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## BRTC SAID TB. BE GIIIGEPS ENOY 

The history of the boll weevil From all parts of Taylor counand man'signorance and indif- ty, and even adjoining counties, ference thereto, by W. G. Ster- people visited Trent Sunday, norance 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 document that emanate from bu-
reaus, departments and commisreaus, departments and commissions. They are largely impractical, as an instance, the advice forty acre field, which is about as effective in checking boll wee-
vil ravages as the attempt of the vil ravages as the attempt of the historic lady to swee
ocean with a broom.

## ocean with a broom.

Why has it not occoured to the learned enthomalogist that possibly the absence of birds had
something to do with the boll something to do with the boll
weevil invasion? The reason why animals and insects, and man for that matter, migrate are many and varied, but as to why insect the has enormously increased and vil invaded the United States is simple question. It did just what day if they found no would do to day if they found no enemys to
oppose them on the frontier. They would do like the boll weevil, take possession of the coun
try. The boll weevil not only had
a few enemies to meet but a pow-
erful ally in man, who already before his coming killed off 9 mies 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 destroyers. Take the case of the field of Texas. In its craw was found the remains of 127 boll
weevils. Quails eat 135 different varieties of insects, and a quail
will eat on an average $75,000 \mathrm{in}$ sects a year, yet they are being exterminated in almost ever kill. It is called
they are called "sportsmen."
The learned entomologist's vice to devastate a hundred mile strip is another reason why peoments. It was, however, ascerwas an enemy of the boll weevil,
and he was sent for, but not liking the country, he was an unStill the quail and other insect eating birds were not thought of. emala and get an ant, but the men wanted to shoot them W are still trying to find something
to combat the boll weevil, and yet there is a sovereign remedy in the hands
it always is.

## it always is.

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


## thiropractor

In Merkel again. I expect to be here for some time. Consul You will find me at Mrs. Alice You will Mrs. M. U. Batten-
Rose's.
dorf.

Nearly every person there reached the ground with music in his soul, and during most of the day music floated on the gentle breeze, while the fifteen hundred or two thousand people in attendance had the time of to the singing.
President W. H. Free of Abilene presided and from all aceven during the noon hour when even during the noon hour when
the "dinner on the ground" was before him, at which juncture he ceased all parlimentary tho The singing done was by the entire audience, delegations from entire audience, delegations from
Abilene, Nubia, Tuscola, Caps, Abilene, Nubia, Tuscola, Caps,
Potosi, and other places. Quartetts and such lended even greater enjoyment, while old-fashionones made it possible for everybody to sing and enjoy the day in its entirety.
The next convention will be
BRIOEE SPAN 640
FEET LONG FALLS
Quebec, Sept. 11.-The new ontral span of the Quebec
bridge, the largest cantilever suspension in the world, collapsed and fell into the St. Lawrence
River while being hoisted into The bridge is being constructed at a cost of $\$ 17,000,000$ to
shorten the journey from Halifax to the Canadian northwest.
the bridge at the time of the
cident and the St. Lawrence
Bridge Company says 25 of them
The span, which fell, was 640 feet long and weighed 5,000 tons.
The bridge stands on the site of the structure which collapsed
lives.
Several hours after the accide a special train brought injured men into Quebec. jumpers at J. A. Ducketts for PUBLLCWOBRNMGTO BEAUTIFY GROWNOS

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 which is, and should be the pride
of every citizen in and around of every c
Merkel.
Mr. Garrett has consented supervise the work. Come and while somes and rakes, so that while some cut the grass, weeds it into piles for burning.
Ho -
Household paints and varnishes

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## ABLLENE BOSTERS HERE THUKSOAY 100 STRONG. WELCOME TOTHE CTIY

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 bePlans"made by 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 loc
ward 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

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 non-

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 OPELIIIG, MNOAY SEPTEMEER BIHWork 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, 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 bespeak 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: Seripture Reading ..

Eld. W. G. Cypert. | Prayer | Rev. L. B. Owen. |
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| Weleome-(on part of sehool board) | Thos. Johpson. | Welcome-(on part of Merkel and surrounding country) ._L. Hon. J. C. Mason. Welcome-(on part of the churehes) Rev. W. P. Garvin. Response

+........... Prof. B A Burgess Talk
Benediction. Prof. R. M. Parker. Mrs. L. R. Howard, who has Rev. H. E. Bullock. kel for several years, has kindly consented to furnish some splended music for the opening.


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We have been reading much of ry but untile through the counppreciate last week we didn price of paper has been continuously advancing until now we are paying about three times as much as we did a year ago. However the paper shortage has not
bothered us until last week. We bothered us until last week. We
could not get paper for the reacould not get paper for the rea-
son there was none to buy. We borrowed from the Diekens Cour-
ier enough to run about six pagier enough to run about six pag-
es and that was the best we es and that was the best we
could do. Hereafter we will procould do. Hereafter we will pro bably have to be more brief in
publishing the news in order that publishing the news inorder that more news can be give
If the price of paper continue to advance or if it remains per
manently at the present price manently at the present price, all
country newspapers will have to advance not only the subscriptio price but the price of advertising in order to stay in business.

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ence. Studio at residence of Rev. ence. Studio at residence of Rev.
H. E. Bullock. Phone 285 and $15 t 8.170$
SINAKE BITE GIVES VICTIM TROUBLE
Roy Hatton, living on the Har den farm near Mt. Pleasant, was
bitten by a rattlesnake Friday bitten by a rattlesnake Friday
afternoon, and was reported to afternoon, and was reported to
be in a serious condition on Monon in a serious condition on Mon The bite was inflicted just above the ankle. Medical atten-
tion was called at once, but the poison spread, large white blisters forming around
and gradually spread.
and gradually spread.
Late reports show this condi Late reports show this condi-
tion was only caused by application was only caused by applica-
tions used and the injured man is rapidly recovering from the bite. No doubt his personal at-
tention to the wound was largely
responsible
ponsible for his quick recov
Immediately after he dis ery. Immediately after he dis-
covered his danger he lanced the
place with his pocket knife it blead freely and taking unt laces from his shoes he made strong cord and tightly bound
just above the wound, thus stop. ping the circulation. He then
walked to the nearest house, walked to the nearest house,
which was a considerable dis23il baleşoutoon

## Hefe Up TD DAE

This the first count on cotton yards 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 beep weighed up until Thursday
morning. The daily
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.
To have your clothes cleaned and pressed by the Star Store Tailoring Co., is a positive guar-
entee of the best service in Mer-

While it lasts. 30 cent PeaberWhile it lasts. 30 cent Peaber-
ry coffee only 15 cents per pound
at J. A. Duckett's,

Merkel, Texas. Printed and published just before the Trade The noisy fellow with Abileneites is Fred Wood, you'll know him by his "hurry up boys" way he has o'doin things. He's the 1 who started all this Trade Trip business.
Fore we forget. Nearly all the old men of this place was round the carnival grounds Monlay evening, spection to see some of the '49ers. Such conduct Fadn't ought ter be tolerated. Frank grimes is the tallest man dy newspaper bunch. He's a dandy newspaper man and is a step deputy cousin by adoption of T. . Grimes of this town. For a living he
reporter.
eporter.
Reid McLemor
Reid McLemore is also supposed to be along, he used to be a member of the back alley baseplayed here. He's one whos gone to the higher-ups. He's ac quainted with R. O. Anderson,

Preacher Hearon is one o'the Preacher Hearon's one o the way with it. He is the only sanctimonious lookin individual W. W .
W. A. Holford is a regular 10kt newspaper man and one
who has stood the acid test, he holds down the same job on the Taylor county times as our boss Benno Schmidt sells syrup. You'd think from his name he
wuz a representative of a kraut The legal minds of this aggregation are towit: Hon. T. L. Blanton, Hon. Fred Cockerel, Hon. E. M. Overshiner, Hon: C. whater We desire to call attention to our new school building. We there is a strong thit ni'zin a strong talk of orgaschool. If they do the uniforms will consist in a cap and coat with a probable addition of trousers at a later date. No we didS. M. (Tim Henry) Shelton sells e'm at $\$ 365 \mathrm{~F}$. O. B. De-Congressman-Elect Blanton G. B. (Blue) Tittle and E. M. Two more cards sorter like e'm and you'd have a fudy house. Can We note that K. B. Legett is listed in crowd as representing Abilene's live stock possibilities.
"Stock yard stuff." Stock yard stuff. Maţthes and Geo. Clark recent acquisitions to Abilene are
out in interest of gas. They sell the combustible kind, the other Takip every thing into considahead" 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 seriously ill. This is the second has been called to the bedside of her mother.
We sell all well known and apHudnuts, Lazells, Colgates, L ly's, Pivers, Djer-kiss, Jergeň,
Hinds and many others. BurHinds and

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## A CONSCIENTIOUS WHO GOT KLLLED ROBBER GETS HIS <br> 

Buffalo. N. Y., Sept. 13.-Sev- Wednesday afternoon the Abien passengers on a Canadian Pa- lene Reporter carried an associacific train from Toronto were vic-
tims of an unusual robbery as
topert Carr of E1 Paso had been the train crossed into the United killed by a Mexican at Clint, a States today. The train had small place east of El Paso. been stopped for the customs in- Thursday morning the Fort spection 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: "How much money 'have you

not got?" Mrs. Ardill opened her purse and the man counted $\$ 110$. He returned $\$ 65$ to the woman, say-
ing that he would keep the reing that he would keep the re-
mainder as a "deposit." He mainder as a "deposit." He
wrote a receipt for the money as wrote a receipt for the money as "paid over to the
customs at Buffalo." customs at Buffalo."
Others in the car also gave up Other
money.
money.
When the train pulled into the Buffalo station, Mrs. Ardill asked the conductor what she would do with her receipt. The passengers
supposed the man was a customs official.
$\qquad$ 65 cents now
Duckett's. paper to believe. We had rather take the Reporter's word for the affair but they've killed an American, and the Star-Telegram has got a greaser kickin' the bucket,
so we are inclined to believe the so we are inclined to believe the
Telegram through a friendly feeling we have for our own peo-

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: How to Give Good Advice
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to set a good example. When other to set a good example. When others
see how quickly you get over your cold
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example. This remedy has been use for many years and enjoys an ex-
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Jaimes, Santia,
Palos, Jose
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\section*{Open Season on Doves} Austin. Sept. 2.-Open season Austin. Sept. 2.-Open season Tulsa, Okla Sept 10 on doves in Texas was effective ged with being an accomplice in
September 1st. The season for the murder of September 1st. The season for the murder of John Kennedy,
buck deer opens November 1, and buck deer opens November 1, and
continues to December 1, and the in the Osage country, four miles continues to December 1, and the in the Osage country, four miles
season for wild turkeys opens on northwest of Tulsa, William J. \begin{tabular}{l|l|l} 
season for wild turkeys opens on \\
December 1. There is practically & northwest of Tulsa, William J. & Baber, former Tulsa Chief of po-
\end{tabular} December 1. There is practically
no change in the game laws from lice, who awaits trial in the dislast year. trict 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 As-
hunting license is necessary however 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 and \(\$ 15\) for non-residents.
The state game, fish and oys-
ter department here has mailed ter department here has mailed
to county clerks over the state to county clerks over the state
large quantities of hunting licenses. Game is reported to be plentiful this season.

Good for Biliousness
took two of Chamberlain's Tablets I took two of Chamberlain's rablets
last night, and I feel fifty percent bet-
ter than I have for weeks, says J. J. last night, and foe weeks, says J. J.
ter than I have for wire of
Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness. For sale by all dealers.
\(\qquad\) The head of the hause glance
bill from his wife's dressmaker. bill from his wife's dressmaker.
"When I proposed to you, less tha two years ago." he said. "I was rather Wlid, and yoo said you considered it
rour duty to marry me your duty to marry me for the purpose
of making something of me. did you \(\begin{gathered}\text { of makin } \\ \text { not? } \\ \text { "Yes, }\end{gathered}\)
"
 "Well," be continued, "your effor
have not been in rain. anve not been in raio. You have suc
ceeded." "I'm so
ma so mlad." she sald. "What have
made of sou. dear?" made of youl. dear?"
Once more he alanced at the bill. \({ }_{\text {sigh }}{ }^{\text {A. }}\).

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\section*{LOCAL NEWS}

Carbon at Burroughs. Miss Myrtle Farris of N
is in Ciseo for a short visit. is in Cisco for a short visi

Mrs. G. W. Roach was in Ab
lene Tuesday visiting relatives.
Gents shirts, sizes from 14 up
to 20, cheaper than ever before, to 20 , cheape
A. L. Jobe.
Rev. and Mrs. W. D. McDonald returned Friday of last week
from an extended visit to relatives on the Plains.
T. Same goods for less money; A. L. Jobe's.

Mrs. W. J. Lewis and her niece returned to Fort Worth this week, where they will spend the tend school there.
A classy line of cut glass Burroughs
Miss Jewell Toombs enjoyed a vacation last week from her wor The time was spent visiting rel tives in Clyde.
Mrs. J. E. Young and little Alice Glenn of Lampasas are visAlice Glenn of Lampasas are vis-
iting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bigham.
Mr. and Mrs. R. departed Monday afternoon for Weatherford, where they visited Mr . and Mrs. Mr. Anderson returned Tuesda afternoon on the Sunshine Spec ial.

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OUR SHOWING OF FALL STYLAS IN SUITS, OVERCOATS ANE TURNISHINGS WILL PLEASE THX MAN WHO IS PARTICULAR ABOUT HIS LOOKS. * OUR CLOTHES MAKE YOULOOK "DRRSSY" BECAUSS THE OUALITY IS THERE; WIS SRO THAT THEY FIT YOU PERPCCTLY; THEY ARE THE LATRST STYLD AND THE FINISH AND WORKMANSHIP IS HIGH CLASS.

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Compare these suits with those other tailors ask \(\$ 25\) for. We guarantee that you cannot duplicate them at this price
\(\$ 15\)

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for men
tyle, and Quality

Wessrs. Thos. Roy and Iohn land: touring car Saturday from local dealers.
Mrs. J. L. Williams and children left Monday for Tatum, N. teaching at that place. They were driven there by Robert Den nis and Stanley King.
Rev, and Mrs. Garvin and Miss Mary left Monday afternoon for
Stamford, where they Stamford, where they enjoyed
thei home-coming at Stamford College which was observed Tuesday of this week.
Misses Martha Jane and Elizą. beth Swafford left Tuesday morn ing for Dallas. where the former schools.


The Rance everlastingly cood "Yes, there is a life time of perfect kitchen service in
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large wamming cosest is such convenien son say the
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is one cont tinual delight. Every move you make in cooking or bakis one continual delight. Every move you make in cookking or bak-
ing or tending the range is mudo easier and more pleasant by one of
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Flues Lined With Eternametal
an exciusive-wear-proof, rust-proof, corronion-proof-metal
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Elcmel wear longe serve longer--crve better. Cone in
end see the Range Eternal
Eternal wear longer-serve longer-xrve better. Corme in
and see the Range Eternal Let us extloin all of ito 32 vital
points, betore you decido \$pon any range.
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Mrs. C. W. Smith of Coleman \(\quad\) Blacklegoids at Burroughs. returned to her home Saturday Rosa visiting her mother, Mrs. Rosa Smith, and daughters. are proud parents of a baby gin Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald, their daughters,, the Misses Traatter's home in Hillsboro last Friday. Mr. MeDonald returned home the early part of this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Hodge Winte and baby daugiter of near Hawley spent last week in Merkel visiting relatives.
Dolf Clark started extensive improvements of his home Wednesday morning. A new other changes will be made.

Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Teaff an
their three daughters who ha heier triee diughters who have
ben visting in Eastern an
Southern Te Southern Texas returned home
Thursday of last week Mrs. Dovye who was quite sick with inflammatory rheumatism while
away is improving nicely away isim,
her return.
R. H. Dean and two daughter
Lillie and Madze Lillie and Madge leave this
Thursday \(\begin{aligned} & \text { night } \\ & \text { for Siloam }\end{aligned}\) 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 hi departure will not be permanent
for he will return to Merkel next

\section*{T. \&P. Time Tab}


Miss Nina Elliott has returned Miss Mattie Paylor of Lamessa to her home in Sweetwater after is visiting Mrs. Robt. Hicks and pending several days the guest other Merkel friends

\section*{of Mrs. W. Parten.}

Mrs. J. C. Calvert and little E. E. Pattersonwas in East- granddaughter, Annie Lou Rusland the first of the week on busi- sell visited relatives in Sweet-

\section*{LOCAL NEWS}

\section*{Carbon at Burroughs}

Miss Lillie Dean was in \({ }^{*}\) Abilene Tuesday with friends.
Live and let live prices at Jobe's
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 wil show you items 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 Fry ar of Bonham, brother and sis ters of the late Mrs. Alice Tem pleton are in Merkel are in Mer kel this week disposing of the latters household furnishings and other personal possessions.
Miss Powell of Leonard who wis year arrived here from hers 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

BECAUSE 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.

\section*{take a look at your ghades}

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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\(\qquad\)
Charles Evans Hughes counted his chickens 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 Pro-
gressive, one of the unreconstructed sort, the gressive, one of the unreconstructed sort, the
soltt that smiles with a suggestive glimmer in his eye and a knife in his hand
Gharles Evans Hughes took the proper course and threw himself on the mercy of the Progres-
sives, proclaiming his allegiance to the sives, proclaiming
Republican party.
Republican party.
This was virtual
This was virtually the only thing he could do He was selected by leaders of the old guard. He aecepted the nomination ond that was left to him was to stick 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 rejoicing.
Rep put himself in the keeping of the old guard Republicans, but this home was one of but temHiram Johnson proclaimed his supremacy, They proved convincingly that they control the Republiean party in the State of California. They proved that they not only control the Republican party, but the Progressive party in the state as well.
It is a distressing situation for a 100 per cent candidate to face who wanted to play on the safe side.
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
while our president has made mistakes, we must acknowlege thatit is but human to err.
women may hugh in sote of men, to the bone and sinew of the great common mealth, this appeal to women to help him in his up hill struggle is pathetic

\section*{If you are a man pathetic} gain a point by crawling in on the skirts of woman.-Commercial Appeal-

\section*{mesquite beans}

People living out of Texas and those living in
the eastern part of this grand commonwealth the eastern part of ined for years in ignorance of the fact th have lived for years in ignorance of the fact that the central west is
valuable of fruits.
The mesquite bean, named bean from its shape, has not the least semblance in taste of any var-
iety in the vegetable kingdom. On the other hand it is akin to almost every variety of fruits and is a highly savory, delicious and beneficial derfully when given mesquite beans in prefer ence to other fruits and the time may come when people will preserve this fruit to be used through-
out the winter months in preference to keeping a barrel of apples for the children to visit? People living north of the Mason-Dixon and even in eastern Texas should make preparations to move to western Texas e er another year comes to enjoy the many things this land has to offer. Information will gladly be given to parties living
elsewhere as to the possibilities of this newly elsewhere as to the possibilities of this newly
liscovered fruit, known to the natives since their ehiscovered
ehildhood.

\section*{governmental ownership}

Talk about the government taking over the railroads, the telegraph and telephone lines of th United States is constantly being heard. The ama with its rates so high that if the railroads of the United States were permitted to charge arms against the extortion. The government is promptly circulated asking that the city wa 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 or passenger service is \(12 \frac{1}{2}\) cents a mile and for to remit this fine however, and they certainly
freight \(1 \frac{1}{4}\) cents a pound for the \(3 \$\) 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. distance of 960 miles. The government has

\section*{extending from Ketchikan to Seattle, a litt 600 miles, and the rate is 19 cents a word:} Lestie's Weekly

\section*{doxt ure chaminas}

The Van Sickle Carnival Company has been traveling a rough road on the South Plains. The
city authorities in Siaton shut down some of their 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 come to the South Plains might just as well bill thr without a stopover. Slaton does not want an more carnivals. - The Slaton Slatonite.
The fact that Slaton doesn't want any mor
carnivals will not keep carnivals out of your city carnivals will not keep carnivals out of your city
Under the laws of the state they can operate i they meet all regulations and pay the required taxes. It has long been a custom to have carnivals under auspices of various municipal organiClubs and the city Departments or Commercia 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 \(\$ 0.00\) 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 the country, each prize being of real and true
value, such af a kitchen cabinet, art square, farm value, such af a kitchen cabinet, art square, farm
wagon or buggy, and this grew until finally auto wagon or buggy, and this grew until finally auto-
mobiles 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 nrizes down or else beprosecuted for violation of the lottery laws of Texas. The nerchants of Merkel were beat hands down in their ef
while.
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 carniva now playing this city in order that the fire de partment may obtain a pecuniary benefit, abso-
lutely the only benefit possible to obtain from such an attraction. The Mail takes the position that the city authorities act without consulting portion of the taxes that are rightfully and un-der-justly assessed against such a body of shows \(y\) in need of funds and that the present finance available for operating expenses of the town are
hardly sufficient to maintain the city governmen until taxes are collected, and yet we bave with u 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 one who can show an effort along this line.
The Mail believes in fairness to all and in thi would insist that the carnival companies and a 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 be any questionable show or other thing with the \begin{tabular}{l} 
with the law in every instance. And here we \\
wardly in accordance \\
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\end{tabular} take opportunity to thank ourselves that there is no '49 show with this company. One such show opened with the company at sweetwater las hal, "Buck", Jen was all it did, for the city mar shal, Buck" Johnson, gave them a permit to a day, and six days per week. The permit was backed up by his order and decree.
Now again, and some more about shows, we have within our town other pleasure places, each of which are forced to pay their full quota of taxes. They are also called upon for charitable contributions, all of which is good, and to allow any other set of individuals greater liberties, is ank discrimination,
The Mail is for the protection and upkeep of the local fire department and will do everything in our power to assist this organization financialy and otherwise, and we attempt to hold no one wholly responsible for the existing conditions, We only bring them to attention now while the information is fresh and available, that in the fuure we may guard against such.
Lest we forget we just call
Lest we forget, we just call attention of our readers to some recent actions. A farmer living and because he drove to the left of this city and because he drove to the left of a street mark rave been in the farmer was fined for had no more authority to remit the taxes of the
carnival company that is now playing in this city on the position we have taken.

\section*{The Universal Light Tractor}


A Tractor For All Purposes. It Does the Work of Six Mules

\section*{THINGS IT REALLY DOES}

Plows cotton, corn maize, digs potatoes, and is a labor saving machine for deep breaking and preparing seed beds. You get more acres per day and more smiles to the acre. Demonstrations at West Texas Fair at Abilene, beginning Oct. 10. Plowing at Merkel about Oct. 15.

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Tablets, pens, inks, pencils, blank books and school accessories, at the store that appreciates every cent of business given them.

Courtesy and consideration our constant endeavor

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Farm implements, underground piping, ship barge
Hulls, structural iron works, or any surface ex-
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Cans ( 1 to 5 gallons) \(\$ 1.25\). Barrels ( 50 gallons) \$1.10. Five barrels \(\$ 1.00 \mathrm{f} .0 . \mathrm{b}\). factory, Alton, La. We will contract for desired or sell a pint direct.
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E. C. Robertson, State Agent

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School Children's Wants
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Can be filled by us very readily, as we have the most complete, up-to-date variety of childrens wearables in Dresses, Suits, and Shoes ever shown in Merkel. Our line of Gingham Dresses are wonderful values in price From 50 c to \(75 \mathrm{c}, \$ 1.00,1.25,1.50\) and up to 2.00
Also nice line combination dresses in silk and wool serge combinations from \(\$ 4.50,5.00,5.50,6.50,7.50\) and \(\$ 10\)
Boys will find just what they are looking for here in sn: art, stylish suits, ranging in price from \(\$ 3.50,4.00,4.50,5.00,5.50,6.50,7.50,8.50\) and up to 11.00

\section*{Big line of School Shoes in Gunmetal, Patent Leather and Kid}

Also nice line of Minnie HaHa Biliken shoes for the smaller school boys and girls


\section*{8200 or 8300 more, and what}

\section*{A DIFFERENCE!}

I once bought a 98 -cent razor. For two weeks I shaved with it. Then I bought another one. I paid \$3.50 and I still have it. Nobody can persuade me to part with it. And I challenge anybody to convince me that a 98 -cent razor is cheaper than a \(\$ 3.50\) one.

No, gentlemen, the \(\$ 3.50\) razor is cheaper by far. It costs more, keeps a keen edge, gives me a good shave every day and lasts a lifetime.

So with the Chalmers car. It costs a little more-perhaps \(\mathbf{\$ 2 0 0}\) or \(\mathbf{\$ 3 0 0}\) more than some other cars. And what a difference that \(\$ 300\) makes
The Chalmers keeps going day in, day out; year after year. It always looks the part. About all you need do is look after the gas, oil, water and grease cups.

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hand or trades it in.

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FULWILER ELECTRIC CO


\section*{creasing in value \(\$ 1\) per bale per
day?
We believe that cotton should be held off the market for three} weeks more, and then sell a
small portion the latter part of small portion the latter part of
the month. Supplies will be scarce and the price will rise however, the mills will have to have cotton by the 25th and we must not cut off supplies altogether. as it might cripple them, which we don't want to do. We want the mills to hum and keep the cotton worked out
as fast as we sell it.
We notice that England keeps We notice that England keeps
threatening to place an arbitrary price on cotton if it goes to high,
forbidding the importation above forbidding the importation above
a certain price. That is all bluff, a certain price. That is all bluff,
and is one of the scare reports and is one of the scare reports
we cautioned you about, that we cautioned you about, that
they would try to use to depress the price.
The truth of the matter is, we have cought England short on
cotton, and it hurts to see Amer ican mills outstripping her for supremacy in the trade. England has always gotten the cheap cot-
ton every fail, as they bough ton every fail, as they bough
practically all of the early surplus which enabled her to pay the cost of transportation and com-
pete with our mills, but we have a different situation now. The American mills have been foresighted enough to carry a pretty large stock of the actual cotton. We hope to see our people wake up to the situation, and not
throw away the throw away the best opportunity they have had for a generation. trying to put them wise as the saying goes, as we have foreseen this coming for quite awhile, and their attention to it. In fact it was the reason of our trade let
ters being established. We want that extra three hundred million dollars in our planters' pockets, and then we can all get our share "We can fight the battles of peace" as well as war.
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caused by Catarrh, which is nothing
but an inflamed condition of the We wiil give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by
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Take Hall's Family Pills for consti-
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Merkel. It is free to you to use Merkel. It is free to you to use
at any time you are in Merkel Side entrance to Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

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cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E.W.Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists

An Pity the Congrogation. An old seotcb minnister told his as
sistant that he felt more fatigued hear ing him than in preaching . himself
The assistant replied that he experl The assistant repliced that he experi-
enced a similar feeling when his sentor was in the pulpit.
"Then," refolined the minlster, "I
peety the folk that have to hear ns peety the folk that have to
balth!'"-Youth's Companion. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera Diarrhoea Remedy This is a medicine that should be provided wite. Colic and
diarrhoea often come on suddenly and of ten come on suddenly and it is of the greateast importance that they be treat-
ed promptly. Consider athe suffering that must be endured until a physician
arives or medicine can lie obtained. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has a reputation second
to none for the quick relief which it af fords. Obtainable everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Graffo the winter, coming here to be with their granddaughter Mrs. H. K. Sheppard and Mr. Sheppard of the Merkel Drug Co.
Complete line of Dr. LeGear's
and International stock remedies at Burroughs. Mrs. S. D, Martin and childrear to and over the age of fifty Route 3, left Tuesd foren to attend a special sermon he has nden, Arl relatives. School books are cash. Buroughs. roughs

Rev. L. B. Owen extends a
special invitation to all people
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 near to and over the age of hity for them, which he will deliver All others are invited to attend
this service, but the elderly peo-
ple, and especially those past fifple, and especially those past
ty, are requested to be there.

\section*{Don't Think A Modern Windmill Looks Like This \\ }

The same kind of ingenious, inventive ability that has perfected the automobile flying machine and submarine has been flying machine and sub
at work on the windmill.
You would not think of buying an automobile with the transmission gears uncovered and exposed to dirt and water. Nor would you buy one which required that each bearing be oiled separately. We simply urge you to use the

There is ONE, but ONLY ONE There is ONE, but ONLY ONE
thoroly modern and up-to-date windmill

You will find in it every feature which ou know to be desirable in a windmill. It runs in the lightest wind, it is strong and durable, all working parts are inclosed and flooded with oil from the supply in the gear case. The oil supply needs replenishing only once a year. The brake and furling
device are simple and effective. device are simple and effective.

are The Blanket Mart -.- Parten's Cash Store

\section*{OGOCIETTY}

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 informal affair together were the
honor guest, Miss Ruby Jones, Choe Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Hicks.


\section*{A Birthday Dlaner} On September 10th, at the
home of Mr and Mrs. S. J. Rob-
erts, a great birthday dinner was arranged in honor of Mr Roberts and Mrs. Geo. Turner each being sixty-four years age. Though they have stood
the trials and toils of many years the trials and toils of many years
they seemed to enjoy the feas and mingling of voices as if they
were only twenty. The number were only twenty. The number
invited being thirty-four children. invited being thirty-four children.
grandchiddren and friends. The grandchildren and friends. Th
table being spread and ever dish well filled with abundance of wholesome food, the three Mrs. Denton of Tye, Mrs. Susie Tyler and
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\section*{OUR PUBLIC FORUM}

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\section*{Takes Long Ciances}

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is the oplinon of this expert, too that
the creature got too "speclanilied" the creature got too "speciallized"
therefore died out-the ousual end of
too great ambition:--London Mall. It Flies Away.
Why do they call a thentrical ba an angel? He hasn't got wings,"
"No. but his monev has."-Exch
Classifying Then "Hello, old man"' exclalmed one ma on meeting a triend on shipboard
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food elements to enrich thei blood. It theru sturdy and strong. No alcobol.
Scot \& Downe, Bloomfeld, N.J.

\section*{PaRIS FAVORS THE DRESS MADE OF TWO MATERILLS}

Combinations of Velvet and Cloth or Satin and Serge Are Considered


Very Smart. The Handbag a Dress Accessory
Accessory
of edged with fur, which trimming
", also finished the long sleeves. of Copenhagen blue chiffon, also
in Russian style, worn over skirt of blue velvet the same
shade. Fur edged the blouse. Another detail ' of fashion
which is making a strong appea , use of colored embroidery as hown on the illustration here of belt. Many of these dresses are or sattin with gray wool embroidery. In some, the hem of the
skirt is further decorated with wool fringe matching the em oroidery and hanging from the designs are carried out in Bulga rian colors in wool or silk, or in thread. The two latter are espenavy blue or black.
Fancy Handbags A fashionable woman does not
consider her costume complete
to-day without a dainty fancy to-day without a dainty fancy
handbag, which she dangles from a long ribbon or cord. Some-
times it takes the form of the old-fashioned reticule Grand-
mother used to wear hanging mother used to wear hanging
from her belt. In this instance the bag is almost always made
from the same material as the


One Piece Frock of Cloth and Satio used in dresses of,widely different character; quite as often one piece frock for street as
 the smart dress of cloth and sa suggestion of the military infl
counts for a part of its charm, things military are still a source
of inspiration to fashion designers. Perhaps it is the orderly
row of buttons placed straight down the front, perhaps it is the
four pockets with rounded laps or yet it may be the shoulder
on that give the soldierly tinge to this dress. One can readily imag ine the design developed in satin vet and satin, or any one of thes
materials in two tones. A light and a dark shade of gray si Parisian designers in such dress as this. They have even such as tan and brown, dark green and gray and mahogany and gray. But the ameteur
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\section*{You Need a Tonic}

There are fintes in every woman's ilit when she
 When wat ture comes to you youk now watat tonc posed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health.
It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you
You can't make a mistake in

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\(\begin{array}{ll}\text { buggy mare, and good buggy. } \\ \text { Miss Amanda Curtis. } & 15 t 4-50\end{array}\)
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Big shipment childrens suiting and gingham school dresses \(\mathbf{5 0 c}\) to \(\$ 1.50\) Each Beautifulty Trimmed and Extra Quallty at a saving of \(331 / 3\) to 50 per cent.

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Greatest ever shown in Merkel - Prices Most Reasonable ever Everybody's Taking Them
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Others up to \(\mathbf{\$ 2 5 . 0 0}\) and Great Bargains
Silk and Wool Dresses and Ladies, Misses and Childrens Coats big variety at 50 per cent, saving. Hurry to

\section*{PARTEN'S BIG BUSY CASH STORE}

GefMM14 LOS5 IS 3,975,000 TO OATE

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 casuaities. 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 ; wound165,000; missing, 234,000; wound
ed, 144,000 . Total \(3,375,000\). To El Pâso io Lire 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 wilh prove beneficial to Mr. Daniel's health, which ha: not been good for some time. These two will be greatly missec in Merkel. Mrs. Daniel's place at the Woodroof Store has beer taken by Mrs. I. S. Ailen, and this family
iel residence.

\section*{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 acted eight hou be observed exment wir not be observed, cept on ord.

It's easy to pick the real thing in motor cars.
DriveaWillys-Knight and you'll know-it


The World's Most Quiet Motor

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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has contracted for Laddie Laird, has contracted for Laddie Laird,
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