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VISITS SON TRAINING SCHOOL

for I do not think one can find a finer school, with more effici ent officers and teachers any where. And what I like best of all, they surely do have decipline And while I honestly confess, that I, along with the rest of the world, have fell far short in the

Mr. S. G. Houston, one of Mer matter of decipline in our homes kel's best and most substantial our schools and colleges; yes it kel, whose famous Hereford citizen returned first of the has been a lost art for the past herd is know nthe world over, week from a trip to Arlington, several years. And which fact took many prizes in the Herewhere he went to look after his has filled our schools of correct ford division at the Texas State Dear Editor I don't think that weight in gold to me. I am able fixed as the date for the farms and other property inter ion and penitentiaries to over Fair at Dallas. ests and to also pay a visit to his flowing with boys and girls. Now Competition was particularly "Kid" just the same, having Merkel all of the time. Will close compulsory attendance lay son, Sam, who is attnding the in this schol if a boy or a girl keen between the largents and lived there all my life except Grubbs Vocational Schol for fails, it is their fault and not O. Harrisand Sons of Harris Mo. the last fifteen months. So if it Boys and Girls. And after his that of the school, and believing according to the Dallas News; is not too much trouble for you • visit and inspection of this in this school as I do I am going "Straight through the female please print my few articles aschool, and in which he found to urge some twelve or fifteen classes yesterday these two old bout the Republic of Haiti. I am his son doing nicely, Mr Houston boys and girls here who I know, rivals fought for leadership and with the Marines here to help has the following to say to the to arrange to attend same. I be always at the end they ranked keep peace among the natives. boys and girls of Merkel;

"To Sam's many friends leave them a greater legacy than Largent cattle won several Charleston S. C. on December among the Boys and Girls of the fact that they had given firsts and were in the winnings 30th 1920 and reached Gavan-Merkel; I want to say that, I them an opportunity of spending on practically every class in tanamo Bay, Cuba on the third on last Sunday we had the larg- tion. If this certificat had the pleasure of spending the three or four years in this which they entered Gay Lad VI of January. We stayed there 2 est attendance at both Sunday secured, the followin, day last Saturday with Sam in school at Arlington. Of course and his decendants won first days and were allowed shore life school and church we have had will be exempt from t the Grubbs Vocational College Arlington is ideally located be place in the getof sire division. the first day but so many got for many months. And we feel ions of the law: at Arlington and want to say, tween two large cities, Dallas France Lassie won first as Sen drunk or thought that they sure that it was an inspiration 1. Any child attending : first, that Sam took me to Dean and Fort Worth, and with their ion Champion Cow. Largent won were, that th eCaptian madeus to our new pastor, and we fur- vate school. Williams' office, where I was many transportation convenien first and fourth on the two best stay on board ship next day. It ther feel that each and every 2. Any child mentally of made proud of the fact that I ces, there are temptations to the females bred and owned by ex- is 30 hours sail from Cuba to one received a blessing from the ically unable to attend. of such a capable and fine man cassional trip to these cities, duce of cow; second on calf herd at Port Prince th e7th and were by him. Let's greet him again on law. as I found Mr. Williams to be. and which gives much concern second on aged herd. first on assigned to the 8th regtiment. next Sunday morning with our 3. Any child who is blind, stand point, and knows boys and have away of eliminating this bull calf, third and fourth and Haiti, it is very small. This ship with us. also knows how to handle them temptation from the boys and best two bulls, birst and second country is so far behind civili- To all who have no regular nearest school. in a way so as to get the best girls after the first attempt on aged cows, third on senior zation that if all the rest of the place of attending Sunday school 5. Any child twelve years results. I of course wanted to dd ad (veo hwe al yam bz puup yearling heifers, third on senior world stood still for 100 years and church, we extend a cordial age who has completed the know how Sam's grades were, Then they will not be bothered heifer calves. and was informed that they any more. So boys and girls R. V. Colbert and Son of The people are Negroes and church. were good, not withstanding the make your arrangements to go Stamford, also took many prizes speak a "lingo" similar to We also wish to state that Remember that even the a

heavy course. Next Sam took me around to West Texas never knew what Among the other exhibitors at hot the year around, but the last Tuesday evening. Let all secured from the County S the Sience Hall, a very large and she lost when she lost Ferguson the West Texas Fair at Abilene nights are cool. well equipped building, one that and the proposed A. &. M. for who won prizes at Dallas were The country is rather mount difference whether you are a Any child not exempt for larger enrollment.

I found that the use of tobac much needed instution. And if, co was absolutely prohibited, you want to see what we lost, AT METHODIST CHURCH and unless a boy wanted to get just go to Arlington and visit in bad, he had to leave off the this school and you will be con tobacco. And let me say here vinced of the great need of such that they surely know how to an institution, where boys and take a short cut way of taking girls can get proper training Sunday School hour there is to



C. M. Largent & Sons of Mer

lieve their parents could not first and second" says the News! I and my company sailed from

fact that he was carrying a and become winners of high with their fine Herfords, appear French, and are not much on our teachers Class meeting is must attend school unless places in this world's affairs. ing in many of the winnings, wearing lots of clothes. It is growing; there being 23 present tificate of exemption has

NEXT SUNDAY

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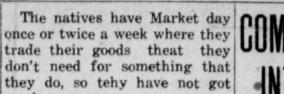


The Merkel Mail, Merkel Tex. and I think it is worth its Monday, October 31, 192

it would still be behind.

with an occassional rainfall.

Haiti has an army of its own



Now Mr. Editor if you can read this and if it is not too Marine Camp much trouble please print this'

M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL

At a recent meeting of Rep. Of Haiti. in the paper. My Mother sends Board of Trustees of the Me Oct.5th, 1921. me the Merkel Mail regularly, Independent School I

you know me but I am a Merkel to tell what is going on around ing of the preparation o ginning on that date all ch Yours Truly.

Priveate Thomas R.Blair, of Taylor County, includin 100th Co. 8th Regt. Merkel Independent Sch-U. S. Marines. Camp rict, who are eight yes

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will be exempt from the ions unless he has first from the County Superin

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We are proud of the fact that at Abilene a certificate o

had placed my son in the hands new boy and girls to take an oc hibitor; first and second on pro- Port Prince, Haiti. We arrived great Gospel sermon delivered cans certificate is requir

He is certainly most highly edu to parents; but we learn that two-year-old bulls, first on sen Although Port Prince is the presence, and if possible induce dumb or feebleminded. cated, and capable from every the managers of the school ior bull calf, second on junior largest and also the Captiol of some one else to come and wor- 4. Any child living more the two and half miles from

> welcome at the Methodist th grade whose help is need home.

who can attend, it makes no intendent at Abilene.

would do credit to any school of Abilene. But a lot of hard head Gist of Odessa and Halff of ainous with hardly any rivers. teacher or not, you will enjoy the provisions the law may ed fools knocked us out of this Midland .- Reporter, Abilene. Three months of each year are the meeting and get a great excused for temporary absent very rainy, but the rest is dry good from same. L. W. Cox, Supt "due to personal sickness, sich

> but still they can't take care of J. L. Harris left first of the makes travel dangerous," provthemselves. Yes they have a week for Eliasville, where he ided the excuse is in writing, navy too. It contains one ship will spend several days with his and signed by the parent or

ness or death in the family, quan antine, or severe storm that

the "bad out of a boy or girl" and have the right kind of deci be a special service for the old and do it right now too. Sam pline drilled into their heads people of the town. The preachhas gained eleven pounds in and hearts. Sincerely, weight since going there, since all this doing as he pleased and running arund at nights has been eliminated. The students go to bed not later than ten and get up a six in the morning, and every moment of their time dur ing the day is taken up in doing something. I enjoyed eating din ner with Sam and when the bug le is blown every one knows to' get right inline, at once, for the Mr. Jinks Winter informs us march to the big long dinning tables, which are laden with good things to eat, along with plenty of fine artesian water. I was made to rejoice at the fine ges that all citizens properly young manhood attending this pile up their rubbish, such as school, and at the orderly and ashes, tin cans, trash and weeds manly way in which they con in the alleys, and the city's ducted themselves upon this oc cassion. Infact, I do not think I same. ever had the pleasure of looking Every one who is interested



Our splendid city marshal. that beginning next Monday ed as "Clean Up" week, and ur

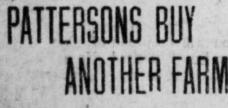
wagon will drive by and haul off

in the faces of a finer lot of in a cleaner and healthy town boys in my life. Eevery one had will obey these oders, and the the look of happiness and cont other kind-well they will be at entment upon their counten tended to. Let's join the officers ance.. So, if I had more boys I in their effort to clean up our would send them to this school, little city. They can't do this without co-operation.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Pastor Parrack of the Bap-

tist church who is out of town



... We understand a deal was con sumated first of this week whereby Messrs. J. A.; A. B. and W. F. Patterson purchased from S. H. L Swafford 320 acres of the latters old home the new pastor of that church. place four miles north.

This inded a very fine and fer tile piece of land and will prove around \$11,000 cash.

at this writing, asks us to announce that there will be all the regular services at the church on next Sunday with the exception of the evening hour, when the entire congregation will visit the Methodist church, in honor of and to get acquainted with

Dr." and Mrs. Armstrong visa splendid investment for the ited the State Fair first of the new purchasers, and adds con- week, and while there spent the siderably to their many other day with their daughter, Miss fine farms and tracts of land throughout this section of the country. We understand the T. W. C., Fort Worth, and who price paid for this property was they report as getting along nice

with 4 six inch guns and about 125 sailors. Some navy I say.

er will use the subject, "An old Port Prince we hiked to a camp Fashioned Home." It is to be a about ffty miles away, over service calling attention to some mountain roads and from that of the things that have been neg. Camp we would go out on patlected is our modern home life role in the hills and capture banand all will profit by being pres ent at the service. The usual were quite active a few months were quite active a few months services will be held in the after

noon and night. Come to this ago.

Fair a few days.

special service and bring all the the mountains for four months Booth Warren and Miss Zoe not ask the teacher to excuse old people who are able to get we came to this place and built West, both prominent and popu child for any reason except

ples and bannas.



son who is in business there.



After staying at the camp in bout seven o'clock, Mr. Parker see that it is enforced. Please the entire week will be designat last week after attending the lemon, limes, cocoanuts, pineap-lene; the Rev. Millard A. Jenk- cept the reason for absence be

ins officiating.

are known in Merkel as one of tendance is five months, after our pioneer, best and most sub- that date; the law applies to all stantial families. She is highly children who are eight and undeducated, accomplished and in- der fourteen years of age. No fact one of Merkel's most charm violations of the law are expect ing and popular young ladies; ed in Merkel. The county attend while the groom, who is the ance officer and I hope that al son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warr will undersand and cheerfully en, also a pioneer citizen and comply with the law.

builder of Merkel, is one of our most popular young business men; being connected with the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of this city as Assistant Cashier and in which position he is most efficient; and by his pleasing manners, courtesy and honesty has not only built for himself a most enviable record, but has added strength and gro. wth to the splendid institution with which he is associated.

We are told that immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left for Merkel where the entergtic and thoughtful young banker had previously purchased and hansomely fitted up a beaut iful bungalow home, and in which the happy couple are now; pleasantly domiciled.

We join many friends here and elsewhere in extending congratulation and good wishes to 75 pounds in one day, last week. these splendid young people;

wishing for them much happitheir remaining career.

guardian.

The law provides heavy fing for the parent of those childre who do not comply with the la and also for those who emplo school children over eight an under fourteen during scho hours. This is the law. The board or teachers are not r sponsible for the law, but an On last Sunday evening a- bound under its provisions +

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> one of those mentioned above. The bride is the daughter of | The date is from and after Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. West, who October 31st; the term of at-

> > Respectfully. Roger A. Bur Supt. Merkel Sc

TON PICKERS

We are again pleased to announce a new cotton picking record made by the following; W. C. Church Jr., who is only five years old picked on last Friday 106 pounds of cotton in the one day. Who can beat it? And then little Miss Ruby, da

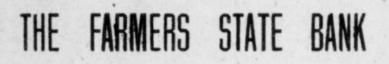
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Arthur Clark was among ness and prosperity throughout those of our city attending the Dallas Fair this week.

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RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$267.022.52
Other Bonds and Securities:	
U. S. Securities	11,629.73
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank.	
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4 500.00
Other Real Estate	3,000.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX.	149,270.97

LIABILITIES

	LIADICITIES	
	Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
	Surplus Fund*	15,000.00
	Undivided Profits	8,800.86
	Circulation Acct.	
	BORROWED MONEY	NONE
	REDISCOUNTS	
	BILLS PAYABLE	
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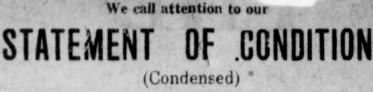
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	Circulation Acct.	
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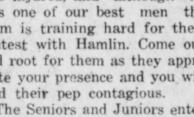
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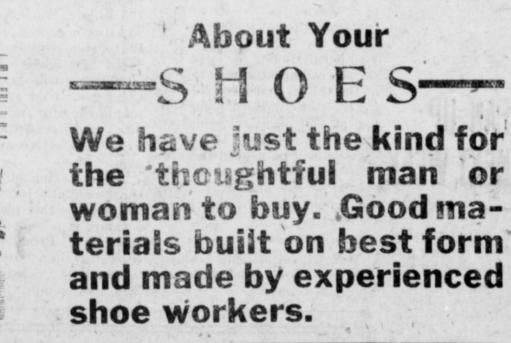
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Eaise the pain of a rheumatic attack by a rubbing application of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It relieves tenderness and strength ens the joints. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Oct.

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Mead's Bread, Fresh Vegita-Subject, The countries in bles and Fruits, Phone 262. which we're to witness. W.W. WOOD CASH GRO. 7t3 Leader, Ethel Wilson.

We have just received a ship 2.Scripture lesson, by Leader ment of Fresh roasted Duncans

Company.

Gem Theatre

FEAST FIT FOR THE GODS Traveler in Asia Tells of Wonderful Food Served Guests at House

RARES ITERIEVERAN

of Sheik in Bagdad.

I never missed a chance in Bagdad to meet and know the bedouin. He has much of the "dark leonine" in temperament as well as complexion. Yet with all his dignity and reticence be is very gracious to a friend or a guest. How sumptuous a feast he can spread I discovered on a memorable evening when I was asked with four other officers to dine at the house of a sheik.

Though we were conscious that there were servants and women about and felt quite certain that they had four day after he reacha deesa country viewed us from the latticed windows, I we did not so much as catch a glimpse | Other day he tella me een da letter he of them; our host brought in the dinner on huge round copper trays and he himself waited on us. There were on da strike and he almosta losa da no forks. Instead of plates there we knew were made of round thin union show up. slabs of dough stuck to the flat sides of a hot earth oven and baked until

Sometimes the sheik selected a of a favored guest. Not the servants, but the wives of our host, had done en tree, four day. all the cooking, and before offering us So my frien tella da beezness agent of the feast consisted of the most de- now. licious vegetables, salads and fruits.

he would consider it the height of good close da shop now. breeding if we gave loud and demonstrative signs of repletion saved the right. day for us. He was pleased to find us surfeited with his generosity and at last he permitted us to eat the khubz.

What was left of the dinner he bestowed upon a crowd of beggars who had gathered round his door. After dinner there were cigarettes, provided as an especial compliment to the guests, for the Arab is devoted to the leisurely waterpipe .- Roland Garbod

Scap of Ancient Origin. While the ancients knew how to make and use soap very little mention is made of it in meir writings. It is believed that the detergents mentioned in the Bible in the English ver- making became general. The first sion of the Old Testament in Jeremiah were a form of soap made out of the in Boston. John Harrison was the proashes of plants.

Two thousand years ago the Germans were making soap and France had a soap factory in the year 1000. Before soap making was known people learned that the ashes of



ASA mont my frien Tony, who L fighta weeth General Persh for longa time, gotta home. Tree, he finda job een da railroad shop. gotta plenta trouble.

Tony say dat shop he worka een go job. He say preety soon after he coma were khubz, or pleces of bread, which dat place da beezness agent for da

Dat guy tella my frien he gotta joina da union. He say da union was they fell off. The first course was a gonna make da closed shop een dat chicken apiece, followed by Tigris place. But Tony was sure smarta guy. salmon and meat cooked in appetiz. He say he no standa for dat. Tony ing ways with strange flavored spices tella da beezness agent come round and herbs. next weenter and he joina da union.

But dat guy say nexa weenter too choice bit and thrust"it into the mouth | longa time gotta joina heem now. He say was gonna maka da closed shop

any dish, he himself tasted it, to make go jumpa da lake or somating. He sure that it was up to his standard. say eef wanta heem joina da union He pulled a wry face over the sherbet next weenter so can maka da closed -and sent it back. 'The second part shop ees alla right, but he no lika dat

prietor

Tony tella me een de letter closed The shelk did not sit down with us shop ees all right een weenter time for and did not eat at all, but continued keepa warm. But righta now he say for two mortal hours to bring in dish | ees no good. He tella me da shop ees after dish, until we had to beg him open now and ees too hot yet for feela to have mercy. The fact that we knew good. He say everybody go seeck eef

I tink Tony ees sure smarta guy alla

Wot you tink? (Copyright.)



In 480 B. C. we read of Xerxes made of twisted smaller cables. It was not till the Middle Ages that rope-"rope-walk" in America was located

M. Sharps.

COAL - COAL

We have two cars of Coal on the road, one from New Mexico and one from Colorado.

We have Strawn 'Coal bought for shipment when the mines open. Will go to Strawn Friday to see when we may expect shipment.

We are looking for a car of Hulls any day.

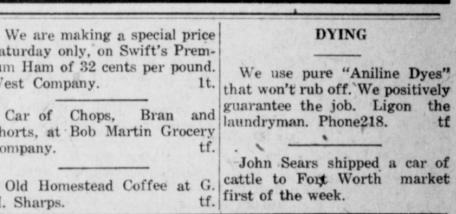
Car of Meal coming next week.

Watch this space every week.

SWAFFORD & LESLIE PHONE 203

We are making a special price Saturday only, on Swift's Premium Ham of 32 cents per pound.

Car of Chops, Bran and building a bridge with heavy cables Shorts, at Bob Martin Grocery Company.



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1. Hymn.

(b) Latin America, Africa by Murphy Thomas.

5. Reading by Lorena Dry. 6. What we can do to help the Shorts, at Bob Martin Grocery Missionaries by Josie Smith. Special Music by Lorena Fraz ier.

League Benediction.

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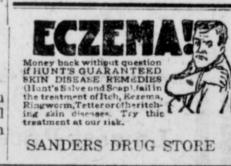
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Fuesday, October 25th.

Monday, October 24th.



Wednesday. October 26th.

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For Years the Greatest

Melodrama of the Stage

This is a

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Thursday and Friday

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Arthur Goodrich's

Celebrated Play

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As a "Yes Gi:l" She

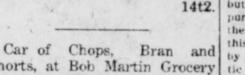
is a Charming Sinner See how she plays as a

"No Girl

A First National

Attraction

October 27 and 28



satisfaction. Demonstration Oct.

High Grade Admiration Coffee plants when mixed with water gave a

smooth, slippery feeling and aided in cleansing. It was later determined that the cleansing agents were the soda or potash which was in the ashes, 14t2. but it was found that pure soda or pure potash would injure the skin or the article to be cleaned. To eliminate this feature soap was finally evolved by boiling together oil or fat and cause tic soda or potash.

The Easier Way.

The leading man of the company billed to play "Romeo and Juliet" at the opera house that night-one evening only-approached the manager. "Say," the actor declared, "I've got to have 10 cents."

"Ten cents!" exclaimed the other n startled accents. "I never saw such a fellow-always howfing for money! What you want 10 cents for in' a town like this?"

"I want it for a shave," the actor explained. "You can't expect me siny Romeo with a three-day growth of black beard on my face, can you? 'No, I suppose not, the other re luctantly admitted, and slowly put his hand into his pocket. Then a happy smile broke over his face and the hand was withdrawn empty. "That's all right," he declared,

heerfully. "We'll just change the bill to "Othello."-Everybody's Magazine.

Suppressing the Flirt in Spain. An ediet has been issued in Madrid against the male flirt. It has long been a custom, sanctioned in a way, for loiterers along the street to pass compliments to unknown ladies who happen to be passing. Wishing to attract the attention of the females, the "gentleman" would make some such remark as "Blessed by thy mother" and the "lady" might or might not accept the advances. At any rate, it is now prohibited by the law, and if the lady feels offended she may have the man punished for his effrontery.

Secret Transaction.

"I wonder why those two men want to hold a conference in a stuffy telephone booth where there isn't room mough to turn around.'

"They have papers before them." "I noticed that." "Perhaps they are exchanging rec pes."-Birmingham Age-Herald.

No More Walks,

Captain Kidd strode from the modera lumber yard with a volley of angry oaths and a tight grip on his cutlass, "Zounds !" he exclaimed to his lieutenant. "It's impossible for to be a pirate in these exten

ue can't even affor



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T. & P. TIME TABLE

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

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No. 23 5:00	p.m.				
East Bound					
No. 2 (Sunshine) 8:36	a.m.				
No. 4 9:30					
No. 16 11:50					
	and the second second				

Love at first sight is as good as any, if it sticks. -00-

Many a man has given himself away by looking cheap.

And speaking of cotton market there is still room at the top. _____

The more temper a man has the more frequently he loses it.

-00-Men who are really big guns do not make the most noise in the world.

The modern dress maker, Misouri.

and evil effect over come by We have purchased Mr. J. C. so visiting Miss Maurine Cobb. It is reported that the girls new planning and renewed en- Mason's Seed Culler and now is while there. are going to begin wearing ears ergy. Hence it all means work the time to have your seed cull again soon.

Fashions will have to change while in this world. before women can laugh in their sleeves again.

will heal wounds, cuts, sores See Landreth or Jourdan. -00 The really brave men in this and galls is the latest and best country do not go around with production of medical sience. One of the best homes in Mer points on the Plains. Then they Plains points. Ask for Liquid Borozone, it is a kel for sail. Worth the money. visited relatives in East Texas; pistols in their pockets.

marvel in flesh-healing remed- Apply at the Merkel Mail. 7t4. Dollas. Fort Worth and on to Why quarrell about these ies. Price, 30c, 60c and \$1.20. short skirts any way? They are Sold by Sanders Drug Co. Oct all right as far as we can see.

FREE FREE FREE FREE Saturday October 29th we will give away absolutely free

ONE FAIR FELT MATTRESS

This Mattress has a 20 year guarantee, and retails for \$27.50. Any married lady living in Merkel or the Merkel country, is entitled to a chance at the mattress.

CONDITIONS UPON WHICH MATTRESS IS GIVEN AWAY

Every Married Lady who comes into our store from, Monday October 24th to Saturday October 29th will be given a ticket. These tickets will be put in a box and at 3:30 o'clock. Saturday October 29 one ticket will be drawn out. The ladies name that appears on the ticket will be given the mattress. You dont have to buy anything, we want your name and address only. But every woman who has registered must be present when her name is drawn, otherwise another ticket will be drawn.

Barrow Furniture Co.

seems to think all men are from and vicious acts of man must be HAVE YOUR SEED CULLED Miss Ruby Hamm is attend- Oats, Bran and Shorts at G. ing State Fair at Dallas, and al- M. Sharps.

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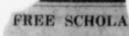
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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter, pleasure of pumping water. And to accomplish anything worth will come to your ben to cull for returned first of the week from spent last week-end at Winters, Lords should furnish their ten 15 cents per bushel. You have a three months visit among visiting Mr. Lassiter's Uncle, asts with wind mills or some good seed if you will only separ friends and relatives in Texas, Mr. John Dinwiddie and family. thing of the kind.

A clear coloress liquid that ate them from the faulty ones. and Oklahoma. They first visit Messrs. Earl Lassiter and J. We learn that Clint Gazzaway 1t. ed a son at Tulia as well as other N. Teaff left Wednesday for a has returned home after a few friends and relatives at other business trip to Slaton and other days absnce. After all there is no place like home.



and today the name dresses of five young pe ple ly to be interested in traing an College or by Mail for \$75 to \$100 guaranteed office positions and we will not only send you an interesting rememberance, but will also enter your name in our free scholarships, \$25 in cash, and the \$25 tuition checks are to be given away absolutely free as explained in details we will send you. This is your opportun . ity to get the world famous Draughon training. Write today Abilene Draughon Business Col lege, Box S. Abilene, Texas.

Special on wrist Watches-15 Jewels, 20 year case for \$18.50. At the Merkel Drug Co. 14t2.

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Preston Guthrie returned to Dallas, where he is attending Metropolitan Business College, after spending a few days with parents and friends.

HEBRON NEWS

The rush of the cotton pick isg season seems to be giving away, while some are yet wait ing for the late cotton to open.

Carroll Wortham happened to a painful accident last week by being thrown from a disc plow: receiving a broken arm.

R. A Regan asd wife visited W. M. Carey and family Sunday afternon.

J. M. Williamson has returned home after spending several weeks in South Texas.

Arlie Hodges and family visit edhis sister, Mrs. Wortham Sat urday afternoon and Sunday.

Many people are having to haul water these days, as tanks are going dry and those who have no wind mills have the

after all, to one who expects ed while we can get to you. We Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Duckett Misses Mae and Agnes Lassiter the experience. We believe Land and children, accompaanied by its no small job for we have had

THE CIRCULATING DOLLAR

accepted as an incident of life

The best cure for dull business is to quit talking about it. If you don't believe it, try it.

bles of their own, they worry a- more economy and sanity in exbout the troubles of other people penditures. -00-

of it, it is almost as easy to love can become as good as it ought some enemies as some friends.

wanted.

-00-

of course.

Now is a good time to pay off some debts and clean the slate, if possible, asd then profit by When some women have trou- recent sad experiences by using

The endless chain of debt But when you come to think must be broken before busisess to be.

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If you owe a debt, pay it, or And you have noticed too, all of it that you can. The money that a man with a level head sel- will get into circulation and find dom butts into where he is not its way to the man who owes you, and then come back home again. A Correspondent wants t o

When you pay the man you know how to tell a real widow are indebeted to he passes the from a grass one. By her clothes money on to the man he owes and so on down the line.

A single dollar will pay hund A correspondent wants to reds of dollars worth of debts, ksow if a Democrat who tries to if it is kept in circulation. land an office under a Republi-

can adminstration isn't an op-Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith timst. No he is just a plain fool. of Stanton, were here this week for a visit with their son, T. M. Its work that counts, since Smith and family. They left life is a struggle from the begin- Wendesday for Trent, where ing for existence, then for main they, will also visit another son.

tainance, and then for supremacy, misfortunes, accidents The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

Dallas Cotton Seed Meal at G. M. for the Fair, and their return Sharps. tf.'to Merkel first of the week.

Colds & Headache

"For years we have used Black-Draught in our family, and I have never found any medicine that could take its place," writes Mr. H. A. Stacy, of Bradyville, Tenn. Mr. Sta-cy, who is a Rutherford County farmer, recommends Black-Draught as a medicine that should be kept in every house-hold for use in the promot treatment of mean little like to rehold for use in the prompt treatment of many little ills to prevent them from developing into serious troubles.

THEDFORD'S **BLACK-DRAUGHT**

dollars ... I don't see how any family can hardly go with-out it. I know it is a reliable and splendid medicine to keep in the house. I recommend Black-Draught highly and am never without it."

At all druggists.

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BLAIR NE VS **OPERATION OF COMPUL-**SORY ATTENDANCE LAW

The farmers have nearly all finished picking cotton.

home near Sweetwater.

Buttman. Walker.

for a visit.

MR. J. A. WHITE SAYS

to assist in every way possible Mrs. T. E. Goode and Kirby "IF YOU HAVE AN AUTO in the most effective enforce- Goode are visiting their daugh-KEEP RAT-SNAP," ment of this law possible. The ter and sister, Mrs. Seymore fact that the law will operate Cozzen of Tulia, Texas.

"If I knew about RAT-SNAP for the whole county at the Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Richards last winter, would have saved same time should make the en- entertained the young people \$120. My car was in the garage forcement much easier than it with a Singing Sunday night. for a few weeks during bad wea- could be otherwise and we wish ther when I went to take it out to have a record second to none Ovalo visited T. Winter and fam found that rats had eaten great in this matter for our county. holes in two new tires. Got them Ada D. Pearce, County Supt.

later with RAT-SNAP." Three sizes 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold by Liberty Hardware asd Merkel Drug Co.

EXTRA EXTRA

Mr. and Mrs. Jim White of ily Sunday. They were accompan ied home by Miss Bertha Win-

> Mrs. Steele gave the young people a party Saturday night.

Mead's Bread, Fresh Vegita- W. Roundtree and family visit ed the Shiloh community Sunbles and Fruits, Phone 262.

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Buy Fall Goods Now

Now is the opportune time to buy your Fall and Winter Dry Goods as evidenced by the large numbers of people that crowd our store every day.



NOODLE NEWS

The healthof the community At a recent meeting of the is very good.

Rev. Q. Brown filled his reg County Board, the date October Mr. and Mrs. Odell Herring ular appointmest at Blair on 32nd was suggested as the time spent the latter part of the week last Sunday at eleven and three for the beginning of the opera- with the latter's parents at Padtion of the Compulsory Attend- uach.

Lige Rains has purchased a ance Law for the rural schools The Noodle School will start the law, the trustees of all Monday the 24th. We will have E. M. Blackburn has purchas schools may set this date for a four teacher school this term, ed a 250 acre tract of land near themselves, it seems that it will with Mr. Tom McGhee of View be satisfactory for the schools as principal, Miss Gertrude Dow John Bell has moved to the to use the same date, particu- dy of Trent as Intermediate, and Cleo Hunter place near Blair, larly so, since Abilene and Mer- Miss Lila May Baker of Anson which he purchased from O. W. kel have indicated a willing- and Miss Thelma Merritt of ness and desize to set for their Noodle, as Primary.

Mr. Brooks had relatives from school the date used for the Anice Richard of Trent visit-South Texas with him last week rural schools of the county. Ac- ed home folks Sunday.

cordingly, we wish to give as C. D. Harrison and family are Mr. Patterson's folks visited much publicity as possible to leaving this week for Athens, at Mr. Willis's Sunday afternoon this date set and to invite all Texas, where they will make good citizens of Taylor County thir home.

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Doctor John A. Adkisson Special Attention to Diseases of the Kidneys, meeting and the initation pro-Stomach and the Nerves ABILENE. TEXAS Office over Montgomery Drug Store. Phone 1202

Joplin, Mo., Oct. 18 .- Sixty five hooded and shrouded men presided at a mass meeting here last night at which nearly 1,000 persons were initated into the "Invisivle Empire", Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Police Chief Joseph H. Myers forced an entrance into the meeting and announced that Joplin will not tolerate parades of masked men through the streets. No attempt was made, however, to stop the ceeded after the police chief had finished his remarks."

Delma Compton and Jack Dur ham were Dallas visitors last week-end.

Taste is a matter of tobacco quality

We state it as our honest belief that the tobaccos used in Chesterfield are of finer quality (and hence of better taste) than in any other cigarette at the price. Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.

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have ever had We handle well known lines "Hart Schaffner and Marx", "Curlee Clothes" at a Price you want to pay

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Are here for the whole family. Florsheims for men, Julian Kokenge for women, Kreiders and Peters We can fit any foot. brand for children.

BLANKETS BLANKETS

Big assortment of pretty bright colored Blankets \$2.50 to 8.50 Piiced from

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WHAT MRS. BRENNINGER OF NEW YORK SAYS **ABOUT RAT POISON**

"Tried preparations that kill rats, but RAT-SNAP is the only one that prevents disagreeable odors after killing. Also like RAT-SNAP because it comes in handy .cakes, no mixing with other food. You don't have to dirty your hasds its' the best for household use." Try RAT-SNAP. Three sizes, 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold by Liberty Hardware and Merkel Drug Co.

Judge N. D. Cobb left this week to join his family in making Dallas their home. However, bles and Fruits, Phone 262. the Judge stated that he was W.W. WOOD CASH GRO. 7t3 burning no bridges behind him,

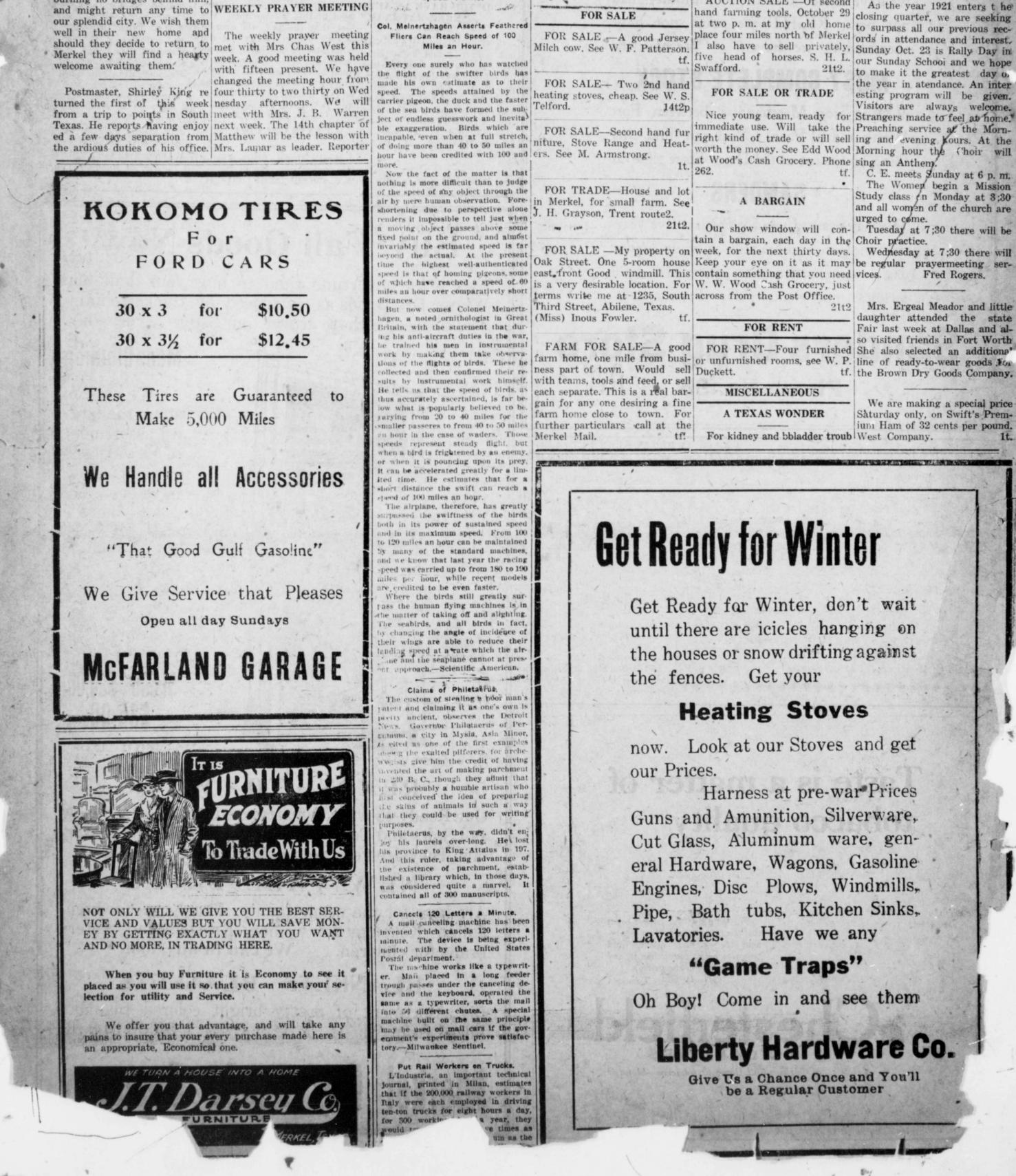
welcome awaiting them."

Friday

MARY MILES MINTER

"All Souls Eve"

in



October 21 Saturday **ROLIN COMEDY** ENTERPRISE FEATURE

THE MERKEL MAIL

Cozy Theatre

and Fox News

BIRDS HAVE RIVAL EXTRA EXTRA Mead's Bread, Fresh Vegita-

> Ornithologist Says Planes Outspeed Fowls.

SUNSHINE COMEDY Mutt and Jeff FOR TRADE-My seven passenger Studebaker car, for

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October 22

AUCTION SALE -Of second

J. S. Burkhead, Merkel.

house and lot in Merkel. See

es, gravel, weak an rheumatism and all in of the kidneys and bbla not sold by your druggest mail \$1.25 Small bottle. Send for testimonals to D. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

FOR BLUE BUGS

Head-lice, Stick-tight Fleas and all blood sucking Insects Simply feed "Martins Blue Bug Remedy" to your chickens. Your money back if not satisfied. Ask Sanders Drug Store Nov 4

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES

As the year 1921 enters t he to make it the greatest day o.

esting program will be given. Visitors are always welcome.

The Women begin a Mission

Mrs. Ergeal Meador and little daughter attended the state Fair last week at Dallas and also visited friends in Fort Worth