

WORLD-WIDESTUNTS WORTH KNOWING

A woman 22 years of age is suing a man aged 71 in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., for breach of promise.

A Civil War veteran who died in St. Louis recently leaving a of \$4,000,000 was regularly drawing a government pension of \$25 a month.

Billy Sunday got a \$6,000 thanks offering at Ocean Grove recently and used it all to buy a home for an old preacher who was his mentor years ago.

For a joke a man tossed a lighted match into a can of gasoline which a boy was carrying at Long Island City, N. Y., recently. An explosion followed and the boy was burned to death.

An inebriate arrested at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., recently, drew from his pocket a Bible and read from Timothy the verse, "Drink no longer water but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake." He acknowledged that he had been drinking beer and was sent to a cell.

A man was nominated for Sheriff of a Missouri county recently after he had run for the office for thirty-six years unsuccessfully. He had declared that he would be a candidate as long as he lived and if he did not succeed, he would leave a codicil in his will telling his son to run until elected.

A New York preacher recently protested against keeping the Sabbath as the Puritans kept it. He favored Sunday recreation.

A pretty girl in Pennsylvania kissed 971 soldiers belonging to the Pennsylvania National Guard when they stopped on their way to the border.

A Pennsylvania girl, age 21, who had been missing since last Easter, was found in a room where she had been locked up by her parents, on the ground that she was being bewitched by an herb doctor.

Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, proposes a battleship of 60,000 tons, about twice the size of our latest superdreadnought, to paralyze all rivals navies. It will be christened "Skeered o' Nothing."

Of the 100,000,000 persons in the United States, 60,000,000 have no church connections. The country spends \$1,200,000,000 annually for tobacco and one-fifth that sum for the churches.

The Reverend John McNeil of Denver, Presbyterian, recently said to a New York congregation: "You cannot be saved unless you break through the goose step of the church parade and go direct to Jesus."

A New York business man recently distributed \$15,000 among his employes and disclosed to them that when he came to this country from Austria 30 years ago as an immigrant he had only 19 cents and with this successfully started business.

An old man in a New York village, who never had \$5 before in his life, recently fell heir to \$60,000 and said: "No one ever knew how many friends he has until he has a fortune left to him. I have received ten invitations to dinner already from people who hadn't spoken to me in thirty years."

A Tennessee judge has just been found guilty of accepting a bribe of \$1,000, the second time in the history of Tennessee that the Senate has impeached a judge.

Foreign workmen in a Massachusetts factory notified their employers that they would strike

because the price of beer had been raised, unless the original price was restored.

In opposing an appropriation for free seeds, Senator Kenyon said that free seed distribution had cost the United States Government during the last four years over \$1,000,000 and half a million more for postage.

The Mayor of Kansas City and other citizens were besought to supply food to a Pennsylvania regiment passing through that city, the officers declaring that they had been practically on half rations ever since leaving home. The food was supplied.

Under the La Follette Seaman's Bill, seamen can demand wages at every port. The captain of the steamer Oswego reports that not one of its crew was an American and that at every port the crew demanded their pay and went ashore on a spree. Finally they boarded a British ship by mistake and were soundly thrashed and thrown overboard.

EXPLOSION IN A GIN, WRECKS PLANT

An old leaky boiler that had been patched, liked to have spoiled the happy homes of several at Noodle Saturday morning when the boiler was thrown some two or three hundred feet away from its base by its own explosion.

How the entire membership of the gin crew escaped instant death in a miracle. How the fireman escaped is a double miracle, how a negro driver of a cotton wagon on the yard escaped death is easy to explain. In his own words the negro said he was behind the sto' when he first thought to look back. The sto' in mind mentioned by the darkey was the Herring store some four hundred feet from the scene of the blow-up. The boiler or the largest part of it was projected through the air for some three hundred feet, about half of the smoke stack was found in a nearby field while the entire engine room of the gin was blown to pieces and rocks from the boiler base were found scattered nearly all over Noodle. Dave Beasley who lives some three miles from the place was sitting on his front porch and saw the boiler going through the air.

The fireman no doubt owes his life to the fact that he had gone after some wood and was a few feet from the engine house when it went up in smoke and steam. At the time several cotton wagons were standing on the gin yard and the teams hitched thereto made things merry for their drivers for a short time. Several teams ran away but little damage was recorded to anything but the gin plant.

\$9.45 GO AND COME TO EL PASO, TEXAS

A rock bottom reduction in railroad rates will be inaugurated by the T. & P. Ry. Co., to visitors at El Paso on the 12th, when a round trip rate of \$9.45 will be in effect.

El Paso is preparing to celebrate the completion of the Elephant Butte Dam and due to the mobilization of so great a number of soldiers and national guardsmen at that point a joint festivity is planned in connection with the Soil Congress that meets the 12th, to 14th inclusive. President Wilson is scheduled to review the troops and officially dedicate the Elephant Butte Dam.

SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NOW IN SESSION--MANY ARE COMING

Many Visiting Ministers and Laymen Are Already Here--While There Are Many Others Expected

The annual deliberations of the Sweetwater Baptist Association opened here at 10 o'clock Thursday morning with many out-of-town representatives. At that hour the business session was to be taken up and officers elected. Rev. L. B. Owen gave the Mail a report early in the morning that he was going to work for two preaching services each day if the Association would grant his request. If this is passed, and it likely will be, preaching at 11 each morning and 8 at night will be held during the time the visitors are here.

Among the out-of-town Baptists here for the work are Revs. D. G. Wells of Anson, J. H. Wood, missionary of this association, J. C. Burkett of Abilene, E. E. Dawson of Abilene, editor of the Western Evangel, came in early. Secretary Ernest Keefer and Mrs. Keefer of Colorado were met Wednesday night on the belated east bound passenger by Mrs. J. S. Swann and escorted to the Swann home.

A general invitation is extended to all the townspeople to go to the Baptist church during the work now in progress and be with the local members and visitors. Continuous sessions will probably be held up until Saturday night and likely some out-of-town minister will remain here Sunday to conduct services.

MAIL ESTIMATE OF TWELVE-THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED BALES CONSERVATIVE

Daily Cotton Receipts Justify This Estimate as Total of Cotton Crop for Merkel this Year. Bank Deposits Are Greatest Ever

At ten-thirty Thursday morning the actual count in the Merkel cotton yards was eight-thousand-fifty bales. The average of the two yards for this week has been running slightly over two hundred and twenty five bales per day with the exception of Monday.

With the usual Saturday run this place receives, the combined receipts on Saturday night should total 8,750 bales. Next week the daily receipts will gradually fall off and instead of an average of 225 bales per day the average will fall to 175 bales per day. This should bring the total on Saturday night on next week to slightly over 9750 bales. For four weeks following the receipts will fall off wonderfully each day but the necessary three thousand two hundred and fifty bales to make 12,500 should be easily gotten.

531 NOW ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A count of the students now enrolled in the Merkel Public Schools was given at five hundred and thirty one by Superintendent R. M. Parker this week.

The work of the student body according to Mr. Parker is excellent and he says that he never saw better enthusiasm and work done at the beginning of a comparatively new school, wherein all teachers or nearly all were doing their first years work in a community.

Our prices are right every day in the week. Circulars unnecessary. E. L. Rogers.

THREE SMALL BOYS PICK BALE A DAY

Taylor county holds records for many and sundry things and now adds another victory to an already long string of wins when three boys pick a bale of cotton between suns—we said picked.

The three, T-G and B-C Hamner, age sixteen and fourteen, and Arthur Duncan, age thirteen, constitute the trio. Last week the Mail published an article about the former having picked 540 pounds within one day but we now have a story that beats this last week's article. The bale weighed when finished 1522 pounds and was divided as fol-

lows: T-G Hamner 613 pounds, B-C Hamner 504 pounds, and Arthur Duncan 407 pounds.

The Hamner boys, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamner of Trent and the Duncan boy, a son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan who live four miles northwest of Trent, where the feat was accomplished, are cousins. A younger brother of the Duncan boy, Selby, age eleven, was not far behind in the picking and got 252 pounds the same day the above was picked which was on Thursday of last week. That the cotton was clean was shown when it was sold here Tuesday of this week, bringing \$15.65, or the top price paid up to that time.

Meat Market Change.

I have purchased the McGehee & Conder meat market and will continue the business at the same stand in the Coats building. I will thank my friends to call on me. Andrew Barbee. 1tpd

MASONS MEET AT ABILENE TUESDAY

No more auspicious occasion among Masons was ever held in West Texas than was given at the Abilene lodge on Tuesday evening, when a team of thirty-three degree Masons of Dallas, under direction of Past Grand Master Sam P. Cochran of Dallas conferred the third or Master Mason's degree upon a candidate.

Each and every member of the visiting Dallas team was a 33 degree mason and of those who are at the very top in the craft in Texas as well as leaders in the work in the entire south.

Among those going from here were: C. L. Lewis, G. C. Dunlap, Agent Ferguson of the Wells Fargo Co., G. E. Comegys, J. A. Harris, Clyde McGee, Chas. Beard, J. R. Donaldson, J. D. McKinney of Tye Route 1, Harry Bullock, Dr. R. I. and Dee Grimes, H. C. Burroughs Jr., Wesley Edwards, K. B. Rector, C. L. Tucker, Mr. Abbott of Trent, J. D. Gaither, W. O. Boney, Mr. Eckerd, Will Buchanan, Will Butman, W. A. Scott, H. R. Hicks, H. L. Easterwood, Clyde McGee, and Worshipful Master Victor Harris of the Merkel lodge.

4,062,991 BALES GINNED TO DATE

Washington, Oct. 2.—Cotton of the growth of 1916 ginned prior to Sept. 25 amounted to 4,062,991 bales, counting round as half bales, the census bureau today announced in its second ginning report of the season. That compared with 2,903,829 bales ginned prior to Sept. 25 last year, 3,393,725 in 1914 and 3,246,665 in 1913.

Round bales included in the ginnings numbered 83,327 compared with 32,412 last year, 3,394 in 1914 and 26,983 in 1913.

The Texas record was 1,896,520 against 1,146,953 for the same time last year.

As result of the indication of shortage the report gave cotton jumped \$4.60 a bale immediately following the publication of the figures.

Miss Leila Hill, piano and violin teacher solicits your patronage. Pupil of McDonald and Schirmer. Seven years experience. Studio at residence of Rev. H. E. Bullock. Phone 285 and 182. 1518-170

MAYOR GRAYSON IS AN ORATOR--JUNIUS

Amity, Oct. 3.—Your erratic scribe, in company with a number of good and prominent citizens of our section, visited the beautiful and picturesque city of Shiloh, Saturday, including Capt. Riley Horton, Judge Lee Williams, Col. Dan Herring, Messrs. Fritz, Charles and Fred Deutchman, Newt Hatfield, Earnest Horton and a host of others, intent upon viewing a modern and progressive city. Hon. Sam Grayson the urbane and affable mayor of Shiloh met the convivial throng of sightseers and escorted us to the city auditorium, where we were greeted by the staunch yeomanry and beautiful and bewitching ladies of this western metropolis. Mayor Grayson in a most eloquent and impressive speech bade the visitors a fraternal welcome, which was responded to by Judge Williams and Mr. Thompson. Then a delightful auto ride over the principal streets of the city amidst the entrancing strains of their excellent brass band, thence back to the city hall where a superb gastronomic feast awaited us, was indeed a most pleasant diversion, a veritable gala day, an oasis in our treadmill existence.

Mr. Chas. Seago and wife visited Carpenter's Gap Sunday, when Mr. Seago preached a most excellent sermon to a large and appreciative audience. They dined with Prof. M. E. Witt and family and were royally entertained.

Grover Tiner, a consecrated and talented young Baptist minister of Shiloh left last week to attend school at Abilene. His valedictory sermon on the eve of leaving would have been creditable to a trained pulpit orator.

The explosion of a gin boiler at Noodle Saturday was certainly a calamity to that enterprising hamlet. All were shocked and severely frightened but no one hurt. A brick was hurled against the tenacious part of a negro, bursting the brick into smithereens but doing no serious damage or injury to kinky headed Sambo.

Mrs. J. H. Grayson and her beautiful and charming little daughter, Miss Vinnie, spent Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ulric Wheeler and report a most enjoyable time. Junius.

Ed. Note—The magnanimous expostulation of our versatile staff correspondent Hon. Junius can only be likened to historical camp meetings, his descriptive allusions cover a multitude of sins. He is a picture painter, of pleasures, of joys, of trials and tribulations. He dips his pencil into an ink well and typewrites visions that blot even the shortcomings of the land from whence he hails. He enjoys his local surroundings and by his proverbial eloquence of penship he ejects words without end into a panoramic story which relates conditions as they are in the Merkel country. By his own confession of erraticness, his words, meteoric like, sweep across a sheet of fools-cap paper in brilliant profusion and graphically lay prominence where prominence is due and elucidates in a way, only his own, conditions at Shiloh. Truly Junius is some scribe.

Horses, Mules and Mares

We have several head of good horses, mules and mares for sale or trade and persons in need any such stock can do well to us. McDonald & Warrner

Statement of Condition

THE
Farmers State
BANK
MERKEL, TEXAS

As Reported September 12th, 1916

RESOURCES

Loans	\$239,511.28
Banking House	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	2,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,950.00
Interest in Guaranty Fund	2,053.14
Cash and Exchange	87,531.62
Other Resources	1,399.10
Total	\$346,445.14

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	18,534.56
Deposits	258,253.73
Rediscounts	34,656.85
Total	\$346,445.14

The above statement is correct

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

Only Guaranty Fund Bank in Merkel

SHEPARD OF THE
HILLS IS COMING

Harold Bell Wright's great novel "The Shepherd of the Hill," nearly everybody has read the book, dramatized and being played by the Gaskell and McVitty Company, incorporated, is to be at the Cozy Theatre Tuesday evening October 10th.

Nearly every theatre goer of Merkel knows "Dad" Spooner of the Spooner Stock Company personally, or they have seen him play, the same people also remember his son-in-law Wollock who played in Dr. Jykle and Mr. Hyde. The same theatre goers have also seen Albert Taylor in some of his strongest and best plays and each and every reader of the Mail can think back and imagine these men with the strongest members of their company in the very best they have ever seen them in and then you will have an idea of the type of personages the "Shepherd of the Hills" company is bringing to Merkel.

The four most conspicuous of this troupe who are to visit Merkel are Chas. Ohlmeyer, Constance Neilson, Lawrence Foster and Donna Wilbur. Chas. Ohlmeyer characterizes the part of Daniel Howitt or Dad, The Shepherd, Constance Neilson will be quickly recognized as Pete, the child of nature, Clarence Sterling is Grant Matthews, Sr., or Old Mat, while Lawrence Foster is the son Young Matt.

In all eleven people, eleven of the cast make up what press reports give us as being the strongest company in this part of Texas at the present and to those who delight in attending a good play, one of which you are in a degree familiar, your visit to the Shepherd of the Hills will not in any way be disappointed. The Mail believes that this type of attraction can have an unlimited endorsement and lovers of good shows will have a feast when they visit the Cozy next Tuesday night. Advance reserve seats will be sold at

This play has never been shown here, altho one or two companies have proposed to give what they called companion bills to it.

Exhibits Freak Fruit

J. B. Shaffer owns an orchard in one thousand, and its actions this year are novel to him as well as to hundreds of others who have watched the working of fruit bearing trees throughout their lifetime.

The fruit is from an ordinary peach orchard which bloomed for an unusual length of time this spring or a continuous blooming of nearly two months time. When the first crop of peaches had ripened and been harvested the second crop began to grow. These second crop peaches are now ripe and of a fine flavor, they are about the size of green olives and the seed which is also miniature, has no kernel.

Merkelites in California.

Dr. and Mrs. O. F. McMaster were recent visitors at the big exhibit of Southern California products maintained free to the public in the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. They also attended the lectures, moving pictures and concert that are a part of the daily program. The exhibit is the largest of any in the country maintained by a commercial organization. Dr. and Mrs. McMaster expect to visit the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Diego, which will remain open all year.

For Sale

7 room house (my home place) 3 lots, well, windmill, elevated tank, cistern, fruit trees, good out buildings; near school building. Part cash, balance terms. G. W. Johnson, 22tf
Merkel, Texas.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE.—Good gentle buggy mare, and good buggy. Miss Amanda Curtis. 15t4-50

FOR SALE OR TRADE.—Good little farm in Wood county, 1½ miles of Mineola. Well improved, good well, ever-lasting spring in pasture. G. W. Ely. 29t3

FOR SALE.—Young Jersey cow with young calf. G. F. Turner, Merkel, Rt 1, Box 20. 29t2pd

For Rent.—Good 6 room house, sleeping porch, cistern, well, windmill, tank-house, waterworks, plenty room, barn, and garden plot—\$12.00 per month to desirable parties only. Homer L. East-erwood.

FOR SALE.—Five-room house on South Rose Street. Good terms. Robert Hicks. 23tf.

FOR SALE.—300 acres land 9 miles south of Merkel. Dem Rust. 8tf

GOOD 5 room house 3 porches cistern on back porch, well and windmill, 2 lots 3 blocks of business part of town, on south side, for \$850. W. P. Duckett, Merkel. 6t2pd.

FOR SALE.—One ROYAL TYPEWRITER No. 10. A 1 shape and a bargain. Apply at Mail office. 1t.

FOUND.—Pocketbook with some money. Describe, pay for this ad and then get further information.

FOUND.—Some keys at Mail office.

Plenty good Johnson grass hay at my barn. See me at Star Store Saturday or phone Mr. Ash for delivery. T. J. R. Swafford. 29t2pd

FARM FOR SALE.—40 acre farm, cheap. All good. 5 miles northeast of Merkel. See W. J. Higgins. 6t4pd.

WANTED.—Traveling salesman to carry an attractive line of trunks and bags, on commission, no advance. Good proposition. Appomattox Trunk & Bag Co. Inc. Petersburg, Va. 1tpd.

NOTICE

Dr. Daly of Abilene, will be in Merkel Oct. 28th. Practice confined to diseases and surgery of the Eye, Ear, and Throat, and fitting glasses. Office at the Walker Cottage.

A TEXAS WONDER.

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

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ANOTHER WEEK
GONE

You are going to want some assistance in picking just one unusual gift this year and the holidays are not ...far off... We have a plan to assist you and will make it to your interest to see us before it is too late---Compton's

The House of Superb Jewelry, Cut Glass and Genuine Diamonds

COMPTON'S
ABILENE TEXAS

LOCAL NEWS

You get a square deal at Browning's new gin.

See James West for good pigs at \$3 each.

Satisfaction always guaranteed by E. L. Rogers.

Mrs. Will Woodroof and two sons of Abilene were visitors in Merkel a short while Tuesday.

Get my prices and you will buy my goods. A. L. Jobe.

J. H. Crowley of Dennison is enjoying a two weeks vacation with Merkel friends.

You get courteous treatment at Browning's new gin.

Buy the celebrated Conklin gloves at A. L. Jobe's.

Mrs. J. F. Gilmore and Miss Lula Gilmore of Portland, Ore., are visiting their relatives, Mrs. M. F. Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Edwards.

They are all going to Browning's new gin.

Mrs. H. H. Prater of Trent was here Thursday attending the Baptist Association and reported a good attendance from that community.

Full blood pole and china pigs for sale. Chas. Russell. 6t3

Our line of groceries is now complete. See E. L. Rogers.

B. A. Garrett left last week for Austin where he will thru this year attend the State University. Mr. Garrett is one of Merkel's ambitious young teachers and we wish him success in his work.

Reseat your old seats. You can get any size and kind of chair bottom for 10c at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co. 29

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stanley and daughter Miss Zella left Wednesday night for Clyde where they are at the bedside of Miss Gertrude Stanley who is reported quite ill.

You ought to see the sample from Browning's new gin.

Coal bills are a large part of your living expenses - reduce both by using Cole's Hot Blast Heaters. -G. F. West Co.

Miss Clara Moore who has been chief operator for the Telephone company here for many months is reported very sick at her parent's home with an attack of slow fever.

Mack can save you money on your enlarged Picture. Our price \$1.25 and \$1.50. Why pay more to agents? Work guaranteed. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company.

Mrs. R. I. Grimes and little Mary Elizabeth of Sylvester returned to their home Wednesday after spending a few days with the T. L. Grimes family. Dr. Grimes also joined them on Tuesday for a short visit at home.

I have a few good farms for sale, small payment down, long time on balance 8 per cent. J. T. Warren.

Dr. and Mrs. O. F. Shaffer who left last week for Atlanta, Georgia, had the misfortune of being passengers on a wrecked train between Dallas and Texarkana. They escaped injury however, as the Pullman in which they were traveling was the one coach remaining on the track. Dr. and Mrs. Shaffer will be in Atlanta during the winter where former will take his last year dental study.

When You Take Cold

With the average man a cold is a serious matter and should not be trifled with, as some of the most dangerous diseases start with a common cold. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of your cold as quickly as possible. You are not experimenting when you use this remedy as it has been in use for many years and has an established reputation. It has no opium or other narcotic. Obtainable everywhere.



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Dress Goods and Dress Trimmings

THE SOONER YOU MAKE YOUR GARMENTS THE LONGER YOU WILL ENJOY THEM.

OUR STOCK OF DRESS GOODS CONTAINS THOUSANDS OF BOLTS FROM THE LEADING LOOMS. WE HAVE FOR YOU SOBER STAPLES, SUITABLE FOR HARD WEAR, AND FANCY, BRIGHT FABRICS FOR YOUR BEST PARTY GOWNS.

OUR TRIMMINGS WILL "MATCH" AND MAKE YOUR COSTUME ONE BEAUTIFUL, HARMONIOUS WHOLE.

OUR "PRICES" WILL BE AS PLEASING TO YOU AS OUR MERCHANDISE. COME IN.

Prepare for winter's chilly breeze by doing your shopping at the Star Store, where you can supply your wants in all lines at a nice saving to you and also share in our profits through our premium plan

Just a few more pairs of ladies shoes and slippers \$2.50 to \$3.50 values for 98c to \$1.48

Nice assortment corsets in newest and latest styles. See them

3-pound can steel-cut coffee	90c
3 pkgs puffed rice	25c
3 cans pie peaches	25c
1 cans Kraut	10c
1 cans Corn	10c
3 cans Peas	25c
10 pound box peaches	70c
10 pound bucket Mrs. Tuckers shortening	\$1.50

Our Gents Furnishing Department is brim full of good new stylish things for men and boys. "Don't Miss 'Em"

Prepare for your fall trip with a hand bag or suit case "We Have 'Em"

THE STAR STORE

Quite an interesting meeting of the W. M. Society was held at the Methodist Parsonage Monday evening, with good attendance. After the Bible lesson conducted by the president, the regular business routine was disposed of at the close of which a box was packed, valued at \$26.20 - this box to be sent to a needy pastor in the drouth Stricken district. The members of the Society take this means of thanking all who contributed to the box.

Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes was operated on Wednesday afternoon at an Abilene sanitarium for appendicitis. He withstood the operation well

and will, we hope, be able to return to his home within a short time.

Away to School

Ennis Grimes, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes has entered the Houston Dental College for his first year's work.

The many friends of this popular young man wish him success in his chosen studies.

Automobile Sales

Recent Dodge automobile sales have been made N. B. Teaff, S. T. Anderson and Otis Burns, all being touring cars sold. A seven passenger Studebaker has been sold to Jim (James) Byrd.

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Get Your Window and Door Glass From

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A large shipment just arrived and we want
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Catering to your Every Want

Lax-Fos, A Mild, Effective Laxative & Liver Tonic Does Not Grip 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 grip nor disturb stomach. At the same time, it aids digestion, arouses the liver and secretions and restores the healthy functions. 50c.

Mrs. Bonine Dead

Mrs. Alline Bonine, wife of E. L. Bonine, died at the family home, on the Horton place, east of Noodle, Monday afternoon, and was buried the following day at the Compere cemetery.

The deceased was a native of Tennessee and moved to this

country from east Texas last fall. She was a member of the Baptist church and buried with services from this body, Rev. E. E. Dawson of Abilene conducting them.

More Than Enough is too Much

To maintain health, a mature man or woman needs just enough food to repair the waste and supply energy and body heat. The habitual consumption of more food than is necessary for these purposes is the prime cause of stomach troubles, rheumatism and disorders of the kidneys. If troubled with indigestion, revise your diet, let reason and not appetite control and take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be alright again. For sale by all dealers.

LOCAL NEWS

Pigs for Sale—Good pigs at \$3 apiece. James West.

The only vegetable refrigerator in town is at E. L. Rogers.

Must have the money out of these shoes and hats. A. L. Jobe.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Gentry, former residents of our town were visitors here this week.

You should get your planting seed at Browning's new gin.

Dr. C. M. McCauley of Dallas was a visitor in Merkel Sunday, having spent the day in the home of Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Phone W. E. Lowe at the Busy Bee for a service car.

Miss Ruth Long of Abilene was a visitor with Mrs. Ernest Rogers last week-end.

Spend 10c and put a comfortable bottom in that chair of yours. Any size or kind for a dime at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Duff of Ferris arrived here Friday to visit their son O. R. Duff with the Woodrooff company. The east Texas visitors from here went to Stamford to visit relatives before returning to their home.

W. E. Lowe's service cars run day or night. Call the Busy Bee.

When in town come to see me, and spend a dollar. A. L. Jobe.

Among the marriage licenses issued the past week was that to Miles West and Miss Callie Wood. These young people are residents of the country north-east of Merkel.

M. F. Carey formerly one of the younger citizen of the Cross Plains country was a renewal subscriber to the Mail last week and in tones of decision, let it be known that his present location in the Merkel country is highly satisfactory.

C. V. Bigham who is recuperating from a lengthy attack of slow fever is in Merkel from his ranch home near Trent. Mr. Bigham is rapidly regaining his strength and is now able to walk to town, a distance of a few blocks, much to his own satisfaction and to the delight of his numerous friends. In his own words he is "Getting about as fat as a-match".

Gar Service

See or phone J. T. (Tom) Coats for your service car on show day or during fair week. 6t1pd

For Chapped Hands

Chapped skin whether on the hands or face may be cured in one night by Chamberlain's Salve. It is also unequalled for sore nipples, burns and scalds. For sale by all dealers.

Presbyterian Church

Think and write your answer. Does my life please God? Am I enjoying my Christian Life.

Am I trying to bring my friends to Christ?

How does my life look to those who are not Christians?

Do I attend Sunday School as regular as I could?

Sunday School opens at 10a.m. Preaching at 11 a. m.

As Rev. Bullock is absent the pulpit will be occupied by some delegate of the Baptist Convention. Be sure to be present.

Advertised Letters.

Horn, Lue,
Albarado, Victor,
Ribera, Bidal,
Diaz, Arosian,
Gutierrez, Benito,
Montes, D.
Ramos, Sabos.
Rodriguez, Jose.
Vermea, Amado.
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Oct. 18th, 1916.
H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas

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TELEPHONE No. 61

THE MEN WHO MADE MONEY OUT OF IT

Irene Coleman, a janitor's daughter in New York City, worked in a department store and helped keep the family going. When her father was not drinking he thought the world of her. The neighbors were fond of Irene, whom they described as "a dear, pretty girl," and were much interested in seeing the progress of her courtship by a fine young man of the neighborhood and were hoping for a happy wedded life for her. But it all ended one summer night when her father came home crazy drunk and stabbed her to death with his pocket knife. Joseph Coleman is in jail under a charge of murder. "It was whiskey that got him," said Mrs. Coleman, the mother, "and ended everything for me." The New York papers gave all the details and more, but only about the unhappy Colemans. Nobody is in jail under charge of making or selling the booze that inflamed that miserable wretch to kill his own daughter. There isn't a word or a photograph in any of the newspapers about the distiller who started this devilry going or about his tool, the saloon keeper, who took a profit out of Irene Coleman's death. These whisky makers, unsearched for by the law are now looking for their next victim. What are a few Colemans to a leading industry of such cities as Baltimore, Louisville, and Peoria? The whisky men have got the money, New York City is paying the costs, and Joseph Coleman will stand in the dock and take the guilt. Business is business, isn't it?—Collier's Weekly.

Speaking about carnivals we comment that many a young man's goose is cooked with a chicken.

Not long ago a friend of ours was fixing to get married and talked of the intoxication of love. Since then he has spoken a few words and seems duly sober.

Ever think of it, that its usually bankers who say that money is plentiful.

We reiterate and corroborate the idea that there ain't no sich thing as non-skid whiskey.

Some men are born bone-headed while others bite at everything a peddler has to sell.

A new invention is a rubber fish. This knocks the props out of our next spring story, for Editor Holford will beat us a city block when it comes to stretchin' 'em.

If orders of roast beef get as high in comparison as the stuff this is printed on, restaurant men will begin to furnish bills of sale with every porter-house steak order.

A good substitute for one of the ten commandments is quoted. "Don't covet your neighbor's limousine; if he has a Packard or a Tin Lizzie, forget it."

We bought fifteen cents worth of steak the other day and on remonstrating with the butcher for cutting off so many scraps, he said: "That's all right, I weighed it first."

If the roads from here to Abilene were straightened out automobiles might not miss the bridges.

COMMERCIALISMS

Mr Weather Man, we thank you for your consideration, but please spring a leak.

In the meantime it might be wise to advertise Villa in the lost, strayed or stolen column.

Carranza possibly has not disarmed Villa, but he has at least made him carry a maxim silencer.

Move into a new house and think of the good things you left in the old one. We must live and learn.

When it comes to threats of strikes, then the people begin to think it is about time to own the railroads.

We have waited to see whether the submarine U boat can be made useful when reformed. We hesitate to say.

Woodrow Wilson very properly predicts war in the event of the election of Hughes. That is what Wall Street wants.

That other mysterious submarine merchantman of Germany is something like the Flying Dutchman. You see him and you see him not.

There are some editors who are so prejudiced that they can only find good in their own thoughts, and some of the editors live in Honey Grove.

"Thank God no one owns the Progressive party today," declares John M. Parker. He is right, but who wants to own it?

She will be only soap "Greece" when she comes out of the war.

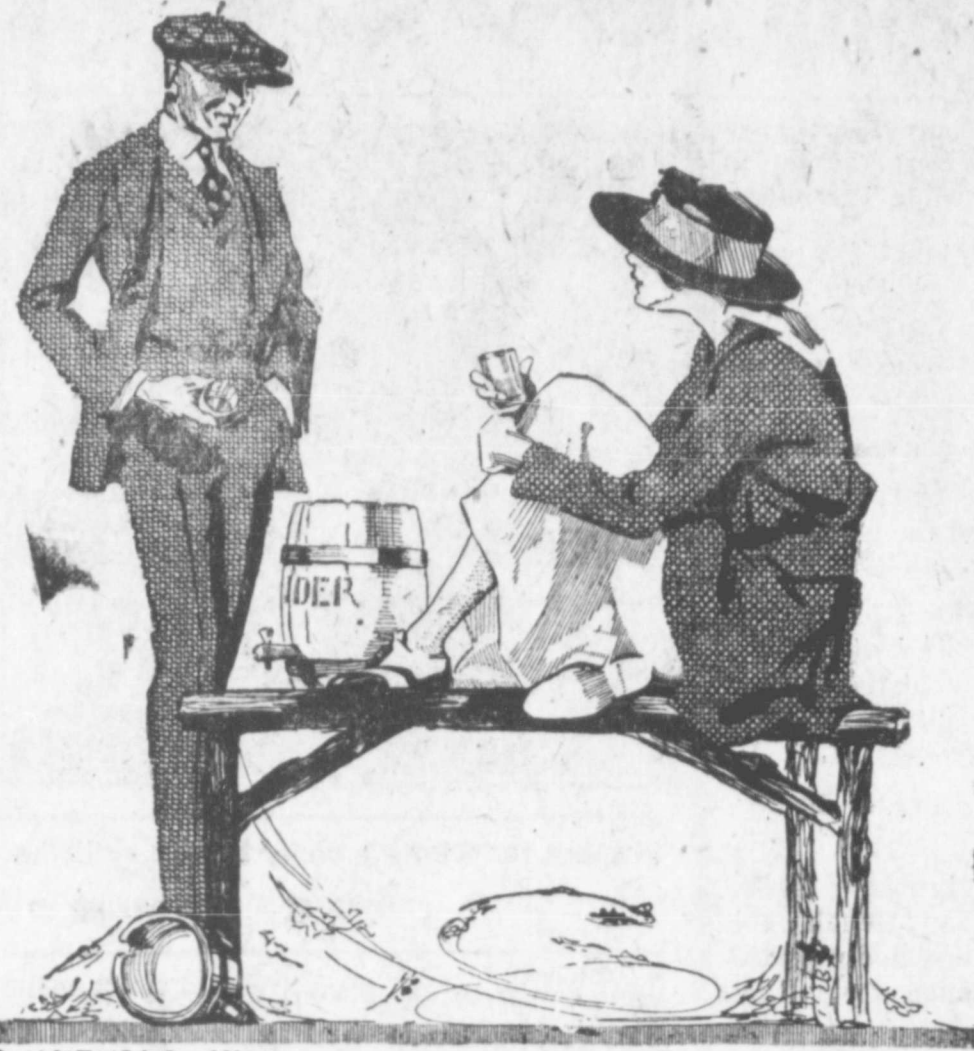
Football and baseball come and go, but the "three balls are with us always."

A good deal of Mr. Hughes' "running" is away from a Democratic question mark.

Something to worry your brain over: Oaxaca is pronounced Wah-haca, but you'd never guess it in a hundred years.

"Prohibition hits trade," says an anti. Sure: only about half as many cloves are imported.

"Will the country go as Maine went?" asks a correspondent. No, much of it will avoid the Maine road.



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Autumn Brings Smarter-than-Ever Styles IN VARSITY FIFTY FIVE

Hart Schaffner & Marx are constantly requiring more of themselves; always striving to outdo their former accomplishments; that's their policy.

The new Varsity Fifty Five suits for fall are even greater achievements than the previous models; lively, good looking suits with high lapels and waistline effects; buttons placed high to give the appearance of longer, more graceful fronts. New developments in waistcoats; belt-back variations.

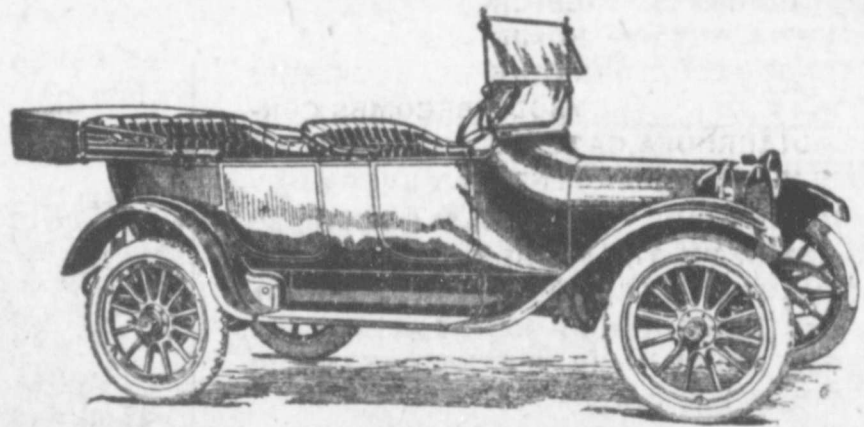
They've captured the young men
and the young-spirited older men

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The addition of a complete line of Eastman films and supplies to our Kodak department

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Catering to your every want



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From a (brand new) Dodge Touring Car. If you want to go to the circus or fair you will be pleased to ride with me

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Stand at Elite Confectionery—Phone No. 6

FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Especially those of the high school. You never knew a more convenient article than a Parker Lucky Curve FOUNTAIN PEN. Come in and we'll explain.

The Merkel Drug Company

550 acres fine grass in Fisher county will trade for good farm near Merkel. J. T. Warren.

We are giving 25 cents per dozen for eggs. Anchor Mercantile Co.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Grimes of Sylvester were here this week visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes.

HAVE YOU WEAK LUNGS?

Do colds settle on your chest or in your bronchial tubes? Do coughs hang on, or are you subject to throat troubles? Such troubles should have immediate treatment with the strengthening powers of Scott's Emulsion to guard against consumption which so easily follows.

Scott's Emulsion contains pure cod liver oil which peculiarly strengthens the respiratory tract and improves the quality of the blood; the glycerine in it soothes and heals the tender membranes of the throat. Scott's is prescribed by the best specialists. You can get it at any drug store. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

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FROM HAROLD BELL WRIGHT'S GREAT NOVEL

DRAMATIZED BY MR. WRIGHT AND ELSBERY REYNOLDS

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"Preachin' Bill Says"

"There's a heap o' difference between a playin' a violin and' just fiddlin'. You wouldn't know some fellers was makin' music, if you didn't see 'em a patten' their foot."

"Buzzards don't make no mistakes; they allus get what belongs to 'em."

"Every hound has hits strong pints, but some has more of 'em."

"There ain't no use to worry 'bout the choppin, till the dogs has treed the coon."

"If a feller don't fuss about what he knows for sure, the things he don't know ain't apt to bother him none."

WHY YOU SHOULD SEE THIS PLAY

BECAUSE

The Greatest American Book made into the Greatest American Play.

It is the story of a man who took the trail that leads to the lower ground, and a woman who found her way to the higher sunlit fields.

It is a story of the Ozarks, before the coming of the railroad.

It has been endorsed by the

PRESS
PUBLIC
PULPIT

And because you have read the book



Scene—"When He Comes."

FACTS ABOUT THE PLAY

The most popular American novel, "The Shepherd of the Hills," has been made into a play by its author, Harold Bell Wright, with the assistance of Elsbery W. Reynolds. This will be good news to the millions of Mr. Wright's admirers. For every one who has read this popular story and has not seen the play will be glad to see "Sammy Lane," "Preachin' Bill," "Young Matt," "Dad Howitt" and all the people of the "Mutton Hollow" take life and appear behind the footlights.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY

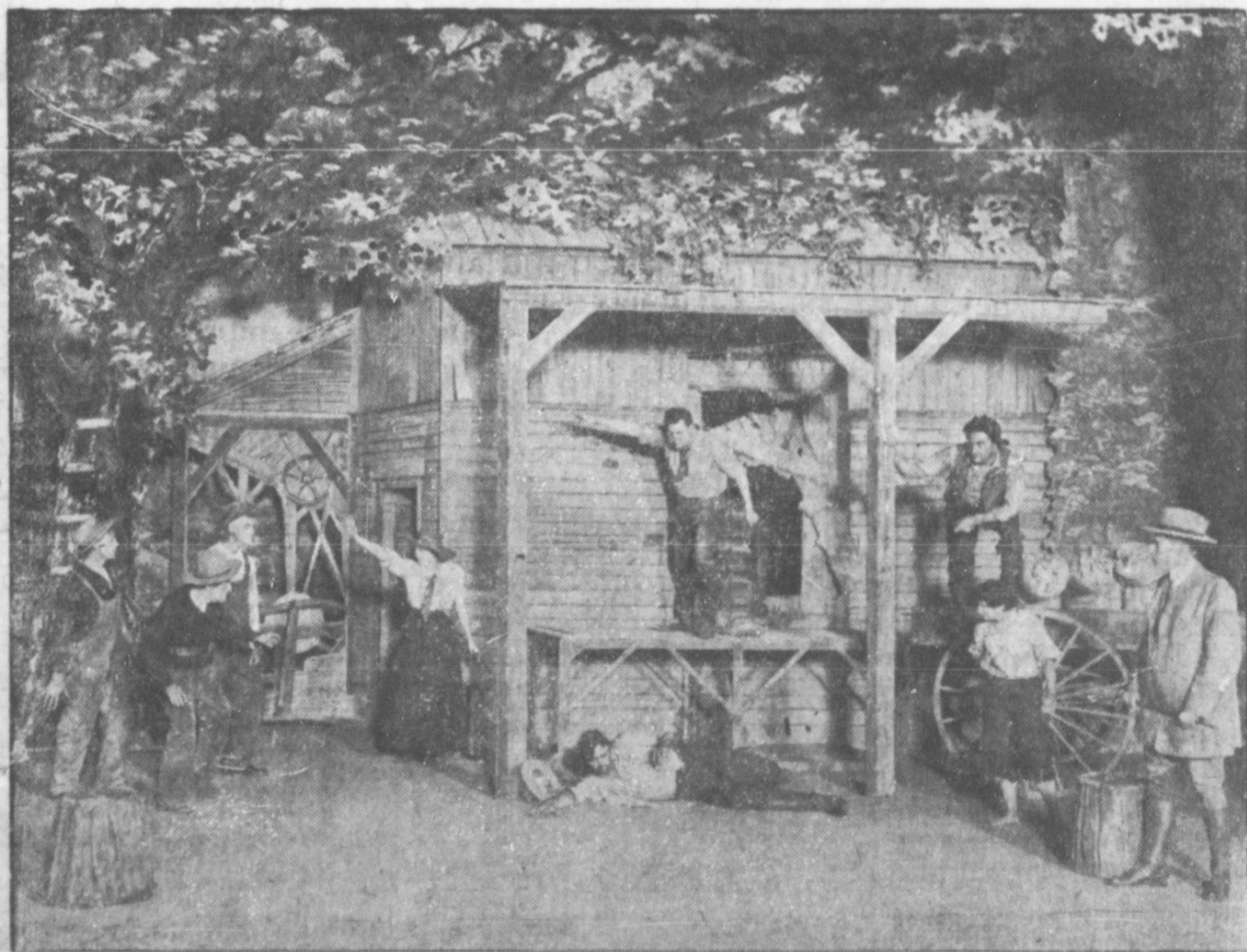
"The Play will sell the Book and vice versa."
—Chicago Journal.

"From the rise of the curtain to its fall the piece was given the closest attention. This regard arose not only from the artistic developments of events, but also from the earnestness of the actors, all of whom were excellently fitted for their respective parts."
—Philadelphia North American.

"The production is acted, staged and mounted fittingly and the atmosphere of the story is well preserved."
—Indianapolis News.

"The play should attract large and appreciative audiences for it is one of exceptional charm and appeal."
—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

"A simple pastoral of the Ozarks; really genuine sentiment."
—Columbus, O., Dispatch.



Exterior Mill Scene from Act 3 of the Fall Creek Mill

This company is secured from numerous ones now in the state for the purpose of presenting the opening feature for the COZY this season



Scene from Act 4—"Mutton Hollow"

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Best grade 10-4 full width bleached sheeting per yard 28c
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 Best grade heavy canton flannel per yard only 10c
 Full line of everything in blankets from 75c, \$1, \$1.25,
 \$1.50, \$2 and on up to the better wool blankets
 from \$3.50 to \$8.50

The present high market does not effect our prices, as we already have the goods in the house---
 all bought early and at the old prices

The Anchor Mercantile Company



MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

Mackey-Jones Nuptials

Saturday afternoon at half after two o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Mackey, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Edith, to Mr. C. L. Jones of Soper, Oklahoma.

Mrs. I. F. Brooks, received the guests, Miss Lois Jarrell conducting them to the punch bowl, where Misses Pendleton and Munson served a delicious drink.

Miss Kathleen Abbott had charge of the bride's book in which each guest's name was written.

Miss Haydee Ritchey was seated at the piano and accompanied Miss Helen Haynes, who sweetly sang: "At Dawning." As the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march pealed forth, Miss Mackey and Mr. Jones descended the stairs, marched through the dining room and living room and taking their places in the parlor before Rev. E. Thurston Campbell of the First Methodist church, Durant. In the presence of admiring friends and relatives, in a few well chosen words, Rev. Campbell made the happy couple one.

After many congratulations and well wishes, an ice course, consisting of brick cream in wedding bell and heart designs, with angel food cake was enjoyed. Misses Ruby Stephens, Fannie and Gertrude Nelso assisted Mrs. Mackey in the dining room.

Many beautiful and useful presents attested the esteem in which the contracting couple were held.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones left on the afternoon Katy Flyer for Dallas, where they will make their home for the next three years. Mr. Jones is attending a dental college in Dallas.

Clifton Mackey, who is attending the University at Norman, and Mrs. M. L. SoRelle, of Abilene, Texas, grand-mother of the bride, were out of town guests. — Durant Daily Democrat.

Social Meeting

Mrs. T. A. Johnson invited the King's Daughters class to her home for their regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon of this week. Fifteen members were present and visitors also were present. Mrs. W. A. M. and Mrs. C. Wright were in Mer-

kel. A salad course was served as refreshment, punch also being served in the dining room.

Hodge Fry Wedding

Miss Cora Hodge and Hayden Fry were married Sunday afternoon at four o'clock by Rev. J. D. Kennedy at his home three miles east of Abilene. Miss Hodge lived in Merkel before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Fry will reside in Abilene in the future. Their friends offer congratulations. — Abilene Reporter.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McDonald, of Merkel, prior to her marriage resided here. Her friends in Merkel will be interested in her romance and would wish the two young people happiness together.

Rains-Curry

Thursday, Sept. 28th, in the late afternoon, Miss Pearl Rains of the Comper community was married to J. B. Currie of Essie. The ceremony was performed in Abilene and immediately after they returned to Merkel and to the home of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Curry will make their home with the widowed mother of the bride at the Rains farm north of Merkel. Congratulations and best wishes are extended these two.

Clerks Entertained

Wednesday evening of last week various clerks were guest at the G. F. West Co's store of the pencil pushers of that place.

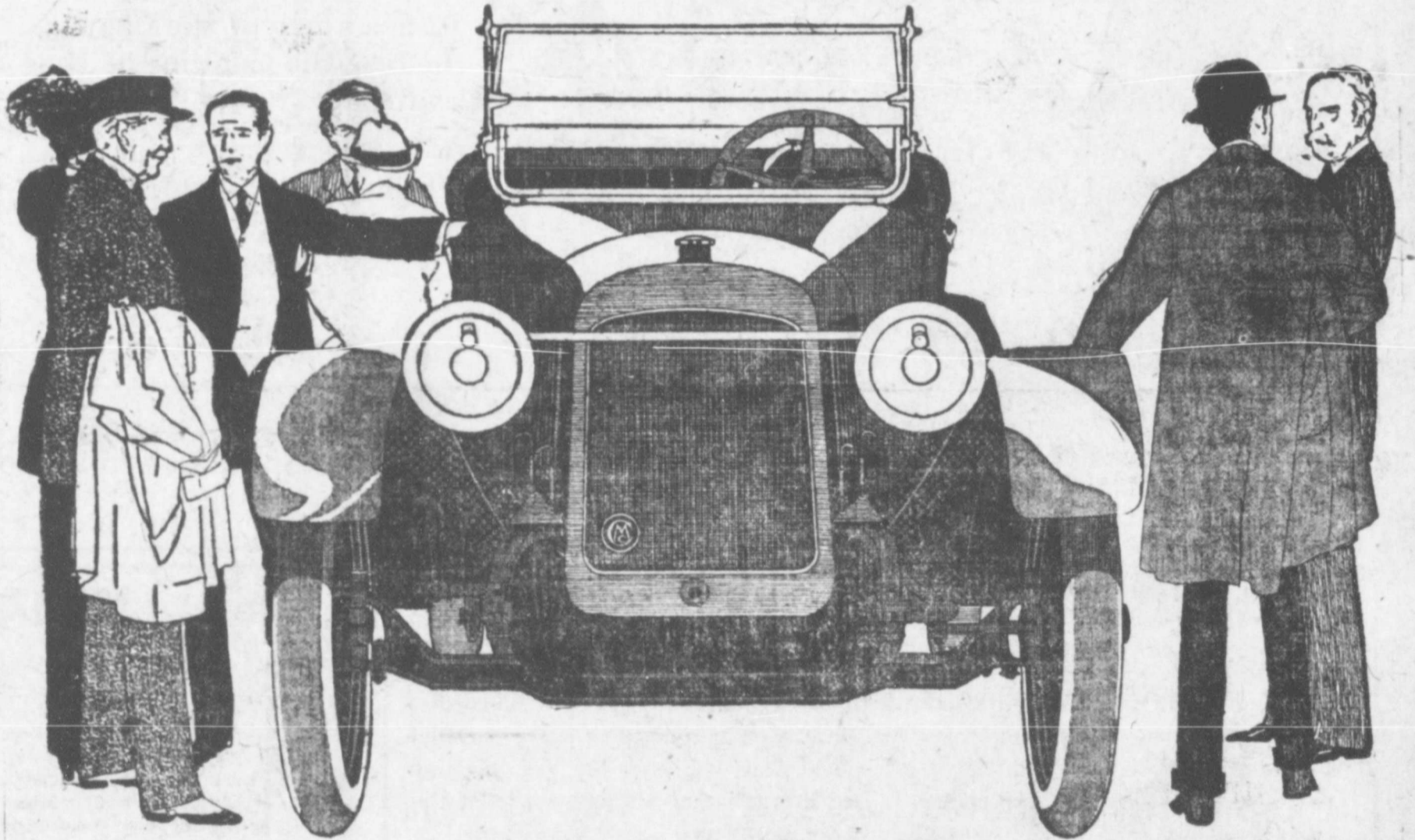
The principle affair of the evening was the banquet at which Chef Herman Barnett, a private in the ranks of the host guards, assisted by those of lower rank and superior officers served the visitors with luncheon, to-wit:

Soup a la menu
 entrees
 Tomatoes, Pickles, Olives, Celery
 Then came a
 Piece de resistance
 Turkey with Dressing
 finale
 Coffee and Cigars
 Cakes, Cigarettes
 Stale Jokes

Those present who enjoyed the repast were A. G. Smith, demonstrator of Dallas, Choc Jones, Earl Baze, Bill Brown, Owen Ellis, and Harry Bullock of the Anchor Co., Luke Grimes of the Rogers store, John James and H. C. West, Herman Barnett and A. C. Thornton of the West Co.

For the lowest prices ever offered on clothing. See A. L. Jobe.

5 Passenger 3400 r. p. m. Chalmers—\$1090 Detroit



QUALITY

That is the Real Secret of the 3400 r. p. m. Chalmers Popularity



Whenever you see the Chalmers trade mark you always see the phrase "Quality First." Whenever you think Chalmers you think "Quality." And if you have been reading my ads or have been in my salesroom, you are impressed with the fact that the 3400 r. p. m. is a Chalmers car of unusual quality.

I've often said that it is, in my opinion, the greatest car the Chalmers Company has built. And I have an excellent reason for saying this. It is a step ahead of any preceding Chalmers because it performs a shade better. The Quality in the new Chalmers is the kind of quality that tells on the road and tells wonderfully.

Now it is just this exceptional quality, just this shade of improvement that has brought Chalmers sales and production ahead in leaps these 12 months past.

I don't think the men in charge of affairs at the Chalmers factory realized what they had in the 3400 r. p. m. Chalmers. At any rate they underestimated the demand. They built more than they had ever produced in any previous season, 'tis true, but still not enough.

The first making order was snapped up quickly. Then came a second lot. These went just as fast.

Now the factory is building the third lot and I understand that Chalmers has no intention of stopping even there. Quality it was that caused this unprecedented demand. Chalmers certainly have the right idea in building cars. "Quality First."

FULV ER ELECTRIC CO.
 IRVING STRONG, Demonstrator

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days—
 Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Hemorrhoids, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. See

Health Club baking powder for sale at Rogers is guaranteed.

We are giving 25 cents per dozen for eggs. Anchor Mercantile Co.

To Cure a Cold in One Day—
 Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. H. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

POPULAR RATE
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**El Paso, Thursday
October 12th**

FOR DEDICATION

...Elephant Butte Dam...

\$9.45 ROUND TRIP

Special Train

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Leaves Merkel 6:08 P. M.; return train leaves El Paso 6:00 P. M. (5 P. M. El Paso time) Oct. 15th. This celebration is held in conjunction with

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ALSO IN SESSION AT THAT TIME

FOUR BIG EVENTS IN ONE

Excursion tickets will be on sale for regular trains arriving El Paso Oct. 13-14-17-18 and 22 at higher rates, limited for return to Oct. 28th

SEE SOME REAL MILITARY LIFE

50,000 U. S. Soldiers in Camp. Visit quaint old Juarez with its Mexican Customs and Battle Scarred Buildings

For Particulars See

J. C. LEWIS, Ticket Agent

In Memoriam

To attempt to write of the life of one such as was that of Capt. Elisha Hall, is a task for which I feel incapacitated, for he was a greater, a mightier, and a nobler man than many of his fellows. It was my privilege to know him less than two years, and to know him and have some association with him has been an inspiration. He was born in 1832 at Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada, being one of few who carve out empires and stand firmly for the right. His grandfather, Capt. Ichbald Hall settled in Canada after the revolution and was an officer in the Federal army. His brother, Gov. Leyman Hall, was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Capt. Hall was first married to Almenia Carroll, also of Ingersoll. One child only of that union survives, Mrs. W. T. Graham of Tucson, Arizona. About the year 1878 he came to Texas and

settled in Houston, moving onto Kosse. He was quite a prominent lawyer and his sympathetic nature to all men especially those in need won for him the title of "Poor Man's Friend." In 1884 he was married to Miss Louise Walker of Kosse. Three children blessed their lives, Mrs. W. T. Clifton, Waço; R. E. Hall, San Diego, Cal.; and Miss Agnes Hall of this city.

As a man he was of that large caliber of intellect and character of which one meets but few. By nature he was an intellectual giant, and by application he acquired a comprehensive knowledge of almost everything to be found in books, in the lives of men and in experience. He seemed at his best in the discussion of any subject suggested. His estimate of character permitted none of the ignoble to be found in his makeup. It may be said his intellect was colossal, and moral character superb. As a

citizen, no man had broader views or keener interest in civic affairs than he. As a man, he knew man, his environments and needs. As a lawyer, he knew law, and as a patriot, he stood unselfishly for those principles of justice and right so sadly lacking in many.

He had concern not only for his own people and country but kept in constant touch with the affairs of other people and countries, and by intuition, condemned the wrong and commended the right in all men and all the world. As a husband and father, no nobler companion nor sire perhaps has lived. Considerate, affectionate, frugal. His home was his paradise and his family his boon companions. Words here fail to be sufficiently expressive to convey to the reader the tenderness of his home and home life as father and husband. As a christian, God loves such men and knows the need of such

christian characters, and so He allowed him to remain here for eighty-four long years, that the world might profit by his benign influence and noble christian life and see how resignedly a true man of God can live so long on earth and face death so triumphantly. He was a member of the Merkel Baptist church and in his going it loses one of its best members; the world, a friend and a scholar; the government, a true patriot; the wife, a loyal husband; and the children, an affectionate father. The earth was enriched by his life, and heaven made sweeter by his going, for we believe it was better for him to "depart and be with Christ." May the God of all grace comfort the hearts of the bereaved wife and children, giving that spirit that can say of a truth, "Thy will, not mine, be done, O God."

His pastor, L. B. Owen.

My Auto, 'Tis of Thee.

My auto, 'tis of thee, short cut to poverty, of thee chapt. I blew in a pile of dough on you two years ago, now you refuse to go, or won't, or can't, thru town or country side. You were my joy and pride; one happy day. I love the gaudy hue, thy four white tires so new, now down and out for true, in every way. To thee old rattle box, came many bumps and knocks, for thee I grieve. Badly thy top is torn, frayed are thy seats and worn, a cough affects thy horn, I do believe. Thy perfume swells the breeze, while good folks choke and wheeze, as we pass by. I paid for thee a price, 'twould buy a mansion twice, now all are yelling "ice," I wonder why? The motor has the gripe, thy spark plugs have the pip, woe is thine. I, too, have suffered chill, ague and other kindred ills, trying to pay my bills since thou was mine. Gone is my bank roll now, no more 'twould choke a cow, as once before. Yet if I had the tin, so help me, John-amen, I'd buy a car again, and spend some more again.—H. P. R., Jr.

JUDGE FOR YOURSELF

Which is better—Try an Experiment or Profit by a Merkel Citizen's Experience.

Something new is an experiment. Must be proved to be as represented. The statement of a manufacturer is not convicting proof of merit.

But the endorsement of friends is. Now supposing you had a bad back, A lame, weak, or aching one, Would you experiment on it? You will read of many so-called cures. Endorsed by strangers from faraway places.

It's different when the endorsement comes from home.

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

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

Shooting Bee at Ochiltree

Ochiltree, Texas, October 2.—Judge R. T. Correll and Dr. W. S. Brewer, who were seriously wounded in an exchange of shots on the main business street here Saturday night, are expected to recover.

Dorrell was shot through the right side of the stomach and Brewer's right leg was badly shattered below the knee. Eight or ten shots were fired.

Ladies Free Rest Room

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

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill."

I wish every suffering woman would give

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

Get a Bottle Today!

NUBIA

The wind has been unusually active for the past four days, perpetrating overt acts of extreme violence. It has already established a record for notoriety and misbehavior and so we are now in the proper mood to welcome the abatement of its fury for it has already made the cotton fields look like ten thousand mad tom cats had spent their raging fanaticism in them.

The heavy rain and hail that visited this section last week did much damage to cotton, but put a pretty good season in the ground and the farmers will soon be busy sewing small grain.

Autumn is with us once again. The birds of migratory—who does not enjoy watching them?—have enough of the northern temperate climates, and are instinctively coursing southward to regions tepid. The scissortail and kildee have both boarded the wind and sailed for the luke warm realms. The hot days of departing summer are naught but memory's heirloom now.

So far as regards America's most prosperous year, 1916, this is also cash counting time with the farmers. They are now busy taking an inventory of their year's earnings and, needless to say, they are discovering that they are blessed with a balance that does them credit. Come on, ye winter's storm and raging blasts, ye northerners, rains and snow, we are ready for your stern assaults.

Many from here are aiming to go to the big circus at Abilene, Saturday, to see the elephant, that strange stupendous quadruped with a tail on both ends.

They also want to see monkeys in cages playing with each other's tails. It is rumored, by the way, that Mr. Bud Perry wants to repair down there to see the clowns who wear clothes too large with great spots on them. Bro. Todd of Abilene filled his regular appointment at Butman Sunday.

The Methodists have begun a Sunday school and prayer meeting at Nubia. The Sunday school meets at 10 a. m., and prayer meeting meets at 7 p. m. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

Cotton in this vicinity is three-fourths out. A few farmers are practically done while others are not half done.

It is thought that work will soon begin on the new \$1,500 school building to be erected at Butman.

Mr. Geo. Anderson is keeping pace with the progress of the times. What prompted the foregoing is the fact that from this forward he will be compelled to pay taxes on a new Overland.

Mr. Butman has recently purchased a player-piano. This is one of the infinite evidence incontrovertible symptoms of the prevalence of prosperity.

Automobile Accident

San Angelo, Texas, Oct. 2.—Will Manning, an auto dealer of Midland, and a woman whose name has not been disclosed, were seriously injured several miles east of San Angelo Saturday night when their car turned over.

Manning had his collarbone broken and sustained several other minor injuries. The woman was badly bruised.

AN ABILENE BUSINESS CHANGE

We are glad to inform our many out-of-town friends that we have purchased the entire stock of the Abilene Book and Stationery Co.

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SHILOH

Rev. and Mrs. Chas. Seago went to Carpenters Gap Saturday afternoon where he preached Saturday night and Sunday.

Terrel Winters and sons, Tom and John, left Monday morning for Cottle county on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Grayson spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ely of Sand Bur.

Rev. Robins of Abilene was in this community Friday on business, and spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Beavers.

Misses Lettys and Beulah Jones attended services at Noodle Sunday, and were dinner guests of friends.

Some of the young people from here attended services at Noodle Sunday afternoon.

A number of young people from Golan attended prayer services here Sunday night.

Furman Carter is having a well drilled on his farm here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson, Misses Alice Brown and Maud Greene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Conder Sunday.

Mrs. Will Bond and children, Ben Bond and Nina Beavers spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Beavers and little son, Paul, drove over to Noodle Sunday afternoon and viewed the wreck of the Noodle gin.

Terrel Winters and son, John, were Anson visitors Saturday.

Miss Nancy Green is visiting friends in Merkel.

Mrs. J. H. Grayson and daughter, Vennie, and Mrs. Seago were shopping in Merkel Friday.

Mrs. Mayberry conducted prayer service Sunday night. We were glad we were able to attend and were glad to see the good attendance and nice behavior of the young people.

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NOODLE

Miss Lois Tweedy is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Camp, of Hawley.

Mrs. Parker Hendrix spent a few days of the past week with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Williams of Merkel.

Miss Ora Bryson spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks but returned to Merkel Monday morning.

W. L. Barbee and son, Donald, spent Saturday and Sunday in Sweetwater.

Coleman Harkins returned to his home in Roscoe Saturday, having spent a month with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eoff.

Rev. Gaddis filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday and Sunday night.

Miss Beulah Ely, who is attending school in Merkel, spent the week-end with homefolks.

The party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eoff Friday night was enjoyed by all present.

Mesdames Frank and Hunter Holmes of Anson were guests of Mrs. H. L. Holmes Saturday afternoon.

Odell and Willis Herring spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson of Avoca.

A number of young people enjoyed the singing at the home of Tatum Wasson Saturday night.

We have learned that Jake Eason is an owner of a new car.

Mrs. Bonine, who has been very ill for the past several weeks, died at the family home Monday and was laid to rest in the Comper cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, Manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally. It acts directly on the mucous and blood surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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Here From McKinney

A. L. Reneau was here Tuesday and Wednesday making his annual business visit to Merkel to see about his farm in the Comper country. For sixteen years Mr. Reneau has owned this place and has always rented out, and finds that in total it has paid for itself, paid all his traveling expenses in coming out here each year, paid all improvements and in addition has netted \$500 besides.

The place in question is being worked by Mr. R. O. Baxter who will continue to cultivate the land and the owner is becoming more and more infatuated with this country at each visit. The latch string is on the outside anytime Mr. Reneau decides to move west.

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Mothers are sometimes so thoughtless as to neglect the colds which their children contract. The inflammation of the mucous membrane, at first acute, becomes chronic and the child has chronic catarrh, a disease that is seldom cured and that may prove a life burden. Many persons who have this loathsome disease will remember having had frequent colds at the time it was contracted. A little forethought, a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy judiciously used and all this trouble might have been avoided. Obtainable everywhere.

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For our part of this, Mr. Blackburn may be honest in his undertaking and may do all the vast amount of improvements we have herein above outlined, but everybody who believes that Ed is again to fall out o'bed every morning during the winter and take a cold shower, please stand on their heads.

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From the play "The Shepherd of the Hills" to be given at the Cozy Tuesday night.

Back From State of Maine

Will Butman who is in danger of becoming a globe trotter has returned from Belfast, Maine where he visited the scenes of his father's childhood. Will says he can't see for the life of him why his father ever chose such a country to be raised in.

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