people, - Abilene Reporter. any and all times.

munity was in town Monday and Any child is safe and happy by We will pay 16 cents per pound reporteded an unusually heavy the use of LIV-VER-LAX. Ask for broilers and nine cents per rain in his section of the county Mrs. E. M. Rust. do small damage to farms.

What we believe to be the Merkel ball players defeated slab artist, which each time

sum of \$750.00 and the Hereford The first inning started with white-faced beauty then lacked Sellers of Trent getting a clean one day of having attained two hit. The next three, McCoy, months growth. According to Sellers and Sellers, went down information we have been able one, two, three, via 1st base get this price probably stands as route with their leader still hangthe highest ever paid in this ing around the keystone bag. State for a calf, if not a top Things for the locals in their half price for any such sale ever made of the first were different. Borin the United States. If there ing, who lead, hit for a clean has ever been a similar transac- two-bagger and before the vistion where the cash consideration itors could tighten up three was greater the Mail would be locals had registered at home. pleased to have it brought to our Merkel scored one in the second, one in the third and one in the fourth. It was in this fateful inning that Southworth hit for two bases bringing Mc-Reynolds home with Trent's lone score. In the fifth and sixth both teams played air-tight ball and the order was one, two, three. In the last of the seventh hard hits of the Merkel boys together with another ascension by the Trent aggregation saw four more scores marked up for the locals. One more in the eighth totaled eleven. Twice in the early stages of the game Smith, utility pitcher for Merkel, pulled out of bad scores for Trent.

H. M. Rainbolt of Route 3 was in town Monday on his way to Members of the hunting party court at Abilene and took opporwere Joe Higgins, Jess Hardy, tunity to express deep gratifi-Tom and Roy Harrell, J. D. cation of the conditions our coun-

Mr. Rainbolt stated that of cultivation, he believed that the entire amount was in better con-BUYS NEW GRAIN THRASHER dition than any he had ever seen at this season, the grain being over kneethigh over the entire

Advices reaching here are to been shot and killed at 8 a. m. Davis Beasley stated Tuesday Wednesday. The authorities are An automatic shotgun was used, loaded with buckshot. Griffith lived for about thirty minutes.

are the recipient of the editor's relative of the Griffith family, rebest bow for a beautiful boquet ceived word Wednesday morning

man was killed, Griffith was In addition to Merkel being the brought to Abilene on account of

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SHERIFF ELUDES MOB WITH NEGRO

Black Arrested Near Winters Spirited Away to San Angelo Jail Tuesday.

MEAGER DETAILS RECEIVED

Reported That Negro Choked Young White Woman, But Was Frightened Away By a Clever Ruse.

Further details of the arrest of a negro youth near Winters for the alleged attack on a young white woman school teacher in that section reached Abilene by telephone Wednesday.

Reports from Ballinger state that the sheriff and his aides reached Ballinger with the prisoner at about 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, after an exciting escape from the furious citizens of Winters, where shots were fired at the prisoner in an attempt to take his life.

After reaching the Ballinger jail, reports reached Sheriff Perkins that a mob was forming at Winters to come after the negro The prisoner was then taken in an automobile to the Tom Green county jail at San Angelo, where he is being held for safe keeping.

The negro was alleged to have attacked the young school teacher in a community ten miles from Winters. The alleged attack was made Monday evening about six o'clock, when the young woman returned to her boarding place from school and found no one at home except a negro youth about 17 years of age.

A citizen of that section was in Abilene Wednesday and told friends that the incident occurred substantially as follows:

When the young lady returned home the telephone rang and she answered it, telling the parties calling that there was no one at the house except herself. The negro overheard the conversation. She went to her room and was combing her hair, when the negro came up behind her and grabbed her about the neck with his hands. She screamed and managed to say: "There comes Mr. ---." mentioning the name of the farmer with whom she boarded. This distracted the negro's attention and enabled her to break loose and run, the negro running in another direc-

It is declared her throat was swollen next morning from the effects of the brute's grasp.

Feelings ran high in the Winters section. The crowd, which was reported to be on the way to Ballinger after the negro dispersed after learning of his betaken to San Angelo.—Abilene Reporter.

Bicycle For Sale.

Good second hand bioyole for sale at \$10.00. See Merkel Cycle Co. ft

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Better Bread Fresh Daily

Why waste your time trying to show off to hubby what good bread you can make when it only compels you to stand over a heated stove, ruffle that usually sweet disposition, wilt your glorious hair, maybe burn those pretty fingers and very likely start him on the way to indigestion?

It is not that you cannot make bread, "as good as his mother used to make it," you probably can, but this "mother's bread" is a very much overrated article. His mother, nor our mother, nor yourself can make bread as good as we can because none of you have the necessary up-to-date equipment.

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Armenia.

May we call the region in which the Russians are attacking the Turks Armenia? For convenience, certainly; but, as Sir Charles Eliot points out, strictly speaking, "Armenia does not exist. The name is absolutely forbidden in Turkey, and all maps marking any district as Armenistan are confiscated. Then there is the rival name of Kurdistan, also unofficial. Kurds and Armenians being mixed up, one may unofficially call portions of Asia Minor Kurdistan or Armenia, according to one's sympathies. The Armenians themselves do not use the name given them by friendly foreigners. They call themselves Haik, and after their country Haiasdan-tracing their descent from Haik, the grandson of

Convenient Rule.

The editor of a newspaper published in central Pennsylvania tells of articles that he frequently receives from a certain citizen. They are always pertinent and worthy of publication, says the Evening Post Saturday Magazine, but they are punctuated in a most peculiar way.

Meeting his correspondent one evening at a friend's house, the editor said, "That was an excellent letter I got from you this morning, and I am going to print it Saturday. But tell me, what rule do you follow for punctuation?"

"Why," said the gentleman, "the same rule that I learned when I was a boy. I put a semicolon every twelve words, and two commas between each pair of semicolons."

His Hobby.
"I can say this much for Dobson—

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"That's because Dobson takes no interest in the subjects most men argue about. Just wait until somebody comes along and tackles him on the subject of Egyptology. Then you'll hear an argument that will make politics, religion and the war in Europe pale into utter insignificance."

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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.

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

We thank the people of the Merkel country for he patronage they have always given is. We have never had an unsatisfac ry 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.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Charley Hutcheson of Trent visited relatives here Sat-

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H. M. Rainbolt and H. C. Floyd were in Abilene the first of the week.

Try a gallon bucket of pie peaches. They are fine. G. M.

Mrs. Hogan of near Nubia visited her mother, Mrs. Riney, the past week.

\$1.00 ready-made bed sheets only 69c at J. A. Duckett's.

Mrs. J. B. Warren and daughter, Irene, left Friday evening to vieit friends in Waco.

Goose dinner with dressing at Quentin's Cafe Sunday 35

Mrs. J. J. O'Malley and little Flora Frances Anderson visited in Abilene Thursday.

Mebane and Lone Star Cotton Seed at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Miss Bernice Doan visited her cousin. Miss Essie Doan, of Nubia, the past week.

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

Miss Beulah Burkett visited her parents, Rev. and Mrs J. C. Burkett of Abilene, Sunday.

Have you seen those nice four sewed brooms at J. A. Duckett's? Only 19c.

Mrs. Frank Johnson of Stamford spent the past week with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson.

FIRESTONE means better auto tires. Get them from G. F. WEST

Miss Mamie Ellis visited her brother, Lester Ellis and family of Abilene last week.

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

A. 'E. Bigham of Tye, Route 1, as in Merkel Monday looking after business matters.

Come down to C. P. Stevens'

Mrs. T. A. Harris visited Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis of Abilene the latter part of last week.

You are losing money if you are not buying your goods from J. A. Duckett.

Miss Bernadine Freeman visted her cousin, Mrs. Robert Goodwin of Trent the past week.

Best Peaberry coffee at 250 a pound at G. M. Sharp's.

John Moore of Simmons College spent the week end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. L.

Let us send you some Albatross flour. Its better. Anchor Mercantile Co.

Mrs. W.F. Christain of Shreveport, La. was here the first of the week visiting her sister Mrs. A. J. Leignty.

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Lester Ellis of Abilene was in the city Wednesday evening visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Eilie.

Men's silk hose only 25c at J. A. Duckett's.

W. N. Hall, Bob Russell and F. P. Hamm were among those who attended county court at Abilene Monday.

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Mrs. Jennie Killen and children of Trent were guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Jno. Wheeler, this week.

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Notice to The Stockman and Farmer

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Coming Friday May 7 This is the solving feature of the Million Dollar Mystery

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Fresh meal at G. M. Sharp's. Mrs. J. E. Nobles of Fort Worth, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W.D. Hutcheson. has returned home.

Get pure Sudan Seed at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

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

Miss Blanch Walker who has been here visiting her sister. Mrs. PE. Hall, left Wednesday for Abilene.

Ladies silk hose only 25c at J. A. Duckett's.

Miss Tennie Pope, who is employed as a teacher in the schools at Tye, was at home with her mother last week.

Mebane ane Lone Star Cotton Seed at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Ernest Costephens who has been here visiting his parents for a short time returned to his home at Roscoe Monday.

Goose dinner with dressing at Quentin's Cafe Sunday 35

Messr. Jack Smith and Jack Bright both of the Trent country were in town Monday looking after business matter.

Come down to C. P. Stevens'

Mrs. John A. Baker of Abilene is here visiting her son. John Morgan, and the family of R. R. Meeks of Route 3 community.

Bell Vernon flour at G. M. Sharp's.

Mrs. Philip. Diltz, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Compton, has returned to her home at Sylvester.

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

R. A. Musgrave of Denton was here on business the first of the week and incidentally to visit his relative, the Hon. J. J. Stall-

Latest thing in ladies waists at J. A. Duckett's.

Dr. Crenshaw of Fort Worth was here last Friday looking after his business property at the corner of Kent and North Front

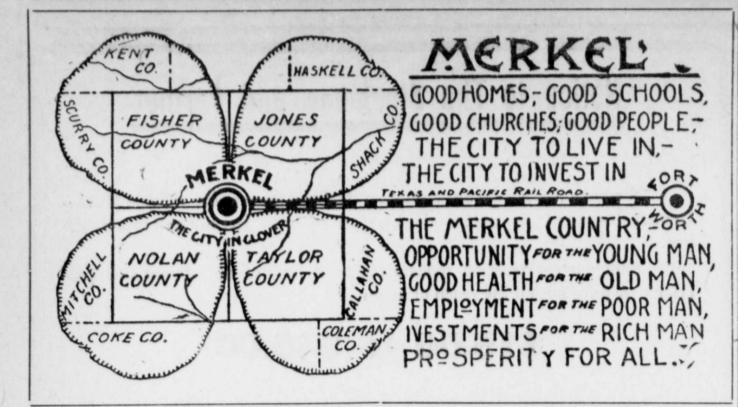
All sorts of candies at G. M. Sharp's.

Mrs. M. E. Orr who has been here for sometime visiting her son, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Orr, left Wednesday morning for Putnam to visit relatives.

A full line of staple groceries at C. P. Stevens.

Mrs. Graves, trained nurse who has been with the family of H. C. West during the past two weeks, returned to her home at Abilene Wednesday.

Will Streamer who has been here visiting relatives and friends left the first of the week for his home at Austin. He was accompanied by W. F. White also of Austin who was here on a visit.



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If you have visitors, or 4f you know any item which would be of in-erest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciote a note Cra elephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurence of ansual inter-st transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars

VILLA'S END IN SIGHT.

It seems that the end of Gen. Villa is now in sight. Like most desperadoes, over-confidence ganization for business that a great good will and an ambition to dictate to the universe have come to those interested .- Abilene Reporter. been the direct means of his downfall.

with many of the greatest military commanders organization some starting point must be taken the world has ever known. Gen. Sherman went and real hard work done in the beginning by the so far as to declaae that war is hell. He was instigators. The Mail heartily endorses the move right. Each day brings to the front page of our and if the idea meets with the approval of the newspapers evidence of this.

bandit and a brute, but he is a commander of West Texas Press and Printers Association be men, a stragetic chief who takes advantage of called in Abilene at some date in the near future. little things to accomplish successful ends.

Not that he has had any distinguished competitors in Mexico, but we must give the devil his due and give him credit for being a natural born general. Given a greater opportunity and wider latitude Villa might have made a distinguished name for himself.

He is illiterate, but we have had other commanders of wonderful success in war who could Would you hang up and run away? not write their names.

reer seems conclusively indicated by the latest news from Mexico.

The report of Mr. Carrothers to Waseington confirms, the story of Villa's defeat at Celaya, and that this defeat was overwhelming, the losses numbering 6,000, which means much in Mexico. if not in Galicia or France.

The army of Villa has, according to the report, become demoralized and retreated in scenes of There are always two sides to the question, you see, panic to Agua Calientes.

great friend of Carranza. Subsequent reports show that Villa had rallied, but the character of this defeat was so emphasized in the captures and loss of life that he will never regain his lost prestige with his troops.

There is no opportunity to make any definite predictions as to what will happen in Mexico. Obregon himself may revolt before a week is ended, and no one could say how long Carranza place to wear off their fishing fever. would last if Obregon should desert him. Neither man has in him the George Washington elements needed to pacify Mexico. However, the indications look brighter, and President Wilson's policy of watching and waiting may yet be rewarded.-Commercial Appeal.

IN INTEREST OF THE FARMERS.

over the Orient road as a guest of the bond- with what results? Having a raisin day and an holders and stockholders of the road. We have orange day is like an advertiser who is spasmodic; no doubt that the trip was made in the interest the results that he derives from his work fill his of the farmers whose welfare the governor and mind only and not his pocketbook. Let these Peter Radford are closely guarding.-Bonham raisin and orange days go. If we can't have News.

Again and for the second time, yea, even the our appetite should remain in hunger. third and then more we find the editor of the Bonham News casting slurring remarks as to the actions of a certain State official. namely the governor, whose Lexicon climb to honor was too great for some of his enemies to ever become reconciled to the ascension.

We do not attempt to say what Governor Ferguson was doing while enjoying the compartment of a luxurious private car of some railroad official, but thanks to our presence of mind, we are not going to find him guilty of selling the State or committing some other crime equally as bad until we have evidence to justify our charges. So far People in mud-sogged countries are not fooling there has not been a cintilla of proof but what anybody but themselves. They should buy a he has made the State a good governor and for home in the Merkel country.

The MERKEL MAIL the Bonham News to continue to their nig-nagging petty slurs it reminds us of a cold nosed dog barking up the wrong tree. To our way of seeing it every man should at all times be ready THE MERKEL MAIL PRINTING COMPANY. INCORPORATED to give credit where credit is deserved and we kindly suggest that the News in their exalted position as one of the foremost semi-weekly paper of the State take time to solve this problem Entered at the Postomoe at Merkel, Texas, as Second Class Mail Matter they are continually talking about and if they find Governor Ferguson is deserving of a word of credit to show backbone enough to give him that praise.

CENTRAL WEST TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION.

What do the newspaper men and job printers of the Central West think about organizing the Central West Texas Press and Printers Association? The Reporter is for that kind of an organization and believes that if all printers and publishers in this part of Texas go into the or-

Your inquiry is an excellent suggestion to the Generals are burn and not made. This is true Central West Texas press. To perfect such an press throughout our section of the State we Gen. Villa is a born commander. He may be a suggest that the first meeting of the Central

MAYBE YOU WOULD, BUT I DOUBT IT.

If you were to take your receiver from the hook. And no one seemed to care about it. Would you hang up with never a word?

Well! Maybe you would-but I doubt it. If you were to call for a number some day

And the operator was pleasant about it.

Well! Maybe you would-but I doubt it. That he is nearing the end of his military ca- Suppose you should call for long distance some day And the operator was cross about it.

> Would you give her your call in a pleasant way? Well! Maybe you would -- but I doubt it.

> But if you were to call for long distance some day And the operator was courteous about it, Would you be grouchy and turn away?

Well! Maybe you would-but I doubt it.

'Though some folks don't know about it, Gen. Obregon, who achieved this success, is a If you are nice to a subscriber, will he be cross to you?

> Well! Maybe he would-but I doubt it. -Opie Wilson, Toll Operator.

PRESS PICK-UPS.

A dutiful son will follow the footsteps of a beautiful girl sooner than those of his father.

Anglers report the lake north of town a good

The time for swatting the fly is at hand. In other words make hay while the lesser lights are

Claud Callan of Fort Worth says the best way to maintain neutrality with your neighbors is not to raise chickens, gardens or children.

Today is California Raisin Day. In a few more Gov. Ferguson has just returned from a trip months we will have California Orange Day, and oranges and raisins but one day in the year then

> Unusual West Texas. Two sand storms only during the spring and three inches of rainfall during last week. Plenty of wheat, lots of oats, busy times and excellent prospects makes food for thought and banishes the pessimistic calamity howler. Yes, West Texas is coming to her own.

> Illinois women selling their votes for \$3.00 each while men receive \$12.00 for theirs is good evidence, says the Commercial Appeal, that women do know the value of the ballot.

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House 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 in 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 chanical College, and fixing its perma-nent location at Prairie View, in Sec. 2. The Governor of this State division of the State permanent en-dowment fund between the University Texas, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and the

people.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the Article 7, Sections, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. State of Texas:

dustrial College; making an appropri-

Section 1. That Section 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Article 7, of the Constitution of Texas, be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

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 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 afwairs 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 in 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 Texas to the University of Texas, or 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 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" shall not be included in or constitute a part of the permanet university fund Sec. 12. The Agricultural and Me-

chanical College of Texas is hereby established and permanently located in Brazos County and separated from the Iniversity of Texas and constituted an independent college. The Legislature shall provide for the organization of said college and for its development, naintenance and permanent improvement, 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 Mechaniown governing board as provided by cal College shall be administered by its

The present members of the board 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.

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 been assessed a property tax and paid hereby transferred to and made a part of the permanent fund of the Agricul- the time he offers to vote, voting at an ix hundred thousand acres of land of vote such tax, not to exceed fifty cents average value; there are hereby trans- on the one hundred dollars valuation of ferred 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 division of the land as specified herein-The land herejn set apart to the Uni. ersity, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and the Prairie iew State Normal and Industrial Colas may be prescribed by law. The this proposed amendment at said elec-

granted to any purchaser. heretofore granted or herein granted to the hundred dollars valuation or propthe Agricultural and Mechanical Col- erty in any county, subdivision or subsale of such lands, shall constitute its when same has been authorized by a perpanent fund. All the income dented and administrated by the control of the qualified electors at an election held for that purpose," These such fund to be created and administrated by the Commissioners Court of the Constitution of the State of Texture.

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendative district thereof.

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendat lege, together with the proceeds of the divisions, or defined district thereof. fund and shall be applied to the support voting against its adoption shall have and development of the Agricultural written or printed on their ballots the and Mechanical College and to meet its following: The proceeds from the to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitu-

sale of the Agricultural and Mechani- tion, authorizing the levy and collection 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.

pendent college, and the Legislature purpose. shall provide for its organization, mainmade as may be necessary for the esand sciences and the practical industries of the age. The college shall shall designate the officers of adminis-shall designate the officers of administration of the officers of administration of the officers of the officers of administration of the officers of the off ployees, determine their salaries, establish departments, subdivision, libraries and laboratories and other agencies of education consistent with the ob-Industrial College, and declaring it a jects of the college and perform such A Joint Resolution proposing and subbranch of the Agricultural and Me- other duties as the Legislature may

Waller County; making an equitable 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 Prairie View State Normal and In- so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to defray the ation to defray the expenses of ad- expenses of publishing said proclamavertising the Governor's proclamation tion and the expenses of submitting and submitting same to a vote of the this resolution to a vote of the people.

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, Sec. 10. The University of Texas is A. D. 1915, the same being the twenty fourth day of said month. All the voters voting on this proposed amend-ment 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 equitble 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 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

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 qualified electors voting at an election held for that purpose, and mak ing 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 except 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 Sec. 13. Of the land heretofore set the county, or of any defined district now or hereafter to be described and said tax for the next year prior to fral and Mechanical College of Texas, election held for that purpose, shall property subject to taxation in such county, political subdivision or subor described or defined district. And the Legislature may pass local laws for the maintenance of the public roads and highways, without the local notice required for special or local laws.

Sec. 2. The foregoing amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution of Texas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State for adoption or rejection at an election to be held on the fourth Saturday in the month of July, 1915 All voters on 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 9, Article 8, of the Constitution, authorprinted or written on their ballots the "For amendment to Section izing the levy and collection of a special Sec. 14. All lands and other property road tax not to exceed fifty cents on "Against the amendment

tion of property in any county, sub-Sec- 15. The College of Industrial dision or subdivisions, or defined dis-Arts for White Girls located at Denton, trict thereof, when same has been in Denton County, Texas, is hereby es- authorized by a majority of the qualitablished and recognized as an inde- fied electors at an election held for that

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State read as follows: tenance, development and permanent is hereby directed to issue his necessary improvement and shall make, by ap- proclamation ordering this election, propriation and otherwise, such pro- and have same published as required by tions, who shall have attained the age missioners' court to determine whether vision in addition to that heretofore the Constitution and laws of this State. of twenty-one years, and who shall be or not said tax shall be repealed; and The sum of five thousand dollars, or so a citizen of the United States, and who provided, further, that it shall be the tablishment and maintenance of a first much thereof as may be necessary, is shall have resided in this State one duty of the Commissioners' Court to class college, for the education of white hereby appropriated out of any funds year next preceding an election, and girls in the literary branches, the arts in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of or county in which he offers to vote, publishing and proclamation and print-shall be deemed a qualified elector, and have its own governing board, which ing of tickets and necessary blanks to every male person of foreign birth, sub-

(A true copy.)

Senate Joint Resolution No. 18

mitting to a vote of the people of Texas an amendment to Section 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution, authorimprovements, 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 Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as hereafter to paid said tax before he offers to vote persons favoring such amendment shall

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 egislative 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 ctors 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 over-flows, and to permit of navigation 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 now or hereafter to be described and defined within the State of Texas, which may be formed for the purpose of reclaiming and improving overflowmaintaining the improvements there, of, may, upon a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property tax pavers 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. 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: ' 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

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 The sum of five thousand dolstate. lars (\$5000) or so much thereof as may 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.

therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter shall vote such tax. Provided, that if

the last six months within the district to do by twenty-five per cent of the and meal from G. R. Gazzaway. zen of the United States in accordance with the Federal naturalization laws, and shall have resided in this State one year next preceding such election and which he offers to vote, shall also be the purpose of voting upon such pro tors shall vote in the election precinct urday in July, 1915, in one weekly izing the issuance of bonds for public of their residence; provided, that elec- newspaper of each county in the State 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 preceding such election. Or, if said tion, adding thereto Section 3b, authorcer 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, adany qualified voter in this State shall the Commissioners' Court to create a have personally paid his poll tax in the Students' Loan Fund. county and precinct of his residence, or may have been submitted to the voters 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 Congress 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 the election managers his poll tax receipt or exemption certificate, who depositing same to any address he may read as follows: name; and in addition to depositing the poll tax receipt or exemption certificate, consist of a Chief Justice and four Assuch person so offering to vote shall sociate Justices, any three of whom

make an affidavit; and it will be impossible for him to re-turn to the precinct of his residence in son shall be eligible to the office of time to vote; (2) that he has not voted at Chief Justice or Associate Justice of any other election precinct on that day, the Supreme Court unless he be at the and will not offer to vote at any other time of his election a citizen of the precinct in this State; (3) that he United States, and of this State, and personally paid his poll tax within the unless he shall have attained the age time provided by law, or personally se- of thirty years, and shall have been a cured the certificate of his exemption practicing lawyer or a Judge of a Court,

from the payment of a poll tax. amendment shall be submitted to a and Associate Justices shall be elected vote of the qualified electors for mem- by the the qualified voters of the State as on the fourth Saturday is July, 1915, sors are elected and qualified, and shall the same being the twenty-fourth day each receive an annual salary of five of July, 1915, and the Governor of this thousand dollars until otherwise prorequired by the Constitution and laws vacancy until the next general election 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 the amendment shall have written or under the present Constitution, and until printed on their ballots the words. 'Against amendment to Section 2, of cincts other than the precinct of their residence under certain conditions.

same shall be self-enacting.

may be necessary, is hereby appropri- be determined by lot, as now provided ated out of any funds in the State by law. Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of such procla- is hereby directed to issue the necesmation, publication and election. John G. McKay, Secy. of State.

(A true copy.)

House Joint Resolution No. 9.

Texas, by adding thereto Section 3b, 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 of 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-

in a precinct other than the precinct students' loan fund, said tax not to exof his residence under certain conditions, and making an appropriation on the one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of the property subject to taxation in each county; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax Section 1. That Section 2, of Article paying voters of the county voting at an election to be held for that purpos the tax is adopted, after it has been Sec. 2. Every male person subject enforced for two years, an election to none of the foregoing disqualificamay be held, on the order of the comorder such election upon a petition so qualified tax paying voters of the coun-

Sec. 3. The Legislature shall pass ject to none of the foregoing disquali-fications, who shall have become a citi-this provision of the Constitution. Sec. 4. That the above and forego ing proposed amendment shall be duly published once a week for four weeks, commencing at least three (3) months the last six months in the county in before a special election to be held for deemed a qualified elector; and all elec- posed amendment, on the fourth Sattors living in any unorganized county of Texas, in which such newspaper is a delightful and thrilling devided further, that any voter who is submission of this proposed amendment subject to pay a poll tax under the laws of the State of Texas shall have the Legislature. At such election all 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 Constituvoter 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 or "Against the Amendment to Section 8

Sec. 5. That \$5,000.00, or as much secured an exemption certificate show- thereof as may be necessary be and Stevens are lower. 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 otherin 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 election provided for above.

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

Senate Joint Resolution No. 3.

proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, amending Article 5, Section 2 of the Constitution of said State, so as to pro-State shall consist of a Chief Justice and four Associate Justices, describe their qualifications, tenure of office

ceipt or exemption certificate, who Section 1. That Section 2 of Article shall retain same until the following 5 of the Constitution of the State of

day, and then mail same to the person Texas be so amended so as to hereafter

Section 2, The Supreme Court shall shall constitute a quorum, and the con-(1) That he is absent from home, currence of three judges shall be neces rom the payment of a poll tax. or such lawer and judge together, at Sec. 3. The foregoing constitutional least seven years. Said Chief Justice their successor are elected and qualified.

Immediately after the adoption of Article 6, of the Constitution, author- this amendment the Governor of this have any need to use them any more." zing qualified voters to vote in pre- State shall call an election for the purpose of electing two Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, one of whom Sec. 4. No legislation shall be nec- shall, when elected, hold said office Doan's Kidney Pills-the same that essary to put into effect this article of for four years and one of whom, when Mr. Derstine had. Foster-Milburn Co. the Constitution, but when adopted elected shall hold said office for six years, and the question of which of The sum of five thousand them shall hold for four years and (\$5,000) dollars, or so much thereof as which of them hold for six years shall

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 neld on the fourth Saturday in July, A Joint Resolution to amend Article 7 1915, and the sum of Five Thousand of the Constitution of the State of Dollars (\$5,000.00), or so much thereof Texas, by adding thereto Section 3b, as necessary, is hereby appropriated authorizing the Legislature to profrom any fund in the State Treasury vide 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.

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

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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"The Black Box" at the Cozy tective story.

Miss Zella Stanley of Nubia is visiting her sister, Miss Ona Stanley, here, this week.

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German millet seed for sale left with the judge of the election. If ding thereto Section 3b, authorizing at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Walker are in Hill county, at Lovelace, visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. R. T. Greer.

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E. H. Cordell of the Nubia country was in the city Wednes. day talking better prospects for the Merkel country. He was associated in the conversation by Joe Winters of the Shiloh community who brings good news of an abundant season from his

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Since the long succession of Merkel reports were first published in the local press there has been no looking bers of the Legislature at an election at a general election, shall hold their back. Merkel evidence continues to to be held throughout the State of Tex- offices six years, or until their succes- pour in; and-better-still-those whose reports were first publishedmany years ago, verify all they said State is hereby directed to issue the vided by law: In case of a vacancy in in a most hearty and unmistakable necessary proclamation for said elec- the office of Chief Justice of the Su- way, Read the experience of Mr. H. tion, and to have same published, as preme Court, the Governor shall fill the W. Derstine says: "Backache botherof this State. Those favoring the for said officers; and at such general ed me off and on for years until Doans amendment shall have written or print- election the vacancy for the unexpired Kidney Pills, procured at the Rust & ed on their ballots the words: "For term shall be filled by election by the McCauley Drug Co. relieved me. I be-amendment to Section 2, of Article 6, of qualified voters of the State. The lines they will also appropried lieve they will cure any case of kidney trouble if taken as directed." (Statement given May 27 1905)

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

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Because of you.

Thoughs of your love within my heart are dwelling. Courage and hope both nerve my heart

Life has a sweetness far beyond all

telling,

Because of you.

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On last Friday evening Mrs. Earl Lassiter entertained with a Slumber party and luncheon at her home in the west part of town. Various games were played. The guests were Misses Arrie Barrett, Beulah Overshiner, Lillian McLendon, May Lassiter and Irene Swann.

Mr. J. C. Mason gave a box party at the Cozy Tuesday evening in honor of a few friends, Those in attendance were Mesdames A. J. Leighty, E. M. Rust J. W. Daniel, Sterling P. Miller. Misses Genevieve Rust, Evalyn William. A. J. Leighty and the host.

Another Large Boquet

For the second time during this week a good Merkel lady has added to the beauty and glory of our print shop by donating one of the largest and most beautiful boquets we have ever

The last donor was Mrs. E. L. Ash who is reputed to have one of the most beautiful flower garden in the city and we are willing to accept the report. To those who want to see beautiful flowers | they should visit the Mail office while it is in bloom. Incidently that would be a good time to renew your paper for another year, only \$1.00 and we are giving free for six months time Holland Magazine and the Farm & Ranch, another good boquet of newspapers in fact a regular rose between two thorns. Subscibe today and grow more flowers in Merkel.

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These letters will be sent to the dead letter office May 8. H. C. Williams, P. M.

Merkel, Texas

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Omitted from our last weeks reports of automobile sales were the purchases of a Franklin touring car by T. A. Johnson and a five passenger Ford by L. C. Dubree of Route 5 west of Merkel.

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The lesson of last Sunday was the battle of David and Goliath We were honored by having Prof. Mills, one of the public school teachers of Midland, with us Sunday. He is the president of the Baraca class at that place. He made a short talk to the ertire class and complimented it very much. "Of all Baraca classes I have ever belonged to or visited yours is the best of all with the exception of the one at the State University.

THAT COLD YOU HAVE

may bring sickness, doctors bills and loss of work; you know that serious sickness usually starts with a cold, and a cold only exists where weakness exists. Remember that.

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SYNOPSIS.

Sudora is left an orphan at an early

Tadora and the fortune from the mine, which grows to be worth \$20,000,000, are

eft in the guardianship of Frank Keene,

my promise of great beauty, reaches the

age of eighteen. The uncle, who has set

himself up as a Hindu mystic and is

ora must die before she can have a

hance to come into possession of her

money, so that it may be left to him, the

ext of kin. Hassam All sees an obstacle

his scheme in the person of John

orm, a young lawyer, for whom Zu-

dora has taken a fancy, and he com-

renounce him.

mands the girl to put the man out of her mind. Zudora insists that if she cannot

known as Hassam Ali, decides that Zu-

Ludora's mother's brother. Zudora, giv-

"Nor can you say honestly that he

well admit to you that some one is in-

I've been shot at in the dark on three

Sometimes the heat is too small, sometimes too hot. The secret is the medium heat." The speaker threw off the power,

different occasions. I have received minutes, then delicately picked out a from some disgruntled politician. 1 held out his palm. A crystal a little "Not until every letter of my agreelarger than a pinhead lay upon it.

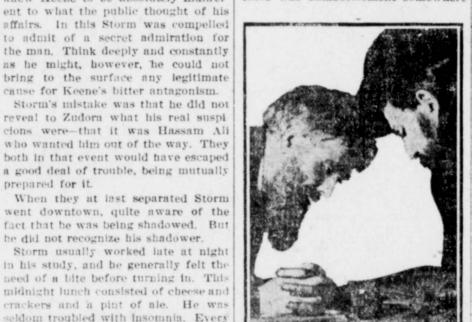
"What is it?" asked Hassam Alt. "I suppose you've made up your "A diamond of the purest water." was the exultant answer. "The main obstacle in producing diamonds arti-"Yes. Just as firmly as I have made ficially has been the great expense for up my mind that you're my man and [that I wouldn't exchange you for the each experiment. It was not practical diamond making. There was no compensation in the result. It sum-He laughed and pressed her hand. med up, just a man of science striving He had been on the point of telling her to wrest from nature one of her greathis innermost suspicions. He saw now est secrets. It costs me about onethat she was going to have trouble fourth of what each diamond is worth. enough without his adding to it. Brave But I must have a bigger furnace, little girl! Because she loved him she more power. I have figured out the had assumed almost three times the

> "Will you let me take this crystal to a jeweler?" asked Hassam All, tremendously interested.

relative degrees of heat."

"Certainly. I have sold many to pawnbrokers, but I have been afraid to come out into the open.

"Trust me," said Hassam Ali. So he took the diamond away. He was still a bit skeptical. It might be that this diamond cutter was not such a fool as he looked. In some scientific manner the crystal might have been previously confined in the carbon. If the man offered to sell his invention Hassam Ali would feel assured that there was bamboozlement somewhere



"A diamond of the purest water."

in the background. He was himself too old a bird to be caught at such a game. But if this was honestly done! hat the crystal was an uncut diamond, perfectly white, and worth about \$40. o the inventor.

et me see a piece of carbon."

The inventor exhibited his stock and invited Hassam Ali to make his selection. To Hassam's mind, had each piece contained a diamond the inventor already possessed a small fortune. He was beginning to feel reassured. Soon another diamond came to life. as it were. Hassam Ali was convinced

There was no charlatanism in him. The man had discovered one of the greatest secrets in the world. "Oh, I have failures. Sometimes the carbon is not right. Again, the power is not strong enough. But I will show

you some of the gems I have already

made." He went to the cupboard and produced his little hoard. He poured then into Hassam Ali's hands. The gents were all exquisitely cut and polished. The largest was about the size of an ordinary parlor match head.

"How many here?" inquired the vis itor, now genuinely astonished.

"Ten." Hassam Ali counted them. He

shook his head. "Only eight."

"Impossible!"

"Count them yourself." The inventor did so. He ran to the supboard and searched every nook.

"I have been robbed!" "Sh; not so loud!" warned Hassam All "You say you out ten stones in



there. Here are but eight. In other words, some one has been riding the cupboard. My advice is to catch the thief without drawing the police in. Put seals on the door and the lock. I notice that the wall is very thin."

morrow, and together we'll examine

"But what do you think?" "About what?" "The stones."

"Oh, I am quite certain that in the event of your being able to make the stood immovable for the space of four stones in carat sizes you will not only be famous, but rich. Still, you know all!" black lump. This he skillfully broke what a sensitive thing a diamond is. with a small hammer. Presently he It would be wise to keep your secret until you have made your fortune."

> "I'm no fool. If it got about that 1 made diamonds at a profit, however



The Trap Was Neatly Arranged and Laid.

small, the diamond market would go to smash."

Seals were applied to the cupboard, and Hassam Ali went away.

The moment he was gone the dia mond cutter berated himself furiously. What had possessed him to take Hassam Ali so utterly into his confidence? And there was a thief about! How could any one have known that he had diamonds? And more puzzling than all else, why hadn't the thief taken them all? He did not sleep well that

night When he and Hassam Ali broke the seals in the morning there were but six stones left.

"Altmann!" cried the diamond cutter. "He has some hole in the wall. I'll kill him!"

"Be still!" said Hassam Ali sternly,

selzing the man and shaking him vio-He was informed at the jeweler's lently. "If he is guilty and hears you, goodby to your gems. We'll put a dictograph in and find out what the So far so good. Hassam Ali returned | cheesemaker and his family talk about You needn't worry about the expense. "It's a white diamond, worth about I'll see to that. And we'll go to work \$40. Now, before we go any further, at once. A dictograph down the wall



The Cry Had Been a Practical Joke. and a bear trap in front of the cupboard, and we'll soon know who the culprit is.'

The dictograph was promptly installed, and the trap was neatly arranged and laid. But the conversation recorded was useless, and nobody stepped into the bear trap. Two more diamonds were gone!

"Listen," said Hassam All. "I'll rush out yelling 'Fire! Fire!' That will clear the cheese shop and give me a chance to make an investigation."

"I leave everything to you," said the half demented inventor. He was panting and holding his hand over his heart. "It is making me ill. My heart

Things fell out as Hassam Ali predicted. Only he had not expected John Storm in the cheese shop. At the cry of fire Storm ran out with the others and accidentally dropped his purchase. Hassam Ali saw the package fall, and, instead of entering the shop, he ran to the package and picked it up, on the principle that anything belonging to John Storm might eventually prove useful. He thrust it into his pocket and started back to make his investi gations, but it was now too late. The cheesemaker, seeing no signs of fire anywhere, had returned to his shop.

agely. Then he picked it up and broke it. It was a good cheese, and it would be shameful to waste it.

"Look!" he cried suddenly. From the cheese he plucked a small diamend.

"I knew it!" exclaimed the unhappy diamond cutter. "It's Altmann, after

Meantime Storm, having lost his cheese in the small riot and learning that the cry had been a practical loke or the clever scheme of a petty thief, returned to the shop, somewhat ruffled in spirit, to purchase another cheese. He had scarcely taken it into his hand when the diamond cutter, followed by two policemen, came rushing in and demanded the arrest of every one in the shop-that is to say, Storm, the cheesemaker and his wife. They did not take his daughter, who remained behind weeping.

Storm was permitted to telephone Zudora.

"What is the matter?" she demanded.

"It seems that I've been arrested as an accomplice of Altmann, the cheesemaker, on the charge of stealing diamonds from a diamond cutter living pext door. The diamonds were found in a cheese I bought. As a matter of fact, I think it's a practical joke of some sort. You know where Altmann's is. Nothing serious can possibly come of it, but I'll have to do a lot of buying when I leave the police station. The laugh is on me somewhere."

"I'll have you out before midnight," she declared.

But she nearly lost her life in the furnace room. The diamond cutter ran amuck when he saw her enter his chamber of secrets, and he flew at her like an enraged tiger. She eluded him and picked up a hammer, with which to defend herself. The hammer was nothing to the madman. He reached out to clutch her when he gave a weird cry, stumbled and fell headlong



Me Reached Out to Clutch Her.

into the furnace mouth. His beart had given out.

And so Hassam Ali would never be able to add diamonds to his pyramids of shining gold.

But the death of the diamond cutter complicated matters, and, despite the protestations of innocence on the part of the victims, they were held.

When the truth did come out finally the whole city laughed quietly. Zudora discovered the thieves-a pair of bright eved mice who had decided to go house building with diamonds as a cornerstone!

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

In the Presence of Death.

Some years ago a Swansea vessel was caught in a terrible gale. The captain had his wife on board, and when the wind was still rising he told her to go down below and sleep, for all was well. He remained on the bridge till the mate came up and said: "We've done all we can. Hadn't you better tell the chaps to get out the boats?"

"Yes, yes, my lad, if you think so." said the captain, who knew the only choice left was whether to go down with the ship or in a small boat, which couldn't live ten seconds in that sea. The engineers came up with the news that the fires were all out.

"Very well, my lads," said the captain quietly. "Save yourselves if you

can.' "Won't you fetch the wife on deck. str?" asked one of the men.

"No," was the calm reply. "Let her sleep, poor girl! I am going down to have a smoke." And, smoking by the bedside of his sleeping wife, he went down with the ship.

Didn't Recognize Her. She was of a somewhat haughty nature and, being on a shopping expedition with a friend, happened to catch

a glimpse of an acquaintance she did not wish to recognize. "Let us go this way past the slik counter. I just saw some one I don't.

care to meet.' "Who is he?" asked her friend, who did not see any one near them.

"Oh, some horrid woman with a smirk on her face. Of course I have only a bowing acquaintance with her. and, although her face is familiar, 1 cannot remember her name."

They finished their shopping, and the two women found themselves at the same point where one of them had seen her disagreeable acquaintance.

"There she is again. Why, I do befleve she's been here all the time!" she said, pointing to the person in ques-So Hassam All made his way back to | tion.

the diamond cutter's. When he open "That woman? Goodness sakes; ed the package and found some cheese that's yourself you see in the mirror there!"-Kansas City Star. he swore and flung it from him sav-

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marry me."

mind?

ment is complete.

greatest kingdom on earth.

tasks of Hercules. He became more

and more determined to follow her and

stand guard over her in every case she

ad-that is, if they left him alone.

From the bottom of his soul he dis-

trusted Keene, Hassam Ali, so called.

It did not require an unusually sharp

intuition to feel the sense of batred di-

rected against him whenever he came

into the presence of the mystic. But

he possessed no defined theory as to

what had caused this activity of pas

sion. It was born of no tender senti-

ment for the niece. Nor could it be

due to the fact that he, Storm, looked

with contempt upon Keene's work. He

knew Keene to be absolutely indiffer-

ent to what the public thought of his

affairs. In this Storm was compelled

to admit of a secret admiration for

the man. Think deeply and constantly

as he might, however, he could not

bring to the surface any legitimate

Storm's mistake was that he did not

revea! to Zudora what his real suspi-

who wanted him out of the way. They

both in that event would have escaped

a good deal of trouble, being mutually

When they at last separated Storm

Storm usually worked late at night

in his study, and be generally felt the

need of a bite before turning in. This

midnight lunch consisted of cheese and

crackers and a pint of ale. He was

eldom troubled with Insomnia. Every

other day he would drop into Alt

mann's cheese shop, chat awhile with

the cheesemaker, his wife and daugh

fact that he was being shadowed. But

he did not recognize his shadower.

prepared for it.

cions were-that it was Hassam Ali

cause for Keene's bitter antagonism.

keep forming in the heart of the crystal. He was intensely superstitious I love him," frowning. without realizing the fact. Yet again he saw the face, the same appeal in loves you. My dear girl, I might as it. His heart swelled with fury and hate. He was beginning to hate his terested in putting me out of the way. niece, for we invariably hate those we have wronged or intend to wrong. Whenever he saw her slender white anonymous letters purporting to come throat a horrible, almost irresistible, desire laid hold of him to take that think the best thing you can do is to white throat within his fingers and crush the life out of it. At the same time he became vaguely alarmed lest at some time or other he should surrender to this mad desire. No, no!

"Well, well," says Hassam All, "if you she such a stand I'll compromise. Solve my next twenty cases and you can marry him; fall in a single case and you must Zudora, using the knowledge gamed 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 Zudora and Hassam All visit Nabok Shan's house, where sleep overcomes every one whenever Nabok attempts to mara princess. Storm, seeking Zudora, is made a prisoner. Zudora folls Nabok Shan, restores the princess to her original

CHAPTER III. The Mystery of the Cheesemaker.

instigated by Hassam Ali himself.

lower and saves Storm from death.

N a kind of cellar, under a window, a man sat, bent over a peculiarly constructed machine of small wheels that spun with lightning rapidity. Every now and then he paused and scrutinized the minute object be held in his fingers. At length he seemed satisfied, rose, stopped the machine and shuffled over to a cupboard. Then he sat down on a cot and began to figure in a small notebook. The resuft of his mathematics evidently

Dieased him. In a corner behind curtains stood a furnace, a crucible, with powerful bellows and chimney. It looked adaptable to tremendous heat pressure. The machine previously referred to was an unfamiliar one to any but the eyes of those who have watched similar machines in Amsterdam and Rotterdam, in Holland. It was a diamond cutting and polishing machine. What the unpusual crucible brought forth remained

to be seen. The diamond cutter rose again and once more approached the cupboard

The Diamond Cutter

and gloated over his treasure, which consisted of half a dozen perfect gems perfectly cut and polished, but small. "I shall be rich some day."

Then came sudden transition from by to gloom. He dared not go forth denly to sell these gems, for he feared that he would be looked upon as a thief. The fact that these diamonds were not registered would act against him. The least they would do would be to hale him before the customs officials as a smuggler. And if he told the truth his wonderful discovery would become public property, and he would be ruined.

"I am unlucky," he groaned. "I see how it is. I must divide with some one in order to get anything. I will sound Hassam Ali."

He had disposed of several gems among pawnbrokers who were known not to ask questions, but in these transerctions he had received but a fourth f of what the gems were worth. These things contributed to his sudden rise and fall of spirits. He was also something of a madman.

Presently be sniffed. There was a faint odor of curds in the air. Beyond the wall was a cheesemaker's shop. and there one could buy anything from a Camembert to what is known as a Dutch cheese. The diamond cutter discovered that he was hungry. So he left his den, bought some cheese and rye bread and returned, soon to begin his labors again. During certain in-Yervals of silence he heard without apparent notice slight scratching sounds. The furnace began to glow, throwing weird lights upon his lined and ecstat-

when night came he went again to his treasure and gave a cry of anguish. A gem was gone! He searched thoroughly, but could not find it. It could not be possible that he had made a mistake in the original counting. He would go and have his friend Hassam Al look into his crystal. There were orderful revelations made there, and Hassam All reassured him that the gem would be found.

The next day, after Zudora had gone forth-to meet her lover, Hassam All was assured-Hassam All retired to the mystic room. He was curious to how long his sister's face would

Hassam Ali Y/as an Adept at Disguising Himself.

A thousand times no! He must follow without deviation the plans he had mapped out. Sooner or later he would gain his ends without incriminating himself. She suspected nothing. One side of her was all keenness and insight, but the other side of her was as guileless as a child, and to this side he always played. He must wait. tedious as waiting might be. Gold, gold, yellow gold, the most beautiful thing in the world; millions of shining disks, all his. He suddenly shook himself. He must smother these thoughts, this rampant desire, or he might overstep. Misers are full of strange cun-

Zudora had given her word to say nothing about her great inheritance, and her loyalty to her word was as

strong as hoops of steel. Hassam Ali was an adept at disguising himself, making himself unrecognizable. A half dozen touches of the brush, a muffler about his chin, and even Zudora would fail to recognize him at first glance. He sallied He was eager to learn what Storm was doing. For the present Storm was the main obstacle in his way. If he became Zudora's husband, goodby to the Trainor millions, whether Zudora lived or not. If Zudora married Storm clandestinely he was determined upon that knowledge to kill them both. Once a week be made

inquiries at the bureau of licenses. Zudora met Storm in the park, and they idled away an hour or two building castles in Spain. The will of Jason Olds having been probated, Storm was the recipient of a hundred thou sand, which he immediately divided between several hospitals. He wanted it known that, aside from his business relations, he wanted nothing of Olds. living or dead. His gift reacted fa-

vorably. Storm became suddenly serious. "My dear," he said, "I want to ask you some really vital questions."

"Go ahead."

"Do you love your uncle?" 8 She did not answer at once because the question was totally unexpected. She began to think.

"Why, John, that's an odd question." "I know it, but I just simply had to

"I respect him," she said, "for he is a man of extraordinary attainments,



Zudora Met Storm In the Park.

for all that you sometimes smile at

his occupations." "It is precisely because he plays at this mummery and is at the same time an extraordinary man that I ask you

if you love him." "Love is a strange thing," she re plied evasively. She felt strangely stirred over the trend of conversation.

"You don't answer me directly." He was an attorney and had something of the bulldog's grip. There were many unhappy witnesses who would testify to that.

He Would Drop Into Altmann's Cheese Shop.

ter, and then leave with his regular

purchase. Now it happened that Hassam Ali's midnight appetite was similar to that of Storm's, except that Hassam All never touched alcoholic beverages of any sort. Moreover, he was friend to both cheesemaker and diamond cutter. There was more to the latter than most people suspected. When the mystic saw Storm enter the cheesemaker's his first inspiration was to learn what sort of cheese he generally purchased and eventually substitute a poisoned one. It was immaterial to him whether Altmann paid for the

deed or not. As Storm entered one door the dia mond cutter came out of the other Hassam Ali made a sign, which the latter answered. Together they re entered the building Hassam Ali had

no desire to run into Storm. "I did not recognize you, master," said the diamond cutter.

"And never recognize me unless you see me make the sign. Well, have you made up your mind?"

"Why not? I may be able to help

"I am going to trust you."

you a great deal," said Hassam Ali secretly pleased that he had won his point, "I am like a physician or a priest. Whatever you may tell me will be buried in my breast," his strong magnetic eyes boring into the other's The diamond cutter was always in such a mental state as to lend himself readily to hypnotism, and without be ing aware of it he fell under the spell immediately Hassam Ali spoke to him

"Lead on." The diamond cutter led the way to his cell-like shop and threw back the curtains, revealing the furnace and crucible. Deftly he placed a plece of carbon in the receptacle and turned a switch. There came a blinding flash,

The Crystal Was an Uncut Diamond.

"Bah! Altmann is an old foot. He thinks I am a locksmith," contemptu-

"You never can tell. I will come to-

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Rain, rain-more mud. Health of the community is fairly good.

On account of rain and mud, our Sunday school was postponed Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilburn are the proud parents of a new son. Miss Annabell Moore spent the past week with Miss Myrtle Far-

ris of Noodle. Our school is progressing nicely. They entertained quite a number of guests Friday even-

ing with an interesting program. Messrs. S. Sherrell and Hanley made a prospecting trip to Haskell last week.

Miss Rosetta Rister of Warren was the guest of Misses Beulah and Ethel Henry Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Foster and daughter, Elita, spent part of last week with the former's father.

SALT BRANCH

Health of the community is very good at this writing with the exception of a few cases of mumps.

Everything is looking fine since the rain.

Austin Robertson and wife returned from Loraine Wednesday where they visited relatives the past week.

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Our literary school will be out in two weeks.

Mrs. Rush Buford has returned from Abilene where she was

operated on for apendicitis. Misses Annie and Gertrud Higgine, Mesers Lester Wheat spent Sunday and Monday with relatives and friends in Merkel.

There was no Sunday School on account of rain. Emery Petty and family visit-

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Mrs. F. Brown of Abilene is visiting her cousin, Cleo Barnes Mail each week. The many this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Robbins of near Sweetwater visited Mr. and Mrs. John Jones Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Riney of Nubia visited Roy Riney and the Mail as advertised. family Sunday.

The young folks enjoyed a dance given at Mr. Greason's Friday Mrs. Wm. M. Thompson, of Battle

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The farmers would be glad to see sunshine and clear weather for awhile so they can get about their work.

Several enjoyed the singing at the home of Dr. Martin Sunday

The infant babe of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley was called from this world to a home far brighter on the 22nd of April at 5 o'clock. We know it is hard to say goodbye to the darling baby but God knows best. We all express our sincere sympathy to the parents and know there is coming a brighter day when they will meet this loved one. The babe was laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery at Merkel. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Bullock.

Miss May Reynolds visited her brother near White Church Sun-

Floyd Cogburn and wife visited in Jones county Sunday.

Tom Toombs was in town last week wearing a broad smile. "Wonder what's the matter?"

Dan L. Boyd and son, Bob, were in Merkel Monday. Mrs. Luby Blackburn was shopping in Merkel last week.

The Baking De Week "Wo' De Week "We' De We' There was no Sunday school Sunday on account of muddy -solved oner roads but there was singing in

the afternoon. Prof. Rollins of Jayton is teaching a singing school at Shiloh church, beginning Monday night, last. There is a good attendance and it is hoped much good will

be accomplished. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ulric Wheeler, who has been seriously ill for the past week with pneumonia, is thought to be slightly improved.

Miss Lettye Jones is visiting friends at Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wheeler of Colorado City have been at the bedside of their little grand. son for the past week.

The fine rains we have had for he past week have put a fine season in the ground and farmers have gone to work in earnest

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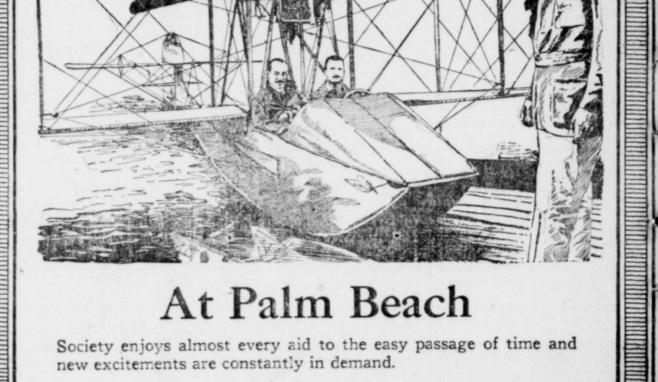
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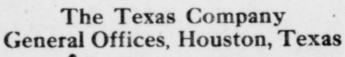
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