

2 BUSINESS FIRM DESTROYED BY FIRE

On Thursday night of last week, at about midnight, fire discovered in the Hancock and the H. M. Rose Shop being in the same building with only a petition wall between them, and before the Fire department could get in action the building and contents were destroyed. However, it seems that the outer walls of the building were damaged but slightly. The business concerns were insured, but only for amounts amounting about half their value. The loss fell heavy on these gentlemen, and they have the sympathy of our entire citizenship.

We understand the building was insured, but as to how much we have not learned. We also learn that the owner will soon rebuild same. As to the future plans of Messers Hancock and Rose, they stated to a representative of this paper that they had not completed same, but were considering the matter of re-entering their respective lines of business. They are both splendid and successful business men, and have a host of friends who will be glad to learn that they expect to remain in Merkel.

METHODIST WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Woman's Missionary Society met in business session on Monday afternoon at two o'clock. There was a nice attendance at this meeting and very good reports from the officers present. We were indeed glad to enroll one new member at this meeting. We are just entering the last of his year and during this quarter we are urged to put on a campaign for the Voice also for Christian stewardship. Lets have a full attendance during this our last quarter and round out the best year in the history of the Society at this place.

The committee on Ways and Means reported all plans just about perfect for the "White Elephant" Sale to be given at the tabernacle next Tuesday afternoon, October the 11th. Every lady member of the Methodist church is invited to come to this sale. Don't forget the place and date. Reporter.

ENROLLMENT BIG IN HIGH SCHOOL

Concerning the work in the Merkel High School, Supt. Burgess states that, enrollment is larger for this time of the year than it has been for several years. The attendance in the high school grades is larger than ever before in Merkel. There are now at the end of the first month 158 in attendance in high school grades. More students are remaining in the high school than ever before known in Merkel. This is a good omen.

The interest and work being done are above the average. The vast majority of the students are doing very creditable work, and the attendance is very regular. Regular attendance, getting there on time, applying oneself in school and conserving the child's strength by getting plenty sleep will bring satisfactory results to parents, pupils, and teachers. The interest shown by all bespeaks a successful school year.

Only a few days left to get the Merkel Mail for \$1.00.

MERKEL'S FIRE RECORD SAVING TO TAX PAYERS

We most respectfully call the attention of our readers to the article in another column of this paper by Mayor West, designating fire Prevention Day. In this we commend our ever efficient and progressive Mayor for the time is NOW, when ever one should cooperate to the best of their ability in every way that will tend to make the hazards of fires likely. It will not be long until fires in the homes and all business concerns will be needed, and a bit of prevention not only means the possibility of a big saving in property, but in the matter of a saving in Insurance premiums. Take for example, the fact that beginning with the first of February this year, the city of Merkel was given a 15 percent reduction on a great deal of property insured in this town, and which up to this time along with the Good Fire Record, makes total saving in insurance alone of \$3,679.66.

Let every one help to keep the responsibility of fire down as low as possible, and therefore save the thousands of dollars we would otherwise have to pay out for insurance alone.

ESCAPED CONVICT IS CAPTURED HERE

There was quite a little commotion in Merkel for a few minutes last Saturday, when Deputy Sheriff Ed Blackburn and City Marshal, Jinks Winter, arrested on the streets a man by the name of Walter Owen, said to be an escaped convict who some ten years ago was sent to the pen from this county; escaping after about a years confinement and for nine years has been wondering about over this and other nations of the world.

Mr. Blackburn had had a tip for a few weeks that the man had been stopping with relatives residing in the Elm creek county south of here, and when he passed his man on the streets here, he immediately recognized him, and at once proceeded to make the arrest. He had been told that the man was a bad one and while no hesitancy was made in making the arrest, every precaution taken to get the drop on the gentleman. He was immediately taken to Abilene and placed in jail to await the arrival of an officer from the state institution.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

All regular services Sunday and through the week. Report of the Association Sunday morning.

Our letter to the Association shows \$29,500.00 raised and expended for all purposes during the year. Also 50 additions to the church.

We are planning for a religious census of the town to be taken Oct. 16, beginning at 2 p.m. This is one of the requirements to hold the A. I. Standard. We hope that every one will understand that this is not an effort to proselite or to take advantage of any one but simply an effort to help get more people lined up in the churches and Sunday schools of the town.

We have set our stakes for 500 in our Sunday School by January 1922. Our workers are lining up and planning to reach the goal on time.

There is a welcome for all in all services of the church. Ira L. Parack, pastor.

Mrs. Lowe and daughter, Mrs. Willie, of Kansas, came in this week for a short visit with the former's daughter, Mrs. S. J. Grayson, of the Shilo community

LYCEUM TONIGHT AT HIGH SCHOOL

The first number of the High School Lyceum course will be given at the High School Auditorium to-night (Friday) at eight o'clock. This first number will be "Within the Law", a play to be read by Miss Virginia Slade, an accomplished artist of the Redpath Lyceum Bureau. Miss Slade will impersonate sixteen characters of this gripping dramatic play. If you like to see this task accomplished successfully and interestingly, hear Miss Slade present this wonderful play Friday evening. Single admissions will be 50 cents for school children and 75 cents for all others.

The second number will be the "Westhall Quartett", a male quartett, who will render a program of vocal and instrumental music on Tuesday, December 13. Hear this quartett with their melody of songs and their numbers on the saxophones and other instruments.

The third number will be "The Lyceum Arts Quartett", a ladies quartett, which will render a program on March 16th. This, like the male quartett, will render a program of variety, consisting of music and readings.

The fourth and last number will be Reno, the magician. He is an expert slight-of hand performer who has been at it for 25 years. He is universally popular, always having a large crowd, and a satisfied one.

Season tickets may be purchased from members of the Senior Class or at the door to-night. Adult tickets for all four numbers will sell for \$2.50; school children may purchase season tickets for \$1.75. Get a season ticket. This will be much cheaper than paying single admission each time you come. Some of the single admissions will be as much as a \$1.00.

We are glad to learn that Mr. J. S. Hughes and family, of near Blair, will move next week into their new residence, which is just being completed in Merkel. They are fine people and we are glad to have them move among us and wish them success.

Miss Hettie Wills let Sunday for Arlington, where she will attend Grubbs Vocational College the coming session.

STILL IS CAPTURED SOUTH PART CO.

Deputy Sheriff Ed Blackburn and city Marshal Jinks Winters went over to Abilene Tuesday of this week and with Sheriff John Bond and other officers, went out in the mountains some twenty-five miles southwest of Abilene, where they proceeded to capture a pretty fair sized still in full operation, and along with it two men and a woman were taken in to custody.

Messers Blackburn and Winters made the capture; the party having separated, so as to surround the spot where the still was supposed to be located, and as the spot was located in a deep canyon, it was an hour or two before the other officers were aware of the fact that Messers Winter and Blackburn had really made the capture.

The officers say that but small quantity of corn whiskey was on hand; but that run was in process and several hundred gallons of mash was on hand, which was poured out by the officers.

It is stated that the operators of the still disposed of their liquor at a house near by, which they occupied as a residence; the bootleggers coming there for goods; and Mr. Blackburn stated that although the house is located many miles in an out of the way place; a well beaten automobile road led to same; indicating that a rush of business had been going on there for sometime.

Y. P. M. S. NOTES

The Young Ladies Missionary Society met at the home of Miss Lorena Dry and went in a body to the home of Miss Bess Tucker for our regular meeting. This was a business meeting and an excellent report was had from the different officers. Every reporting officer being present. We were surely glad to welcome two new members and hope they may be benefited by being members of this Society. We also welcomed Mrs. Butman as a visitor. This was an excellent meeting and about fifteen members present. Our next meeting will be with Murphy Thomas Monday evening, October 10th. Let every member come. R reporter.

WOODRUM HOTEL SERVING MEALS

We take this method of announcing to our friends, former patrons and the public in general, that we are again serving meals to the public every day except Sunday, and will appreciate your kind patronage, assuring you that we shall endeavor to render the same satisfactory service in the future as was our policy in the past. Our rates will be \$2.75 per day. Mrs. M. R. Woodrum.

CHURCH OF CHRIST ANNOUNCEMENT

Bible study at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Communion service at 11 o'clock. Subject, "Obedience to God's commands". A continuation of last Sunday's study. Bro. Lee Acuff will read the scripture lesson and Bro. Lee Eason will have charge of the song service. Let every body come to church and beat last Sunday's attendance of 170.

You are cordially invited. O. J. Adcock.

REV. MURRELL TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Rev. W. M. Murrell, who for the past three years has been the pastor in charge of the Methodist church in Merkel left Monday night of this week for Amarillo, where he will spend the week in attendance upon the annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

During the three years Bro. Murrell has been in charge of the work here, the church has experienced a wonderful growth and development in many ways. He has been one of the most faithful, diligent and untiring ministers in the performance of his duties that has ever been stationed with this or any other church in the North West Texas Conference. He is a deep thinker and an able expounder of the Gospel; a man who in his daily life lives the life he preaches, hence no man can wonder at the great success that crowns his efforts where ever he goes.

Rev. Murrell left Merkel happily in the thought that he was going to Conference with a fine report from the Merkel church, every financial obligation having been met completely, and that together with the fact that the church has enjoyed a very substantial growth in membership this year, it is likely that he will have few equals and no superior reports from churches in towns the size of Merkel.

Of course as is the custom with all local Methodist ministers, they never know whether they will be returned to a place or sent to some other point until the close of each annual conference, and as Brother Murrell and his good wife have been stationed here for the past three years, it is possible that a man with his splendid ability will be sent to broader and larger fields. But whether he is returned to Merkel or sent elsewhere, he and Mrs. Murrell will be welcomed with glad hearts by our entire citizenship, should he be returned, and should the conference see fit to send him to another field they will carry with them the most sincere and best wishes of every one.

Mrs. G. E. Hamm returned Tuesday after spending three months in Oklahoma.

E. N. Brown was among the Baptist people of Merkel attending the Sweetwater Baptist Association, which met a Ovalo this week.

MAYOR ISSUES A PROCLAMATION

It is the custom throughout the nation to observe October 9th anniversary of the Chicago conflagration of 1871, as Fire Prevention Day, in which connection the Governors of the several states and Mayors of cities and towns issue their proclamations to emphasize the need for eliminating fire hazards.

Each year in this country several thousand persons are burned to death or maimed for life by fire and heavy toll is taken of our natural and created resources because many of us do not pause to count the cost of tolerating conditions that cause fire. Never in our history have we suffered so severely as with in the last 12 months when approximately 20,000 lives were lost and \$500,000,000 worth of property values were burned.

Therefore, I, H. C. West, Mayor of Merkel, do hereby proclaim Sunday October 9, 1921, Fire Prevention Day in our city, and call upon every citizen to join in its appropriate observance.

On that day it is proper that ministers of the gospel through the city arrange for addresses from the pulpits and before Bible schools covering safety from fire. Let the 9, day of the month of Oct. this year be known as the day for safeguarding our st fires during which let us protect our homes and business properties in order against damage or destruction by a careful inspection and repair of chimneys, flues, heating and light apparatus and equipment, ingprovision for the safe storing and storage of volatile fluids and explosives, and taking away rubbish and trash from other agencies that cause it.

It is important that our board of education and teachers in all public and private schools inaugurate fire drills, and instruct the children in their care how to avoid fire. In cooperation with the City Fire Marshal and Chief of the Fire Department let all Fire Insurance Agents the Chamber of Commerce, Women's Club, Boy Scouts, Labor Council and other organizations plan appropriate activities to impress the need for fire prevention.

And henceforth let us set ourselves diligently and constantly to the task of eliminating preventable fire waste.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal of office, on this the 3rd day of October D., 1921.

H. C. West, Mayor

GEM CONFECTIONRY CHANGES HANDS

A deal was made this week whereby Mr. W. H. Reese sold to Mr. C. P. Stevens the former's business known as the Gem Confectionery. Mr. C. P. Stevens immediately took charge and is preparing with glad hearts by our entire citizenship, should he be returned, and should the conference see fit to send him to another field they will carry with them the most sincere and best wishes of every one.

WILL PREACH AT NOODLE

Eld. R. T. Harris, requests the Merkel Mail to announce to the people of Noodle that he will preach there on next Sunday, October ninth. A cordial invitation is extended to one and all to hear him.

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T. E. L. CLASS

Mrs. Eura Bland was hostess to the T. E. L. class of the Baptist church, Tuesday, afternoon from three until five.

After all had arrived, the class President, Miss Dove Teaff read the 8th Psalm, and Mrs. Booth, the class teacher, led in prayer. Business was discussed after which a program was rendered. Mrs. Lassiter read a very interesting story, telling about the important place the mother of the home holds. Mrs. Scott rendered a beautiful vocal solo. Miss Mary Cleo Booth gave an enjoyable reading about a man teaching his wife to drive a car. Miss eaff and Mrs. Bearden pleased the guests with a vocal duet. A contest of "Ships" was enjoyed, Mrs. Meador having the credit of answering the greatest number.

Refreshments of fruit punch Vanilla wafers, and chocolate cake, were served to the following: Mesdames Hartly, Denver Gardner, Thos Bearden, Earl Lassiter, Eugene Nix, L. J. Renfro, Thos. W. Brown, Ergeal Meador, Twyman Collins, Burl Scott, A. R. Booth, H. P. Allen, and Miss Dove Teaff.

The next meeting of the class (Nov. 2nd.) will be with Mrs. Burl Scott.

EXTRA EXTRA

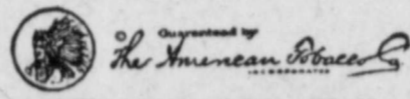
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W.W. WOOD CASH GRO. 713

Our good friend and excellent citizen, Mr. Tom Henderson, was here last Saturday and stated that he had gathered eleven bales of cotton up to then and that he expected to get eighteen or twenty more. Should the price continue to stand at the present level even, we believe our friend Henderson will be able to pull through the winter in fairly good shape.

Miss Abbie Ruth Darsey returned this week from her visit to friends in Brownwood.



Notice this delicious flavor when you smoke Lucky Strike — it's sealed in by the toasting process



EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Subject "Bridling the Tongue." Leader—Agnes Rister.

Song. Apostles' creed repeated by all. Prayer.

Song. Scripture Lesson (Jas. 3:1-13) read responsively by Mabel McNees and Ruth Pike.

Leader's address.

Assistant Leader's address.

Hilton Suber.

Bess Tucker.

Song.

Benediction.

Little Miss Mary Hutcheson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, underwent a minor operation at an Abilene Sanitarium this week; having her tonsils and adenoids extracted. We are glad to learn that she is getting along nicely at his time.

DYING

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We call attention to our

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

(Condensed)

At the close of business Sept. 6th, 1921

As shown below and invite your careful scrutiny. For a more carefully itemized statement we refer you to our statement in this issue made to the controller.

You will note that this statement shows a careful conservative management with plenty of funds to take care of the legitimate needs of the community, and we solicit your business on the showing therein made, together with the Service that we offer every customer.

BRING YOUR COTTON CHECKS FOR DEPOSIT

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$267,022.52
Other Bonds and Securities	18,666.37
U. S. Securities	11,629.73
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,600.00
Other Real Estate	3,900.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX.	149,270.97
Total	\$457,252.09

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	8,800.86
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
OTHER LIABILITIES	NONE
DEPOSITS	377,201.23
Total	\$457,252.09

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Merkel, Texas

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By Wrenn Durham.

The new desks for the high school have come, so every one is now comfortably seated and ready for work. The mathematics room is now furnished with desks in place of the seats which are being used.

Punishment or penalty for breaking rules and regulations in school were laid down emphatically Tuesday morning. The post talked of rules which have been violated were those of talking and tardiness and absences. These hard punishments are for those who break the rules.

Last Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock the Abilene High School met our boys on the school ground for a hard game. Although our boys were defeated, they went down fighting. Friday Oct. 7th, our boys will go to Stamford to meet the Stamford team. We expect to win this game and are working hard for it. Roy Stevens is back after a week of illness and he will strengthen our team very much.

The first number of the Lyceum course is to be held at the school auditorium, Friday night at 8 p. m. The Senior Class is conducting the sale of Season tickets for this course, and are working hard to make it a success.

Our tennis players have already gone to work and one court is in fine shape and another will soon be finished.

A good number are trying for tennis this year and much is expected from them.

The volley ball players are now enjoying their game on a good court.

The girls basket ball teams have already been organized as the Junior boy's team grounds will soon be in shape for these to start practicing. Tuesday afternoon the basket ball team played the teachers a good game which ended with a score of 4 to 6 in favor of the girls.

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WINTER COMING

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FAMOUS FRENCH PRODUCER PROVES "GOOD PICKER"

"Smiles of 1921," as the State Fair Coliseum Show is known, is a musical revue that will run the entire State Fair season—Dallas, October 8



to 23. It is a lively sort of performance, with lots of clever dancing, beautiful costumes, and handsome and costly stage settings. All of this, though, just makes a background for the startling beauty of the chorus that Emile de Recat, its famous producer, selected.

This chorus of forty girls is called "the rose garden of the West." Emile de Recat spent 45 days selecting them, it is said, and interviewed nearly twenty thousand young women before finally indicating his choice. It is this chorus that makes the show so sparkling. They sing, dance and play well in the numerous roles the clever little Frenchman assigns them. This musical revue is one of the principal attractions of the State Fair season. It plays matinee and evening performances, so that all visitors will have an opportunity to see it.

CENTENNIAL PAGEANT TO BE INTERESTING

One of the most interesting events on the catalogue of the State Fair of Texas—Dallas, October 8 to 23—is the spectacular Texas Centennial Pageant, which will formally open the season of 1921. This affair comes on the evening of October 8 and will be held in the new Athletic Stadium.



The Pageant will portray in a vivid fashion the history of Texas in the last hundred years—since the days when Stephen F. Austin and his little band of colonists came to settle the State for Anglo-Americans. Five thousand people will take part in this event, and will be gorgeously costumed for the various characters. Beautiful and appropriate music has been outlined for a background for the tableaux scenes.

The big new Stadium will seat 15,000 people and the indications are that a huge crowd will see this wonderful play. All parts will be played by Texas people.

FUN FEST TO FEATURE BIG NIGHT AT FAIR

Folks to get to the State Fair of Texas on the evening of Saturday, October 22, will enjoy a novel experience. They will have the opportunity to enjoy the "Fun Fest" which will be held on that occasion.



The State Fair will on that date block off a portion of the grounds for the exclusive use of pedestrians and will institute the Mardi Gras spirit into the proceedings. There will be concert singing, dancing, bands, confetti, paper streamers, costumes, horns and bells and whistles and everything that goes into the making of an evening of hilarity. Freedom and unconventionality will mark the whole course of the evening.

Good order will be maintained throughout the evening, however and only the spirit of good fellowship will be tolerated the State Fair officials declare.

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In the face of a rapid advance of Cotton and Cotton Goods it will be impossible to maintain our present Low Prices on Merchandise very much longer.

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PRESBYTERIAN NOTES

Sunday Oct. 9th we look forward to seeing every member of the church and Sunday school present. Last Sunday our attendance was the best in several weeks, and we made a good start in winning in the attendance contest between Abilene, Baird, and Merkel. To win we need every member on time, every time.

The eleven o'clock hour will be devoted to a workers Rally service, a service you will find to be interesting and instructive. Mr. James West will have charge of the service. Order of service will be as follows;

- Doxology and Invocation
- Hymn
- Responsive reading
- Hymn
- Scripture Lesson— W. M. Elliott.
- Sentence Prayer.
- Prayer by Choir.
- Offertory.

The need of our Sunday school by Jas. H. West.

The Relation of the Prayer meeting to the church by Dr. Johnson.

What our Church Needs, by R. L. Bland.

Importance of the Missionary society, by Mrs. Geo. West.

Our Young People, by C. H. Jones.

- Hymn.
- Benediction.
- The evening hour will be de-

voted to a service of song. Come let us sing the old Hymns of praise together.

C. E. meets at 6 p. m. and Woman's Society meets Monday at 3:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

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Monday, October 10th.
"The Jail Bird"
by
DOUGLAS MacLEAN
A Paramount Aircraft

Tuesday, October 11th.
13th. EPISODE
of
"AVENGING ARROW"
with a
Paramount Picture

Wednesday, Oct. 12th.
A
SIX REEL
REEL
PARAMOUNT
PICTURE

Thursday, Oct. 13th.
CONSTANCE TALMAGE
in
"The Perfect Woman"
A Super Special
With the Ford Weekly

Friday, October 14th.
"MOTHER HEART"
FOX PRODUCTION

FAMOUS MEXICAN BAND TO RETURN FOR 1921 FAIR

Those hundreds of thousands of visitors of the State Fair of Texas and International Exposition of 1920 who



CAPT. MEL CAMPOS
Director.

recall with delight the splendid musical programs of the Estado Mayor Band; will be glad indeed to learn that it will return for the State Fair season of 1921, October 8 to 23, as Guard of Honor for the Mexican National Exhibit. This military band of Mexico is one of the premier musical organizations of the world. It is under the direction of Captain Melquiades Campos, a noted leader and composer of the Southern republic. Captain Campos indicates that he will prepare programs of particular interest to the State Fair visitor of 1921, so that new musical diversion of the finest character awaits us all.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE AT STATE FAIR GOOD ONE

Sceldom has a State Fair in America offered a football program of such importance as that which the State Fair of Texas will give its patrons of the 1921 season, Oct. 8 to 23. The games include contests between A. & M. College and Southern Methodist University, Oct. 12; University of Texas and Baylor University and Boston College Oct. 15; University of Texas and Vanderbilt University Oct. 22. All of the contests are of national importance.

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FAMOUS FRENCH PRODUCER PROVES "GOOD PICKER"

"Smiles of 1921," as the State Fair Coliseum Show is known, is a musical revue that will run the entire State Fair season—Dallas, October 8



to 23. It is a lively sort of performance, with lots of clever dancing, beautiful costumes, and handsome and costly stage settings. All of this, though, just makes a background for the startling beauty of the chorus that Emile de Recat, its famous producer, selected.

This chorus of forty girls is called "the rose garden of the West." Emile de Recat spent 45 days selecting them, it is said, and interviewed nearly twenty thousand young women before finally indicating his choice. It is this chorus that makes the show so sparkling. They sing, dance and play well in the numerous roles the clever little Frenchman assigns them. This musical revue is one of the principal attractions of the State Fair season. It plays matinee and evening performances, so that all visitors will have an opportunity to see it.

CENTENNIAL PAGEANT TO BE INTERESTING

One of the most interesting events on the catalogue of the State Fair of Texas—Dallas, October 8 to 23—is the spectacular Texas Centennial Pageant.



ant, which will formally open the season of 1921. This pageant comes on the evening of October 8 and will be held in the new Athletic Stadium.

The pageant will portray in a vivid fashion the history of Texas in the last hundred years—since the days when Stephen F. Austin and his little band of colonists came to settle the State for Anglo-Americans. Five thousand people will take part in this event, and will be gorgeously costumed for the various characters. Beautiful and appropriate music has been outlined for a background for the tableaux scenes.

The big new Stadium will seat 15,000 people and the indications are that a huge crowd will see this wonderful play. All parts will be played by Texas people.

FUN FEST TO FEATURE BIG NIGHT AT FAIR

Folks to get to the State Fair of Texas on the evening of Saturday, October 22, will enjoy a novel ex-



perience. They will have the opportunity to enjoy the "Fun Fest" which will be held on that occasion.

The State Fair will on that date block off a portion of the grounds for the exclusive use of pedestrians and will institute the Mardi Gras spirit into the proceedings. There will be concert singing, dancing, bands, confetti, paper streamers, costumes, horns and bells and whistles and everything that goes into the making of an evening of hilarity. Freedom and unconventionality will mark the whole course of the evening.

Good order will be maintained throughout the evening, however, and only the spirit of good fellowship will be tolerated, the State Fair officials declare.

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In the face of a rapid advance of Cotton and Cotton Goods it will be impossible to maintain our present Low Prices on Merchandise very much longer.

Our Present Stock was bought on a basis of 12c Cotton, and extremely low Prices, but when we are compelled to go into the markets again many articles will be advanced from forty to fifty per cent.

Do your Fall Shopping now and Save this Extra Money.

The Merkel Dry Goods Company

PRESBYTERIAN NOTES

Sunday Oct. 9th we look forward to seeing every member of the church and Sunday school present. Last Sunday our attendance was the best in several weeks, and we made a good start in winning in the attendance contest between Abilene, Baird, and Merkel. To win we need every member on time, every time.

The eleven o'clock hour will be devoted to a workers Rally service, a service you will find to be interesting and instructive. Mr. James West will have charge of the service. Order of service will be as follows:

- Doxology and Invocation Hymn.
- Responsive reading Hymn
- Scripture Lesson— W. M. Elliott.

Prayer.

The need of our Sunday school by Jas. H. West.

The Relation of the Prayer meeting to the church by Dr. Johnson.

What our Church Needs, by R. L. Bland.

Importance of the Missionary society, by Mrs. Geo. West.

Our Young People, by C. H. Jones.

Hymn. Benediction. The evening hour will be de-

voted to a service of song. Come let us sing the old Hymns of praise together.

C. E. meets at 6 p. m. and Woman's Society meets Monday at 3:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Strangers and visitors are always welcome. Fred S. Rogers pastor.

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Saturday, October 8th.
CLARA WILLIAMS
in
"Carmon of the Klondyke"
With
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Monday, October 10th.
"The Jail Bird"
by
DOUGLAS MacLEAN
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Tuesday, October 11th.
13th. EPISODE
of
"AVENGING ARROW"
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Wednesday, Oct. 12th.
A
SIX REEL
REEL
PARAMOUNT
PICTURE

Thursday, Oct. 13th.
CONSTANCE TALMAGE
in
"The Perfect Woman"
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With the Ford Weekly

Friday, October 14th.
"MOTHER HEART"
FOX PRODUCTION

FAMOUS MEXICAN BAND TO RETURN FOR 1921 FAIR

These hundreds of thousands of visitors of the State Fair of Texas and International Exposition of 1920 who



CAPT. MEL CAMPOS
Director.

recall with delight the splendid musical programs of the Estado Mayor Bands will be glad indeed to learn that it will return for the State Fair season of 1921, October 8 to 23, as Guard of Honor for the Mexican National Exhibit. This military band of Mexico is one of the premier musical organizations of the world. It is under the direction of Captain Melquades Campos, a noted leader and composer of the Southern republic. Captain Campos indicates that he will prepare programs of particular interest to the State Fair visitor of 1921, so that new musical diversion of the finest character awaits us all.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE AT STATE FAIR GOOD ONE

Seldom has a State Fair in America offered a football program of such importance as that which the State Fair of Texas will give its patrons of the 1921 season, Oct. 8 to 23. The games include contests between A. & M. College and Southern Methodist University, Oct. 12; University of Texas and Baylor University and Boston College Oct. 15; University of Texas and Vanderbilt University Oct. 22. All of the contests are of national importance.

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T. & P. TIME TABLE

Time Table of the Texas and Pacific trains taking effect on June 5th.

West Bound

No. 1 (Sunshine) . . . 9:36 p.m.
No. 5 4:13 a.m.
No. 23 5:00 p.m.

East Bound

No. 2 (Sunshine) . . . 8:36 a.m.
No. 4 9:30 a.m.
No. 16 11:50 p.m.

And sometimes a man will deceive by telling the truth.

The man who paddles his own canoe seldom rocks the boat.

A nod is as good as a wink to a man who is hunting a drink

The free traders also believe in free speech—and practice it.

Gems of thought are usually mounted in the simplest words.

Ireland had apparently rather her own way than be right.

Another thing. Home brewed stuff is bad for the home brood.

If two wrongs made a right, some people would be right occasionally.

The soviets had a remedy for everything except a food shortage.

We don't care what they do to the speeders, just so they do it quickly.

We are still of the opinion that there are just as able men out of congress as there is in it.

As a general rule, when a man thinks he is fooling others he is only fooling himself.

Many a man has set out to gather the fruits of victory, only to find them knotty and worm eaten.

Don't over look the fact that you can buy goods cheaper in Merkel than anywhere else. And then you should patronize your home town.

Read the ads. It's a business proposition. Business men use newspaper space to tell the public of the goods they handle, and behooves every person to read carefully the advertisements as published in this paper

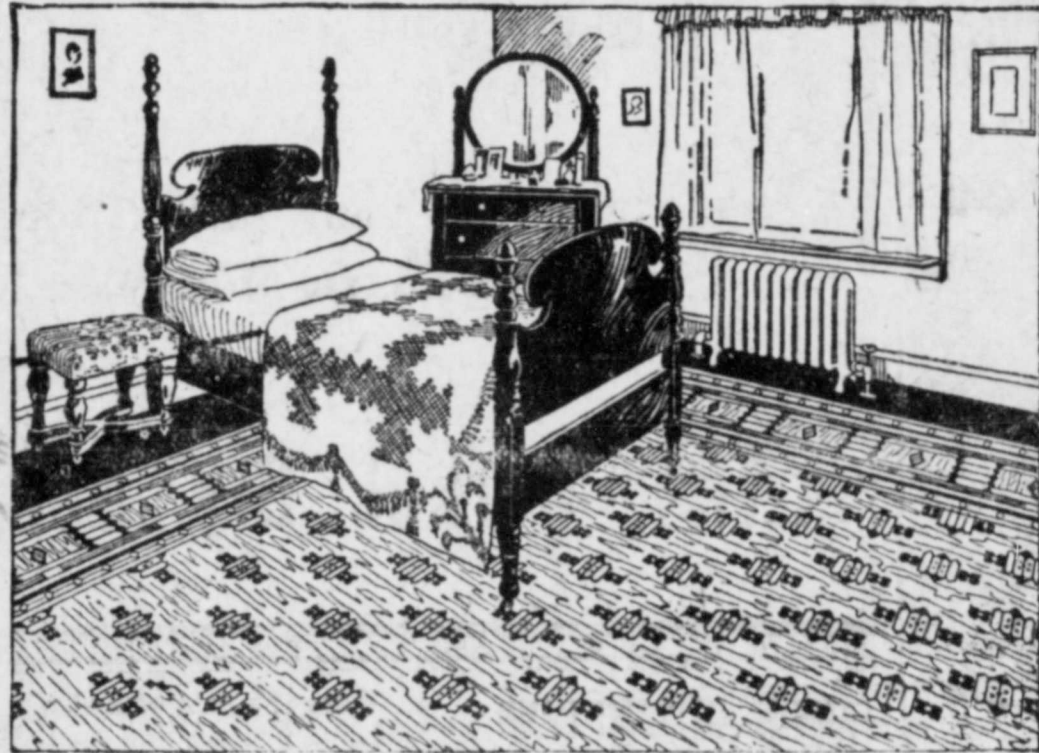
The fellow in Minneapolis, Minn., who before committing suicide because of a love affair with a married woman, left a note in which he said Adam made a mistake when he deprived himself of one of his ribs with which to make a woman, and started trouble which has been



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tormenting the world ever since. There is no other safe course. It is perfectly proper to insist that a law is wrong, and to work for its repeal, but it is never safe to violate any law. When we begin to violate one law, we create disrespect for all other laws, and when our laws fall into disrepute our civilization ends. Ours is a government of law. We cannot have government without laws and obedience to laws. Without this, life and property are not safe. It is therefore the duty of every citizen to obey the law himself and to insist upon obedience to the law by all others. A good citizen will not only obey the law himself but he will assist in the enforcement of the law upon and for others.

STAND BY THE LAW

There are too many laws, of course. Many of them are unnecessary, some are vexatious, and some are even vicious. But it is the duty of every good citizen to obey the law so long

as it is on the statute books. There is no other safe course. It is perfectly proper to insist that a law is wrong, and to work for its repeal, but it is never safe to violate any law. When we begin to violate one law, we create disrespect for all other laws, and when our laws fall into disrepute our civilization ends. Ours is a government of law. We cannot have government without laws and obedience to laws. Without this, life and property are not safe. It is therefore the duty of every citizen to obey the law himself and to insist upon obedience to the law by all others. A good citizen will not only obey the law himself but he will assist in the enforcement of the law upon and for others.

Peace Maker Flour, at G. M. Sharp's

FIRE PREVENTION

During the past twelve months the nation's fire losses have averaged a million dollars a day. Fully half of these could have been prevented by such simple precautions as handling matches and gasoline with care and not throwing matches or lighted cigarette stumps where they could start a blaze. Like Chicago's most conflagrations start from simple things. Keep this in mind. Be careful with fire and things that will burn easily. October 9 is observed annually throughout the country as fire prevention day. It is all right to set apart one day in the year up on which to stress the importance of fire prevention, but people should be careful every day in the year. A fire will spread just as quickly and do just as much

damage, on one day as on another.

A LESSON OF THE TIMES

The man who makes ten thousand dollars a year and spends eleven thousand is not getting along as well as the man who makes six hundred and spends only five hundred. This is true of flush times as well as dull ones. During the past few months many of us have had to live hard. Many of us have had to practice the most rigid economy. If we have learned the lesson of it—if we have learned to spend less than we make—we will profit all the more when the good times come again, as they surely will before long.

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DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE

Have you ever done a thing which other people declared could not be done? If not, you have never known the greatest joy of life. You have missed the finest thrill that human beings are permitted to experience. No matter what it is—climbing a tree, or mending a broken toy, or reviving a dying business or leading any sort of forlorn hope to victory—if you have done something which other people have said could not be done, you have placed your self above your fellows. You have made them honor you. You have done a splendid thing, and your blood will tingle while you receive the praises that will be freely given. Try it some time—try doing the impossible thing. It will be great fun just to try it, and if you succeed it will give you a sense of elation and mastery that will make all your ordinary everyday tasks seem mere trifles.

HEBRON NEWS

The Farmers are still rushing with their cotton gathering it while some have just began on account of late cotton. Brother Tankersly of Abilene preached at Hebron to a small crowd, both Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews of Abilene, also Grandma and Grandpa Matthews of Merkel visited Dan Matthews of Hebron Sunday afternoon. P. Smith and wife, Charlie Smith and wife of Cross Plains visited W. M. Carey and family Saturday and Sunday. Melvin Carey visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey Saturday night leaving Sunday morning for Abilene, where he left Monday morning with the Colbert Show Cattle for the Dallas Fair. Mrs. Melvin Carey left Monday morning for Cross Plains to visit relatives, after spending several days with W. M. Carey and family. Mrs. Lillie Wortham visited Mrs. Carey Monday afternoon. John Davis and family went to the Abilene Fair Thursday. W. M. Carey and family visited the Fair grounds last Wednesday. Powers Hoges visited home folks Sunday. Ruth Gazzaway visited Era Billops Sunday afternoon.

BLAIR NEWS

Rev. Smith filled his regular appointment at Blair Sunday. Rev. Farris, from Sweetwater will preach at Blair Wednesday, Oct. 6, on his way to the Association at Ovalo. Mr. Harvey Brooks from Knox County was down this week and reported crops good in that part of the country. Mr. Other Clark is down visiting relatives in Blair community from Clovis, New Mexico. Mrs. Dolly Richie was the guest of Mrs. T. H. Spears Saturday night and Sunday. Mr. T. H. Spears and H. E. Spears have gone to Goldsboro Texas on a business trip. Mr. John Belt of Trent has rented Mr. Cleo Hunter's place in Blair and is going to be a citizen of Blair. Grayhounds

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GOLAN NEWS

Lessers P. W. Lawlis, J. Jess Green and George Lawlin and families spent the day with Lew Lawlis and family at Palava Sunday.

Basil Hill of Gorman is spending a few days with his cousin, Darwin Hill.

Miss Cornie Stone was guest of Birdie Jeffery Sunday.

Minnie Hill spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. L. C. Williams.

Charlie Dean and family were visiting his brother, J. John Dean family at McCalley, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jeffery spent Saturday night with the lady's father, J. T. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Med Herron and little son, Cloyd, were visiting at Hilton Jones, Sunday.

Misses Lettie Duncan, Clonnie St Clair and Edith Thompson were guests of Bettie Byron Sunday.

Several of the young people attended singing at Newman Sunday.

Clyde Williams and wife visited her mother, Mrs. J. W. Hill Sunday.

Dawson McCain and Miss Birdie Jeffery attended the how at Sylvester Saturday night.

Johnnie Lawlis was a social caller at Tom Jones Sunday??.

Jim Jeffery and family were visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jeffery, Sunday.

Edward Lawlis, wife and little daughter, Marie of Noodle spent the day with his uncle, A. F. Lawlis, Sunday.

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YOUNG LADIES MISSIONARY SOCIETY PROGRAM

1. Lesson—Chapter 4 in "Serving the Neighborhood."
2. Scripture (Eccl. 3:1-8; Luke 7:31-34) read by Miss Murphy Thomas.
3. Should the church provide recreation? What does the Author mean by the "motive" of play?—Lorena Frazier.
4. How is the individual to determine what is "proper" amusement?—Mrs. Durham.
5. Human traits which help and hinder cooperation—Miss Butman.
6. Do commercialized amusements furnish recreation?—By Edith Brown.
7. Roll call—Let each member respond by naming one operation in the long process of preparation in the long process of preparation in our text book.

Pastor Parrack and wife together with a goodly number of the local Baptists are attending the Sweetwater Baptist Association at Ovalo this week. They are expected to bring a good report of the Association home with them and deliver it at the church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour.

Mr and Mrs Lytton Howard Of Merkel announce the birth of a daughter, Annie Laurie, Tuesday morning, October the fourth, at the home of Mrs. Howard's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Burkett, Abilene Reporter

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W. L. Blair; W. C. Neil; E. L. Palmer; R. L. McLean; E. M. Blackburn; J. W. Moore; Z. L. Cagill; J. B. Wood; E. H. Cordill See W. O. Dial, agent for seed at Merkel Saturday.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

The weekly prayer meeting met with Mrs. Golliday. Had thirteen present and an interesting meeting. Will meet next Wednesday with Mrs. Joe Harris. The twelfth chapter of Matthew will be the lesson with Mrs. Chas. West leader and Mrs. Dr. Smith will comment.

Special prices on groceries, Saturday at Jobe's Store.

If a man will lie about one thing he will lie about another. Most all this Ku Klux stuff that is being dished out to the public through the press was written by men who joined the Ku Klux, and in order to get in, they swore that they would never divulge the secrets of the organization. Just as soon as they learn secrets they purjure themselves by writing. How is the public to know whether or not they are telling the truth? If a man wilfully lies about one thing he will about another — Sterling City News.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ely of Sweetwater, were guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Guthrie last Sunday.

INSECTS

Such as Blue Bugs, Bed Bugs, Ants, Moths, Chicken Lice and Fleas Quickly and easily killed with "Martin's Liquid Bug Spray." It penetrates cracks and does not stain. Money back guaranteed by SANDERS DRUG STORE Oct 7

TRENT ITEMS

Trent school started Monday Morning, October third, and we are expecting one of the most successful terms in the history of Trent school. The bell rang at nine o'clock and the happiest crowd of parents and children that ever gathered at Trent school house entered the auditorium. The opening address was made by the Superintendent, John R. Hutto. He expressed his gratitude to parents, faculty and children for their presence.

There will be a Parent-Teachers Club organized at Trent and it is urged that we have the cooperation of the Trent citizenship.

Bro. Riddle pastor of the Baptist church, delivered an address on the value of education, and our school. Mr. Jackson Bright one of Trent's prominent citizens made a splendid talk.

Miss A. D. Robinson recited the "House Beside the Road."

Miss McBurnett gave a piano solo then came the introduction of the teachers and each pupil observed closely as their teacher came in.

The faculty is as follows: Mr. John R. Hutto, Supt.; C. A. Smith, Principal; Maggie Payne, seventh grade and Latin; Mrs. Barber, fifth and sixth; Amanda Payn, third and fourth; Mrs. Waters, Primary Dept.; Lillian Tedford, Kindergarten. Prof. Smith will have charge of the athletics.

We have a splendid class of Seniors.

Miss McBurnett will teach music. Visitors are cordially invited to visit our school.

Hurley Cogburn, wife and daughter, Ganell, visited Trent last Sunday. E.M.S.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are glad to state that our "Go to Church and Stay, for Sunday School" day last Sunday was a splendid success; there being present the largest attendance we have ever had for some time. However, we should have this number most every Sunday, and if we will all but make a little effort we can do this most of the time.

Brother Murrell, our splendid pastor, left first of the week for Annual Conference, and will not be present next Sunday; hence there will be no preaching at either the morning or evening hours, but let every member of the church make a special effort to come to Sunday school. It is just as important to be present at Sunday School when we have no preaching as it is when we do. The boys and girls should not miss Sunday School at any time when it can be avoided, and fathers and Mothers should lead the way; they should come and bring the children. We can not expect the boys and girls to attend Church and Sunday School unless we, ourselves lead the way.

We are also glad to report that on last Tuesday evening a Teachers Training Class was organized at the church, with Mrs. E. L. Woodroof as instructor. This class has started out with a good membership and we would be glad to have any others who would like to take this training whether you ever expect to teach a class or not. It will do you good come join. L. W. COX, Supt.

Mrs. Milliken and daughter returned first of the week from a short visit to friends and relatives in Dallas.

Mrs. R. L. Holden and children of Rotan, were here this week the guest of Mrs. I. C. Holden.

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY

At the home of Mrs. C. C. Mavity, 916 S. Brighton, Dallas, Texas, on Tuesday afternoon, September 20th, Mrs. Mavity, Mrs. J. B. Shannon and Mrs. J. P. Jones gave an announcement party and shower in honour of their sister, Miss Beatrice Nideaver, who is soon to be married to Mr. Fred Pribble.

The living room and dining room of the beautiful home were artistically decorated with honey suckle, evergreen and palms. At three p. m. the rooms were filled with the many friends of the bride, and Miss Venice Gillmore who had charge of the Brides book, saw to it that every one registered with a good kitchen receipt. The bride was then introduced by Mrs. Robert Wells. Punch was served and Mrs. Glen H. Jones toasted the bride, after which Miss Kathyleen Jones gave the readings "He Kissed Me" and "The Co-Ed"

Brows were knitted and the 'thinking cap' put in place when everyone was asked to take part in the Art Gallery contest. Several tied for first prize but Mrs. Buford proved an experienced dice thrower and rolled high, and was awarded first prize, a dainty apron, which she presented to the bride. Mrs. Pea received "Booby" prize, a tiny skillet, which she declared was too small for her family and also presented it to the bride.

In the center of the room was constructed an old curb well beautifully covered with vines. While the Victrola played "The Old Oaken Bucket", Miss Nideaver drew from the well the old oaken bucket, which was filled with many beautiful and useful gifts.

A dainty salad course was served to about thirty guests. The many friends of the bride and groom wish for them a life filled with happiness.—A guest.

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Our friend and splendid fellow citizen, Mr. Lytton B. Howard, is some busy man these days; looking after the interest of the Merkel Dry Goods Co., with which company he has been associated with for several years and driving over to Abilene evenings to spend a few hours with Mrs. Howard and their new baby girl, which arrived, Tuesday October 4th. Mrs. Howard is at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Burkett, in Abilene.

Your Fur. Plush and velvet trimmed suits will look new when we clean them. Ligon, the Laundryman. Phone 218. tf.

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Friday	October 7	Saturday	October 8
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"Her Beloved Villian"		"Wanted a Husband"	
Fox News		Mutt & Jeff	

L. R. SCARBOROUGH
B. Y. P. U.

Bible Study Meeting —Isiah sixth.

Leader—Lula Bell Sharp
1. Isiah's conviction by Deleliest Polly.

2. Isiah's Cleansing from sin, by Roxie Sharp.

3. Isiah's call to service, by Lewis Gies.

4. Isiah's consecration to the service of God, by Althea Boden.

5. Reading by Maurine Angus.

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

Miss Lula Mae Boaz, accompanied by her mother left Sunday morning for Fort Worth, where Lula Mae will enter T. W. C. for the ensuing school year.

LITTLE THINGS

He rang a little sooner,
Than the fellows in his shop.
And he stayed a little longer
When the whistle ordered "Stop"

He worked a little harder
And he talked a little less,
He seemed but little hurried
And he showed but little stress,

For every little movement
His efficiency expressed.
Thus his envelope grew just
A little thicker than the rest.
He save da little money.

In a hundred little ways;
He banked a little extra
When he got a little raise.
A little "Working model".

Took his "leisure" time,
He wrought each little part of it
With patience most sublime.
Now it's very little wonder

That he murmurs with a smile,
As he clips his coupons;
Aren't the little things worth while.

Selected

If you want to buy a 'good gentle pony, suitable for children to ride or drive to school or a god milk cow. See Emmett Swafford Saturday, Oct. 8th. 1p

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FOR SALE—Teams, farm implements. Farm for rent, crop to gather. Immediate Possession See J. D. Porter 284.

One of the best homes in Merkel for sale. Worth the money. Apply at the Merkel Mail. 7t4.

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LOST

LOST—Agasolene tank to an Oakland Car, near the home of T. R. Lassiter, on the Mount Pleasant Road, on last Tuesday 4th of October. Will appreciate it if the person who found same will please return to C. L. McNeese. 1t.

MISCELLANEOUS

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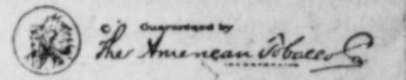
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ARGUES FOR KLAN

To the News.

McAlester, Ok., Sept. 27.— Since your last two issues carry nothing further of the exposure of the Ku Klux Klan, I presume the New York World shot its bolt.

I am sorry that the Dallas News—"the Texas Bible"—always fair and always my favorite paper has this "exposure" so easily allowed itself to be a catspaw to rake Jesuit chestnuts out of the fire. For that the old intolerant spirit of Rome breathes through it all is manifest even to a novice.

But the "exposure" has served two good purposes at least: (a) Matters charged against the Catholic church have been brought to public view which no paper of consequence for fear of "the Catholic boycott," would have dared to publish had it come in any other way; (b) it will multiply the Ku Klux a thousand-fold.

I note that use is made of the fact that several years ago the head of the Knights of Columbus in California submitted to a certain high-degree Mason of that ritual to read on condition that they would agree to keep contents secret, but publish to the world whether they found anything unpatrotic in it or not. They agreed and did so, and the Catholic press blazoned it to the world. I read it long ago in their papers. But who is innocent enough to believe that the Knights of Columbus ever submitted their real ritual to the Masons? I would spill every drop of my blood before I would give up the secret work of Masonry to even my closest friend for any purpose whatsoever, to say nothing of my bitterest enemy, and I am persuaded that the same is practically true of the Knights of Columbus. That may be dismissed as a Jesuit trick and a pure piece of fiction.

Then you paralled the "real" and "alleged oath." From an eminent authority I hold a letter in regard to this matter, from which I quote as follows: "We know that the Jesuits have been organized as the military arm of the Catholic Church in the old countries and that when they were expelled from France, the French Government required them to reveal their oath, and it was printed in the proceedings of the trial. The oath is very similar to the alleged Knights of Columbus."

Much capital is made of the \$10 fee which the candidates pay for initiation into the Klan. My consistory degrees cost me \$165 yet I have heard no hue and cry raised about it, nor have I heard anyone charge the Masons with grafting. That argument was only made to create prejudice and prevent others from joining.

Speaking of "funds", what accounting have the Knights of Columbus given to America for the millions which fell to their lot for the army and navy welfare work during the war? The Y. M. C. A. turned over to the American Legion every dollar it had left for the benefit of those for whom it was raised. The Knights of Columbus offered \$5,000,000 of what they had left to the American Legion for the purpose of building a memorial temple at Washington, which which the Legion very properly rejected. What are they doing with this money? Using it for propaganda purposes, in an effort "to make America Catholic."

Are the films they put in the picture shows financed out of this fund? Why don't they give it for the relief of shell-shocked crippled and disabled soldiers for whom it was raised? At any rate, why don't they give to the American public an itemized statement of the use made of their funds?

The Ku Klux Klan is branded as un-American. Who had charge of Government shipping during the war? Who was responsible for the freight charges on goods shipped to the Y. M. C. A. in that country? Who put on the propaganda against the Y. M. C. A. after the war? Who prevented the Masons going to the relief of their members in France?

ce? In God's name let the New York World put an impartial man on that job and give to the world the result of his findings. And let the Dallas News please copy.

The argument that because Jews, foreigners and negroes cannot belong to the Klan the members of the Klan must of necessity hate them is pure bunk. It is an effort on the part of those behind the "exposure" to do the very thing they charge the Klan with doing. No Jew can be Commandery Mason. Must the Commandery Masons hate him on that account? No white Mason will recognize a Negro Mason. Does that foster race prejudice? It is silly to make such an argument.

But I notice that the novice in the picture is kneeling before the United States flag, not standing upon it. He recognizes no authority above that flag. He holds allegiance to no foreign potentate or power. He is 100 percent American. In all the "exposure" there is no trace of treason against the United States.

I hold no brief from "Wizzard Simmons" for the defense of his Klan, but the high sense of justice which I inherited from my father and have carefully cultivated since rises up in protest against this injustice.

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Max Mellinger and family were in Dallas first of the week celebrating the Jewish New Year. They returned Wednesday morning.

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WE THANK YOU

To the many who have so kindly expressed sympathy and offers of assistance since the loss by fire of my Bakery and Cafe on last Thursday night, I wish to express my thanks and appreciation.

I would also like to ask all who are indebted to me to please call on me or call at the Liberty Hardware Company, where my accounts can be found and make prompt settlement, as I must have that which is due me in order to get back in business again. N. HANCOCK. 1t

Mrs. J. W. Warren is visiting last week from a trip to Oklahoma relatives in Knox City this home, and has accepted a position with the Ed Turner Cafe.

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Every one who has a birthday soon, or ever do intend to have one, who are interested in this society, please hand to the secretary, Mrs. James West, a penny or every day that you are old. There hasn't been a one who has had to give a hundred cents.

The next meeting will be the social held with Mrs. T. F. Compton on Monday 10th. The new books will soon be here. Come and join this interesting study.

MERKEL SINGING CLASS MEETS

A splendid program was dered by the Merkel Singing class at a meeting held last day night at the Park Church.

In addition to the social a short business session was held. It was decided that meetings be held at the churches. No place was desired for the next meeting will be on Thursday night 13, but announcement made later.

W. W. Wood, Harry I and Bess Tucker were added on the program committee.

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YOUNG PEOPLES BIBLE STUDY

The young people of the church of Christ will meet at the church building Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The scripture study will be Gen. 6th to 11th Chapters. Outlined as follows:

1. Cause of Flood, by Mary Proctor.
 2. Preparation for Flood, by Alma Barbee
 3. Duration of Flood, by Dea Sharp.
 4. After the flood, by Dr. Williams.
 5. The Tower of Babel, by Viola Howard.
 6. Genealogy, by Miss Carter.
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3. Isiah's calls to service, by Ruth Jones.
4. Piano Solo, by Lorena Frazier.
5. Isiah's consecration to the service of God, by Miss Valerie Dye.

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KINGS DAUGHTERS

Mrs. L. R. Thompson was hostess to the members of the Kings Daughters, honoring Mrs. W. M. Murrell, on last Tuesday afternoon.

After a short business session the meeting was turned into a social gathering. Two very interesting contests were given out and mesdames Martin and Chas. Russell proved to be the winners and were awarded prizes. At the close of these contests Mrs. Murrell was given some nice pie plates, in token of the love and esteem of the class.

A refreshment of strawberry sundae and cake was greatly enjoyed by each one. Each guest claimed Mrs. Thompson an interesting entertainer.

A Guest.

MULBERRY LEAVES

The Merkel Mail says, "No in deed you can no longer judge a girl's age by the length of her skirt." No thank goodness. We have learned that we can dispense with this indication of age at least. Fame and fortune await the heaven sent genius who will tell us how we may exterminate all other indications as easily.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin visited relatives in Tye Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Matt Reddin have a new baby girl.

Many people of this community treated themselves at a trip to the Taylor county Fair the past week. They forgot, for a day the cares of every day existence as they risked their dimes in the effort to pitch a ball through a hole and win a doll, or duck the negro, and inspected oars that looked to shiny to be taken out in the dust, munched hamburgers, chewed gum, let the kids ride on the merry-go-round, and looked at the exhibits of the best of every thing produced in the west. This week they pursue "the even tenor of their way", with a cotton sack close behind them.

M. and Mrs. Ben Reece, of Tye spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore.

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