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TESTS OF HONEST WEIGHT

Austin, June 23.—During the past ten months the state weight and measures Department, under the direction of F.C. Weinert, has made a total of 50,390 inspections. There were 16,386 scales inspected; 738 were seized, and 3,088 were condemned for repairs. Of a total of 2,657 gasoline pumps tested, 46 were seized and 327 were condemned for repairs. A total of 3,559 liquid, dry and linear measures were inspected and of this number 434 were seized and 170 condemned for repairs.

During the period which extended from September 1, 1919, to June 1, 1920, eighty-three complaints were filed charging violations of weights and measures law. Thirty-one convictions were secured and forty-three are still pending.

In addition to the foregoing list, the following commodities were inspected: Bread, 7,185 loaves; butter, 1,438 packages; miscellaneous packages, 3,488; wood, 429 loads and cords; coal, fifty-four loads; cotton, 963 bales. There were 1,204 special calls made.

Since this department began work on September 1, it has standardized bread in sixteen-ounce, thirty-two-ounce and 48-ounce loaves. Butter has also been standardized in sixteen-ounce packages. It is estimated by the department that 1,000,000 loaves of bread are sold daily in the state and that 16,000,000 pounds is the annual consumption of butter.

Cases of Oak of ivy poisoning should be treated with Ballard's Snow Liniment. It is antiseptic and healing and a splendid remedy for such troubles. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. 4t

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Miss Hallie Marquis, left Friday evening on Santafe, for a two weeks visit to her mother at Lexington, Texas.

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Miss Evelyn Barbee came in last Sunday from Wichita Falls where she has been staying with a sister and attending school. Her many Merkel friends are happy over her return.

Merkel Bakery & Kandy Shop has your wants on your outing and fishing trips. 2t

Mrs. Talley Holloway returned last week from a visit to her mother in Fort Worth.

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LOCAL ITEMS

Miss Mamie Baze left Wednesday for Denver Colorado where she will spend the summer.

If you have reason to think your child is suffering from worms, take the safe course—use Whitt's Cream Vermifuge. Worms can not resist its expelling influence. Price, 35c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Misses Mary Campbell, Bessie Tucker and Mamie Ellis left Tuesday night for Abilene where they are to attend the summer normal at Simmons College.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jones returned first of the week from an extended trip to Sierra Blanca, where they spent some time looking after their ranch and city property in that section. Mr. Jones reports considerable interest over the oil question in that part of the state, here being several tests now going down there.

Just Received big lot Victrola, Columbia and Lyric Phonograph Records. Sanders Drug Store. tf

Messrs R. E. Windom and J. M. Deen, two prosperous citizens residing on route two, were here Tuesday on business, and while here dropped in to have the family visit their homes for the next year.

Plenty of Screen Doors at the Merkel Lumber Company. tf

Sam Butman returned first of the week from the Sipe Springs oil field. He reports big development there. He is with the Sipe Springs Refinery which is building in that city.

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No one who thinks a little need be surprised that production of manufactured goods has been reduced. The reasons are apparent. The war withdrew millions of men from production handicapped farming, stopped manufacturing in some lines; in others it allowed a very limited amount of necessities to be produced.

But this is not all. Few people are at work compared to the nation's needs. City laborers will not work over eight hours a day. When we consider that eight hours in twenty-four means work but one-third of the day we can understand why production is making little gain. Loafing, sleeping, agitating, spending, have two-thirds of the time while production is not keeping pace with the demand.

Farmers with the few hands now available could not produce enough to keep the nation from starvation under such a system of work. They are forced to work from ten to fourteen hours a day with considerable chores to do on Sunday, and yet they are not paid in proportion to the city man's eight-hour day. They are expected to pay whatever price under-production in city industries calls for, and receive less than the man who has sixteen hours of every twenty-four in which to loaf or sleep. This is why farming is not attractive to so many boys and girls. Farm & Ranch.

A HOME ENTERPRISE

The Armstrong Farm Tractor Company is building their plant at Sweetwater, Texas. There is a great demand for these Tractors and Trucks. Encourage a clean home enterprise. Stock selling fast. See S. K. Eckerd, Merkel, Texas. 18t4p

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A BEAUTY'S DEBUT
Uancy Chase, the young Eng-
lish stage beauty who scored a
tremendous success last year in
Daniel Froham's London revival
of "Everywoman," has an im-
portant role in J. Warren Kerri-
gan's fifth Brunton production,
"\$30,000," a W. W. Hodkinson
release which is showing Satur-
day at the Gem Theatre.
Before playing "Youth" in
"Everywoman" Miss Chase sup-
ported Sir James Forbes-Robert-
son and co-starred with Albert
Chevalier in several Strand suc-
cesses. In "\$30,000" she makes
her first bow to the film public.

BEGINNING AGAIN
By MARY WINIFRED FORD.
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"But Tom, what's the use, she will
only start all over again—it's getting
unbearable," and Dick Hollister paced
the room up and down as if uncertain
what to do.

"Dick, she is only a mere child—she
does it only to tease you, and you know
she doesn't care a might about any of
them," Tom added consolingly.

Tom Brewster was Dick's closest
friend, and Tom knew only too well
Dick's greatest fault, which was his
jealousy over any attention shown Fifi
Gray, his sweetheart from childhood.

Fifi was home for the holidays from
boarding school, and Dick was home
also for the holidays from college. The
first few days were delightful ones for
Dick and Fifi until Bob Merrill arrived.
Barbara Merrill had met Fifi at a
house party the year previous, and
they had become good friends. Bob
had been out West for five years and
had just returned home—"Handsome
Bob," as he was called by his most
intimate friends. After securing an
introduction to Fifi, Bob fairly monopol-
ized her, and fully three days had
gone by now and Dick had not even a
glimpse of Fifi. He called at her home
and was informed that "Miss Fifi,"
was out motoring with Mr. Bob, and
pulling his cap far over his eye and
with his hands deep in his pockets,
Dick would tear around the town look-
ing for Bob and Fifi, and then sudden-
ly would come upon them arm in arm
laughing happily. Fifi looked so un-
concerned when she saw him and
smiled up at him so pleasantly, that
Dick could only look at her and pass
on without a word. Fifi could not un-
derstand for a moment; then remem-
bering the old Dick whom she knew
so well before they went away to
school, she knew he was jealous of
Bob Merrill's attentions, and Fifi de-
cided to cure Dick's jealousy. So the
following day when she was with Bob
and Dick appeared, she passed him by
without any recognition on her part
whatever. The more Fifi thought of
it, the more she wanted to tease Dick,
so when she received a note from Dick
asking her permission to act as her es-
cort to Barbara Merrill's reception, to
which they were both invited, Fifi de-
clined with thanks, and added that Mr.
Merrill was going to call for her.

"Tom, this is going the limit—I just
can't stand it any longer; somehow
or other I wish the two weeks were
up and that I was back at college,
plugging away, almost anything rather
than watch that fellow take her away
from me."

"Dick, don't be foolish and stay
away from the reception—why don't
you show Fifi that you don't care—
why not make her jealous?"

"That you, Fifi? Awfully sorry, lit-
tle girl, but it will be impossible for
me to come over in the car for you.
I have to meet a friend at the station
—not offended are you? Thanks," and
Fifi could only stare at the telephone
in a dazed sort of fashion.

"Whatever will I do; the idea of him
disappointing me at the last moment—
why didn't I let Dick call for me," and
going to the telephone she called Dick.

"Yes, Dick, dear, I've decided that I
don't want to go with Tom; in fact, I
want you to call for me—will you?"

"Why—er—yes, if Mr. Merrill is not
going to," and to Fifi, Dick's voice
sounded very cold.

At the reception that evening poor
Fifi had a miserable time of it with
four conspirators around. Barbara
fairly monopolized Dick and Dick look-
ed like the devoted lover. Bob was all
eyes and ears for his little sweetheart
Nellie Lowe, and Tom played his part
to perfection. Going to Fifi who look-
ed so out of place alone, he said smil-
ingly, "Well, Barbara and Dick cer-
tainly are having a wonderful evening
—I don't know when I saw Dick so at-
tentive to a young lady before, and
look at our 'Handsome Bob'—oh, by
the way, do you know they are going
to announce the engagement tomor-
row?"

At this point of the conversation
Tom was called away, and Fifi was
left to wonder whose engagement it
was, Dick and Barbara's or Bob's, and
feeling certain that no one saw her
she stole out into the conservatory
and sitting behind some palms the
brown curly head dropped and the
tears fell fast. And before she real-
ized it, she was talking aloud: "To
think my little playmate and sweet-
heart is mine no more," and the tears
continued to fall. A heavy step sound-
ed close by, but Fifi did not pay any
attention to it, and presently a voice
was saying, "No, dear little playmate,
I'm still your Dick and what's more—"

"Why, Dick Hollister, the idea of
you talking to me like that when Bar-
bara and—oh, let me pass," but Dick
stood in her way and taking the little
hands in his he told her how Barbara,
he, Tom and Bob had conspired in or-
der to cure her of her flirtations and
teasing him.

"Why—er—Dick, that's funny, and
only a few days ago I decided I want-
ed to give you a lesson so that you
would not be jealous of me any more,
but—"

"But what, little girl?" asked Dick
tenderly.

"Well, it's—it's kind of nice to have
someone care, and I don't care if you
are jealous, so there!" and Fifi tried
to run away.

The waltz was playing and as the
last note died, Dick whispered in Fifi's
ear, "Yes, little girl, we'll begin all
over again."

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SATURDAY SPECIALS

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- All men and boys straw and panama Hats..... 33 1/2 off
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Bro. M. L. Vaughn of Abilene will be with us again next Sunday. Everybody invited to hear him.

Our summer meeting begins on the ninth of July. Eld. Joe S. Warlick will do the preaching for us. Let's all get ready for this meeting and make it the best possible.

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All Druggists

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Mrs. G. A. Rister recently returned from a visit to her old home at Davilla, Texas.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements are made subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July, 1920.
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District Clerk:
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For Sheriff:
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For County Judge:
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J. W. Moffett
D. G. Hill

For County Attorney:
Carlos D. Speck,
T. M. Willis,

For County Tax Assessor:
Mrs. Florence Vance
Roy Parmelly

County Treasurer:
Austin Fitts.

For County Clerk:
(Miss) Fannie Tippet

For Tax Collector:
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J. N. Routh.

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S. A. (Sid) Coats.
W. H. Frazier

County School Superintendent.
John F. Odor.
John R. Hutto

For Public Weigher:
J. M. Garrett

LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. Link of Aspermant, is spending the week in Merkel the guest of Mrs. D. Cranford.

WILLIAM DUNCAN HERE MONDAY AT THE COZY
William Duncan, popular screen star with scores of Merkel show fans, who played the part of Dick Darling in "Smashing Barriers," will appear in the "Silent Avenger," an added attraction at the Cozy Theatre Monday night.

Try a sack of Marechal Neal Flower. None better, Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf

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NOODLE NEWS

Crops are looking good after two good rains. Mrs. D. C. Herring is real sick at this writing. Miss Grace Ely is spending this week with her brothers at Sweetwater. Mrs. W. W. Allison of Munday Texas is visiting Mrs. J. O. Joplin. Grace and Novella Ely were the guests of Modell Bicknell Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Herring of Carpenters Gap, were visitors at D. C. Herring's Sunday. A great and exciting ball game was played Saturday evening between Noodle and Horn.

Noodle bing the winner. Messrs. Joplin, Allison and Clark visited Mrs. W. J. Bicknell Saturday evening. Mrs. D. L. Nicholson is spending this week with her parents at this place. The good talk made Sunday by Mr. Thompson of Merkel was enjoyed by all present. Also the sermon by Mr. Landreth Sunday night. Sorry that the young people caused so much disturbance but I wish to state that it wasn't the Noodle boys and girls but the young man didn't know this. I don't think our boys and girls would do such a thing. Boys and Girls there is a time coming when all heads will bow and all knees will bend. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Herring and children took dinner with W. J. Bicknell Sunday. The meeting will begin the first Sunday in July. Rev. Lipscomb will assist in the meeting. Mrs. W. A. Clark went fishing Saturday evening but I think the frogs bit better than the fish.

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ICE ADVANCE

On account of prices advanced by all factories to us we are compelled to advance our prices 5c per 100 pounds. Abilene cannot furnish us regular so we have to get it anywhere we can, do not be surprised if there is an ice panic this summer. All factories are now burdened to its full capacity, and prices may shoot out of sight. We are working ever possible way to keep in ice some times they are awful high and we loose money. It looks like one cent and a half per pound for ice before the season is over. Yours to please, Edd's Ice Company.

CELEBRATES 100th BIRTH-DAY ANNIVERSARY

Relatives and friends of J. W. Banner do honor to the aged Veteran in a most appropriate and pleasing way. Last Saturday was a memorable day to many of the citizens of this country, and especially to the family of one of our most highly recommended and respected pioneers who reached the 100 milestone of life on that day. A great family reunion was held at the park and more than 150 of the descendants of this grand old man were there to participate in the joyous occasion. Mr. John W. Banner in whose honor the celebration was held was seated in a car with members of the family and carried a large United States flag at the head of a procession that went round the public square in the morning. There were ten cars in line, all filled with his descendants, and it was a most imposing spectacle. They went out to the grounds where a cot was placed on the platform under the big shed and Mr. Banner could lie down when he felt so inclined. He was feeble, yet remarkably well preserved, and his face though wrinkled with the cares of passing years, was of a most ruddy hue. His eyesight has become impaired, and he could not distinguish the many faces around him when any distance away, but could hear the sound of voices and the laughter of children and knew that those near and dear, even to the third and fourth generation were gathered there. Mr. Banner has seven living children, grandchildren, 118 great grandchildren and 10 great, great grandchildren, though all were not able to be present on this occasion. The youngest was a wee tot, one of those mentioned, just six weeks old. They ranged all the way from that up to the age of the venerable father of them all. A magnificent dinner was

spread on the platform, and the large family, together with a few invited friends, including the editor of this paper, enjoyed a most sumptuous meal, showing that the good women who have moulded the lives and characters of each succeeding generation have not forgotten the practical duties that rest upon them in contributing to the physical welfare of their loved ones. It was a great feast of good things to eat, and in quantity was most abundant. Everything almost that could be thought of to tempt the appetite of mortal man had been cooked and prepared for the occasion and was served with such charming hospitality that all could enter with them into the full spirit of the occasion.

In the afternoon about 3:30 o'clock, a large number of friend of the family, wishing to have a part in doing honor to their fellow citizen who had rounded out a century here on earth, came up to the park and informed Mr. Banner that they wished to express to him and those present their sincere congratulations and to testify their great appreciation of his long and blameless life among them. Accordingly, Mr. Hilton Burks, standing upon the platform, called them to order and stated the objects of their appearance there, and that they had a little token of regard they wished to present to Grandpa Banner which could be done by Mr. J. A. Holman, who had been selected as their spokesman.

Thereupon Mr. Holman, who has lived in this country for more than 35 years, rose and addressed the crowd. He stated that he had seen where a centenarian in another town had been presented with 100 dimes on the 100th anniversary of his birthday, and he had suggested to Mr. Hilton Burks that the same thing be done here for Mr. Banner. But Mr. Burks said it would be \$100 and that he would get it from 100 of the men who had been in Comanche county for over 25 years. Accordingly Mr. Burks took a paper and got the 100 citizens to give a dollar each which they gladly did. And it was his privilege to present to



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Mr. Banner on this occasion a tin box containing 100 silver dollars given him by those who knew and loved him for his long and upright life in their midst. He said when the one hundred names had been secured others came and wanted to have a part in this testimonial, and they had accepted several extra dollars which would represent years of future life they hoped were yet vouchsafed to Mr. Banner. It was a very appropriate talk and the box was then opened and with the silver dollars it contained was handed over to Mr. Banner. Mr. Burks then arose and stated that the idea suggested to him by Mr. Holman, had been carried out with the greatest gratification, and he could have secured a thousand contributors to the fund which was not given as a donation, for Mr. Banner

was not in need of financial aid, but as a simple testimonial of the regard in which he was held by those contributing. A group picture of the large family was taken and will be reproduced at some future time for the benefit of our readers. The following are the several children who, with their descendants, were present on this notable occasion: T. J. Banner, J. L. Banner of Merkel, W. M. Banner of Haskell county; Mrs. A. V. Logan of San Benito, Mrs. J. W. McCollum of Comanche, J. F. Banner of Comanche, Mrs. Frank Clark of Comanche—Comanche Chief.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Plenty of Screen Doors at the Merkel Lumber Company. tf

M. E. Perry one of the splendid citizens on route three, was here one day this week, and dropped in and had the Merkel Mail sent to him for the next year.

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System, supervised and controlled by Uncle Sam. We invite your business.

E. H. Ray who has been doing some gin work over at Coleman for several weeks returned home this week.

Light Crust Flour at G. M. Sharp's. tf

S. A. Johnson, who for a number of years has been with Washer Brothers Fort Worth, came in first of the week for a visit to his father, Capt. G. W. Johnson.

Plenty of Screen Doors at the Merkel Lumber Company. tf

Mrs. R. V. Teague who with her husband have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stephens of this city, was operated on at Abilene first of the week, and is reported as getting along nicely.

Fresh Cream Meal at G. M. Sharp's. tf

See "Pollyanna" and be Glad.

D. B. Knox who enlisted in the U. S. Army on October 8, 1917, and who was another of our boys who happened to be aboard the big ship Tuscanna, when that vessel was sent to the bottom by a German submarine, came in recently having just been honorably discharged from the army after a years enlistment, after he had served with the army in France and then the army of occupation in Germany after the armistice. He says he has seen lots of the world, some of it very fine and beautiful, but west Texas looks better to him than all the world.

Mice, Mice. Where? In the Merkel Bakery & Kandy Shop's Cake case. 2t

W. Frank Armstrong, who spent last year at the State Medical College at Galveston, after spending some time with his parents, D. and Mrs. M. Armstrong of this city, left first of the week for Maddison, Wisconsin, where he will attend the University there until September.

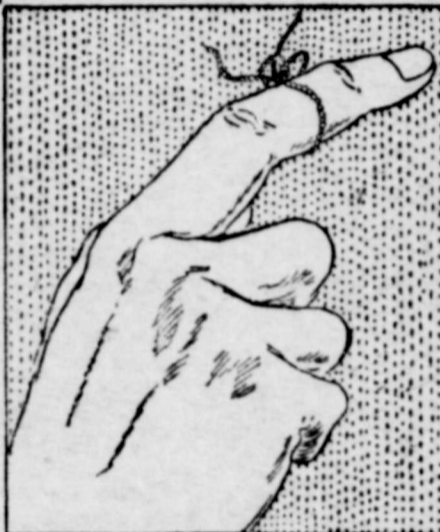
J. N. Shelton is adding to the appearance and preserving the life of some of his tenant houses, by giving them a nice coat of paint.

A BEAUTY'S DEBUT

Uancy Chase, the young English stage beauty who scored a tremendous success last year in Daniel Froham's London revival of "Everywoman," has an important role in J. Warren Kerrigan's fifth Brunton production, "\$30,000," a W. W. Hodkinson release which is showing Saturday at the Gem Theatre.

Before playing "Youth" in "Everywoman" Miss Chase supported Sir James Forbes-Robertson and co-starred with Albert Chevalier in several Strand successes. In "\$30,000" she makes her first bow to the film public.

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LITTLE EARNEST WOODROOF PASSES AWAY

After an illness of some ten days little Earnest L. Woodroof Jr., youngest son of Mrs. E. L. Woodroof, of this city died at the family home Friday morning June 18. Everything that loving hands and medical treatment could do was administered for the baby child in this family, but all to no avail.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence Friday afternoon by Rev. W. M. Murrell, after which the remains were tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery.

We join the family's many friends in extending deepest sympathy during their sad hour of bereavement.

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Don't Miss "Overland Red."

WELL INFORMED

Harlan Toles Wattles, J. Warren Kerrigan's six-foot negro chauffeur, is definitely established out Brunton way as a humorist. One day, while he was watching Jack rehearse the lively fight scene that occurs in the star's latest Brunton feature "\$30,000," at the Gem Theatre, a colored prop boy accosted him.

"Listen yere, Mister Wattles, what do you call it when a gal marries th'ee times? Ain't that bigotry?"

"Lawd, man, you is ignorant!" scoffed Harlan. "When a gal marries twice that's bigotry, but when a gal marries th'ee times that there's trigonometry!"

BANKERS SUGGEST TO CITIES MEANS OF ATTRACTING A CAPITAL

Steps which municipalities can take to help make possible development of their utilities in keeping with industrial expansion and city growth are suggested in a resolution just passed by the board of governors of the Investment Bankers' Association of America. The Bankers suggest indetermination franchises to supersede term franchises and insist upon state commission instead of local regulation. The resolution, which is of much interest to all communities where demands for service necessitate investment of additional capital reads in part:

"Whereas, investment bankers are expected to purchase and distribute the securities of public utility companies, which must sell if utilities are adequately to supply the demand upon them for local transportation, light, heat, power and the transmission of messages; and,

Whereas, the credit of many of the public utility companies will not permit the sale and distribution of such securities, thus interfering with the development of many commercial enterprises, the welfare of many communities and the comfort and conveniences of a great many people; and,

Whereas, the credit of the public utilities is largely dependent upon the attitude of the public as expressed through the various governing and regulatory bodies:

It is hereby resolved by the board of governors of the Investment Bankers' Association of America that, as steps in the restoration of credit of the public utilities:

1-Term franchises should be superseded by indeterminate permits securing the right to operate under proper regulation during good behavior with provision for equitable adjustment of rate from time to time, as tending to eliminate controversies which inevitably impair the public service, the credit of the companies involved and the value of their securities.

"2-The power of regulation and control of public utilities should be vested in state commissions as tending toward standardization of regulation, which is not possible under local regulation."

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