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The history of the boll weevil ference thereto, by W. G. Ster- people visited Trent Sunday, rett, is paralleled by man's ig, gathering into what was probanorance and criminal treatment bly the largest crowd that ever of his best friends, the birds. It assembled at that city for such is no use to ignore the fact that an occasion. few people read the learned docvil ravages as the attempt of the to the singing. historic lady to sweep back the President W. H. Free of Abiocean with a broom.

learned enthomalogist that pos- even during the noon hour when sibly the absence of birds had the "dinner on the ground" was something to do with the boll before him, at which juncture weevil invasion? The reason why he ceased all parlimentary tho't animals and insects, and man for and ruled that it was lunch time. that matter, migrate are many The singing done was by the and varied, but as to why insect entire audience, delegations from life has enormously increased and Abilene, Nubia, Tuscola, Caps, the reason the Mexican boll wee- Potosi, and other places. Quarvil invaded the United States is a tetts and such lended even greatsimple question. It did just what er enjoyment, while old-fashionthe Mexican bandits would do to- ed songs, mingled with newer day if they found no enemys to ones made it possible for everyoppose them on the frontier. body to sing and enjoy the day They would do like the boll wee- in its entirety. vil, take possession of the coun-

The boll weevil not only had a few enemies to meet but a powerful ally in man, who already DIIUUL before his coming killed off 90 per cent of the boll weevil's enemies and his own best friends the birds. No thinking man will deny this self evident fact, that the birds are the natural enemies and the only effective insect des- bridge, the largest cantilever troyers. Take the case of the suspension in the world, collapsquail that was taken in a cotton ed and fell into the St. Lawrence field of Texas. In its craw was River while being hoisted into found the remains of 127 boll weevils. Quails eat 135 different varieties of insects, and a quail will eat on an average 75,000 insects a year, yet they are being exterminated in almost every state to satisfy man's desire to killl. It is called "sport." Yes they are called "sportsmen."

The learned entomologist's advice to devastate a hundred mile strip is another reason why people do not read learned documents. It was, however, ascertained that the Guatemalan ant was an enemy of the boll weevil, and he was sent for, but not liking the country, he was an unwilling worker and did no good. Still the quail and other insect eating birds were not thought of. It was all right to go off to Guatemala and get an ant, but the 95 cents. The price is the quailand others-well the sports- thing. men wanted to shoot them. We are still trying to find something to combat the boll weevil, and yet there is a sovereign remedy in the hands of the people, where it always is.

· Get yourself right first, then your neighborhood; you and your neighbors protect your feathered friends. The law says that certain birds may be killed at stated times, but it doesn't say they can be killed on your farm unless you say so, and by silence you have said, "On with the slaughter," and you want the government to help kill the boll weevil. - A. K. Bradley.

Chiropractor

In Merkel again. I expect to Rose's. Mrs. M. U. Batten- it into piles for burning. 1tpd dorf.

sundries just arrived. Burroughs. Duckett's.

From all parts of Taylor coun-

Nearly every person there ument that emanate from bu- reached the ground with music reaus, departments and commis- in his soul, and during most of sions. They are largely impracti- the day music floated on the cal, as an instance, the advice to gentle breeze, while the fifteen pick up the fallen squares in a hundred or two thousand people forty acre field, which is about in attendance had the time of as effective in checking boll wee- their life, singing and listening

lene presided and from all ac-Why has it not occoured to the counts made a wonderful success

The next convention will be held at Abilene next April.

Quebec, Sept. 11.-The new central span of the Quebec place today.

The bridge is being constructed at a cost of \$17,000,000 to shorten the journey from Halifax to the Canadian northwest.

Ninety men were working on the bridge at the time of the ac-

The span, which fell, was 640 feet long and weighed 5,000 tons.

The bridge stands on the site of the structure which collapsed in 1907, with the loss of seventy

Several hours after the accident a special train brought twenty injured men into Quebec.

Get your \$1.25 overalls and jumpers at J. A. Ducketts for

Do not forget that Saturday, September 16, is the day set apart to meet at the high school building and beautify the school grounds by removing grass, weeds, sand-burrs and other rubbish that might mar the civic beauty of the school premises which is, and should be the pride of every citizen in and around Merkel.

Mr. Garrett has consented to supervise the work. Come and be here for some time. Consul- bring hoes and rakes, so that tation and analyses given free. while some cut the grass, weeds You will find me at Mrs. Alice and sand-burrs others may rake

Household paints and varnishes A new and complete line of only 15 cents per can at J. A.

ABILENE BOOSTERS HERE THURSDAY 100 STRONG. WELCOME TO THE CITY

and man's ignorance and indif- ty, and even adjoining counties, Rousing Receptions Given at all Towns Visited with the Exception of Sweetwater, Where They Were Welcomed on Behalf of the city Visited

by Fred T. Wood.

Merkel joins many other West Texas towns in extending to the Abilene Boosters a hearty welcome to our city. Men, women and children are proud of the opportunity of meeting the representatives from our sister city.

At every town visited from Abilene to Stamford. Stamford to Sweetwater, Sweetwater to San Angelo, to Big Springs and up the A. T. & S. F., to Post, a cordial reception was given the Trade Trippers with one exception, that was at Sweetwater where no reception was accorded them according to the Abilene Reporter of Tuesday. Fred T. Wood, secretary of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce said to his crowd on arrival in Sweetwater, "You Abilene men get acquainted here. On behalf of Sweetwater I welcome you."

Plans made by Merkel merchants Thursday morning was to meet the Abilene Special in a body, and escort them to the business part of the City in Clover, where an address of welcome will be given by Hon. Thos. Johnson, who is always equal to any such occasion. Knowing that a few Abilene men will have "Fresh Cold Storage" replies that are full of pep in every statement, action and deed the locals looked forward to the coming with anticipation.

The Abilene band accompanies the visitors and every body keeps step, even to Congressman-elect Blanton and Rev. Hearon, two who are usually known to do as they please. This peculiarity however will be tolerated to the full extent of their wishes for they are, jolly good fellows.

The Mail is indeed sorry to learn that two of the bunch, John G. Jackson and Lester Ellis, who were with the Boosters last year were not able to join the delegation on this trip but others who are just as full of enthusiasm and are always talking for Taylor county will be here to apologize for their nonappearance.

cident and the St. Lawrence Bridge Company says 25 of them THE PROGRAM OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL OPENING, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH

Work of the Fiscal School Year Will Open at School Auditorium Monday Morning at Nine O'clock With Short Talks By Prominents.

The following program will be rendered, Monday, September 18, in the High School Auditorium. It is the desire of all school authorities that every man, woman and child, in any way interested in public education come out and be with us in the opening. Your presents will be peak for you a lively interest in things education for Merkel. So come and lend your assistance, encouragement and moral support to the school authorities to the end that Merkel City School have the best year in its history:

Scripture Reading Eld. W. G. Cypert. Welcome - (on part of school board) ____ Thos. Johnson. Welcome-(on part of Merkel and surrounding country) Hon. J. C. Mason. Welcome-(on part of the churches) Rev. W. P. Garvin.

Response Prof. R. A. Burgess. Talk Prof. R. M. Parker. Benediction. Rev. H. E. Bullock.

Mrs. L. B. Howard, who has tought music in Merkel for several years, has kindly consented to furnish some splended music for the opening.

School books are cask. Bur- Ever-Ready flash lights and ascessories at Burroughs.

PAPER FAMINE NOW ABILENE AFFECTS TEX. SPUR

We have been reading much of a paper famine through the coun- published just before the Trade try but until last week we didn't Trippers reached this town. appreciate the situation. The The noisy fellow with them ever the paper shortage has not Trip business. bothered us until last week. We Fore we forget. Nearly all es and that was the best we hadn't ought ter be tolerated. could do. Hereafter we will pro- Frank grimes is the tallest man more news can be given on a deputy cousin by adoption of T. smaller amount of paper.

to advance or if it remains per- reporter. manently at the present price, all Texas Spur.

Miss Leila Hill, piano and violin teacher solicits your patronage. Pupil of McDonald and Schrimer. Seven years experience. Studio at residence of Rev. H. E. Bułlock. Phone 285 and 15t8-170

den farm near Mt. Pleasant, was fact'ry. bitten by a rattlesnake Friday The legal minds of this aggre-

above the ankle. Medical atten- that means. tion was called at once, but the We desire to call attention to poison spread, large white blis- our new school building. We ters forming around the wound might say to the visitors that and gradually spread.

tention to the wound was largely n't exactly mean that. responsible for his quick recov- S. M. (Tim Henry) Shelton covered his danger he lanced the troit. place with his pocket knife until Congressman-Elect Blanton, ping the circulation. He then you beat e'm.

morning.

The daily receipts are about to town. 200 bales per day at present and prospects are good for a total of nearly ten thousand bales of cotton to be sold and marketed here from this season's crop.

entee of the best service in Mer-

While it lasts. 30 cent Peaberry coffee only 15 cents per pound Hudnuts, Lazells, Colgates, Lilat J. A. Duckett's.

5.cents. A. L. Jobe.

Merkel, Texas. Printed and

price of paper has been contin- Abileneites is Fred Wood, you'll uously advancing until now we know him by his "hurry up boys" are paying about three times as way he has o'doin things. He's much as we did a year ago. How- the I who started all this Trade

could not get paper for the rea- the old men of this place was son there was none to buy. We round the carnival grounds Monborrowed from the Dickens Cour- day evening, spection to see some ier enough to run about six pag- of the '49ers. Such conduct

bably have to be more brief in in the whole bunch. He's adanpublishing the news in order that dy newspaper man and is a step L. Grimes of this town. For a If the price of paper continues living he works for the Abilene

Reid McLemore is also supposcountry newspapers will have to ed to be along, he used to be a advance not only the subscription member of the back alley baseprice but the price of advertising ball league of Abilene and once in order to stay in business. - played here. He's one whos gone to the higher-ups. He's acquainted with R. O. Anderson, one of our localites.

Preacher Hearon is one o'the bunch who you can't kid and get away with it. He is the only sanctimonious lookin individual along.

W. A. Holford is a regular 16kt newspaper man and one who has stood the acid test, he holds down the same job on the Taylor county times as our boss does on this rag.

Benno Schmidt sells syrup. You'd think from his name he Roy Hatton, living on the Har- wuz a representative of a kraut

afternoon, and was reported to gation are towit: Hon. T. L. be in a serious condition on Mon-Blanton, Hon. Fred Cockerel, Hon. E. M. Overshiner, Hon. C. The bite was inflicted just G. Whitten et al., or whatever

there is a strong talk of orga-Late reports show this condi- ni'zin a Cadet Corps for this tion was only caused by applica- school. If they do the uniforms tions used and the injured man will consist in a cap and coat is rapidly recovering from the with a probable addition of troubite. No doubt his personal at- sers at a later date. No we did-

ery. Immediately after he dis-sells e'm at \$365 F. O. B. De-

it blead freely and taking shoe G. B. (Blue) Tittle and E. M. laces from his shoes he made • a Overshiner are three of a kind. strong cord and tightly bound it Two more cards sorter like e'm just above the wound, thus stop- and you'd have a full house. Can

walked to the nearest house, We note that K. B. Legett is which was a considerable dis- listed in crowd as representing Abilene's live stock possibilities. "Stock yard stuff."

> F. A. Matthes and Geo. Clark recent acquisitions to Abilene are out in interest of gas. They sell the combustible kind, the other stuff they hand out is free.

Takin every thing into consid-This the first count on cotton eration the crowd is a purty good taken from the Merkel cotton sort and we'r a'goin to introduce yards finds that 2611 bales have ourselves to the Commissary been weighed up until Thursday Clerk "in the baggage car ahead" just as soon as they get

Mrs. H. E. Bullock and children were called to Bryson Wednesday morning to attend the bedside of Mrs. Bullock's mother, Mrs. Newman who is To have your clothes cleaned seriously ill. This is the second and pressed by the Star Store time recently that Mrs. Bullock Tailoring Co., is a positive guar- has been called to the bedside of her mother.

We sell all well known and approved toilet articles such as ly's, Pivers, Djer-kiss, Jergens, Car load of school tablets for Hinds and many others. Bur-

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MERKEL, TEXAS

A CONSCIENTIOUS ROBBER GETS HIS

Buffalo. N. Y., Sept. 13.—Sev-States today. The train had small place east of El Paso. been stopped for the customs inspection when a man walked in- Worth Star-Telegram carried an to one of the coaches and began article in regard to the affair questioning the passengers. Of which stated that Carr killed the Mrs. Jessie M. Ardill of New Mexican. We don't know which York City he demanded:

and the man counted \$110. He got a greaser kickin' the bucket, returned \$65 to the woman, say- so we are inclined to believe the ing that he would keep the re- Telegram through a friendly mainder as a "deposit." He feeling we have for our own peowrote a receipt for the money as ple. 'paid over to the United States customs at Buffalo."

Others in the car also gave up

supposed the man was a customs official.

Best Treatment for a Burn

If for no other reassn, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in the treatment of burns. It allays the pain almost instantly, and unless the jury is a seyere one, heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also unequaled for chapped hands, sore nipple and diseases of the skin. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

Men's heavy underwear worth Duckett's.

Wednesday afternoon the Abien passengers on a Canadian Pa- lene Reporter carried an associacific train from Toronto were vic- ted press report that Constable tims of an unusual robbery as Robert Carr of El Paso had been the train crossed into the United killed by a Mexican at Clint. a

Thursday morning the Fort paper to believe. We had rather "How much money 'have you take the Reporter's word for the affair but they've killed an Amer-Mrs. Ardill opened her purse ican, and the Star-Telegram has

How to Give Good Advice

The best way to give good advice is to set a good example. When others see how quickly you get over your cold When the train pulled into the by taking Chamberlain's Cough Reme-Buffalo station, Mrs. Ardill asked dy they are are likely to follow your the conductor what she would do example. This remedy has been in with her receipt. The passengers use for many years and enjoys an excellent reputation. Obtainable every-

Advertised Letters.

Adkisson, J. M. Hudspeth, W. R. Flores, Nicolos Jaimes, Santiago Palos, Jose

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Sept. 27th, 1916.

H. C. Williams, P. M. Merkel, Texas

For first class cleaning press-65 cents now 45 cents at J. A. ing and alterations, visit the Star Store Tailoring Company.

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Reasonable Rates

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and \$15 for non-residents.

The state game, fish and oys- Constipation the father of Many IIIs ter department here has mailed tiful this season.

Good for Biliousness

I took two of Chamberlain's Tablets last night, and I feel fifty percent better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness. For sale by all dealers.

What She Made Him, The head of the house glanced at a oill from his wife's dressmaker.

'When I proposed to you, less than wo years ago." he said. "I was rather of making something of me. did you

"Yes, Henry," answered his wife. "Well," he continued, "your efforts have not been in vain. You have suc-

"I'm so glad." she said. "What have made of you. dear?"

Once more he glanced at the bill. "A bankrupt," he replied, with a deep

Lax-Fes, A Mild, Effective Laxative & Liver Tonic Does Not Gripe nor Disturb the Stomach. In addition to other properties, Lax-Fos contains Cascara in acceptable form, a stimulating Laxative and Tonic. Lax-Fos acts effectively and does not gripe nor disturb stomach. At the same time, it aids ligestion, arouses the liver and secretions and restores the healthy functions. 500

Police Chief Arrested

Austin, Sept. 2. - Open season Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 12. - Charon doves in Texas was effective ged with being an accomplice in September 1st. The season for the murder of John Kennedy, buck deer opens November 1, and slain six months ago at a dance continues to December 1, and the in the Osage country, four miles season for wild turkeys opens on northwest of Tulsa, William J. December 1. There is practically Baber, former Tulsa Chief of pono change in the game laws from lice, who awaits trial in the district next Monday for the alleged Persons may hunt in the coun- murder of United States Marshal ty of their home or adjoining Holmes Davidson and Ed Plank counties without licenses. The was arrested at the Western Ashunting license is necessary how- sociation baseball park yesterday ever for hunting in other coun- afternoon by Sheriff Wooley. ties of the state. The license fee The arrest was made on informais \$1.75 for residents of the state tion furnished by Osage county

Of the numerous ills that affect huto county clerks over the state manity a large share start with constilarge quantities of hunting licen- pation. Keep your bowels regular and ses. Game is reported to be plen- the may be avoided. When a laxative is needed take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. Obtainable every-

Sells Young Mules High

Sam Grayson of the Shiloh community was in the first of the week, and after disposing of two young mules he found that his surplus and profits had increased by the amount of \$425.00.

Two young mules bringing \$425 and a few head of hogs sellwild, and you said you considered it ing at prices above an average, your duty to marry me for the purpose cotton going at fifteen cents and seed at \$45 was too much for Mr. Grayson and he left town without renewing his paper. He has time to spare however on his reading matter, and no doubt will buy his year's supply at an





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MAKE OUR DRUG STORE YOUR STORE FOR ALL THE "LITTLE DRUG STORE THINGS" YOU USE AS WELL AS FOR YOUR MEDICINES. WHEN YOU HAVE A PRESENT TO MAKE COME IN AND SEE WHAT WE HAVE FOR GIFTS.

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The Quinine That Boss Not Affect The Head | Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System Recause of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXA-TIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC, drives out

Carbon at Burroughs.

Miss Myrtle Farris of Noodle is in Cisco for a short visit.

School books are cash. Bur-

Mrs. G. W. Roach was in Abilene Tuesday visiting relatives.

Gents shirts, sizes from 14 up to 20, cheaper than ever before. A. L. Jobe.

Rev. and Mrs. W. D. McDonald returned Friday of last week from an extended visit to relatives on the Plains.

Same goods for less money; more goods for same money, at A. L. Jobe's.

Mrs. W. J. Lewis and her niece returned to Fort Worth this week, where they will spend the winter, that the latter may attend school there.

A classy line of cut glass at Burroughs.

Miss Jewell Toombs enjoyed a vacation last week from her work in the Anchor Mercantile Co. The time was spent visiting relatives in Clyde.

Mrs. J. E. Young and little Alice Glenn of Lampasas are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bigham.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson departed Monday afternoon for Weatherford, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble. Mr. Anderson returned Tuesday afternoon on the Sunshine Spec-

Messrs. Thos. Roy and John Winters purchased an '85 Overland touring car Saturday from local dealers.

Mrs. J. L. Williams and children left Monday for Tatum, N. teaching at that place. They cy and Mary Reed, drove to the kel Wednesday of this week. were driven there by Robert Den-latter's home in Hillsboro last nis and Stanley King.

Rev. and Mrs. Garvin and Miss Mary left Monday afternoon for Stamford, where they enjoyed the home-coming at Stamford ley spent last week in Merkel College which was observed on visiting relatives. Tuesday of this week.



OUR SHOWING OF FALL STYLES IN SUITS, OVER-COATS ANE FURNISHINGS WILL PLEASE THE MAN WHO IS PARTICULAR ABOUT HIS LOOKS. CLOTHES MAKE YOU LOOK "DRESSY" BECAUSE THE QUALITY IS THERE; WE SEE THAT THEY FIT YOU PERFECTLY; THEY ARE THE LATEST STYLE AND THE FINISH AND WORKMANSHIP IS HIGH CLASS.

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Men and boys Hats New and Nobby See Them

Rosa Smith, and daughters.

	100 pounds Marechael Neil Flour	33.9
-	3-pound can steel-cut coffee	.90
	3 pkgs puffed wheat or rice	.25
1	3 cans pie peaches	_25
	3 cans Kraut	.25
	3 cans Corn	
	3 cans Peas	

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FLORSHEIM SHOES for men

> Guarantees Style, and Quality

Blacklegoids at Burroughs. Mrs. C. W. Smith of Coleman returned to her home Saturday Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock, after visiting her mother, Mrs. are proud parents of a baby girl

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Paylor of Mr. to join Mr. Williams, who is their daughters, the Misses Tra- Big Spring were visitors in Mer- land the first of the week on busi- sell visited relatives in Sweet-

born this Thursday morning.

Principal R. A. Burgess came Friday. Mr. McDonald returned in Wednesday night from his home the early part of this week. home in Lubbock. He will spend the next few days getting located Mr. and Mrs. Hodge Winter and ready for his year's work and baby daughter of near Hawwhich begins Monday.

Mrs. E. J. Calloway who has been here visiting her daughter Misses Martha Jane and Eliza- Dolf Clark started extensive Mrs. A. J. Barbee for the past beth Swafford left Tuesday morn- improvements of his home few days, left Wednesday for ing for Dallas, where the former Wednesday morning. A new Whitney where she will be with will resume her work in the city and modern bungalow roof and her son Otho Calloway and fam-

> Mr. and Mrs. J' N. Teaff and their three daughters who have been visiting in Eastern and Southern Texas returned home Thursday of last week Mrs. Dovye who was quite sick with inflammatory rheumatism while away is improving nicely since her return.

> R. H. Dean and two daughters Lillie and Madge leave this Thursday night for Siloam Springs, Ark., there the Misses Deans will enter school. Mr. Dean will return in about two weeks before he goes to Siloam Springs to live and even then his departure will not be permanent for he will return to Merkel next

T. & P. Time Table

EASTBOUND	
Sunshine Special	8:44 a.m.
No. 4	9.54 a.m.
No. 6	
WESTBOUND	
Sunshine Special	8:22 p.m.
No. 3	6:08 p.m.
No. 5	5:55 a.m.

The Advertised Article

nimself has implicit faithelse he would not advertise it. You are safe in patronizing the merchants whose ads appear in this paper because their goods are up-to-date and never to her home in Sweetwater after is visiting Mrs. Robt. Hicks and spending several days the guest other Merkel friends. of Mrs. W. Parten.

Miss Nina Elliott has returned Miss Mattie Paylor of Lamessa

Mrs. J. C. Calvert and little E. E. Patterson was in East- granddaughter, Annie Lou Ruswater last week.

LOCAL

Carbon at Burroughs.

Miss Lillie Dean was in Abiene Tuesday with friends.

Live and let live prices at

Mrs. Couch of Kirkland is visiting her daughter Mrs. Neece Hancock.

The Merkel Bargain House is A. L. Jobe's Store. Next door to Merkel Garage.

Mrs. James Clarkson, of Blair, Okla., is here to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. T. L. Grimes.

Watch these column every week. We will show you items that mean Happiness, Health and Prosperity to you. Burroughs.

Miss Hattie Payne of Waxahachie who has been the guest of the Bigham home for several days, left Tuesday for Abilene for a visit before returning to her home.

Mrs. Lucy Vickers of Gonzales was in the Noodle country last week visiting the family of W. L. Barbee and from there Mrs. Vickers went to Eskota where she visited her sister Mrs. I. R. Trent.

M. M. Leeman of Pyote, Mesdames J. M. Terry and Matt Fryar of Bonham, brother and sisters of the late Mrs. Alice Templeton are in Merkel are in Merkel this week disposing of the latters household furnishings and other personal possessions.

Miss Powell of Leonard who will be one of Merkel's teachers this year arrived here from her home Wednesday morning.

John R. Daniel, a former resident of Merkel was a visitor here this week.

Carbon at Burroughs.



Why Your Shades Show CRACKS AND PIN HOLES

ECAUSE the dry climate and sudden attacks of sucking, snapping winds, with the strain and stress of daily usage, causes your shades to lose the chalk and clay filling, revealing the coarse muslin cloth beneath in cracks and pin holes.

TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR SHADES

Take the sample of LUX-OR shade cloth we mailed you, fold it as much as you like in both hands, and rub it, and watch the results - a shade that wears twice as long as the ordinary kind, is one that has no clay filling, but is made of good close-woven muslin and oil colors.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

COUNTING HIS CHICKENS

Charles Evans Hughes counted his chickens in California, but he counted them before they hatched.

On his recent campaign of the coast everything seemed sunny until he reached California. There he was in a quandary. He was on the dung hill of Hiram Johnson, a dyed-in-the-wool Progressive, one of the unreconstructed sort, the sort that smiles with a suggestive glimmer in his eye and a knife in his hand.

Charles Evans Hughes took the proper course and threw himself on the mercy of the Progressives, proclaiming his allegiance to the old line Republican party.

This was virtually the only thing he could do. He was selected by leaders of the old guard. He accepted the nomination of the regular Republicans and all that was left to him was to stick to the straight and narrow road.

He felt confident that the Progressives in California would defeat the Johnson interests and would rally about the old standard.

Judge Hughes felt like that he had overcome a serious obstacle and went on his way rejoic-

He put himself in the keeping of the old guard Republicans, but this home was one of but temporary safety. Within a week the following of Hiram Johnson proclaimed his supremacy, They proved convincingly that they control the Republican party in the State of California. They proved that they not only control the Republican party, but the Progressive party in the state as

It is a distressing situation for a 100 per cent candidate to face who wanted to play on the safe

This thing of playing safe is not a wise policy It is far better, as the men of the green cloth say, to come into the clear. Let the public know where you stand. Do not try to carry water on both shoulders.

To be frank, Charles Evans Hughes has made a mess of his whole campaign. The more he speaks the more votes he makes for Wilson, and acknowlege that it is but human to err.

The play of Hughes for the western vote o women may help in a small way, but to manly men, to the bone and sinew of the great commonwealth, this appeal to women to help him in his up hill struggle is pathetic.

If you are a man be a man and do not try to gain a point by crawling in on the skirts of a woman, - Commercial Appeal-

valuable of fruits.

has not the least semblance in taste of any var- week, but to open was all it did, for the city mariety in the vegetable kingdom. On the other shal, "Buck" Johnson, gave them a permit to hand it is akin to almost every variety of fruits close the show once a day, for twenty-four hours and is a highly savory, delicious and beneficial a day, and six days per week. The permit was food? People, children especially, thrive won- backed up by his order and decree. derfully when given mesquite beans in prefer- Now again, and some more about shows, we ence to other fruits and the time may come when have within our town other pleasure places. each out the winter months in preference to keeping a taxes. They are also called upon for charitable barrel of apples for the children to visit? People contributions, all of which is good, and to 'allow living north of the Mason-Dixon and even in any other set of individuals greater liberties, is eastern Texas should make preparations to move rank discrimination. to western Texas e'er another year comes to en- The Mail is for the protection and upkeep of childhood.

GOVERNMENTAL OWNERSHIP

roads, the telegraph and telephone lines of the readers to some recent actions. A farmer living United States is constantly being heard. The near Trent drove his automobile into this city. government has a railroad on the Isthmus of Pan- and because he drove to the left of a street markama with its rates so high that if the railroads of er, that happened to be out of the position it should the United States were permitted to charge on have been in, the farmer was fined for the great the same basis, the whole country would go up in offense of driving to the left. A petition was arms against the extortion. The government is promptly circulated asking that the city remit building a railroad from Anchorage to Fairbanks the fine, and was signed by nearly every business in Alaska. Part of the line already built has a man in town, but the fine was not remitted. The gasoline motor car, but the government's charge city authorities were under no special obligation for passenger service is 122 cents a mile and for to remit this fine however, and they certainly freight 114 cents a pound for the 35 miles in op- had no more authority to remit the taxes of the eration. Eight-tenths of a cent a pound will pay carnival company that is now playing in this city. the freight from New York City to Chicago, a We only ask the fair indulgence of the readers distance of 960 miles. The government has a on the position we have taken.

telegraph service of its own in Alaska with a cable extending from Ketchikan to Seattle, a little over 600 miles, and the rate is 19 cents a word!-Leslie's Weekly.

The Van Sickle Carnival Company has been traveling a rough road on the South Plains. The city authorities in Slaton shut down some of their attractions here, and Plainview refused to allow the carnival to unload there. Snyder also turned the nothing doing ear when the company checked in at that place. The next carnival that comes to the South Plains might just as well bill thru without a stopover. Slaton does not want any more carnivals. - The Slaton Slatonite.

The fact that Slaton doesn't want any more carnivals will not keep carnivals out of your city. Under the laws of the state they can operate if they meet all regulations and pay the required taxes. It has long been a custom to have carnivals under auspices of various municipal organizations, usually Fire Departments or Commercial Clubs and the city authorities would remit a large portion of the taxes as a courtesy to the organizations. This method is still in force in some places one of which is Merkel and is used in order to allow the local organization an opportunity to accumulate \$100 or \$200 dollars as their percentage of gross earnings of the carnival. The percentage is usually one tenth on all paid show attractions and a certain number of dollars for each concession, usually \$5.00 for each game of chance proposition.

The writer remembers when a band of Merkel merchants gave various prizes to the people of the country, each prize being of real and true value, such af a kitchen cabinet, art square, farm wagon or buggy, and this grew until finally automobiles were offered. From away off there came a rumbling of dissatisfaction, and the parties back of the premium proposition were advised to pull any and all prizes down or else be prosecuted for violation of the lottery laws of Texas. The merchants of Merkel were beat hands down in their effort to give prizes that were really worth

We have with us however even greater games of chance and the city authorities have agreed to remit a portion of the taxes from the carnival now playing this city in order that the fire department may obtain a pecuniary benefit, absolutely the only benefit possible to obtain from such an attraction. The Mail takes the position that the city authorities act without consulting the wishes of the people when they remit any portion of the taxes that are rightfully and under-justly assessed against such a body of shows. We hear from every side now that the city is badly in need of funds and that the present finances while our president has made mistakes, we must hardly sufficient to maintain the city government available for operating expenses of the town are until taxes are collected, and yet we have with us a taxable thing that is not taxed. The city of Merkel has never yet agreed to remit the taxes of any individual so far as we have been able to ascertain and we'll give five years subscription to the one who can show an effort along this line.

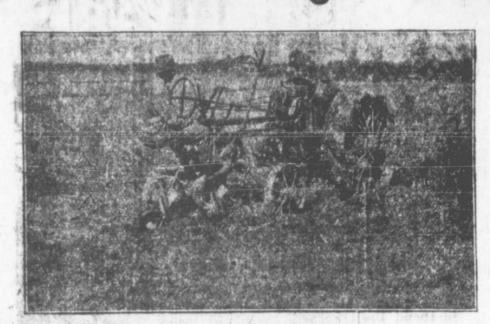
The Mail believes in fairness to all and in this would insist that the carnival companies and all other shows that come to our town be taxed to the full extent of the law and not one red cent remitted to them for any reason. Then, if there People living out of Texas and those living in be any questionable show or other thing with the the eastern part of this grand commonwealth carnival, let it be handled exactly in accordance have lived for years in ignorance of the fact that with the law in every instance. And here we the central west is the home of one of the most take opportunity to thank ourselves that there is no '49 show with this company. One such show The mesquite bean, named bean from its shape, opened with the company at Sweetwater last

people will preserve this fruit to be used through of which are forced to pay their full quota of

joy the many things this land has to offer. In the local fire department and will do everything formation will gladly be given to parties living in our power to assist this organization financialelsewhere as to the possibilities of this newly ly and otherwise, and we attempt to hold no one discovered fruit, known to the natives since their wholly responsible for the existing conditions. We only bring them to attention now while the information is fresh and available, that in the future we may guard against such.

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condition was serious.

hree to four dollars a bale.

In our forecast issued August To the Planters and Merchants: 25th we stated that the crop was likely to run around 11,500,000 The United States Government bales, which was not far wrong report on the condition of cotton judging from the report. With to August 25th issued today was another week of deterioration 61.2 per cent, indicating a yield since August 25th, it looks like of 158 1-2 pounds to the acre, or we will not have a crop larger

withstanding we were sure the price will go. They say that the market too rapid. cotton goods trade was never The price of cotton advanced better, and mills are running full time to fill orders based on very much higher price cotton than present prices. It is our firm be- by local applications as they cannot lief that cotton will go to 20c per use common sense in marketing, dition of the mucous lining of the Euscotton just as we are about to realize what is justly due us. creasing in value \$1 per bale per

> We believe that cotton should be held off the market for three cous surfaces. weeks more, and then sell a We will give One Hundred Dollars scarce and the price will rise, however, the mills will have to Sold by druggists, 75c. have cotton by the 25th and we Take Hall's Family Pills for constimust not cut off supplies alto- pation. gether, as it might cripple them, which we don't want to do. We want the mills to hum and keep the cotton worked out of the way as fast as we sell it.

> threatening to place an arbitrary len Furniture Co. price on cotton if it goes to high, forbidding the importation above a certain price. That is all bluff, and is one of the scare reports ney and Bladder troubles, diswe cautioned you about, that solves gravel, cures diabetes, weak

> the price. have cought England short on women, regulates bladder troubcotton, and it hurts to see Amer- les in children. If not sold by ican mills outstripping her for your druggist, will be sent by supremacy in the trade. England mail on receipt of \$1. One small has always gotten the cheap cot- bottle is two months' treatment ton every fall, as they bought and seldom fails to perfect a practically all of the early surplus cure. Send for Texas testimoniwhich enabled her to pay the als. Dr. E.W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., cost of transportation and com- St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists pete with our mills, but we have a different situation now. The American mills have been foresighted enough to carry a pretty sistant that he felt more fatigued hearlarge stock of the actual cotton. ing him than in preaching himself.

> wake up to the situation, and not enced a similar feeling when his senior throw away the best opportunity they have had for a generation.

trying to put them wise as the saying goes, as we have foreseen | Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and this coming for quite awhile, and we felt it was our duty" to call This is a medicine that every family their attention to it. In fact it should be provided wite. Colic and was the reason of our trade let- diarrhoea often come on suddenly and ters being established. We want often come on suddenly and it is of the that extra three hundred million greatest importance that they be treated promptly. Consider the suffering dollars in our planters' pockets, that must be endured until a physician and then we can all get our share arrives or medicine can be obtained. through our increased prosperity. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrpeace" as well as war.

You can expect temporary declines in market, but the general | Carbon at Buzroughs.

pound bales. This is a little low- mit now that we have a crop dis- tone will be for higher prices, er than we were looking for not- aster and no telling how high the unless we rush cotton on the

Southern Cotton Review,

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

reach the diseased portion of the ear. at Burroughs. There is only one way to cure deafness, pound this month, especially if and that is by constitutional remedies. our planters and merchants will Deafness is caused by an inflamed conand not glut the market with tachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or relatives. imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, Why should a farmer rush his and unless the inflammation is taken cotton to market when it is in- out and this tub restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mu-

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Pity the Congregation. An old Scotch minister told his as-We hope to see our people The assistant replied that he experiwas in the pulpit,

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All others are invited to attend this service, but the elderly peo-School books are cash. Bur- ple, and especially those past fifty, are requested to be there.

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MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

Mrs Robt Hicks entertained her guest, Miss Mattie Paylor, with a dinner on Monday of this week. Those who enjoyed the informal affair together were the honor guest, Miss Ruby Jones, Choc Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Hicks.

On Wednesday evening of last week Miss Jewel Pate entertained a few girl friends at supper at her home in north Merkel. The following young ladies enjoyed dining together in the pleasant home, Misses Lizzie and Eva Calvert, Elma Sheppard, Bernardine Freeman, Pauline Johnson and the hostess. Mr. Fred Latham entertained the party at the Cozy during the evening with refreshments at Burroughs at the conclusion of the picture program. All the young ladies remained in the Pate home for a spend- the-night party except Misses Sheppard and Freeman.

A Birthday Dinner

On September 10th, at the home of Mr and Mrs. S. J. Roberts, a great birthday dinner was arranged in honor of Mr. S. J. Roberts and Mrs. Geo. Turner, each being sixty-four years of lar of spikes or spines around its neck. age. Though they have stood Skulls of this creature which have been the trials and toils of many years they seemed to enjoy the feast length of some twenty-five feet. It is and mingling of voices as if they the opinion of a great authority on prewere only twenty. The number invited being thirty-four children. Is the opinion of this expert, too, that grandchildren and friends. The table being spread and every too great ambition!-London Mail. dish well filled with abundance of wholesome food, the three daughters of Mr. Roberts served. Mrs. Denton of Tye, Mrs. Susie Tyler and Mrs. Maggie Sublett of Merkel.

Misses Lizzie and Eva Calvert entertained their closest girl friends with a slumber party on Thursday night of last week. A box party to enjoy the "Who's to sufficiently nourish both body and Guilty" picture was the enter- brain during the growing period when tainment provided the guests mature life. This is shown in so many during the early evening and pale faces, lean bodies, frequent colds, then the fun continued in the home until a late hour. The unmistakable earnestness: They need Scott's Emulsion, and need it now. It guests were Misses Effie Hutson, Ona Johnson, Jewel Pate, Bernadine Freeman and Bernice Rain- them sturdy and strong. No alcohol. bolt.

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It Flies Away. "Why do they call a theatrical backer an angel? He hasn't got wings. 'No, but his money has."-Exchange.

Classifying Themselves. "Hello, old man!" exclaimed one man on meeting a friend on shipboard. "How are you?"

"First class," said the one accosted. And how are you! "Steerage."

ever receive the proper balance of food nature's demands are greater than in and lack of ambition.

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OUR PUBLIC FORUM

E. G. Senter

ON ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.



Ex-Senator E. G. Senter of Dallas, who has perhaps down the front, perhaps it is the given more careful study to the administration of Justice than any other citizen, when asked if reforms (which every thoughtful citizen must recognize as essential to or yet it may be the shoulder preservation of government) could be brought about by cape, or all of these together, the legal profession, of which he is a distinguished member, said in part:

"Seven years ago I told the lawyers in the State Senate, who blocked all efforts to improve court procedure, ine the design developed in satin that they were hastening the coming of a time when the people would take this subject into their own hands. The plain English of it is that at heart they do not want vet and satin, or any one of these any material change in the practice and the sooner the

people find this out the quicker tangible results will be obtained. The real truth is that a large element among the lawyers consider that the privilege of delay is the most important feature of the law, and present conditions are perpetuated because they permit delay. It is unfortunate that the lawyers of this state take so little interest in the conditions which exist in the courts. Whatever interest they do take is wasted in mere complaints which do not seek and do not tend to produce results.

There is but one way to accomplish anything in bringing about the reform of court procedure and that is for the people of this state to tell the lawyers to get out of the way and let them take a try at it-to make plain to every candidate for the Legislature that if he does not assist in getting results upon this subject, he may expect to be beaten hereafter for every office to which he may aspire and particularly to hold to a rigid responsibility every member of the judiciary committees of house and senate. The man who declares himself unable to suggest an improvement upon present conditions is unfit to be a member of the legislature and no excuse should be accepted which seeks to absolve any member of the legislature from this harmony, for the result may be In crocheted bags there is quite responsibility. The people could not do a better work next year than to defeat several gentlemen who will be candidates, who proclaimed their sympathy with this cause when it was presented to the legislature and who quietly got out their clubs and sandbagged every proposal which meant any-When the politicians of this state learn that it means political out lawry to stand in the way of reform there will be no need for meetings of the bar association to get results. Every member of the legislature will get busy just as soop as it meets, and it requires no prophet to forsee that many of those who have been most active in the past in preventing court reform will he just as active in the future in assisting to procure reform.

It is up to the people to take control of this movement, if they want results. Lawyers can and should assist, but if they take charge of it nothing more will be accomplished in the next quarter of a century than has been accomplished by them in the past twenty-five years. The people have waited long enough upon them. The lawyers should take back seats now, and give black satin. There was a shoul- a number of irregular shapes as

PARIS FAVORS THE DRESS MADE OF TWO MATERIALS

Combinations of Velvet and Cloth or Satin and Serge Are Considered Very Smart. The Handbag a Dress Accessory

of new versions of them for the shade. Fur edged the blouse. coming season? No it is not only Another detail of fashion the economical woman with an which is making a strong appeal eye for making over her last win- to the well-dressed woman is the ters dress who looks with approv-, use of colored embroidery as a al on this style. To be sure she dress trimming. An example is may take advuntage of it, for shown on the illustration here of this fashion holds great possibili- a one piece dress with cartridge ties for her; but needless to say belt. Many of these dresses are



One Piece Frock of Cloth and Satin

Combinations of materials are used in dresses of widely different character; quite as often in one piece frock for street as in the dress required for more formal wear. Of the first type is the smart dress of cloth and satin illustrated here. There is a suggestion of the military influence in this dress, too, weich accounts for a part of its charm, as things military are still a source of inspiration to fashion designers. Perhaps it is the orderly row of buttons placed straight four pockets with rounded laps that give the soldierly tinge to this dress. One can readily imagand serge, velvet and cloth, velmaterials in two tones. A light and a dark shade of gray silk other forms and shapes of this have been used successfully by important accessor, which, if it Parisian designers in such a does not exactly match the coscombined two different colors, monize with it. Some very atand gray. But the ameteur colored beads, and some fluffy colors unless they are in perfect ruffles of ribbon. er of colors would produce.

der cape of white Georgette well as oval and round ones.

New York, Sept.-Women of edged with fur, which trimming fashion are, today, greatly in- also finished the long sleeves. terested in the "two material" Another dress seen had a blouse dresses. Has not Paris sanction- of Copenhagen blue chiffon, also ed them and put forth some of in Russian style, worn over a her best efforts in the fashioning skirt of blue velvet the same

it was not originally planned for seen in dark blue or black serge or sattin with gray wool embroidery. In some, the hem of the skirt is further decorated with a wool fringe matching the embroidery and hanging from the lower edge. Other embroidery designs are carried out in Bulgarian colors in wool or silk, or in steel thread and also in gold thread. The two latter are especially effective on dark green, navy blue or black.

Fancy Handbags

A fashionable woman does not consider her costume complete to-day without a dainty fancy handbag, which she dangles from a long ribbon or cord. Sometimes it takes the form of the on South Rose Street. Good old-fashioned reticule Grand- terms. Robert Hicks. 23tf. mother used to wear hanging from her belt. In this instance mares, some young mules and the bag is almost always made my farm. Chas. Beard. 2tpd from the same material as the dress. But there are numerons



Wool Embroidery 1s a Fashionable

dress as this. They have even tume should, in any event, harsuch as tan and brown, dark tractive ones are of black velvet green and gray and mahogany with steel beads or of moire with should beware of combining two little creations are entirely of

vastly different from what the an attractive new style worked hands of an experienced combin- in various bright colors forming solid rows that go round and In dresses for formal wear one round. The bags are round, and sees other combinations. A longer than they are wide. The white Georgette crepe blouse in top is drawn together on a cord Russian style was combined with run through rings, and the bota black satin skirt and the blouse tom is finished with a long tassel. was edged with a wide band of In velvet and silk bags there are

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Wanta Cook

Want a Clerk

Want a Partner

Want a Situation

Want a Servant Girl

Want to Sell a Piano

Want to Sell a Carriage

Want to Sell Town Property

Want to Sell Your Groceries

Wast to Sell Your Hardware

Want Customers for Anything

Advertise Weekly in This Paper.

Advertising Is the Way to Success

Advertising Brings Customers

Advertising Keeps Customers

Advertising Insures Success

Advertising Shows Energy

Advertising Shows Pluck

Advertising Is "Biz"

Advertise or Bust

Advertise Long

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ADVERTISE

At Once

In This Paper

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Office Phone 154 Over Woodroofs Store

O. J. SHAFFER

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G. W. JOHNSON Insurance, Notary

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The most Up-to-Date SHOP IN MERKEL

CITY BARBER SHOP

W. O. W.

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

> T. F. Compton, C C S. Hamilton, Clerk



WHEN YOU SERVE ICED COFFEE

or tea or any other cold beverage add safety to its goodness by usling our ice to do the cooling. Put the ice right in with the liquid. It's perfectly safe to do so. Something that cannnot be said about all kinds of ice.

Warren Brothers

Parten's Great Style Show

SCHOOL DRESSES

Big shipment childrens suiting and gingham school dresses 50c to \$1.50 **Each Beautifully Trimmed and Extra Quality**

at a saving of 33% to 50 per cent.

Now is the time to get ready for school

MILLINERY

Greatest ever shown in Merkel - Prices Most Reasonable ever **Everybody's Taking Them**

Ladies' \$18.00 Tailored Suits only Others up to \$25.00 and Great Bargains

Silk and Wool Dresses and Ladies, Misses and Childrens Coats big variety at 50 per cent saving. Hurry to

PARTEN'S BIG BUSY CASH STORE

GERMANS LOSS IS 3,375,000 TO DATE

London, Sept. 12. - Germans casualties in the war during August, according to a compilation here from the German casualties lists, totaled 240,900. This brings the German total since the beginning of the war, as compiled from the same sources, to 3,-375,000. These figures include all the German nationalities, but do not include the naval and colonial casualties. The detailed figures for the month of August follow: Killed, 42,700; prisoners, 1,800; missing, 42,900; wounded, 153,500: Total, 240,900.

Detailed figures for the period of the war to the end of August, 1916: Killed, 832,000; prisoners, 165,000; missing, 234,000; wounded, 144,000. Total 3,375,000.

To El Paso to Live

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel left in their car Sunday for El Paso, where they will make their home for a time, or somewhere in that part of the west. They go hoping the move will prove beneficial to Mr. Daniel's health, which has not been good for some time. These two will be greatly missed in Merkel. Mrs. Daniel's place at the Woodroof Store has beer taken by Mrs. I. S. Allen, and this family will occupy the Daniel residence.

A. T. & S. F. To Fight Law

Galveston, Sept. 12.-Officials of the Santa Fe railroad began serving notices on employes and the public today the recently en- day. acted eight hour law for trainment will not be observed, except on orders from the court of | bron Sunday. last resort.



O YOU know of anyone who is old enough to read, who has not seen that sign at a railroad crossing?

If everyone has seen it at some time or other, then why doesn't the railroad let the sign rot away? Why does the railroad company continue to keep those signs at every crossing?

Maybe you think, Mr. Merchant, Most everybody knows my store, I don't have to advertise.

Your store and your goods need more advertising than the railroads need do to warn people to "Look Out for the Cars."

Nothing is ever completed in the advertising world.

The Department Stores are a very good example—they are continually advertising-and they are continually doing a good business.

If it pays to run a few ads 'round about Christmas time, it certainly will pay you to run advertisements about all the time.

It's just business, that's all, to ADVERTISE in THIS PAPER



The World's Most Quiet Motor

It's easy to pick the real thing in motor cars.

Drive a Willys-Knight and you'll know-it

Otherwise it escapes your senses.

That quiet, smooth softness also means ab-

Willys-Knight owners are all through experimenting - they're fixed and know it.

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MIDLAND FAIR TO BE SEPT 26 TO 30

The Management of the Midland Fair & Inter State Stock Show, through the Lincoln Beachey Co., Inc., of chicago, has contracted for Laddie Laird, one of the best Aviators in the world. Laird will loop the loop, fly upsidedown and give other fancy flying features.

On the Fourth of July, Lad Laird was substituted for Thompson, who had suffe injury and could not fly Elk's Convention at Montana, where he was appear. Butte lies at tion of 8,000 feet, where is dry and light, but this L prevent Laird giving one c. most remarkable exhibition. flying ever witnessed. Ever feature ever given by any other A vistor was given on the

SHILOH

Rev. Horn filled his appointment here Saturday and Sun-

A number from here attended the Ordination Services at He-

Shiloh was very well represented at the singing convention at Trent Sunday.

The Winters brothers purchased a new Overland car last week. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of Noodle visited friends in this community Sunday.

Mrs. Edgar Wheeler and little daughter of Noodle were visiting friends in this community Saturday afternoon.

Mr. And Mrs. McCright spent Sunday with friends in the Noodle communicy. Miss Lyda Beavers spent Sat-

urday night with the Misses Scotts of Trent, and attended the Singing Convention. Mrs. Chas. Seago was a Mer-

kel visitors Wednesday. A number of boys from here

visited Walter Maynard at the Sanitarium at Abilene Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Beavers has been right

sick since last Thursday. S. L. Grayson sold a fine span of mules Monday to Mrs. Bond of Merkel for \$525.

The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak Old people who are feeble, and younger eople 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 Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. and euriches the blood and builds up the whole system. 50c

Good druggists everywhere ning Oil when a healing lotion o standard home remedy for more erful in dealing with pain.

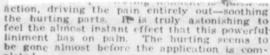
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HUNT'S

Lightning Oil

RICHARDS MEDICINE CO.

SHERMAN, TEX



NEURALGIA? afflicted with spells periodically for several years until learned of Hunt's Lightning Oil. It permanently cured me. I have never had a pain that it would, not alleviate and I have been using Hunt's Lightning Oil for fifteen years," says Uncle Jesse Loving, the best known citizen of Grayson County, Texas.

CUTS & BURNS "I would almost as soon think of running my farm without implements as without Hunt's Lightning Oil. Of all the liniments I have ever used for man and beast, it is quickest in action and richest in results. For burns and flesh cuts it is absolutely wonderful. I regard it as a household necessity," says Mr. S. Harrison, Kosciūsko, Miss. Thousands praise it. **HEADACHES**

printing of all of the testimonials written of the relief that Hunt's Lightning Oil has given to headaches, no news would be published in this paper. It would all be Hunt's Lightning Oil praise. If you suffer, don't hesitate a moment but come to the suffer of the suff ment but come to our store and get a bottle of Hunt's Lightning Oil. A surprise will be in store for you. 50c and 25c bottles.

SOLD LOCALLY BY

Sold Locally by ALL DRUGGISTS



LADIES MILLINERY

It will pay you to visit our millinery department, to see the New Fall Hats. Something new every day. If you have a hat to make over, we advise bringing it in now

NEW FALL HATS AND CAPS

FOR MEN

Cool weather has come and it is time to discard the Old Straw. A look at our New Fall Hats means a purchase. We have the new styles and colors, at the popular price \$3.00

VARSITY FIFTY-FIVE

THE STYLE OF ALL STYLES

Everybody likes it. Everybody knows that it stands for the newest and best in men's stylesthe sure, right thing in clothes.

HART-SCHAFFNER & MARX

Have produced the Smartest Suits you ever saw. They are here, \$10.00 to \$25.00

NEW FALL SUITS

FOR SCHOOL BOYS

We are receiving daily new Fall and Winter Suits for the school boy. Our stock is large and have many styles and patterns as we have felt the demand for school suits. At popular prices. Sizes 6 to 18, at \$2.50 to \$10.00



Ready-to-Wear

Every day brings us something new and pretty for our Ready-To-Wear Department. You are sure to find just what you want in our enormous selection of Ladies' Coats, Suits and Dresses. We have them in all the popular styles and patterns at prices sure to please.

LADIES' STYLISH SHOES

New shoes are arriving daily in all the New Autumn Styles. Our stock consists of the latest in Two-Tone effects-Black Vamps and White Tops, Havana Brown Kid Vamps and Ivory Tops, Dark Grey Kid Vamps and Light Grey Tops, and several beautiful styles in plain Black Kid. It is a pleasure to show you. Prices \$3.00 to \$6.50.

SCHOOL DAYS

Means New Togs for the girls. School dresses at the right prices. Our fall line of dresses is now complete. Let us show you these stylish and serviceable dresses. Prices range from 65c to \$1.50. We have a beautiful line of school middies at

50 CENTS AND \$1.25

SCHOOL SHOES

FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

We can save you money on shoes. We bought before the advances and are giving our customers the benefit. Our Buster Brown School Shoes are better than ever. Better let us fit your children now, while we have all sizes and styles. When better shoes are made Buster Brown will make them.

Are You Looking Old?

Old age comes quick enough without inviting it. Some look old at forty. That is because they neglect the liver and bowels. Keep your bowels regular and your liver healthy and you will not only feel younger but look youger. When troubled with constipation or biliousness take Chamberlain's Tablets. They are intended especially for these ailments and are excellent. Easy to take and most agreeable in effect. Obtainable everywhere.

Notice

Hereafter, Merkel cream sta-The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Friday and Saturday, cream now Kidney Pills and the pains in my back weights and test guaranteed.

E. F. Stanley, Agt. 8t2pd.

TO AILING WOMEN

A Little Sound Advice Will Help Many a Sufferer in Merkel

No woman should consider herself healthy and well if the kidneys are weak. Poisons that pass off in the secretions when the kidneys are well, are retained in the body when the kidneys are disorderdered. If the kidneys and bladder become inflamed and swollen worse trouble may quickly follow. This is often the cause of bearing down pains, lameness etc. Uric poisoning is also frequent cause of headaches, dizzy spells, langour, nervousness and rheumatic pain.

When suffering so, try Doan's Kidney Pills, a remedy that has proven effective in thousands of such cases. Let a Merkel woman tell of her experi-

Mrs. J. M. Dry, Merkel, says: "I got down with my back and when I stooped over it was hard to straighten up again. Dizzy spells come on me and I felt worn out and depressed most all the tion will receive cream only on time. I used but one box of Doan's kidneys were greatly strengthened. I have never had much need of a kidney medicine since."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Dont simply ask for a kidney remedy-get Doan's Lidney Pills-the same that Mrs. Dry had, Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Home Seekers and Investor's Opportunity.

We have a few special bargains in Dawson County lands, at \$10 \$12.00 per acre well located, easy

Good land, Good water, Good crops. We both lose money if you don't buy.

Ask us to show you. Luther E. White Land Co. Lamesa, Texas.

New Meat Market

We have opened a market on front street, in the Coats building and will furnish the best of meats, fish, oysters, ham, bread and barbecue. Free delivery in Merkel. Give us a trial. Sunday delivery. Phone 94. McGehee 8t2pd and Cender.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's chill Tonic is equally valuable as a worth 25c per pound butterfat, left, the headaches disappeared and my General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE bring me your cream, correct

and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

P. SHARP STILL AT THE OLD STAND -With the Best Values in Men's Clothing

All wool velvet finish serge, guaranteed at \$17.50 All wool serge for \$12.50

Complete line of men, ladies and childrens SHOES at the OLD PRICE

See Us for the Best Values for the Money