

EDITOR HOLFORD AIRS HIS VIEWS

Editor Holford is the mainstay of the Taylor County Times and furthermore than acting as a figurehead for this distinctive publication, can handle his typewriter in such a style as would show his ability to write things. He has a glorious handshake that usually gets a grip on you first. He can express himself in most any language from English on down the line through Spanish until he ends up with quotations from a vocabulary peculiarly his own yet acceptable to the most sanctimonious ear. He has a peculiar style all his own for telling stories, and political fights are just to his liking. He will sit and listen to the very best fish story you have then go you one better, all the time telling his in a tone of voice that gives you no opportunity for recourse, and about this time he will open you to the door of his parlor-sanatorium with an expression of regret that you cannot stay and chat with him longer. As an illustration of his ability to seat himself at his old whamp-a-jawed Oliver and give graphic reports of things and how they happen, we publish the following from his pen, which tells of a skirmish that occurred at Abilene a few days ago during the democratic convention:

"The reports of these committees were received by acclamation and everything looked as merry as a marriage procession on a June morning until Ben L. Cox moved the addition of the name of Hon. J. F. Cunningham to the list of delegates to the State convention. Then knives were unsheathed which had been sharpened at El Paso two years ago for just such a time, and the fire flew from the blades as vital parts were carved into. It appears that Mr. Cunningham was guilty of the heinous offense of misappropriating unto his own use and benefit at the historic Paso pow wow two years past the credentials, honors, privileges or whatever they may be termed, of the rightfully elected and constituted delegates from Taylor county. Just how this was accomplished was not fully elucidated, but it was shown that with the assistance of a co-conspirator the seat in the State convention aforesaid was unlawfully, unjustly and without due compensation wrested from the honest-to-goodness delegates, who were advised to go to Juarez and take a vacation while the building of a platform was being attended to by those who had swiped their political honors. Anyhow, some of these delegates who were undelegated were possessed with fine memories and vindictive dispositions and a lively desire for r-e-v-e-n-g-e, and they took it. On a viva voce vote Mr. Cunningham was declared elected, but on a precinct call vote he didn't get enough votes to make him second in a run-off primary where there are not sufficient voters to hold an election. A few delegates stayed with him, but most of them tumbled into the anti-Cunningham band wagon like a Mexican army charging a grub wagon. And when the smoke of battle cleared away Mr. Cunningham didn't have sufficient cuticle left on his political anatomy to cover the democratic principles possessed by Charles Evans Hughes. After which the knives which had wrought his havoc were peacefully sheathed and the dove of peace again hovered over the proceedings. But Mr. Cunningham was not present to witness his political dissection and emasculation.

AGENT LEWIS IS HELP TO SHIPPERS

Agent W. J. Lewis of the Texas & Pacific Ry. Co., has worked for the interest of the public ever since he first came to Merkel and his latest achievement will be of benefit to stock shippers. Heretofore the stock pens have without water and any stock loaded or unloaded here could not be watered until they were taken to watering places in other parts of the town. As the pens are now arranged, running water has been piped into them and several troughs fixed for watering stock. In addition the pen is made hog proof and shippers are praising Agent Lewis for his assistance in these matters.

PRESBYTERIANS TO START A MEETING

Last Sunday registered the largest Sunday School this year the morning service was well attended by the church and many visitors were present, all of which we appreciated. But Sunday night the house was taxed almost to the limit and we wish to thank the pastors for calling in their services and the people for the very large attendance.

Come again, you are always welcome. Sunday School at 10 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Special song services at the evening hour. Our revival meeting will begin at the morning service and continues probably two weeks. Rev. Mr. Fitzhu of Fort Worth will conduct the meeting. Every one is cordially invited to attend and co-operate in these services. All singers are invited to help in the choir.

E. P. McMillen, S. S. Supt
Hubert E. Bullock, Pastor

ELMDALE MAN IS GREAT INVENTOR

To Geo. E. Neel, a farmer of near Elmdale, the credit has been given of successfully having invented a railway telephone, by which persons traveling on a fast moving train, or on a hand car, any other railway vehicle may converse freely over a telephone with parties a mile away at a station or on another train, or at some town a hundred miles away.

According to a descriptive account of the invention as was given in Monday's Abilene Reporter, the invention must be a success and will likely revolutionize operations of railway trains and will make the pocket book of the inventor flush at the four seasons of the year. Just how the outfit works is yet a mystery in a way, but now that the Germans have crossed the Atlantic in a undersea boat we have no fears that bright-eyed Americans cannot do anything they set out to accomplish, and we now say that while many things are improbable, nothing is impossible. And the man who devotes his time and study to something worth while will usually succeed.

Ladies Free Rest Room
Ladies dont 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.

(Wamba coffee at G. M. Sharp's.)

SOME BUSINESS AXIOMS

Do it yourself.
Think out your own problems.
Listen to advice
But decide for yourself.

You must foot the bills
And your judgment in nine cases
Out of ten
Will prove safest.

If the street-corner shouter tells
You that he is your guardian,
He lies way down in his throat
And he knows it.

He is looking out for only one man
And that man is himself.

Be alive to your welfare.
No one cares for you as much as
Yourself.

RENTFROW'S SHOW SECOND MONDAY CLEAN ATTRACTION RACES AND ROPING

The Rentfrow Jolly Pathfinders exhibiting under canvas near the fire station give a different type of show than has been here in some time. Probably the show is not so different as is the absence of a hub-dub line of advertising as are indulged in by some attractions. The Rentfrow attraction has as a strong comedian Mr. Jap Rentfrow, who on Tuesday evening had the house with him all the time in his "dutch." The little lady who plays his opposite is a versatile player. The Rentfrow show will remain here thru the week showing tonight, a matinee Saturday and their final performance Saturday evening, at which time a handsome prize is to be awarded to some patron of the show.

WILL GET HIS GOAT OFF TO MARKET HERE TOMORROW FOR FALL GOODS

Either "Red" Kelly of Sweetwater or Childress of Abilene will go down as a loser in a goat roping contest here Saturday afternoon. Both these men are good ropers and many of their friends from different points will be expecting to see their man win.

Rev. Scott to Preach
The pulpit at the Baptist church will be filled Sunday by Rev. W. A. Scott of Trent who comes here in the place of Pastor Owen. Rev. Owen is conducting a meeting at Trent this week, the attendance being unusually good and much interest manifested.

Returns from McGregor
Elder Cypert returned the first of the week from having held a meeting at the Leon. Crossing near McGregor. In the one weeks meeting held there, nineteen additions to the church were registered.

Next Monday the regular traders day for Merkel is the time set for the horse races, the cigar races and jitney races and the amateur goat roping.

W. H. Cook a local enthusiast on good stock is managing the affair and promises to have some good horses booked for the steeplechase and the saddle horse races.

Lectures at the Tabernacle
Starting Thursday of this week a series of lectures are being given on God's plan for salvation at the Tabernacle by Messrs. Oscar Harris and W. P. Barton. Others will assist in the work which will continue several days and the public is cordially invited out and hear these men.

Messrs. E. L. Woodroof, W. Parten and A. C. Rose buyers for the firms they represent have been in eastern markets for the last few days with the view of stocking up for the rush of business that should start within a few weeks.

Both Mr. Parten and Mr. Woodroof left the early part of last week, while Mr. Rose departed a few days later.

Suffered from Heat
Thos. Largent is confined to his bed in a sanitarium at Marlin Wells with inflammatory rheumatism caused by over exertion and excessive heat.

Mr. Largent was assisting in filling the two large silos on his fathers ranch north of town when he overtaxed his energies with the results above stated. Reports from Marlin state that he is only slowly regaining his normal strength. Mrs. Largent is with her husband.

SHIPPED SIX CARS CATTLE TO MARKET

Within forty minutes time Tuesday afternoon six cars of cattle were loaded at the local stock pens for Fort Worth markets and within very short time were on their way east.

Recent improvements at the stock pens and interest the local Tee Pee forces give patrons of the road is of benefit to shippers who desire better service. The shippers were: D. O. Huddleston one car cattle and one car hogs, W. H. Laney 2 cars cattle, Malone Bros., one car of cattle, J. T. Warren one car of cattle. J. S. Swann is another shipper who has sent cattle to Fort Worth in the last few days.

R. W. CROSS BRINGS IN THE FIRST BALE

R. W. Cross living on Route 4, brought in the first bale of cotton for Merkel, or west Texas, Tuesday afternoon. It was ginned at the McDonald Stith gin.

The following morning the cotton was brought on the streets for sale and after some lively bids it was sold to W. D. Woodroof for a price of 15 cents per pound. Mr. Woodroof, the buyer will make cotton and grain an exclusive business this fall, devoting his entire time to the fleecy staple and other products. The first bale weighed 433 pounds and was raised on the Aaron Horton farm. Mr. Horton being present when the sale was made was heard to say that portions of his crop would average around a quarter bale per acre.

A premium of \$35.50 was given Mr. Cross, which in addition to the value of the bale and seed, totaled \$114.90

G. W. WOOD BRINGS MR. FARMER TOWN

G. W. Woods and H. E. Farmer were sauntering down the street Wednesday afternoon not exactly pining over the fact that they didn't get the first bale of cotton but were in search of a commodity in liquid form, sufficient in amount to drown their sorrow and from all reports coming from the Canyon they were not successful in their search.

They were not after a drink, they were looking for rain. When some one spoke about working on roads in this precincts both these gentlemen joined in the chorus of saying a short portion of the White Church road leading west from Center Point was badly in need of work and while they had seen worse roads they didn't think Palo Pinto county had much on them for roughness. Crop time is about to get here and peers to us that a little work might be done on this road for we might want to go to see H. E. or Mr. G. W. some day and rough roads are a terror to our jitne.

Appreciates Cotton Premium
I desire to thank the business men of Merkel for the premium on first bale of cotton which I brought to town and marketed Wednesday. The token of friendliness shown in this is a credit to the town of Merkel and I appreciate it.
R. W. Cross.

Plenty of flour sacks at 35 cents per dozen. Merkel Bakery.

SHERIFF IS KILLED NEGRO IS BURNED

Sheriff Ellis of Seymour died at his home Sunday afternoon as result of wounds received the same morning in an encounter with a negro who had been under arrest. Sheriff Ellis had gone to the Brazos River with the negro together with two deputies to have the negro locate a shotgun he had stolen.

The deputies being unable to get the negro to locate the gun the sheriff took charge of him and with handcuffs on one hand only he started on the search. After becoming separated from the deputies he started across the river bed, when the negro jerked loose, striking Ellis with the dangling handcuffs, knocking him down. A tussel ensued during which the negro obtained the sheriffs gun and shot him four times. The shots not being fatal and not having the desired effect the negro deliberately kicked the officer to death, finishing the heinous work just before assistance reached the scene.

As soon as the news of the killing reached Seymour large posses of men were scouring the country where the crime occurred and later the negro was cornered in a field where he was shot in trying to make his escape. His body was then burned. Following the killing of the sheriff and the burning of the negro a general exodus of blacks from that part of the country ensued until negroes are very scarce in the vicinity of Seymour.

When the report of the killing first reached Merkel, much excitement was caused by Sweetwater having been confused with Seymour and people understood that the above fate had befallen the Sweetwater sheriff. Prompt telephone dispatches soon eased the minds of many close friends of Sheriff Yarborough of Sweetwater, though the people were exceedingly sorry to learn of the other death. Sheriff Yarborough in recently speaking of the negro situation stated that the negroes of Sweetwater gave him more trouble than the entire white population of Nolan county.

The Central West Texas Fair
The Central West Texas Fair will be held at Abilene this year on dates Oct. 10th 14th inclusive, the first catalogues of the premium lists are now ready for distribution and can be had for the asking or writing to Secretary Fred Wood of Abilene.

This annual fair is truly a Taylor county enterprise and is intended for all west Texas and Merkel is a part and a large part of the country to be affected by al. exhibits and Merkel should be represented in nearly every entry listed in the catalogue. Write for one of the premium list prepare now for your entries.

Receives Death Message
E. L. Rogers received a message from his wife who was called to Mississippi recently, stating that her mother Mrs. E. C. Bradley had succumbed to a stroke of paralysis at an early hour Monday morning.

Mrs. Bradley had been in bad health for some time and her death had been momentarily expected for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Herod of Clyde are here this week visiting the Latters brothes S. D. and R. W. Martin of near Stith. Mr. and Mrs. Herod formerly lived here and have many friends who are glad to meet them again.

SEVERAL
REASONS
WHY

No. 1

**GUARANTY FUND
BANK**

No. 2

**LARGE CAPITAL
AND SURPLUS**

No. 3

**ALWAYS WILLING
AND ABLE TO CARE
FOR YOUR NEEDS**

No. 4

**COURTESY AND
FAIR TREATMENT
PREVAILS**

**LET US HAVE YOUR
BUSINESS**

THE
Farmers State
BANK

NOODLE

Rev. Gaddis of Trent filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church here Sunday.

Several from here attended the services at Shiloh Sunday night.

John Bryson and family spent Monday with relatives south of Merkel.

A. J. Barbee and family moved to Merkel where they will make their home in the future.

Miss Ruth Thompson is spending this week with friends at Shiloh.

Mrs. Helen Thompson of Anson is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. S. Ely this week.

Mrs. Georgia Easterwood of El Paso is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. L. Barbee and other relatives.

W. C. Witt and family are visiting relatives at Slayton and other points.

E. L. Eason is spending this week at Nolan.

M. C. Wheeler returned home from Colorado City Saturday where he visited relatives.

Miss Ora Bryson returned to Grogan Wells at Sweetwater Monday afternoon after spending a few days with homefolks.

Mr. Henry Wheeler of Colorado City is visiting relatives at this place.

Mr. Akins and daughter Mary of Abilene and Miss Tots Stewart of Waco motored to this place Monday from Abilene and were guests of D. C. Herring and family.

Mrs. W. A. Hall Dead

Mrs. W. A. Hall, age 71, died at the family home in south Merkel Wednesday morning at 3 o'clock, having been at the point of death for several days before her demise.

The aged lady was a member of an esteemed family, and one whose name has been known in this country for the last quarter of a century, she was a true christian, and around her home family ties had gone out and given motherly protection to even more than her own family until she seemed the own mother of her now grown grandchildren. Surviving the deceased other than the husband there are four daughters, Mrs. Ed Sherman and Mrs. Will Campbell of Blair, Mrs. G. W. Moore of Route 3, and Mrs. J. H. Wilson.

The funeral services were held at Rose Hill cemetery at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Revs. H. E. Bullock and A. A. Baker assisting while the Order of the Eastern Star interred the body with the ceremonies of their order.

Recent Births

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hannah on August 4th, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mauk of August 2nd, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin, July 17, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mark Malone a girl, July 20th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ed Faulks, a boy on July 31st.

To Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Pressley a boy on August 5th.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Norris a boy, July.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Keene a boy on July 22nd.

Needs Prodding.

"It is a great mistake, Mabel, to trifle with the affections of a man who loves you by encouraging some one else."

"Well, he's a little slow, 'aunte. I think he needs a pacemaker."

For Sale

OUR TIME, knowledge and experience in the printing business.

When you are in need of something in this line
DON'T FORGET THIS

NUBIA

The Baptist meeting which started last Friday night week, came to an end Sunday. It was a pronounced success, there having been fifteen additions to the church and fifteen conversions, some of whom intend to join other denominational bodies. Eight were baptised at Nubia in Uncle Tom Toombs tank Sunday afternoon. The meeting was conducted by Rev. Suttle, a very strong and forceful preacher, whose well chosen words struck home to the hearts of his hearers.

Miss Emma Evans of Abilene was also in the meeting as a singer and organist. She did splendid service and some of the conversions are contributed to her direct personal work. Miss Evans made so many friends by her devotedly consecrated christian nature that when she went to leave tears, and honest ones at that filled many eyes, as they bade her farewell. About fifty-three dollars was given them as a free will offering which was about evenly divided. An invitation was given both them to come back again, and as they left us, our hearts best wishes accompanied them.

The Christian meeting at Cross Roads came to a close Sunday night week. All were united in the belief that it was the most successful meeting ever held at Cross Roads. The most visible results were the fifteen additions to the church and of course numbers of people renewed their pledges and determination to improve their lives. The meeting was conducted by Elder Norman of Winters, a very comprehensive expounder of theology.

C. E. Lewis will begin a singing school at Cross Roads next Monday August 14th. A good attendance is anticipated and all are requested to enroll. Mr. Lewis guarantees to give satisfaction and if he fails it will not cost his dissatisfied pupils a cent.

Bro. Moore will begin a summer meeting at Nubia next Saturday night. The people are requested to meet and build an arbor next Friday. Large crowds are expected, as all other meetings will be over with by that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Perry went to Clyde the first of the week to get some of the fine fruit raised there.

The semi-annual singing convention of Taylor county will be held at Trent on the first Sunday in September. Many from here will attend.

A young peoples prayer meeting was organized at Butman Sunday night. It's first meeting will be held next Sunday night.

While returning from meeting at Butman Saturday night Mr. Man Blackburn and Ernest Boyd were thrown from a buggy, the former was severely injured. Mr. Blackburn was trying to pass another buggy when he drove into the fence, the horse was badly cut.

Cotton is beginning to open some, though somewhat sporadic at present. It will not be long till you can witness the people heaving themselves to the scales with cotton sacks on their backs.

The feed crop is rapidly being cared for. Nearly everybody who made good feed is heading it now.

Past Grand Patron Here

Rev. I. S. Adkisson of Decaturville Tenn., Past Grand Patron O. E. S., is here visiting his son Dr. Adkisson and family.

Rev. Adkisson and wife are making a three months trip to western Texas and will remain here for some time.

Linceed oil at \$1 per gallon at Behrens-McMillen.

We will send you a nice fresh watermelon. Phone us, E. L. Rogers.

Statement of The
**Farmers & Merchants
NATIONAL BANK**
OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business Friday, June 30, 1916

RESOURCES

Loans	\$218,392.52
U. S. Bonds—par	10,250.00
Stock in Federal Bank	1,500.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real Estate	5,900.00
Cash and Sight Exchange	84,185.97
Total	\$324,140.99

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	42,767.86
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
DEPOSITS	250,123.13
Total	\$324,140.99

We appreciate your business and are anxious to render good Banking service to our friends and patrons at all times.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier



Family Dr. Says:
Learn to buy
Your Drugs
at Our Store—
and Stationery and
School Supplies

IF EVERYBODY HAD ONLY LEARNED HOW CAREFUL WE ARE IN FILLING PRESCRIPTIONS AND IN CHECKING UP EVERYTHING WE SEND OUT OF OUR STORE, WE WOULD DO ALL THE DRUG STORE BUSINESS IN THIS TOWN.

COME IN OR SEND THE CHILDREN FOR THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES THEY WILL SOON NEED. WE'VE GOT EVERYTHING THEY WANT FOR SCHOOL USE.

GRIMES DRUG STORE

WEAR A CLEAN SUIT

LET
FERGUSON & RENFRO, The Tailors

AT THE CITY BARBER SHOP DO
Your Cleaning and Pressing

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic,
GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out
Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the sys-
tem. A true tonic. For adults and children. 25c.

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

LOCAL NEWS

Oats and cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

New car of Baker Boy Flour at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Miss Mary Reed of Hillsboro is visiting Miss Carroll Rister.

We keep things rolling. Open your kitchen door. E. L. Rogers

Mrs. J. A. Adkisson and daughters, Madeline and Marie are here from Beaumont visiting the families of Drs. Miller and Adkisson and Mrs. Orr.

Linceed oil at \$1 per gallon at Behrens-McMillen.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland, their daughters and Mrs. W. L. Diltz have returned from a month's vacation at Mineral Wells and points in Oklahoma.

Bring your clock and have Sublett fix it.

Miss Gladys Wright of Bellview who has been visiting her sisters, Mesdames E. L. and W. D. Woodroof since the early summer has returned home.

A class pen has been found, owner can get same by describing it and paying for this ad. It

No flour better than Seymore's Best. G. M. Sharp

Mrs. J. W. Daniel and Miss Ruby Smith left Saturday night for Eastern markets, where they will aid E. L. Woodroof in the purchasing of the fall stock of goods for Woodroof Brothers.

Get a peck of coffee for \$1.00 at E. L. Rogers.

Miss Fanny Pearl Moore is absent from her desk in the Mail office on a vacation. She will spend the time in and near Midland.

J. W. Mashburn, living two miles northeast of Stith, is having his home improved. Lumber for the work being bought and hauled from here the first of the week.

Plenty chops and bran at G. M. Sharp's.

Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Faulkner with their children of Whitney are making a drive thru central and west Texas, visited their friends Miss Amanda Curtiss and Mrs. Marvin Smith the latter part of last week.

Car fresh Seymore's flour at G. M. Sharp's.

Eli Cordell of near Nubia was in after a load of lumber Monday. Improvement on the Cordell farm seems to be a constant thought.

Have Sublett fix your watch.

Mrs. Cordia Mangham of Parsons, Kansas, is making a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Black. Mr. and Mrs. Dresser and children of Bellview are also guests in this home, and B. D. Black of Snyder has recently visited his parents.

Good hay, feed, oats at Bob Martin's Grocery Co.

W. H. Warren and family, of Hunt county, were here last week visiting Mrs. Warren's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hutcheson. From here they visited in Haskell county, where Mr. Warren has interests.

J. T. Warren and family accompanied by Abilene friends returned last week from a fishing trip on the San Saba and Concho rivers. Mr. Warren registered a kick on his return for having to act as general roust-a-bout for the party. We can imagine the biscuits he would cook would be very savory, and likely, with a little age, they would make good bullets to chunk bull frogs that are so common on those two streams.

Miss Kittie Lou Jenkins has returned to her home at Dallas after an extended visit here with Mrs. H. Turner and other friends.



REMNANTS

IT'S REMNANT WEEK

RIGHT NOW IS BY "LONG ODDS" THE BEST TIME TO GET THE "BEST END" OF A BARGAIN. IT'S REMNANT WEEK! BUT OUR REMNANTS ARE WHAT REMAIN OF OUR MAGNIFICENT STOCK OF SPLENDID MERCHANDISE. OUR PRICES ARE NOW THE LOWEST OF THE YEAR. COME QUICK; TAKE YOUR PICK.

GET YOUR COUPONS--GIVEN IN ALL DEPARTMENTS

Four full weight packages of best Cocoanut for only **25c**

Marechal Flour per hundred - **\$3.40**

Three packages of Puffed Wheat or Rice for only **25c**

A full weight three pound can of steel cut Coffee for only **90c**

THE STAR STORE

Fourteen cans of best Lye for only **\$1.00**

NEEDFUL KNOWLEDGE

Merkel People Should Learn to Detect Against the Approach of Kidney Disease

The symptoms of kidney trouble are many. Disordered kidneys often excrete a thick, cloudy, offensive urine, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding. The back may ache, headache or dizzy spells may occur and the victim is often weighted down by a feeling of languor and fatigue. Neglect these warnings and there is danger. Delay often proves fatal.

You can use no better endorsed kidney remedy than Doan's Kidney Pills. Here's Merkel proof of their merit.

Mrs. M. L. Ash, Kent St., Merkel, says: "I gave Doan's Kidney Pills to a younger member of my family not long ago and there has been no complaint since. This patient never was strong and healthy and always suffered from his back. The kidneys were weak and acted unnaturally. Four boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills cured all trouble. Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy, get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Ash recommends. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y."

Assistant Cashier Ben T. Merritt of the Farmers & Merchants bank has joined his wife at the country home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Welch near Dublin, where Mrs. Merritt has visited the past month. This week will be spent on a fishing trip, after which Mr. and Mrs. Merritt will return home.

Mrs. F. Sears who with her daughters, Mesdames Dan Mathis of Trent and E. W. Campbell of Paducah has been spending the past month at Grogan Wells returned home Saturday. Miss Mossie Sears who was also with her mother will remain for a longer stay.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baker and little son of Canyon City came in Wednesday afternoon to visit Mrs. Baker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt. They were accompanied by Will Merritt who has been attending the Canyon Normal during the past year, and Harry Merritt who has been on a vacation at Canyon for the past few weeks. They were also accompanied by Mr. Baker's father and a brother. They will visit in Merkel for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Morris are away on their summer vacation and will return in time for Mr. Morris to assume his charge of the city schools.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

H. N. Pope

ON OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.



Our educational system is more in need of intelligent consideration than any other public institution supported by the people. There has been much said and done about our penitentiary system and making good citizens out of criminals is a laudable undertaking, but children are more important and more numerous than convicts, and we should all go to school a part of the time and keep out of the penitentiary all the time. Our educational system has defects both natural and acquired which should be remedied. I will mention a few of them:

We have in Texas a half million children of scholastic age that do not attend school. The census enumerators found that 42 per cent of our children of school age were not enrolled in any kind of a school. The average annual attendance of those who do enter is 54 days, and we rank 42nd with other States in this respect. Seven per cent of our white and 25 per cent of our colored population that is ten years of age and over is unable to read and write, and if we do not overcome illiteracy more rapidly in the future than we have in the past decade, it will require three generations for all our people to become able to read and write. A comparison of our percentage of illiteracy with other states shows that we rank 35th and we have remained stationary in relative position during the past decade. This defect could, it seems, be best remedied by a compulsory educational law, and the Farmers' Union has always stood for such legislation. Texas is one of the six remaining states that has never adopted a compulsory educational law, and these states are at the bottom of the list in illiteracy.

Turning to the other extreme we will examine the finished product of our educational system regarding the State University as a basis. In looking over a recent bulletin issued by the University listing the occupations of nearly a thousand graduates after leaving the University we find that 53 per cent have been elected to office, and probably half the remainder were beaten in the race for office, making a total of 75 per cent politicians with, of course, an occasional statesman. Many of these boys soon after they graduate get into the legislature and sow their wild oats on the statute books. Thirty-five per cent of the University's male graduates are lawyers, and many times they take good plow hands and make poor lawyers out of them. Every time the University turns out a lawyer it thrusts upon society an expense of thousands of dollars, and it costs the people approximately \$300.00 to educate one, for the tax payer supports the University. It must be said to the credit of the University, however, that it has among its graduates some of the most capable citizens of Texas.

The farmers of this state want the University and favor higher education, and we must have lawyers in reasonable quantities and statesmen are a necessity in government, but the educational system of Texas needs a general overhauling, and the farmers want to hear the subject discussed.

Too Polite. "This is my coming out," remarked the facetious burglar, whose sentence had expired. "Permit me to wish you many happy returns," said the prison keeper gallantly.—New York Mail.

An English Coal Mine. Birmingham, England, has a mine in which one coal seam is twenty-eight feet thick.

Malacca Sticks. The most costly walking sticks come from the Malay archipelago, and the most highly prized stick is the malacca cane. To insure straightness these sticks are reared in glass tubes. A good malacca should be a yard long, not less than an inch in diameter at the upper end, perfectly straight and smooth and of a very dark chocolate color, slightly mottled. It should be used delicately, for the lacquer which gives it its beautiful gloss is easily chipped.—London Graphic.

One or the Other. Sillicus—So they are divorced, eh? I suppose they separated because of a misunderstanding? Cynicus—Either that or because they understood each other too well.—New York Mail.

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SOLDIERS CHEER RENTFROW'S BAND

Thursday at noon while the Rentfrow band was giving a concert on the streets a soldier train passed through the city.

The band master quickly changed from the "negro blues" or something of its kind to that popular southern air that causes men to yell and throw their hats skyward, and the soldiers certainly did until their yells almost drowned the music.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee, formerly of Matador and recently of Noodle, have moved here and will make this city their home in the future. We welcome them to the City in Clover and hope they ever make this town their abiding place.

Mrs. Georgia Easterwood of El Paso arrived here Monday morning for a visit with relatives in Merkel, Noodle and near Sylvester.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Cathey of Dallas returned home Saturday, having visited Mrs. Calvert and family for several days.

Mesdames Will Orr of Putnam, Tyler of Baird, and Kelly of Maryneal, came in the first of the week to visit their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lamar.

Dr. O. F. McMaster has returned from a business trip to Austin.



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LOCAL NEWS

Wedgewood syrup at G. M. Sharp's

Wooden barrels for sale. See W. E. Britain.

Mary and Ethel Williams are visiting friends in Abilene this week.

Plenty flour sacks at 35 cents per dozen at the Merkel Bakery. 1112

Mrs. Hayhurst of Temple is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Popham.

Sublett the jeweler is at the Merkel Drug Co.

Miss Ada McCargo of Anson is the guest of Misses Irene and Willie Swann.

Get your shorts and bran from the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Mrs. Neece Hancock returned Sunday from Kirkland, where she has visited several weeks with relatives.

We'll also send you some fresh vegetables. Phone us, E. L. Rogers.

Mrs. E. L. Rogers was called Saturday to Watervalley, Miss., by the news of the serious illness of her mother.

Sweet peppers are awful good. Have you tried them? Phone E. L. Rogers.

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G. J. Jones and family have returned from a twelve days' automobile drive. They made short stops at Roscoe, Snyder, Ralls and Childress.

Car of fresh cow feed at less than you can get it for later. Better see Bob Martin Grocery Company now.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Duckett of Itasca are visiting with their parents, other relatives and friends.

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A terrible looking beast, but interesting, as it was the last of the great land reptiles, is the triceratops. It had a head like a rhinoceros; but, unlike the rhinoceros of today, it carried three formidable horns upon its face and a collar of spikes or spines around its neck. Skulls of this creature which have been unearthed measure seven feet and more in length. The animal had a total length of some twenty-five feet. It is the opinion of a great authority on prehistoric beasts that we have here a dinosaur trying to become a mammal. It is the opinion of this expert, too, that the creature got too "specialized" and therefore died out—the usual end of a too great ambition!—London Mail.

Liver Trouble

"I am bothered with liver trouble about twice a year," writes Joe Dingman, Webster City, Iowa. "I have had pains in my side and back and an awful soreness in my stomach. I heard of Chamberlain's Tablets and tried them. By the time I had used half a bottle of them I was feeling fine and had no signs of pain." Obtainable everywhere.

Deceitful Billy.

Mother (sternly to young married daughter)—Really, my dear, I am astonished at your allowing Billy to attend that farewell supper to Mr. Soakum. I understand it was a most disgraceful affair.

Daughter (indignantly)—Why, mother, how can you? I am quite sure it must have been very sad. Billy distinctly told me the men filled right up, and even the main speaker of the evening was too full for utterance.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

What is Best for Indigestion?

Mr. A. Robinson of Drumquin, 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.

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Overcharged.

Kid—Why does the cannon kick, papa? Papa—I guess they charged it too much, sonny.—Siron.

What She Made Him.

The head of the house glanced at a bill from his wife's dressmaker.
"When I proposed to you, less than two years ago," he said, "I was rather wild, and you said you considered it your duty to marry me for the purpose of making something of me. did you not?"
"Yes, Henry," answered his wife.
"Well," he continued, "your efforts have not been in vain. You have succeeded."
"I'm so glad," she said. "What have I made of you, dear?"
"Once more he glanced at the bill.
"A bankrupt," he replied, with a deep sigh.

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Old people who are feeble, and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking regularly Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. 50c.

The Added Part.

Church—Does your neighbor play that cornet without notes? Gotham—Yes, but not without comments.

FAMOUS DEATH VALLEY FILMS TO BE SHOWN

Through the efforts of Dodge Brothers, dealers in Abilene, Merkel people may have an opportunity to see much talked about "Death Valley Dodge" motion pictures. The film shows the famous car in the most perilous portions of its trip through "the Valley of Death," the desert of which many men have lost their lives and which hadn't been crossed in a motor car until the feat was accomplished by O. K. Parker of Los Angeles.

The motion pictures taken by Parker and the man who accompanied him, are being distributed throughout the country. Ed S. Hughes & Company realizing the possibilities they offered as a means of entertainment, was among the first to apply for the privilege of showing them. Since then the demands from other dealers have been enormous, but the pictures made such an impression in the larger cities where they were first released, that the dealers there are still giving nightly performances.

The much talked of film will be shown in Abilene August 19th. adv.

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The Point.

Friend—How long must a girl stay in the chorus before she positively knows that there is no hope of advancement? Chorus Girl—If her face gets lines before she does it's time to quit.—Puck.

Visiting J. H. Oliver

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. McGee of Coryell county are here this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Oliver. According to Captain Oliver who introduced us to Mr. McGee, his Coryell relations are here for their annual allowance of beef liver hash, and with this dish Mr. Oliver thinks he can burn them out in a short time and force them to return to their east Texas home.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

J. S. Cullinan ON CITIZENSHIP.



The Texas Economic League invites the people of Texas into a discussion of citizenship, but before we can intelligently study so important a subject we must first define it. What is citizenship? Who is the best American citizen? Search the statute books for a definition of citizenship and unless one is a member of the legal profession we immediately become entangled in a labyrinth of confusing and oftentimes contradictory laws seeking to promote or restrain most every form of business activity, much of them good, some of them bad and others indifferent. But laws come and go; the Constitution is permanent. The preamble of our Federal Constitution states that our government is organized to give its citizens liberty and happiness. Read the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States and one cannot escape the conclusion that the best American citizen is he who is most free, patriotic, just, happy and active and who hands down to posterity a civilization more capable than he found it. The spirit of our country is freedom and no man can become a true American citizen unless he is free.

Turning a moment from documents of State perhaps the best authority on citizenship, and one universally accepted by the public, is Webster's International Dictionary, which defines a citizen as "A member of a State; a person, native or naturalized, of either sex who owes allegiance to government and is entitled to reciprocal protection from it." Further, "A citizen as such is entitled to the protection of life, liberty and property at home and abroad."

We now have before us the authoritative definition of citizenship by both government and society and in order that the most humble citizen may feel perfectly free to enter into a study and discussion of this subject, I will briefly outline my conception of what citizenship involves, for the work of the Texas Economic League will be in vain if the most lowly citizen does not feel free to give serious thought and expression to his obligation to government and his responsibility to his fellow men.

Applied to able-bodied adult males, with which I take it we will have chiefly to do, a citizen's duty, in return for the rights, privilege and protection outlined above, would seem to be: First, to expend sufficient labor in production, or auxiliary occupations, viz., manufacture, transportation and distribution, to support himself and his family in comfort. Second, conform to all laws framed in the interest of society under the Constitution. Third, contribute his just proportion to the maintenance of government in personal time, payment of taxes or, if need be, bearing arms in the defense of the nation.

In reaching the above conclusions I have assumed that under our system of government citizens are owners in common and are entitled to the rights and benefits of government during the term of their natural lives and for such period only.

Fishermen's Story

Five fishermen, Messrs. Ross Ferrier and brother Chief Ferrier, Olly Sharp, Robert "Bob" Russell and the fourth estate representative pursued five and six-pound channel and blue cats to a fair-you-well this week on the Clear Fork some twenty-five miles north of Albany.

The fishing was exceedingly good for one night, but the next day the first four above mentioned went swimming in the fishing hole and after that the fish refused to bite. Luck having been on our side however, our supply on hand was sufficient to give plenty for every meal and have some left for lunch while on the road home. The only incident worth saying anything about was the refusal of "Bob" to make friends with an eight-pound soft-

shelled turtle that had gotten in bed with him during the night.

J. C. Mason, Optimist.

J. C. Mason has returned from an extended stay at his old homes at Deport and Paris, having gone there soon after the conflagration that destroyed the latter city and laid waste to some of his property. Mr. Mason seemed in fine spirits when seen Monday morning, and spoke in glowing terms of the crop conditions east of here. He also predicted good prices for cotton and cotton seed and general good times for Texas for some time to come.

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ARTHUR J. JONES IS THE CHOICE OF RURAL PEOPLE FOR SUPERINTENDENT

My friend, Mr. J. S. Smith, explained to you the other day how he led in the rural districts in the July primary. If you will examine his figures you will see at once that Mr. Smith is begging the question. Also, he says that I have been misleading in my statements. Now, I am a friend of Mr. Smith and would not accuse him of anything of that sort, and all that I ask of you is to investigate for yourself and see if my statements have been misleading.

Public School Laws of Texas, Bulletin No. 48, Section 41, gives some of the duties of County Superintendent. In part it says: "He shall have authority over all the public schools within his county, EXCEPT such of the independent school districts as have a population of 500 or more." Read the rest of that section, it won't hurt. Now read Section 46, page 20, also note at bottom of page which says, "Nothing should be deducted to pay County Superintendent's salary from the state apportionment to independent districts which receive a separate apportionment from the state. ALL INDEPENDENT DISTRICTS having 150 or more scholars receive a SEPARATE APPORTIONMENT." The state apportionment last year was six dollars per scholastic. Abilene, Merkel and Trent got six dollars for every scholastic in her districts. The rural schools got \$5.65; 35c went to pay the County Superintendent's salary. For fear that Mr. Smith catches at another

er straw, I will state that, 5 per cent of the permanent county fund goes to pay the County Superintendent's salary. But the revenue from this is so small that it is insignificant.

Mr. Smith has figured to HIS satisfaction, I hope, how he leads in the rural schools. But, listen, everyone knows that the bulk of my vote came from the rural districts, and thus his percentage business is very unfair. I can claim much more of the rural votes that were polled at Abilene and Merkel, much more consistently, than can Mr. Smith. I do not give you MY figures. I ask you to look at the poll lists of the county. Out of 22 boxes in the rural districts that are under the supervision of the County Superintendent, I led in 16 of them. Mr. Smith led in 5, and Mr. Sims led in 1. Examine for yourself.

In conclusion let me say that I am not trying to stir up a fight between the independent districts and the rural ones—far from such; all that I am asking is that you consider the vote of the rural schools in the July primary and see if I do not stand well with them. Then, if you want to support me, I will appreciate it. If not, black my name August 26th.

I still claim to be high man in the districts supervised by the County Superintendent, and will continue to do so after the August primary, for they are going to stay with me.

ARTHUR J. JONES.

(Political Adv.)

SOCIETY

MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

Afternoon Party

Miss Hazel Harkrider entertained a few friends Monday afternoon honoring her cousin Louise and Holly Mae Tippett of Abilene. 42 and other games were enjoyed. Music and readings were also rendered for the guests entertainment. The guest list reads, Louise and Holly Mae Tippett of Abilene, Leon Briggs, Louise Warren, Ona Fae Bland, Lucy Tracy, Julia Martin, Lucille Edwards, Evelyn Hamm and little Elizabeth Harkrider, Master Marion Johnson and W. L. Harkrider, Jr.

The hostess was assisted by her mother and Mrs. B. A. Walters at the close of the afternoon's fun in serving refreshments picnic fashion on the lawn.

Birthday Party

On Monday afternoon a number of little friends were invited to celebrate with Master Don Thornton his fifth birthday. Fun and frolic in outdoor games held sway with the little folks from their arrival through the afternoon, and of course the honoree was the recipient of many little gifts. In the donkey tailing contest Roy Propst was the winner of the first prize while W. L. Harkrider, Jr., received the booby. Ice cream cones were served as refreshments.

The following little neighbor friends were present: Ether and Eleanor May Hamilton, Roy Propst, Lynne Payne Johnson, Charm and Billie Bob Burroughs, Sterling Sheppard, Mildred Hamm, Nina Parten, Flora Dye, Billie Burke Mims, Mary Comegys, Elizabeth and W. L. Harkrider, Jr. and Ona Fae Rose.

A few young people were entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McNeese Saturday evening of last week by their daughters, Misses Mamie and Vida. The young ladies entertained Misses Della McClain, Mabel Laney, Josie Smith, Una Kinard, Beulah and Wilma Garrett and Lorena Frazier, Messrs. Roy Penny, Homer Laney, Roy Coats and Ulysees McNeese. Refreshments of ice cream with fresh fruit was served.

The Sunshine Club, which is one of the newest organizations of the younger girls, met Wednesday afternoon with Ruth Holloway. The members present were Vera Baze, Mary and Nina Parten, Nellie, Velma and Mildred Holloway and the hostess, Marie Adkisson of Beaumont was a visitor. The main entertainment for the afternoon was games of various kinds. Refreshments of watermelon with iced lemonade and fruit were served. Gladys and Marie Pue will be hostess to the club on its next meeting.

Miss Mary Reed of Hillsboro, was honored with an evening's pleasure Tuesday of this week, it being the honoree's birthday. The party spent the early evening at Rentfrow's show, after which a watermelon feast on the G. A. Rister farm was enjoyed. The guests for the evening were Misses Mary Reed, Genevieve Rust, Mary Garvin, Bess Touchstone, Mamie and Carroll Rister, Mrs. A. F. Devall, Messrs. John West, Ennis and

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Dee Grimes, Floyd Dean, Drs. O. J. Shaffer and A. F. Devall.

Sixteen members of the King's Daughters class enjoyed their regular monthly meeting with Mrs. Ace Sheppard Tuesday afternoon of this week. After the devotional service and business session, the hostess served peach cream and wafers.

Press Reporter.

The young people who are members of the B. Y. P. U. enjoyed a social evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann Tuesday evening. Contests, games, and music were the evening's amusements. Almost thirty guests were present. Punch was served as refreshment.

Nelson-McCann

The news on the street Tuesday morning was that J. W. (Red) Nelson had become a Benedict. The bride is Miss Lottie McCann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McCann.

These two young people were married at Trent Monday evening. They will make their home in Merkel.

For Miss Winnie Warren

Of Merkel, Miss Beulah Burkett delightfully entertained Friday afternoon, at her home in College Heights.

The guests were given a cordial greeting from Mrs. Burkett, Misses Beulah and Mae Burkett, and Miss Warren, and seated in rooms fresh and inviting with lovely potted ferns and plants. During the afternoon, Misses Beulah and Mae Burkett, accompanied by Miss Mildred Paxton on the violin, gave several charming duets. Later telegrams, with mis-arranged letters were passed and the guests were told to make a telegram with the letters, several amusing and comical ones were read, but Miss Jessie Mae Cox made the correct one which read, "Mr. and Mrs. Burkett announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Beulah, to Mr. L. B. Howard, August 22." This announcement came as quite a surprise to many of the friends.

Delicious ice cream with pink individual cakes, with pink double heart, bearing the inscription of "Burkett-Howard, Aug. 22," as plate favors were passed. Those enjoying this evening of pleasure with Miss Burkett and having the pleasure of meeting this charming young honoree, were Misses Grace Sandefer, Mildred Paxton, Lucile and Celia Peek, Elva Payne, Maude Moffet, Jessie Mae Cox, Mesdames A. J. Leighty, W. W. Anderson, Jno. Spaulding, G. H. Sandefer, O. H. Cooper, R. E. Rankin, W. R. Walker, Peek, Moffet, C. C. Comper, Geo. Stribling, J. N. Ferguson, Clarence Cowden, Cross Payton, Herman Pender, McKee, Alex Miller, Bernard Hanks.—Abilene Reporter.

B. Y. P. U. Program Aug. 13

Leader, H. L. Owen.
Subject, Bible Study Meeting—Acts 9.
Song.
Saul on his way to Damascus—Mrs. Hugh Owen.
Saul and the vision from Heaven—G. J. Jones.
Song, only third verse of "Take my life and let it be."
Saul in Damascus—Ola Sharp.
Damascus described by a member—Callie Lou Owen.
Saul as a preacher of the Gospel—Roy Penny.
Peter and his work—Wilmer Garrett.

B. Y. P. U. Social

Tuesday evening Misses Irene and Willie Swann entertained quite a number of young people on the lawn. A number of games and contests were enjoyed by all. Those presents were Misses Winnie Warren, Margie Saffie, Ola and Lula Sharp, Selena and Alma Teaff, Callie Lou Owen, Maye and Agnes Lassiter, Nell Tracy, Flor-



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Reunion

The Thos. Smith home in south Merkel was the scene of a jolly reunion last week from members of his family coming here from various parts of this state and Oklahoma.

The Missionary Meeting

The members of the Missionary Society of the Methodist church are asked to attend the meeting next Monday afternoon at five o'clock at the parsonage. It will be Bible class study lesson will Mrs. J. L. Williams leader.

Here From Duncan Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed J. Leeman of Duncan, Okla., formerly of this place, the former having been editor of the Merkel Mail for years, arrived here Thursday morning, having driven through the country in their car, and will go directly to Alpine where they will visit Mr. Leeman's mother. The elder Mrs. Leeman has been in bad health and is not expected to live.

The many Merkel friends of the family will be very sorry to learn of Mrs. J. A. Leeman's serious condition.

Play is Postponed

On account of sickness the play "Breezy Point" has been indefinitely postponed and will be given at some later date.

Masons to Meet

Saturday night is regular meeting night of the local A. F. and A. M. lodge, and all members are requested to be present. Visitors are cordially invited.

We Got 'Em Peaches

Arthur Sears of Abilene is certainly a man of his word, and true to his promise, he sent the Mail bunch a nice lot of peaches with some cantaloupes thrown in for good measure. Not being able to appear in person and deliver the delicacies, Mr. Sears had his father, "Uncle Frank," to bring them down Monday morning, and we never saw nor tasted larger or finer peaches.

Do it Electrically. How? Pump your water.

Matilda Brix, Widow

She Tells How She Got a Second Husband

By M. QUAD

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I arrived at Jackson's Hollow to find it a town on a hill. It was a quiet hour on a warm day when I arrived. There were a few men on the streets, but they were so busy trying to get up a dog fight that they gave me scant heed.

I don't know to this day why I entered the hotel. I suppose it was fate. The landlord of the place was in the office. He sat in a chair with his feet in another, and he was asleep with his mouth open. He was bareheaded and baldheaded, and a hundred or more flies were running up and down his bald pate trying to find a soft spot.

I took off my hat and sat down and fanned-away the insects. After about five minutes and with a lonesome smile on his face the man woke up and whispered:

"Oh, mother, that is so nice!"

"But I am not your mother," I replied.

"Then who are you?"

"I am only the widow Brix, sir."

"And what do you want here?"

"I want to see your wife."

"But you can't unless you can fly. Her soul passed into the beyond about three years ago, and since then I have had to go it alone."

After a look around and seeing the dirt and dust and cobwebs and confusion that prevailed I said:

"You seem to have made hard work of it going it alone."

"Yes, it's a little tough to be without a wife when you have had one for twenty years. I do my own cooking, washing, mending and bedmaking."

"This is a tavern, and what about the travelers?" I queried.

"Oh, there are no travelers but me, and I don't travel very much except in my dreams. All the travelers go to Mrs. Carson's boarding house, and I am rather glad of it, as my style of cooking might bring about a tragedy."

"Mebbe you want to bust up Mrs. Carson's boarding house?" I answered.

"But how will I do it?" he asked, with a little animation in his voice.

"Yes, I believe I would like to bust up her house, because I have asked her three times to marry me, and three times she has thrown me down."

"If you will hire me I'll bust her boarding house within a month," I said.

"Lordy me! But how would you do it?" he exclaimed.

"I should begin by dusting, mopping, washing windows and making this old pigpen look like a first class hotel at Newport. I presume there is a week's work in the kitchen setting things to rights, but I am a worker. When I got things cleaned up I should want you to buy some provisions and see that the word went around that the Paradise was ready to entertain all patrons on a scale of unexampled magnificence."

"Great Caesar!" he whispered as he held up his hand. "Say, gal, you are a wonder! What about wages?"

"You are too poor to pay any wages for the first month at least."

"Doggone me if I ain't, but I'll tell you what I'll do, and I never broke my word yet to man, woman or telegraph pole. If you will work for a month and get things shipshape I will marry you—yes, by gosh, I'll marry you! That will be better than wages."

"But I shall have something to say about that," I replied as I rose up.

It was three days before the news got around in Jackson's Hollow that a new move was on foot at the Paradise hotel. The idlers dropped in to the number of twenty or more, and when they saw me flying from room to room with broom and mop they had many compliments for me. In fact, more than a dozen of them offered me their hands and hearts in marriage. In each case I replied that I was highly flattered, but had no time to fool away.

It will surprise you to learn that in a month's time the old shbang was doing a good tavern business, and Mrs. Carson's boarding house was almost deserted.

When the month was a little more than up the landlord came to me as I was frying pancakes for the breakfast of a dry goods drummer and said:

"Matilda, what about our gettin' married?"

I told him to go away until I had fried six or eight more pancakes and thought the matter over, and the result was that we were married that evening, and forty-nine lovers and travelers kissed the blushing bride.

All went as happy as the pig in the potato patch for a week or more, and then my husband came into the kitchen one day and found me using kerosene to hurry up the fire. With an impulse, which was very creditable in him, he reached out and cuffed me on the ear. That ear tingles yet, although many years have passed since I got the cuff. He dodged the stove lid which I threw at him, and half an hour later he was as dead as Hamlet the Great. He had died while sitting in his chair. He had used too much energy in cuffing me and had burst a blood vessel. I called in a doctor.

"Would it surprise you to learn that your husband is dead?" he asked of me after he had pawed around for awhile.

"Not a bit," I replied. "He was too good for this world anyhow."

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Evening Up.
He—Why do you dwell so constantly on my bad traits? She—To preserve a proper equilibrium. You yourself are likely to keep me reminded of the few good ones you possess.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Sheriff Dodson Here
Sheriff J. T. Dodson was in town Monday morning on official business. He expressed regret over the death of Sheriff Ellis of Seymour who was killed by a negro Sunday. Sheriff Dodson was well acquainted with his brother officer Ellis, the latter having just been elected for his third term over two worthy opponents.

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The End of A Rivalry

By ESTHER VANDEVEER

Josephine Sommers was as a girl from ten to sixteen years an incorrigible tomboy. Everybody called her Joe, and everybody admitted that she was well named, for she might be considered either a boy or a girl. Her most intimate friends were boys, and they always spoke of her as "one of us."

When Joe was fifteen a change came over her—that is, she was passing from childhood to womanhood. This transition was in her case peculiar. A girl of fifteen knows that she can't do those things she did when a child. For instance, she can't climb trees with the same freedom; she can't ride on horseback straddle without apparel fitted for the purpose; there is not the same freedom in her friendships with boys.

Joe had not quite let go all these juvenile ways, and yet she was reaching for young ladyhood. One thing she had not yet grasped, and that was a proper appreciation of being made love to by a young man. Boys had never thought of making love to her. A boy would no more have made love to her than to another boy. For a boy to make love to her would have sounded ridiculous, and, ten to one, she would have laughed at him.

The first time that anything serious in the way of a love matter occurred to Joe Sommers was when she was fifteen and a half years old. Two boys, Bob Atherton and Johnnie Myers, laid longing eyes upon her. Neither of them made any mention of the fact to her. If one walked home with her from school the other kept out of the way. If one engaged her for a game of tennis the other amused himself in some other way. Joe did not see the rivalry, but the boys were conscious of it, and there was not a day that one did not try to get ahead of the other.

Of course this constant effort was bound in the end to make trouble between the two boys. Every time one saw the other enjoying Joe's society to the exclusion of the other the green monster flapped his wings. An explosion is sure to come in such cases, and this one was no exception.

All three of the parties to this triangular love affair—though the girl had no sentimental part in it at all—were in the same class in the Edingham high school. When a certain baseball game was played between the Edingham and the Waterton high schools Bob Atherton saw on the grand stand Joe Sommers sitting with a vacant place beside her. He joined her and asked if he might occupy it. She gave him permission, saying that she expected another boy to sit with her, but there was room for him on the other side.

Now, the other boy was Johnnie Myers. Before he reached the stand the place on the other side of Joe was occupied, and he saw Bob in his place. He didn't approach the two and make a scene, but there was consternation within him. He did not even claim his right to sit by the girl. He went off to another part of the field, nursing his wrath not against Joe, who was to be blamed if any one was, but against Bob.

When the game was finished and the multitude left the athletic grounds Johnnie saw his rival walking with Joe toward her home. His own route lay in this direction. Indeed, he lived not far from her, and she could look from her window into his back yard. When Bob left her Johnnie joined him and accused him of intentionally occupying his place at the baseball game. Bob was innocent of the charge, but certain words used by Johnnie riled him.

Joe had laid aside her belongings and was sitting by her window when she saw Bob climb the fence in the rear of Johnnie's home and approach Johnnie with apparent hostile intent. The next thing she saw was a battle.

It did not take Joe long to discern the cause of this encounter. Realizing that she had not properly protected the boy she had promised to sit beside at the game, it was plain to her that this disgraceful fight between her two friends was her own fault. Running downstairs and out through a back door, she vaulted all fences that separated her from the combatants, finally alighting in the yard where they were fighting. But so engaged were they with each other that they did not see her.

What predominated in Joe's mind was this: Through her neglect these two boys had been brought to punch each other. She was angry with herself, but still more angry with them for making her fault more glaring. The fact of their rivalry for her did not enter her head. Indeed, she did not know that there was a rivalry.

It happened that the gardener had been using a hose to water some plants and had left it on the ground. Joe seized it, and the first intimation of her presence to the competitors for her favor was a stream of water poured over them. For a few moments, not discerning the cause of the interruption, they continued to maul each other. Then both turned and, seeing the object of their devotion directing the stream, they ceased to fight and stood apart, whereupon Joe dropped the hose and stood looking at them angrily. She was trying to find words to express what was within her, but, failing, she jumped the fence and ran away.

That was the end of the rivalry for Joe Sommers' favor on the part of these two boys, for she turned the cold shoulder on both of them.

The Colonel's Convalescence

By ALAN HINSDALE

In one of those battles between the French and Germans when the latter were endeavoring to reach the channel Colonel Latrobe, a man of forty, was wounded and instead of being sent to a hospital was left for want of transportation at a chateau by the way. The lady who owned the place directed that he be placed in one of her best rooms and at once assumed his care. Fortunately for both, the fighting did not come near the chateau, and the colonel was left to recover, his wants being supplied by the lady, a spinster named Remercier.

Mlle. Remercier was some five years younger than Latrobe, and spinsters usually preserve their youthful appearance longer than their married sisters. At any rate this is liable to be the case with unmarried women who have no cares or troubles. The colonel's nurse was still a handsome woman.

There was a long period of convalescence, during which the colonel was unable to join his command. Mlle. Remercier read to him, chatted with him, fed him, indeed made his convalescence delightful. Every morning she gathered flowers from her garden, carried them to his room and arranged them in a vase of Dresden china with her own hands. Many of the delicacies prepared for him to eat she cooked with her own hands. No matter what time of day he called for anything he needed the lady responded and always with a sympathetic smile.

In time Latrobe spent a portion of the day in an easy chair; then nearly all the day there; then he was able to walk about his room and finally to go downstairs. He was chafing to get back to the front, though loath to leave his luxurious abode and especially his fair hostess.

One morning in June he was sitting on the terrace with Mlle. Remercier. The sun shone brightly, and delicious perfume came from the roses growing beside the terrace. Conversation turned upon the school of St. Cyr, from which the colonel had been graduated a sublieutenant into the army.

"I visited St. Cyr when but seventeen years old," said mademoiselle. "I can conceive of no place so enthralling to a girl of that age as a military academy. The young men in uniform are far more resplendent than those in civilian dress. There are the martial music, the military ceremonies, everything to turn a girl's head."

"And I remember," added the colonel, "how we youngsters delighted in making love to the girls who visited St. Cyr. Lovemaking had not the meaning that it has for older men. It was what the Americans call flirting. We thought nothing of telling a girl we loved her, and the girl's thought nothing of pretending to reciprocate. We enjoyed the sentiment without having to fret about the responsibilities. When we had made love to one girl we were ready for another. And when they had gone we returned to our studies as free mentally as before they had come."

"Your picture may be true with respect to the young men," said the lady, "and in most cases perhaps with regard to the girls. In my case it was different. In one of these young military students I met that which was the most serious episode of my life. He made love to me simply for the temporary enjoyment of the sentiment. Alas, it was far more than that to me! That is why I have never married."

"The brute!" exclaimed the colonel. "No; he was simply young and did not realize the danger to me of what he was doing."

"Perhaps he did realize it in time, to his cost. I confess that there was one of my affairs that stood by me for many years. I could not shake it off. Even today, after twenty years, I see in my dreams that young face and press again that soft hand."

"And why did you, after discovering that you really loved her, not seek her out?"

"Ah, that would have served in America, where they marry for love, but not in France, where parents arrange marriages for their children."

"Who was the girl?"

"If I remember correctly she was the daughter of a gentleman of fortune, living in one of the provinces. Her name was Hortense"—He was stilled; he had forgotten her surname.

"Would you know her again, do you suppose, after not seeing her for twenty years?"

"That I could not say."

Mlle. Remercier arose and went into the house. Presently she returned with a miniature painting, which she handed to the colonel. He looked at it for a few moments as though it brought back some vague memory; then suddenly he turned his eyes upon his companion in a sort of wonder.

"Where did you get this?" he asked.

"I have had it ever since the original visited St. Cyr twenty years ago."

The colonel's steady gaze gradually revealed to him that the miniature was a likeness of Mlle. Remercier at seventeen.

"Hortense!" he exclaimed.

"Hortense!" was the low reply.

When the colonel went back to the front he returned a married man. Indeed, had not duty called him he would not have returned. He was very much pleased at receiving another wound, just severe enough to lay him up for a month. He returned to the chateau of his wife, and the month of recovery and his honeymoon were one and the same thing.

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Mrs. Smith captured a mice last week.

Mrs. Maxwell of who'd-a-thout-it visited her daughter Mrs. Distress last week. Mrs. Distress ran a nail in her foot, Mr. Distress cut his eyeball with a piece of steel and their son Horace broke his arm.

Davey Ellis came down from the west last week to visit home-folks for a week. He is going to cut weeds during the day and smile at the girls every evening as he has had several new gold teeth put in of late.

Deacon Somebody has bought a new cow and is now supplying the people of this city with fresh butter and eggs.

The Thorn school is now supplied with a dictionary and the trustees intend to buy a geography and a globe soon. A few dollars spent judiciously along these lines will probably stop young folks from leaving the farm.

Our boss will get out a paper this week all right in spite of the aged cider some reader sent us.

Mr. and Mrs. B. V. D. Kimball are indebted to Dr. Stork for the receipt of a very fine daughter on last publication day.

A local undertaker will give the home doctors a banquet within a few days.

On Saturday evening Miss Phylis Bedells makes her final appearance at the big show where she has danced since 1878 without interruption.

One number at the theatre the other evening was a joint recital by Viola Cole, a nervous wreck for several years, and Tew, bass of Cripple Creek.

Mr. Sand has been in a sanitarium at Mineral Wells of late where he went to take advantage of the institution.

Death Valley Dodge Parker sez that Colorado with all its grand canyons hasn't got anything on some parts of Kent street, or near the Baptist church.

Most fines collected by the city of late have accumulated from the vicinity of the express office. And yet this is a dry town.

The bride, while not very good looking, is said to be a fine cook and to have a kindly disposition. We congratulate the groom.

With a clear, sweet voice, every word intoning as distinctly as the tone of a midnight chime, and re-echoing as softly as the fall of a pearl in a golden cup, just so sweetly and sympathetically did Miss Wolf recite the sad sweet poem, while Miss Shalmer at the piano told the same plaintive story in soft, low tones of Enoch's sorrow and Phillips's patient waiting, and the entertainment was such that



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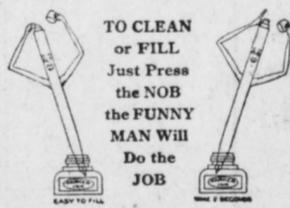
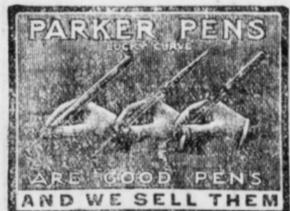
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Nothing needs reform as much as some people's habits. For this reason we champion a move-

ment to have sharpened nails driven into the curb stones of the town where so many prominent parties meet for consultation.

After summing up this week's report I am forced to say that Mark Twain was correct when he said: "When I reflect upon the number of disagreeable people who I know have gone to a better world, I am moved to lead a different life."

A recent news item said a printing plant had been established in a state hospital for the insane at Columbia and some up-start in commenting on the article said that state authorities saw where the craftsmen were headed and simply prepared a place for them.

A local young man who has connubial aspirations failed to get a letter from his intended at what he termed was the proper time the other day. He left the post office in disgust and repaired to a local establishment where he grasped a newspaper up-side-down without noticing his mis-application of mind. The first thing that attracted his attention was a picture of a fast passenger train in a railroad advertisement. The love sick boy exclaimed in horror, "I see they've had an awful train wreck!" Let's have quiet, it will all be over in a short time perhaps, and peace of mind will reign again with those who are afflicted now.

We'd call names correctly in this column but the courts are congested now with litigations of various kinds and further than that all the ammunition this country has to spare should be kept in reserve for fear of war. Who with, some republicans want to know?

Respectfully,
Slivers.

Postal From Emzi

A recent post card from Emzi Burroughs, who is with the Chocolate Shop Confectionery in Amarillo leads an air of loneliness to Emzi's life up there. He closed his written statement by saying, "Think I'll be home soon, I feel it coming on me now."

Advertised Letters.

Allen, Mrs. W.
Hawkins, Mrs. S. J.
Norris, Mrs. Emely.
Powell, John.
Sullivan, E. A. (2)
Bregan, Massana.
Rodriguez, Jose Ma.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office August 23, 1916.
H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas

L. R. Hogg of Dallas was here for a short time Wednesday morning and drove to his fathers home north of town for a few moments visit before returning to Dallas.

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THE CANDIDATES THEIR EXPENSES

Of the Taylor county candidates who have filed expense accounts T. R. Lassiter registered the minimum sum, while Judge Thomas L. Blanton gives the largest expense account. The expense account of Congressman Smith showed to have been \$36.

The Taylor county list of expenses are as follows:

- P. O. Forbus, \$36.62.
- Thomas L. Blanton, \$3,463.09.
- J. S. Smith, \$113.25.
- W. J. Cunningham, \$342.75.
- Eugene DeBogory, \$69.75.
- W. F. Dillard, \$209.25.
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- Jeff Hood, \$192.50.
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- Dan O'Connell, \$26.00.
- W. P. Mahaffey, \$345.90.
- E. M. Overshiner, \$127.30.
- R. H. Welden, \$66.55.
- Arthur Jones, \$220.08.
- J. A. Boyce, \$89.30.
- J. Fuller, \$56.60.
- J. T. Dodson, \$47.15.
- P. B. Ford, \$19.25.
- G. B. Tittle, \$212.00.
- W. H. Laney, \$5.00.
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- E. F. Farr, \$92.45.
- J. N. Routh, \$111.75.
- J. S. Patterson, \$173.35.
- J. C. Montgomery, 25.75.
- J. V. Norman, \$145.00.
- S. L. Neely, \$63.20.
- J. W. Christopher, \$27.50.
- N. D. Cobb, \$195.00.
- C. E. Sims, \$167.00.
- J. M. Toombs, \$2.80.
- H. E. Meyer, \$31.15.
- W. H. Wheeler, \$16.00.
- T. R. Lassiter, \$1.50.
- Austin Fitts, \$197.35.
- J. P. Darden, \$13.50.
- M. C. Lambeth, \$17.50.
- J. H. Vance, \$107.95.

New Lumber Manager

W. B. Abbott of Hamlin, an experienced lumber man, has accepted a position as manager of the Merkel Lumber Company at this place, taking up his duties on the 3rd.

Mr. Abbott's family remain at their home in Hamlin for the time being but will probably move here within a short time.



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