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New York, May 3.—Perhaps the most noticeable thing about the summer styles is their decided youthfulness; this is both in line and coloring. The straight lined frocks and suits of serge, gabardine, taffeta and faille lend grace and youth to all types of figure. For instance, a yoked, pleated frock of dark blue serge trimmed with black taffeta may be worn by the large woman or the small one with equally good results. One particularly good model worn by a large woman, at an exhibition recently, was made with a deep shoulder yoke of taffeta, the serge laid in deep, flat pleats, hanging straight from the yoke. A girdle, consisting of two narrow stitched straps of the black silk, came well down over the hips, giving a long slender appearance to a rather heavy figure. A pretty adaption of the same style of dress is illustrated here in serge for the slender, younger woman.



Blue Serge Frock

Satin is effective with serge; and of course the combination of navy blue serge and black satin is quite as popular this season again as it has been for several seasons past. One sees many smart serge frocks with sleeveless coatees of black satin, half skirts of satin, sleeves of satin, sleeves of satin, and the various other notions favored for the modish combining of two or more contrasting materials. Scarcely a frock appears these days made strictly of one material. It is a fad which makes for economy and becomingness.

Hand Painting on Sport Costumes

The sport costume is another youthful notion. It imparts a delightful feeling of freedom, both of movement and spirit. There is something very becoming and exhilarating about the combinations of vivid colorings in the wide striped, checked and printed novelty fabrics now being used in skirts and suits. The middy-blouse costume is popular with all; one of the new materials being used for middys is an adaptation of the old-fashioned jean. This material wears quite as well as its old time blue predecessor, is reasonably priced, and a most satisfactory material generally for middy blouse and accompanying skirt. An effective combination for a middy costume is one of toe bright awning striped linen or ducks, with blouse of plain white, collared and cuffed in the stripes. One of New York's smart shops is showing a

middy blouse which flares smartly over the hips; the idea is novel and attractive in its up-to-date-ness, quite in accordance with the season's silhouette.

The hand painted or stenciled hat has been a fad for some time its vivid parrots, chanticleers, conventionalized flowers and fruits, harmonizing and blending in charmingly with the sport suit or frock. While many of us have misgivings as to the durability of the colors when the sun takes a hanc, and beats down mercilessly on their gorgeous tones, still the idea is most attractive and becoming, and so easily carried out that even if the colors do fade they may be quickly and readily restored; therefore, we may go a step farther and have hand painted neckwear to match hat, or complete the suit. Georgette crepe is usually the material chosen for these collars and ties, with now and then one of Chinese crepe or a loosely woven linen. The motifs range in coloring from pale, softly tinted blossoms to gaily plumaged birds, and vividly colored flowers and fruits of tropical origin. The notion is not confined to sport suits by any means; many a simple little serge frock has been given its note of chic by the addition of one of these collars or ties. In hats, too, the idea is toned down and made effective use of in tailored millinery.

There are hand-painted belts of suede and antelope-skin being shown, offering another effective way of introducing a bit of color in a dark linen or serge costume. Some of the most effective ones shown this year are of suede color in the favored soft blues, greens and lavenders, either stenciled with flowers or finishe with beaded motifs and ornaments. One importe novelty has a bead flower applied at the centerback and is closed in front with another rose to match.



Plain and Plaid Voile

Another pretty suggestion for the young girl is illustrated here in the effective combination of plain and plaid voile.

Foulards are being used extensively again this year; there is no silk, it seems half as satisfactory for the summer silk frock for afternoons and for church. A most attractive dress, shown recently, was fashioned of, polka-dotted foulard, a dark blue dot on a white ground, trimmed with bandings, collar and cuffs of plain, dark blue-foulard. Foulard wears well, and is soft and cool.

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COURTESY.

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At the Play.

Mr. Frontseat—Will I have time to go out and get a drink, usher?
Usher (referring to curtain)—It won't stay down a minute, sir.
Frontseat (sharply)—That's my business.—Galveston News.

Anticipation.

"Why do you quarrel with your husband so these days? Have you ceased to love him?"
"No, but the cook enjoys it. She lingers with us hoping to see a fight."—Exchange.

Governed by Ancestors.

The Gumbos of South Africa believe that their ancestors, whose wishes are interpreted by the sorcerers, direct and govern every act of the people. They find auguries, too, in the flight of birds, particularly in the night hawk and the eagle, the writhing of the serpents, the timidity of the mole, the changing colors of the chameleon, the barking or actions of dogs and foxes and even the circumstance of a pest of flies. If a native shudders involuntarily the act is regarded as a sign that some misfortune is about to befall him.

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1 lot misses and children's pumps and ox. 1.75 to	2.25
Men's canvas, button and lace oxfords 2.50 to	3.00
1 lot ladies canvas oxfords 2.50 to	3.00
1 lot ladies pumps and oxfords 2.50 grade	1.95
1 lot ladies pumps and oxfords 3.50 grade	2.85
1 lot 2.50 Baby Dolls	2.25
1 lot 2.50 Kid Blucher oxfords	1.95
Ladies white canvas pumps and ox. 3.50 grade	2.95
1 lot ladies 3.50 tan pumps and oxfords	2.65
1 lot ladies 2.50 tan pumps and oxfords	1.95
\$3.50 white new buck pumps or oxfords	2.75
3.50 white new buck pumps with rubber heel	2.95
2.50 white canvas pumps with rubber heel	1.95

Men's Best Grade Workshirts

50c

Ladies and Misses' Shoe Dept.

1 lot spot proof foulard silk regular 1.00 grade for	\$.75
1 lot silk crepe, 42 inches wide beautiful line of colors, regular 2.50 grade	1.00
1 lot flowered voiles and fale silks regular 50c grade per yd.	.35
1 lot wool goods suitable for summer skirts, regular 2.00 and 1.50 grade for	1.00
1 lot white dress goods suitable for new fared dress 1.00 for 50c, 50c for 35c, 35c for 25c, 25c for	.15
1 lot fast colored dress goods 1.00 for 50c, 50c for 25c, 25c	.15
1 lot embroidery, per yard, 12½c, 15c and 20c	.10
1 lot lace, per yd. 12½c, 15c 20c and 25c all	.10
Beautiful new line of flowered voils, and organdies suitable to make up with taffeta trimming, per yard, 25c, 35c, and	.50
Beautiful line white airline and organdies at 1.00, 85c, 75c and	.65
Be sure to see our beautiful line of flowered lawn, per yard 10c, 12½c, 15c, 20c and	.25
Be sure to see our Georgette crepe and crepe de chine, beautiful line of colors. Also call attention to our new line taffeta silks in new shades.	

Best Grade Overalls

\$1.00



The Hart Schaffner & Marx Label

It means as much in our \$15 suits as it does in our \$50 ones. These makers put the same effectiveness in style and workmanship in each. The difference in price is one of materials only---or of weave, or of extra refinements. We suggest that you make an early selection; our spring and summer lines are full now.

Palm Beach Suits, a great variety, in light and dark colors, price ranging \$6.50 to \$10.00

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Summer Millinery Showing shapes, flowers, ribbons and a full line of mid-summer millinery in both **Dressy and Sport Effects**. A special offer open on our \$2.00 line of ladies and Misses Hats

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1 lot men's \$4.00 gun metal Blu. Ox.	\$3.65
1 lot men's 4.50 gun metal Blu. Ox.	3.95
1 lot men's 4.50 Pat. But. and Blu. Ox.	3.75
Children's and Misses' Oxfords	
1 lot misses Pat. Baby Dolls 2.25 grade	1.75

1 lot misses Pat. Baby Dolls 1.75 grade	1.35
1 lot misses Pat. Baby Dolls 1.25 grade	1.00
1 lot misses Kid Blu. Ox.	1.25
1 lot misses Tan Baby Dolls Pumps 1.50 grade	1.25
1 lot misses Kid Blu. Ox. 1.00 grade	.85
1 lot misses gun metal But. Ox. 1.25 grade	\$1.00

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Never before in the history of the present generation have conditions abroad been so violent as to materially effect the markets of the entire world. These effects have greatly advanced every description of dry goods, shoes or wearables. Dies have taken the greatest advances ever known, due to the great difficulty of importing raw chemicals from Europe, and even now these advances are effecting every man, woman and child in the United States. You cannot expect to continue to receive the low prices in dry goods heretofore given the general public, and every customer of this store is reminded that the above special offers we are making are much below what they are worth at the present. For this reason we urge that you avail yourself of the price-making at Woodroof's, for such is imperative to your good judgment in values and quality. Do not wait until it is too late, but now while we are in position to serve you with the very smallest figures in prices,

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 GOOD CHURCHES, GOOD PEOPLE.—
 THE CITY TO LIVE IN,—
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 GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,
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HEALTH NEWS

Walking is the best exercise—and the cheapest. Walk around and cut some weeds.

A little cough is frequently the warning signal of tuberculosis.

Bad teeth and bad tonsils may be the cause of rheumatism.

Unpasteurized milk frequently spreads disease.

The air-tight dwelling leads but to the grave.

Moderation in all things prolongs life.

The careless spitter is a public danger.

Sags in roof gutters may act as mesquite breeding places.

The typhoid rate measures accurately community intelligence.

Bad housing produces bad health.

THE CURFEW LAW

Cisco has a curfew law. We know because Monday night at nine o'clock the fire bell rang and we heard a small boy say: "There goes the curfew and I'm goin' to flag it home."—Cisco Round-Up.

Wonder if the curfew law is really respected at some places? Merkel has a curfew law. We know because we once read it in the city ordinance book. Otherwise we never would have been apprised of the fact.

SHOOTING THE BULL

The Abilene Reporter gives an account of a policeman being forced to shoot a maddened bull that had taken possession of a street in that city. Now this may or may not be a frequent occurrence in our sister city, but as a precautionary measure, we suggest that they pass an ordinance against "Shooting the Bull." Safety first.

GOOD ROAD CLUBS

The Commercial League is about ready to inaugurate a campaign for good road clubs. Each community to assist in putting gravel in mud-holes and starting the split log drag idea. Talk it up in your community and we will all get together.

WE SHOULD WORRY

You can shut up an umbrella,

Shut up a knife,

But I'll be switched if you

Can shut up a wife.

—Florida Times Union.

A POST OFFICE ROMANCE IN 5 REELS

Friendship, N. Y.

Love, Va.

Kissimmee, Fla.

Ring, Ark.

Parson, Ky.

—Columbia State.

Ex-Gov. Thos. M. Campbell opened his campaign for the United States Senate in Abilene Monday afternoon. Despite the rain that greeted his opening speech, 500 are reported to have listened to him.

Your yard looks better when it is clean.

COMMERCIALISMS

Whenever a sheeney fights Jess Willard, look out Jess.

Villa is not dead, but what matter does that make? Neither is Uncle Sam.

Nebraska voted for Ford and refused to vote for Bryan. The joke is on somebody.

We are in good. We send an ultimatum to Germany and we receive one from Mexico.

It must be remembered that the Democratic national platform does not have to be made in Washington.

Some one has sent President Wilson an eagle. What is the use? He has a chain around the American bird now.

While President Wilson and Secretary Lansing are getting busy, why not say something about seizing American ships?

It is now announced that President Wilson will, during the week, get a straw hat. The poor president must have something on his head.

A woman who has just died in Pennsylvania at the age of 102 declared that she attributed her age to a diet of pickles. Oh, you cucumber!

The new army biplane, the Jr.-5, flies 100 miles an hour and climbs the atmosphere at the rate of 1000 feet a minute. Looks like a buzzard couldn't beat that.

If anybody can handle the situation single-handed and alone it is Gen. Hugh Scott. He will have Obregon "eating out of his hand" before the interview is over.

Sic 'im, Pershing. Go for him, Funston.

The Mexican Situation is rapidly developing a hot box.

Gen. Hugh Scott hews to the right line; the people can trust him.

Investigation of the army aviation corps may flush a covey of high-flyers.

Those people who are still talking of Villa's death ought to change the subject to a live issue.

Of course if Villa were to acknowledge he was dead that would be a different matter.

Collect all the old cans, trash of all description and pile in the back alley. The city can have it removed easily then. You had better phone the city marshal that you have done this and he will send the cleanup wagon on short notice.

Will the city cut weeds on the vacant property? The chances are they will and the owner will have to pay the bill the same as if it were taxes. Cut your weeds before the city cuts them for you.

Swat the fly before it becomes a fly. To do this eradicate the breeding places. See that all outhouses are kept constantly clean and saturated with lime.

If Merkel is going to be clean you can't do too much to make the campaign a success. Cut all the weeds around your home, and then cut some more weeds.

Better clean up your premises before the city makes you do it. It will be a lot more pleasant and you will then feel a pride in having done the work on your own "hook."

A preacher of Memphis, Tennessee, preached for his Easter sermon, on the subject entitled "Chickens Come Home to Roost" and then asked only the old roosters and small boys to attend.

Have you cut your weeds yet? If not, why not?

The weeds about your place may accumulate filth and breed flies.

Don't be behind the times—cut the weeds and clean up in general.

Clean your walks to the edge of the street, then the city is responsible.

The back alley at your home is often commented on by your neighbors. Clean it up.

Safety First. Cut your weeds or else the city may undertake the job and it will cost you more.



Try it yourself—

if you want *personal* and *positive* information as to how delightful Prince Albert really is, smoked in a jimmy pipe or rolled into the best makin's cigarette you ever set-fire-to!

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is so friendly to your tongue and taste that it is mighty easy to get acquainted with. You'll like every pipeful or cigarette *better than the last* because it is so cool and fragrant and long-burning. You'll just sit back and ponder *why* you have kept away from such joy'us smokings for so long a time!

Men, we tell you Prince Albert is all we claim for it. You'll understand just how different our patented process makes Prince Albert quick as you smoke it!

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On the reverse side of this tidy red tin you will read: "Process Patented July 30th, 1907," which has made three men smoke pipes where one smoked before!

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It gets at the cause of your trouble and removes it, giving nature a chance. Try it in your case. DR. PUE from Grogan Wells is still here at your service.

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Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure. The worst cases, no matter 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.



Any Silo is Better than no Silo

but no Silo is better than the Indiana Silo. Let me sell you a silo, and let it pay for itself out of the proceeds of the Silo. If you are interested in a Silo write or see F. L. Wood, Merkel, Texas



TAKE HOME A BOX

of our ice cream and you'll have a splendid dessert without any of the trouble of preparing one. It will keep hard an hour, so the dinner needn't be hurried thru in order to enjoy the dessert. We don't have to say anything about our ice cream. It speaks for itself.

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Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly. The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic for adults and children. 50c

KODAK SEASON

We wish to announce that we have just received a shipment of Eastman Kodaks and Kodak Supplies. We also wish to call your attention to the fact that we have a large stock of Jewelry and our prices are lower than your expectation. Each piece of jewelry purchased from us is guaranteed.

Our line of drugs and sundries are daily being added to. With this fact in view that you want what you want when you want it. We would also call your attention to the fact that we are agents for Grigsbys LIVER-LAX, a gentle but efficient laxative. Let's get acquainted.

The Merkel Drug Company

H. K. SHEPPERD, Manager

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An Effective Costume
McCall Patterns Nos. 7131-7132. Two of the many new designs for May.

An Attractive Russian Blouse Model
McCall Patterns Nos. 7125-7127. Many other attractive May designs at our pattern Counter.

J. FULLER IS FOR DISTRICT CLERK

J. Fuller announces to Taylor county readers of the Mail, as candidate for re-election to the office of District Clerk, asking the general public to take into consideration his record in office and the peculiar way in which an experienced man is in better position to discharge the duties incumbent upon the office.

The record of Mr. Fuller as district clerk has been one of the best ever made by any officer of the county, having established an excellent court record as well as one of favor among the general public. Mr. Fuller is worthy and we ask that you carefully consider his claims.

Lame Back

Lame back is usually due to rheumatism of the muscles of the back. Hard working people are most likely to suffer from it. Relief may be had by massaging the back with Chamberlain's Liniment two or three times a day. Try it. For sale by all dealers.

Judge Blanton Thanks Friends

I am under deep and lasting obligations to the members of the Abilene Bar for their kindness in taking care of my court, without expense to the state, and particularly so to Hon. W. P. Mahaffey and Judge B. A. Cox for their generous action in holding this term for me. I shall remember this kindness.

I also desire to thank the many friends in Abilene and Taylor county who have been writing letters over the district in my behalf. These letters are doing me much good, and I appreciate it highly. In this connection I will state that the people of Abilene and Taylor county have many friends scattered all over the 58 counties in this big district, and they can assist me mightily by writing to them all, and I appeal to all my friends to write to each and every one of their acquaintances.

Sincerely your friend,
Thomas L. Blanton.

Best Thing for a Bilious Attack

"On account of my confinement in the printing office I have for years been a chronic sufferer from indigestion and liver trouble. A few weeks ago I had an attack that was so severe that I was not able to go to the case for two days. Failing to get any relief from any other treatment, I took three of Chamberlain's Tablets and the next day I felt like a new man," writes H. C. Bailey, Editor Carolina News, Chapin, S. C. For sale by all druggists.

Mill Outfit For Sale

I have a mill outfit, complete crusher and grist mill, for sale at a bargain. For particulars see C. P. Stevens.

For burns or scalds apply Chamberlain's Salve. It will allay the pain almost instantly and quickly heal the injured parts. For sale by all dealers.

Your favorite cigar in perfect condition at Burroughs.

H. ROB KEEBLE IS FOR COUNTY JUDGE

We beg to announce to our readers the candidacy of H. Rob Keeble of Abilene for the office of County Judge, subject to the July primaries.

Mr. Keeble has served two years as Justice of the Peace at Abilene and during the last two terms of office he has filled the position of county attorney with much credit to himself. The work of Mr. Keeble in all these legal capacities has been highly satisfactory to all concerned, as he has, in all cases, been diligent to his duty, yet courteous and kind in action. It is the desire of Mr. Keeble to advance from his present position to one higher, and he asks the voters of Taylor county to give him their vote and influence that he may "go up another step." Give the claims of Mr. Keeble careful consideration when you vote.

How Mrs. Harrod Got Rid of Her Stomach Troubles

"I suffered with stomach trouble for years and tried everything I heard of, but the only relief I got was temporary until last spring I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and procured a bottle of them at our drug store. I got immediate relief from that dreadful heaviness after eating and from pain in the stomach," writes Mrs. Linda Harrod, Fort Wayne, Ind. For sale by all dealers.

Not Expected to Live

J. T. Stallings of Tulia, brother of Mayor J. J. Stallings of this place, was reported dangerously ill on Wednesday night and at that time it was thought that he could live until morning.

Mayor Stallings was unable to make a drive across the country to catch a train at Sweetwater, due to a severe attack of rheumatism.

Whooping Cough

"When my daughter had whooping cough she coughed so hard at one time that she had hemorrhage of the lungs. I was terribly alarmed about her condition. Seeing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy so highly recommended, I got a bottle and it relieved the cough at once. Before she had finished two bottles of this remedy she was entirely well," writes Mrs. S. F. Grimes, Crooksville, Ohio. For sale by all dealers.

Advertised Letters.

Burton, Winnie
Coats, D. D.
Hill, Mrs. Mattie B.
Hokit, Mrs. Fred
Miller, C. W.
Stone, Hurley
Whitaker, G. W.
Cervantes, M.
Sandoval, Juan

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office May 17, 1916.
H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas.

I want to sell you your groceries. G. M. Sharp.

A "Spring" Need

You may wind and wind forever, but when the spring is broken your watch is "DEAD"

I Can Restore it to Life

I use only the best materials and the best skill

L. H. PENNEY, Master Mender
Boney Drug Store

Why Are You Sick

Did you ever stop to think there could be no disease without a cause. A pressure on nerves causes disease. See the Chiropractor, consultation and analysis given free. Mr. and Mrs. Battendorf, Chiropractors, Merkel and Abilene. See Mrs. Alice Rose for appointment in Merkel. 4t21

Ladies Free Rest Room

Ladies don't fail to take advantage of the Rest Room when in Merkel. It is free to you to use at any time you are in Merkel. Side entrance to Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Breeders Notice

My jack will make the season at Mr. Beard's on Bettus Heights. \$10.00 to insure living colt. Precaution will be taken but will not be responsible for accidents. See some of his colts at my house 2 miles N. W. of town. R. A. (Bob) Sadler. 28t3

For Sale

Several tons of milo maize. I have scales for weighing. C. M. Largent. 28t4

Throughout the season notice the cleanliness of our fountain, and the quality of our drinks and Ice Cream--Burroughs.

Sunshine Special

The New Fast Train To

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Your Home and Your Neighbor's

This is "Neighborhood Improvement Week" in thousands of communities where every property owner is asked to consider the improvement of his home and neighborhood. Are you helping to arouse interest in your neighborhood?

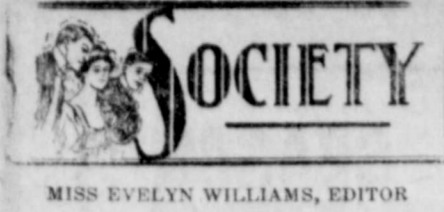
In home and neighborhood improvement plenty of good paint is the first essential. The paint must both beautify and protect buildings. You can accomplish this most easily and satisfactorily with

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HIGH STANDARD
LIQUID PAINT

"High Standard" hides the surface better, spreads over more surface per gallon of paint and wears longer than ordinary paint because it is scientifically made of the best materials by expert painters. Years of exposure tests have proved that these careful methods give most complete protection and lasting beauty. "High Standard" is the most satisfactory and economical paint to use.

Ask us for paint information and color combinations for interior walls, floors and woodwork as well as for the outside of your house.

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MERKEL, TEXAS



Twentieth Century Club

Last Thursday afternoon the Twentieth Century Club met at the residence of Miss Pauline Johnson, with Miss Sophia Howard as hostess. It was decided in the business meeting to make the last meeting of the year an open one, allowing each active member the privilege of inviting two friends for this afternoon. The full Riley program was given after parliamentary and pronunciation drills conducted by Miss Eva Walters and Mrs. L. W. Woodroof. Miss Faye Allen was a visitor for the afternoon. At the conclusion of the program refreshments of cream and cake were served.

The young lady employees of the Woodroof store were guests in the home of Judge and Mrs. C. D. Mims on last Sunday. Invitations extended for twelve o'clock dinner were, on account of the inclement weather, prolonged to include a slumber party for the night. The young ladies entertained by Miss Mims were Misses Ruby Jones, Emma Mae Mashburn and Ruby Smith.

Forty-Two Party

The members of her "crowd" enjoyed a forty-two party at the residence of Miss Vera Jinkens last Friday evening. The guests present were Misses Winnie Sharp, Ruth Wheeler, Lula and Ola Sharp, Ida Meeks and Grace Garvin of Dora, Messrs. Joe Owen, Bradford, Z. T. and Herschel Lamar, Jim Peterson, Roy Hamm, Wilbur Whitaker, Lee Daniel, Richard Davis and Toney Freeman.

The Song of the Optimist

It isn't raining rain to me,
It's raining daffodils,
In every tiny drop I see
Field flowers on the hill.
The clouds of gray infest the day
And overwhelm the town
It isn't raining rain to me
It's raining roses down.
It isn't raining rain to me,
But fields of clover bloom,
Where ev'ry buccaneering bee
Can find his board and room.
Here's health to ye who happy be
A fig for him who frets,
It isn't raining rain to me,
It's raining violets.
—Robt Loveman.

Out-Door Luncheon

On Friday before Easter the fifth grade school girls enjoyed an out-door luncheon on the lawn



Our Politics

The Main Plank in Our Platform is the Reduction in the High Cost of Living.

This is the Paramount Issue with us and should be of Vital Importance to you.

Our Prices make good Our Promises and will solve the "High Cost" Problem to your entire satisfaction.

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at the residence of J. S. Swann. This feast was spread in the late afternoon after the school duties for the day were ended, and it was a delightful occasion for all present, who were Ula Frederickson, Dixie Howard, Geneva Tipton, Inez Walker, Annie May and Willie Swann, Misses Willie Carr and Zelma Fletcher.

Simpson-Ferguson

Sunday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Ferguson was the scene of a quietly planned wedding. At six o'clock Elder Price Bankhead officiating, Maude, the eldest daughter of the home, became the wife of Mr. I. D. Simpson of Trent. Outside of the bride's family Misses Amanda Payne and Verly Kellow, Mr. Sid Randolph all of Trent, were the only witnesses of the ceremony.

As soon as the bad weather will permit Mr. and Mrs. Simpson will move to their country home near Trent, which is in waiting for its mistress.

This bride is one of Merkel's much loved young ladies and she has sought and achieved success along various lines in the years of her young ladyhood. And Mr. Simpson who is well known and has many friends here as well as in his home town, is certainly to be congratulated on the winning of so noble a character for his wife.

Best wishes for happiness and success is showered upon the two by their many friends.

Car Lost, Not Found

The loss of a five passenger Ford automobile reported by Oscar Buford several days ago has never been found. The car was taken from the garage of Mr. Buford some two weeks ago and was comparatively a new machine, having only been in service a few days.

Work Horses For Sale

We have some good work horses and mules for sale, also one team of three year old mules to let out for their feed, Anchor Mercantile Co.,

Get your cream and Pearl meal from the Bob Martin Grocery Company.

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 & Downe, Bloomfield, N. J.

The Decoy

By RYLAND BELL

The great decisive campaigns of the world have their place in history and are as well known as the large cities of the world. The conquest of America, which extended over several centuries, is comparatively little known. It was achieved almost entirely by citizens who, to make new homes for themselves, wrested a wilderness from the savages. None of its many parts is more thrilling than the possession of that region which embraces Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky by the Virginians.

One day during the emigration that set in from Virginia to this region in the latter part of the eighteenth century John May, his clerk and a man named Skiles embarked on a flatboat—the parlor car of that period—and began the descent of the Ohio river. At Point Pleasant they were joined by one Flinn and his two sisters. Indians inhabited both banks of the river, and it was necessary to keep a sharp watch night and day. Savage warfare was what it had always been—not open fighting, but cunning. The red men rarely attacked a boat in the river, but practiced all sorts of acts to decoy the emigrants to the shore, where an ambush was set. One of the devices was to compel captive whites to call out to the travelers that they had escaped from Indians and beg to be taken aboard.

One morning at daylight the watch awakened the crew with the information that there were fires below. At the same time two white men came down to the river bank on the side of the fires and begged to be taken aboard. They told a plausible story as to how they had been captured and how they had escaped, stating that if left they would likely be retaken. May, who was familiar with Indian devices, turned a deaf ear to their entreaties. He asked them what had caused the fires below, and they professed ignorance of them. May was by this convinced that the men were decoys and kept the middle of the stream. While they were talking the men were running on the shore to keep pace with the boat, pleading in despairing tones to be saved from torture and death.

This was too much for the women, who were in favor of landing and taking the fugitives aboard. Flinn was soon won over; May held firm for awhile, but was at last persuaded. He consented to run near enough to the bank to permit Flinn to wade ashore and have a nearer view of and question the two men. By the time this was decided on the boat had drifted a mile beyond the latter. The boat was pulled to the bank, and Flinn stepped ashore.

Several Indians stepped out from cover, seized him and fired on the boat. Two of the men sprang to their guns, the third, May, to an oar. His only hope was to get the boat again into the current. He called to the others to drop their rifles and help him, but the fire was so hot that they sank down for shelter. The boat lay still while the Indians kept pouring in lead. One of the women was killed. Skiles badly wounded, and there was nothing for May to do but surrender. When he arose to do so he was shot dead.

The Indians now went out to the boat, scalped the dead and made captives of the party. They were joined by the two decoy white renegades, and all spent the night on the river bank.

In the morning three flatboats made their appearance. They were in charge of Thomas Marshall and his son. The Indians forced their prisoners to man the oars of the captive boat, which was heeled for the channel to intercept those coming down. Those in Marshall's boats saw their danger and made what preparations they could for defense. The first two boats, though exposed to a heavy fire from the Indians, passed on down and escaped.

Marshall commanded the last boat. The Indians while attempting to reach it got out of the current. Their prisoners rowed in such a way as purposely to make little headway. Taking advantage of this, the second boat allowed the third to overtake it, and transferring the passengers, the third was set adrift. Then, the oars and rowers available being doubled, the whole party made their escape.

This yielding to the pleadings of the white decoys, taken with other cases, resulted in some very unmerciful refusals to take aboard real escaped prisoners. A Colonel Downing had been captured and marched into the Indian country north of the Ohio river by an old Indian and his son. One evening as the Indian went for water the prisoner picked up a tomahawk, followed him and killed him. The young man sprang upon him, but was thrown off wounded and escaped to the river. A flatboat came by, and Downing begged to be taken aboard. Those on board not only turned a deaf ear to his entreaties, but the boat was turned to the opposite shore. Other boats came along, and the fugitive ran along the shore, pleading with them to save him. All refused till at last a man consented to come ashore for him in a canoe.

How many white men who had been captured by Indians and escaped, were left to be retaken on account of the practices of the decoys is uncertain, but there were probably a number of them, for during the opening up of the country the emigrants and settlers were constantly falling into the hands of the savages.

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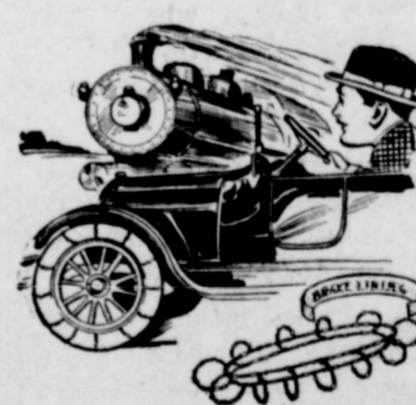
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(Re-election)
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J. D. HILTON. Re-election

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Bininger's Tramp

By LOUISE B. CUMMINGS

Bininger was a great walker. He thought nothing of a five mile tramp before breakfast, and as to a day's walk, he could do forty miles. One day he was lounging in the Arlington Country club with Herbert Yorke, boasting as to what he could do on his legs, when Yorke offered to bet him a box of cigars that he couldn't walk twenty miles in three hours.

Bininger took the bet, and a course was laid out forming an ellipse, the starting and ending point being the Arlington clubhouse.

Bininger had no sooner started than Yorke telephoned to his sister Kate.

"I say, Kit, I've a bet with Charlie Bininger that he can't do a job of walking in a given time. I want to take you across to Hilton, you to way-lay him there and keep him from winning the bet."

"How can I do that?"

"How, can you do that? Why, by stuff and nonsense."

"What'll you give me if I succeed?"

"A five pound box of candy."

"When do you propose to leave?"

"I'll be with you in half an hour."

In thirty minutes Herbert Yorke was before the door of his home in his car. His sister got into it, and they proceeded along the minor axis of the ellipse that Bininger was walking toward Hilton. But Kit declared that she would prefer to tackle the pedestrian about three miles before he reached the goal, and their course was changed to Glendale, where Kit had friends. Arriving there, her brother deposited her at the door of the Marklands, with whom she was intimate, then he returned to Arlington.

It was about 3 o'clock in the afternoon that Bininger came along. Kit was on the front porch in walking costume.

"Why, Mr. Bininger," she exclaimed, "what are you doing here?"

Bininger did not propose to tell her that he was walking to win a bet from her brother. He said that he was taking a twenty mile constitutional and was on his way to Arlington.

"How fortunate!" said Kit. "I am just setting out to walk home myself. You wouldn't mind my going with you, would you?"

"I would be delighted if it were not that I must be at Arlington at a given time. I fear I shall have to walk too fast for you."

"Never fear for that. I love tramping, and this is a fine, crisp morning for a walk."

Bininger looked at his watch and frowned, but he had not the heart to refuse a girl, and a pretty girl at that. He said that he would be very happy to have her company, only he must leave her behind if she couldn't keep up with him.

Kit did the first mile at a satisfactory pace, but on the second she began to lag. Bininger was always several yards ahead of her. Finally he turned and told her he must leave her or fail to do his tramp in the time set for its accomplishment. Kit said never a word, but the look she gave him said very plainly that she was hurt; that she had expected Mr. Bininger would prefer her to completing a walk on time. He had admired her, but it was any more to her than any other friend. What was a box of cigars compared to that look? He went back to where she was dragging herself along and offered her his arm to lean upon. Presently, coming to a log beside the road, she sank down on it and told her escort to go on, since he preferred a pedestrian feat to her. She would get home somehow or other.

Instead of going on Bininger sat down on the log very close to her and, since she seemed exhausted, formed a back for her to lean against with his arm.

When time was up for the accomplishment of the walk Yorke sat on the clubhouse veranda with his watch in his hand, looking up the road for Bininger. At 3 o'clock, there being no sign of the pedestrian, he put his watch back in his pocket, asked a company of young men into the clubhouse and opened champagne.

"I don't care for the cigars I have won," he said gleefully, "but I rejoice at having got ahead of that bonster."

"The conviviality was at its height when I walked Bininger, looking as if he had been doused with joy instead of having made a twenty mile walk. He directed the steward to produce a box of Yorke's favorite brand of cigars and called for more champagne."

"You seem very happy over your defeat," said Yorke somewhat unasily.

"I am. Here's that you may be pleased when you hear why I am happy."

Yorke said no more, but when the party dispersed went home and asked his sister why Bininger was so pleased at losing his bet.

"Why, because by losing a box of cigars he won me."

"You! You don't mean that you had to promise to marry him to make him lose his bet?"

"I had to make him lose his bet in order to get a proposal from him. I couldn't do it very well walking at five miles an hour, could I?"

"I think you could."

"Well, we're engaged, and, what's more, we're engaged for good. I've had serious intentions with regard to him for some time."

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LOCAL NEWS

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Thos. A. Johnson left Saturday night for Houston in party with other West Texas bankers to attend the state bankers' association now being held in that city.

Be sure and visit Duckett's new Variety Store next door to Behrens-McMillen.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Perminter returned the latter part of last week from Mingus where they attended the funeral of the latter's sister whose death occurred at Sagerton Tuesday.

Spring time. Your trip will not be complete without a kodak and supplies. Let us arrange these items for you—Burroughs.

T. L. Grimes returned home from Meridian Saturday where he spent a few days visiting his brother, L. F. Grimes, whose health is not good at present. In company with Mr. Grimes were his brothers of Bronte and Mrs. Armstrong of this place.

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Miss Gladys Bell was operated upon last Sunday at the Alexander Sanitarium for what was supposed, prior to the operation, to be a tumor on the neck. It proved, however, to be only an abscess, so this young lady is suffering only a slight inconvenience from removal of pus and will soon return to her home.

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Mrs. Cannon Buried Today

Mrs. S. T. Cannon, who died at the family home Wednesday night is to be buried at Stith today, Friday at 10 o'clock, the funeral services to be conducted by Rev. Kenedy.

Being unable to obtain desired information concerning the death, next weeks issue will contain obituary. Whether the funeral will be held at the home or the church we are unable to ascertain.

Billiousness and Constipation

For years I was troubled with billiousness and constipation, which made life miserable for me. My appetite failed me. I lost my usual force and vitality. Pepsin preparations and cathartics only made matters worse. I do not know where I should have been today had I not tried Chamberlain's Tablets. The tablets relieve the ill feeling at once, strengthen the digestive functions, purify the stomach, liver and blood, helping the system to do its work naturally.—Mrs. Rosa Potts, Birmingham, Ala. These tablets are for sale by all dealers.

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FARMERS' DENOUNCE LOONEY'S ADMINISTRATION

HEAD OF UNION SCORES ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR POLITICAL SUITS.

Claims He is An Enemy to the Organized Farmer.

Fort Worth.—Characterizing Mr. Looney's administration as a failure from the farmers' viewpoint, and charging that official with having made "legal criminals out of more honest men than any one who ever administered the law in the history of Texas," H. N. Pope, President of the Farmers' Union of Texas, yesterday issued a statement to the membership of his organization urging them to cast their ballot for Mr. Looney's opponent in the coming primaries. Mr. Pope's statement follows:

"The Farmers' Union as an organization is non-political and non-sectarian, but all officers and members of the Union are expected and urged to perform their civic and religious duties, and they do so without in any manner committing the Union to their views. Any member of the Union owes first allegiance to government, and no member of our organization can render the most capable service to the cause of agriculture who neglects his duty as a citizen.

"In the present campaign I consider the issues involved in the contest for Attorney General of paramount importance to the farmers of Texas, and after giving due consideration to men and measures at issue, I have concluded to cast my ballot for Hon. John W. Woods for Attorney General of the State of Texas.

"The prohibition question is not an issue in this contest, for there are only two candidates, and both of them, like myself, are prohibitionists, and I am sure that no candidate for office can afford to damage our cause by injecting factional fights within the prohibition party. The elimination of the prohibition question leaves every man, pro or anti, to pass judgment upon the business issues involved in the campaign, which the people of Texas should settle at the polls. That question is, shall the anti-trust law be used for political or business purposes? Shall it be used to prevent unfair competition, or to build up a political machine? We have, during Mr. Looney's administration, witnessed almost continuous prosecution of the business interests, numerous pains, penalties, fines, compromises, etc., have been imposed. He has made legal criminals out of more honest men than any official who ever administered the law in the history of Texas. The newspapers have carried inspired articles, under Austin date lines, announcing great victories for the people, but I defy Attorney General Looney to show any one has profited by his litigation, except the lawyers and Looney's political friends whom he has forced on the official roster and on the pay roll of corporations.

Looney's Suits Great Victories for the Lawyer.

"These anti-trust suits have been great victories for the lawyers. Many thousands of dollars have gone to them in fees; political debts have been paid; industry stifled; the people deluded; and an effort has been made to build up a political machine to levy toll against the people. When the politicians dance around the flesh pot of industry, the farmer pays the fiddler.

"The most important litigation, from the standpoint of penalties collected, was that of the suits against the oil companies. Happily in this particular instance, as in most all other cases, every farmer can do his own investigating. He does not need political mathematicians to figure it out for him. The lamp that illuminates his fireside will give him all the light he needs on the subject, for every farm home consumes the products around which these law suits have swung. The farmer knows the price he pays for kerosene since these suits were filed was never higher, and his newspaper informs him that the dividends of the oil companies was never greater. The same may be said of farm machinery, implements, lumber, vehicles and all commodities the farmer buys, and which at any time has been involved in anti-trust litigation.

"The problem is a business one, and the farmer has full information in his possession, and it is for him to say whether he wants his government run in the interest of the people, or in the interest of the politicians.

"Mr. Looney has proved to be an enemy of the organized farmer. He has tried to discredit the Union and its officials. He has endeavored to embarrass our work and prevent the railroads issuing transportation to the Farmers' Union delegates attending conventions and to all citizens attending any gathering that seeks to promote agriculture, as well as denying passes to railroad employees and others. When beaten in the lower courts he has appealed to the higher courts to deny the farmers the rights granted them by the legislature, and I know of no one except Mr. Looney who objects to this law.

A Queer Case Of Suicide

By WILLIAM BLAKEMAN

I am a Russian with a name so unpronounceable by English speaking people that I call myself Hawks. My real reason for assuming a name was that I was implicated in an assassination scheme, was given away by a fellow conspirator and fled the country before the police could lay a hand on me. Being informed that the Russian government had put the American police on my track with a trumped up charge of embezzlement in order to secure my extradition, I took another name. I was very poor, and, not daring to remain in one place long enough to gain a foothold by work, I adopted the profession of tramp.

During my wanderings I fell in with a man who much resembled me. He was an Austrian Pole who had come to this country to better his condition, but had not succeeded. He had become a tramp, like myself, in order to gain a living. We became very good friends and tramped together—that is, we slept in the same places at night. Shimsky—that is the name he gave me—finally fell sick. We were camping in a wood at the time, and, since he objected to going to a hospital, I made him as comfortable as I could, provided for his necessities and nursed him. Had I realized how ill he was I would not have consented to this.

One night Shimsky grew suddenly worse and died in the early morning. While looking on the body, considering what action I should take, noticing his resemblance to myself, a plan for throwing the police off my track occurred to me. I ran a knife into his heart, spattered blood from my own arm on his shirt and pinned to his clothing a paper on which I had written the following:

This is the body of Paul Ximanowsky, alias James Hawks, a Russian, who was implicated in the Ivanovitch assassination in Russia. He has been killed by one of his own countrymen, a kinsman of the man he assassinated.

I left the body unburied and set off tramping. A week later I was arrested while passing through a small town and charged with murder. I had been seen in company with Shimsky, and the local police had been put on my track.

Here was a dilemma. I was wanted by one set of police to be sent to Russia to be tried for the murder of Ivanovitch and by another for the murder of myself. As Ximanowsky I was dead and could not be killed any more; as Shimsky I would be tried for my own murder, and there was every chance that I would be convicted. If so I would be punished for killing a dead man.

However, thus far my ruse in throwing the police off the track of the man wanted in Russia was successful. The very prominence that the case was given in the newspapers helped this feature, for those hired by the Russian government to arrest me seeing an account of how I had been murdered abandoned the pursuit, sending an account of my demise to Russia. If I could get off from the charges of having murdered myself my troubles would be ended. But how could I hope to do this without telling the whole story and being taken to Russia as myself?

Not being able to employ an attorney to defend me the court assigned me one. I explained the situation to him. He believed my story and at once took a deep interest in my case, remarking, "This is the prettiest problem I have met since I became a lawyer." Then he left me to think out a plan to clear me without giving away my true character.

There was one point in my favor—those who had been pursuing me for the Russian government had been eliminated so long as I was not known to be their quarry. On this fact my counsel banked. The day after he left me a man came to my cell and asked me to write a statement as to where I was at the time my murder was committed. I did so, claiming to have left the murdered man two days before he died, but that I couldn't exactly remember where I had been for the next few days.

My trial came off soon after this. I did not see my counsel in the meanwhile and wondered why he had not visited me, fearing that he had failed to hit upon a plan for my defense. When I was led into court, however, he smiled at me, as much as to say, "Don't worry; it will come out all right." He called the man to whom I had given the statement and asked him if he had seen me write it. Then he called a woman who had befriended me and to whom I had sent a trifling gift with a letter. This letter I had signed James Hawks.

"Your honor," said my counsel, "my client has been accused of killing himself, which is impossible. I ask for a quashing of the indictment and that he be set at liberty."

The judge took the matter under advisement, but my counsel, who feared that delay would put the Russian government's police on my track, argued with him so strongly that he concluded to set me free. The lawyer at once came to me with the good news.

"You get," he said, "and lose yourself next time some other way."

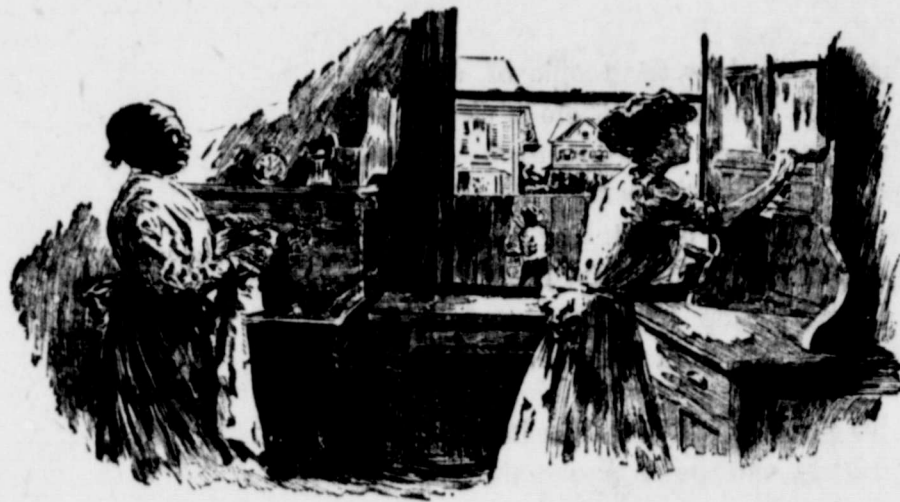
I doubt if the Russian sleuths ever heard of the denunciation, for I never learned afterward that they resumed their efforts to find me.

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SHILOH

The Fifth Sunday meeting was well attended. There were visitors from Anson, Tuxedo, Leuders, Abilene, Prairie View, Stith, Golan, Truby, Hebron and Trent. We had an enjoyable time and we feel prouder of our young people than ever before for their good behavior, good singing, and their willingness to do anything they were asked to do. They all acted a noble part and we feel proud of them. There were a number of preachers present, and all of them had a good message for the people. We would like to give each of them special mention, but will only speak our appreciation of each and every message presented to our people. We believe we can speak for every christian and un-saved person in this community, that they greatly enjoyed the Fifth Sunday meeting. Miss Albertine Winters and Edith Mayberry of Simmons College came home to be in attendance at the meeting.

Mrs. Terrell Winters is suffering from rheumatism.

Little Gerald Tyner had the misfortune to stick a large splinter in his foot Monday and he was taken to a doctor to have it cut out. His foot is considerably swollen but he is not suffering much pain.

Little W. R. Grayson has the whooping cough. We hope it will not be severe with the little fellow.

After hearing all the good things that were said at the meeting, one of our young neighbor men whom everybody loves, surrendered himself to the ministry. He has our best wishes for a long and useful life.

Furman Carter is ditching around his farm which was badly washed during the recent rain.

Some of the men of this community are working the roads today (Tuesday). We think this

is the right step in the right direction as some of the roads are in very bad condition.

We had December weather Monday, but today the sky has cleared, the sun shining brightly, the birds are singing and everybody seems happy and gay.

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Everybody is wearing a smile since the recent rains and the good meeting.

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Mrs. Housewives of Merkel A LETTER TO YOU



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way. Respectfully

J. J. STALLINGS, Mayor
R. L. Bland, Pres. Com. League

LOCAL NEWS DOES IT PAY TO BE SICK?

Shorts and Bran at G. M. Sharps.

W. E. Douglass was here from Cisco last week.

Pure Texas honey, \$1.25 per gallon. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Mrs. D. O. Welch and son L. G. are the guest of her daughter Mrs. Ben T. Merritt.

Watch our window, we will have something there every day that will interest you--Burroughs.

Mrs. J. A. Russel of Abilene is the guest this week of her sister, Miss Mae White and the Misses Hogan.

The Bob Martin Grocery Company received a fresh car of Baker Boy flour this week. Order a sack.

Enroute to Tinchera, Colo. Mrs. Mosely and family of Haskell are visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Moore. Mrs. Mosely is the mother of Mrs. Moore.

Now is the time to consider commencement gifts. Our stock affords many suitable presents for the occasion--Burroughs.

Mrs. Lestes Ellis and infant son of Abilene returned home Tuesday after a few days visit with the family of R. A. Ellis.

Plenty of meal, bran, shorts and mixed feed. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

Misses Zelma Fletcher and Willie Carr, Messrs. Chas. Jones and W. L. Diltz were social visitors in the country home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stanford last Friday evening.

For lunch, dinner, and evening entertainment and at all other times serve Alta Vista Cream to your guests--Burroughs.

Thos. Ceasseaux was down from Trent Tuesday, attending to various business matters.

Let's forget about all the disagreeable and painful part of sickness, and ask ourselves if it PAYS to be sick.

Perhaps you are only HALF sick--maybe you are dragging yourself around, with a "dead tired" feeling. Perhaps you wake up in the morning with a heavily-coated tongue, a bad taste in your mouth, and hardly any appetite. Quite likely you are bilious. Maybe you have dull aches and pains, CONSTIPATION, headaches.

You go about your daily duties. You tell yourself you will feel better to-morrow--but when to-morrow comes you feel just about the same. You try this and that remedy, without getting real relief. Or if you get some relief, it doesn't LAST! You soon feel just as bad as you did before.

DOES IT PAY to let yourself stay in this half-sick condition? Think of all the ENJOYMENT of life you are missing! You can't enjoy your food, or the society of your family and friends. You can't enjoy anything as you should, because your senses are dulled and your brain oppressed by the effects of a SLUGGISH LIVER.

Say, friend, does it PAY you to lug around that sluggish liver when you can promptly make it ACTIVE and so get rid of all those depressing, disagreeable symptoms--by letting

DR. THACHER'S Liver and Blood Syrup

take hold and give your Liver the help it needs?

Don't delay! Don't procrastinate. Don't say "I'll do it to-morrow." Get a bottle of this time-tried and PROVEN remedy right now. The four bits you pay for it will be one of the BEST INVESTMENTS YOU EVER MADE.

THACHER MEDICINE COMPANY, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

For sale by T. L. Grimes
Druggist

Mrs. J. F. McCreless, of San Antonio, was here the first of the week visiting her sister, Mrs. Minor Goode.

When in town drop in and take a look at our line of Toilet articles. We have every thing for the most fastidious--Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glisson of Lockney enroute to El Paso are spending a few days with Merkel friends. Mrs. Glisson will be remembered here as Miss Tom-mye Lou Coggin.

Misses Pet and Mossie Sears have returned from Paducah where they visited their sister Mrs. E. A. Campbell.