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The Fort Worth Record and some other great papers were loud in their contention for this law, but some of us have long since learned that this so-called progressive bunch care little for the hardships and inconveniences of the common people. I do not mind to tell you that, as I see it, there is entirely too much stress being put on what is termed the higher education, and the fitting of the young generation for the higher walks of life. As sure as the stars shine above us the one colossal need of the hour is more good, practical education, such as will equip our young people for useful and successful lives on the farm. When we are made to listen to all this blather about the overproduction of this crop and that, some folks get the idea that the farm is overstocked, but I tell you that the need of the world today is more farmers and better farmers. To the people who know the facts it is disgusting, yea mortifying to hear all this nonsensical blather about the overproduction of so and so. The millions of poor benighted souls who are half clothed and starving in the world today would like to know

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In conclusion give us more practical education, more agricultural and mechanical colleges, more young people equipped for a successful life on the farm, and may we all be imbued with the same spirit that reigns supreme in the business and professional world, to-wit: That all men are born free and equal, that the product of our toil is ours, that it is for us to name the price just as the business and professional world names the price on its services and its wares, and may such determination grow, and may such purpose succeed till the erstwhile pickings will be as the barren desert, and till the gambler and speculator may no longer feast on the product of those who till the soil.

Yours for the farmer, education and a square deal.

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Misses Floy Leamon and Maude Skillern visited in Merkel Friday and Saturday. Chas. Leonard has purchased himself a Ford "to go fishing in next summer," he says.

The infant child of C. T. Robinson, Jr., and wife, has been very sick.

Mrs. L. E. Adrian, who has been suffering with la grippe the past two weeks, is improving.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Eli Keagans, Wednesday, a girl.

W. A. Holt and family have moved to Blackwell, where he has bought a tailor and barber shop.

R. H. Reaves of Blackwell was in Trent Tuesday on business.

C. F. Reid and family were in Merkel Sunday visiting relatives.

Mrs. E. White of the Santa Fe section house, died Saturday night with pneumonia. She was buried in the Trent cemetery.

The Home Mission Society will give a parcel post sale Saturday. The proceeds are to go to the M. E. church. Everyone is invited.

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February 9 there will be a box supper at the school auditorium in the interest of the school. All are invited to come. A program will be rendered.

Baptist Church Announcement.

Dr. W. F. Fry, Bible teacher in Simmons' college, will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening. Dr. Fry as a Bible teacher is doing more for the young preachers of West Texas perhaps than any other man living. His heart is warm with love for God and man and his sermons are always inspirational and edifying. Everybody come hear him.

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Chas. Leonard has purchased himself a Ford "to go fishing in next summer," he says.

The infant child of C. T. Robinson, Jr., and wife, has been very sick.

Mrs. L. E. Adrian, who has been suffering with la grippe the past two weeks, is improving.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Eli Keagans, Wednesday, a girl.

W. A. Holt and family have moved to Blackwell, where he has bought a tailor and barber shop.

R. H. Reeves of Blackwell was in Trent Tuesday on business.

C. F. Reid and family were in Merkel Sunday visiting relatives.

Mrs. E. White of the Santa Fe section house, died Saturday night with pneumonia. She was buried in the Trent cemetery.

The Home Mission Society will give a parcel post sale Saturday. The proceeds are to go to the M. E. church. Everyone is invited.

The Star Hardware store was burglarized Monday night. The thieves entered through one of the rear windows by removing the glass. Two guns, pocket knives and some other things were missed.

Alex Williamson and L. O. Cooper were in Abilene on business Tuesday.

February 9 there will be a box supper at the school auditorium in the interest of the school. All are invited to come. A program will be rendered.

Baptist Church Announcement.

Dr. W. F. Fry, Bible teacher in Simmons' college, will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening. Dr. Fry as a Bible teacher is doing more for the young preachers of West Texas perhaps than any other man living. His heart is warm with love for God and man and his sermons are always inspirational and edifying. Everybody come hear him.

L. B. OWEN, Pastor.

Phone Busy Bee Cafe No. 263 for service car—Marvin Boney.

Statement of Condition

Farmers State BANK

Merkel, Texas

At Close of Business Dec. 27, 1916

RESOURCES

Loans	\$211,968.21
Banking House	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	2,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,950.00
Interest in Gty. Fund	2,720.32
Cash and Exchange	186,354.12
Total	\$416,992.65

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	26,150.30
Deposits	355,242.35
Reserved for Taxes	600.00
Total	\$416,992.65

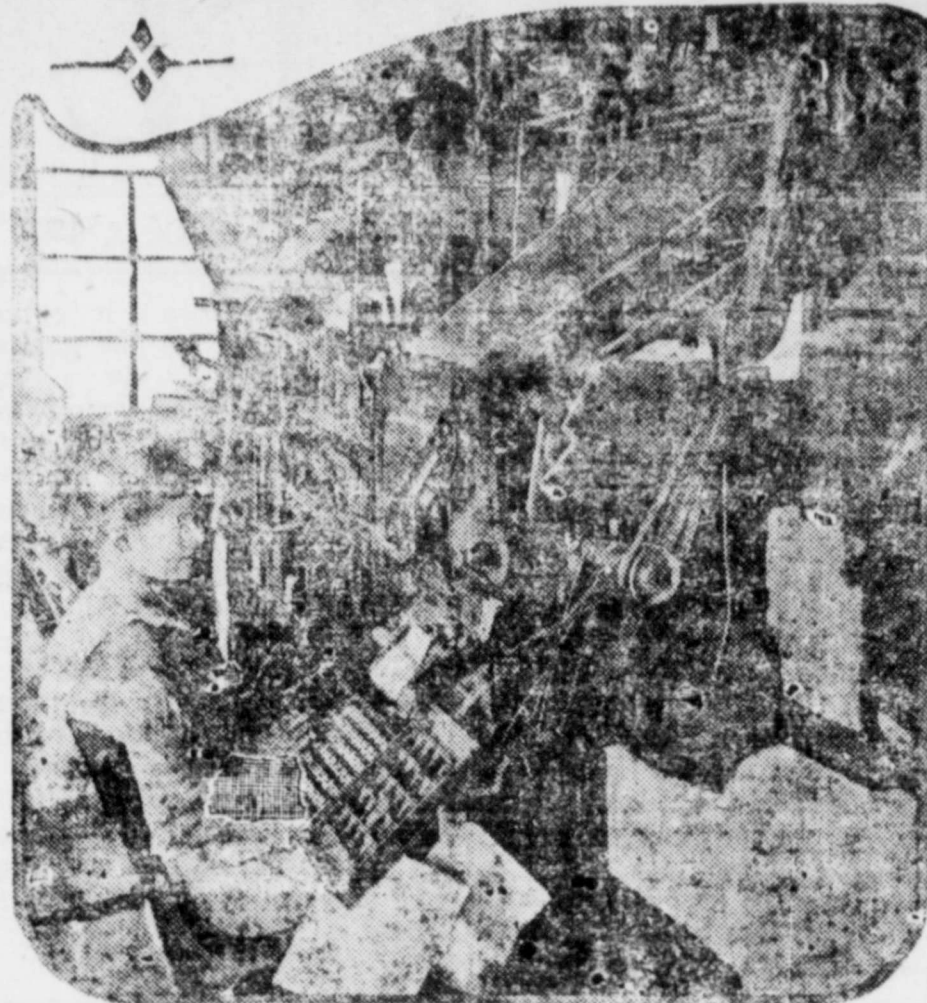
The above statement is correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

Commence Business January, 1912

Safety—Service—Satisfaction

We Solicit Your Business



Mrs. J. M. Harris of Nogales, Arizona, a student in the University of Texas, and the first woman to enroll for the course in "The Mechanics of Printing." The picture shows Mrs. Harris seated before a linotype machine.

PRESIDENT VINSON MAKES STATEMENT

"Let me say at the outset that I am not opposed to the policy of having the sons and daughters of rich men in the University of Texas. In my judgment, there are far too few of this class of Texas boys and girls patronizing this institution. Figures recently compiled reveal the interesting fact that each year some 3,000 Texas students are registered in schools beyond the confines of this state. We may reasonably say that this figure represents to a large extent the boys and girls who go from the homes of well-to-do people of Texas for their education. It is a great pity that the sons and daughters of our rich men and women are educated altogether out of that environment in which their lives for the most part must be lived after graduation. They lose tremendously. We also lose. It is an economic problem. If the expenditures abroad of each of these students are placed at only \$500 per annum, it means that something like a million and a half dollars are annually paid to institutions outside of Texas for educational advantages which the state does not afford, or at least for advantages which some of our people feel cannot be obtained at home. But, when all of this is said, it still remains true that both from the standpoint of policy and from the standpoint of practice, the University of Texas is gaged to the requirements of the poor man, and not to the abilities of the rich man. It is a fact of tremendous significance that during the past session more than fifty per cent of the men students of this University were dependent upon themselves for the expenses of their education. This money was made either before coming to the University or while in attendance at the University. Out of the entire student body, both men and women, more than forty-two per cent paid their own expenses in the University either in whole or in part during the past session; and these self-supporting students earned during that session the total sum of \$16,000 while carrying on their University studies. Certainly the fees charged by the University itself do not demand riches for their payment, as these, including all student activities, may be paid for with the small sum of thirty dollars per year."

Texas spends annually on alcohol and tobacco \$139,000,000 and only \$18,000,000 on education. To double the state's education fund would cost each citizen one cent a day.

MORE FARMERS ENROLLED AT UNIVERSITY

As usual, in the occupations represented by the parents of students in the University of Texas, farmers are in the lead. Another notable fact is the number of widows sending their children to the University, there being last session 269. Some of the principal occupations for the year 1915-1916 are as follows: Farmers, 166; merchants, 261; lawyers, 201; doctors, 149; ranchmen and stockmen, 128; teachers, 32; real estate dealers, 87; bankers, 74; railroad men, 61; clerks and salesmen, 70; ministers, 51; drummers, 48; contractors, 38; insurance agents, 35; lumbermen, 33; druggists, 22; cotton buyers, 26; county, city and federal officers, 33; engineers, 26; grocers, 20; newspaper men, 20; carpenters, and mechanics, 20; oil men, 15; manufacturers, 15; housekeepers, 12; bookkeepers, 10; boarding housekeepers, 11; dentists, 9; stenographers, 8; dairymen, 8; speculators, 6; musicians, 6; restaurant keepers, 5.

Other occupations, the total of which number 118, are barbers, tailors, giners, dressmakers, laundrymen, blacksmiths, chemists, shoemakers, architects, grain dealers, quarrymen, milliners, photographers, dressmen, butchers, gardeners, motormen, tinsmith, hatter, bricklayers, draymen, potters, fuel dealers, sidewalk inspectors, silo builders, Y. M. C. A. secretary, optician, sawfiler, fiveman, auto dealers, track foreman.

Among the 2729 students in the long session of the University of Texas, 1915-1916, the Methodist church was represented by 847 affiliates; the Baptist, 496; Presbyterian, 396; Episcopal, 254; Christian, 233; Catholic, 99; Jewish, 71; Lutheran, 52; Congregational, 22; Church of Christ, 19; Christian Science, 16; Evangelical, 1; Unitarian, 5; Moravian, 3. The University Y. M. C. A. is housed in a building costing \$100,000, more than half of the men students of the University doing active work in this Association. The Y. W. C. A. also has a strong organization. 1157 of the University students enrolled pursued studies in the Bible. 33 former University students are either already missionaries in the foreign field or are engaged in preparation for that work. The Christian, the Episcopal and the Catholic Churches have erected special buildings for the use of the students, while the Methodist and Baptist churches have large church buildings adjacent to the campus. Provision has been made by the Methodist Church for the employment of a man to devote his entire time to giving Bible instructions.

STATEMENT OF THE Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business Wednesday, December 27, 1916

RESOURCES

Loans	\$244,269.33
U. S. Bonds—par	10,250.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,500.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real Estate	5,900.00
CASH AND EXCHANGE	246,367.61
Total	\$512,199.44

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	48,503.34
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
DEPOSITS	432,446.10
Total	\$512,199.44

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

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.



We will deliver it to you by Parcel Post.

IF YOU WILL PHONE OR WRITE US WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE AND ABOUT HOW MUCH YOU WISH TO PAY, WE WILL SEND IT TO YOU "ON APPROVAL" BY PARCEL POST. THE PRICE WILL BE JUST THE SAME AS IF YOU CAME IN.

IF IT DOES NOT SUIT, YOU CAN SEND IT BACK, AND WE WILL "TAKE IT BACK." THIS MAY SAVE YOU A TRIP. WE ARE ALWAYS GLAD TO ACCOMMODATE A CUSTOMER AT ANY TIME IN ANY WAY WE CAN.

GRIMES DRUG STORE

For That Terrible Itching.
Eczema, tetter and salt rheum keep their victims in perpetual torment. The application of Chamberlain's Salve will instantly allay this itching, and many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. Asa Sheppard and Sterling returned last Friday from a ten days' visit in Abilene.

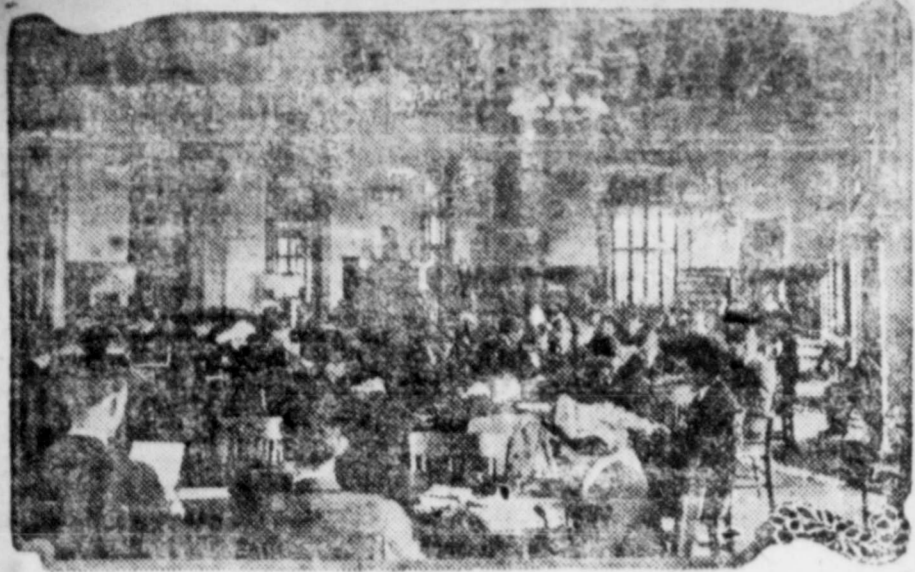
Phone W. E. Lowe, at the Metropolitan Cafe for service car day or night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney were in Cisco this week visiting relatives.

Reason Enthroned.
Because meats are so tasty they are consumed in great excess. This leads to stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. Revise your diet, let reason and not a pampered appetite control, then take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be well again. Try it. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. T. L. Grimes, who has been sick at her home with fever for the past few weeks, remains unchanged in her condition and still suffers from occasional fevers.

Plenty of California medicated soap at J. A. Ducketts.



Portion of the Reading Room of the Library, University of Texas

UNIVERSITY HAS A REMARKABLE RECORD

"The work of the University of Texas has begun to tell, and as it came home to the people their anxiety to have their children educated at it grew astonishing. Looking over the figures, the calculation is that there have been in attendance at this great school 86,287 girls and boys since its doors have been thrown open. There may have been a few more or less, but that is the round number. During that time there has never been but one scandal connected with the conduct of the children toward each other, and even to this day there is doubt as to its occurrence at the University.

Almost Unbelievable

With these thousands of youths of both sexes brought in social contact every day, the record is almost unbelievable, and yet there it is, true and clean. The University was sending out each year young men and women to take part in the world's affairs. Here and there some limped. But the most of them were strong and equipped. They became proof of equipment, they became evidence of the character-building of the University and they carried with them loyalty to the institution which had done so well by them. And for these reasons the attendance yearly grew.

The complaint is made continually that the institution is not properly sustained by the State. That is true, but the fact that this is so is apt to conceal the reasons why it is so. The great growth of the attendance forces the great growth of instructors; new discoveries or the developments along the old industrial lines have increased classes and forced new courses. To these must be added new instructors and new equipments, and, in fact, additional cost.

Public Not Alive to Situation

If a man will have an automobile, he cannot expect it to entail no more cost to him than when he had a buggy. The whole truth of the matter is that the great school, like other schools in the State, has gone forward, as all other things, and the public is not appreciating this fact. Twenty years ago, if there were any, there were not more than one high school in our largest towns. Now each one has two or three. And education thereby costs the public much more than it did.

The high schools in these largest towns are kept to the top notch of efficiency. New courses of study are constantly adopted in them and their cost becomes greater every year. I know of no city where any protest is made against these steps toward a greater efficiency. There is not in any of these cities any element that cries out, no rich taxpayer who would keep these greater opportunities from the poor.

University and A. & M.

The University and its branch, the Agricultural and Mechanical College, stand in the same relation to the State that the high school stands to the town. In the big towns, twenty-five years ago, property in

the business sections, say around "the square," was worth from \$10 to \$50 a front foot. That same property today is worth \$1,000 a front foot. In the country, twenty-five years ago, say in the black land belt, land was worth \$25 an acre. It is now worth \$100 to \$150 an acre. It is unnecessary to go into the increased value of cattle and other property.

The State is a thousand times richer today than it was a quarter of a century ago, and the people who own this wealth ought to be willing, and are willing, if they knew, to spend their money in the ratio of their increase in wealth for the best education they can give their children.

Domestic Economy

"There is another course at the University of Texas which is not sufficiently appreciated by the people. I am not criticizing the people, but mean to convey the idea that I, being one of them—one of the ordinary unclassified kind—have not been sufficiently appreciative of the work being done by this great school. The course spoken of is that of domestic economy. Perhaps it would be better understood if it were called instruction in housekeeping and home life. It is teaching our girls not only the great lessons of how to make their homes comfortable and happy, but it is teaching girls to teach others these valuable secrets, never to be obtained by so many women by mere experience at home. The accomplished Miss Mary Gearing is at the head of this department and I have to become somewhat personal in order to emphasize the care under which teachers are selected. She is a graduate of Columbia University and has spent many of her vacations traveling in this country and Europe to obtain information and ideas for the dissemination in her life work, in which she is so greatly interested. The keynote to this work is in what she told me.

Women's Work.

"Three things are necessary for mankind—food, shelter and clothes. And it is woman's work to look after the preparation and care of them all. Therefore, why should it not be the most important thing in the world that she should know well the details of the three?"

The pupils have in their department miniature homes to arrange and change. They have a kitchen with every implement necessary for cooking and they have a laboratory in which the character of foods are determined, and they keep house, and they cook and they work in the laboratory. More than this, they are taught to understand clothing fabrics and everything pertaining to clothing. This class is throwing up breastworks against home waste and against home doctor's bills and against divorces.

Think of Benefits

Stop and think of the benefits to the world when the thousands of children yearly perishing for need of proper food are saved and the home is made a heaven to the head of it. And in this department the work is not confined to the lines or course mentioned. I ate candy made from cactus and bread made from peas by the girls. And both were fine.—Col. W. G. Sterett, in Great Southern Life Magazine.



YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

LADIES: COME TO US FOR YOUR OUTFIT.
GENTLEMEN: COME TO US FOR YOUR CLOTHES.

WHEN YOU BUY FROM US YOU ALWAYS GET "YOUR MONEY'S WORTH." THE LOW PRICE IS THE GREAT POWER WE TURN ON TO MAKE OUR BUSINESS "GO."

WE ALSO GIVE YOU QUALITY AND STYLE. WE KEEP IT UP-TO-DATE. THE MOMENT NEW THINGS "HAPPEN" WE GET THEM FOR YOU.

WE HAVE MADE OUR REPUTATION AND BUILT OUR BUSINESS BY BEING UP-TO-DATE, BY NEVER ABUSING THE CONFIDENCE OUR CUSTOMERS PLACE IN US AND BY GIVING YOU "YOUR MONEY'S WORTH."

SPECIAL COFFEE WEEK

7 pounds (on call) Coffee	\$1.00
5 pounds good Peaberry	1.00
4 pounds best Peaberry	1.00
3 pounds best steel cut with Cup and Saucer	85c
5-lb. packages grain or ground	1.00
25-lb. bag steel-cut with pitcher	1.00
5 1-lb. cans extra good 35c value Fanker's Roast, a good one	1.10

ATTENTION

We have just received car of mill products—Flour, Meal, Shorts, Bran and Chops. Better see us, you might save MONEY

THE STAR STORE

CANNED GOODS SPECIALS

1 No. 3 can kraut	10c
1 No. 2 can Tomatoes	10c
2 No. 3 can Tomatoes	25c
3 No. 3 can Hominy	25c
3 No. 2 can Peas	25c
4 pkg. best Cocoanut	25c
1 No. 3 Pie Peaches	10c

Fire At Hermleigh.

Manager Groene, of the Cozy Theatre received a telephone message from his brother at Hermleigh late this Thursday afternoon telling of fire at that place which destroyed their picture show.

Mr. Groene of Hermleigh informed his brother here that the fire originated in an adjoining building being caused by an explosion of a gasoline iron.

Advertised Letters.

Crayton, J. R.
Heffermer, F. H.
Hendrix, E. O.
Hughes, Lem.
Jones, Mrs. A.
Jones, Mrs. Geo. D.
Mavity, Mrs. C.
Ray, Mrs. Ada.
Stringer, Seth.
Tucker, Mrs. N. A.
Turner, Viola.
Tyler, Bill.
Webster, Mrs. J. D.
White, A. E.
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on February 14th. H. C. Williams, Merkel, Texas.

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Let the people rule.

Gin Burns At Stanton.

A report has reached us that the gin belonging to Mr. C. W. Harris of Stanton was destroyed by fire the first of this week.

No exact information could be gotten as to the exact cause of the fire.

FOR SALE:—Good wood 1/2 miles east of Salt branch school house. W. E. Petty.

Don't Take It For Granted

that just because you are in business, everybody is aware of the fact. Your goods may be the finest in the market but they will remain on your shelves unless the people are told about them.

ADVERTISE

if you want to move your merchandise. Reach the buyers in their homes through the columns of THIS PAPER and on every dollar expended you'll reap a handsome dividend.

DOES BACKACHE WORRY YOU?

Some Merkel People Have Learned How To Get Relief.

How many people suffer from an aching back?

How few know the cause?

If it hurts to stand or lift—

If you suffer sudden darting pains— If you are weak, lame and tired, suspect your kidneys. Watch for nature's signal. The first sign may be headache or dizziness, scanty, painful, or too frequent urination, nervousness or a constant, dead tired feeling.

Avert the serious kidney diseases, treat the weakened kidneys with Doan's Kidney Pills. This remedy especially for sick kidneys. Endorsed in Merkel by your friends and neighbors.

E. W. Dennis' retired merchant, N. Main street, Merkel, says: "My kidneys annoyed me, at times being congested. The kidney secretions were scanty and painful in passage and at times my back ached quite a little. Doan's Kidney Pills gradually corrected these ailments and I used this medicine until I was quite free from the complaint."

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

New Garage Service

I have purchased the Dunn-Beene brick Garage north of the Anchor Mercantile Co. and have retained the services of Mr. Dunn as chief mechanic

Bring your car troubles to us. Batteries charged. Storage room with oil and gas station. All work completed in least possible time for good service. :: Yours to please

THE GRIMES GARAGE

LUTHER GRIMES, Manager

HAVE
Your

Cleaning & Pressing

DONE
by

Yarborough

At City
Barber Shop

NEWS FROM SHILOH

Miss Albertine Winter of Abilene spent the week end with homefolks.

Grover Tiner of Abilene was at home with relatives during Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Atlas Phillips of Trent accompanied by her children was here Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago gave the young folks a party on Friday night. There were a large number present and all report a most enjoyable time.

We are glad to report Bud Brown improving rapidly.

We are sorry to report Grandma Tyner being real sick with pneumonia.

Miss Elsie Rister of near Hamlin, visited the Misses Tabor Sunday.

Mr. McCright and family spent Sunday with friends at Noodle.

Efford Brown has purchased a new buggy.

Miss Nina McGregor returned to her home near Big Springs after a month's visit with relatives here.

Nina Winter spent Saturday night and Sunday with the Phillips of Trent.

Mr. McCright has bought a fine car.

Mr. B. Wheeler is in Colorado City attending business matters.

At school and prayer meeting were well attended on Sunday.

Odell Herring of Noodle visited friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Laura Brown was shopping in Trent Saturday afternoon.

Ralph Greene and wife of Oklahoma are here on a visit to relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Winters of Abilene visitors Sunday afternoon.

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

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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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.

—but remember there is Only One

"Bromo Quinine"

That is the Original

Laxative Bromo Quinine

This Signature on Every Box

E. W. Grove

Used the World Over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

Maker also of the Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic

Fuel Buyers Read This

We have good oak and mesquite wood for sale

Strawn coal at \$6.50 per ton

Buy your wood and coal from us

WARREN BROS. :: COAL DEALERS

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Phone 263 Merkel Cafe

Goes Anywhere at Any Time

I'll Take You and Bring You Back. Night Phone No. 9

Marvin Boney

O. S. BURNS, Merkel

Dodge Service Car

Goes Day or Night—Anywhere

Phone 6, Elite Confectionery—Nite Phone 136

Automobile Livery

Phone No. 4—Metropolitan Cafe

Calls answered Day or Night

Phone me when you want to go somewhere

W. E. LOWE :: Service Cars

R. D. BROYLES

Veterinary Surgeon and Dentist

Blair Hotel :: Merkel, Texas

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Wear Neat Clothes

Neatly dressed business men command the attention and admiration of all. Let us do your cleaning, pressing and make your needed alterations and you will be more than satisfied.

Phone us. If your orders are ready we will call for them and deliver them on time. Satisfaction guaranteed and always given. The Star Store Tailor Shop.

WORK STOCK.

A few good mules and horses for sale. Cash or good notes. See us if you need worn stock. McDonald & Warren.

News Notes from the Fort Worth-El Paso Highway.

E. M. Overshiner, Director Taylor County.

J. D. Meriwether, engineer for our association, has been employed the last week in Martin and Callahan counties, both of which are preparing for work on the highway.

Your secretary, among other places, visited Abilene last week, and found that the Taylor county people are anxious to see an early completion of the Fort Worth-El Paso Highway and will do their part of the work on this great highway across West Texas.

Unless called to Austin on business connected with the highway bill, Capt. J. D. Fauntleroy, district engineer, accompanied by Engineer Meriwether, will inspect the line of the highway from Fort Worth to Big Springs this week, and will complete the trip over the balance of the route the forepart of next week or at an early date.

There is no other highway association in the state as active as our association. We have in the past all talked and preached co-operation, now let us all line up for this great undertaking. There will be work and glory enough for all.

Service Car day or night—Marvin Boney. Phone 263, Busy Bee Cafe. Night phone No. 9.

Well Drilling—See R. D. Tyler or M. D. Daniel. 221f

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Severe Cold Quickly Cured.

"On December first I had a very severe cold or attack of the grip as it may be, and was nearly down sick in bed," writes O. J. Metcalf, Weatherby, Mo. "I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a few days until I was completely restored to health. I firmly believe that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is one of the very best medicines and will know what to do when I have another cold." Obtainable everywhere.

Six Per Cent Money

On good improved farms. 25 years in the business. Write us what you have and find out what we can do for you before you place your loan. Comper & Comper, District Managers, Abilene, Texas.

10 inch Disk Phonograph records while they last for 25c. J. A. Ducketts.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jackson of Spur were here last week visiting the latter's parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe. Several years ago Mr. and Mrs. Jackson lived here and have numerous friends who were exceedingly glad to welcome them back for only the short time of a day that they remained here.

NEWS FROM NOODLE.

We are enjoying the beautiful weather. The farmers are all hurrying to get their land in shape for the coming crops.

Mrs. G. M. Williams of Merkel visited her daughter, Mrs. C. P. Hendrix, of Noodle, last week.

Mrs. R. A. Reagan of Noodle was called to the bedside of her father Sunday, at Winters.

Mr. Troy Walker is reported to be very ill at this writing.

Oscar Buford and Misses Fannie Pearl and Clara Moore visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hendrix last Sunday.

The Girls' Basket Ball games are getting to be an interesting item. The school team is going to have to do some practicing before they win a game from the community team. The scores of last Friday's game were 9 to 6.

Elder Speck of Merkel preached at the Christian church Sunday at 11 o'clock, also at 3:00.

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. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mill's, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Thedford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.

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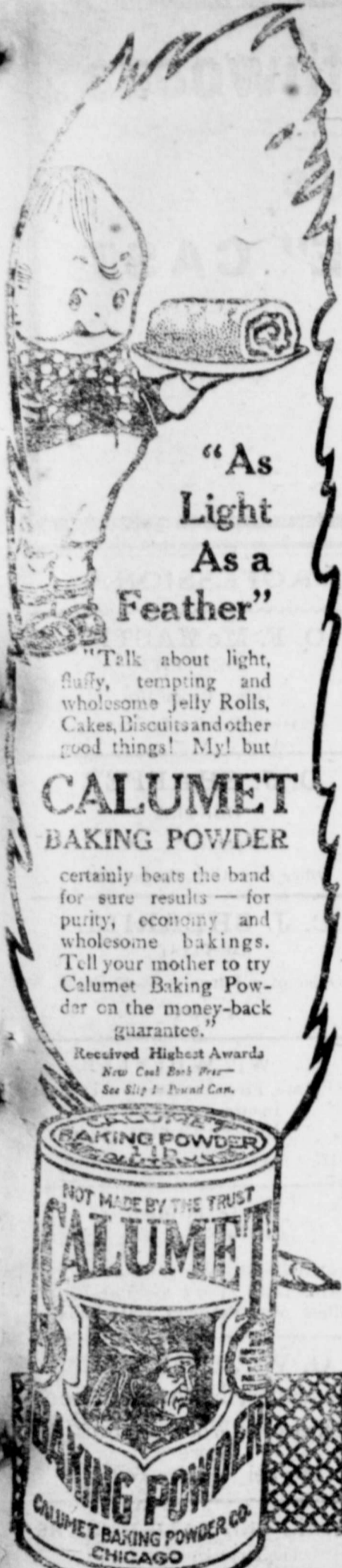
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MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

MERRY WIVES' CLUB.

On their regular meeting day Wednesday of last week, the Merry Wives' Club enjoyed an oyster fry at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard. After luncheon the ladies spent the afternoon doing fancy work. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames George D. Graves, L. B. Howard, Robert Hicks and H. C. Burroughs, Jr.; Misses Warren Sutphen, Huffaker and Williams and Emmett Grimes.

Entertainment at Dinner.

A group of ten young ladies enjoyed a dining with Miss Ona Hamblett on last Sunday at noon. Beside the delicious dinner so heartily partaken of by the guests, an entire afternoon together was enjoyed by them. Those invited were Misses Sears, Atkinson, Sutphen, Martin, Sheppard, Collins, Atkinson, Huffaker, Jones, Rister and Williams.

20th Century Club.

The 20th Century Club was with Miss Pauline Johnson at its last regular meeting. The new officers assuming their places were: Mrs. W. B. Foster, the new president, presided. The lesson was Acts 5, and a review of the Tempest was made very interesting by general discussion. Miss Johnson acting as leader. Nine members were present and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither as a guest.

Refreshments of tea and sandwiches were served.

The Choral Club at its Thursday evening meeting devoted almost the entire time to the practice of the cantata, "The

Everlasting Light." The constitution and by laws were given a first reading by Dr. J. T. Pate. Several new members were added, which makes the membership nearing fifty.

Slumber Party.

The second of a series of delightful functions which has made the week almost a progressive house party for "The Bunch," was the slumber party given by Mrs. H. C. Burroughs Friday night. The boy friends were invited for the evening and after their departure the Burroughs home still gave out sounds of merriment until it was really quite early. The guests were Misses Hamblett, Martin, Powell, Munden, Sutphen, Huffaker, Atkinson, Sears, Sheppard and Atkinson.

Miss Collins Entertains.

Miss Mabel Collins entertained very informally with a supper for a few girl friends last Thursday evening. After supper young gentlemen joined the ladies for a box party at the Cozy, where a Helen Holmes feature was seen. As the usual custom goes next in order was a step at the rink, after which the remainder of their evening together was spent at the Collins home. Twelve couples were invited for this pleasant affair.

In Judge Wheeler's office last Saturday afternoon that gentleman officiating at the ceremony, W. W. Toombs and Miss Mattie Crow were married. The former being a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Toombs of Merkel, while the bride resided in the Canyon south of Merkel. The young couple will make their home in this section on the Y-Bas ranch. Congratulations and best wishes are extended.

For a Bilious Attack.

When you have a severe headache, accompanied by a coated tongue, loathing of food, constipation, torpid liver, vomiting of partly digested food and then bile, you know that you have a severe bilious attack. While you may be quite sick there is much consolation in knowing that relief may be had by taking three of Chamberlain's Tablets. They are prompt and effectual. Obtainable everywhere.

The S. D. S. S. Meets.

The S. D. S. S. Q., met for the first time Jan. 28th, with Miss Jewell Toombs. Victrola selections and kodaking were the main diversions followed by a most enjoyable car ride which was interrupted as usual, by a "blow-out." While damages were being repaired, a short business meeting was held and the officers elected: Virginia Swafford, president; Jewell Toombs secretary and treasurer and Marion Hairston reporter.

Immediately after returning home a six o'clock dinner was served to the following club members: Gladys Haynes, Virginia Swafford, Ruby Hamm, Irene Hairston, Edythe Brown, Marion Hairston and Jewell Toombs.

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Gymnasium Club.

Quite a number of girls met in the Presbyterian church last Tuesday night and organized a girls gymnasium club. The officers elected were: Mrs. Willie Scarborough, president; Marion Hairston, secretary; Louise Warren, treasurer and Ona Faye Eland press reporter.

Miss Fuller will direct the gym exercises. Everyone enjoyed a delightful evening and are hoping to be back next Tuesday.

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THE FIDELIS CLASS MEETS

The Fidelis Class of the Baptist Sunday School met in business with their teacher Mrs. J. T. Warren Saturday afternoon. The officers elected were Mrs. J. H. Cook, president; Mrs. J. T. Pate v-president; Misses Sadie and Annie Collins, sec., and treasurer; Miss Dovie Teaff press reporter; Mrs. J. T. Warren, teacher; with Miss Banner and Mrs. Howard assistant teachers.

After the business session a social hour was spent and refreshments were served at the afternoon's close. Mrs. T. L. B. Paige was a visitor. About twelve members were present and Miss Mae Lassiter will be hostess at the next meeting the week hence.

The Sunday school class known as the C. I. C. girls of two sections, taught by Miss Burns and Mrs. W. B. Foster, were entertained in the latter's home last Friday afternoon. This was the regular semi-monthly meeting and sixteen class members were present for the afternoon. After a short business session the time was spent socially.

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Hurt in Auto Wreck.

De Verle Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Johnson had a very narrow escape from a serious injury on Sunday evening when the auto he was driving collided with a buggy in which Mr. Geo. D. Richie was riding.

The accident occurred a short distance south of the W. W. Wheeler home. DeVerle was using the dinner on his car as he approached Mr. Richie and apparently the switching of the lights caused both parties to become confused. As a result of which horse and auto hit in such a manner that a shaft from the buggy ramm'd the wind-shield, striking and inflicting an ugly wound in the young man's jaw and at the same time Mr. Richie received some painful bruises.

Medical attention was given both parties at once, it being necessary for the attending physician to take eight stitches to close the gash in DeVerle's jaw, the end of the shaft having penetrated his right cheek.

We learn that he is resting well and will be able to return to his post at the F. & M. Bank in a very few days. Mr. Richie is little the worse from his hurts though he had a very narrow escape.

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Purchases Truck.

Sam Roberts has purchased a new two ton Republic truck of local agents.

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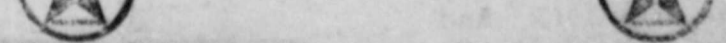
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In Serious Trouble.

Our genial friend "Junius," in the very climax of a journalistic fabrication, dreamed, as a newspaper man often does, and then to make bad matters worse told that dream as a fact, what some people term as "brain storms." He said in our last issue that he found a quart bottle in the road branded "Spts. Frumenti," which he emptied to his own satisfaction. Now the publication of that "raw" jest has got us into the middle of a bad fix.

Under date of January 31 the Mail is in receipt of a letter from the County Attorney, Abilene, saying in part: "Won't you kindly furnish me the name of the party who wrote this article. If you are not willing to, then I will have subpoena issued for you to appear before Court of Inquiry here. Please let me hear from you by return mail, and oblige."

Now as a matter of fact our friend "Junius" has not had a drink in a year. If he had he could not have written that article. Even now he is so thirsty he is threatening to walk to Ft. Worth in order to satiate his thirst. We don't mind to go before a Court of Inquiry but the thought of making a trip to Abilene is heartrending. We know that no one in that city would empty a bottle so labeled. We are sorry that the unsophisticated soul of our correspondent led him into such devious forebodings as to acknowledge that he had ever touched "fire water." If we could apologize for him, we would do so in sackcloth and ashes. To see the innocent thus misled grieves our very soul. If the Merkel Mail does not come out next week, our gentle readers will know that we are still facing the Court of Inquiry. If the County Attorney will desist only just this once, we promise to urge our correspondent to be more careful in the future. We don't want to alarm "Junius" but he should be more careful in the future and permit none such beverages to pass his lips in any such manner as he described in his jocular way or else he may be found footing it across the state line at a ninety to nothing rate.

H. L. E.

ORDERS SPECIAL TERM OF DIS. COURT HELD

In Vacation, Eastland, Texas, January the thirty-first, Nineteen Seventeen.

It appearing to the Court, upon representations by the Co. Attorney, and Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, that numerous persons are now incarcerated in the jail at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, charged with felonies many of whom are unable to make bond, and it further appearing to the Court that there exists a necessity for a Special Term of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a Special term of the District Court in and for Taylor County, Texas, be and the same is hereby called for Tuesday, February the sixth, 1917. And, it is hereby ordered by the Court that the clerk of the District Court of Taylor County,

Texas, do forthwith issue a precept and copy of notice unto Henry Orr of Merkel, Texas, E. W. Morris of Abilene, Texas, and Roy Parmelly of Capps, to be and appear at the Court House, in Abilene, Texas, at nine o'clock Tuesday, February the sixth 1917, then and there to act as jury commissioners for the purpose of drawing a Grand-jury and so many petit juries as may be necessary to serve at this Special Term. Said term to last for a period of twenty days, or so long as may be necessary.

Given under my hand officially, at Eastland, Texas, this

the thirty-first day of January, A. D., 1917.

Joe Burkett,

Judge 42nd., Judicial District of Texas.

Plenty bran, oats, chops and cow feed, shorts. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Mrs. and Mrs. A. Fitts were visitors here last Sunday.

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All the reading matter in this issue is the work of our new linotype. It is a "hum dinger," and our readers are cordially invited to take a peep at it. We are not expert operators by any means, so once in awhile some typographical errors may creep in, but by and by are going to walk around over the old keyboard and play the tune of "Dixie."

Burroughs' cold busters will knock the L out of that cold. Try them.

Fresh candy of all sorts, 15c lb. at J. A. Ducketts.

The extreme hot weather that prevailed the past week put many of our citizens on the sick list. Cooler weather, even in the shape of a biting norther, is highly preferable, and needful, we believe, to promote health.

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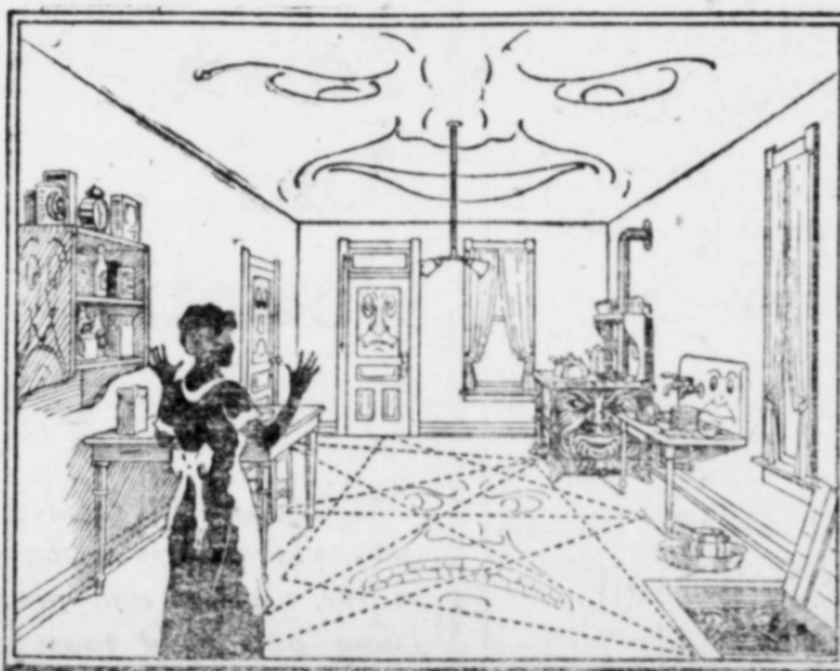
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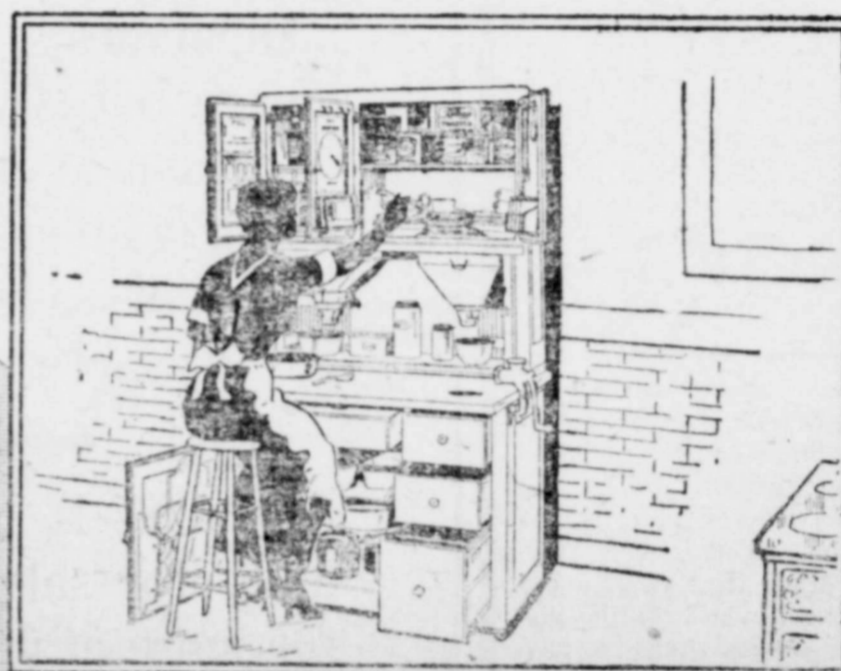
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Only a few, a very few, "Hoosier Specials" to be sold at this sale. Those few may be taken—and probably will—before the first night.

That closes the sale. If any should remain on Feb. 12th we must restore the regular price—\$5 higher.

But if you come here in time the first day—you can have a beautiful "Hoosier Special," glistening new, fresh, from the factory, in your kitchen by Saturday night.

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At Least Come and See

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THIRD

That on the day and year last aforesaid, defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withheld from plaintiff the possession thereof, to his damage \$5000.00. That the reasonable annual rental value of said land and premises is \$500.00.

FOURTH

That plaintiff purchased said premises from R. O. Proctor et al, by good and sufficient general warranty deed, dated November 16th, 1916, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. —, page —; That said R. O. Proctor et al, from whom plaintiff purchased said property, were the heirs and all of the heirs of George Ridenour, deceased, and his deceased wife, Nancy P. Ridenour. That the said George Ridenour purchased from C. P. Gamble said premises by good and sufficient general warranty deed, dated May 7th, 1885, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, in Vol. K, page 449, to which reference is made; that the said C. P. Gamble purchased said premises from B. F. Eads and wife, Mary O. Eads et al, by good and sufficient general warranty deed, dated June 15th, 1878, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. A, page 191, to which reference is made. That said C. P. Gamble also purchased said property from J. A. Corley by quit-claim deed dated December 11th 1878, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. A, page 307, to which reference is made. That said J. A. Corley purchased said property from Henry K. Martin, by quit-claim deed dated September 5th, 1878, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. A, page 276, to which reference is made, and by quit-claim deed dated August 17th, 1878, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. A, page 260, to which reference is made. That the said Henry K. Martin purchased said property from H. S. Schmick, Sheriff of Eastland County, Texas, by sheriff's deed dated August 7th, 1878, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. A, page 258, to which reference is made; that said sheriff's deed purported to sell all of the right, title and interest in said premises belonging to the defendants Mary O. Eads, B. F. Eads, Eliza E. Brownrigg, Elizabeth B. Brownrigg, Mrs. L. M. Snell, Carrie Snell and Rosella Snell. That said sheriff's deed was executed in accordance with a certain judgment and order of sale in cause No. 2690, in the District Court of Fayette County, Texas, styled Mary O. Eads, et al vs. L. M. Snell et al, a certified copy of which judgment is of record in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, in Vol. A, page 303, to which reference is made, and said order of sale and sheriff's return thereon being recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, in Vol. A, page 253, to which reference is made.

FIFTH

That the claims of the defendants to said title, as far as to this plaintiff is known, is as follows: Patent No. 506, Vol. No. 12, from the State of Texas, to R. S. Snell, and the heirs of Robert T. Walker, assignees of B. H. H. Butts, conveying the entire B. H. H. Butts survey, of which the property hereinabove described is a part; power of attorney, coupled with an interest, from certain parties purporting to be the heirs of R. S. Snell, deceased, to C. E. Lane and T. W. Lane, composing the law firm of Lane & Lane, of LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas, said power of attorney being dated February 13th, 1896, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, in Vol. 12, page 214, to which reference is made; power of attorney, coupled with an interest, from Clara W. Cantrell, representing herself to be an heir of Robert T. Walker, to J. R. Lawrence, dated January 20th, 1891, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. Z, page 161, to which reference is made.

SIXTH

That plaintiff and his grantors claiming under the deeds and chain of title hereinabove set forth, all of which is duly registered as above set forth, have peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of the lands and tenements hereinabove described, cultivating, using and enjoying the same and paying all taxes due thereon for an uninterrupted period of thirty-five years immediately preceding the filing of

this suit.

SEVENTH Wherefore, premises considered, plaintiff prays for citation in accordance with law upon each and all of said defendants, that a guardian ad litem be appointed as provided by law, and upon final hearing, that he have judgment against each and all of said defendants for the title and possession of said premises, for his damages, and for such other and further relief in law or in equity, general or special, to which he may show himself justly entitled.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene this the 20th day of December A. D. 1916.

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"Waiting on table" heads the list of employments. From this source alone students earned \$6557 during last session. "Choromen" ranked second and "Clerks" third.

Under the head of odd jobs, "Yard Work" was the most remunerative, there being \$103.05 earned in this manner. "House work", "cutting and carrying wood", "putting up stoves" and "distributing circulars" are some of the other items listed in the report of the Y. M. C. A. secretary.

A student who worked his way through the University last year writes to Mr. T. W. Currie, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of the University of Texas, "Any fellow with a good supply of grit and common sense can make his way through the University. I came here with only \$45, and with the help of the Y. M. C. A. have succeeded in making my way the first year. Every body is good to the man who is making his way."

Another student writes, "many prospective students say, 'I am going to enter the University as soon as I get money enough to pay my way.' When you get the money, perhaps you will not have the desire to go on to school. Why not come on and take a chance on the money proposition? There are hundreds of students making their expenses while they are in college. There are just two things necessary for you to do to make expenses while here: (1) Leave your name with the University Y. M. C. A.; (2) Work."

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STUDENTS COME FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

The students of the University of Texas for the session of 1915-1916 came from 196 different counties in Texas, from 29 states, and from 8 foreign countries. 115 students registered from outside of Texas; Louisiana sent 14; New Mexico 10; Oklahoma, 10; Illinois, 6; Mississippi, 6; New York, 5; Tennessee, 5; Alabama, 5; Arkansas, 5; and smaller numbers from other states. Austria, Bohemia, Brazil, Denmark, Hawaii, Mexico, Panama, and Persia were represented in the student body. Omitting Travis County, Bexar County led with 159 students; Dallas came next with 122; then followed Tarrant with 74; Harris, 66; Bell, 51; Galveston, 49; McLennan, 46; Johnson, 40; Grayson, 36; Smith, 35; El Paso, 33. The following counties sent between twenty and thirty students: Anderson, Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, DeWitt, Ellis, Harrison, Hays, Hill, Jefferson, Milam, Navarro, Tom Green, Williamson. Counties sending between ten and twenty students were Angelina, Austin, Bee, Bosque, Brown, Collin, Coryell, Denton, Erath, Falls, Fannin, Fort Bend, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hale, Hamilton, Houston, Hunt, Jones, Lamar,

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Our buyers are spending this week in the eastern markets selecting our spring stock of

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Lampasas, Limestone, Nacogdoches, Nolan, Nueces, Palo Pinto, Parker, Potter, Robertson, Runnels, Rusk, Taylor, Uvalde, Val Verde, Van Zandt, Washington, Webb, Wichita, Wilson, Wood.

As would be expected, a very large majority of the students in the University of Texas are native born. Of the 2724 students registered the past year 2333 are native Texans. 52 were born in foreign countries, 12 having been born in Mexico and 10 in Germany. Other foreign countries represented are Austria, Brazil, China, Denmark, England, France and Russia. 40 of the students were born in Missouri, 31 in Alabama, 29 in Tennessee, 28 in Illinois, 28 in Louisiana, 27 in Mississippi, 20 in Arkansas, 19 in Iowa, 15 in Ohio, 14 in Georgia, 14 in Indiana, 14 in Kansas, 14 in Kentucky, 14 in Oklahoma, 10 in New York, and small numbers in about twenty other states.

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The strongest recommendation any article may receive is a favorable word from one user. It is the recommendations of those who have used it that makes Chamberlain's Cough Remedy so popular. Mrs. Amanda Gierhart, Waynesfield, Ohio, writes, "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been used in my family off and on for twenty years and it has never failed to cure a cough or cold." Obtainable everywhere.

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BONE DRY BILL IS OFFERED IN TEXAS HOUSE

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 29.—The "bonedry" bill will be introduced by Representative Yantis when the House reconvenes this afternoon from Saturday's adjournment.

The bill will prohibit both interstate and intrastate shipments of intoxicating liquor into dry territory; provide penalties for common carriers and individuals, and prohibit possession of liquor except in the home.

It will permit an individual to carry personally into dry territory one-half gallon for personal use.

Mrs. Louise Moore Dead.

Mrs. Louise Moore, an aged and highly respected Merkle country lady, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. D. Addison, of Blair, Thursday, January 19th.

This esteemed Christian lady had been ill of health for over two years, but her death came as a surprise and shock to her numerous friends and to her family.

She was a member of the Missionary Baptist church, having lived a true Christian life and been an ardent worker in her church for forty years. She is survived by 12 children, 9 daughters and three sons, to whom the deepest sympathy of their many friends goes.

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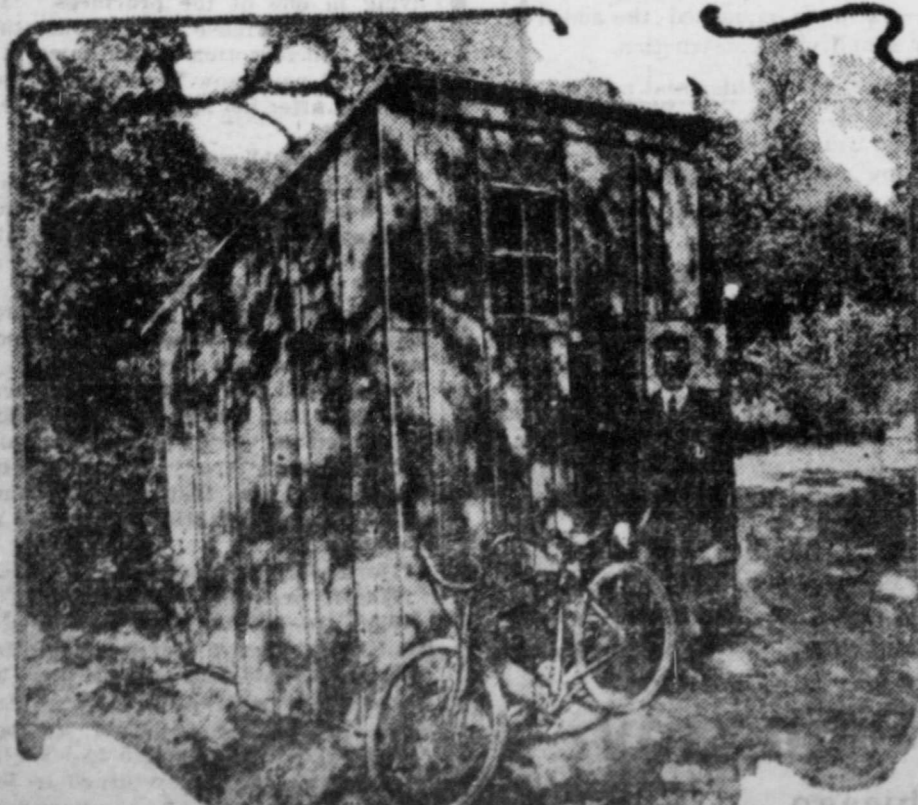
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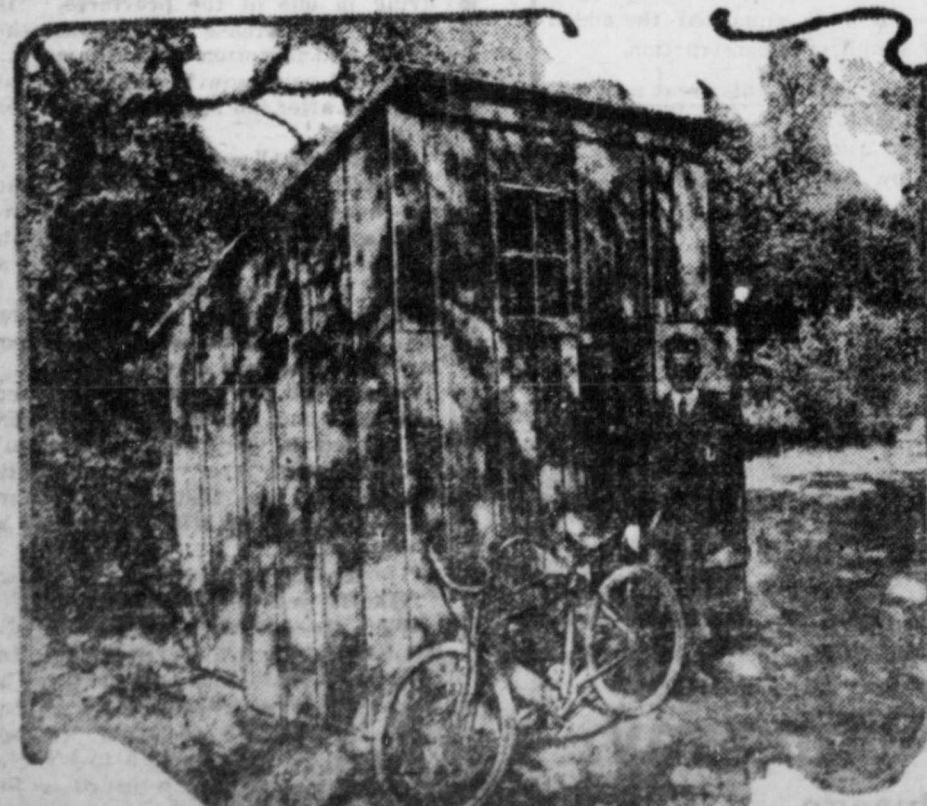
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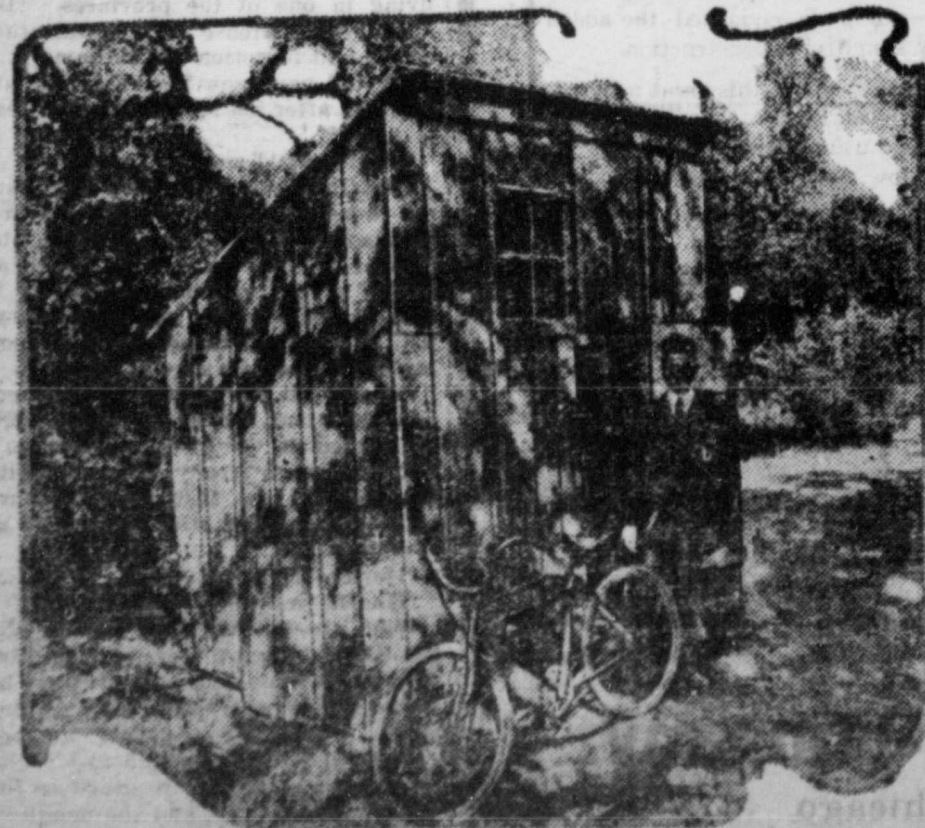
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