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ANCHOR MERCANTILE CO. BURGLARIZED

The Anchor Mercantile Com- graphers in Government depart-Stetson hats, shoes, socks and in getting stenographers.

From the nature of the goods of applications.

house of H. M. Rose was broken the number wanted.

turvy. Dozens of boxes of shoes ceptable. taken.

out of the ordinary.

business owned by H. M. Rose. jects.

CALL ISSUED BY THE GOV-ERNMENT FOR MANY STENOGRAPHERS

The Civil Service Commission is now planning a drive to make up for the great lack of steno-

pany's store was broken into ments. They will have examinsometime Wednesday night and ers in all states, and have asked several hundred dollars worth the United States Employment of men's clothing, silk shirts, Service to co-operate with them

various other articles were tak- The Civil Service Commission en. Possibly the full extent of is now trying out an experiment the loss can never be known. in two or three places which, if Entrance was gained by cutting successful, will enable them, the back screen and breaking a they hope, to get the papers window. The thieves evidently through in forty-eight hours afhad a car, as car tracks appeared ter the examination. This will do at the back door, indicating that away with one of the greatest it had been backed up against defects of the system-the delay the sidewalk to receive the loot. in putting through the papers

taken, the thieves evidently There is practically no limit knew the stock. As a further to the number of stenographers evidence that the goods were that will be required and there taken away in a car, the ware- is no danger of going beyond

into and some gasoline taken. A campaign for women steno-Hardly a hat box in the store graphers is going to be launched remained untouched. Surely the through the Council of National robbers must have been hard to Defense, but any young woman fit. The boxes were turned topsy who apply now will be most ac-

were piled on the counter and it Stenographer and typewriter seems that several pair were examination, with clerical subjects, includes the following,

At this time there is no clue stenography, dictation and tran to the robbery, but the officers scription; copying from rough have the matter in hand and are draft and from plain copy; spelldoing everything within their ing; letter writing; penmanship power to locate the thieves. They and arithmetic. The Typewriter will doubtless show up quite a examination with clerical subdistance away. Evidently they jects includes: Copying from knew their business, as night rough draft and from plain copy watchman King made his regu- spelling; letter writing; penman lar rounds and found nothing ship and arithmetic. Time consumed in copying is taken into

Some boys on their way home consideration in the above tests. late at night came across a car These examinations may also be Burdick has become famous among the without lights at the place of taken, omitting the clerical sub-

Upon their approach the parties hurried away, and the number in the car could hardly be ascerin the car could hardly be ascer- vice, Box 1028, San Antonio, can soldiers. tained. It was a large car, how- Texas with respect to the foreever. going, will be given prompt attention.

MISS JESSIE F. WINTERS

MISS CECIL BURDICK

Texas Girls Volunteer

ional workers to aid in the hut work f the Salvation Army in France, Miss cecil Burdick and Miss Jessie F. Winers, have dedicated themselves to the ervice of our men in khaki in France. Misses Burdick and Winters sailed reently from New York. Miss Winters and Miss Burdick were esidents of Houston, Texas, and were business women of that city. Miss Burdick being the chief operator for the telephone company. They both reigned their positions recently to ener Salvation Army service in France. Miss Burdick's mother and father, En-sign and Mrs. Floyd Burdick, former residents of Dallas, have been in France for some time serving in the huts ust behind the trenches. Mrs. soldiers of the American army and is the champion pie and doughout baker which helps to cure homestchices. The among the Salvation Army workers, soldiers, the soldiers themselves vie

od American women i Salvation Army women have the camps The Salvation Army has a number of

Responding to the call for 200 addi- [stove and kitchen utensils where pies and doughnuts and other goodies may be made and served to the boys at cost. Salvation Army workers have won the hearts of the American soldiers because

of their skill as cooks and because their pies and doughnuts remind them of home and mother. Brigadier George Wood, head of the Salvation Army forces in the Southwest, with headquarters in Dallas, is receiv. ing many applications from women of the Southwest for service in France. Brigadier Wood reports that there are

many more nee hind the lines. more needed for the hut work be-The presence of the pure-souled. devoted Salvation Army women in the midst of the camp has a marked influ-

ence for good upon the soldiers-profanity ceases, a touch of home prevails which helps to cure homesickness. While

in France, and has also estab-

The Army is now asking for

few days vacation.

ing her daughter in San Antonio Mrs. J. E. Davis of Nevada visited Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Jones the past week.

Mrs. John Jones of Nevada is Mesdames Jordon and Poland, who reside near here.

and Miss May Miller of Dallas ed by them, the Pall Mall Gazetare visiting their sister, Mrs. W. ettoday says it understands. F. Stanford.

Mrs. E. V. White and children place this morning. The news of of Denton are visiting her par- the fall of the town has not been ents, Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin. officially confirmed. There was

kell is visiting her parents, Mr. the Lassigny ridge, the Evenand Mrs. G. E. Comegys, and ing Standard reports. The Frensister, Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

at Baird, was a home visitor on Sunday.

Mrs. C. L. Cash has purchased a residence on Oak street from Dr. Armstrong.

Ira Armstrong and family have moved to Waco, where he has accepted a position with an implement house.

Dutch Huddleston, Jim Tipton and some other parties left a few days ago in their car for New Mexico, Arizona, California and other points. They possibly may locate in California for awhile.

To cut county expenses in every way, vote for Dee Coats for Commissioner and he will

put on the brakes. Put on the brakes, boys, put on the brakes! Put on the brake, boys! Put

on the brake! During war times, drouths and high living, make no mistake. Vote for Dee Coats and he will put on the brakes. B. F. Cox, who has been very low with typhoid fever, is begin ning to sit up, and we hope to

see him well and hearty again before very long.



4 PAGES

London, Aug. 14-The town of Lassigny, on the southern visiting her mother and sister, part of the Picardy battle front for which the French have been struggling over the hills to the Mrs. Brock of Memphis, Tenn., west and south, has been captur

The reported capture took Mrs. Courtney Hunt of Has- terrific fighting today on top of ch there were fighting their Clifford Rose, who is at work way stubbornly forward and this afternoon were pushing sol idly down the far side of the ele vation, the reports declare.

The Germans were said to be putting up the fiercest sort of resistance and the fighting, it was indicated, might last a day or two before the hill was finally cleared of the enemy.

London, Aug. 13.-Every part of Russia where German troops are stationed, the German com manders have all they can do to hold down the people by force of arms. This task will soon call,if it has not already done so, for strong reinforcements.

Saw Chained Huns

Austin, Texas, Aug. 13.-That he "personally saw German machine unnners who were shackled together to insure their staying and working their gun," is the statement of Captain Warren S. Freund of Austin, recently wounded in France, in a letter to a friend here.

"How human beings stand such treatment is certainly a mystery to me," the letter said.

Youths Of 21 To Register.

Washington, Aug. 14 .- The registeration on Saturday, Aug. 24, of all youths who have reach ed the age of 21 since June 5 last. was ordered today by Prov ost Marshal General Crowder.

This was done to add quickly to the almost exhausted class one to meet the army draft calls for September.

About 150,000 will register. ane be called within a month.

MEN IN FIRST ARMY

to a statement made today by General Peyton C. March, chief of staff.

Elaborate Improvements.

The Merkel Lumber Company is making elaborate improvements to its place of business. The office has been considerably enlarged, new floor laid, the walls covered with Cornell board and pannelled, making a very attractive inside effect. A cement porch has been added and the entire yard buildings will be painted.

course and the company is tak- no occasion for false teeth. ing advantage of the occasion to I have had three years of suc- it, "there was no rine left." when it does come. Manager matism, etc. low note to sound and is content Company. to await his turn at the wheel of fortune.

TO WORK IN FACTORY

The following Merkel county building the \$9,000,000 powder the hut equipment is some kind of plant.

B. H. Moore, Merkel; C. L. Eoff, Trent; Elery Smith, Merkel; R. L.Miller, Merkel; Marvin Hood, Hawley; H. P. Allen, Mer-Most will quality for class one kel; D. J. Gardner, Merkel; J.

ner, Merkel;S. Y. Reese, Tye; face, marked half circle over B. N. Billingsley. Trimble, Trent; S. R. Lawler, to be wild. Mac Castles, Noodle, Trent; C. E. Shouse, Merkel; Route 1. Washington, Aug. 14.—Gen. John Dunn, Merkel; E. E. Dunn WANTED—To buy good house for scrap iron for the next 20 tax collector's duties, having Pershing's First Field Army con Merkel; D. W. Bynum, Merkel; and lot in Merkel, and would days at the same old stand. had several years actual experisisting of 31 Divisions, or ap- Efford Brown, Trent; Ernest like to put in some stock in the T. E. Reagan. proximately 1,250,000 men, was McCright, Trent; Joe Green, deal. H. P. Wilkins. organized August 10, according Trent; Elmer L. Oatman, Merkel Ray Douglass, Merkel; Milburn FOR SALE-About 500 bund- STRAYED AWAY-One fawn zen of Jones county for many Long, Merkel; J. M. Garrett, les of maize, near Noodle. See

A Revival To Begin.

a meeting at the North Side church Saturday night. Every one is cordially invited to be present. Elder Harper is highly recommended as an able leader.

Merkel.

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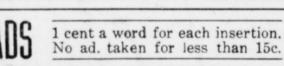
make these improvements. It cessful practice and have knows that prosperity is just been thoroughly convinced that bound to come sooner or later bad gums are the direct cause and proposes to install every fac of numerous systemic ailments, so poor that I could only eat the paper again this week has self and with no regrets on pletely won. ility to make up for lost time such as stomach trouble, rheu- lightest foods. I tried every- changed from the abssence of your part for having supported

Kelley is rather proud of the ap- I will be glad to consult with lief, but not until about a year pearance of the improvements, any one at any time on any sub- ago when I saw Chamberlain's is still very low with typhoid and he might well be for they ject pertaining to the oral cavi- Tablets advertised and got a bot are highly creditable. He has no ty. Office over Woodroof-Bragg the of them did I find the right

Yours very truly.

permitted to go nearer to the front ine trenches than any other women in nuts France and the American Salvation ished one in nearly all American canarmy girls have been closer to the onments. ront than any of their British colaboradditional funds to carry on this work und the Southwestern War Work Coun-The Salvationists establish huts in cil composed of over one hundred promany kind of building they can secure inent men and women of the Southwest and make it a recreational center for direct the campaign in this the soldiers. They furnish it with ta-Brigadier Wood, with headquarters at oles for games, and correspondence, and parties left Tuesday morning give to it a touch of home for the Sheppard, of Texas, Senator Robert L. home-sick boys on the firing line. One of the most important parts of Ransdell of Louisiana, and Mrs. Governor Hobby are vice chairmen.





G. Gardner, Merkel; D. L. Gard. LOST-One red cow, with white FOR SALE-Fresh milch cow voters in securing a majority Robert W. Martin, Tye; W. G. 4HK or QT, range cow, inclined FOR SALE—Typewriter rib your most serious consideration

bons at the Merkel Mail office. 9tf

9t2c

G. F. Holland.

WANTED-Good family to live in house and take care of it and TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & have is here. Elder H. C. Harper will begin pick cotton. See S. F. Haynes. 15t2c. Mail office.

> Any one wanting to buy Mes quite beans. Call on W. P. Duckett.

To Improve Your Digestion

"For years my digestion was thing that I heard of to get re- the Editress to the lack of rain. me. treatment. Since taking them

my digestion is fine."- Mrs. ously ill the past week, is much F. N. REYNOLDS, D.D.S. Blanche, Bowers, Indiana, Pa. | improved.

JONES COUNTY CITIZENS

I wish to express to you my very deepest appreciation for your valuable support and many kind words in my behalf, which has made it possible for me to go into the run-off primary on August 24th, having received the largest vote of any man in the race at the July primary. For these splendid efforts on your part I most kindly thank you all.

As the run-off primary was adopted for the benefit of the 2t3p nominee for their officers, I am for this responsible office. I am WANTED-I am in the market thoroughly familiar with the 16t3c. ence in this character of work. I have been a tax-paying citi-

colored jersey heifer, one year years, and am asking you for old. Please report to Dr. M. this most responsible office that Armstrong if you find her. I may support a wife and four W. A. Armstrong. children, as every interest I

CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Owing to a misfortune over

which I have no control, making it necessary for me to remain at the sanitarium in Abilene with my wife. I will not be

Even if it is dry, we got hold Brown Dry Goods Company, has of the county, therefore, I earnof some mighty good eating on just returned from market. He estly ask the careful considera-Wednesday evening. For fear says he has purchased as nice a- tion of every man and woman in This is to inform the public some one will get on to our rack. sortment of the very latest lines Jones county as to my fitness The company is preparing to that I make a specialty in the et, we are not going to explain the market affords. His confi for this office, which belongs to install a full line of paints, glass, treatment of Pyorrhea (which fully, but we got hold of a fine dence in the west is unshaken, the good tax-payers, and which yourself to be received later nails and shelf hardware. The is diseased gums). If the gums fat rabbit right out of the big and while conditions did not war should have the protection of an drouth is taken as a matter of are properly cared for, there is rabbit ranch of H. T. Merritt, rant his laying in a full supply, efficient officer. If you will elect and when we got through with as usual, yet he bought heavily me to this important position, than "getting money from and his goods are being received I shall endeavor to conduct the home," for with the money comaffairs in such a business way

The excuse for a four page back to you with credit to my-

Again soliciting a further support of everyone, whether you supported me or one of my opponents on July 27th, I am

Torpedo Boats Busy. German torpedo boats have

been doing considerable damage off the American coast, sev eral vessels having been sunk. Effective means are being arranged for clearing American waters of these perilous crafts.

Reports from the front on the 14th state that the French have made extensive gains in Picardy. and unconfirmed reports indicate the capture of Lassigny. About 40,000 prisoners and 600 guns were taken.

Advertised Letters.

These can be redeemed upon payment of one cent.

Brown, Tincy

Thomas, Mrs. E. A. These letters will be sent to the dead letter office August 28th.

H. C. Williams, Postmaster, Merkel, Texas.

Judge Bowyer On Exemption Borad.

Judge John Bowyer of Abilene has been appointed a member of the local exemption board for Taylor county to succeed Homer L. Easterwood, who resigned recently in order to enter army service within a short time.

Mailing Yourself Money.

Every time you stick a Thrift or War Savings Stamp on your card you are mailing money to with interest. Cashing in these stamps is going to be better es the remainder that you conthat the office will be handed tributed to the great victory which then will have been com-

> Mrs. J. A. Adkisson of Beaumont is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. A. Sanders.

We should all remember the Salvation War Fund and do whatever is within our power to

W. C. Cutrell, candidate aassist in the great work of aw-Tax Collector of Jones County. |ing the boys.

The little girl of Mrs. Milam

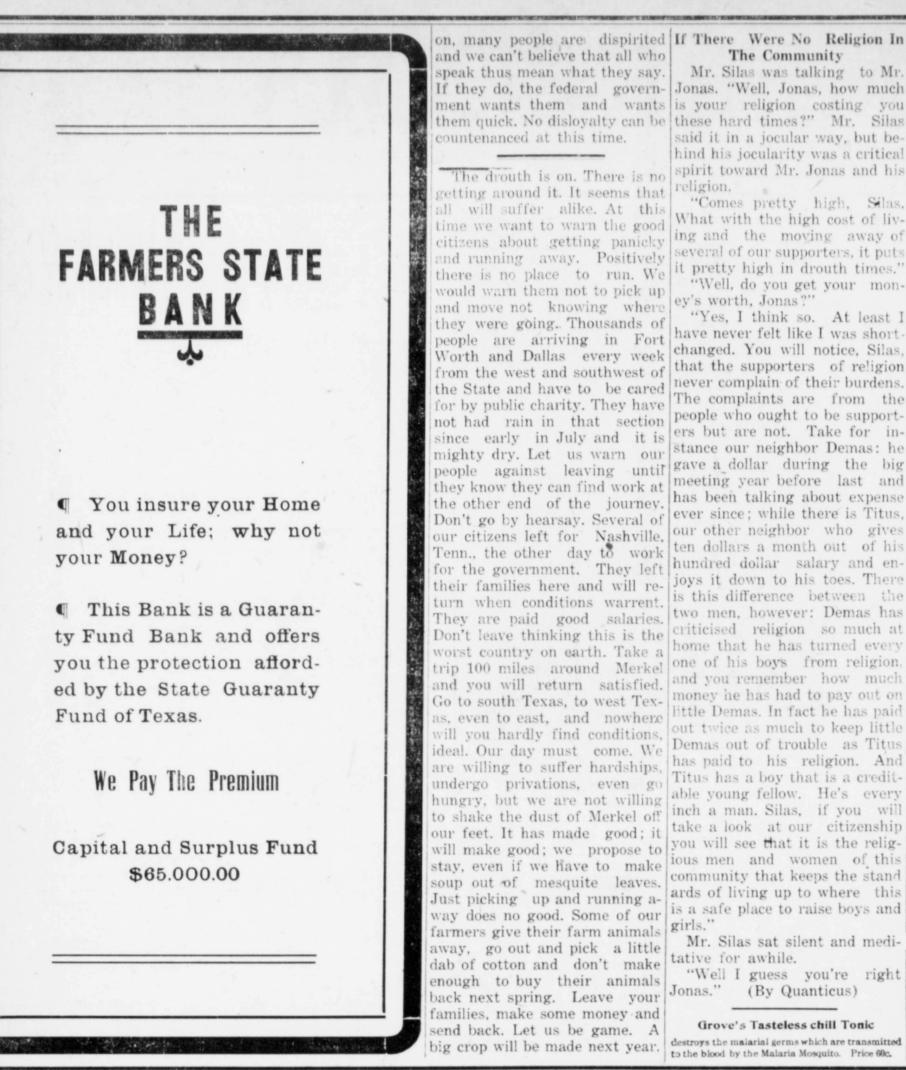
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daily.

Mrs. Dee Coats, who was seri- most grtefully yours.

VISITS MARKET

E. N. Brown, manager of the able to make a further canvas



The Community and we can't believe that all who speak thus mean what they say. Mr. Silas was talking to Mr. If they do, the federal govern- Jonas. "Well, Jonas, how much ment wants them and wants is your religion costing you them quick. No disloyalty can be these hard times?" Mr. Silas said it in a jocular way, but behind his jocularity was a critical spirit toward Mr. Jonas and his The drouth is on. There is no eligion. retting around it. It seems that "Comes pretty high, Silas. ll will suffer alike. At this What with the high cost of livime we want to warn the good ing and the moving away of citizens about getting panicky several of our supporters, it puts nd running away. Positively it pretty high in drouth times." there is no place to run. We "Well, do you get your monwould warn them not to pick up ey's worth, Jonas?

and move not knowing where "Yes, I think so. At least I they were going. Thousands of have never felt like I was short. people are arriving in Fort changed. You will notice, Silas, Worth and Dallas every week that the supporters of religion from the west and southwest of never complain of their burdens. the State and have to be cared The complaints are from the for by public charity. They have people who ought to be supportnot had rain in that section ers but are not. Take for insince early in July and it is stance our neighbor Demas: he mighty dry. Let us warn our people against leaving until gave a dollar during the big meeting year before last and they know they can find work at has been talking about expense the other end of the journey. ever since; while there is Titus, Don't go by hearsay. Several of our other neighbor who gives our citizens left for Nashville, ten dollars a month out of his Tenn., the other day to work hundred dollar salary and enfor the government. They left joys it down to his toes. There their families here and will reis this difference between the turn when conditions warrent. two men, however: Demas has They are paid good salaries. criticised religion so much at Don't leave thinking this is the home that he has turned every worst country on earth. Take a one of his boys from religion. trip 100 miles around Merkel and you remember how much and you will return satisfied. money he has had to pay out on Go to south Texas, to west Texlittle Demas. In fact he has paid as, even to east, and nowhere out twice as much to keep little vill you hardly find conditions, Demas out of trouble as Titus ideal. Our day must come. We has paid to his religion. And are willing to suffer hardships, Titus has a boy that is a creditundergo privations, even go hungry, but we are not willing able young fellow. He's every to shake the dust of Merkel off inch a man. Silas, if you will take a look at our citizenship our feet. It has made good; it you will see that it is the religwill make good; we propose to ious men and women of this stay, even if we have to make community that keeps the stand soup out of mesquite leaves. ards of living up to where this Just picking up and running ais a safe place to raise boys and vay does no good. Some of our farmers give their farm animals girls." Mr. Silas sat silent and mediaway, go out and pick a little tative for awhile. lab of cotton and don't make "Well I guess you're right enough to buy their animals (By Quanticus) Jonas." oack next spring. Leave your

J. T. Warren, President

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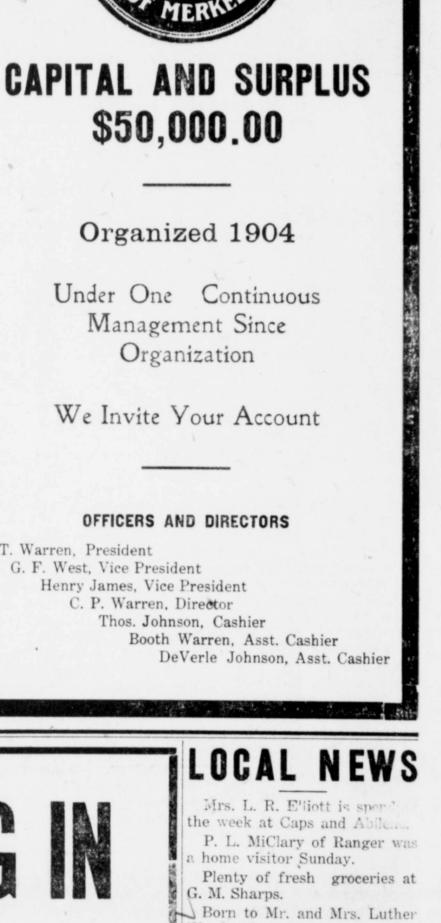
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No one in the army should be addressed as Mr.His title should always precede his name. If private, Pvt.; if corporal, Cor., ect. It would greatly facilitate the handling of mail to pay attention to these regulations.

There never was a time when history was being made with the rapidity that it is being made today. The world is in deadly combat. Civilization hangs in the balance of the most ferocious struggle that ever called into play the passions of men. The news from the front is fine, but it must be remembered that so far the allies have only pushed the Germans back over the terri tory they recently acquired. The war is not yet over, but days, weeks and months of the hardest fighting must ensue. We predict that the resources and vital ity of every nation engaged will be pretty well used up by time the mighty struggle closes. It is therefore the duty of every one to co-operate to the utmost in the winning of the war.

The Council of Defense is gathering records of what the people have done to win the war. Generally they have been met in a most cordial manner. A few have spoken out, wanting to know why they should help the government, as they did not know that the government had ever helped them, that the Red Cross was a grafting machine, etc. In most cases the gravity of such talk has been gently brought to their attention and practically all of them have taken back what they said. Let us caution the people, if they are loyal not to speak hastily because of a fancied intrusion. The drouth is

NEW GUUUS MULLING

Most all our goods were bought last December, February, March, **April and May.**

The same goods are selling on today's market at 20 to 40 per cent higher.

Get in early on your buying, as you will pay bigger prices in **November and December.**

The Brown D. G. Company

J. d. Woodroof on August 9, a fine boy, named Lawrence DeVerle. Go to Rogers where the dollar buys most. Mrs. Ruth Moore is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Q. Brown. J. W. Dorris of Ft. Worth is visiting his daughter, Mrs. P. L. McClary. Take your clothes to Mrs. C.L. Cash and have them cleaned and pressed. Mrs. Willie Scarborough,field secretary of the Presbyterian orphanage at Albany, is visiting relatives and friends in Merkel. Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp and save en-18 ough to buy war saving stamps Mrs. Nobles and daughters, Misses Tiny and Eda, of Fort Worth visited Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson the past week. Mrs. Nobles is Mrs. Hutchesons mother. Bring your fresh eggs and butter to E. L. Rogers. Best prices paid. Wallace Bragg donated \$5.00 to the fire department for good daugh services rendered. The department has made a couple of runs to the Bragg residence recently. 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 18 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.

STOMACH TROUBLE

Mr. Marion Holcomb, of Nancy, Ky., says: "For quite a long while I suffered with stomach trouble. I would have pains and a heavy feeling after my meals, a most disagreeable taste in my mouth. If I ate anything with butter, oil or grease, I would spit it up. I began to have regular sick headache. I had used pills and tablets, but after a course of these, I would be constipated. It just seemed to tear my stomach all up. I found they were no good at all for my trouble. I heard

THEDFORD'S

BLACK-DRAUGHT

recommended very highly, so began to use it. It cured me. I keep it in the house all the time. It is the best liver medicine made. I do not have sick headache or stomach trouble any more." Black-Draught acts on the jaded liver and helps it to do its important work of throwing out waste materials and poisons from the system. This medicine should be in every household for use in time of need. Get a package today. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh to-morrow. Price 25c a package. All druggists.

ONE CENT A DOSE

and Petrea Stockton of Abilene and Deskin Snow of Mulberry Canyon. The home guests were Misses Annie and Josie Smith uers. and Virginia Cameron and J. W. Hill and family. The guests en-Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor joyed special dinners, suppers, breakfasts, kodaking and joy ri-Miss Ruby Jones Entertains des during the week.

by Miss Ruby Jones at her hos- The Strong Withstand the Heat of Avery.

pitable home a few evenings Old people who are feeble and younger people ago. Various entertainment who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by tak-ing GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC. It purifies features were engaged in. The refreshments served consisted and enriches the blood and builds up the whole sysof cream and cake. Those in attem. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigor-ating Effect. 60c.

meyer, Willie Scarborough, Tom SOIL SURVEY OF TAYLOR Largent and Mr. and Mrs. L. B.

Howard, Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Washington, D. C. Aug. 6-To Gaither, Mr. and Mrs. Willie determine the nature of soil Joe Largent, and Luther Swaftypes of Taylor County, Texas, in order that local farmers may that 166 present looked fine. ford, Misses Maude Martin, Eva Williams, Mertice Saffle, Mamie be assisted in fitting soils to the Rister, Elma Sheppard, Venona different crops to best advant-Hamblet and Jess Sutphen, and age, the Bureau of Soils of the Claude Comegys, T. L. Grimes U. S. Department of Agriculture has made a soil survey of

ment contains a large map of

types of soils are indicated by

different colors, and on which

farmers may find the approxi-

mate location of their farms

with respect to well known land-

marks. There are 40 pages of

text, describing the soils in de-

tail and discussing their capa-

Cure for Dysentery

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bilities.

Interesting 42 Party.

Mrs. W. F. Stanford entertain

and Ellis Warren.

A delightful social was given

tendance were Mesdames Wed-

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday School Report. Attendance Col Methodist 168 \$4.44 Baptist 125 3.75 Presbyterian 40

B. Y. P. U. Program Aug. 18. Topic, What Do We mean by Salvation.

Leader, Miss Edna Swann. Song, Prayer, Song. Song. Introduction by Leader.

What We mean by Salvation, laude Riney.

Wrong Roads to Salvation, Effie Mayberry.

The Only Savior, Girlie How. ard.

What We Mean by Repenance and Faith, Mamie Ellis. Concluding Thought, Walter ackson.

Epworth League Program

Topic, Using Our Pens for hrist.

Leader Mrs. Perminter.

Song, Prayer, Song. Why our letters to the boys in he army and navy can be made to serve Christ and why they shouldalways be of good cheer, Miss Bess Tucker.

Song.

Scripture Readings by Leag-

Thoughts on the use of our Pens, Howard Laney.

Piano Solo, Lola Armstrong. A Call From God to use our Pens, Lillie Pratt Sears.

The Value of a Letter, Zella

Methodist Church.

Let all our Methodist folks watch our Sunday School superintendant, Mr. Ralph Henson. Keep your eye on him, he is bringing things to pass in the Methodist Sunday School. If ever a man deserved the full cooperation of our forces, Henson is that man. Conditions served to cut us a bit shy Sunday, but

Our congregations were splendid at both services Sunday. Our crowds are on the increase, some new folks appear each Sun day. There will be new subjects survey published by the Depart- did not each Sunday. You that sure to come next Sunday. We will have some special music, with a short clear cut sermond. both at 11 and 7 o'clock. Let all our friends be present.



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In every city, every communi ty;

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Publicly testify to quick relief and lasting results.

Summer Better Than the Weak

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COUNTY, TEXAS.

ed with a 42 party one evening the county on which the various the past week. Those in attenon more Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. he Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard, Mrs. Wedmyer, Mrs. E. Y. White, Mrs. Brock of Memphis, Tenn., Misses-Ruby Jones, Venona Hamblet, Eva Williams, Mamie Rister, Elma Sheppard May Miller of Dallas, Maude Martin, and Ellis Warren, Claude Comegys, T. L. Grimes

A Jolly Party.

Monday night a crowd of girls drove out to the home of Mr. aand Mrs. Willie Joe Largent and played 500. Those pres-

Eva Williams, Maude Martin, speaking of Chamberlain's Colic The Prayer Meeting will meet al good time was reported.

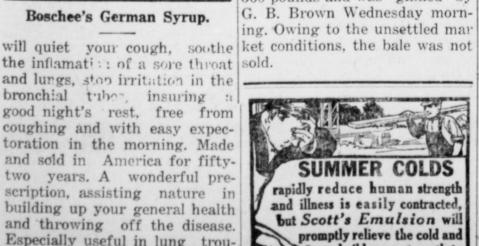
Sgt. Alfred W. Costephens, point of death with a violent at-Med. Dept., 8th Cav. of Ft. Han- tack of dysentery, and had been God. And the riches of God's cock, and Roy Costephens, Bat. given up by the family physici- grace are not exhausted by any Bank, Sec. D, Great Lakes, Ill., an. Some of his neighbors ad- means. This is a time to sit tight visited their parents, Mr. and vised him to give Chamberlain's and trust in the God of all grace. Mrs. J. E. Costephens, the past Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, "The Lord reigneth." Because week.

The out of town guests while that by doing so saved the life beneficent purposes toward men the boys were at home were Mrs of his child. He stated that he are realized. Behind all His prov G. H. Johnson and daughter, had also used this remedy him- idences, and the things that He Eva Maye, Elgin Costephens, self with equally gratifying re-Neva Etoile Jackson, Cora Bell sults."

De Ghajo and Ed Dodds of Roscoe, Miss Irene and Dee Donne'l

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C. S. Cameron.

Over At The Baptist Church A good day last Sunday. thank you. Good congregations filled the house at both morning

Twenty-six soil types, excluand evening hours. sive of Brough, stony land are The pastor is to be away on mapped in the county. These are next Sunday, but the pulpit will be filled both hours by Prof. D. W. Arnet of Simmons College, a preacher and teacher of "While I was in Ashland, Kan many graces and a very accepent were Misses Mertice Saffle, sas, a gentleman overheard me table speaker. Hear him.

Venona Hamblet, Elma Shep- and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes as usual on Wednesday night of pard, Ruby Jones, Jess Sutphen William Whitelaw, of Des Moin- next week, using the Thirtyand Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, es, Iowa. "He told me in detail seventh Psalm as its material and the host and hostess. A roy- of what it had done for his fam- for thought and discussion. Brot ily, but more especially his her Will Matthews will be the daughter who was lying at the leader.

Drouth is a reality, but so is which he did, and fully believes He reigns it will end when His permits, is a love deeper and broader and sweeter than any earthly human love has ever been. Let the hearts of the peoof Trent, Jack Morrison and The second bale of cotton gin- ple believe, and out of the darkdaughters, Faye, Madge and Lil- ned this season was the property ness will come light, and out of lian, Mary Pearre, Willie Hill of Emmit E. Patterson, weighed the bitterness sweet, and out of

E. E. Dawson, pastor.

Pastors Association Formed.

Church, secretary.

also formed which will be com- two very important meetings on For Indigestion, Constipation or A Charities Organization was posed of the pastors and one the second Sunday evening in Just try one 50-cent bottle of LAX-FOS i-ka surprises both doctors and man and one woman from each September. One will be a Con- WITH PEPSIN. A Liquid Digestive patients. It removes foul matter

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At a meeting of the pastors town and better the situation in Mothers, held at the Presbyteriof Merkel last Monday after- every regard. Announcement of an meeting place. Splendid pronoon formal organization was the completed organization will grams for these meetings are in stant action of simple buckthorn entered into by making Pastor be made at an early date. Those process of arrangements, and bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Standifer of the Presbyterian knowing of cases needing help they will be of interest to the Adler-i-ka. One spoonful flushes Church chairman, and the un- ought to confer with any one of whole community without re- the entire bowel tract so comdersigned, pastor of the Baptist the pastors, the mayor, or the spect to religious standing. town marshal.

Arrangements were made for

of the cooperating churches. It ference of Fathers, to be held in Laxative pleasant to take. Made and which poisoned your stomach is hoped by this means to consol the Methodist meeting house, idate all charity work of the and the other a Conference of Quinne and Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic.

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Mrs. G. H. Johnson and little daughter, Eva Mae, of Roscoe are visiting Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. J. E. Costephens, Accompanied by Miss Annie Mae Costephens, they spent several days with Mrs. J. H. Morrison and Mrs. Andrew Hill and other relatives in Abilene. They witnessed the airplane flight Monday.

Miss Ruby Teaff and Mrs. T. E. Lassiter visited Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy in Midland last week They returned Friday, accompanied by Miss Vernon Hill. They report a fine time.

BIG SURPRISE TO MANY IN MERKEL

People are surprised at the inpletely it relieves any case sour E. E. Dawson, Secretary. stomach, gas or constipation and prevents appendicitis. The instant, pleasant action of Adler

560 pounds and was ginned by the struggle victory.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Jess Sutphen is visiting friends in Abilene this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Swafford, Jr., and baby of Big Springs spent Sunday with homefolks.

Go to the Rogers grocery and the larger cities, and the spirit see how the spot cash saves of old glory was shown at severyou money.

of Big Springs was on a visit to help in behalf of the Red Cross homefolks a few days ago.

Cotton seed meal at G. M. Sharp's.

Miss Mamie Moore of Fort Worth was a visitor to homefolks the forepart of the week.

Spot cash saves you money at Rogers.

Mrs. Geo. S. Dunning and and marched on the boat and sail children of Abilene are visiting ed off, I couldn't believe there Mrs. J. H. Craig and relatives was a particle of danger, but I this week.

Tuesday for Okla., where they The most beautiful thing I saw will make their home. Mr. Wood on the water was the sunset. Af resided in the Merkel commun- ter sailing for several days with ity for the past twelve years.

or find a market for. So bring a- and the water grew smoother long what you have to sell. I Many ships were at anchor, and will buy Mesquite beans. W. P. the golden sun shining through Duckett.

received a card from their son, Geo. announcing his safe arrival over seas.

Economize now while every. body is doing it by digging up those old clothes and having them cleaned and pressed by Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Horn, brothers of Mrs. C. T. Mer beautiful and quaint England is, shon of Merkel, arrived safely with everything so odd looking. overseas, according to notice The buildings are all brick and just received. They are with the Army Mobile Hospital No. 1.

Don't forget the man that ery road in the country is paved buys most everything. Go to and shaded with large trees. If see him when you have any Texas had the good roads Engthing to sell. The first letter of land has, she would be the finest his name is W. P. Duckett.

Mrs. J. D. Clay and little boy. Max, and Mrs. Ed Lanham and little girl, Ila Mae, relatives of ico. Mrs. C. S. Cameron from Cleburne, Texas are spending the week at the Methodist parson. age.

GRADY COLLINS WRITES The J. A. Collins family have

received a leter from their son and brother, Grady, from somewhere in France, saying in part: Had a lovely trip through the states. Every town seemed to give us the glad hand, especially al places by the ladies of the Red Miss Martha Jane Swafford Cross. Now when the call for

> and the Y. M. C. A. is made, I truly hope and believe that the people of Taylor County and others as well will do their part. They are certainly doing a great part to heal this great man slaughter. I naturally felt shaky when going upon the deep blue but when I actually was ready

can say one thing and that is it

G. W. Wood and family left was a long, long ways across. hills of water all around, we I will buy anything I can use sighted land in the afternoon

a most beautiful cloud setting Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Reynolds and the dim blue hills in the distance presented an entrancing spectacle. At last I was to behold the land I had longed many a time to see. The boys all gathered on deck, and in their ad-

miration of the scene were speechless, only the sound of the waters could be heard. If I but could command the vocabulary I Garlin and Melvin Bristo, Van could write a book as to how

are very close together. The streets and roads are perfect. Ev

country west of Arkansas and

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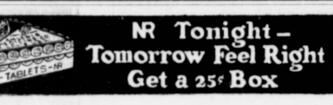
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have been here since the time of vertisement of "A stout, heal-Christ. We are very comfortab- thy, active negro wench." Anle in them though, for they are other feature that is gone into in very good condition on the in- the forgotten past is a wanted side. advertisement for an apprentice

The Fourth with us over here "An active, diligent boy between was quite different from any 14 and 18 years of age." Anoththat I ever saw in the U.S.I er advertisement says "Ashes trust and hope that before an- taken in said store." One adverother Fourth comes that we will tisement appears in poetry. The have these Dutchmen whipped paper is amply bedecked with and be back home. It wont take dark rules, as a token of mournlong to thrash them out, once ing for the lamented father of we all get together and get after our country.

them good and strong. Wm. H. Mershon, Co. M.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be

JAMES R. BROWN WRITES

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown are in receipt of the following letter from their son, James, who re- day for a two weeks visit with cently reached Camp Mills, her daughter in Milford. New York:

not so tiresome as we had Pull- Mrs. John Bond, and family, remans and service all the way. turning home Wednesday morn-The Red Cross met us in Fort ing. Worth and Greenville with fruits, cigarettes, candies, papers and magazines. We saw some rough country in Arkansas, many sawmills, negroes and razor back hogs, and very few pret ty homes.

In Memphis we visited the Y. M. C. A. natatorium and all took a swim. We passed through Nashville and Chattanooga, saw Lookout Mountain, lots of pretty homes and pretty country.

at Nashville two passenger spend a few months and then trains collided, killing 125 per- they plan to go to San Jose, Cal sons.

tol, it being well lighted.

and some running engines. From for so long a visit, but trust it their appearances we saw negro will be a very enjoyable one. women on the section gangs. Here we notice all of them are glad to see us and are very interesting to talk to and seem to quit their work to run out to vave at us.

We stopped for two hours at New Ark, N. J., where a passenger train passes every five minutes, and we could talk to those on board. They all wanted to know where we were from, and -----when we told them Texas, they said they thought so, that they had heard a lot of Texas soldiers and were glad to see us. Here we noticed whites and blacks rid ing together; we saw one negro Over Woodroof-Bragg's Store. and two whites eating together in a dining car. One of the boys said: "How can you do it. Get the captain to let six of us in there and that negro will be When you have a billious atplaying checkers." He told the Hours From 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. tack your liver fails to perform negro to tell all of his kind to Office over City Barber Shop its functions. You become cons-

ments in your stomach instead hurt. The negro closed his winof digesting. This inflames the dow to keep from hearing the stomach and causes nausea, vom rest of the speech.

LOCAL NEWS Mrs. S. F. Haynes left Mon-

Dill Bradley of Santo spent Our trip was interesting and the past week with his sister,

> Tom Toombs, Jr., left Sunday for Ladonia for a few moths. Mrs. Toombs left for that place a short time ago where she is visiting her parents.

Chas and John Edwards and the latter's little son, Jack, of . Midland spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. West Edwards. They left Monday, accompanied by George Sharp.

Rev. A. A.Baker and wife will Just eight hours ahead of us leave soon for Phoenix, Ariz., to to spend a few months there."

We went through Washington Rev. Baker says he is just going at night, but could see the capi- away on a visit, after a continuous residence here of 32 years. At Philadelphia we saw girls This couple is among our most pushing trucks, working in fac- honored and beloved citizens. tories, conductors on street cars and we dislike to give them up

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tipated. The food you eat fer- boys if he didn't want to get

iting and a terrible headache. We went to the Grand Cen-

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after which she will return to Dallas.

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last Friday for Altus, Ok., where dents of importance enroute. they will make their home.

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reports a delightful time. For them are in the war, that is all the past six months he has been that are alive. working at Ranger.

you spend money to keep your shoes n condition and neglect your face. after-shaving luxury), makes old faces

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day for Lenders for a short visit hope to visit there again. I would not take \$1000 for my trip. Next time I will tell you about France.

"For twenty years I suffered lished by Samule Freer & Son, from a bad case of granulated was shown us the past week by nate in this respect. His other Dr. and Mrs. Ed Swafford two-thirds of it and my eyes answer made by Congress and riching the blood. You can soon feel its Strengthand daughter, Martha of Rock- have not given me any trouble his reply thereto. It contains an dale, visited the doctor's parents since." This salve is for sale by account of the battle of Zurich,

nary forces in France:

throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle. Kan. Am well and all OK. Ar- been changed. There is one ad-much. N. C. Bush and family left rived over here without any inci

France and England are both very beautiful-that is to look Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXA-TIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken at, but not to live in. The U. S. by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E.W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c. is by far the best country I have ever seen. The U.S. is God's Elery Smith left Tuesday for country and one fully appreci-Nashville, Tenn., where he has ates being an American, with all secured a position to assist in the advantages his country has. building an ammunition factory. No one is left at home in France His family will remain in Mer- and England but real old women kel for the present. Mr. Smith and a few children and now and has just returned from a fish- then an old man, who is susally ing trip on the Pecos, where he blind or crippled. All the rest of

The American soldiers have most everything they need at YOUR FACE IS YOUR FORTUNE present. We are quartered in an A thousand people look at your face old deserted French village. while one glances at your feet-yet- There were about a dozen old women, two or three old men RED CROSS Shaving Lotion (the and a few children when we arrived here, and what few old ook young and keeps all faces in the bink of condition. This and other RED French peasants that were here CROSS tollet articles sold only by look to be as old as these old stone buildings, which I dare say

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A VERY OLD PAPER

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sore eyes, says Martin Boyd of J. A. Giles, who secured it from arm has been broken three tim- and eat outside, but that's only Henretta, Ky. "In February, his mother. It was published on es. 1903, a gentleman asked me to January 4, 1800. It contains a try Chamberlain's Salve. I synopsis of President John Adbought one box and used about ams address to Congress, the

the dispatch being dated October 19, 1799. It contains a full a c WILLIAM MERSHON WRITE. count of the death of Washing-Chas T. Mershon is in receipt ton, which took place on Decemof a letter from his son, William, ber 14, 1799. The advertisements

who is now with the expenditio- that appeared then are not ex-

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WOODRUM

A piece of flannel dampened tensive as today, but they are with Chamberlain's Liniment I am now a soldier in France, unique in character. In the and bound on over the seat of having been drafted from More- copy appears "Sheriff's Sale," pain is often more effectual for nic, Ariz., last April, and went which is the one connecting link a lame back that a plaster and from there to Camp Funston, in enwspaperdom that has not does not cost anything like as

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Real Estate, Fire, Accident and Emmitt went to New York last night and we both intended Geo. Groene got his arm brok- to go tonight, but can't leave, so en while cranking a car last Fri- I guess we wont see much of it. day afternoon. This is the sec- Emmitt received a wire from ond time this arm has been brok Stewart a few minutes ago and en. He is particularly unfortu- he will be over to see us tonight. We are in tents without floors for a short time. The weather is very pleasant except from 11 to 2, which is very warm, but at night I sleep under two blankets all night.

> I have seen several of the boys since coming here and we are all rearing to go over.

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