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STORY IS OMITTED FROM THIS ISSUE

We expected to be able to give our readers a correct and accurate account of how B. N. Billingsley of Route 1 rode the deep sea waves while in Galveston Monday and Tuesday of last week but he failed to keep his part of the agreement and our readers missed a thriller, what might have been a regular "scoop".

Anyway, Mr. B. N. was in Galveston when the storm that swept that city was at its worst, he was there even before it started and did not leave the island until after the wind had abated. No doubt he was out in a shower or two and is said to have contradicted the report that a hurricane swept over the city by saying that it was nothing short of a cyclone that he experienced.

We offer ample excuse for no better report of what Mr. Billingsley saw and went through but he promised to come to our office the first of this week and relate his experiences and we suppose he was kept away through timidity or weeds in his crop. Either excuse is sufficient however.

WEST TEXAS FAIR A WORTHY FEATURE

Abilene, August 26.—Central West Texans are preparing to hold the biggest Fair and Exposition in their history and are sending out invitations as broad as the borders of the state for the people of all sections to meet them in Abilene October 12 to 16, inclusive, for the 5-day Central West Texas Fair and Fat Stock Show.

Fifteen thousand people are expected for the opening day, and fully 50,000 are expected to visit Fair Park during the five days.

Upwards of \$2,500 will be awarded as cash prizes in agricultural, livestock, poultry, needlework, domestic science, educational, art, textile and other exhibits, while purses totaling \$3,000 will be distributed in the racing events—the only race meet of any importance in the state for 1915.

To the county in Central West Texas having the largest and best display of farm products, a cash prize of \$100 will be given. The second prize in the same division will be \$50, third \$35 and fourth \$15, making a total of \$200 in this division. Farmers of any Central Western county are eligible to enter any of the other competitions for farm exhibits, in which \$600 in cash will be awarded the winners. Any farmer in the Central West can enter the horse, mule, cattle, swine, sheep, goat or poultry competitions and try for the more than \$1,000 in prizes to be given away. The amusement features of the Fair will be unusually attractive. The Great Patterson Shows, considered one of the best aggregations of high class attractions ever gathered under the management, will furnish the main amusement features. Besides the races in which the fastest horses in the Southwest will compete, there will be big free attractions each day.

Cheap rates over all roads will prevail and ample hotel accommodations are assured all. It will be a red-letter week in the history of Central, West Texas, and will be a concrete expression of unparalleled prosperity which prevails in this section of Texas.

If I spend my Dollars out of Merkel and you spend your Dollars out of Merkel, and all the people spend their Dollars out of Merkel, what in the thunder will become of Merkel?

THINK ABOUT IT

WHITE MAN SHOT BY AN OFFICER

A young white man giving the name of Jackson was shot and badly injured Sunday in a mix-up in the southern edge of Taylor county. He was brought here and given medical attention.

According to local officers, the young man was arrested on a south-bound train just as it pulled out of Tuscola. He was wanted on a minor offense. About two miles south of Tuscola the young man is said to have jumped from the train. The constable continued on to Winters and got a deputy sheriff to go back up the track with him. They found the young man, so the story goes, at a farm house and allege that he started to run. A bullet overtook him and passed through his thigh, inflicting a serious flesh wound.

The wounded man was very weak from loss of blood when the officers reached this city with him. Medical assistance was given, and Deputy Sheriff McMahon stated Monday morning that he was still in a pretty bad condition.

Local officers stated that the wounded man had been working at a Tuscola gin.—Abilene Reporter.

WORK ON ROADS IS PROGRESSING NOW

People in the Comper community are going in for co-operative road work that will benefit the entire Comper and much of the Noodle and Truby communities.

One of the worst hills in the Merkel country is in the Comper community and at times farmers need two teams to do the work of one in reaching Merkel. To eliminate this obstruction money was made up in the Comper community and in Merkel for the purpose of blasting down the hill in order that it could be more easily pulled. Mr. Lee D. Williams was in Saturday looking after the subscription part of the work and others were in the first of the week buying the explosives for doing the work.

Those who contributed to the work of the Horton Hill either financially or otherwise are as follows:

C. R. Horton, \$2.50; J. M. Cook, \$1.00; Riley Horton, \$1.00; Jim Cook, \$1.00; Dr. Armstrong, \$1.00; Lee D. Williams, \$1.00; Anchor Mercantile Co., gave \$2.50 worth of dynamite; R. L. Porter and C. P. Stevens gave blacksmith work and others promised to help on deficiency which will be left when the work is completed. The first work was done on the hill Tuesday morning.

Penny & Son are opening a new Vulcanizing Shop in the Coats building. Have them to vulcanize your auto tubes and casings. Satisfaction guaranteed. 201f

CEREMONIOUS DISPLAY TO BE GIVEN ON COMPLETION OF ELECTRIC LINE

Manager McSpadden of Merkel Electric Co., Expects High Line to be Connected by Next Tuesday Afternoon.—To Give Demonstration.

Mayor Stallings, here-to-fore all-the-same talkative like Hon. John Lind has been induced to make a speech, at least he has agreed to make a short talk when the Merkel Electric Co., gives the opening of their high line sub-station. In addition to Mayor Stallings, Justice of the Peace N. D. Cobb is scheduled to address those who assemble to witness connection of 24 hour electric service into Merkel.

Manager A. V. Wainwright of the American Public Service Corporation, owners of the Merkel Electric Co., will be here in company with Commercial Manager Geo. L. Clark of this district and Manager Geo. Cafrey manager of the Abilene Electric Co., on the evening of the completion of high line into this city.

As a christening of the 24 hour continuous electric service into our city some Merkel young lady will break a bottle of "Billie Bryan Sham-paign" over one of the large transformers immediately the first current from a central power station will flow over the city. Arrangement will also be made by Manager McSpadden to have in actual demonstration, several electric stoves on which frying, baking and broiling will be going on for half a hour, thereby allowing a complete survey of electrical house appliances. Announcement will be made the first of next week by circulars just exactly when the connection will be made here but Manager McSpadden expects it to be on Tuesday evening at 8:30.

People wishing to hear Mayor Stallings orate on this occasion will therefore watch the circular next week for the day and the hour after which Merkel will be supplied by accommodative electric service at all hours of the day.

WRITES LETTER TO THE MAIL READERS

To The Merkel Mail, Merkel, Texas.

Dear Editor:—

It came to me Monday night that Eld. McIntosh had said publicly that he would not meet me in a discussion of our differences because I was not a scholar.

I beg to say through the columns of the Mail that while I have attended school but little, yet I have met successfully the best scholars in the south and if I am not a scholar I acted so much like one that these scholars did not know the difference.

Permit me to say further that I have been able to handle successfully both the Greek and Hebrew languages in debate with men who bore the titles of A. M., D. D., and Ph. D., and I suppose a man who bears these titles is a scholar. Let me say that the trouble with Eld. McIntosh is that he knows that he cannot stand before me in a debate and he must have some excuse. Of course his people think him a scholar and a wonder, they imagine he could tear my teachings all-to-inders and establish his own but McIntosh knows he can do neither so he must give some excuse to keep out of it.

I promised the people of Merkel that if McIntosh ever meets me in debate there that I would so expose his self-styled ability as to show the people that he is not what cracks himself up to be.

If he refuses to meet me in a debate in Merkel, he confesses that he is really afraid to attempt it, I am yours for the defense of the truth. J. W. Chism, Longview, Texas.

Notice

Located at my old stands weighing cotton and wagons also buying seed. With accurate weights and highest market price for seed I ask a continuance of your patronage. G. R. Gazzaway

GERMANS LOSE IN BIG NAVAL BATTLE

Londoa, Aug. 22, 11:35 p. m.—A dispatch to the Central News from Petrograd says:

"The president of the Duma has announced that the Germans lost the battleship Moltke, three cruisers and seven torpedo boats in the Riga battle."

The announcement of the president of the Duma as sent by the correspondend follows:

"In the Riga battle the Germans lost one superdreadnought, the Moltke; three cruisers and seven torpedo boats.

"The German fleet has withdrawn from Riga Bay.

"The Germans tried to make a descent near Pernpin (Pernigel, on the east shore of the Gulf of Riga, some thirty-five miles north of Riga.) Four barges crammed with soldiers took part in the descent. They were repulsed by the Russian troops without the co-operation of artillery, the Germans being exterminated and the barges captured."

The German battle cruiser Moltke was a vessel of 23,000 tons and carried a complement of 1,107 men. She was a sister ship of the famous Goeben, which became a part of the Turkish navy after the commencement of the war and was rechristened Sultan Selim.

The Moltke was 500 feet long and was armed with ten 11-inch twelve 6-inch guns and twelve 24-pounders. In addition her armament included four 20-inch torpedo tubes. She was built in 1911 and had a speed of 28 knots.

Kills 22 Rattlesnakes

D. D. Coats of the Nubia community hold the second best record for killing rattlesnakes in this country so far as we have been able to ascertain.

Mr. Coats in killing snakes only fall short of F. A. Sander's record of 29 by seven in number, having killed 22 rattlers near Nubia Tuesday of this week.

DO YOU WANT

Your Dollar to Remain at Home? Work at Home? Live at Home? and Board at the same place? If so Spend it at Home. THINK ABOUT IT

CHRISTIAN MEETING HAS CLOSED

Sunday night services at the Tabernacle were the last of the 20-days' revival under the direction of Elder J. W. Chism of Longview, with M. D. Ussery as director of the song services.

The final and last service brought the greatest interest in the work of any service during the entire meeting. The subject "Hear ye, the conclusion of the whole matter" was probably the strongest sermon delivered by Elder Chism while here and five were taken into the church during the evening. During the entire meeting 10 were admitted to the church by baptism and 5 were reclaimed.

Elder Chism left Tuesday morning for points east, being accompanied by Mrs. Chism. This is the second time that Elder Chism has been brought to Merkel for revival services and the chances are that he will return here in the future for further work and will probably conduct a revival here during next summer. His extended friendship established here during his recent stay and visit in 1914 gave him the friendship of all he met, and his work, the reputation of a deep scholarly student of the bible.

GOOD RAIN FALLS TUESDAY MORNING

Beginning at 1:40 o'clock Tuesday morning and continuing intermittently until four o'clock or after a rain of 1.75 inches fell over Merkel country giving it a genuine good soaking and producing excellent conditions for late cotton and fall feed.

The precipitation over the Merkel country was general according to reports reaching this office.

List of Grand Jurors

The August term of the Taylor county district court will open here Next Monday, August 30. There will be a large civil docket, with a record breaking number of divorce suits.

The grand jury list as prepared by Jury Commissioners George L. Paxton, J. T. Warren and J. E. Kendall is as follows:

R. G. B. Fain, Mack L. Wyatt, W. L. Harkrider, L. L. NeSmith, L. T. Groves, W. M. Landers, C. M. Hunt, Robin Jones, Frank Knaus, W. J. Behrens, W. H. Cosper, W. H. Brown, E. L. Hill, J. C. Rodgers, C. T. Beckham, T. H. Abbot.

Here from St. Louis

Miss Golden Emlet arrived Monday afternoon from St. Louis and immediately assumed charge of the millinery department of the Parten Dry Good Co.

Miss Emlet stated that she hoped to have the entire stock of millinery ready for opening display by September 1, or soon after.

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

M'INTOSH-ANDERSON REVIVAL CLOSSES

The union revival between the Methodist and Presbyterian churches comes to a close Thursday night of this week with over 325 conversions. Never before in the history of the town has such a tidal wave of religion flowed over Merkel and the surrounding country. Dr. McIntosh is safe, sane and logical in his preaching, never attacking anyone's religious views but preaching Christ and him crucified as the only hope for the sinner.

The people of our town and community will always treasure a warm feeling in their hearts for this man of God and if he ever comes this way again he certainly will be given a warm welcome. He and Mr. Anderson, his helper, open their next meeting in Austin, which will be a co-operative meeting of all the churches of the city.

The songs, "Sweeter as the Days go By," "Be a Hero" and "A Volunteer for Jesus" will long be remembered by the great congregations that have been in attendance.

DR. KING GOES TO REWARD MONDAY

Dr. J. M. C. King for 20 years one of the best known residents of Merkel and for fifteen or more years a practicing physician in our midst passed into the great beyond Monday morning at 6:30 o'clock, death being due to Bright's disease.

Dr. King with his family moved to Merkel in 1895 and in the early days of our town he was called to remote parts of country to administer to the sick and injured and was active in the practice of medicine until within the last few years when his health began failing him and would not permit his active pursuit of his profession. He was a christian father and husband and one of the most popular members of the local Masonic fraternity and it was under the auspices of this order that his remains were consigned to their last resting place.

Surviving the deceased is a wife and six children, three daughters and three sons as follows: Mrs. R. A. McClain of Abilene, Mrs. John B. Boden of this city, Joe King of Greenville, John King of Floydada, Henry King and the youngest daughter and child Velma. With their father at the time of his death were only those members of the family who are close at hand, it was known however that his health was bad but he had conversed his friends in town the day prior to his death and the near approaching end was unheralded. All immediate members of the family were here to attend the funeral with the exception of Joe King of Greenville, who could not reach here in time for the services.

Funeral services were held at the family residence Tuesday morning at 9:30, Elder J. W. Chism conducting the services, after which the remains were escorted to the grave by the local A. F. & A. M. Lodge members.

Notice

All those who have votes on the Piano Contest at the Anchor Mercantile and have not promised same if they will turn them in for Pearl Thornton, whose number is 102, they will be highly appreciated. A Friend 20t2pd

**If you want a Dependable Connection, where Safety is the
First Consideration, open an account with this Bank
Every member of our force wants to do some-
thing for you Call on us
GUARANTY FUND BANK**

Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas

SALTS IF KIDNEYS OR BLADDER BOTHER

Harmless to flush Kidneys and neutralize irritating acids—Splendid for system.

Kidney and Bladder weakness result from uric acid, says a noted authority. The kidneys filter this acid from the blood and pass it on to the bladder, where it often remains to irritate and inflame, causing a burning, scalding sensation, or setting up an irritation at the neck of the bladder, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night. The sufferer is in constant dread, the water passes sometimes with a scalding sensation and is very profuse; again, there is difficulty in voiding it.

Bladder weakness, most folks call it, because they can't control urination. While it is extremely annoying and sometimes very painful, this is really one of the most simple ailments to overcome. Get about four ounces of Jad Salts from your pharmacist and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast, continue this for two or three days. This will neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation to the bladder and urinary organs which then act normally again.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, harmless, and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is used by thousands of folks who are subject to urinary disorders caused by uric acid irritation. Jad Salts is splendid for kidneys and causes no bad effects whatever.

Here you have a pleasant, effervescent lithia-water drink, which quickly relieves bladder trouble.

In Memory of J. M. C. King

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and brethren of Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M.:

Whereas, it has pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in his definite wisdom to remove from among us our dear brother, J. M. C. King and to transplant him as a member of that celestial lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides; Therefore, be it resolved by Merkel Lodge A. F. & A. M. that in the death of our brother this lodge has lost a worthy member; one who lived and practiced the true principles of our order, and in his every day life was a living example of those great tenets, Faith, Hope and Charity. Having faith in God, hope in immortality and charity toward all mankind. Always ready to lend a helping hand to a brother or friend and give him advice that would aid in his reformation. We bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father and leave in his hands the soul of our deceased brother.

Be It Further Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy delivered to the family of our deceased brother and a copy handed to the Merkel Mail for publication. Respectfully submitted this 25 day of August, 1915. A. L. 1915. S. C. Keith, Chm.

W. B. Farmer,
M. Armstrong.

Granulated Sore Eyes Cured.

"For twenty years I suffered from a bad case of granulated sore eyes," says Martin Boyd of Henrietta, Ky. "In February, 1903, a gentleman asked me to try Chamberlain's Salve. I bought one box and used about two-thirds of it and my eyes have not given me any trouble since." This salve is for sale by all dealers. adv

Back From Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Woodroof are at home from an extended visit at Mineral Wells and points in north Texas. Accompanying them on their return were Mrs. Woodroof's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wright of Bellevue who will visit here for a short time.

Mr. Woodroof while making the trip saw a great portion of central and north Texas and says that little of it if any is better than the Merkel country and in places found cotton greatly damaged from boll weevil depredations.

Disagreeable Calomel is Yielding to Pleasant Liv-Ver-Lax

Physicians generally agree that the nauseating, unpleasant effects of calomel are due to the undesirably violent action it has on the system. For a long while various substitutes have been tried, but it was only recently that the really wonderful remedy, LIV-VER-LAX, was prepared successfully by L. K. Grigsby.

LIV-VER-LAX has all the good, and none of the bad effects of calomel. It is a necessity in every home, always being ready to cleanse the sluggish liver and bile clogged system, with no unpleasant after-effects.

LIV-VER-LAX is guaranteed to give satisfaction, or your money will be immediately refunded. Insist on the original bearing the likeness of L. K. Grigsby. For sale in 50c and \$1 bottles at Mrs. E. M. Rust's Drug Store. aug

W. O. W.

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

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

How to Cure a Sprain

A sprain may be cured in about one-third the time required by the usual treatment by applying Chamberlain's Liniment and observing the directions with each bottle. For sale by all dealers.

Blacksmith Notice.

General blacksmithing, practical horseshoeing and expert wagon work. Come see me. A. F. Parks, the blacksmith. 6t4

Miss Burkett's Music Class.

Miss Beulah Burkett who has been re-elected as teacher of piano and voice in connection with the Merkel Public School will begin her music class on Monday September 6th. She will have her studio at Mrs. H. C. Burroughs residence until the opening of school, after which she will have a room in the new school building.

Miss Burkett will be pleased to discuss terms, etc., with any patron desiring to place pupils in her charge. Your patronage will be greatly appreciated. (adv)2t

What is Best for Indigestion?

Mr. A. Robinson of Drumquhn, Ontario, has been troubled for years with indigestion and recommends Chamberlain's Tablets as "the best medicine I ever used." If troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial. They are certain to prove beneficial. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. Price 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

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One of this country's largest bankers made the statement not long ago that "the small-town banker is in position to render his community a most valuable service if he will recognize and take advantage of the opportunity by doing his full part in community welfare work."

His statement elicited an expression from one of our small-town bankers to the effect that a large majority of small-town banks really do more to retard community welfare and development than they do to promote them. This is a most lamentable condition even if only partially correct as stated.

Many bankers consider their banks institutions for community service and conduct them accordingly. A splendid example of this class came to my attention a few days ago.

The president of a bank in a small country town, when asked as to his idea concerning a bank's duties and its obligations to the community, said: "Inasmuch as we are the largest corporation in our town we feel it our duty to take the lead in every movement for the good of the locality. We are the largest subscribers to the local chamber of commerce, civic improvement funds, etc., and never fail to have the bank represented in every local improvement campaign. We also make it a rule to take as much or more advertising space in our local papers than anyone else in the town."

He further stated that "When a small borrower needs from ten to thirty dollars for a short time we charge him the same rate per annum on his loan that we would if he borrowed \$25,000 or more. We treat the small customer as liberally as the large one, thus making him feel that no advantage is being taken of him because he is poor. He will remember and appreciate this when he becomes a large customer."

NO TIME WASTED

Prompt Action is Pleasing Many Merkel Citizens.

Get down to the cause of everything. Bad backs are frequently caused by weak kidneys.

Help the kidneys to get rid of kidney backache. Doan's Kidney Pills are for the kidneys only.

No time wasted trying to cure other troubles.

Merkel people endorse their merit. T. J. King, Kent St., Merkel, says: "I didn't know that my kidneys were causing my back to ache until a neighbor told me to use Doan's Kidney Pills, saying that my kidneys were the cause of the complaint. My back ached nearly all the time and even when lying down, it bothered me. I used Doan's Kidney Pills and the discomfort left. Two boxes cured me."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. King had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. 27t2

Agricultural Display at Sweetwater.

Sweetwater, Aug. 26.—The agricultural display that will be had here on September 7th and 8th, date of the West Texas Water Show will be something unique. Already the committee has begun gathering the display products and erecting their building.

A yard 75x150 feet will be walled in by cotton bales with an

elaborate arched entrance of the same material. Inside the grounds there will be fountains and many miniature fields of cotton, wheat, oats, feterita and such crops, while in one corner will be a poultry yard.

The agricultural building will be entirely constructed of Nolan county products. Its walls are to be shingled with sheaf oats and wheat, with pillars supporting the structure of sheafed corn and cane. The roof is to be thached with sorghum stalks, the heads hanging over the eaves, while it will be covered with choice heads of milo maize, kafir corn, feterita and such crops.

Inside the building will be displays of threshed grain, fruits, vegetables and all products raised in this section, together with the customary placards giving information regarding crops.

Sends Fine Peaches

Uncle Jim Blackburn of Nubia is ever mindful of the needs of a print shop and being to busy to come to town himself he sent us a sample of some of the best peaches we ever tasted.

Merkel country fruit is of a choice variety this year and the Mail force has not been forgotten by many of our friends from out of the city.

Stock Cars to Race

Sweetwater, Aug. 26, Appropriate prizes have been offered and several entries made in the Automobile Reliability Run that is to be staged from this city on September 8th, by the west Texas water Supply & Sweetwater Demonstration. The contest begins at Sweetwater, following a course through Roscoe, Colorado, Snyder back through Roscoe to Sweetwater for the finish, a distance of approximately 150 miles.

There are three prizes donated by merchants and the purse obtained by the entrance fees is also to be divided into three prizes for the first, second and third places, at the ratio of 60, 30 and 10 percent respectively. Already about ten entries have been made by automobile owners of the state and about the same number living here have entered.

Advertised Letters.

McFarland, W. J.
Saylor, Curtis L.
Cooper, Mrs. R. E.
Clay, Joe
Maxie, Miss Lula Mae
Mareno, Sen Conselo 2
Hernandez, Sr Diomsio
Hall, Reuben C.
Howard, Mrs. J. S.
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Sept. 4th, H. C. Williams, P. M. Merkel, Texas.

Notice to the Farmers

We are better prepared than ever to gin your cotton and give you the best tryout in the city. Having installed the latest 70 Saw Mungers Special Hullers; also the latest improved Celebrated Hart Cleaner and general over hauled throughout. Try us for good clean business. F. P. Hamm Gin. 1t

2nd Hand Lumber for Sale

I am tearing down the Hamm Lumber sheds and will have a large amount of good second hand lumber for sale at a bargain. See me now if interested. Jno. C. Hamm. 27t3pd.

Solicitation For Votes

I will greatly appreciate my many friends placing their votes to my credit in the Anchor Mercantile Piano Contest. My number is 77. Thanking any person in advance for favors, I am

Respectfully
Miss Altha Chambless

Property For Sale.

Two houses close in, for sale and also my home with about 30 acres of land near the new school building and 960 acres near Stanton to sell or trade for good improved land. S. F. Haynes. 23t4. 1.15.

W. E. Adams and family of Route 2 were scheduled to leave the first of the week for points near the New Mexico border, their trip being on a visit to friends and relatives.

GRAY HAIR BECOMES DARK, THICK, GLOSSY

Look years younger! Try Grandma's recipe of Sage and Sulphur and nobody will know.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and life to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome.

Nowadays we simply ask at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy." You will get a large bottle for about 50 cents. Everybody uses this old, famous recipe, because no one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy and you look years younger.

S. S. Harris of Fort Stockton was in the city, the first of the week for a few hours the guest of J. D. Gaither and family.

L. H. Penney a fine watch maker of twenty eight years experience is here to stay. Take your watches to him. All work guaranteed. Located in the Coats building. 20tf

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

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McClain and children of Abilene were called here Monday morning by the death of Mrs. McClain's father, Dr. J. M. C. King.

J. H. McDonald of Lenzburg, La., came in Saturday afternoon for a short stay at home. He will return to Louisiana this week.

W. M. Hays returned home Friday following and extended visit in east Texas. Mr. Hays was another visitor from the Merkel country who returned home feeling that Merkel country prospects were as good if not better than conditions he found at other places.

Mrs. George Northcut and sister, Miss Addie Haley, of Snyder were here the first of the week visiting their sister, Mrs. T. A. Johnson.

Mrs. I. M. Bennett and daughter, Miss Mamie, of near Galveston are here visiting their son and brother, Paul Bennett and wife.

Billie Warren has temporarily given up his duties with the Burrough Drug Store and is taking a vacation with friends at Hico.

J. C. Mason of Paris, Depok and this city has returned after two months absence in east Texas where he looked after business interests.

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

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Cretonne collars cuffs at Woodroof Bros.

Mrs. O. M. Sharp is at home from Dallas.

Cotton scales at J. A. Ducketts at bargain place.

Summer goods almost given away at J. A. Ducketts.

See J. A. Duckett's 5 and 10 cent counters for bargains.

Miss Annie Sutton of Bonham is visiting Mrs. Alice Templeton.

New cretonne, a beautiful dress material at Woodroof's store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis are at home Dallas and Mineral Wells.

J. A. Duckett will save you money. He says the Price is The Thing.

Hogs For Sale—45 bred sows for sale. Beasley Bros. Noodle Route 1

Save money by buying your cotton sack Duck from J. A. Duckett.

Ladies laced trimmed corset covers only 5 cents at J. A. Ducketts.

Miss Evalyn Williams is visiting Mrs. Jno. T. Robinson in Meridian.

Misses Ola and Etta Clark of near Dora visited friends here Saturday.

Miss Ona Bell Murphy of Hawley visited Miss Lillie Ayes the past week.

Miss Snow Johnson of Waxahachie is the guest of Miss Winnie Warren.

Mrs. S. Y. Ayers of Tye is visiting her son, W. C. Ayers and family.

Mrs. Robert Godwin and children left Friday for their home in Maryneal.

Miss Madalyn Adkisson of Beaumont is visiting friends and relatives here.

Mrs. W. H. Morris of Wayland is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. V. Cranford.

Mrs. W. K. Sadler of Gilliam is visiting Mesdames J. G. Sadler and E. E. Britton.

Wool taffeta, new shades and designs for ladies fall dresses at Woodroof Bros.

Mrs. Harrison is at home from Abilene where she visited her sister, Mrs. Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith and children have returned to their home in Arlington.

Miss Percilla French of Beaumont is here visiting her sister, Mrs. G. W. Boyce.

Miss Libby Patton is in the city the guest of Misses Maude Martin and Elma Sheppard.

Miss Elouise Osborne of Abilene is the guest of Miss Eather Williams this week.

Mr. H. M. Shaw bought a \$4.00 porch rocker for \$2.55. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Fine brown sugar for making preserves and sweet pickles. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Miss Margurite Sump of San Antonio is here visiting her cousin Mrs. John W. Briggs.

Fine brown sugar for making preserves and sweet pickles. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Mrs. J. B. Ferrier leaves this week for an extended visit with relatives in Gallipolis, Ohio.

\$14.50 seamless 9x12 Brussels rug to be sold to the highest bidder next Saturday. Bids received any day this week. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Misses Emma Smith and Maude Jinkens, Mesdames Claude Smith and B. Jinkens motored to Abilene Monday.

C. C. Beasley of Post City was here the first of the week visiting his sister Mrs. T. M. Pribble.

Be In Advance

See and make your selections now. Get just what you want for fall while our stock remains at its best, with the newest of **EVERYTHING**

EVERY LADY WHO WAITS

Is often wholly dissatisfied when making her purchase, due to the fact that she has allowed the things that might have pleased her to be selected by the **EARLY PURCHASER**

OUR FALL SHOWING OF

Ladies' Suits
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Is now ready for your inspection.

In The Ladies' Dress Goods Department Mrs. Daniel will look after your every need with taste and ability due to her position.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE OUR MILLINERY

Miss Sprague has charge of this department and her many years of experience, in addition to her acquaintance with the ladies of the Merkel country, places her in position to artfully satisfy every lady who visits her and makes our Emporium their headquarters

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Woodroof Bros.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED—One or more lady boarders, rates reasonable. Mrs. Alice Rose. 6t4p

FOR SALE—Good milch cows. Chas. Orr, two miles southeast of Merkel. Oct20pd.

FOR SALE:—Walking plows, different sizes and makes, all new, have never been used, will sell from \$2.50 to \$8.50. Also one new Cassidy sulky for sale at a bargain and a good mare well broke. W. A. Scott. 13t3.

FOR SALE:—5 room house, 3 porches, well and windmill, 2 acre orchard of plums, peaches, apricots, grapes and berries, in south Merkel. A. L. Jobe. 13t3-55.

FOR SALE:—New Crop Sorghum Molasses. D. L. Boyd, Nubia, Texas.

WANTED—An upright piano must be a bargain. H. F. Groene 23t3pd.

WANTED:—Good all-around farm and ranch hand would prefer man with family. Phone, write or see Sam Butman, Nubia, Texas.

Miss Lucy Hancock of Abilene returned home Sunday after a short visit with her brother, J. C. Hancock.

Mr. W. L. Johnson Jr. is here from El Paso on a visit with his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler.

Miss Maggie Wheeler returned this week from an extended visit with her sister Mrs. W. L. Johnson at El Paso.

A new lot of buggies just received and going at prices that will appeal to buyers. Crown Hardware Co. 20t2

R. B. McRee of Trent was in the first of the week looking after business matters and attending the meeting.

Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes of Sylvester were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes Sunday.

We have received a shipment of popular priced buggies. Call and inspect them before buying a buggy. Crown Hardware Co.

Miss Mamie Moore is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kunze of Fort Worth.

Tell your husband to look at Woodroof's new fall suits. The noted Hart-Shaffner & Marx line.

Mrs. Jeff Hinds of Hawley visited her sister, Mrs. W. C. Ayers and family, the past week.

J. B. Cox recently in the fruit business here has returned to Merkel to renew his home in our midst.

Misses Mary and Lizzie Keny are at home from an extended visit with relatives in San Francisco, Cal.

Mrs. T. B. Barnett of Walnut Springs is visiting her sisters Mesdames E. E. Brittain and J. G. Sadler.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones of Lovington, N. M. are here visiting the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs. J. N. Teaff.

Mrs. O. M. Pike returned to her home at Bradshaw Saturday after a visit with J. A. Pike and family of this city.

Phone H. H. Long for town and country painting and paper hanging. Phone No. 184. 20t3p

Miss Louis Rogers of Bryan who has been here visiting Mrs. H. C. West returned to her home Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling P. Miller have announced the birth of a little daughter, Velvia Elizabeth Miller, August 12.

Miss Flay Gunn has gone to Big Wells where she will teach domestic science. Enroute she will visit in Fort worth, Dilly and San Antonio.

FALL OF 1915

WE can hardly realize that another Fall is close to hand. Grain and cotton has been selling all the year; in fact, our books have never been clear of these two accounts this year. While the cotton crop does not promise all that it should, the good rain will doubtless make the yield satisfactory. Even without more rain we see wonderful possibilities for this country.

There are some aspects of the commercial and industrial situation that are not just as we would have them, yet we feel that we have before us at least one full year of prosperity and progress.

We Want To Be OF SERVICE

TO the people of this community and while the collecting season will soon be here, we are in position to make loans freely and we invite our friends and the public to call on us. We have ample facilities for caring for your affairs in such a way as will prove mutually satisfactory and profitable. Deposit your cotton tickets with us and if you need funds before you sell, call on us.

We are thankful to our old customers who have been so loyal to this Bank through all the years, and we invite new accounts, assuring satisfactory service.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

THE SPIRIT THAT KILLE FRANK.

The Chicago Tribune explains a few things concerning the things that prompted a mob to hang Leo Frank in substance as follows:

For a very long time the name of Leo M. Frank will be remembered as indicative of something discouraging and not wholly explicable in American life.

We know that elsewhere than in the ill-ordered south, communities can be aroused to acts of violence against the law, but usually the demonstration is one of low elements and also one of hot blood.

What has taken place in Georgia is not due to mob violence. The psychology of the mob does not permit such steadfast malevolence, such a continuing purpose and determination. If a mob cannot act soon its will dies out.

The murder was not by a mob, but by vendetta, which is determined, cunning, resolved and cruel. A vendetta is possible in a low social organization, one which has not learned self control, which has not been sufficiently trained in the rudiments of education to submit itself to restraints necessary to the orderly processes of society.

The south is backward. It shames the United by illiteracy and incompetence. Its hill men and poor whites, its masses of feared and bullied blacks, its ignorant and violent politicians, its rotten industrial conditions, and its rotten social ideas exist in circumstances which disgrace the United States in the thought of Americans and in the opinion of foreigners.

When the north exhibits a demonstration of violence against law by gutter rats of society, there is shame in the locality which was the scene of the exhibition. When the south exhibits it there is defiance of opinion.

The south is barely half educated. Whatever there is explicable in the murder of Leo M. Frank is thus explainable. Leo M. Frank was an atom in the American structure. He might have died, unknown or ignored, a thousand deaths more agonizing in preliminary torture and more cruel in final execution, and have had no effect, but the spectacle of a struggling human being, helpless before fate as a mouse in the care of a cat, will stagger American complacency.

The south is half educated. It is a region of illiteracy, blatant self-righteousness, cruelty, and violence. Until it is improved by the infusion of better blood and better ideas it will remain a reproach and a danger to the American republic.—Chicago Tribune.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal in its knowledge of conditions that is seldom found among American newspapers comments on the Frank case and the Chicago Tribune's tirade of all southern people in substance as follows:

The brain out of whose threads the Chicago Tribune editorial was woven is as anarchistic and as ignorant as was that of any man composing the mob that lynched Frank.

The lynching of Frank was an infamous, cowardly act. It has been denounced by every reputable southern paper, and by every man whose opinion is worth anything in the south.

If the lynching of Frank was a disgrace to the whole south, it equally disgraced the United States. But to seize upon the incident as a means of indicting the entire south, of indicting the entire State of Georgia, is illogical, unfair and absurd.

literate of the southern people are capable of reaching.

The Chicago Tribune says "the south is backward. It shames the United States by illiteracy and incompetency".

Wherein is the citizenship of the territory over which the Tribune circulates more advanced than the citizenship of the territory throughout which this paper circulates?

"The south is half educated," says the Tribune. "It is a region of illiteracy, blatant self-righteousness, cruelty and violence. Until it is improved by the infusion of better blood and better ideas it will remain a reproach and a danger to the American republic."

Shall we send to Chicago and secure this "better blood" from the vicinity of the pigties and glue factories of the south side? Shall we get it from the vicinity of Harrison Street station, from Custom House Place, from Wells Street and from the other sinks whose owners go in their degeneracies into dollars which bear no smell, and spend the money in drunken debauches at society functions?

Shall we get the blood infusion from the north side, with its divorces and its wife swapping?

Will some of the present and past controlling owners of the Tribune come down here and by their personal conduct be to us a living example of what decent-minded, able-bodied, sober Americans should be?

Or shall we take the report of the Chicago Vice Commission and the Legislative Commission on the Minimum Wage, and after reading these shall we ask for an infusion of blood from those who are the leaders in a community where conditions exist?

In its heart the south denounced the lynching of Frank. It is a crime against the individual, against the law and against the state.

The people of the south are weak and frail, as are the other children of men. But they are not cursed with the vice of phariseism. They resent such exhibitions of malevolent cant as this cowardly and ignorance-steeped outbreak on the part of the Chicago Tribune.—Commercial Appeal.

By a comparison of the two articles, which seems to be the product of thought from the most evil of two minds? Which minds that constructed these stinging editorials touchest nearest to the illiterate, blatant self-righteous, cruel and violent man of unthinking ability? The mind that constructed editorial of the Chicago Tribune is closely allied to the corrupt family of one which constructed an editorial in Life Magazine several months ago charging the south with keeping the negro in ignorance, purely with the satisfaction of always having an inferior race in our midst, being absolutely unmindful of the work now being done in the south for the education of the negro, that probable member of the human family so closely associated with the primeval beast that hung from the trees by its tail and now exalted to a position in the north that places them in equality with the writer of the Tribune editorial.

Remember where Villa told United States to go? Well immediately afterward Uncle Sam sent his General Scott down to pow—wow with Villa and it is supposed that they met about Yuma, Ariz., for it is about as near to the place Villa spoke of as a person could get in this country.

Looking over the south we have come to the conclusion that the Mexican border is no place to raise anything but—! Commercial Appeal.

Correct, sit down.

Old Noah has certainly come in for his part of the censure within the last few days but as one exchange says he ought to be given credit for having caught the first water wagon.

Texas is just itching
 To take a little crack
 At the hot tamales
 And the chilli—mac.
 —Commercial Appeal.

What has become of the old fashioned girl who wore a petticoat?—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Don't know, pass it up to Geo. S. Anderson of the Abilene Reporter who by virtue of the town he hails from ought to know.



Doing It Electrically

We want to show every lady in this city the merits in Electric Cooking and will show you. You can well afford to use it for

LIGHTING, COOKING AND MOTIVE POWER

We will have a number of these beautiful Electric Ranges connected up and immediately after the Hi-Line Ceremonies we will have a lady to show you, and demonstrate to your satisfaction that Electric Cooking is not only a luxury but a necessity.

The evening will be announced later by circular and we want every man, woman and child to see this operation.

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Yet you pay only \$9.40 for this 30 x 3 Firestone—less than 5% more than four widely advertised makes.

You pay only 40 cents more for this small Firestone than the ordinary. And only a trifle more in proportion for the larger sizes. Because the much greater surface demands so much more expensive rubber and fabric.

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At these prices you can't afford to use any other tire or tube.

Case	Runabout	Case	Grey	Red
30x3	\$ 9.40	\$10.55	\$2.20	\$2.50
30x3 1/2	11.90	13.35	2.60	2.90
32x3 1/2	13.75	15.40	2.70	3.05
34x4	19.90	22.30	3.90	4.40
34x4 1/2	27.30	30.55	4.80	5.40
36x4 1/2	28.70	32.15	5.00	5.65
37x5	35.55	39.80	5.95	6.70
38x5 1/2	46.00	51.50	6.75	7.55

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 The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, strikes the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c

The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

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Don't jump at conclusions, but look before you buy.

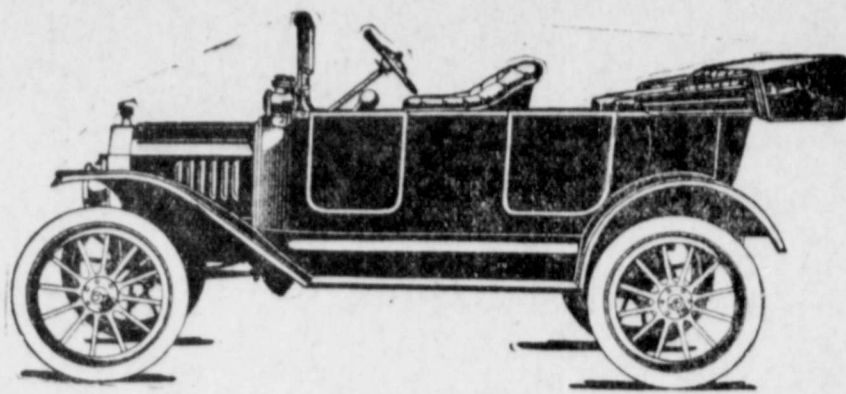
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To Drive Out Malaria
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 Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents

Only a Very Few More Days Until the First

Then this New Five-Passenger "AUTO" will be given away. Someone will be made extremely happy. A good many who are running close will regret that they did not trade a little more.



Forty Customers Almost Even. Only a few dollars trading by those behind would put all even now. Only a few more dollars trading still would win the "AUTO" for someone who perhaps thinks he is too far behind.

We are now counting the votes—have them almost counted—and it is surprising how many are so close, and yet they do not suspect it. Those of you who have been trading pretty heavily had better make out a bill and trade a little more.

SOMEONE WILL BE SURPRISED AND MADE GLAD NOW IN JUST A FEW DAYS
Remember 1000 VOTES with Every Dollars Purchase
A CHANCE EVEN FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT TRADED ANY SO FAR

Our big Fall Stock, consisting of Everything that is New and Good for Fall is ready for your inspection. We are in a position to save you more money than you ever saved on a fall bill. Our ladies Hats are also ready--ready to show you the advanced styles. Come and see them and know we'll save you the most money on your

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Why Not Paint and Paper YOUR HOME

It can be made as attractive as the best at a small cost. We can paint it so artistically that people will unconsciously stop and admire it. Good paint not only makes your home clean, healthful, cheerful and inviting in appearance, but by keeping it well painted you actually save money as it is a well known fact that good paint properly applied adds many years to the life of a building. It's like an insurance policy against decay. Phone 50 and we'll gladly tell you how very reasonable we will do the whole job just as it should be done.

J. W. POWELL, The Painter and Paper Hanger
 Phone 50
 POWELL'S PAINTING PAYS BECAUSE IT STAYS

COMPERE

All the big meetings have passed and not much results as we can see. We are all needing rain. Cotton is opening. Some feed is good. Cotton picking is soon going to be the order of the day. The Nazarenes closed their meeting last night without any conversions, but his word will not return to him void. Rev. Northcut did the preaching with Rev. Buzbee's help. Every thing is dull. The Baptis will ordain a deacon the first Sunday in September at 11 o'clock.

Have you got yours?—95c for shoes worth \$2.50 to \$3.00; small sizes, at J. A. Duckett's.

Special for a Few Days.

See me before you buy your groceries and I will save you money. You will always find cheaper groceries here than anywhere else.

100 lbs. Bouquet Flour	\$.35
Meal	.75
25 lb. sack Sugar	1.65
Smoke Meat	.15
Dry Salt	.14
10 lbs. Lard	.90
10 lbs. Cottolene	1.25
Cooking Oil	.75
Irish Potatoes, per peck	.35
Irish Potatoes, per bushel	1.25

You will always find us with the goods and the prices right. Come to see us when you are in town and see for yourself what we are doing. Walter Clark.

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

MULBERRY

Rev. Reed filled his regular appointment here Sunday. Jay Chadwick visited Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ryan of Sweetwater Sunday. Miss Elma Williams of Stith community attended singing here Sunday. The people of this place have been attending the revival meeting at Merkel this week. J. Giles was transacting business in Abilene Monday. Cotton picking has begun in the community. Health of this community is good. Have Penny & Son vulcanize your tubes and casings. They know how and will treat you right. 20tf

BUTMAN

The people of the Canyon country are the recipients of a copious rain which fell Monday night. The precipitation amounted to about one inch. Crops were beginning to need rain badly, especially feed which had been planted on wheat and oat stubble. Everything will be materially benefitted.

Quite a crowd enjoyed the singing at Mr. Wood Turner's Sunday night.

Several from the Canyon went to Merkel Sunday to hear Rev. McIntosh preach. He is having influence not only in Merkel but here as well.

The people of Cross Roads are preparing the arbor there for the meeting which will commence Saturday night.

Cotton picking is becoming general here. The extremely hot weather and high winds before the rain caused it to open rapidly.

D. L. Boyd of Nubia is kept busy making sorghum for the farmers. He has already made several hundred gallons.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Turner visited relatives on Elm Saturday and Sunday.

There is an excellent crop of mesquite beans this year.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

J. A. Duckett sells it for less.



W. F. Hamblet
 Groceryman

Accepts New Position.

James Black, one of the most popular grocerymen our town has yet seen and in charge of the grocery department of the Anchor Mercantile Co., for many months resigned his connection here last week to accept a more lucrative position with the Waples-Platter Grocery Co., of Fort Worth.

Mr. Black will temporarily be stationed at Stamford after which he will be transferred to Fort Worth will travel from that place.

Not So Strange After All

You may think it strange that so many people are cured of stomach trouble by Chamberlain's Tablets. You would not, however, if you should give them a trial. They strengthen and invigorate the stomach and enable it to perform its function naturally. Mrs. Rosie Rish, Wabash, Ind., writes, "Nothing did me the least good until I began using Chamberlain's Tablets. It is decidedly the best medicine for stomach trouble I have ever used. For sale by all dealers."

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

SHILOH

There was a nice crowd out at Sunday School Sunday.

Singing was well attended Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Horn preached for us Sunday night.

Mr. Neal and family of Coleman came in last week and are visiting the families of Messrs Maynard and Gowdy.

Prof. and Mrs. Rollins of Abilene spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry.

W. B. Beavers attended services at Newman Friday.

A number of Noodle young people attended singing at Shiloh Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Grayson were Merkel visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Woods, Mrs. McDonald and daughter Myrtle, Misses Lena Pomroy, Laura Howell and Agnes James were guests of W. B. Beavers and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wilner Grayson Sunday.

The infant son of Charlie Williams, who we mentioned as being seriously ill last week, died Friday afternoon and was buried near Anson Saturday. Little Wayne has gone to join his mama who preceded him to that home beyond just a few weeks ago. Mother and babe are reunited never to be separated again. The father and other relatives have the sympathy of this entire community.

The Case of L. L. Cantelon

The case of L. L. Cantelon, Clarendon, Texas, is similar to that of many others who have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He says: "After trying a doctor for several months, and using different kinds of medicine for my wife who had been troubled with severe bowel complaint for several months, I bought a 25c bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using the second bottle she was entirely cured." For sale by all dealers.

Saturday is the Big Day at The Anchor

The One in Which we Award THE \$400.00 PIANO --- Together with Six Other Premiums

Meet your friends at The Anchor Saturday and assist them in winning the Grand Prize, one for which they will always be proud and ever have a right to thank you afterwards. Remember every Trade Book you buy we give you 61000 Votes and you can trade the books out at any time later in the year. Invest \$50.00 in trade books, trade them out any time later with us at 100 cents on the dollar, and thereby assist some one of the contestants in winning the Grand Prize

Also don't forget the Specials---Extra votes given on Shoes, Dress Goods, Clothing, Buggies, Wagons, Stoves and Farm Implements. 1000 Votes given extra to the \$1.00 on the above.

Anchor Mercantile Company

STATE INSURANCE INSPECTOR'S VISIT

Mr. Ben F. Smith, Special Fire Inspector for the state Fire Insurance Commission, was in our city last week for the purpose of locating and reporting to the commission at Austin all conditions that can be corrected or removed which experience has shown to be the most frequent causes of fires.

The State Fire Insurance Commission is now, and has been for some time, engaged in making a rigid inspection of practically every city and town in the State and, after the city or town is completed, is taking up with its city officials the question of eliminating or correcting the hazardous conditions found. Many dangerous fire hazards exist in almost every city or town of the State and, in many instances, they are due to lack of a proper conception of the latent danger that lurks in such conditions. For example, the careless and improper handling of volatile oils has been, and is now, almost daily the source of very destructive fires. Poor electrical wiring, improperly installed gasoline lighting systems, gas engines and gas heating devices; the accumulation of rubbish, paper, trash, empty boxes, barrels, etc., each and all create a hazard that may, at any moment, break out in a serious fire or even a conflagration.

The Commission believes that, if it can have the enthusiastic support and co-operation of the various cities and towns, manifested by the adoption and enforcement of the proper fire prevention ordinances and the carrying out of the instructions of the Commission, which is also making a close investigation of every suspicious fire brought to its attention, that the annual fire waste in this State can be very substantially reduced.

Asked as to the conditions in Merkel Mr. Smith said:

"I find conditions here far above an average of the small town and in much better condition than they were when I visited your city on my last inspection tour."

The following taken from the Abilene Reporter is credited to Mr. Smith as his view of fire risks and conditions in our neighbor city:

"I am sorry to report that conditions in your city are very bad. There seems to be an absolute disregard by many of your business firms of all fire insurance

rules. Unless a better showing is made you people are going to have your key rate raised instead of being lowered. We are compelled to rate you according to what you have and what you do. The absence of co-operation and the condition of the back premises of your city is alarming. I am surprised that a city like Abilene will allow such carelessness. The fire Marshal ordinance should be rigidly enforced and all the old wooden shacks in the fire limits should be condemned and torn down. The day has come when the people must cut down the fire loss or their rates will be raised. The State Fire Insurance Board is going to do all it can to reduce the loss but if the people do not help the rate will be raised

WHAT CATARRH IS

It has been said that every third person has catarrh in some form.

Science has shown that nasal catarrh often indicates a general weakness of the body; and local treatments in the form of snuffs and vapors do little, if any good.

To correct catarrh you should treat its cause by enriching your blood with the oil-food in Scott's Emulsion which is a medicinal food and a building- tonic, free from alcohol or any harmful drugs. Try it.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

B. D. Rogers of Blue Ridge, Collin county, was here this week looking after farm and ranch property he has in the Noodle country and visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. T. Derrick. Mr. Roger while here made extensive improvements on his land.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Mayes and son Ira of Eola are here visiting Mrs. Mayes brother R. A. Ellis and family. Mr. and Mrs. Mayes and Mrs. Ellis were in Haskell last week visiting relatives, having made the trip through the country in the Ford touring car of Mr. Mryes'.

Having installed the very latest improved machinery we are better than ever prepared to gin your cotton and will appreciate your patronage. F. P. Hamm gin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McGee who have been here for some time time visiting the latter's parents Mayor and Mrs. J. J. Stallings, returned to their home at Detroit Monday evening



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"THE NEW GIN"

ZUDORA In the Twenty Million Dollar Mystery

By HAROLD MACGRATH

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SYNOPSIS.

Zudora is left an orphan at an early age. Her father is killed in a gold mine. Zudora and the fortune from the mine, which grows to be worth \$30,000,000, 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 Ali sees an obstacle to his scheme in the person of John Storm, a young lawyer, for whom Zudora has taken a fancy, and he commands the girl to put the man out of her mind. Zudora insists that if she cannot marry Storm she will marry no one.

"Well, well," says Hassam Ali, "solve my next twenty cases and you can marry him; fall in a single case and you must renounce him."

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

Zudora and Hassam Ali visit Nabok Shan's house, where sleep overcomes every one whenever Nabok attempts to marry a princess. Storm, seeking Zudora, is made a prisoner. Zudora finds Nabok Shan, restores the princess to her original lover and saves Storm from death.

A maker of diamonds tells Hassam Ali his secret. Storm informs Zudora that his life is being attempted frequently. Storm suspects Hassam Ali. Storm is arrested for stealing the diamond maker's gems, but Zudora discovers the real thieves—a pair of mice.

A 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 investigation, but Zudora learns that her uncle has employed Jimmy Bolton, a half-breed man, thus to annoy Storm's parents. Zudora finds Bolton operating a magic lantern and is attacked by him. Storm appears and saves her.

Hassam Ali asks Zudora to find a gem lost 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 Ali 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 Ali 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 dead in the river.

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

Baird, Hassam Ali'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 Ali dead Zudora is released of her pledge to solve twenty cases. She confronts, however, the greatest mystery of all, which is the mystery of her own life, and the ambition to secure the vast fortune of \$30,000,000 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 estate, which is being appropriated by rogues under the leadership of Mme. Du Val. They plan to frighten Zudora so that she will run away. Failing, they kidnap Zudora and Howard, the mine superintendent, and put them in a private insane asylum. Howard dies, but Zudora, nearly famished, is rescued by 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 Hunt and Baird. They investigate the mysteries of Mme. Du Val's house. A map of a mine is stolen from Zudora, who later is kidnaped and held prisoner. Storm rescues her, but the thieves escape with the diamonds. The diamond smugglers attempt to burn Baird alive.

CHAPTER XX.

It took two weeks for Baird's burns to heal. And Hunt sat down, as it were, and patiently waited for his friend's recovery. He could have gone forward alone, but Baird had stuck to him so loyally and devotedly that he hadn't the heart to disappoint him.

"I want to be in at the death, Hunt."

"All right, my boy. It may be a bit risky waiting, but I'm going to take the chance."

"It's mighty good of you. Can we wait the count of murder against him in regard to the superintendent's death?"

"That's a hard nut to crack," answered Hunt. "All I can see clearly is to jug them on the grounds of smuggling—that is, if I don't find something more vital in that desk of Mme. Du Val. Since you've been laid up I've found an odd bit of news."

"What's that?"

"This man Radcliffe knew Zudora's father."

"Sure thing. How well and under what conditions I wasn't able to learn. Villiers' extra documents brought this bit to light. Mme. Du Val, Bruce and Radcliffe are crooks of a high order, but I confess that there are some confoundingly big holes in my net. I'm worried to death for fear they'll slip through. If I can get 'em on the grounds of grand larceny and fraud

and perjury, why, I can send them up for a comfortable number of years."

"Well, let's pray for that much. It seems to me that Hassam Ali's Hindu servant did not sell everything; they had something to start with and only wanted to fortify themselves. Well, here's hoping I'm up and out by the end of the week. It's going to be a grand smashup for somebody."

Three days after Baird was freed of his bandages Storm paid a visit to Zudora.

"Why, what's this?" she cried, indicating a slip of paper which adhered to the back of her mother's picture.

"She spread it out on the case and read aloud, 'Your father's will has been left in charge of our trusted friend, Captain Radcliffe.'"

"Good Lord!" exclaimed Storm. "Girl, there's the key to the whole business; take my word for it. I propose you run down to Hunt's office at once. He'll want this."

Meantime Hunt had a visitor. It was Marcus Villiers of Montana, in charge of the Zudora gold mines. He was informing the detective that he had concluded to follow his documents in case they needed his testimony, when Storm and Zudora burst into the office with their astonishing news.

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"They are coming back! That's madame's limousine down the road. Hurtle! What luck?"

"Got everything?"

"Then let's duck while the ducking's good," suggested Baird.

They began dodging among the trees in hopes that the occupants of the limousine would not see them. But in this they failed.

Radcliffe leaned out of the limousine window.

"Hunt!" he whispered; "Hunt and that man Baird! What the devil have they been up to?"

"We can soon find out," said Mme. Du Val uneasily. "They can't have got into the house with the servants on the watch."

"You never can tell about this man Hunt," replied Radcliffe grimly. "Here we are. Come! Hurry!"

They got out of the car and ran up the steps. Upon entering they both intuitively went into the salon. Radcliffe first went to the gem vault. But nothing there had been touched. Then madame opened the top of the table.

"Gone!"

"What's gone?" demanded Radcliffe.

"Everything!" she cried passionately. "They have cleaned out the drawer completely. Radcliffe, we are lost!"

He rang violently for the servants. But they swore earnestly that they knew absolutely nothing. And as these servants were crooks of a minor order Radcliffe was forced to believe them. But he gave them a berating over their carelessness, a berating not to be forgotten soon.

"Well," said Radcliffe, striving to calm madame, who had inexplicably burst into tears, "we've got a tidy sum salted away. I've warned you a hundred times, but you would play the game to a finish. But I don't understand your tears. You knew the risks we were taking. And now—flight! Thank the Lord, the yacht's in commission! That'll take us anywhere we care to go."

Suddenly the woman rose to her feet and dashed the tears from her eyes.

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"And what's that?"

"I will give a reception tomorrow night."

"You are mad! A reception! They'll hold that in the Tombs!"

"Listen to me. They'll come out of curiosity, and while they are dancing

She gave an exclamation of dismay and tried to catch the broken chain, but she was too late to prevent the locket from falling to the floor.

"It's broken!" she cried. "Oh, that's bad luck!"

"Nonsense," he replied. "A jeweler will be able to patch it up without any trouble whatever."

"Bad luck!" she reiterated. "It was my mascot, and now the charm is broken."

"Put on your things, and we'll go right down to the jeweler's and prevent the hoodoo from getting in any active work." Storm laughed. He had very few superstitions.

Half an hour later they were at the jeweler's.

"Oh, yes; that can be fixed easily enough," he declared. "The pictures will have to be taken out, though, while the locket is being repaired."

He picked up a small tool and pried the photographs from the cases and handed them to Zudora. Idly she turned them over.

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Hunt began the ascent immediately. The window was unlocked. Gently the detective raised it and slid into the room. He wasted no time there, but made directly for the stairs, alert and watchful. The servants were still in the villa, and he was not desirous of running afoul of them. He reached the stairs safely and went down as soundlessly as a cat. He paused abruptly at the first landing. Some one was in the Grecian salon. It was the butler. He was clearing the little table of glasses. When he had them all on the tray he stalked out of the room.

"Maybe tomorrow he will not hold his head so high," mused Hunt, continuing his way down. He tiptoed into the salon.

The first object of his attentions was the gem vault. He succeeded in opening the panel in the column, but the vault was seemingly impregnable. He desisted and gave his attention to the table. He cast aside the cover and books and hither and thither he ran his nimble fingers, hunting for the secret combination. He was about to give up in despair when the top of the table slowly turned.

"Ah, my friends, I believe I've got you all in the hollow of my hands this trip. My, what a stack of papers! They'll make interesting reading. I'll wager."

He went over them rapidly and finally came upon a document rather yellow with age. He opened it. He had all

your mind is made up. Don't turn to me with reproaches if the game blows up the other way. What's the use of playing game when we're up against a proposition like this?"

"It is my will!"

"All right. I'll wire the warden at Sing Sing to order a feather bed for me. Believe me, if we don't hike tonight we shan't find the opportunity tomorrow night."

"If you wish to run away do so at once," she replied coldly.

"My dear woman, you'll never be able to lose me. Let's say nothing more about it."

At 6 o'clock the old lapidary was arrested as the first move in the game. A small fortune of uncut diamonds was taken in at the same time. In the future diamond smugglers would have to look elsewhere.

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in the air, but could not tell what Hunt's fault lay in his overconfidence, and in his overconfidence he forgot all about the underground passage until his quarries were suddenly found missing. He was furious. They had played with him in a manner he had been far from expecting. He had a sensation not unlike that of a nonsmoker having tobacco smoke puffed in his face. He called to Baird.

"They've gone into the underground passage. We have one chance in a hundred in blocking them at the old garage. Look alive!"

The two ran excitedly from the house.

They found the garage boarded up. They began battering at a window and succeeded in breaking the barricade just as the fugitives left the garage at the other end. They jumped into the empty van awaiting them just as Baird and Hunt crawled into the garage.

They saw by the open trap that the birds had flown. Out of the window again they went, in time to see the van lumbering off.

"They're in that!" yelled Hunt in a strangled tone. Never in all his career had he been quite so brazenly made a fool of.

But the van gained speed and rapidly drew away from the pursuers. Hunt had saved Zudora's millions for her, but he had lost forever his trio of precious crooks. He received this information three weeks later. Mme. Du Val's yacht had run afoul a floating mine in the English channel, and everybody on board had gone down.

Storm and Zudora were married in the Du Val villa, which really had been purchased by money belonging to her father's estate. Thus ended the trials of Zudora.

THE END.

How Coffee Grows in Haiti.

Coffee, the great staple product of Haiti, grows with little attention. It supplies the bulk of the revenues of the government and the meager demands of the simple peasantry of the mountains and valleys whose business it is, especially the women and children, to gather it and bring it to the seaport towns on their heads and on the backs of donkeys and horses. This plant is seen on nearly all the uplands and mountain sides of the country, and as the product is easily portable it is brought to market from far and near in all conceivable quantities, from one or two pounds up to 200 pounds, according as it is carried on the head of a child, the back of a horse or in sacks in ox carts. Notwithstanding that the coffee plant is scarcely cultivated at all, except in small patches around the cottages, it goes on reproducing itself from fallen berries so successfully that the crop only varies from year to year through extraneous influences like a variation in the rainfall—the lack of or too abundant rain near or during the flowering season.

Cost of Advertising.

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Many of the world's most famous salt mines are in operation in Galicia. Those at Wieliczka have been worked for nearly seven centuries, at one time being a principal source of revenue for the Polish kings. Railroads are not permitted to run near them lest their vibrations result in cave-ins. Within these mines is a labyrinth of salt hewn streets and alleys, lined with pillared churches, staircases, restaurants, shrines and monuments. Nearly 2,000 workmen are employed in the salt mines, working in eight hour shifts. The damp, salty atmosphere seems to shorten their days, but even at that they do not appear unhappy in spite of the small wages of 20 cents a day they are paid. There are little lakes in the mines, sometimes thirty feet deep, which are navigated by ferry-boats.

The Hurrying World.

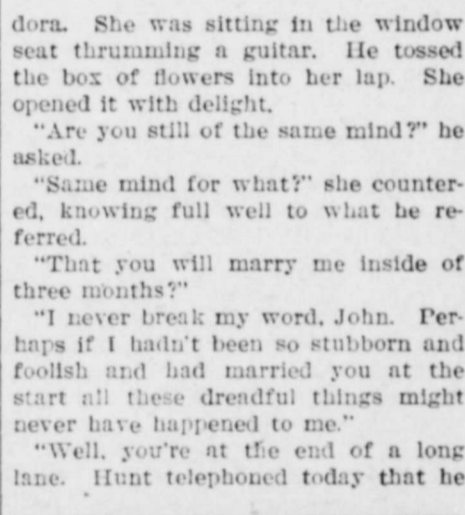
If you saw a company of pilgrims walking as if for a wager, each with his teeth set, and if you happened to ask them one after another whither they were going, and from each you were to receive the same answer—that positively they were all in such a hurry they had never found leisure to inquire into the nature of their errand—confess, my dear sir, you would be startled at the indifference they exhibited. Am I going too far if I say that this is the condition of the large majority of our fellow men and almost all our fellow women?—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Norway Shipping.

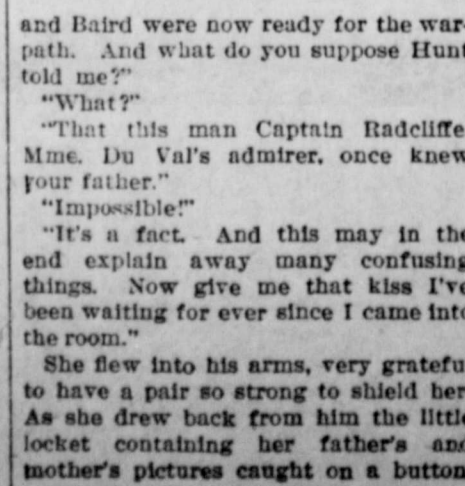
In Norway the insurance of vessels is effected by the various owners themselves, who club together and cover the risks of navigation at lower rates than are charged by underwriters. "It is interesting to notice," says Shipping Illustrated, "that in this country the shipping on the great lakes has in recent years adopted this form of insurance."—New York Telegram.



"That you will marry me inside of three months?"



Baird Notifying Hunt That the Villa is Empty.



and Baird were now ready for the warping. And what do you suppose Hunt told me?"

"What?"

"That this man Captain Radcliffe, Mme. Du Val's admirer, once knew your father."

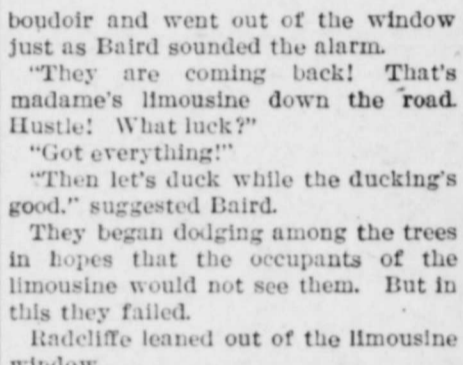
"Impossible!"

"It's a fact. And this may in the end explain away many confusing things. Now give me that kiss I've been waiting for ever since I came into the room."

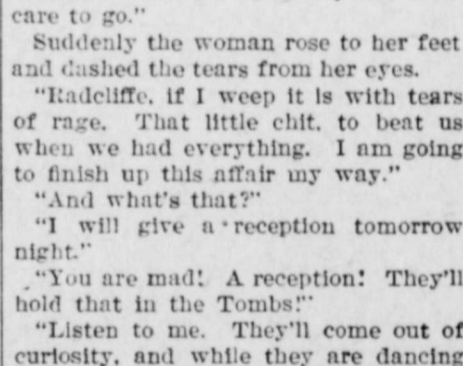
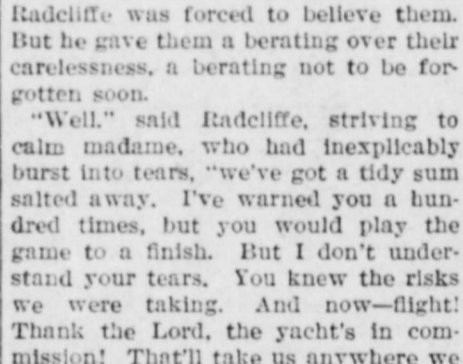
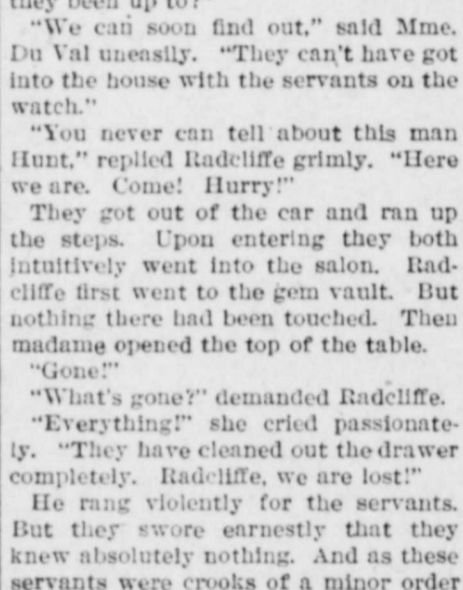
She flew into his arms, very grateful to have a pair so strong to shield her. As she drew back from him the little locket containing her father's and mother's pictures caught on a button.



"My dear woman, you'll never be able to lose me."



The Escape.



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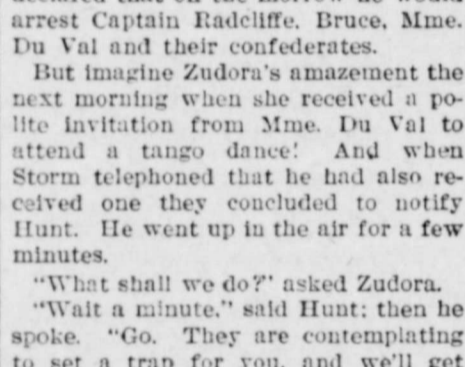


or waiting for the arrival of the police we'll slip into the tunnel and make our getaway under their very noses. I insist upon it. I know. They will think they are playing with us, while on the contrary it is we who will play with them."

"I'm against it, but I can see that



The Garage Had Been Boarded Up.



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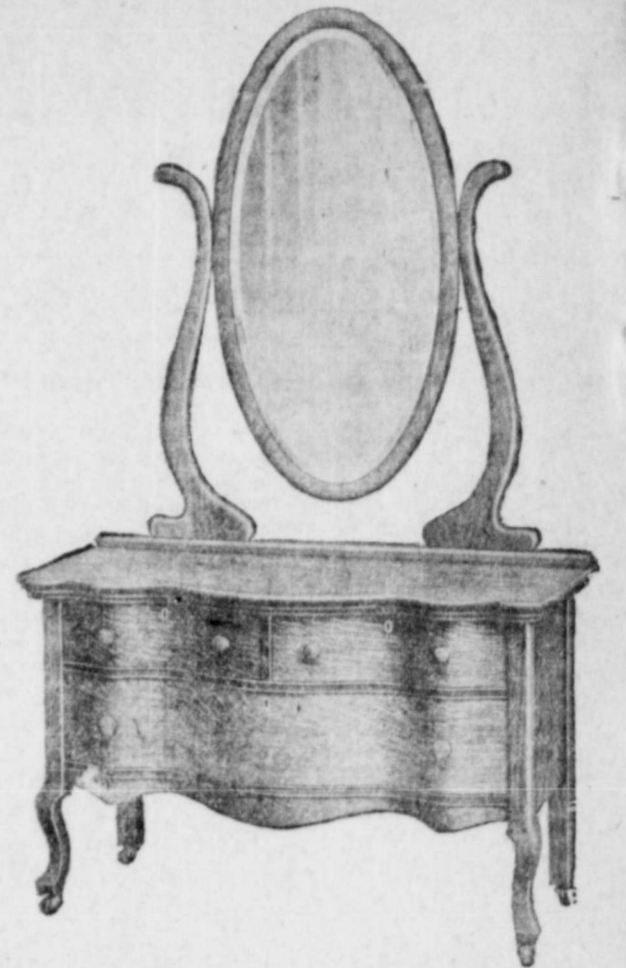


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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Friday evening, after church, a few young ladies gathered at the home of Miss Ona Johnsons for a slumber party complimentary to Miss Cleo Harris of Stanton. Music, games and a watermelon feast were the diversions until midnight when all entered slumber land. Places were marked for a delicious breakfast for Misses Eva Calvert, Eunice Russell, Charlie Bell Thomas, Pauline Johnson and Bernadine Freeman.

On last Monday afternoon Miss Winnie Warren charmingly entertained her class of little maidens from the Baptist church. The beautiful lawn and inviting porch at the Warren home on Rose street were both arranged for the out door games and sports. Miss Warren called for the young maidens in the auto. The serving of ice cream cones crowned this perfect day for little Misses Palace Meeks, Ozel Wilson, Leah Owen, Alvie Wheeler, Minnie Ola Garvin, Vivian Smelser, Nellie Swann, Althea Boden, Lillian Craig, Edith Abercrombie, Faye Ritchie, Evelyn Hamm, Lucile Whittaker, Maurine Angus, Hazel Harkrider, Geneva Tipton, Louise Warren, Mary Cleo and Helen Booth of Hawley. Miss Irene Swann assisted Miss Warren in entertaining the guests.

Farrar-Smith

Wednesday afternoon at 6:15 Mr. G. L. Farrar, formerly of Trent but not of Lorenza, was married to Miss Emma Smith of this city, the marriage taking place at the home of the brides mother, Mrs. C. B. Smith of south Merkel.

Immediately following the quite home wedding the contracting parties left for their new home at Lorenza where Mr. and Mrs. Farrar have been elected to teach in the Lorenza schools this year.

The Twenty Year Test.

Some twenty years ago I used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes Geo. W. Brock, publisher of the Enterprise, Aberdeen, Md. "I discovered that it was a quick and safe cure for diarrhoea. Since then no one can sell me anything said to be 'just as good.' During all these years I have used it and recommended it many times, and it has never disappointed anyone." For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. B. N. Billingsly is at home from Galveston.

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging
Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave
Up in Despair. Husband
Came to Rescue.

Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "How to Treat Women," sent in plain wrapper. 1-6



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W. F. Hamblet
Groceryman

Mobbed For Beating Wife

San Antonio, Aug. 25.—Arrested for beating his wife, John Slovac, a Bohemian, was taken from the jail at Shiner, Texas, by a mob, unmercifully beaten with a wet rope and then killed with a shot from a pistol.

Slovak was a farmer and lived about four miles from Shiner on the woods farm.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic

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

NOODLE ITEMS

August 24th. Miss Rosa Wheeler is very ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee returned to their home at Guthrie last Saturday after several days visit with their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brabee and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Calloway.

Mrs. A. B. Ely returned home Sunday, having spent a week with her son W. J. Ely and family of Abilene.

Quite a number of young people enjoyed the entertainment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee last Thursday Night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Green entertained the young people last Friday night.

Mr. Oscar Calloway returned to his home at Matador Saturday. Misses Evelyn and Ona Faye Barbee and Pauline Green spent Saturday in Golan.

Joe Calloway came in last week from Paducah to visit home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Calloway returned to their home [at] Whitney last Tuesday.

B. N. Wheeler left Tuesday for Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee returned home Sunday from Paducah after a two weeks visit with the formers parents.

Misses Helen and Juanita Thompson of Anson were guests of Mrs. Witt last Thursday and Friday.

Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy are visiting their brother at Clyde.

O. W. Sosebee and family left Tuesday for their home at Paducah.

W. L. Witt and J. C. Thompson were in Anson Saturday.

The young people enjoyed a singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Thompson Sunday night.

The farmers are well pleased over the splendid rain that fell the first of the week. The crops were needing it badly.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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New York was treated to an interesting sight the other day when Sperry, in his stabilized flying boat, swooped across the bay and circled around a big harbor dredge.

To our people in the windows of our New York office, this performance had an interest aside from the spectacular. Sperry was using Texaco Motor Oil; the dredge was using Texaco Crater Compound—and to complete the circle, the very building in which our offices are situated gave another instance of Texaco service.

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Here were Texaco Products used on land, and water, and in the air—used on the light, powerful engine of the aero—on the heavy Corliss engines and dynamos downstairs—and as a protection against wear and salt water on the cables of the dredge.

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"Dodson's Liver Tone" is Harmless To
Clean Your Sluggish Liver
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Ugh! Calomel makes you sick. It's horrible! Take a dose of the dangerous drug tonight and tomorrow you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with sour bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish and "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour, just try a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone tonight on my guarantee.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous, want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine: entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick.

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.