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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1917

STORM VICTIMS OF

Bartlett, Tex., Jan. 7 .- Through a Ollie Anderson. death of the other, married again.

Cooksey of Nevada, Cal. They have Mrs. Anderson exclaimed, "I'm shot," two sons, James and Rudolph, strap- and fell back dead. ping fellows of 22 and 19.

wife on their farm seven miles from -Anson Enterprise. this place. They came by automobile all the way from California and after they are through visiting Cohand and the boys, they will go back together with Cohand's blessings. For William Cohand is unwilling to give up his second wife and Mrs. Cora Cooksey has no intention of again becoming. Mrs. Cora Cohand.

A GOOD NEIGHBOR GONE.

1850, died December 18, 1916. He the ensuing year: will. Our Lord gives and he takes Owen Ellis, J. W. Nelson and Maraway, blessed be His name. 1000

A FRIEND.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

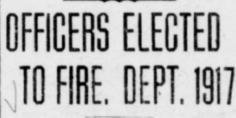
A. R. Hattaway was instantly killed

MRS. ANDERSON 18 KILLED ACCIDENTALLY.

A horrible accident occurred Monday morning at the home of Allen White, a prominent farmer living fourteen miles northeast of Anson, resulting in the instant death of Mrs.

by the Galveston storm of 1900 has had a 22 target rifle with her, which of slaves and other chattels: been reunited here, and the reunion, she used for killing game. Her 14-

Burial was had in Stamford ceme-Mrs. Cora Cooksey and her husband, tery Wednesday afternoon, upon ar-William Cooksey, are now the guests rival of relatives from Colorado. Deof William Cohand and his second ceased was twenty-six years of age.

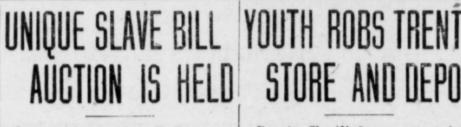


J. P. Petty was born November 17, the following officers were elected for jum offers.

ing joined the Methodist church 14 ilton, vice-president; J. P. Sharp, jr., ing Texas and Oklahoma, the prin- free. years ago. He was among the best secretary; F. J. Ferrier, chief; J. C. cipal auto roads, all towns, the railof citizens and as a neighbor we Comegys, assistant chief; A. V. Dyc. roads, a cover page of civil war hisnever lived by a better man. His second assistant chief. Delegates tory that makes it a beautiful ornadeath was a " shock to us all but we elected to the state convention in San ment. Better get you a map while must all be submissive to our Lord's Angelo in May were Roscoe Sharp, they last. vin Boaz.

AT COZY THEATRE.

One of the features of the performance of "Montana" which is the at-* hast Saturday afternoon at the gin traction at the Cozy theatre on Monof Harris & Guitar in this city when day, January 22, is the magnificent his clothing became entangled in a scenic equipment. The scenery was shaft, resulting in the body being all painted especially for this production by the Schell Scenic Studies of twenty-three years of age and his Columbus, Ohio, who rank foremost parents reside some twenty-two miles in the scenic painters of the country. The first act represents a ranch in The funeral services were con- Montana with the Sequoyah Mountains in the distance while the last made at Abilene, the snow fall port for the year ending January 5, act is one of the prettiest scenes ever amounted to 5.8 inches. presented on the local stage. It represents a densely wooded retreat in eral being under the direction of the Montana and the spectator seems to the following as the records of snows be ascertained, the amount of apparmiss this show for it is one of the tion: treats of the season.



Into the hands of A. V. Pausen, a friendly chat on a limited passenger Mrs. Anderson , who is a daughter postal clerk of Atchison, Kansas, the youth three miles west of town or sending a challenge to fight a duel, pany will begin drilling near latan train streaking across the plains of of Mr. Whitet, was down from Trini- following sale bill printed before the Thursday afternoon of last week and is a penitentiary offense in Texas, and at an early date. This information western Texas the day before Christ- dad, Colorado, with her husband and civil- war, has just come as his prop- found on him a pair of shoes, a shirt since his own letter is positive evi-, was given out Tuesday by Mr. Brooks mas one year ago, a family separated baby on a visit to her parents, and erty. It describes the proposed sale and two knives that had been taken dence against him, he must go to the Bell, president of the company. A "State of Missouri, County of Pike. the night before.

though lacking of Enoch Arden of old, year-old brother wanted to borrow To whom it may concern: The un- On taking the young man back to with a pistol or shotgun, the probabil- drilled and only awaits a rain to brings happiness to all, notwithstand- the gun to go hunting, and after he dersigned will, on Tuesday, Decem- Trent it developed that the depot had ities are that he would have gone furnish plenty of water for operaing that the husband and wife of six- had the weapon in his hands, started ber 29th, 1846, sell at public outcry on also been robbed on the same night free, as Texas isn't much when it tions. This source of water supply teen years ago are not husband and to return it to Mrs, Anderson, that my premises, where old Coon creek of some small change less than \$5.00. comes to punishing killers, but be- will not be depended upon, however, wife today. Each, after mourning the she might show him how to throw crosses Mission road, the following The youthful robber confessed to hav- cause he gave his antagonist a fair when actual work is ready to begin, the cartridges out, when in some un- chattel, to-wit: Six yoke of exen, with ing robbed the depot also, over three show for his life, he must go to the but water will be hauled if neces-The husband is William Cohand, known manner the rifle was dis- yoke and chains, three negro wenches, dollars in small change being restor- pen. Furthermore, this young demo- sary. farmer; the wife was Mrs. Cora charged, the ball piercing her heart. four nigger bucks, three nigger boys, ed to the Trent agent. The boy gave crat has lost all chances he may have The required amount of stock has four negro girls, three bedsteads with officers description o fa man who he had for holding office. The Texan just been taken, we understand, and beds, two prairie plows, one barrel of claimed was with him when both rob- who takes the oath of office from Mr. Bell and Mr. Lay Powell, who is pickled cabbage, one lot nigger hoes, beries took place but this party could school trustee to gevernor, must a stockholder of the company, made one hoghshead tobacco, one spinning not be located. At present the boy swear that he never fought a duel or an auto trip to Sterling Tuesday to wheel, one loom, twenty-three fox is in Abeline jail awaiting trial.

> hounds, all well trained; a lot of coond When Deputy Laney received the mink and skunk hides, and a lot of call from Trent to be on the watch other articles. Terms will be made for the stolen goods, he started toknown day of sale. I am going to ward Trent in an auto with G. B. California. John Montgomery. Jim Brown. When about three miles west Loan. Crier. Free headcheese, apples of here he noticed smoke arising from and hard cider for all. Come and a ravine on the Derstine place and have a good time." on investigating found the boy had

The supply of large wall maps giv- self.

en free with the Mail is getting low Sheriff Laney was only a few feet At the recent annual meeting of the and when the present supply is gone from the boy when the lad noticed Merkel Volunteer Fire Department, the Mail will be \$1.50 without prem- his presence. The boy started to run Girls and High School boys of this January 22, by a competent cast of but stopped and promptly acknowl-

Parties desiging to renew now can edged his guilt, promising to restore lived a christian for many years, hav- J. T. Warren, president; J. O. Ham- get one of these two-page maps, giv- all stolen property if allowed to go

Ruby, returned last Friday night from El Paso.



With nearly a six-inch snow falling



few hours later the man was arrested. Deputy Sheriff Laney arrested a In his wrath he forgot that dueling,

WANTED TO FIGHT DUEL:

sent or accepted a challenge to fight confer with W. L. Foster, on whose a duel .- Honey Grove Signal.



The girls game field first resulted in a score of two to four. When time was called on the game between the Abeline and Merkel boys the score was tied 26 to 26. Five minutes extra time was given in which Abeline sermons. piled up two more scores to Merkel's one, ending the game with a score of and again at seven in the evening. 28 to 27. In all the best of spirit Regular church communion to be throughout both games. This Friday afternoon the Merkel and Trent teams olay here.

DRILLING STARTS **MUST G OTO PENITENTIARY** AT AN EARLY DATE

The Consolidated Oil & Gas Comfrom the W. E. Hammer store at Trent pen for a term of two years. Had he large tank has just been completed

cracked down on the man he dislikes near the point where the well will be

land the well will be sunk. This visit has its significance in that Mr. Foster is also a large stockholder in the company.-Colorado Clipper.

MONTANA AT COZY.

Every lover of good western drama, not of the blood and thunder kind, but the real live up-to-the-minute play of the west, should by all means Abeline High School girls and High see "Montana" which will be present-School boys defeated the High School ed at the Cozy theatre on Monday, city in two fast games of basketball metropolitan players and all special scenery and light effects.

ELDER CYPERT TO PREACH.

At the Christian church on Sunday Elder W. G. Cypert will deliver two

The first will be at eleven o'clock prevailed and clean playing marked held at the morning services and song service by the entire congregation. Everybody invited.

FOUR GINKS SEE FIVE GEESE.

About four o'clock Wednesday af-We are enjoying the beautiful snow, ternoon Messrs. Harry Bullock, Dee

NOODLE.

built the fire and was warming him-

last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Victor Harris and daughter,

badiy mangled. The young man was from the city.

ducted by Rev. Bowen, Baptist minister of this city, and interment was made in the Mount Olive cemetery at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, the fun-Winters. 'Undertaking parlors.-Big Springs Herald.

"BOOTLEGGERS" AT SNYDER. Snyder, Texas, Jan. 15 .- In the county court here last week one man was found guilty of "bootlegging" and fined \$20 with 20 days in jail. Another man, who broke jail here last inches. summer, pleaded guilty to violating the local option law and was fined \$25. Since escaping from jail he has been at large until last week when

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

werbor Ferguson's message to the Legislature was not a long document, but a sensible one. The message was not couched in high-sound- of the Taylor County Times at Abeing phrases, and carried no unneces- line, seeks to discredit our recent ratsary words, but right to the point on tlesnake story in the eyes of our readevery item. The Governor asked for ers.

Honey Grove Signal.

HERE BUT NOT ON BUSINESS

he wanted to come to Merkel. This is the only redeeming feature to jose a good citizen.

SNOW AVERAGED 7.1 INCHES. Dallas, Tex., Jan. 15 .--- The snow

The only heavier snowfalls were in was 8 inches.

Incoming trains here were late totomorrow.

DISBELIVES MAIL ARTICLE "Uncle Bill' Holford, editor in chief

additional farm legislation, a liberal The regular subscribers of the Mail policy toward foreign investors and will remember that we accounted for an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for over one hundred rattlesnakes that country schools. He declared in fa- one J. W. Childress killed during the inches. vor of higher education, but said that holidays. Our readers further know for every dollar appropriated for that if J. W. Childress said he killed in Febrpary, 1899, when it went to six in first class condition and thirteen higher education, three dollars should the snakes, it would then be best to degrees below zero. The record runs: hundred feet that is still serviceable. be appropriated for the public schoo's. accept his story as fact, and we did. Jan. 8, 1886. 3 below; Jan. 15, 1888, 5 Other important recommendations Not so with Bro. Ho'ford. He seemed below; Jan. 19, 1892, 2 above; Feb. 16, Salaries (Driver only)\$480.00 amendment to the election laws per- snakes were too many to be in one Dec. 10, 1898, 1 above; Feb. 12, 1899, 6 Coal mitting those who must be away on bunch. Further than that, the rattle- below; Feb. 12, 1905, 1 above; Dec. 20, Lights election day to vote by sealed ballot snakes to him are purely imaginary. 1909, 3 above. itemization of all appropriations made but usually in small bunches follow- hazy, the writer remembered well the Repairs on station 6.00 partment is not an organization that for state institutions. The Governor ing some of his hilarious visits to snow of '95, when, during the worst of Blacksmithing 39.80 is always trying to incur an indebted-tiaries would be necessary, as these freely. To him a real live rattle- people who were forced to be out in Miscellaneous supplies 21.20 osition that is extremely necessary to Galveston county, 61. institutions are now self-sustaining. make tale is a fairy story and any the weather also suffered. The roads Feed for team 192.00 any progressive city. many who would e'aim to have killed then wound about over open pastures

tremens cases.

about some of his visits. He saunters Last Thursday J. F. Smith was call eral hours before he was restored to that are worthy of mention at the department. about like a sick kitten close to a hot ed to Georgetown to attend his son, normal condition and his circulation present. As the only thing that could Assuring you that this has been one fire; replenish water whenever necesrock, jollying his friends and having George, who is serious fill there with restored, he having ridden from near delp our efficiency at the present of the most pleasant years since the sary until cistern is empty. As soon fun at their expense. Sometime a pheumonia. Mr. Smith was joined in Noodle across the country to Trent would be the instillation of an engine organization of the department, and as cistern is full again, repeat provigilance committee is going to get Abilene by another kon, Frank E. during the worst of the blizzard. On in the station, to take the place of the hoping the ensuing year will be as cess. Select clear, smooth piece of next to his methods of how he obtains, who, a'so went to his brother. The the way some drifts were encountered horses. I believe that the City Coun- pleasant for each member, I am, a living for self and family and when last news was that the sick boy, while that were too deep to cross and the cil realizes this item without my callthey do the Merkel country is going still dangerously ilf, was in a slightly trin considerably lengthened in a zig- ing any special attention to this fact zag route. improved condition.

Merkel Fire Department; during Sunday, localities experienced Mr. President:

a record day of its kind, and crop the coming seasons.

W. H. Greene, observer at the

The biggest snow on any one day in the past 33 years was on February 12. 1890, when 8 inches fell. On the the following: President. Vice-presiday following the fall was 1.4, bring- dent, secretary-treasurer, Chief, two depth over the state is given at 7.1 ing the total for the period to 9.4 Assistant Chiefs and twenty men. inches.

On January 27, 1895, it snowed 3 906 when it was 7.5 and 1895 when inches and on the following day it partment has answered nineteen snowed another 3 inches. This snow alarms, twelve of which were fires did not melt until the next snow came and seven false alarms. he was arrested at San Saba, Texas. day. The indications this morning which was on Eebruary 13, when 6.5 were that the snow would last until inches fell. On February 14 the fall Af these alarms the department was was 0.3 inch and on the 15th it was called to protect property valued at 0.4 inch, making a total for the three \$22,350.00 on which there was a loss days of 7.2 and a total for January of \$6,405.00, showing a saving of \$15,and February of 13.2 inches.

> In 1905 the snow started on Feb- partment. ruary 1st and continued every day until the 7th. The record for that month The department has in service at was 7.5 inches, divided as follows: the present the following apparatus: February 1, trace; Feb. 2, 1 inch; Feb. One two-horse Preston combination 3, 1 inch; Feb. 4, trace; Feb. 5, 0.6 hose and ladder wagon; one handinch: Feb. 6, 1.4 inches; Feb. 7, 3.5 draft chemical engine, and one hand-

The coldest weather on record was

or even have seen as many as a hun- and wond had drifted snow into guldred or more snakes at once would lies and ravines -until drifts were We have forgotten just what day it be branded as a careless handler of found so deep that men riding after Nine thousand, two hundred feet of mand. was here without an excuse only that are not always imaginary in delirium such instance nearly cost the life of to extinguish fires.

J. C. Hammer of Trent, whose con-

In accordance with the constitution conditions look more promising for of our department and the city ordinance governing same, it becomes my

According to weather observations duty to submit to you, my annual re-1917.

In this you will find a complete list weather bureau at Abilene, gave out of fires and losses, as near as could see miles into the dense woods. Don't in past years as recorded by that sta- atus in service, the cost of maintenance, and the amount of work done

> Officers. . The officers at present consist of

> > Fires.

During the year just past, the de-

Losses.

945.00 through the efforts of the de-

Apparatus,

draft hose reel.

Cost of Maintenance.

20.75 23.30 Laundry

Total\$880.55

Conclusion.

and they will take care of the prop-1

also the many snow fights. The W. O. W. supper Friday night piloted by the latter in his record was enjoyed by a goodly number of breaking Studebaker, returned Woodmen and their friends.

Rev. Horn and family of Abilene, inole. urday and Sunday.

girls lost the game, score 4 to 2. latter's parents in Merkel Sunday. ing trip ended. The kodak outing Sunday evening

was enjoyed by quite a crowd of young people. Many snow scenes were taken. 10

A number of the fireboys were present Sunday morning at ten o'clock at the Presbyterian church Special sermon by Rev. Bullock, in represented last year, and a total of

ing present. Owing to the very bad day that it We have one thousand feet of hose ing set for the services and every New Mexico 6, New York 3, North Ca .

osition as soon as the city is able. I want to thank the Mayor and Council for the attitude they have displayed toward the department during the number of students furnished. 34.25 the past year. For I believe that they but Bexar county is seconds with 157

The council has looked after our every want as well as they could with the finances that are at their com- In connection with the movement to

during the past year. Also to the bill of fare. individual members who have helped! Planked Jack Rabbit-Peel the rabdition became so critical it was sev- As to recommendations. I have none to make this a successful year for the bit carefully and remove all interior

Yours respectfully. F. J. FERRIER. Chief Fire Dept.

and Luther Grimes and John West, - a trip that should have ended at

attended the W. O. W. supper. Also It was snowing when they left here filled an appointment at Shiloh Sat- Sunday morning but like the Spartan youths they braved the weather and The basket ball game Friday even, with guns and amunition enough to ing was an interesting struggle. The have supplied a small army were af-School Girls vs. the Community Girls. | ter quail. Some where west of Sny-Owing to the disagreeable weather der they lost their Spartan spirit and and the excellent team work disp'ay- turning their back to the wind they ed by the community team, the school hit the trail for home, stopping at the Itan lake where they scared five wild R. C. Goode and wife visited the geese off that pond. Thus their hunt-

EVERY COUNTY IN STATE REP-RESENTED.

Every county in the state is represented in the enrollment of stud-FIRE BOY'S SERMON SUNDAYS ents at the University of Texas for the session 1916-17, including the medical college ,there being 2,772 students enrolled. These figures comfor Sunday school and to attend the pare favorably with htose of last year, there being only 196 counties fact the fireboys constituted nearly only 2,651 students. Ninety-four studthe entire audience, near a dozen be- ents came from other states and counties, Alabama furnishing 2, Arkansas 9. Arizona 4. California 3, Colorado 1,

Florida 2, Georgia 2, Illinois 3, Kenwas Rev. Bullock suggested that the tucky 1, Kansas 1, Louisiana 10, Insermon be postponed and it was diana 1, Idaho 1, Massachusetts 3, agreed, the coming Sunday now be- Maine 1, Mississippi 4, Missoumi 3. fireboy is requested to be present and olina 1. Ohio 1, Oklahoma 13, Pennan invitation extended to all others. see 2, Vermont 2, and Virginia 2. Austria, Brazil, British Honduras, Mexico, Hawaii and Persia are the for-

eign countries represented. Travis county, of course, leads in 65; McLennan county, 51; Tarrant

A TIMELY RECIPE.

find a market for jack rabbit meat.

plumbing. Put in to boil over slow

pine plank and place rabbit upon it. Salt and pepper to taste and bake five hours. Then bury the rabbit and eat the plank .-- Ex.

De Stevens of Trent, was down here ford understand here and now that paths through drifts before they could sixty five men have answered these officers, my thanks are due for the cipe, which may be of use to those again the other day. As usual he snakes really live in these parts and get their horses through them. One various alarms and worked 10 hours able assistance they have given me desiring to add jack rabbits to their

Amount of Work Done. was, but our contemptable friend. the truth. We would have friend Hol- cattle were compelled to trample hose has been laid. One hundred and To my assistant chiefs and other, we have been haded the following re-

Time has come when we must make room for spring merchandise. All odds and ends must go. This season of the year finds us with broken lines in men's suits, ladies' ready-to-wear and millinery, and to make a quick clean-up have made some extremely low prices for this week

Clearance

		ME		S	SU	T	S	•	-
\$25.00	Suit	s							\$19.85
22.50	Suit	s							16.95
20.00	Suit	s							15.00
18.50	Suit	s							13.85
									12.45
12.50	Suit	s							9.95
10.00	Suit	S							8.65
	C	ne-fo	ourth	off o	on Ov	erco	bats		

January

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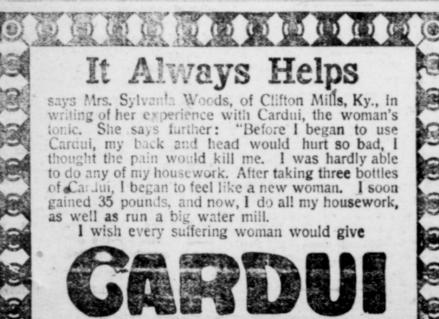
\$15.00 Pattern Hats	\$5.00
12.00 Pattern Hats	
10:00 Pattern Hats	3.35
8.00 Pattern Hats	2.75
7.50 Pattern Hats	2.50
EXTRA SPECIAL - One table of	ladies
hats valued up to \$5.00 for	\$1.00

LADIES READY-TO-WEAR

Prices

	One §	20 Silk Dress	\$17.50	One \$15	Silk I	Dress.	\$6.00
	One	12.59 Silk Dres	S				5.00
2	One	10.00 Silk Dres	s				6.40
	One	25.00 Serge Dr	ess				12.50
		20.00 Serge Dr					
	Four	15.00 Serge Dr	esses				8.00
		8.50 Serge Dr					
	One	6.50 Serge Dre	sses	in a la l			4.50
	One l	ot ladies \$15.00	Suits for				10.00





heartily welcomed as her influence

and Mrs. Sam Sheppard, Martha Fal-Greene, and Lenora Williams, old bones and scrap iron. If caught daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Wil- in the act Mr. Holmes promises to liams, are of the performers in this make it quite interesting for the of recital who are remembered here.

leasleys Euleriain

A very pleasant evening was spent at the Beasley brothers home north of town Friday week when twelve couple from here met with Messrs. and Mesdames Bob and Davis Beasley. A por-



See L.C.

The Quinine That Does Not Cause Nervousness or Ringing in Head

Because of its Tonic and Laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. It removes the cause of Colds, Grip and Headache. Used whenever Quinine is needed.



The woman's Tonic a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad,

and it a'ways 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!

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CLUB MEETING.

The hostess served refreshments of

jello in red and white with garnish-

RECITAL GIVEN.

was given at Harmony Club Recital

MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

QUESTIONS FOR THE XXth CEN-TURY CLUB.

What is the general character and atmosphere of the drama? What does first meeting of the new year with Coleridge say of it?

How do you reconcile Prospero's ternoon. ascendancy in the play with his weakdom?

Contrast the motives that actuate mumbers being Beethoveen's life and Caliban, Ariel and Ferdinand in their a selection from his composition, labors for Prospero.

Is there pleasure in work itself to Mrs. L. B. Howard. any 'of them?

As a father, contrast Prospers with ed: Mrs. W. B. Foster, president; Warren, Lear and Shylock.

How is the scarcity of female char- Warren, secretary; Miss Williams, acters, in this play supplemented by treasurer; Mrs. L. B. Howard, critic and press reporter. suggestion? How does Ferdinand compare with

Romeo? Summarize the elements that go to ings of whip-cord, and nuts, with

make up Caliban. What had been cake and punch. Prospero's relation to him? Was the island left for Caliban's possession? What elements compose Ariel? Ex- A joint recital by pupils of Mrs. H. ilene, Texas.

plain and comment on the Epilogue. L. Rudmose and Mrs. Paul C. Brown

Mrs. W. E. Bratain and Miss Mae hall, Fifth and Throckmorion streets, s ng lådies from Abilene last week- ticipating in the program were Marparty, owing to the inclement weath- Elizabeth Childress, Helen Bartholoer of Sunday, but yet with all a most mew, Marjorie Stone, Clara Louise enjoyable visit. The guests were Ward, Muzie Echols, Betsy Walton, Misses Haywood, Mabel Wood, Ethel Lenora Williams, Viola May Phillips, and Only White. " - Martha Falconer, Emma Louise

CHORAL CLUB WORK.

Carl Street

The Merkel Choral Club, which Matthews and Gladys Phelps .- Star came into being last Thursday even- Telegram. ing at the Methodist church, has met With the above mentioned recital, with nuch encouragement in its be- Mrs. Rudmose closed her class in pi- & Compere, District Managers, ginning..

Thirtysix members were en olled icin her husband here this week. Durand the following officers have been ing her former residence here, Mrs. elected: Thos. Johnson, president, Rudmose was considered one of the eat. G. M. Sharp.

tion of the evening was spent in starter for Ford automobile. Patton. dancing. The balance of the, time being given over to musical entertainment.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures Kid- at a bargain. See W. L. Diltz. 5tf ney and Bladder troubles, dis- FOR SALE-A good second hand solves gravel, cures diabetes, weak surry, a buggy and a light one horse and lame backs, rheumatism and wagon. F. D. Costa. all irregularities of the kidneys FOR SALE -- Work horses, mules and bladder in both men and and mares, second hand planters and J. J. Shelton, vice-president; Miss women, regulates bladder troub-Lelia R. Hill, secretary; H. M. Rose, les in children. If not sold by treasurer; Mrs. L. B. Howard, con- your druggist, will be sent by ductor, and Miss*Marion Hairstone, pianist. It is the intention of the mail on receipt of \$1. One small

cure. Send for Texas testimoni- LOST - Suitcase, near Stith. had als. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St. clothing and pair of lady's shoes. Re-St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists. The XXth Century Club held its

NOTICE.

Mrs. R. A. Martia last Thursday af-Pay your city taxes before Febru- tank, between Merkel and Trent Reary 1st, and save 10 percent. Come turn to Mail office for reward. M. D. It being the time for the annual early and avoid the rush. By order Angus.

ness as an administrator of his duke- election of officers, only a short pro- of the City Council. G. W. Johnson, gram with no lesson was given The City Tax Collector.

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WORK STOCK.

which was given by Miss Mims and A few good mules and horses for sale. Cash or good notes. See us if The following officers were elect- you need worn stock. McDonald & Mrs. W. Parten, vice-president; Miss

Six Per Cent Money

goat-roping contest will be given On good improved farms. 25 at the skating rink. The man years in the business. Write us who ropes and ties the goat down what you have and find out what so he can't get up in the shortest we can do for you before you time, on skates, gets \$2.50. Evplace your loan. Compere & erybody come and see the fun. Compere, District Managers, Ab- Admission 10c, skates/15c.

Notice

If you want to borrow money White were hostesses to a party of Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Par- or have your notes extended, wire, write or come to see me. rne This was a really-true boust garet Winter, Tommy Pannill, Sara Can loan you money at 8 per thing. 121 cents per

12t2pd_ FOR SALE-Bronz turkeys (Toms). Price \$1.00. See G. F. Turner, Route 1. Box 20. 12(2pd

FOR SALE-1914 Studebaker automobile. See Dr. Foster. 5 t4p FOR SALE-A good, 3-room house

29tf. cultivators. M. Armstrong.

FJR RENT-One large furnished room at my residence. Dr.J.T.Pue. 1t

1 OFFER FOR SALE-at a bargain. pianist. It is the intention of the bottle is two months' treatment northwest of Merkel. N. B. Wheeler.

> ward for return to Geo. McDonald, Merkel. 1t

LOST-One 60-gallon galvanized oil

Saturday night January 20th a

Notice

Bring your chickens, eggs, but-ter, hides and furs to W. P.

Duckett. He will pay you the

nr every bund for

eys, W



Merkel Cafe

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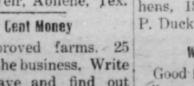
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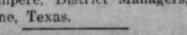
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known heirs of Laura M. Cadwell, H. Texas, Vol, K, page 449, to which ref- titled. of J. A. Cadwell, Carrie Snell and the the bank of the Clear Fork of the the same. unknown heirs of Carrie Snell, Rosella Brazos river; THENCE down the river ' Given under my hand and seal of

Rosella Doggett, James Doggett and ginning. the unknown heirs of James Doggett,

T. S. Doggett and the unknown heirs of T. S. Doggett, Clara W. Cantrell said, defendants unlawfully entered and the unknown heirs of Clara W. upon said premises and ejected plaintiff Cantrell, J. R. Lawrence and the un- therefrom, and unlawfully withholds known heirs of J. R. Lawrence, Mary from plaintiff the possession thereof, to O. Eads and the unknown heirs of Mary his damage \$5000.00. That the reason-O. Eads, Eliza Ewing Brownrigg and able annual rental value of said land the unknown heirs of Eliza Ewing and premises is \$500.00.

Brownrigg, Elizabeth Blount Brown-FOURTH rigg and the unknown heirs of Eliza- That plaintiff purchased said premibeth Blount Brownrigg, B. F. Eads and ses from R. O. Proctor et al, by good the unknown heirs of B. F. Eads, J. R. and sufficient general warranty deed, Stuart and the unknown heirs of J. R. dated November 16th, 1916, and record-Stuart, A. J. Stuart and the unknown ed in the Deed Records of Taylor Counheirs of A. J. Stuart, R. A. Ellis and ty, Texas, Vol. --, page --; That the unknown heirs of R. A. Ellis, D. B. said R. O. Proctor et al, from whom Corley and the unknown heirs of D. B. plaintiff purchased said property, were Corley, H. K. Martin and the unknown the heirs and all of the heirs of George heirs of H. K. Martin, Joel A. Corley Ridenor, deceased, and his deceased and the unknown heirs of Joel A. Cor- wife, Nancy P. Ridenour. That the ley, Bettie Brownrigg and the unknown said George Ridenour purchased from heirs of Bettie Brownrigg, Ewing C. P. Gamble said premises by good Brownrigg and the unknown heirs of and sufficient general warranty deed, Ewing Brownrigg, and W. H. Wood- dated May 7th, 1885, and recorded in man and the heirs of W. H. Woodman, the Deed Records of Taylor County, by making publication of this Citation Texas, in Vol. K, page 449, to which once in each week for eight consecutive reference is made; that the said C. P. Real Estate, Fire, Accident and Tornado SHAVING AND BATH PARLORS weeks previous to the return day here. Gamble purchased said premises from of, in some newspaper published in B. F. Eads and wife, Mary O. Eads et your County, if there be a newspaper al, by good and sufficient general warpublished therein, but if not, then in ranty deed, dated June 15th, 1878, and any newspaper published in the 42nd recorded in the Deed Records of Tay-Judicial District; but if there be no lor County, Texas, Vol. A, page 191, to newspaper published in said Judicial which reference is made. That said C. nct, then in a newspaper published P. Gamble also purchased said propern the nearest District to said 42nd ty from J. A. Corley by quit-claim Judicial District, to appear at the next | deed dated December 11th 1878, and reregular term to the District Court of corded in the Deed Records of Taylor Taylor County, to be holden at the County, Texas, Vol. A, page 307, to Court House thereof, in Abilene, on which reference is made. That said J. the 4th Monday in February A. D. 1917, A. Cortey purchased said property from

the same being the 26th day of Febru- Henry K. Martin, by quit-claim deed ary A. D. 1917, then and there to an- dated September 5th, 1878, and record-

dated July 13th, 1885, and recorded in this suit. the Deeds Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. M, page 563. to which ref-Wherefore, premises considered,

THIRD

That on the day and year last afore-

erence is made, said beginning point plaintiff prays for citation in accordbeing on the bank of the Clear Fork of ance with law upon each and all of You are hereby commanded to sum- the Brazos River; THENCE West said defendants, that a guardian ad mon R. S. Snell, and the unknown heirs with the South line of said Strickland litem be appointed as provided by law, of R. S. Snell deceased, the unknown tract, 1137 vrs to the West line of said and upon final hearing, that he have heirs of Robert T. Walker, deceased, Butts survey; THENCE South with the judgment against each and all of said L. M. Snell and the unknown heirs of West line of said Butts survey to the defendants for the title and possession L. M. Snell, Fannie Naill and the un- S. W. corner of a tract of land sold by of said premises, for his damages, and known heirs of Fannie Naill, S. A. C. P. Gamble to George Ridenour, by for such other and further relief in law Naill and the unknown heirs of S. A. deed dated May 7th, 1885, and recorded or in equity, general or special, to Naill, Laura M. Cadwell, and the un- in the Deed Records of Taylor County. which he may show himself justly en-

M. Cadwell and the unknown heirs of erence is made; THENCE with the Herein fail not, but have before said cut didos, throw snow balls and H. M. Cadwell, Mary E. Cadwell and Buffalo Gap and Mount Moro public Court, at its aforesaid next regular shout their exultations of dethe unknown heirs of Mary E. Cadwell, road N. 89 E. 45 vrs; S. 822 E. 32 vrs; term, this writ with your return there-J. A. Cadwell and the unknown heirs S. 81 E. 118 vrs; N. 712 E. 409 vrs to on, showing how you have executed

Doggett, and the unknown heirs of with its meanders to the place of be- said Court, at office in Abilene this the souls' and has blessed their 20th day of December A.D. 1916.

SEVENTH

[SEAL] J. N. ROUTH, Clerk District Court Taylor County.

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Jan. 15. - The big snow which fell Sunday has afforded a splendid occasion for the children to

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hearts with frog-pond melodies. It suffices as an invitation to the grown-ups to remain within, but not so with children. It evokes in them a compelling proclivity to get out in it and evince a manifestation of their inherent idiosyncracies. We trust it will amount to a sedatine and allay the tide of sickness which is

munity. According to the reliable and well authenticated statements of the veracious pioneers of the Canyou, this is the deepest snow in 19 years. They tell us there was an 8-inch snow then, being only about an inch or two deeper than that of Sunday. It will be of immeasurable ben-

menacing the health of the com-

efit to the ground, which was

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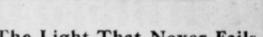
last Friday afternoon. When

they secure lights for lighting

second and fourth Friday nights which they declare are very of each month. T. F. Compton, C. C S. Hamilton, Clerk

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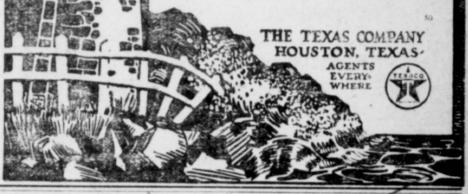
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swer a petition filed in said Court on ed in the Deed Records of Taylor Counthe 20th day of December A.D. 1916, in ty, Texas, Vol. A, page 276, to which a suit, numbered on the docket of said reference is made, and by quit-claim Court No. 3743, wherein D. McMahan deed dated August 17th, 1878, and reis Plaintiff, and R. S. Snell, and the corded in the Deed Records of Taylor unknown heirs of R. S. Snell, deceased, County, Texas, Vol. A, page 260, to the unknown heirs of Robert T. Walk- which reference is made. That the ker, deceased, L. M. Snell and the un- said Henry K. Martin purchased said known heirs of L. M. Snell, Fannie property from H. S. Schmick, Sheriff Naill and the unknown heirs of Fannie of Eastland County, Texas, by sheriff's Naill, S. A. Naill and the unknown deed dated August 7th, 1878, and reheirs of S. A. Nail, Laura M. Cadwell corded in the Deed Records of Taylor and the unknown heirs Laura M. Cad- County, Texas, Vol. A, page 258, to well, H. M. Cadwell and the unknown which reference is made; that said sherheirs of H. M. Cadwell, Mary E. Cad- iff's deed purported to sell all of the well and the unknown heirs of Mary E. right, title and interest in said premi-Cadwell, J. A. Cadwell and the un- ses belonging to the defendants Mary known heirs of J. A. Cadwell, Carrie O. Eads, B. F. Eads, Eliza E. Brown-Snell and the unknown heirs of Carrie rigg, Elizabeth B. Brownrigg, Mrs. L. mell, Rosella Doggett and the un- M. Snell, Carrie Snell and Rosella own heirs of Rosella Doggett, Snell. That said sheriff's deed was exmes Doggett and the unknown heirs ecuted in accordance with a certain James Doggett, T. S. Doggett and judgment and order of sale in cause the unknown heirs of T. S. Doggett, No. 2690, in the District Court of Fay-Lana & Lane, a firm composed of C. E. ette County, Texas, styled Mary O. Lane and T. W. Lane, Clara W. Can- Eads, et al ys. L. M. Snell et al, a certrell and the unknown heirs of Clara tified copy of which judgment is of W. Cantrell, J. R. Lawrence and the record in the Deed Records of Taylor unknown heirs of J. R. Lawrence, County, Texas, in Vol. A, page 303, to mary O. Eads and the unknown heirs which reference is made, and said orof Mary O. Eads, Eliza Ewing Brown- der of sale and sheriff's return thereon rigg and the unknown heirs of Eliza being recorded in the Deed Records of Ewing Brownrigg, Elizabeth Blount Taylor County, Texas, in Vol. A, page Brownrigg and the unknown heirs of 253, to which reference is made. FIFTH

Elizabeth Blount Brownrigg, B. F. Eads and the unknown heirs of B. F. That the claims of the defendants to

Eads, J. R. Stuart and the unknown said title, as far as to this plaintiff is heirs of J. R. Stuart, A. J. Stuart and known, is as follows: Patent No. 506, e unknown heirs of A. J. Stuart, R. Vol. No. 12, from the State of Texas, Ellis and the unknown heirs of R. to R. S. Snell, and the heirs of Robert Ellis, D. B. Corley and the unknown T. Walker, assinees of B. H. H. Butts. heirs of D. B. Corley, H. K. Martin conveying the entire B. H. H. Butts and the unknown heirs of H. K. Mar- survey, of which the property hereintin, Joel A. Corley and the unknown above described is a part; power of atheirs of Joel A. Corley, Bettie Brown- torney, coupled with an interest, from rigg and the unknown heirs of Bettie certain parties purporting to be the Brownrigg, Ewing Brownrigg and the heirs of R. S. Snell, deceased, to C. E. unknown heirs of Ewing Brownrigg, Lane and T. W. Lane, composing the and W. H. Woodman and the unknown law firm of Lane & Lane, of LaGrange, heirs of W. H. Woodman, are Defend- Fayette County, Texas, said power of attorney being dated February 13th,

1896, and recorded in the Deed of Rec-

Texas, Vol. Z, page 161, to which ref-

SIXTH

been peaceable, continuous and ad-

erence is made.

ants, and said petition alleging FIRST

That the respective residences of ords of Taylor County, Texas, in Vol. each and all of the defendants herein- 12, page 214, to which reference is above named are to this plaintiff un- made; power of attorney, coupled with known, except the residences of the an interest, from Clara W. Cantrell, defendants, C. E. Lane and T. W. representing herself to be an heir of Lane; That the residence of C. E. Lane Robert T. Walker, to J. R. Lawrance, is Galveston County, Texas, and the dated January 20th, 1891, and recorded residence of T. W. Lane is, Fayette in the Deed Records of Taylor County, County, Texas.

SECOND

That on or about December 1st, 1916, plaintiff was lawfully seized and pos- That plaintiff and his grantors claimsessed of the following described lands ing under the deeds and chain of title and premises, situated in Taylor Coun- hereinabove set forth, all of which is ty, Texas, holding and claiming the duly registered as above set forth, have same in fee simple, to-wit:

154 acres of land more or less, out of verse possession of the lands and tenethe B. H. H. Butts survey No. 60, de- ments hereinabove described, cultivatscribed as follows: BEGINNING at ing, using and enjoying the same and he S. E. corner of a 47-acre tract of paying all taxes due thereon for an unad out of said survey sold by George interrupted period of thirty-five years nour to J. F. Strickland, by deed immediately preceding the filing of

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ABOU TBOND ISSUES.

Here-to-fore the Mail has invariably championed bond issues for the building of good roads and we still contend that our community should have better roads but have about reached a point of changing our mind as to the method of obtaining them. There comes to our cars a hue and cry about a graveled road leading west from Sweetwater. This road, together with others in the vicinity of Sweetwater, was built by the issuance of bonds. The bonds have not been taken up but the road is fast wearing out. This last week the Roscoe Times was complaining of the roads' condition and advised immediate repair to avoid the loss of labor and money iready spent. The weather and high winds of this western country. are highly detrimental to all roads and unless they are kept in a state of repair the original expenditures are soon lost.

These conditions are corroborated by the conditions of roads in other sections near here wherein they have been built by bonds. This leads the Mail to believe that it would be more profitable, more satisfactory to the people in general to work reads by taxation only. Using increased taxations as a method of building and maintaining good reads. With this method a continual working could be carried on and nothing lost by the wavy interest on bond issues. In the future when the road question comes to face the local voters as it no doubt will, we believe there will be a strong sentiment in favor of a road taxation instead of a bond issue. The Mail further believes the method to be more business-like unless it can be demonstrated that roads built by bond issues will outlive the bonds, otherwise the issues will die of their own demerits and direct taxation will take their place.

ABILENE'S WATER several weeks we have not heard much about Abeline's water supply. Something has gone wrong down there with William "Bill" Holford or Frank Grimes one, have refused to say anything more about the deplorable condition of their supply of Adam's ale, or they are afraid to advertise the fact to the world.

The long and short of it, and that's saving some more about the two above mentioned derelicts, is that was getting scarce in our sister city and their water, the red-hilled drainage that it is, offered the best solution possible to the problem. If we were running a paper in Abilene and we are glad that we are not, it no doubt would fall to our lot to talk about the water also. As it is we need not herald the facts of our unlimited supply of clear, sparkling aqua pura. It advertises itself and Merkel is known far and wide for abundance of this pure liquid. It is a wonder to us that esteemed contemporaries do not forsake their present affiliations and come to Merkel in hopes of establishing a printery in the best town its size in Texas. But then, what's he use. "Where ignorance is bliss, tis folly to be wise.



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S. A. Derstine was a Saturday caller at the Mail office for the purpose of renewing his Merkel Mail and Dallas Semi-Weekly News.

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FORMER MERKEL BOY DEAD Information reached here last week of the death of Carl Lowrey, son of Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Lowery, who formerly llived here.

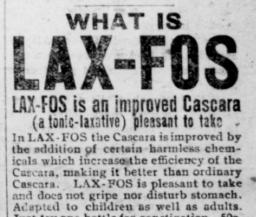
Death occurred in Chicago January 9th, the remains being shipped to Waco, the present home, while burial was given the body at the family grounds in the cemetery at Aquilla, near Waco. The many friends of the family will deeply regret to learn of O their misfortune.

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BLOWS IN WITH NORTHER

C. A. Higgins of Route 4 blowed into our office Saturday along with that norther and blowed out about as quick. He was already taking the Mail but subscribed for some other papers. He reads the Mail for the news and takes the other papers to kindle fires with.

This year with him will be an easy one. He made a lot of money last . year and has decided to rest easy and not work for a while. As far as we know and from his looks he has enjoyed this pleasant pastime for some years past. If he stands for this we'll take another shot at him later on.



Notice of Bids for County Depository

Se.

Sealed proposals will be received until noon Feb. 12, 1917. by the commissioners court of Taylor County for depository for county and school funds for the ensuing two years. Bids may be made by any banking corporation, association or individual banker of said county, shall state the rate of interest proposed to be paid. shall be accompanied by a certified check for \$250.00 as a guarantee of good faith and that the depository selected will exe, cute such bonds as required by law, etc., and shall be addressed to the undersigned. The inter-est upon the funds of said county to be computed on the daily balances, payable monthly. Right reserved to reject my and all bids.

E. M. Overshine County Judge, Abilene, Texas

Notice

1 will pay 122 cents per pound for hens until the next issue of this paper. W. P. Duckett.

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with a woman unless she starts it. H. G. Wells—A habit is much more trustworthy than an instinct.

John D. Rockefeller-The apostle Paul was a fine business man.

Woodrow Wilson—I suppose that in government I am a pragmatist. Cardinal Mercer—Be calm and courageous and utter not a murmur. Secretary Daniels—Complacent retrospection is the father of dry rot. Dr. Parkhurst—The perfect woman nobly planned, is always religious. Governor Stokes—Secretarianism is

again raising its head in America. Dr. Frank Crane—All Americans lecture as soon as they become prominent.

Otto H. Kahn—Neither Wall Street men nor Socialists have claws or hoofs.

"Bugs Bear"-By disguising himself as a bear a Maine guide lived to be sixty-five years old.

• Rev. Charles A. Eaton—Some day we may wake up and see the buildings of Manhattan crumbling.

Nixola Greeley Smith—There are practically no women between thirty and fifty in New York.

Alfred Noyes—All great art is based on the first four words of the great Book, "In the beginning God." Thomas A. Edison—I have never had the time to be tempted to do anything against the moral law.

Thomas G. BowlesJThe British Government is no more able to make peace than it is to make war.

Rev. W. E. Bentley—The Lord took away John Calvin and gave us William Shakespeare, a glorious exchange.

Prof. William I. Hull—I would rather be alive in the decade to come than in any past period of the world's history.

Food Commissioner Dillon—All the exchanges in food products are a menace to the consumer and producer of foods.

Michael Monahan-Vote she never so often, woman must either be a producer of children or a plaything

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January 1st, 1917 .- Last night at 12 o'clock I heard the bells ringing throughout the city. I said what does this mean? . There came a voice in whispering tones that said these bells preclaim a death and a birth. He who has been your constant companion for 365 days could go with us no farther and the winding sheet was brought and wrapped around the year 1916 and it has been buried and can never be our, companion any more as we journey along the pathway of life. Every day while it was here you and I wrote on the tablets of time. Unlike our dead friend (the old year) our writings can not die. But like the rolling, ever rolling river, will sweep on and on, until it eaches the great ocevan of eternity. Would it not be well for us to linger for a short time around this newly made grave and check up the debit. line and then check up the credit line that you and I have made a see how we stand with God?

If you are his child he will be happy to give you credit for all the things you have done in the name of Him of whom the angels in Heaven sang at His birth while the shepherds watched their flock by night. Dear reader I want to leave you alone while you look at the record you have made.

Should there be a tear of sorrow fall from your eyes because you have neglected some sorrowing one. I don't want to see it, for I have sorrows enough of my own. I to have been writing on the tablet of Time and I see to my shame many blotches and blurs of which I ask God's forgiveness.

And now we must hasten from this burial scene for the bells are still ringing and I am happy to introduce to you the new born babe, 1917, who will journey with you, how far I cannot tell. He too, will have a tablet on which you will write. The pages are white and clean. O God may the scroll on which we write look better and be more pleasing to thee. May we do more for thee this year than we have in the record of 1916.

I am now about ready to lay down a my pen, and say to you goodbye, but before I do so, I want to ask of you. First are you a child of Godd. If not you are t obe pitied. Had I the power to give unto you the wealth of this world you would still be only a poor lost sinner. Had I the power to give unto you salvation of the Lord, Jesus Christ you would be rich and a child

