ELDER J. W. CHISM BRUTAL TEMPLE MURDER EXPLAINED BY T. L. GRIMES WHO VISITED THE SCENE NOW IN CHARGE OF MEETING

AT TABERNACLE



Elder J. W. Chism

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from Merkel this season and the her little brother said: crop is not yet thrashed.

ng day nearly all West Texas and cried." ain.

County Officers Here.

County Judge E.M. Overshiner Aerkal visitors Wednesday.

o confer with Commissioner mentads in this section of the ountry and Sheriff Dodson was

ildren home with her.

More Graphic Than Press Reports Given Out Immediately Following the Triple Murder at Temple Last Thursday

T. L. Grimes of this city returned home Wednesday morning from Temple, going there to attend the triple funeral of the children of his cousin W. R. Grimes, a prominent farmer living about one mile from the town of Temple.

Nearly every Merkel citizen is already familiar with the brutal murder of the three Grimes children and all but fatal injuries in-The Christian meeting under flicted by a brute negro upon Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Grimes at an direction of J. W. Chism of early hour Thursday morning of last week, the affair which led to Longview, opened Tuesday night the burning of Will Stanley self confessed perpetrator of one of the most heinous crimes in the history of the State.

Elder Chism in his initial ser- Mr. T.L. Grimes on returning home gives a statement which is me said in part: "The Bible much better connected than the many disagreeing press reports being accepted by all professed given out on the case. He arrived in Temple just after the negro

God's will to man, we shall main- According to Mr. Grimes, who gets his information first-handtair always that if man believes ed, the principal facts are as follows: Will Stanley, the negro who the gospel now as they did in the committed the murder or helped to commit it, arrived in Temple days of the apostles, the gospel last Wednesday afternoon and soon met with two other negroes, as recorded in the New Testa- namely Slim and the Yellow negro. Stanley after being captured, ment, and if he accepts it in however, stated he reached Temple Thursday morning in a box car those very words and obeys it from Fort Worth but the two negroes, Slim and Yellow, both stated now as they did then it will they were with him Wednesday afternoon and finally just as the make him now just what it made flames of the funeral fire began to sing about the black's body he or him then. Hence, we ask all admitted his connection with the crime and thereby placing the lie to yoin us who accepted this upon many of his previous statements.

Contrary to the accounts first given of the murder, all eight His sermon dealt with a dis- members of the Grimes family occupied the same room, Mr. and cussion of bible belief in general Mrs. Grimes occupying separate beds in the same room. The murconnected with his outline of derer on entering the room by the bath room window, as shown by necessary things for the spiritual evidence, proceeded to the scene of the brutal work and evidently success of the present meeting. struck Mr. Grimes first, striking him with the blunt part of the He again insisted on "Individual three-pound iron railroad cleaver. This one blow rendered Mr. work and earnestly devoted Grimes unconscious and the noise of the lick or the negro's moveprayer to God. Let every man ments awakened Mrs. Grimes who jumped to a sitting position in speak to his neighbor about sal- her bed and screamed for help. The negro struck her and she remembered nothing more until late Saturday when she regained Services were announced for consciousness in a Temple hospital, The 7-months-old twin babies riving in Temple the negroes the officers get all evidence pos- and has taught two years. Last each day at 4 and 8 p. m., the sleeping in the same bed with Mrs. Grimes were found dead next were carried to an upper room sible on the case that no one conlength of the meeting to be anmorning, their faces beat into a pulp and their heads crushed. The
of a three-story building and the
nected with it might escape. It
high school near Houston.—Roscondition of their mother was little different for the numerous licks negroes separately cross-ques- was at this time the negro Stan- coe Times, rained upon her face by the sharp pointed cleaver literally chopped tioned. her face to pieces as the negro choked and beat her senseless.

Next morning the thing was ous work as related by the five- negroes near Rogers. to do over again and before the year-old Margurette Grimes bears Realizing that the mob spirit the home of his half-brothers As the hour of midnight drew on

part if not all of the brutal work. were notified and a country wide Worth' He also told his captors negro was apparently stalling for In describing what transpired search instituted for any person he arrived in Temple Thursday time, from the tact that members A cold-soaker, gully-washer, she said: "A big man was who might be guilty of so great morning from Fort Worth, riding of the mob had already told him that he was going to be hummed drouth-breaker, jim-dandy." standing over Daddy and Mamma a crime. People living along the in a box car. Some shower it was that started cried for help. The big man Santa Fe railroad tracks had The other two negroes both It is supposed that the negro in Friday afternoon of last week spanked her and she hollered for seen three negroes going toward stated they met Stanley the realizing his near death and real- ward the east to purchase new and before "Old Jupe" could help and he spanked her again Rogers about daylight or after. evening before and on being izing the awfulness of it, hoped goods for the supply of Merkel stop the leak the Merkel country and she laid down." This This report was given to the questioned alone the negro Slim to save himself probably until reclear account of the murder- officers and they overtook the said the three on meeting inforcements could come to the

morning when a neighbor, Mr. thicket near Rogers. It is said Thursday. However, he previ- one shot the negro. rd Sheriff J. T. Dodson were Bruner, came to the home about that after the four men sur- ously had said he got them in During that time others who ere on business, making the the back door and called. Get- escape cut off the officers came south toward Rogers.

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It is safe to say that a very small per cent of consumers are capable of accurately judging, by personal inspection, the quality and value of the many articles they buy and use.

Inferior materials and workmanship may be effectually concealed beneath veneers---a deception that can hardly be detected until the goods have been purchased, paid for and put to the use for which they were intended. In many cases---for example, in canned goods and other preserved edibles--consumers are frequently deceived or misled.

How many buyers of shoes are competent to judge for themselves the quality and actual value of a shoe? Paper, composition and other inferior materials may easily be substituted for leather and the unwary purchaser be none the wiser until too late for the information gained to be of possible benefit to them.

This same line of reasoning applies to clothes, hats, furniture, stoves, carpets, rugs, pianos, talking machines, watches, jewelry, breakfast foods---practically all of the almost countless articles in common

Manufacturers who have spent much time and large sums of money to establish favorable reputations for products bearing their names, or trade names, positively can not afford to misrepresent their goods to the public, or allow their lines to fall below the standards they have established. Goods upon which they place their names must come up to the claims they make for them and must render purchasers continuous, uniform service at a reasonable cost. Otherwise the demand for them will cease. thus destroying their greatest asset.

Wednesday afternoon went to officers' aid.

plied: "His eyes is hurt." It get all evidence possible. Ar- by his intreaties with them to let

ley told his captors of the impli-Asked as to how he came in cation of a low, heavy set white Margurette, the five-year-old was then that the first was possession of the trousers bear- man with a dun pony and promdaughter of Mr. and Mrs. known of the brutal murder. | ing the name of Grimes the ised if given until next day he Grimes, was awakened and saw Friends, officers and relatives negro said he got them in Fort would point out the man. The that he was going to be burned.

second stoppage took place the out a part of what Mrs. Grimes was prevalent the officers began where they stayed for a short some member of the mob who buyer to depart, going east last total for the wet spell figured remembered up until the negro to maneuver to get their prison- time, Stanley leaving soon after claimed to have been to the tele-1.83 inches of rainfall. Enough struck her, but the youthful ers to safety and it was soon dark and the Yellow negro de- graph station gave out the news to make 1915 equal to if not mind failed to grasp the enormity discovered by them that the parted a few minutes later. Slim that the State Militia would be greater than 1914 was and that of the heinous work going on Stanley negro was wearing a futher stated he next saw the there about 12 o'clock (this report noon W. Parten left for St. Louis is stretching the comparison under her own eyes and could pair of trousers bearing the two when they came back to- however was untrue). This was some but conditions justify the only express the death-dealing name of W. R. Grimes written gether sometime after the Santa oil for the fire and a crowd of stretch. When we come to think licks in the words of "spanked." with indelible ink on the inside Fe train went north (meaning men surged up the stairs of the of it there has already been The little girl in giving account of the waistband. Four close the Santa Fe passenger which building and into the room where over 125 cars of grain shipped of why the "big man spanked" members of the Grimes family was due about midnight or after.) Stanley was being examined. rider both left Wednesday night knowing of the pursuit of the The investigation was contin- Some one grabbed the Sheriff of this week for Chicago on a "Brother jumped up while the negroes and hearing of their uing with all speed possible by and a pathway was made for the The Trent country did not re- man was standing over Mamma capture started in pursuit of the attorneys aided by the sheriff captor who fled to the street at ceive a very heavy rain on Fri- and said 'Daddy sees you he'll officers, the latter coming close and others and the questioning which point he passed the sherwas carrying the work into iff over his head and to others in as share but on the follow- spanked him and he laid down ed and weedy place where the Thursday night, and the Stanley the mob, not allowing the officer officers attempted to escape with negro was contending his inno- to touch the ground until he was country came in for a good soak- After the fiend had accom- their prisoners by dodging into cence. Also the other two ne- spirited far away from the buildng. The Stith country reports plished his murderous designs the weeds and allowing the car groes were maintaining their ing. In the scramble to get the wer two an one-half inches of and ransacked the house as it they had been riding in to go on. innocence of any connection sheriff away he allowed his pistol was afterward shown, nothing The ruse was not successful and with the murder. Stanley con- to become accidently discharged more is known of the happenings the negroes and their captors tended he got the trousers from toward the ground, and from in the death room until next were surrounded in a small one of the other two negroes this came the report that some

8:30 o'clock to borrow some oil rounded the thicket their wait Fort Worth. The Slim negro said went after the negro placed a Judge Overshiner came here from the work house near the for reinforcements was not long Stanley tried to swap the trous- chain around his neck and headhome. After getting the oil he for seventy-nine automobiles ers to the Yellow negro for a ed for the square with him where assiter in reference to fixing noticed the cows had not been loaded with infuriated men were a pair of shoes. Slim contended a funeral pyre was being made. milked and thinking that Mr. on the scene in less than thirty this happened early Thursday Chains were also fastened to the Grimes might be sick, went to minutes. Seeing all avenues of morning while the three walking negro's feet and in this condition he was led and dragged through ip in his new Maxwell touring ting no response he went around out with their prisoners and on During all the investigation the streets and bodily into the the house to the front and by a parley with what seemed to be the mob about the building be- fire already prepared to receive Mrs. W. P. Duckett and daugh- way of the hall. As he entered the leaders of the mob an agree- gan to grow larger and the mob its victim. Reports of the burnr. Miss Dorothy, are at home he saw the five-year-old Mar- ment was reached whereby the spirit becoming more pronounced ing show that the last words utom Fort Worth. Mrs. Duckett gurette and asked her if her negroes should be taken to but Albert Nibling a brother of tered by the black were "get the

MERKEL BOOSTER

Sid Coats, delegate from Merkel to the Farmers Congress at Austin, returned home Sunday after a week's visit to various parts of the State during which time he took opportunity to investigate the farm conditions in comparison with the Merkel country and found all East Texas wanting in the comparison.

Mr. Coats stated that land in Dallas county valued at \$150.00 per acre was producing less than his own land valued at \$40.00 per acre. He also stated that at no place during the entire trip, even in Ellis county, did he find farm fonditions that would equal those around the Merkel country while he found much of east Texas dry and badly in need of rain. Mr. Coats is a native of east Texas, having been born in Dallas county, and lived there until he was near thirty years of age and no doubt saw that portion of the country in some of its best and some of its worst conditions and stated that he found the ground cracked worse from dry weather now than he had ever seen it in that section of the black land belt.

High School Principal Elected.

The school board last Saturday afternoon elected Prof. B. A. Garrett of Merkel as principal of Roscoe High School. Mr. Garrett is a stranger here but he comes well recommended and made a good impression on those who met him. He is a graduate of the

Nearly every Merkel buyer is in the markets or on his way toduring what will probably be the best crop year the Merkel country has ever seen.

E. L. Woodroof was the first week to purchase the fall and winter stock of goyds for the Woodroof Bros. Co. Saturday and other easter points on a buying mission for his company, while A. C. Rose of the Anchor Mercantile Co. and W. L. Harklike mission. Mr. Rose contemplates extending his visit to New York as did both Messrs. Woodroof and Parten. The Merkel buyers will be away during most of this month.

2,000 Cans Fruit at Home.

In last week's issue of the Mail the figures of 500 were given as the amount C. L. Mc-Mees placed on the number of cans of peaches and other fruits he would can in his home cannery this summer. These figures have been changed lately, however, and now Mr. McNees has ordered 1500 more cans and will put up a total of 2000 cans of choice peaches, grapes and plums for market.

This is one of the best diversifying propositions yet started in the Merkel country and no doubt will be one of the most profitable.

Miss Sinna Humble of Abilene rought her little orphan grand- papa was sick. The child re- Temple for a Court of Inquiry to Mrs. Grimes held the mob back yellow negro". Contrary to the visited her counsin, Miss Ida Meeks, the past week.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. G. Barnett of Paris came in Tuesday afternoon to visit his sister, Mrs. J. P. Hutchins.

I. S. Allen of Denton is here shaking hands with friends and looking after business matters.

Misses Alice and Rena Reed of Winters are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Eoff. Miss Charlie Bell Thomas vis-

ited her sister, Mrs. Walter Holt, of Trent, the latter part of last

Miss Ida Meeks is at home from a visit with relatives in Westbrook, Big Springs and

Arthur Browning came in Monday from Dallas to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Miller of Barstow visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett. the past week.

C. T. Derrick departed last week for points in east Texas near the vicinity of his old stamping grounds.

Mrs. Mary Bernard enroute to her home in San Angelo from Dallas is visiting her daughter Mrs. W. L. Burns.

Misses Mattie and Velma Carey home Tuesday after visiting their uncle, Wm. Carey.

and will visit points in New Exposition at San Francisco. Mexico before returing.

and little daughter, Annie Bell been spending the summer in they visited Mrs. Tom King.

been here visiting her parents, him to Marshall where he is Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin, has employed in the city schools. returned to her home at Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. El Angus of Fort Worth eame in the first of the week to visit the former's brother, M. D. Angus and family.

Mesdames Davis and Claud Beasley who have been visiting in Brownsville for some time returned home Monday afternoon.

J. A. Buford and wife, J. D. Hogg and wife and Oscar Buford motored to Roscoe to see J. A. Buford's mother who is quite

sick. Rev. W. G. Cypert returned from Tuscola the first of the week where he has been conducting a meeting. He reports five conversions and additions to the church during the services.

A. Massey of Fannin county has been here visiting his brother of Route 1. The Mr Massey from Fannin county is more highly pleased with the Merkel country Ithan ever and talked very favorable of moving to our midst.

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For a few days we will make some very low cash prices on the following articles

\$1.00 Deacon Brown bucket coffee, cup
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Arbuckle Coffee, per pound 19c
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Mary Jane Syrup45c
Nice dried California Peaches, per lb7c
Extra High Patent Flour, the Big C_\$1.55
High Patent Flour, only\$1.45
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We also have one lot of Shoes and Slippers we are selling AT COST

When in need of anything in the grocery line see us. Next door to Behrens-McMillen furniture store.

J. L. JOHNSON

Misses Ruth and Edith Mackey and sister, Mrs. L. Johnson of of Maryneal returned to their Durant, Okla. are here visiting their aunt, Mrs. W. A. Scott. Later their brother, Clifton Miss Ruby Jones is visiting Macky, will come here and to-Mrs. J. C. Baker in Canyon gether they will visit the Panama

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thomas from Austin where he has parents, Mr. and Mrs C. L. Mc-Mrs. E. V. White who has Nees until time his duties call

W. O. W.

Merkel Camp No. 719 meets second and fourth Friday nights of each month.

W. M. Elliott, C. C S. Hamilton, Clerk



Groceryman

Rufus McNees has returned that farmers of the Merkel weeks and will use a five possencountry prepare exhibits for both ger Ford in his tours. the Central West Texas Fair at are at home from Dallas where school. He will remain with his Abilene and the Texas State Fair at Dallas.

Especially important would be a good exhibit shown at Dallas for thousands of East Texas people are highly interested in thi3 section of the country and a good exhibit from the Merkel country would be one of the best advertising methods our town could get up at the present time.

"Let's have a good exhibit at the Dallas Fair."

E. P. McMillen Returns

"Mack" E. P. McMillen manager of the Behrens-McMillen Fur. Co., returned Sunday morning from a length stay in Chicago are exceptionable, while ladies canand Iowa.

away a month attending furni- underwear, shirts, etc. scene of his old home in the northern part of the country. Mr. Mc-Millen is exceedingly jubilent over the continued good prospects of this section of the country and no doubt has bought nearly a train load of furniture for future delivery.

Furnished Rooms.

Furnished suit of rooms with water connections. Apply to Merkel also blows out—nearly! Mrs. J. W. Daniel at Woodroofs Store.

CO-OPERATIVE RE-

The Co-operative Revival begins next Sunday morning.

A large tent that has been ordered will be raised today according to present plans and all work in getting everything ready for the meeting will progress rapidly. Dr. W. M. McIntosh will preach and Prof. Anderson will have charge of the choir. All announcements for the services will be made Sunday morn-

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New Member Ford Club.

The latest personage to become a member of the local Ford club was J. T. Dennis proprietor of the Dennis D. G. Store.

Mr. Dennis intends to spend Under present conditions it some time out of the store with seems only justice to themselves his family during the next few



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Big Springs has a blow out yearly,

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article in a late issue of the lect these ills. The attacks may pass Mail calling for expressions of off for a time but generally returns not fail to be pleased with the skill sentiment toward the organiza- with greater intensity. Don't delay sentiment toward the organiza- a minute. Begins taking Doans Kidtion of an annual celebration for ney Pills and keep up their use untre ture conventions and visiting the SWEETWATER STEAM LAUNDRY Merkel. The idea was a good one the desired results are obtained. we believe and the above contri- work in Merkel proves effectiveness buted verse is a stinging compar- of this great kidney remedy. ison. LETS HAVE AN AN- got down with my back and when I Sweetwater has her water show, NUAL CELEBRATION MOVE- stooped over it was hard to straighten MENT STARTED.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County-Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Maud Huddleston by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks prenewspaper published in your county, if our fountain trade. Burroughs. vious to the return day hereof, in some there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 42nd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in of Mrs. B. C. Moore. said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 42nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor county, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Call at the Star Store Tailor Abilene, on the 5th Monday in August A. D. 1915, the same being the 30th Shop. dey of August A. D. 1915, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 14th day of July A. D. 1915, in a suit, numbered on the docket Compton, of Route 2. of said Court No. 3480, wherein F. B. Huddleston is plaintiff, and Maud Huddleston is defendant, and said petition alleging, Plaintiff F. B. Huddleston sues for divorce on the grounds sof three years ago defendant left the bed and board of this plaintiff with the intention of permanetly abandoning plaintiff, since which time they have not

lived together as man and wife. Plaintiff asks for judgment of the court dissolving the marriage relation now existing between Plaintiff and Defendant and for general relief.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return there. Collins. on, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of aid Court, at office in Abilene this, the 15th day of July A. D. 1915.

J. Fuller, Clerk, District Court Taylor County.

GOOD YEAR Tires

SOME SPECIAL PRICES

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FILTERED GASOLINE and AUTO OILS my Specialty

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. A. Duckett sells it for less. Miss Beatrice Nidever visited friends in Trent this week.

Plenty bran and cow feed at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Geo. Keys of Trent was here Monday on business. All the latest standard Periodi-

cals to be found at Burroughs. Miss Ona Stanley visited here

from Nubia Monday.

The Price is the Thing. J. A. Duckett.

Miss Leoel Merritt returned home from MineralWellsMonday.

Filtered gasoline eliminates all

trouble. H. M. Rose. Miss Alma Reed of Winnfield visited Mrs. B. C. Moore Mon-

Eat more Ice Cream, but be

sure that it is Alta Vista. Bur-Miss Madge Hale is in from

the ranch visiting friends this

It may cost you \$2.70 if you don't see J. A. Duckett's show window this week.

Mrs. W. R. Walker of Abilene

visited Miss Susie Penn Sunday Our line of Stationery is the

most complete of any to be found in Merkel. Burroughs.

Geo. C. Bishop, Mgr. Trent was in Merkel Monday on cal horseshoeing and expert wondering, like the rest of us,

Free motor vote with cleaning and pressing. Star Store Tailor

points west.

Fresh by express, Nunnally's Drug Store.

W. G. Cypert. Men's straw hats, Saturday

only, 50c. Don't miss it. J. A. Duckett. Miss Vera Jinkens visited her sister, Mrs. Jno. Bryson, at

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Mrs. James Bright of Trent visited here Monday, the guest

Fresh car of Peacemaker flour expected to arrive today at the

Bob Martin Gro. Co. Good people want good service

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you wish you were a leopard. Burroughs. Mrs. Twyman Collins is at

abandonment, alleging that more than home from an extended visit with relatives in Thornton,

Drive to the right and head your car to my station for gasoline and auto oils. H. M. Rose.

Mrs. V. D. Jones of Bagwell came in Sunday morning to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H.

You will miss it if you miss it. \$3.20 worth of toilet articles for 50c, Saturday only, at J. A. Duckett's. See show window.

Mrs. Joe Harris is at home from Snyder where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Walter Duckett.

My gasoline equipments are the best and latest that money can buy. Try my goods and be convinced. H. M. Rose. 23t3

Dr. J. F. Campbell of Manghum, Okla., came in Monday on a prospecting tour of this section of the country. He stated he was highly pleased with conditions of the Merkel country.



Connection Adds to Farm Cheer

It was a blustery March evening, but inside the cozy sitting-room of the Brown's all was cheery and bright.

Mrs. Brown stepped to the telephone. Her husband smiled-for he knew the pleasant custom for years had been to call the daughter, in the distant village, each week.

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Blacksmith Notice.

Deputy Sheriff Joe Brown of General blacksmithing, practi- was still there. They are still wagon work. Come see me. A. when the war will end. The F. Parks, the blacksmith. 6t4

\$15.00 for Colton Seed

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Abercrom- seek delivered on cars here Fri- address. Our excuse was from bie left Monday afternoon for day and Saturday. G, R. Gazza- the fact we had neglected to en-

fine candies on ice at Burroughs' Harry are visiting in Winfield, Canyon City who have been visthe guests of the former's sister, iting relatives in Mineral Wells Mrs. Mattie Ward of Nugent Mrs. Mary E. Taylor. They will stopped off here enroute home are here visiting Elder and Mrs. also visit Walter Boyce, a brother for a second visit to the latter's Mrs. Woodrum has not met in parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. thirty years.

The nervous system is the alarm system of the human body In prefect health we hardly realize that a network of nerves, but when ng, the same nervous symm gives the farm in headaches, tired ass, dreamful leep, irritability and unless corrected, leads straight to a breakdown.

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Plaintiff asks for judgment of the court dissolving the marriage relation now existing between Plaintiff and Defendant and for general relief.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Abilene this, the 15th day of July A. D. 1915.

J. Fuller, Clerk, District Court Taylor County.

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FILTERED GASOLINE and AUTO OILS my Specialty

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. A. Duckett sells it for less. Miss Beatrice Nidever visited friends in Trent this week.

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Geo. Keys of Trent was here Monday on business.

All the latest standard Periodicals to be found at Burroughs. Miss Ona Stanley visited here from Nubia Monday.

The Price is the Thing. J. A.

Miss Leoel Merritt returned home from MineralWellsMonday.

Filtered gasoline eliminates all trouble. H. M. Rose.

Miss Alma Reed of Winnfield visited Mrs. B. C. Moore Monday.

Eat more Ice Cream, but be sure that it is Alta Vista. Bur-

Miss Madge Hale is in from the ranch visiting friends this

It may cost you \$2.70 if you don't see J. A. Duckett's show window this week.

Mrs. W. R. Walker of Abilene visited Miss Susie Penn Sunday

most complete of any to be found

in Merkel. Burroughs. Deputy Sheriff Joe Brown of Apilene, Texas Geo. C. Bishop, Mgr. Trent was in Merkel Monday on cal horseshoeing and expert wondering, like the rest of us,

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Fresh by express, Nunnally's Drug Store.

W. G. Cypert. Men's straw hats, Saturday

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Miss Vera Jinkens visited her sister, Mrs. Jno. Bryson, at Noodle, last week.

Cleanliness, Quality, and Service are the essential builders of our fountain trade. Burroughs.

Mrs. James Bright of Trent visited here Monday, the guest of Mrs. B. C. Moore.

Fresh car of Peacemaker flour expected to arrive today at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Good people want good service holden at the Court House thereof, in Call at the Star Store Tailor

> Miss Addie Patterson of Royston is visiting her uncle, D. E.

> Our drinks hit the spot. Makes you wish you were a leopard.

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with relatives in Thornton. Drive to the right and head your car to my station for gasoline and auto oils. H. M. Rose.

Mrs. V. D. Jones of Bagwell came in Sunday morning to visit

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. You will miss it if you miss it.

\$3.20 worth of toilet articles for 50c, Saturday only, at J. A. Duckett's. See show window.

Mrs. Joe Harris is at home from Snyder where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Walter Duckett.

My gasoline equipments are the best and latest that money can buy. Try my goods and be convinced. H. M. Rose. 23t3

Dr. J. F. Campbell of Manghum, Okla., came in Monday on a prospecting tour of this section of the country. He stated he was highly pleased with conditions of the Merkel country.



Connection Adds to Farm Cheer

It was a blustery March evening, but inside the cozy sitting-room of the Brown's all was cheery and bright.

Mrs. Brown stepped to the telephone. Her husband smiled-for he knew the pleasant custom for years had been to call the daughter, in the distant village, each week.

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\$15.00 for Colton Seed

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Abercrom- seek delivered on cars here Fri- address. Our excuse was from bie left Monday afternoon for day and Saturday. G, R. Gazza- the fact we had neglected to en-

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In perfect health we hardly realize that a network of nerves, but when b ebbing, when strength is declinarm in headaches, tired ss, dreamful eep, irritability and unless corrected,

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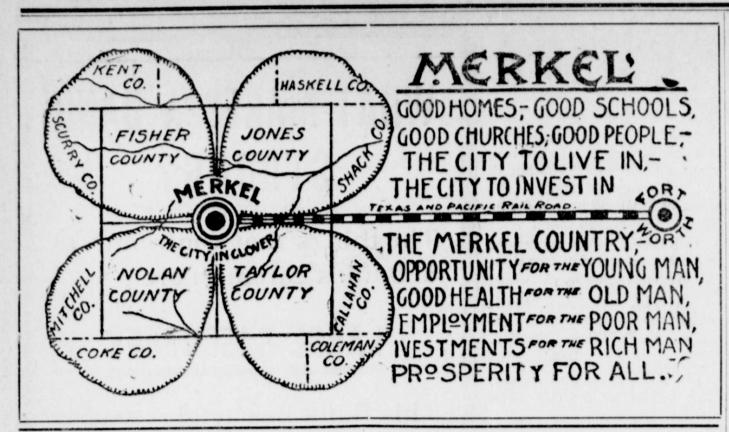
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for so doing? What excuse do you offer for help- declared it is because the moral force to punish ing to build the big cities bigger, while you are the offenders is lacking in the community. It is sincerely, honestly and earnestly.

If these merchants do not carry what you, want tonio Express. they will order it for you and it will come by parcel post to your door just like it comes from the big city stores, and the price will be no higher.

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chance to sell you the article.

The people in your home town buy what you raise on the farm, pay you for your chickens, turkeys, eggs, butter, feed, hogs, grain, cotton. value of many of these things will become because the demand will be greater.

Talk to your home merchant in a friendly way about the things you want to buy, and before you send your money away where you will never see it again, let the home merchant know just what you want, and let him order it for you, if he does not carry it in stock.

If either one is to succeed, the city and country must work together. The cause of one is the cause of the other. Their interests are mutual and inseparably linked together.

the country man hurts both of them, because it lessens the circulating medium, and tends to bring about hard times just that much.

The most prosperous towns are those where there is a strong trade at home sentiment, and people are loyal one to the other, all working together one for all and all for one, willing to sacrifice a little once in a while that some one else may prosper, being broad minded enough to realize that no man can prosper honestly without a share of this prosperity being enjoyed by his neighbors. - Cleburne Enterprise.

The dove has been the most conspicuous bird ance last Friday.

ILLEGAL VOTING.

The Reporter is keenly interested in the discussion which is going the rounds of the press of Texas on illegal voting. To one thinking there is no greater evil than election fraud and the fact that so many otherwise honorable and respectable people accept this evil is alarming. Think through the list and you will find that few of the Entered at the Postomice at Merkel, Texas, as Second Class Mail Matter lawless deeds of men cannot be traced to the protection afforded by election frauds. The abuses of the ballot and conspiracies connected therewith corrupt men who are high in the affairs of the church and state. Give Texas an honest ballot and thus cut out the illegal Mexican voter and other foreigners not entitled to vote and we will not be greatly concerned for the future. - Abilene Reporter.

If the practices of violation of the statues pro-Why should you send away for what you eat, vided for the protection of the ballot from abuse what you wear and what you use in your home and fraud have become so common as to be lightand about the place? What is your argument ly regarded after the election results have been sending money away for things you can buy at because the forces that have earnestly striven home for as little money, and most times, value for clean elections and for good government have considered, less money. Why do you buy at laid down their arms as soon as the contest at the home when you have to have credit and send poils was decided by the count of the ballots alaway your cash when the crops come in? These though they were firmly convinced that the deare plain, pertinent questions, and are asked cision was unfair and obtained through unfair mens. Of coorse, the officers who have accepted There are splendid stores in Cleburne in every the positions gained through such unfair means. line of business, carrying good stocks of reliable even though they were not directly parties to the merchandise. The men who own these stores frand, cannot be expected to set in motion the pay taxes to sustain the city and the county gov- machinery of the law which would becloud their ernment. They help build your school houses title at the same time that it would operate to and your churches, and they are the ones who bring the offenders to justice, but there are help you when conditions are bad, crops are short other ways in which the majesty of the law may and you need help to tide you over a bad year. be vindicated and the ballot purified. - San An-

A NECESSITY EVIL.

The person that stands on the street corner looking around for something to gossip about or Some day you will realize the fact that when to find fault with can always find what he is you help tear down your home market you are looking for. But what a life he lives. His soul helping destroy the very thing that gives value shrivels and withers until it is shown in his to your property, and it is only a question of manner and looks. For such a person life has time util you will find that you have lost in the lost its savor. He becomes sour, misanthropic, value of your place many times what you may whining. He passes from bad to worse and sees think you have saved by paying your money for no good in anybody. His taxes are always too high, no matter how low they may be and he If you will go to your home merchant, offer cusses his neighbors because his neighbor is him spot cash, show him the article in the cata- prosperous and enjoys life. In fact, he hates logue you are ordering from, nine times out of himself, a foe to God and no good to the devil. ten he will sell you something just as good for These persons seem to be a necessary evil in

The paragrapher on the Memphis Commercial It is your duty to give the home merchant the Appeal offers to hang the city latchstring on the outside, to kill a chicken and churn if the Democratic convention will pass Dallas up and go to Memphis. That's no offer at all to draw conveners, for Dallas has promised an "All day The bigger the town you help build the more the dinner with singing on the ground." Look at them they even landed Billy Sunday a big job for 100 men.

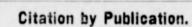
> The Semi-Weekly Enterprise of Cleburne contained more good sound judgment and advice in its 44 page edition last week than we have seen crammed together in one sheet in many a day, if ever. The Enterprise and every man connected with it did their work up to standard and down to now on their "Trade at Home Edition."

If Becker had left a confession of guilt Whitman would today be one of the most conspicuous Money sent away by either the town man or figures in the presidential limelight. The dying police captain knew this, so the world can draw its own inference. - Commercial Appeal.

> Villa seems to have the same idea of war that Sherman had. He recently said if the American people did not like his style they could go to hell, which is equivalent to saying they could go to war, so what is the difference?

> One West Texas paper carried scary head lines last week announcing the burning of two negroes at Temple. Some of our news gathering agencies certainly scoop big ones sometimes.

French marines may find it easy to stop the of the late until the rain crow made its appear- Haiti rebellion but they will meet up with the real thing when they get home.



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In the District Court of Taylor County, Texas-September Term, A.D. 1915 To the Honorable Thomas L. Blanton, Judge of Said Court:

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On Saturday, August 7th, my entire stock of Jewelry, Silverware and Cut Glass goes at a Sacrifice Price. I must make room for my big New Stock which will begin to come in early in the fall. There will not be a piece sold during this sale which is not worth double the price. Remember that my entire stock of \$3,000,00 worth of Jewelry, Cut Glass and Silverware

Will be Sold at One-Half Price

I have always marked my goods in plain figures, so just divide the price by two and take it. This is your opportunity to get and give birthday presents, wedding presents and friendship remembrances. Do not let this opportunity to get guaranteed goods at less than wholesale price slip. Below is only a partial list of what will be sold during this sale

\$12.00 at.....\$6.00

\$8.00 at\$4.00

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

On Friday evening Miss Mabel Laney entertained a few friends And For Three Summers Mrs. Vin- believe I would have died if I hadn't operation performed. with a party. Tables were arranged for various games. Miss Rena Burns gave an informal musical progam. Cream and cake were delightfully served to Misses Maxie Banned, Tennie Pope, Paul Stamford. Gordon Hogue, last time, was my worst. Joe Yates of Abilene, Joe Bick-

On Thursday evening a moon-Lake and were chaperoned by until it wore off. Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Woodroof and Mrs. E. L. Woodroof. A delicious and tempting luncheon was spread. Those present were Misses Eva Holland of Waxahachie, Almeda Harris, Elma Sheppard, France Burroughs, Jess Sutphen, Bessie Touchstone, Zora West, Myrtis Huffaker, Maude Jinkens, Maude Martin, Ruth Mims, Amy Gunn and Miss Sprague. Messrs. Jno 'West, Ernest Rogers, Dee, Luther, Emmett and Ennis Grimes, Billie and Luther Woodroof, Lytton Howard, Jack Graves, Parker Sharp. Little Miss Evelyn and Masters Don and William Wood-

Miss Ona Fay Bland entertained a few friends Friday night July 30 at her home on Oak street in honor of her guest Miss Uva Baxendale of Mingus. Promptly at six thirty the guests arrived. A beautifully appointed luncheon was served at 7 o'clock. Mr. Bland chaperoned the crowd to the "Cozy" Airdome. On the return home Mrs. Bland served delicious cream and cake. All retired at 11:30 to slumber (?) Oh! no for 'twas a slumberless night as the girls were all ready to say- not a winkbut such a delightful time. At 6:30 P. M. all were ready for the tempting breakfast Those present were Misses Lucy Tracy, Ruby Hamm, Pearl Toombs, Ina Mae Adams, Kate Ross of Dallas Uva Baxendale of Mingus and the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Woodroof entertained with a Theatre party at the Cozy Monday evening followed by a watermelon feast \$1,50 per cord until September salts which removes the body's urinous on the lawn at their home on 1 only. On ground at my place mal activity. The function of the kid-neys is to filter the blood. In 24 hours they atrain from it 500 grains of acid were: Misses Eva Holland, Zora Cranston. West, Erance Burroughs and Bessie Touchstone, Mrs, E. L. West and Luther Grimes, the at all times. Phone 252 Ash Bros. before breakfast each morning for a few host and hostess.

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cent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

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I had dreadful nervous headaches and ley, Homer Laney, Albert Steele prostration, and was scarcely able to of Abilene and Ulyses McNees. walk about. Could not do any of my

I also had dreadfu! pains in my back light picnic featured as a social and sides and when one of those weak. attraction for the week. The sinking spells would come on me, I crowd motored out to Warrens would have to give up and lie down,

> I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I firmly Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper.

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He was accompanied by his After I began taking Cardui, I was daughter, Miss Bertha Boring, Worth the past month visiting.

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Maurine, the three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Simmons who lives north of town died very suddenly Monday

The child was taken ill about 11 o'clock Sunday night with congestion of the stomach and never recovered from the first attack. Funeral services were held at the family home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Stewart conducting the services. Burial was then given the body in Rose Hill cemetery at this

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bad man, but I have not reached Henry Starr and Louis Estes was

pals who are going to trial here. The jury which is to try Claude called.

"I positively will not appear the point where I will betray a secured at 11 o'clock this morning and the state's first witness

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ZUDORA

In the Twenty Million Dollar Mystery

By HAROLD MACGRATH

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SYNOPSIS.

Zudora is left an orphan at an early murder, but the gold and diamond age. Her father is killed in a gold mine. Zudora and the fortune from the mine, which grows to be worth \$20,000,000, are left in the guardianship of Frank Keene, Zudora's mother's brother, who has set himself up as a Hindu mystic and is known as Hassam Ali. He decides that Zudora must die before she can have a chance to come into possession of her money, so that it may be left to him, the next of kin. Hassam All sees an obstacle to his scheme in the person of John Storm, a young lawyer, for whom Zudora has taken a fancy, and he com-mands the girl to put the man out of her mind. Zudora insists that if she cannot marry Storm she will marry no one.

Zudora unravels a mystery and wins her first case—a case in which John Storm is saved from being convicted of a murder instigated by Hassam Ali himself

Zudora and Hassam Ali visit Nabok Shan's house, where sleep overcomes evone whenever Nabok attempts to mar-Ty a princess Storm, seeking Zudora, a prisoner. Zudora foils Nabok Shan, restore the princess to her original lover and saves Storm from death.

A maker of diamonds tells Hassam All is secret. Storm informs Zudora that Storm suspects Hassam Ali. Storm is arrested for stealing the diamond maker's gems, but Zudora discovers the real thieves-a pair of mice.

The negro help employed on Storm's father's farm are fleeing because a great skeleton hand appears at night upon a hill near by. Storm is baffled in his inreligigation, but Zudora learns that her uncle has employed Jimmy Bolton, a half witted man, thus to annoy Storm's parents. Zudora finds Bolton operating a big magic lantern and is attacked by Storm appears and saves her. Hassam Ali asks Zudora to find a gem

st by two mysterious old men. Zudora gets a photograph of the gem and it burns in her hand. An old house is mined by Hassam All and the old men. Storm and Zudora are lured there and narrowly escape destruction when the house blows up.
John McWinter, endeavoring to trap and kill George Smith, is killed himself, and Smith is charged with murder. Hassam Ali conspires to have John Storm meet the same fate as McWinter, and he and Storm are overcome by powerful fumes. Zudora saves them, proves that McWinter's own dog trapped and killed him and saves Smith from a band of lynchers.

An inventor blows up a submarine with a powerful heat ray which he sends

through water. Hassam All sends Zudora to a photographer directly beneath the inventor's laboratory and orders the inventor to kill her. Zudora gets a warning, and her life is saved. The heat ray machine is destroyed, and the photographer, after a quarrel with Hassam Ali, is found

Wu Chang prevents Zudora's elopement torm by hypnotizing her, and he and Hassam Ali attempt to smuggle her out of the country. This plot is frustrated by Storm.

Baird, Hassam All's double, falls in love with Zudora. Baird and Mme. Du Val kidnap Zudora and the Van Wick child. Storm rescues them, and Hassam Ali dies.

With Hassam ... il dead Zudora is released of her pledge to solve twenty cases. f a confronts, however, the greatest mysown life, and the ambition to secure the vast fortune of \$20,000,000 left to her. This great photo serial is being shown in the leading moving picture theaters by the Thanhouser Film Corporation. Among those participating are Marguerite Snow. Mary Elizabeth Forbes, James Cruze, in the new role of reporter-hero, Sidney Bracey and Frank Farrington.

On looking through her uncle's papers Zudora finds that her father left her an interest in a diamond mine, and Storm and Baird both lend assistance in trying to regain for her possession of this este which is being appropriated by rogues under the leadership of Mme. Du Val. They plan to frighten Zudora so kidnap Zudora and Howard, the mine superintendent, and put them in a private ipsane asylum. Howard dies, but Zu-Storm and his friends. Detective Hunt

and Baird find the Zudora gold mine.

Mrs. Copeland's jewels are stolen, but recovered through the cleverness of Hun and Baird. They investigate the mysteries of Mme. Du Val's house. A map of a mine is stolen from Zudora.

CHAPTER XVII.

The Island of Mystery. URING one of his visits as La Fontaine, the artist, Detective Hunt was fortunate enough to secure a copy of the new diamond find which Radcliffe had purloined from Zudora's room. But his best efforts failed to find the secret of the onyx table. It was something to know, however, that valuable papers reposed in it. Sooner or later he knew that he would overcome the obstacle of the secret spring. Hunt sent the copy immediately to Zudora, and one day she and Storm paid the detective a

"Suppose we could locate this find," suggested Storm. "We could stake it opt and make it legally Zudora's autoni tically as a new found claim."

But this map gives us only one end of the survey," replied Hunt. "The rogues have just as good a chance as

we have." Sut if we should start first?" said

"You want me to go to Africa?" "If you will. It would be the greatest pleasure in the world to cut under their feet," went on Zudora. "I know of nothing that would please me more than to set up a claim next door to the old mine and make it pay."

"Why not bring the whole business into court and have done with it?" asked Storm.

"You have told me repeatedly that we would lose," she answered.

"That's a fact," assented Hunt. "We might send them all to Sing Sing on

mines would still be under their control. No, Miss Keene, we've got to keep away from the courts until we have the goods on those fine birds. I'll go to Africa, but on one condition." "What's that?"

the counts of abduction and attempted

"That I can take Jim Baird along He's familiar with the

"We would be glad to have him go

"Wait until I call him up," said Hunt, reaching for the telephone. "Well, well," says Hassam Ali, "solve my next twenty cases and you can marry him; fall in a single case and you must the fall in a single case and you must the fall in a single case and you must the fall in a single case and you must the fall in a single case and you must be solved to zudora with a smile. "Africa it is. Baird says he will be glad to go with me. Now, listen to my advice. While I'm gone you two children stay



"Wait until I call him up," said Hunt

at home as much as possible. Don't answer any strange letters. If you should receive one from either Baird or myself saying that we were in trouble, tear it up and sit tight. Promise?"

"I promise," said Zudora. "Honest Injun?"

"Honest Injun!" she laughed.

"All right. I'll let you know when we sail. But you mustn't come down to see us off. We are being watched all the time.

On the following day Hunt and Baird entered a booking office and applied for tickets for Cape Town,

"What do you think about it, Hunt?" "A wild goose chase, but there is always the possibility of something turning up. If that superintendent was alive he could help us. We've just got to trust to luck. But I'll tell you this much, Baird, I'm in this affair to the hilt. I'm going to win, blind. I feel it in my bones that if I can get the right stuff I can break up the biggest smuggling gang in the country. They are all clever, well educated. They can walk in muck without bringing any of it away. And when we do



The Crutches of Bruce Were Neatly Hollowed Out.

throw the net there mustn't be a hole large enough for a perch spawn to swim through."

There was one thing the conspirators did regularly, and that was to search dy for Baird's particular beneat. He once a week the South African salling lists. Sometimes Radcliffe performed this service, sometimes Bruce, sometimes Mme. Du Val herself. So one day, when Bruce was making the rounds, he came across the two names. to the Du Val villa to acquaint the mistress with the news.

"Hunt and Baird are off to South "This means new stunts for us. They're | 'teeps.

my opinion, and with no one to stop the house, and Baird made for this, them they may stumble upon some with Radcliffe at his heels. Had Baird thing worth while. What shall we do?" been armed he would have waited, but

be at the same time as they move." ily agreed with this. He had no desire to the engineer and explained that the to leave the comforts of New York, and he growled not a little, but he

realized that he had no choice. "With Hunt and Baird out of the way I might be able to induce Zudora to take a vacation," suggested madame. "She has beaten me a dozen times, and

it rankles.' "Suit yourself about that. What's the matter with sending her to visit Beggar Mary at Craig island? There's no need now of putting her out of the way for good."

"But we could make good terms with the enemy if we had Zudora where we

"Well, that's in your hands. Come on, Bruce. We may find it difficult to get decent booking.

"On a South Africa tub? Leave that to me. But we must agree upon some corking good makeup if we are to escape the old hawk eyes of Hunt."

On the day of departure Hunt said to Baird that it would be wise to make no acquaintances in the smoke room. They ooth played chess, and they could very well while away the time at this pur suit without any outside assistance With equal cunning Radcliffe impress ed Bruce with the fact that they had better dine in their staterooms and keep off the promenade deck as much as possible. They both might escape a casual glance from Hunt, but there was small need of courting discovery by hanging around in the vicinity of the old thief taker.

The voyage was uneventful. Six weeks later Hunt and Baird arrived at the Zudora mine and set about the task of locating the second mine. One end of the survey they could locate, but whether it ran north, east or west remained for them to find out. They employed the services of an expert miner to spot "blue clay."

"I guess you chaps are up against it." he admitted after the first week. 'From your map the claim might be ten or twenty miles north or east or west. What you have shown me is merely your man's starting point. You go somewhere from here, but where?"

"It's a wild goose chase, all right." replied Hunt, "But we had to find out for ourselves. And, by the way, Baird, have you noticed the man on



"They'll follow us," said Radcliffe.

beard we've been running into lately?" "Yes; I've been watching them, and, what is more, they've been watching us."

watch. Much good it will do them." "They'll probably carry away some gems. There is no injunction to hold Zudora. the rogues in the leash. Hunt, I'm Storm accompanied them to the auto, sentimental about this deal," continued bowed curtly and took himself off. Baird gravely. "I want that girl to ome into her own. There was a day when I made things mighty uncomfortable for ber."

That night Bruce and Radcliffe indulged in a bottle of champagne. Hunt's mission to South Africa was a failure, and that was all they cared to know. The crutches of Bruce were neatly hollowed out and about ten or twelve fine stones secreted in each hollow, then filled with wax. Why pay duty to Uncle Sam when it wasn't at all necessary?

They went out to the mines for a final look about the next day and passed both Baird and Hunt.

"They'll follow us," said Radcliffe. "Let 'em. We'll play a joke on hem. Fill up an old watch with pebbles Hunt will have his eye peeled for a bit of smuggling, and we'll trip him up. Oh, he is not so wise as to look at the crutches!"

Baird picked out Radcliffe to shadow, and the latter lured him to the window of the room. Radcliffe picked the watch out of the wastebasket, emptied it and enacted a little comereplaced the pebbles, smiled and dropped the watch into the basket again. then went out. Baird swallowed the bait quickly enough. He recovered the watch, but as he climbed out of managed to hit first and downed his mnd with rage. He determined forth-

"The captain will be here shortly," Radcliffe might do some real damage, said madame. "We'll talk it over when and he concluded that discretion was he comes. If we move at all it must the better part of valor. Beyond the dunes a train stood on a siding wait-And Radcliffe when he arrived read- ing for the express to pass. Baird ran



Baird Climbed Out of the Window.

man following was a dangerous madman and was attempting to kill him. "Ten pounds to carry me to the station!" said Baird.

"But my orders are to wait for the express!" "Well, you can go a few miles, drop me and return before the express ar-

rives." "I'm ready to do that," agreed the

engineer. As the train started Radcliffe man-

aged to get aboard. He staggered into the coach where Baird was and a flerce hand to hand fight took place. The blood lust went to Baird's head also, and he fought to kill. What the result would have been no one can say, for the battle was strangely interrupted. A spread rail threw the engine off the track, and the whole train followed it down the embankment. Baird was stunned for a moment, but managed to get up and stagger away. The man Radeliffe appeared to be dead. So much the better, was Baird's opinion. He limped back to his lodgings and informed Hunt.

"We can't get anywhere," said Hunt, "We are only wasting time and money here. I've booked to sail Saturday. If these two book for the same boat I'll have their cuticle taken off and searched when we reach New York. Take it from me, they'll be up to the old game of smuggling in gems. If that bearded chap is dead, well and good. But you'll find that he was merely knocked sense-

An hour before sailing for Hunt cabled the United States customs, warning of the approach of smugglers, following this with a code description.

Bruce came aboard limping, a crutch under each arm. Radcliffe was nowhere to be seen.

"Keep away from him," warned Hunt, "If you see him in the smoke room, keep out. We'll play the same game we played coming over. But I'll hang him up to dry when he sets foot in little old New York."

Bruce was searched thoroughly enough, but not a stone as big as a pinhead came to light. Hunt went home, thoroughly disgusted with the whole adventure.

Now, meanwhile-in fact, the day after Baird and Hunt sailed for South Africa-Storm and Zudora entered a crutches and the chap with the big jeweler's shop and found Mme. Du Val making some purchases. "Take a ride with me," she invited.

Storm shook his head decidedly, but today Zudora was a bit willful. She "Same idea here. Well, let 'em considered herself a match for any one woman, and perhaps she was. "I shall be delighted to go," replied



Zudora a Prisoner.

And immediately Zudora regretted her impulse. But she was too plucky to admit this fact to Mme. Du Val. Later she remembered Hunt's explicit warning to stay rt home Mme. Du the window he ray into Radeliffe, who | Val declared that she was first bound He jumped into a taxi and spun away grappled with him. Baird, however, to the customs office, as she had been notified of the receipt of a package of opponent, who staggered to his feet, Italian laces. After this duty was over they would ride out to the Bronx. Africa on Saturday," he announced. with to put Baird out of the game for At the customs office she merely called up three men she could trust to having a good deal of luck, if you want ! There was a large sand dune beyond | ment her at a certain spot. Zudore

There had been a series of automobile holdups about this time, so when empty beer bottle with a patent cork. the three men sprang out from an al- She stuffed her message into this and leyway and overpowered the chauf. cast it out of the window into the sea feur Zudora was quite innocent so far at high tide. She had little hope, howas suspecting the truth. Mme. Du Val ever, of its going far. The next day struggled valiantly, but she, too, was might see the bottle stranded on the bound and gagged. The men started beach.

the car at once and headed for one of the nondescript docks along the water front. Here the two women were commanded on the pain of death to alight from the automobile and step into the motorboat that was waiting in the

Madame wailed and wept, offered her jewels, implored. The men paid no attention to her. Zudora, on the contrary, uttered not a sound. She read these brute faces tolerably well. There was no particle of mercy in any one of them. Where were they taking them? What were they going to do with them? Down the river sped the high power boat, across the bay toward the



Zudora Heard a Word or Two-Ran som, Fortune.

Jersey coast. An island rose up presently, and the man at the wheel set his course for this. Zudora heard a word or two-ransom, fortune. She sat perfectly still. She determined to waste no effort. When the right time came she would make a dash for liberty. She had had some experience in affairs like this, and she had always managed to find a loophole.

When they landed they were bidden to walk on straight ahead into the scrub oaks behind which stood a ramshackle house. The sea encroached at the left within a dozen feet.

A wretched old woman greeted them. "Oh, the dearles!" she gurgled. "Come right in! Come right in! Fine clothes an' jools too! Here, you, step faster!" she suddenly called at Mme. Du Val, whom she caught roughly by the arm. "Tie her up, mother, while I take care o' this one," said one of the ab-

"I'll tie her up, never you mind," the hag sent back, and under Zudora's eyes | tives and friends. Mme. Du Val was made fast to the



Storm Got Zudora's Message.

wall. "The two of 'em are worth ten thousand if a cent, an' you men see that you get it!"

Mme. Du Val was a good actress and at no time did she overdo her part. The moment Zudora was secured in the rear room, the window of which overlooked the arm of the sea, she let out a shrill scream as if some one was torturing her The scream ended in bitter sobs. Presently Zudora heard nothing more. The reason for this was that madame had returned to the boat and was on the way back to the city.

Then John Storm began his long and weary search. He had a dozen detectives shadowing Mme. 'Du Val and all those who entered her villa. When confronted by Storm she haughtily declared that Zudora had left her at the park. She was terribly sorry, but beyond that she knew absolutely nothing and thought it was rather strange that John Storm should come to her for information.

On the fifth day of her imprisonment Zudora found a bit of lead pencil. which she hid. She was now free to wander about the room. Even if she got out there was no way of leaving the island. On the sixth day she managed to find a newspaper. She tore off a strip of margin and wrote: "The finder will notify John Storm.

was with her, and they would know 19 Beaver street, that Zudora is held prisoner for ransom on Craig island."

On the seventh day she found an

Eight weeks after a fisherman in * open water picked up the bottle. A stiff land breeze had blown it out into deep water. The fisherman received for this message a sum that exceeded a year's work.

At once Storm set out for Craig island. And woe to those he found there! This time some one should pay and pay well.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

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Health of our community is good so far as we know.

Misses Stella and Mabel Goode are at home after attending the Normal Abilene.

Miss Mary Thompson of Sinclair is the guest of friends and relatives at this place.

Miss Emma Green of Neinda spent the past week with rela-

The delegates who attended the Farmer's Congress at Austin the past week were: Mr. and Mrs. Billie Winter, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Green. Misses Sallie Good. Evelyn and Allene Barbee. Messrs. Sam Seago, Clarence Eoff and Sam Rosson. Each and everyone enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent. The speeches of the speakers were interesting but the looks of our Capital was more so than the speeches. We had no idea how beautiful the Capital of the Lone Star State was until we once took a glance from the utmost part of the Capital. About the most interesting thing we visited was the State Insane Asylum, where they were taking care of about two

thousand patients. Rev. Gaddis is holding a meeting at the Methodist church which began last Sunday.

Clayton Goode has returned home after several months in school at Denton.

Elds. George and King closed a meeting at the Church of Christ Sunday night with five baptisms.

ductors, pushing Zudora on ahead of Miss Lettye Jones of Shiloh is spending this week with rela-

> Mrs. J. H. Fultz of Sweetwater spent the past week with her aunt, Mrs. W. L. Barbee. Mrs. Polly Calloway of Colorado is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Calloway.

Several from here attended services at Shiloh Sunday and Monday night.

Rev. Wm. McIntosh Coming

Rev. C. P. Garvin received the following message from Rev. Mc-Intosh, Thursday morning which explains that Rev. McIntosh will be here Sunday without doubt: Silom Springs, Ark.,

Rev. Garvin,

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Men's \$8.50 Palm Beach Suits\$6.78

Woodroof Brothers Merkel, Texas

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fettered by three chains, one tory and the remaining part of today: around his neck and one attached the negro's body burned to ashes. to each of his feet. In this con- T. L. Grimes expressed hope garden hose Monday. dition eight men dragged him that W. R. Grimes would fully in the fire but his brute strength recover from the assault but the insurance and real estate impelled by the terrifying heat stated that Mrs. Grimes, though misery was such that at times she recovered, would never see the men were almost dragged in- owing to one of her eyes having to the edges of the fire them- been completely destroyed and water Monday. selves and at one time managed the optic nerve of the other eye to grab a person standing nearby damaged to such an extent the from Benson, Arizona, Friday. only to be knocked loose from doctors fear they cannot save the white man and dragged back the sight. into the flames. According to eye witnesses who explained the Disagreeable Calomel is Yieldburning to Mr. Grimes the negro ing to Pleasant Liv-Ver-Lax developed strength almost unbelievable and kept up his struggles dhysicians generally agree that the breath from his body.

broken parts when compared fully by L. K. Grigsby. with the double scratches on Mr.

Crimes neels showed that the Grimes neck showed that the It is a necessity in every home, always is the last of the old T DIAMOND ring ends and the scratches fitted being ready to cleanse the sluggish outfit, which worked the range exactly. Another small childs liver and bile clogged system, with no of several adjacent counties, to ring was found in the ashes unpleasant after-effects. where the negro was burned af- LIV-VER-LAX is guaranteed to give ter the fire had died down that mediately refunded. Insist on the was here Sunday. was identified as one having been original bearing the likeness of L. K. taken from the Grimes home. Grigsby. For sale in 50c and \$1 bottles This ring was supposed to have at Mrs. E. M. Rust's Drug Store. aug went to the Plains some time been secreted about the burned negro's clothing.

Evidence of the negro being the right one was also corroborated by the Sante Fe section foreman and a merchant at Rogers, the merchant identified a new cap Stanley was wearing as one he had sold him, the section foreman identified the old cap Stan- the dead letter office Aug. 14. ley threw under a store at Rogers as the one he had seen Stanley wearing early Thursday morning before the three negroes reached Rodgers and a razor found rolled up in Stanley's old kept in a dresser at his home.

ily believed no one except Stan- evening. ley was connected with the mur- He was gored in several places der is discredited. Mr.T.L.Grimes on the body. One wound pierced others who have used Chamberlain's in a talk with the father of thein- his bosom, going through to the Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. jured Temple man was told that lung. the family was positive that there Mr. Chenoweth was a member several months, and using different with the brutal work, this theory and had insurance in that order. plaint for several months, I bought a is also advanced by Dr. Nibling, The funeral took place Wednes- 25c bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, brother of Mrs. Grimes who hur- day at 3 p. m., conducted by Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After ried to the scene and made minute Rev. J. E. Stephens. - Snyder using the second bottle she was entireexaminations of all facts and Signal. evidence.

While the burning of the negro was going on officers took the tario, has been troubled for years with Tuesday morning their whereabouts had not been given out
by the officers and the statement

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THE BRUTAL TEMPLE MURDER had been burned his body was hanged in one of the principal business streets of Temple where it remained until late the next mob spirit exhibited in other day. It was then cut from its

until the flames choked the last nauseating, unpleasant effects of calomel are due to the undesirably violent Miss Berdie Collins has re-Before the death of the negro long while various substitutes have attended the normal. a ring was taken from one of his been tried, but it was only recently fingers, the ring being broken in- that the really wonderful remedy, J. D. McGaughy of Stamford to on the underneath side. These LIV-VER-LAX, was prepared success- and Miss Lou Castles, one of

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Gored to Death by Bull.

F. M. Chenoweth, city night watchman, while off his official tor's hat a few nights ago. cap was identified by Mr. Grimes duties and looking after some after here gained consciousness as cattle in the edge of the city, one belonging to him and always was attacked by an enraged Jersey bull Monday and so The reports that the officers seriously gored and bruised up of cattle to market soon. and members of the Grimes fam- that death ensued on Tuesday

were more than one connected of the Woodmen of the World

What is Best for Indigestion?

other two negroes away and indigestion and recommends Chamber- me or phone 27 for price and up until Mr. Grimes left Temple lains Tablets as "the best medicine I date of loading car. G. R.

13 YEARS AGO TODAY IN MERKEL

burnings that have occured in re- hanging place and allowed to fall The following items were taken cent years, this negro was not in a delivery wagon and con- from the columns of the Mail chained to an iron post but was veyed thence to the city crema- published thirteen years ago

Terrell Winter was in after

W. W. Wheeler has purchased business of T. A. Johnson.

Geo. S. Berry went to Sweet-

Hackney Richardson came in

No more fishing or hunting on my place. - J. T. Warren.

Burronghs & Mann sell good cheroots, etc.

Mrs. Fitts has been very sick the past week with asthma.

were married last week. "Buff" assume the role of benedict.

E. M. Blackburn of Nubia

Eli Cordell and family who ago have returned to their home in the Canyon.

H. H. Johnson of near Trent passed through here on his way to Abilene the first of the week.

P. Nobles returned Saturday from a three months' trip to South America.

19 pounds of sugar for a dollar at Chenault's.

Miss Prudence Allyn is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wallace, in Cisco.

I. S. Allen purloined the edi-

Jud Sheppard went to Abilene

after a pair of license. J. W. Daniel will ship two cars

The Case of L. L. Cantelon

The case of L. L. Cantelon, Clarendon, Texas, is similar to that of many He says: "After trying a doctor for kinds of medicine for my wife who had been troubled with severe bowel comly cured." For sale by all dealers.

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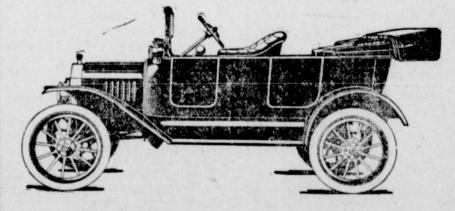
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MEXICANS KILLED

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 3. -Twelve to fifteen Mexican bandits are reported killed in fighting today with United States cavalrymen and American possemen in the low thorny brush north of Brownsville. Private McGuire of the Twelfth cavalry was killed, Private Curtis possibly fatally injured and Private Capsaddle was wounded and Deputy Sheriff C.A. Monahan of Brownsville shot in the leg.

Appeals have been sent to Gavernor James E. Ferguson to ask for more United States troops to help guard this section of the border. The bandits are believed to be part of the samaband which has been marauding in this section from twenty to sixty miles inside the American border for nearly three weeks. One American was killed two weeks ago by the bandits. The country is sparsely settled, the low brush with thick foliage affording unlimited hiding places, and at the same time enough clear ground for rapid maneuver- 1. ing over long distances while under cover.

This particular body of bandits was discovered about 2 o'clock this morning near San Benito, Texas, about sixteen miles from the border, by Sam Robertson, president of the San Benito & Rio Grande Valley railway. He was returning from surveying. He reported that they seemed to have a stockade. Lieutenant Lutz ordered Troop A immediately into their saddles, twenty six cavalrymen galloping out of San Benito in the moonlight, ac companied by several local officers. The Americans unexpectedly ran upon the Mexicans. A running fight began. For the remainder of the night and much of the morning there was continual rifle firing in the brush. About 300 farmers from near San Benito have joined in the bandit hunt.

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