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INTEREST IS INCREASING

STORM STRIKES SOUTH TEXAS

Water Six Feet In Corpus Christi
Driving furiously into the Texas coast principally in the section southwest of Galveston, the tropical hurricane that has skirted the United States Gulf Coast for nearly a week apparently has swept inland near the Mexican border.

Wire communication was interrupted in most of the affected area and the extent of the storm damage could not be learned accurately Sunday night, but there were no reports of fatalities.

Brownsville and Corpus Christi apparently felt the brunt of the storm, which, weather bureau officials believe has passed on into Mexico, where it will be dissipated in the Mexican mountains.

Galveston, where considerable anxiety had been felt, apparently was struck by the edge of the storm area, and again the city was saved from any considerable damage by the powerful seawall constructed after the 1900 disaster.

Water was reported to a depth of six feet in sections of Corpus Christi and information received by the weather bureau at San Antonio said the water was three feet deep in the lobby of a Corpus Christi hotel.

Earlier reports Sunday from Corpus Christi told of considerable damage done by a sixty-five mile gale which swept away signs and awnings and drove residents of outlying districts to the greater security of brick and stone buildings downtown.

Isolation of Brownsville was complete Sunday night so far as wire communication was concerned, the only information coming from that city being contained in a brief wireless dispatch from Fort Brown to Southern Department headquarters at San Antonio, reporting a seventy-five mile wind at 4 p. m.

The effects of the high wind, which continued Sunday night, were felt at Galveston, too, and telegraphic communication with that city overleashed wires of the Associated Press was marked by frequent interruptions.

The storm struck Galveston early Sunday and caused the tide water to flood the business section and the north side of the island to a depth of three feet. The sea wall withstood the onslaught of the pounding waves, however, and there was no damage to the causeway connecting the city with the mainland.

By Sunday night most of the water had receded from Galveston's streets, although an area of several blocks still ran with water to the curb top. Merchants declared their loss was not great, as most of their stocks had been moved to upper floors. Galveston marine circles had no reports of shipping loss.

Telegraph and telephone companies lost their connections with Corpus Christi and other points south of Victoria, Texas, at 3:30 p. m. Sunday after employees of those concerns had said the water in Corpus Christi had reached a depth of six feet, causing the electric power plant to suspend.

Corpus Christi, Sept. 16.—The death toll in Sunday's storm will reach between 75 and 100 in Corpus Christi and surrounding towns along the coast, according to an estimate made today along the coast, according to an estimate made today by Dr. W. E. Wills, City Health Physician. Approximately 175 refugees have been rescued at Odem about 30

Sears Well Underreaming, Showing Heavy Gas Pressure--Big Companies Securing Acreage -- Casing to Arrive at Once for Bland Well, where Oil is Expected in Next 200 Feet

miles west of here, according to a telephone message. They had been carried across Nueces Bay on wreckage. All of them were suffering greatly from exposure. They are being cared for by citizens until vehicles can be sent to bring them to Corpus Christi.

Houston, Sept. 16.—Crops Christi wants good, substantial food that can be cooked, according to a message sent Tuesday to Houston by the Corpus Christi Relief Committee.

The message read: "Have plenty of provisions for 24 hours. Have plenty of beds for present emergency.

Seven thousands are homeless in Corpus Christi. "Send food, like meat and potatoes and meal, that can be cooked."

This message was relayed from Kingsville.

POCAHONTAS LEASING & ROYALTY CO. HITS IT LUCKY WHEN SEARS WELL STRUCK OIL

The Pocahontas Leasing and Royalty Company, with headquarters at Dallas, was very fortunate in securing a large acreage in the Merkel Oil Field before the drill hit the liquid gold in the Sears well. They have large acreage checker boarding the entire field surrounding the several wells that are being drilled in this territory and it looks like their holdings in this oil field alone are going to be worth a fortune. Vice President Irwin has been here all the week and is elated over the outlook. His company has extensive holdings in the Desdamona and Burkburnett fields.

BUYS COAL YARD
Clifford Rose has purchased the coal yard from Warren Bros. Clifford is an energetic young man and is rapidly developing into a successful business man. E. Q. Warren goes to Seymour. We very much regret to lose him and trust he will soon return to Merkel.

Buyes Interest In Restaurant
Beasley Bros. have purchased the interest of Shorty Holloway in the Richelieu Cafe, Mr. Holloway remaining in the employ of the firm. The owners are very fortunate in securing the services of Fred Latham, formerly of Merkel and one of the best restaurant men in Texas, as manager. Mr. Latham was in the restaurant business in Merkel a few years ago, and he soon made his place of business one of the most attractive to be found. We are glad Mr. Latham and his wife have returned to make their home in Merkel. For the past few months they have been residing at Houston.

FIELD BEING FULLY TESTED

Fifteen Wells to be Drilled Near Sears Well--Gillespie Showing Oil. Largent Well Contract

OPERATIONS ARE TO BEGIN ON TRENT WELL AT ONCE

Merkel has certainly been in the limelight the past week. The fever has not yet subsided. The indications of every moment is more promising. Drilling in the Sears well has been resumed and a strong gas pressure encountered. Another oil deposit may be encountered at any moment. Mr. Houghton felt certain that if the well had been shot at the appearance of the first oil, he would now have a well producing from 50 to 150 barrels per day. He is confident, however, that a better sand will be found lower down and decided to drill deeper. In event a greater amount of oil is not found, the hole will be filled and the well shot at the first place where oil was encountered. Mr. Houghton says there is nothing to discourage him in the striking of a gusher.

The scouts came out and looked over the field. They said "No good," and hiked. Queer, isn't it? but many of them rushed back to headquarters and made the most glowing reports. All week various individuals have been slipping out and buying acreage. We are suspicious that much of the acreage bought is going to big oil operators.

Three of the big companies, after having made thorough investigations by their oil experts, have purchased extensive acreage near the Sears well.

An oil operator from Desdamona, who is drilling five wells in that field, was here this week and is buying acreage near the well at big prices.

Oil operators from Burkburnett are very enthusiastic over the Sears well and expect a big well. They have purchased acreage north, east, south and west of the well.

Peterson & Company, petroleum engineers of Tulsa, Ok., have made a laboratory test of the oil, with the result that it shows 40 gravity oil. Mr. Peterson says this test is not to be "Sneezed at."

Workmen are busily engaged in building four 800-barrel capacity tanks, which they hope to have completed by Saturday.

Mr. Huber received the following letter Thursday from Ross J. Ream of Kansas City:

"I have showed the sample of oil to some oil men today and they all speak of it as being the real Pennsylvania crude. There is no mistake about it, the stuff it there and many people are going after it.

"Andy and I will be on hand shortly after the well is brought in and we would be there before if we could tell anything definitely as to when the big show would be pulled off, but as you say there are always delays which are not looked for.

"The news surely looks good to us and again I congratulate you on your success.

Bland Well

Casing for the Bland well has been located and is being rushed out of Fort Worth, expected here at any time. The formation has been so fine that results are expected in the next 200 or 300 feet.

The Gillespie Well

The Gillespie well, eight miles east of the Bland well, is showing oil at 1600 feet, which is in keeping with the geological reports.

Eskota Test.

California parties are drilling a test on the Eskota block eight miles west of the Sears block.

Trent Well

Drillers have been employed at the Trent well and he is getting ready for rapid development. Timbers have been ordered for the immediate erection of the derrick and also the drilling tools are expected daily.

Butman Well.

The Butman well spudded in a short time ago and are preparing for rapid development. The Sin-

BOARD OF TRADE GIVES BANQUET

The Board of Trade was honored with over a hundred guests from Abilene and Sweetwater last Friday evening. Over one hundred local people attended. Under the efficient direction of Toastmaster Mason, the affair went right through without a hitch.

The welcome address was given by T. A. Johnson in his usual forceful and happy way, and responses were made by the mayors of Abilene and Sweetwater. In his address, Mayor Scarborough said he would rather have seen the oil flowing out over the hillside for awhile than to have seen the tanks going it, but he must remember that the drought has taught us to take care of what we have, and we must take care of the oil, even though it should flow a sluice. Interesting and instructive addresses were made by the Messrs Houghton.

A feeling of deep cordiality pervaded the assembly. It is the belief of the leading business men of the three cities represented that these times of coming together will prove of immense benefit to the mutual business and industrial life of this section of the country.

NEW DRY GOODS HOUSE FOR MERKEL

Sieger & Strieber of south Texas have rented a large space in the Beasley building and will put in a big stock of ladies' and gents' and children's ready-to-wear. These parties have looked over the field and have decided that Merkel offers the greatest opportunity to be found in West Texas. They are delighted with the prospects about here. It is reported that they are among the biggest and most progressive merchants of their section. They hope to have their stock here and ready for business by October 1.

Car of buggies and wagons received at Crown Hardware Co.

American Beauty flour and meal are the best and are for sale by Crown Hardware Company.

I have a beautiful stock of new furniture and stoves at the very best prices. J. T. Darsey.

LOST—Buggy line between my home and Union Ridge School. R. E. Cole. Please phone 9034-F3 191t

WANTED—Bright young lady to learn the telephone work. Good salary paid while learning, and raises at frequent intervals with the best working conditions. Apply to Chief Operator Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company.

clair people are behind this project.

Largent Location

Pittsburg parties have closed contract for immediate starting of well on the Largent block, almost north of Merkel about two and one half miles. The money is to be in the bank by the 20th.

Optimism.

Optimism, rich and expective, is on the breeze. In spite of the pessimism of designing oil men, the fact remains that the oil is there and in greater quantity than has been found in any other section of this part of the west.

CLASSIFIED ADS

1 cent a word for each insertion. No ad. taken for less than 15c.

FOR SALE—5 young work mules, at my place. C. E. Jacobs. 1fc

WANTED—To rent a farm to a reliable family. Apply at Merkel Mail office. 12tf

If you want a bargain in 500 acre stock farm, 850 yards of well near View, about 75 acres cultivation, good tank and no stock on grass this year, address Box 790, Abilene, after 15th Box 255, Hubbard, Texas. Would consider good Ford or Dodge car. 12-2tp

ROOMS TO RENT—Furnished or unfurnished, to desirable parties without children. Close in. Mrs. Causseaux. 12t1p

WANTED TO RENT—A first class farm consisting of 100 or 200 acres. First class references furnished. J. H. Frizzell. Merkel Texas Route 1 19t2p.

FOR SALE—or trade for maize, an old single buggy, cheap. Suitable for children to drive to school. See W. W. Wheeler.

WANTED—A few cotton pickers, men or women, will take you out in the morning and bring you in at night. Weather and cotton fine. Wages good. Phone me if you can at 90 J. T. Warren 19t1c

LOST—Bay mare mule, 15 hands high, right fore foot has wire cut. Scar on left hip. One shoe on right fore foot. Finder please notify Merkel Mail. R. H. White.

WANTED—Either Automatic Remington or Winchester shotgun No. 12. Any one having gun please leave at Merkel Mail for inspection, or see B. N. Billingsley. 29t4c.

FOR SALE—Seed wheat. 500 bushels good seed wheat free from Johnson grass, at \$2.25 per bushel. Smith Gray.

LOST—A little black, male pig, about six weeks old. Finder notify L. E. Sanders.

LOST—Hose to rotary pump between Trent and Merkel. Please return to Henry Rose.

COAL—Orders wanted. I will have car of coal about October 15. Call 291 or see T. J. R. Swafford. 19t4p

WANTED—Family to pick cotton. Can furnish house. Jack Lattimore. 12p.

FOR SALE—Barber chair and mirror, only \$40. See Jas Patterson. 19t1p.

THE
FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas

A GUARANTY FUND BANK

If prompt, efficient and accommodating service appeals to you and you have not given us a trial, start an account today. You will eventually, why not now?

Ask our Customers

JAPAN ASKED TO SET DATE

Honolulu, Sept. 16.—The United States has asked the Japanese Government to fix a definite date for the return of Kiao Chau to China, according to cable advices received here today by the Nippu Jiji, a Japanese daily newspaper. The cable added that the Japanese Government had not answered the communication.

Swellings of the flesh caused by inflammation, cold, fractures of the bone, toothache, neuralgia or rheumatism can be relieved by applying Ballard's Snow Liniment. It should be well rubbed in over the part affected. Its great healing and penetrating power eases the pain, reduces swelling and restores natural conditions. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Great preparation is being made at Roswell, N. M., to receive delegates to the annual Ozark Trails Convention.

When the bowels feel uncomfortable and you miss the exhilarating feeling that always follows a copious morning operation, a dose of Herbine will set you right in a couple of hours. If taken at bedtime you get its beneficial effect after breakfast next day. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

WASHING

Are you having any trouble with your washing. Don't you think your are going to have greater trouble as the appeal of the cotton fields are going to draw every available person in town as the picking prices are going to be very enticing?

We have the real cure for this. We will sell you an electric Washer on easy terms, if so desired. We would be glad to let you have a machine on 2-weeks free trial.

The cost of current for the average family would not exceed 25 cents per week.

To do it the electric way is the easy way.

Merkel Power Co.

Dora Baptist Meeting Closed

The Baptist meeting at Dora came to a close last Sunday after a most successful service of ten days. Rev. Joe Wilson of Abilene and Rev. J. M. Haygood of Sweet water did the preaching. There were six additions to the church, four of which came in by baptism. The church was much revived and called Rev. Joe Wilson of Abilene as their pastor. A good collection for missions and also for the visiting preacher was taken. Much good was accomplished and great things are hoped for from this church.

Surgeons agree that in case of Cuts, Burns, Bruises and wounds the First Treatment is most important. When an Efficient antiseptic is applied promptly, there is no danger of infection and the wound begins to heal at once. For use on man or beast, Borozone is the Ideal Antiseptic and Healing Agent. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

Death by Accident.

Word came a few days ago from Beaumont that Russell French had accidentally been killed by an automobile. He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Boyce and son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. French and was about 14 years of age. The boy's father resided in Merkel several years ago. This was the oldest boy, and his sudden death was quite a shock to his family, relatives and friends.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1898.
A. W. GLEASON,
(Seal) Notary Public.
Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by all druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

THE
**FARMERS & MERCHANTS
NATIONAL BANK**

MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business September 12, 1919

RESOURCES

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| Loans | \$263,133.62 |
| U. S. Bonds and Other Securities | 11,552.34 |
| Unearned Interest | 260.07 |
| Stock in Federal Reserve Bank | 1,500.00 |
| Other Real Estate | 5,000.00 |
| U. S. Cert. of Ind. | 10,000.00 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 3,600.00 |
| Five Per Cent Redemption Fund | 312.50 |
| CASH AND EXCHANGE | 171,490.14 |
| Total | \$466,848.67 |

LIABILITIES

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Capital Stock | \$ 25,000.00 |
| Surplus and Profits | 39,775.16 |
| Circulation | 6,250.00 |
| Bills Payable | 10,000.00 |
| Due Federal Reserve Bank | 35,661.94 |
| DEPOSITS | 350,161.57 |
| Total | \$466,848.67 |

Modestly we recognize the responsibility that comes with leadership in the Banking business in this community.

This has not been a spasmodic attainment, but has obtained throughout all the years.

Read and compare the above statement.

Your business appreciated. Service the best.

"SINCE 1904"

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.

LOCAL NEWS

W. O. Johnson brought in his first bale of cotton Saturday that netted him \$218.91, lint and seed. He says he will make 25 or 30 bales. This looks good to us.

In every home where there are children there should be a bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge. It destroys worms and acts as a tonic in the debilitated system. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Miss Beulah Walker was married to Mr. W. E. Spears of Dallas on the 8th of September. The Merkel people wish for them a happy prosperous life.

List your property with the Merkel Realty Company, if you want it sold.

For the stomach and bowel disorders of babies McGee's Baby Elixir is a remedy of genuine merit. It acts quickly, is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.



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 \$1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

Many New Goods This Fall

LADIES!

Come see the newest in

- Suits Skirts
- Waists Coats
- Hosiery Gloves
- Kid Boots Outings
- Underwear Beads
- Handkerchiefs

MEN!

Step in and see our new

- Hats Ties Sox
- Belts Pants
- Shoes
- Cuff and Collar Buttons
- Shirts Caps
- Silk Collars

PRICES, STYLES AND QUALITIES ARE RIGHT

- Cotton Flannel
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- Towels, Crash
- Ginghams
- Silks & Crepes
- Kimona Silks & Crepes

- Men's Overalls
- Jumpers
- Underwear
- Gloves, Etc.
- Stetson Hats 7 to 7½

We save you money and breath—because we sell For Cash and at One Price

The Brown D. G. Co.

LOCAL NEWS

William Roy Costephens, who has been on the U. S. S. Emperor returned home, having received his discharge from the service on the 15th. Roy was with Lieut. John Philips Lousa's Band for several months on the Liberty Loan drive throughout the East, and later going to Cardiff Wabs., then to the large German liner U. S. S. Emperor one of the two largest ships in the world. Roy was accompanied home by his bride. They were married in New York City, August 19th. He married Miss Laura A Booth of that city.

If you are going to want a loan on that farm you had better see W. O. Bonev at once.

Fresh cake flour now at E. L. Rogers.

All county commissioners and road district commissioners, county judges and the other road authorities ought to make the trip to Roswell to see roads and learn all they can.

Don't forget Rose and Buford at the old City Barber Shop.

Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days
"LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially-prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly but should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It Stimulates and Regulates. Very Pleasant to Take. 50c per bottle.

Miss Susie Penn has been right sick the past week.

Chamberlain's Colic, Diarrhoea Remedy in Michigan.

Mrs. A. H. Hall, Caseville, Mich., says, "I wish to thank you for your grand good medicine, Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. We are never without it in the house, and I am sure it saved our baby's life this summer."

Mrs. Mary Carrington, Caseville, Mich., says, "I have used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy for years and it has always given prompt relief."

JOHN KIRBY WILL DIRECT CAMPAIGN OF S. A. IN TEXAS

Wealthy Lumberman to Select Executive Committee Soon For State.

MILLION IS ASKED FOR RELIEF WORK

Money Raised in Drive to Be Used in Building Where Donated

John Kirby, millionaire lumberman of Houston has accepted the post of chairman of the Salvation Army home service drive in Texas, which will begin in Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana September 25 for \$1,000,000.

Mr. Kirby will be associated in the drive with Governor J. B. A. Robertson who is heading the drive from Oklahoma City, and Governor R. G. Pleasant of Louisiana. Governor Hobby of Texas is acting in an honorary capacity on the Texas committee.

"Mr. Kirby was selected to head the state committee because of his popularity with the citizens of Texas," Lieutenant Commander George Wood of the Dallas Salvation Army post declared yesterday. "His long association with the financial interests of the state make virtually certain the success of the home service campaign."

General in Scope

The home service campaign will be general throughout the United States. The money asked of the nation is \$13,000,000. The share of the southwestern group of states directed from Dallas is set at \$1,000,000. On an estimated population of 5,000,000 for Texas, Oklahoma and the sections of Arkansas and Louisiana included in the territory the amount required will reach 20 cents per capita.

The Salvation Army funds raised in the great cities of the southwest will be spent in the cities from which it is donated. The money will be spent entirely for the betterment of home conditions.

"The question has been asked by a farmer as to what his interest is in the city development of the Salvation Army is," Lieutenant Colonel Woods of the Dallas office said yesterday. "The interest is strong. It affects him directly. It strikes at his family."

City Life Protected

"The welfare of the Salvation Army is the welfare of his son or daughter who visits the great cities of the nation in search of work.

"The boy who comes to the city is given wholesome surroundings. He is given a clean bed. He is offered a place for healthy recreation. He is taught to avoid the pitfalls of city life into which he might fall were he permitted to go his way without guidance.

"The daughter of the farmer or of the man from a small town is given a clean lodging place in the girls' hotel with board at a low cost. Many girls would not be able to successfully combat the economic conditions of which they are ignorant when they come to the cities without the aid of the Salvation Army.

Thousands to Cities

"Thousands of such young people flock into the cities each year. They are employed in clothing stores, five and ten cent shops and telephone offices. In many cases the wage paid is insufficient for their needs.

"The Salvation Army steps into the breach at such times and extends a helping hand."

The Salvation Army owns in Texas two rescue, two maternity and two children's homes. In addition the organization has four workmen's hotels and two industrial stores. The rescue, maternity and children's homes are at San Antonio and El Paso.

Eighty-five working girls and 215 children have been admitted to the homes in the past year. The new state fund asked in the Salvation Army campaign will go in part for the enlargement of the San Antonio homes. New buildings and institutions are planned for Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Twenty-Five in Girls' Hotel.

The girls' hotel at Dallas maintained by the Salvation Army now accommodates 25 girls, according to Lieutenant Colonel George Wood in his report for the year ending March 31, 1919. These girls, Mr. Wood declares, are given clean rooms and wholesome meals much below the cost for the poorest kind of board and room obtainable in Dallas. The home is at 1718 Corsicana street.

Many Get S. A. Groceries.

Meals and groceries have been supplied 22,194 needy citizens of the southwest by the Salvation Army in the past year, according to Lieutenant Commander George Wood of the Dallas office. 1945 were given lodging, employment was found for 350, medical aid was given 1148. The total number of suffering people relieved by the Salvation Army in the year is 20,669. The cost of giving the relief amounted to \$17,268.48.

PAINT AND PAPER

☐ We have a complete stock of Paint, Paper and Canvas
All kinds of Stains and Varnishes

☐ You have been waiting for that big crop to be harvested; you have been planning about the improvements you were going to make "when your ship came in;" you have been building aircastles.

☐ We have anticipated your wants and have bought accordingly. Nothing beautifies a home more than a new coat of paint and new wallpaper.

☐ Come in and look over the colors we have in stock in Paint, Varnishes and Stains, and see our new Wallpaper designs.

Barrow Furniture Co.

MEXICO SENDS PROTEST AGAINST AIRPLANES CROSSING

Mexico City, Sept. 9.—An energetic protest against American army air planes crossing the frontier into Mexican territory has been addressed to the United States state department by the Mexican government, according to Salvador Diago Fernandez, in charge of the foreign affairs department. He said that the acts protested against had taken place in Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila and Lower California.

MARTIN'S STOCK DIP

A better dip for less money. Martin's Sure Cure Roup Remedy, Martin's Lice Powder and all Martin's Remedies are absolutely guaranteed by Sanders Drug Store.

EVERY AMERICAN SOLDIER 'CASUAL' ACCOUNTED FOR

Washington, Sept. 10.—Every American soldier who became a "casualty" in the war against Germany at last has been accounted for.

A list of missing and unaccounted for which at one time was as high as 25,905 gradually was reduced until for weeks it remained at two. It is now presumed there is no doubt the two soldiers are dead and they have been so listed officially.

Of the total first reported missing, 23 per cent died; 16 per cent were found to be prisoners, 25 per cent were lost from their organizations in the confusion of battle but subsequently rejoined them. The remainder were found scattered through various hospitals.

Miss Maggie Wheeler spent a part of last week visiting relatives in Abilene.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves itching, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 50c.

WRIGLEY'S

5c a package before the war

5c a package during the war

5c a package NOW

THE FLAVOR LASTS SO DOES THE PRICE!



Relieve Your Rheumatism For 25c.

NR does it by improving digestion, assimilation and elimination—the logical way.

NR Today—Relief or No Pay

There are three vital processes of human existence—the digestion of food, the extraction of nourishment from it and the elimination of the waste.

Let anything interfere with these processes—let them be interrupted or improperly carried on, and sickness of some kind follows.

Poor digestion and assimilation means failure to derive full nourishment from food and that in turn often means impoverished blood, weakness, anemia, etc. Poor elimination means an accumulation of waste matter which poisons the body, lowers vitality, decreases the power of resistance to disease and leads to the development of many serious ills.

Rheumatism,—due to some interference with the process of elimination, failure to get rid of certain body poisons,—cannot be expected to yield to any medicine that fails to correct the condition responsible for it. Could any reasonable person expect to rid himself of rheumatic pain as long as

rheumatic poison is allowed to remain in the body.

Think of this. It explains the success of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) in so many cases where other medicines have failed. Thousands are using NR Tablets every day and getting relief. Why pay five or ten times as much for uncertain things? A 25c box of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets), containing enough to last twenty-five days,—must help you, must give you prompt relief and satisfactory benefit or cost you nothing.

And Nature's Remedy is not only for the relief of rheumatism. It improves digestion, tones the liver, regulates kidney and bowel action, improves the blood and cleanses the whole system. You'll feel like a new person when you've taken NR Tablets a week. You've tried the expensive medicines and doctors, now make the real test. You'll get results this time. Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) is sold, guaranteed and recommended by your druggist.

SANDERS DRUG STORE

Nature's Remedy Better Than Pills For Liver Ills. Get a 25c Box

Sweetheart of Fighter is Kept by S.A.

Soldier Boy Leaves His Girl With Gospel Workers To Be Cared for in War.

She was just a little red-cheeked country girl who had come to the city to work. She hadn't come for any story-book motive, such as paying off the mortgage on the old farm. She was just a country girl who wanted to make a little money of her very own. There wasn't any chance at home. There was the butter and egg money, of course, but the family was large and there wasn't much to sell. So, like hundreds of other country girls, she came to the city to work.

She secured a position as nurse-girl to two children, not much smaller than herself—she was scarcely more than fifteen. But the wages she drew amounted to very little more than the butter and egg money back home. The children were not always kind and she could never do as she wished, but always what they desired.

Finds World Unkind.

A vague, hurt, longing came into her heart. She wanted to see mother and dad. She wanted to feed the baby chickens; to rub old Dobbin's nose; to hunt hen's nests; to ride to the pasture for the cows; she was just plain homesick.

One of her duties was to take the children to the park in the afternoon. This was rather pleasant, usually, but one day when the ache in her heart was the strongest, and the children were more unkind than usual, she awoke to the fact that she wanted companionship—some one with whom she could talk of the things she liked to talk about, and then she saw him.

He was a soldier boy and was sitting on a bench in the park near where the children were playing. He was a bit lonely too, and in a very short time the homesick souls were sharing troubles. Every day she met him there and then one day, he was called away. That day at the park he told her good-bye. But before he left, he took the girl to a Salvation Army home. The boy twirled his cap in embarrassment as the matron talked to him, but he looked her square in the eyes.

He Was Square

"I've treated her square," he said, "but she will get lonesome again and the next fellow might not be so square. So I am wanting you to care for her and look after her for me while I am gone."

The girl stayed at the home, and when the war was over, a big, browned fellow rushed into the home, calling, "Mary!"

Mary was there and the two were married in the home. Now Mary and Mary's soldier boy are living on the old farm, caring for mother and father, and just being happy. And when they go to the city, they never fail to visit the Salvation Army home, which, they say, meant home for both of them.

ON GLORY'S TRAIL

By Billie Pierson

I went to sleep the other day—'twas quite unusual, by the way, for I believe that it is right to do one's slumbering at night. However, strange as it may seem I slept—and sleeping, dreamed a dream. (Here it is): I journeyed to a little town, a village of no small renown, a place of pleasure, pride, and joy for man or woman, girl or boy. It seemed that each one wished to do things only that were good and true, so it was natural to feel that living there would be ideal. The homes were all so clean and neat; no painted girls were on the street; the parks were free from dirt or shirk; no ragged bums were hunting work; no ragged children, dirty, rude, were seen to steal or beg for food; no grimy clothes, no rags were seen for everyone was neat and clean.

'Twas wonderful—then I awoke. Said I: "That dream was not a joke." How'er unreal it all may seem the dream I dreamed was NOT a dream. Salvation Army centers see this dream of mine a reality. The poor are helped, the hungry fed, the bum is given food and bed while factory girl, or bum or clerk—all who apply are given work. A home of rescue for the stray who's somehow lost the better way; all this and more these workers do to make a town ideal for you.

And now's a chance for you to do as you would have others do. Add dollars to the home campaign—your money won't be spent in vain.

Wood Visits in Ardmore

Lieutenant Colonel George Wood made a trip to Ardmore, Oklahoma, last week for the purpose of addressing the Rotary and Lions' clubs in a joint meeting with the Chamber of Commerce. The Ardmore boosters have raised their quota from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for the home service fund. They will build corps barracks with the money.

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On account of unavoidable machine troubles we were forced to leave out some very interesting articles, which will appear next week.

Blue Ribbon Herd Wins.

The Blue Ribbon Herd of C.M. Largent won Junior Champion Female, Senior Yearling Heifer, Two Year Old Cow, Junior Heifer Calf, in the Hutcheson Fair at Hutcheson, Kan. Mr. Largent is confident he will win in the herd contest. He is showing against such herds as O. Harris, Paris, Mo., Robt. Hazlett, Eldorado, Kan., Carl Miller, Bellevue, Kan., and other prominent breeders.

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Solo, Iris McClary.
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Benediction.
The Epworth League extends a hearty welcome to all visitors, and desire your enrollment in its band of workers, whose number and spiritual enthusiasm is growing with each meeting. Come! we want you, we need you, and we can help you. Join in a partner-

ship that will be profitable, both to you and us. Remember the time 8 o'clock every Sunday evening at the Methodist Church.
The Entire Epworth League.

The Methodist Church Sunday
Rev. W. M. Murrell writes from somewhere that he is having a fine meeting. He says he will be in his pulpit Sunday and hopes to see a big attendance. All services will be at the usual

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All Druggists

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We want to buy your maize heads. Pay market price. M. G. Stoeck and Bro. Trent Tex. 29t5.

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WILSON DECLARES ISSUE INVOLVED IS WAR OR PEACE

Only Way Peace Can Be Maintained is By Concert of Nations As Proposed in League of Nations.

Bismarck, N. D. Sept. 10.—President Wilson told a Bismarck audience that the issue involved in his speech-making tour for the treaty was "a question of war or peace."

There was only one way in which peace could be maintained, he said, and that was by such a concert of nations as was proposed in the league of nations.

Completing the first week of his tour, the president spoke in the Bismarck auditorium. It was the smallest hall in which he had yet spoken, seating about 1500. It was filled. No other address was on Mr. Wilson's schedule.

When the president's train arrived, a display of pyrotechnics was set off, carrying small parachutes with American flags high into the air. On the ride to the hall through crowded streets, an airplane flying low turned flip-flops over the presidential party.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were cheered as they entered the auditorium. He was introduced by Governor Lynn.

Should the movement for world concert fail, the president said, the ear of mankind would be over whelmed by a "despair" which would result in chaos.

"Men in despair don't construct governments. If we stay out or if we qualify our acceptance in any way, then the world will say, 'there can be no peace.'"

If the world were in disorder, asked the president, who would buy the wheat of the United States?

President Wilson was cheered when he concluded his address. The presidential party was escorted to the Northern Pacific station and the Wilson special left for Billings Montana, shortly after 1 p. m.

Car of buggies and wagons received at Crown Hardware Co.

HOUSE WIRING

On account of high cost of labor and material after October 1st Electric house wiring will be \$3.00 per drop. All orders given up to October 1st will still be \$2.50 per drop.

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Beasley Bros. & Hodge are preparing to open up a modern moving picture show in the Beasley building. Mr. Hodge is an experienced picture show man of Abilene. He has just returned from Dallas, where he purchased a modern outfit. The owners expect to have the show in full operation by the 1st of October. Mr. Hodge states that he will put on some of the most up-to-date pictures to be obtained.

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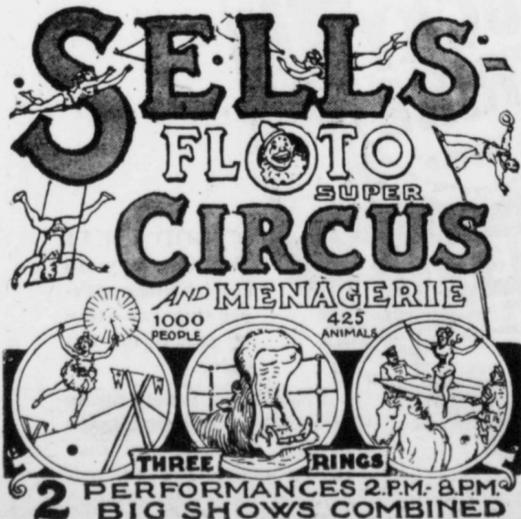
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Life

The simple lass.
The broken working man.
When life enters the door.
Only a gutter bum.
The woman who knew no shame.

By W. Alexander Imlay

She was only a simple girl from the country. She entered the big city in the hope of earning enough money to give her the clothing of the fashion plate ladies and movie queens. Perhaps she came with the intent of making herself useful in the world.

She got a job. It was work, if that constitutes a job? She slaved nine hours a day behind a counter or possibly she stacked matches in boxes—no matter she got the job.

And the salary, magnificent—\$10 a week. The clerks in Perkins' store back home only got \$6 but then she was ignorant as yet you see.

So she drifted along until one fine night she found herself hanging over the railing of the river bridge, pocketbook empty, hungry—contemplating a leap from the bridge—or worse.

Then there is the working man. He knows no trade for he grew up in untrammelled America where one is permitted to do as he pleases. An indulgent father had not insisted on him learning anything useful. His mother upheld him in idleness.

Possibly the father went broke. Possibly he never had anything. At least we find our hero at forty, discouraged, knowing no trade, on the bum.

A bad season strikes his section of the country. He has no money, no friends. Than we find him—where?

Riding the rods to a better land, in jail and out, a knight of the cinder trail.

The poor man comes, one dreary night to a cold home. He is out of work. He knows no friends. His children are huddled around a stove in which the last embers are dying. A small girl of four weeps for food.

A mother in the next room—there are two rooms—lies in a bed of old blankets and ragged great coats. She is moaning in pain.

A little life is to come into the world before many hours have passed. There is no doctor, no provisions. There is no fire, no light.

In despair the man goes into the night stumbling against the cold wind seeking assistance in his trouble.

There is a gutter bum who has no knowledge of how loathsome he really is. Drunken, abused, kicked and cuffed he dodges all human beings.

Like a trounced dog he avoids people yet he must seek them. At last he decides that he is down and out. He goes down the street with longing in his heart. He longs to tell some one how he despises self.

He has reached the turning point. Will some one hold out a hand?

Ha! ha! he laughs. He knows the world.

Then there is the woman without shame. Christ had compassion on her kind but she has come to think that no one else had. Happy like she spies her way about the streets of the great city.

Her cheeks are incarnadine. Her soul is as red as her painted lips. Her eyes are as full of guile as the misshapen mind.

Unloved, much caressed, hunted, a prey upon society she comes to the last step down, then she finds gold in her heart. Does anyone else find it?

So they run through the annals of life. But here is what happened.

The simple girl went to a clean boarding house and after a few years made good. She blossomed into a flower of pure womanhood.

The workingman went to working man's hotel. He was given shelter and clothing with food as the lowly Nazarene commanded. He learned a trade and became useful. He became a producer.

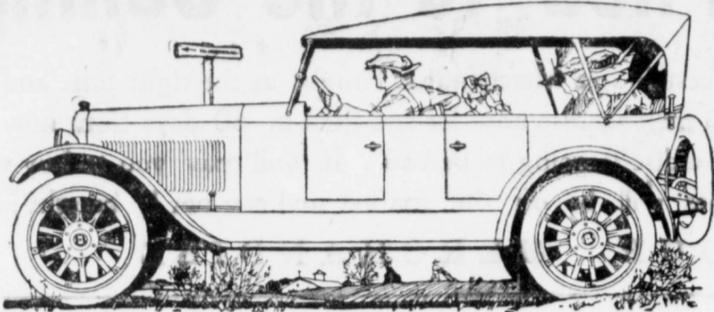
The poor man sent his wife to a maternity home where she received good care. His children were sent food, clothing and fuel.

The gutter bum was offered a chance at self rehabilitation. He made good. He quit drink, got a job and was useful.

The happy was sent to a rescue home and became a woman. She who was old only in experience again learned the simple love of a child. She was saved for the world.

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Waxahachie, Texas, Aug. 2.—The directors of the Hog Creek Oil Company held a meeting at Midlothian yesterday afternoon and rejected a bid of \$8,000,000 for the sale of the company's holding in Desdemona field. Many bids were filed with the directors, but the identity of the highest bidder was not disclosed.

The meeting attracted prominent oil men from many sections of the country. It was said that representatives of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, the Sinclair-Gulf Company and other large companies were present.

Had the directors accepted the bid of \$8,000,000 for the property the deal would have been one of the largest on record in the history of the oil industry in Texas. The shares were issued in the sum of \$100 each, and if the deal had gone through the holder of each share would have received \$13,333.33. Most of the stock is owned by the business men of Midlothian and farmers of that vicinity. Several shares are held by Waxahachie business men.—From the Evening Journal of Aug. 2, 1919.

The Pocahontas differs from the Hog Creek Co. in that it owns more acreage and the same is more widely scattered. Our opportunities are therefore greater.

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Wichita Falls, Texas, June 11.—Eighty oil companies operating in the Burkburnett field have paid dividends aggregating \$7,613,800, according to figures compiled by Everett Hughes, compiler and publisher of the Burkburnett and Wichita Falls Oil Development Guide.

The capitalization of the 80 companies included in this list aggregated \$4,334,000 making the average per cent dividend paid approximately 175 per cent. Very few of these companies are more than eight months old.

Burk-Waggoner Oil Association capitalization, \$60,000; total dividend paid, \$2,000,000.

Fowler Farm Oil Company, capitalized \$12,000; per cent paid, 11,458 1-3; total dividend paid, \$1,375,000.

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NO DRILLING— NO DRY HOLES

It's not the purpose of the Company to use any part of the Company's funds for drilling purposes; therefore, you will never be advised that a dry hole has been struck, the consequences of which would mean the loss of your investment. To be plain we wish to state our purpose again, we propose to buy oil and gas leases, and royalties, to sell same at a good profit. We also propose to retain for the Company in the sale of leases one-sixteenth interest and let the other fellow spend his money digging a hole in the ground and let big companies drill out our leases on the 50-50 basis. If they strike oil we gain thereby at no cost to the Company.

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Pocahontas Leasing & Royalty Co.

CAPITAL STOCK \$250,000

312 S. ERVAY ST., DALLAS, TEXAS

See E. D. COATS, Lease Agent, or D. L. IRWIN for the next few days

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Inez Scott of Dallas is visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Car of buggies and wagons received at Crown Hardware Co.

Miss Edna Swann spent Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Cracked wheat for chick feed at G. M. Sharps.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Latham have returned to Merkel to make their home.

Old friends we can now furnish you with fresh cake flour. E. L. Rogers.

Mr. Will Winsett and son, Guy of Harris Tenn., are visiting at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Toombs.

American Beauty flour and meal are the best and are for sale by Crown Hardware Company.

Every spendthrift intends to save when he is broke. The time to save is when you have the money.

White Swann syrup at G. M. Sharp's Grocery Store

Many a lad is "sitting on the world" when the world slips from under him. Hang on to your seats with War Savings Stamps. They stick.

American Beauty flour and meal are the best and are for sale by Crown Hardware Company.

The following Merkel girls left this week of Simmons College: Misses Lucy Tracy, Annie Mae Swann, Julia Martin, Lola Armstrong.

WANTED—A few cotton pickers, men or women, will take you out in the morning and bring you in at night. Weather and cotton fine. Wages good. Phone me if you can 90. J. T. Warren. 191c

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Co.

THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE

Hints From Our Millinery and Ready-to-Wear Department

We are opening express packages every day. The busiest hour of the season is here, yet anything we say can only hint at the many wonderful bargains we offer.



OUR MILLINERY STOCK

is complete with exclusive patterns from The Royal, New York Elzee, King Bee and others. A look will convince you.

WOMEN'S FINE CLOTHES

Our collection of women's fine clothes for fall is without duplicate in the city in style, fabric, workmanship, finish, individuality and lowness of price. There is everything to gain by the right action at the right time

There is nothing to be gained by waiting. See our special showing at once.

We await the pleasure of your visit and assure you that our services are yours to command.



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Wedding Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Dovie, to Mr. Asa Lowe, on September 28 at their home.

Birthday Outing

As a coincidence, Mrs. L. B. Scott and Miss Miriam Mitchell had birthdays on the same day, though they did not say how many they had had before, and celebrated the occasion with an outing at Warren Lake. The trip was made in cars. Dinner was spread and all report a delightful time. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. James West, Misses Zoe West, Mary Reed, Miriam Mitchell and Mamie Rister, and Messrs. Booth Warren and John West.

Thinks Well of Oil Field.

For the past week, D. L. Irwin, vice president of the Pochontas Leasing & Royalty Company, has been inspecting the Merkel oil field. He is very enthusiastic about the prospects and has purchased hundreds of acres of leases for his company. He has placed quite a bunch of stock with local people, who seem to be highly pleased with the plan of the company. Mr. Irwin makes it his business to visit all the oil fields of Texas, and he says he sees no reason why we have not got a field here. His company sent out a scout previous to his visit here and the report of the scout was of a highly optimistic nature. Mr. Irwin expects to be in Merkel a few days in the interest of his company. Mr. Irwin is an old acquaintance, having until a short time ago been a fellow sufferer in the publishing business.

Restaurant and Bakery Moves

The Metropolitan Bakery & Cafe will soon be snugly fitted up in its new home in the Gaither building. A modern iron oven has been installed at considerable expense, linoleum has been placed on the kitchen floor and the front is being decked out in the most attractive manner. Every convenience known to the trade is being added. The proprietors propose to spare no pains nor expense in having every detail brought out in the very latest fashion. They expect to begin business Saturday, as announced in their advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic

restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. Price 60c.

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A NEW SERVICE FOR HOME BUILDERS

The ever onward march of progress records another victory. The old fashioned lumber yard is fast becoming a memory, with its bleak, unpainted sheds and dirty office and in its stead is the Modern Building Store where in place of boards and timbers to greet the customer we see extensive displays of actual photographs of homes and buildings, a large assortment of plans and helps to assist the builder in obtaining the complete building he desires.

The material merchants have come to realize that the home builders are not interested in "How many feet of 2X4's it takes to frame a house or what that material is worth per thousand feet," but the information they seek is:

"What will my new home look like?
How will it be arranged?
What will it cost complete?"

In answer to this demand of the building public an extensive building service has been established, known the country over as the most practical, helpful and economical ever offered to home builders. This organization, by name, "Ye Planry" Service furnishes its builder's advice and plans only through the local lumber dealers in each territory.

They furnish their dealers, the local lumberman, with a display of modern home plans, suggestions, information etc., pertaining to every department of building.—The owner can go to this local dealer and buy a home or garage from actual photographs just like he would buy any other commodity.

The designs they show are the same homes as featured in the Ladies' Home Journal, Holland's Magazine and other National Publications as well as larger city Home Building Campaigns. The citizens of Merkel should welcome this valuable service as it will bring the latest and best in beautiful homes to our midst and will be instrumental in elevating our civic attractiveness by encouraging the building of more and better homes.

The local dealer who has secured this service is the Burton-Lingo Co., where this display of Homes may be seen by, all. You are invited to inspect it and the manager Mr. L. D. Levy states that every possible assistance will be rendered the builder, even to furnishing complete blue print plans and specifications.

Exit Ye Olden Lumber Yard—Enter the Modern Building Store.

Burton-Lingo Company

L. D. LEVY, Local Mgr.

FRED LATHAM

has accepted the management of the

RICHELIEU CAFE

The new restaurant the third door west of the postoffice where he will be delighted to meet his old friends and make new ones

Eat at the RICHELIEU where they all eat

Open Day and Night

BEASLEY BROS., PROPS.

Property Valuation

The following letter was received by a Real Estate man here.

My Friend—What can you do with my place? Can you now sell it for same that I gave for it \$3,200. What can you get? Is it rented? How far is your biggest oil well from town? Are there any people coming to town? Can you sell it or can you rent it for about \$50. per month? What can you do?

A Property Owner.

Sun dried apples at G. M. Sharps Grocery Company.

COTTON PICKERS

The Commercial Club is advertising for cotton pickers. Replies are being received daily. If any one wants pickers, individuals or families, call at the Merkel Mail and look over the letters the Commercial Club has received.

If you want cotton pickers, leave your name with J. P. Sharp at the G. B. Brown Gin.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.



It is a powerful and scientific combination of sulphur and other healing agents for the relief and cure of diseases of the skin. It is especially effective in the ITCHING VARIETIES; giving instant relief from the itching and smarting sensations and by its germ-destroying properties it exterminates the microbe which is the cause of the eruption, thus curing the disease completely.

Littell's Liquid Sulphur Compound is used in all cases of Eczema, Tetter, Barber's Itch, Psoriasis, Herpes, Rash, Oak and Ivy Poisoning, also for relieving the annoyance caused by chiggers and mosquito bites.

In the treatment of ECZEMA—the most painful and obstinate of all skin diseases—it is one of the most successful remedies known.

Small size 50 cents bottle. Large size \$1.00. JAMES F. BALLARD, Prop. St. Louis, Mo.