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S. S. CLASS WILL MEET DOWN TOWN

The business men's Bible Class will meet at the Gem Theatre next Sunday morning at 9:45. We cordially invite all men that are not attending any Sundry school class to be with us. If you are attending any Sunday School other than the Baptist, we urge that you continue with your class, for we do not want to interfere with any class already organized in the city. But if you are not in a Sunday school class we want you to be at the Gem Theatre at 9:45 sharp Sunday morning and we will show you a good time for one hour only. This is strictly a man's class so do not be afraid to come out. Judge E. S. Cummings will teach the class and we will promise you that he will entertain you for this hour. Business Men's Class of the First Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo Smith and Miss Josie Smith, one of the efficient teachers in the south ward school, were in the Capital city of Taylor Saturday.

BANKER'S CHICKENS WIN

Mr. L. R. Thompson, cashier of the F & M National Bank, who is a firm believer in progress and improvement in the community in which he lives, and who is also interested in raising some fine chickens, had the pleasure of winning first premium on the hens and second and third on pullets, of the Black Minorcas, at the Abilene Mid-Winter Poultry Show this week.

And Mr. R. A. Ellis, who for many years has devoted time and efforts raising fine chickens won second premium on Old Pen, of the Rhode Island Reds.

BIG PUBLIC BENEFIT TEA SATURDAY FEB. 3RD

There will be a Public benefit tea at the home of Mrs. Luke Huddleston on February 3. Proceeds to go to the Parent-Teacher Club. Every person in the city of Merkel who is interested in our public school is invited to attend this tea and bring your dime and enjoy a social hour visiting and mingling with your neighbors and friends.

Tea will be served from 2:30 to 5:30. Remember the place and the date.

The home of Mrs. Luke Huddleston Feb. 3 from 2:30 to 5:30

FINE RAIN--SOME SNOW FALLS HERE

Since last Saturday a fine rain, amounting to five eighths of an inch, as well as considerable snow, has fallen in Merkel according to Mr. E. M. Black, who for many years has kept the rain fall in this city. He also informs us that the rainfall for 1922 in Merkel amounted to seventeen and eighty-eight one hundredths.

It has doubtless been many years since the farmers of this section were so well up with their farming as they are at this time. In fact, a great many of them have their lands completely prepared for the planting season, and now with the last week's rain every one will be able to break their lands, who have not already done so.

At this time there is every indication that the year 1923 is going to be a year for big crops in Merkel country.

MANY JOIN GUN CLUB

The Gun Club under the management of the Liberty Hardware Boys is creating a good deal of interest among the shooting Sportsmen.

They extend an invitation to any one to shoot with them any Tuesday. There will be some high score medals hung up by the ammunition people to create more interest and enthusiasm in the way of Watch Fobs, Stick Pins, Loving Cups, or something of which we are not just now informed.

Grease up your gun and come in and shoot with them and enjoy an afternoon of real sport.

Will Preach At Trent Sunday

I will preach at Trent next Sunday. Let every one be there and lets have a big day. W. G. Cypert.

W. W. Campbell left Friday, for Carlsbad Sanitarium where he will take the rest cure from his labors here for a while. The Mail will keep him posted on the doings of Merkel while there.

WILL CHANGE LOCATION

The business house in the Beasley Block, between the H. M. Rose Barber Shop and the Gem Theatre, is being fitted up for occupancy by Mrs. C. L. Cash's Tailor Shop and the H. M. Rose barber shop. Mr. Rose having recently sold his building to Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw. The building now occupied by Mr. Rose will soon be occupied by the West Texas Utilities Co. heretofore known as the Merkel Power Company; said company having secured a six years lease on same.

LIVESTOCK RAISERS MEET ON FEB. 3RD

On February 3rd at 2:30 o'clock the people of Jones; Taylor, Callahan and Eastland Counties who are interested in pure bred livestock on the farms are asked to meet at the Abilene Chamber of Commerce office in a meeting with the Taylor county purebred livestock Association. The president of the Association has called this meeting for the interest of the farmer and breeder of the above named counties.

The purpose of the meeting is to get the people who are interested in livestock in these counties together and join as one body of people and organize a Livestock Association for these counties. An Association of this kind will help the farmer and breeder in many ways in raising better and pure bred stock. Pure-bred livestock will put this county, and will help in putting West Texas on the map as purebred livestock centers. If the people of other counties of Texas can make livestock raising pay them a fair profit, why can't Jones, Taylor, Callahan and Eastland counties too make a profit. Come to the meeting and see what these counties can do.

Carey O. Deavers

A DOUBLE WEDDING

A double marriage ceremony was performed at the court house in Abilene Friday afternoon by Judge P. B. Ford. The contracting parties were Clay Caussaux and Miss Vaneta McGowan, and H. H. McRee and Miss Aletha McGowan, the brides being twin sisters.

These are popular young people of the Trent community and the Mail joins their host of friends in wishing them a joyous journey along life's pathway.

SPECIAL SERVICE AT METHODIST CHURCH

Announcement is made that at the First Methodist church in this city on next Sunday morning, instead of the regular services there is to be a "Special Service", at which it is expected that the men of the church will organize into what will be known as the "Men's Club", of the Methodist Church. Now at this service everyone, men, women, and children, are cordially urged to be present.

The pastor and Lay Leader, are very desirous that every man who belongs to this church as well as those who attend same or are favorable toward the Methodist church, be present. They feel that with the men properly organized the church can better go forward with a larger scope of work, which will redound in many ways to the good of the cause. And while it is pointed out that the Sunday school and church attendance is at this time that with a thorough organization of the men, both may be increased to a considerable extent.

It is expected that some excellent talks and addresses will be made by prominent lay leaders, as well as the pastor will make known his view of the plans for the work of the club during the year. Again, it is especially urged that every man who is a member or attends the Methodist church, be present and help start this great move for upbuilding the Lord's work in Merkel.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, Jan 28 we hope to see a large percent of our Membership present at both Sunday school and church services. Our Sunday school continues its efficient work; and plans are being worked out for a larger service.

We look forward with great expectation to Presbyterian Field Day for Abilene Presbytery. This meeting will be held in Merkel, on Tuesday, Feb. 6. Supper will be held in the basement and a great and profitable time is expected. A full program will be given next week.

The weather on last Sunday, prevented the Vesper Service, so the high school Choral Club will sing Sunday, Feb. 4. On next Sunday the Merkel Band will give a sacred concert. Come and hear the Band play the old familiar Hymns. Fred S. Rogers

DEATHS

William C. Claxton, 72 years of age, a resident of Taylor county for many years, died in Abilene Saturday morning. He was born in Tennessee. He was buried at Round Mound cemetery.

The month old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bickly, died at the family home in Abilene Saturday morning and the remains were taken to Haskell Saturday afternoon for burial.

John McCall, a former citizen of Taylor county, and who was killed by a fall from an oil derrick in California, was buried at Tuscola Saturday.

Mrs. Fannie Halsell was buried at Bradshaw Friday afternoon. Mrs. Halsell was born in La Fayette county Missouri and was 83 years of age at the time of her death.

Capt. J. A. Buford has bought a farm out in the Canyon and his son Rush has moved onto the same where he will farm this year.

KU KLUX SPEAKER AT COZY MON. NITE

The Mail is in receipt of a message from the local Ku Klux Klan asking that we announce that, on next Monday, January 29, 1923, at the Cozy Theatre, at 7:30 p. m. Dr. G. C. Minor, national lecturer for that organization, will deliver an address on the workings of that organization, the things its stands for etc.

The local organization thru its communication to the Mail urges that every one who can, men women and children be present and hear Dr. Minor explain the principles of the Klan, assuring all that there will be nothing said or done that will in any way offend any person present. The occasion is open to the general public, with no charges or collections taken.

The letter further states that Dr. Minor is one of the greatest platform speakers in the South, and that all who hear him will have no occasion to regret it.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

- Leader—Lila Mae Bird
1. Isiac a son of Promise—Brannic Bailey.
 2. Samuel the boy reared in the house of God—Ina Mae Martin.
 3. The Shepard boy who became king—Godie Richie.
 4. The boy king, Comer Patterson.
 5. The boy who got lost in the city, Gilbert Walton.
 6. Memory verse—Ray Garrett.

Mrs. Calvert Ill

Mrs. W. C. Calvert, wife of county Agent Calvert, is seriously ill at the family residence south of town with pneumonia. Her father, Mr. Long of Stephenville arrived Saturday morning, and also Mr. Calvert's sister, Mrs. Martin from Merkel.

Sweetwater Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvert were former citizens of Merkel, and have many friends in and around the city who will regret to learn of her serious illness. Mrs. Calvert is a sister to Mesdames W. Parten and I. S. Allen, who will be remembered kindly by our people.

Epworth League Program

- Subject—History and Geography of Methodism.
- Songs; Prayer
- Leader—Mary E. Sears.
1. The beginning of Methodism—Ethel Wilson.
 2. American Methodism by Murphy Thomas.
 3. Methodism's early missionary efforts—Denzel Cox.
 4. Methodism enters China and Japan—Hazel Harkrider.
 5. Southern Methodism in Korea and Mexico, Dorris Durham.
 6. Southern Methodism in Cuba and Brazil, Joe Riney
 7. Southern Methodism in the "dark Continent and Europe, by Ruth Pike.
 8. The unfinished task—Jewel Daniel.

A. V. Dye, local contractor has the contract for the erection of two tenants houses on the farm of Mrs. Williams out in the Shiloh community. The houses will be four rooms each on the bungalow style and material is now on the ground for the erection of same. We understand that work will begin at once.

J. Ben Campbell who has been confined to the family residence for the past fifteen days with the flu, was able to go out on his run as carrier on route 2, Monday.

Parent-Teacher Club Notes

The different committees of the Parent-Teacher's Club have been busy at work since our last regular meeting. There were several teas given last week and still more scheduled for this coming Saturday. These teas are proving very popular and successful. If you are invited to one, don't fail to go. You will get your money's worth and more.

The Club is growing rapidly, we are adding new members all the time but we are anxious to have every school patron or any one interested in public school work to become a member of this organization and help our teachers make our school the very best possible. The lack of libraries in the grades is a great handicap to the grade pupils and it is quite possible for us to put those libraries there if every body interested in good schools will cooperate together and work to this end. Our Campus could be greatly improved and more beautiful by planting out trees, grass and making flower beds.

A sliding picture machine is badly needed especially by the lower grades and one can be had at a small cost, the slides can be obtained free from the state. Don't get the idea that this is an ordinary motion picture machine for the entertainment of the children for it is not. Only slides are used to illustrate and better teach the subjects.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday afternoon the 14 of Feb. at the High school auditorium at 3:30.

John D. Sullivan left Tuesday for Dallas where he goes to take a business course in one of the leading business colleges of that city.

THE BIG FREE CASH DRAWING SATURDAY

As per announcement, in our last issue, next Saturday is the day for the big free drawing to take place. On this day promptly at 3 p. m. the business men of this city will give away free, to some one or more persons, three prizes. The first will be \$15.00 in cash to the person holding the first lucky ticket drawn. The second will receive \$10.00 and the third will get \$5.00.

It is urged upon all who hold tickets the fact that they must be present in person when their ticket is drawn in order to get either of the three prizes. So do not send your tickets in by some other person, not even a member of your own family.

More than ten thousand tickets to this big drawing has been given out and it is expected that there will be one of the largest crowds in the city on next Saturday that has assembled here in many years.

And besides the above interesting prizes in cash to be given away, the different business concerns of Merkel will have to offer the buying public many interesting and attractive bargains in the goods they have to sell.

Also, the Merkel Concert Band will render a few excellent selections on the streets just before the big drawing takes place. Come in and enjoy the day with your friends and neighbors, and per chance you might hold the lucky ticket.

It is also understood that no tickets will be given away on Saturday. And, we would also call your attention to the fact that this drawing is no "skin game", you do not have to purchase a single article in order to get a ticket. They are absolutely free.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES HERE NEXT WEEK

Beginning on Monday night, there will be a series of services conducted by Elders Dallas and McKissick, assisted by Prof. A. L. Haley. The latter is a fine singer and musician. He is also an adept at crayon sketching. While singing, he sketches the picture. The services will begin at 7:15 each evening and will be held at the Presbyterian church.

Eld. McKissick is pastor of the First Christian church at Sweetwater, while Eld. Dallas is pastor of the First Christian Church at Abilene, both are able and excellent preachers of the gospel, and the Mail trusts that they have the cooperation of all Christian people.

Thos. A. Johnson, for many years one of this city's splendid bankers, and yet one of our fore most citizens and capitalists, dropped into our office one day this week to renew his subscription to the Merkel Mail for the twenty-fifth year. And while that is a pretty good while for a man to read continuously a local paper, Mr. Johnson is one of the several who have been faithful for these years. There are some who have been reading the Mail for more than years.

COUNTY RED CROSS OFFICERS

Following are the officers of the Chapter of the Red Cross, Taylor county, at their annual meeting last Saturday at Carnegie Library in Abilene: W. H. Free, chairman; Mrs. J. K. Duke, vice-chairman; Mrs. Grady Kingsolving, secretary; Homer Scott, treasurer.

FIRE CHIEF NOT GUILTY

The Jury in the case of the state of Texas vs. Frank Ferrier, charged by indictment with transporting intoxicating liquors, returned a verdict of not guilty in district court Tuesday. Mr. Ferrier is fire chief and fire marshall of Abilene and formerly lived here. The Jury was only out fifteen minutes.

FATHER DIES IN KANSAS

Mrs. L. R. Thompson was the recipient of a sad message on last Saturday evening, announcing the death of her father at Greenburg Kansas. She departed on the midnight train for that city to be present at the funeral. Mr. Thompson accompanied her as far as Fort Worth returning Sunday evening. The Mail joins Mr. and Mrs. Thompson's host of friends in extending deepest sympathy during their sad hour.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

OLE CLOES SHINES
JES' EZ MUCH EZ
NEW CLOES DOES,
CEPN HITS A DIFFUNT
LOOKIN' SHINE!!



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Johnson, 91; Victor Smith, 91; Dehaze Simpson, 90; Tommie Hill, 90; Gladys Watts, 90; Edna Shurlock, 90

7th Grade —
Tommie Durham, 96; Tolbert Proctor, 95; Joe Cypert, 95; Orpah Patterson, 94; Margaret Eckerd, 94; Marie Pinckley, 93; Aileen Childress, 93; Van Hines McSpadden, 93; Clyde Mayfield, 93; Lee Criswell, 92; Inice Brown, 91; Christene Russell, 91; Bonnie W. Sanders, 91; Helen Booth, 90; Dorothy Higgins, 90; Delphene Moore, 90.

8th Grade:—
Lila Bird, 95; Emma Toombs, 94; Godie Richie, 93; Lola Dennis, 91; Edith Baker, 92; Lerven Chaney, 91; Owen Hutchison, 91; A J Tucker, 91; Juanita Beene, 91; Isa Mae Hughes, 91; Anna Lou Russell, 91; Eva Mae Johnson, 91; Vernon Chaney, 90; Hazel Bell, 90; Ona Tatum, 90; Alice Beadle, 90

9th Grade:—
Effie Grayson, 95; Dorris Durham, 94; Ona Fae Rose, 94; Ruth Pinckley, 93; Opal Patterson, 93; Mary Butman, 92; Lucille Guitar, 92; Ray Garrett, 92; James Harris, 91; James Swann, 91; Nola Provine, 91; Hazel Lee Rainbolt, 91; Melba West, 91; Stella Wilson, 90; Dorris Russell, 90; Hallie Pike, 90; Lucille Hogg, 90; Jarrett Pinckley, 90; Winnie Merl Teaff, 90; Roy Elliott, 90.

10 Grade:—
Johnny Sears, 95; Maurine Tipton, 94; Spencer Bird, 93; Branlic Bailey, 93; Willard Reeves, 92; Ema Toombs, 91; Grace Lee Cranston, 92; Boog Sears, 91; Harry McCandless, 91; Merrill Collins, 91; Weston West, 91; Fairy Orr, 90; Roxie Sharp, 90; Irene Henderson, 90; Myrtle Daniel, 90.

11th Grade:—
Carvel Tucker, 96; Hattie Proctor, 95; Vennie Heizer, 94; Marvin Mayfield, 94; Wayman Rose, 93; Mabel Toombs, 93; Beryl Tucker, 93; John L. Jones, 92; Roberta Hughes, 92; Tina Moore, 92; Maude Hardy, 91; Quennie Roundtree, 91.

There appear above 175 names. Out of an enrollment of 689, and an attendance of about 600, this is a high percentage to make the requirements of being on the Honor Roll. The requirements are any thing but easy to attain. The above pupils are to be commended for their regular attendance and good work. Respectfully,
Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

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Aching joints, rheumatic pains, neuralgia, can be relieved quickly by a rubbing application of Ballard's Snow Liment. It is powerful penetrating remedy. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and 1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Jan.

Almost every day some good customer comes in and remarks

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We will grant every favor and accommodation to our customers that is warranted by sound, conservative banking—but we will do more than this.

We feel that the REPUTATION of this Bank is a guarantee of SAFETY unexcelled by any bank in Texas.

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank

J. T. Warran, President.

L. R. Thompson, Cashier

HONOR ROLL

The following pupils of the Merkel Public School have been neither tardy nor absent, have made 90 percent or more in Department, and have made a general average of 90 percent or more for the six-weeks period ending January 12, 1923. For reaching this high standard they have had their names placed on the Honor Roll of the School.

Low 1st., Mrs. Johnson: Cyril Casey, 94; Imogene Middleton, 94; Mildred Clark, 93; J. C. Bishop, 92; Mardell Shouse, 92; H. C. Toombs, 92; Myrtle Dyess, 92; Lonnie Waltry, 91.

High 1st (Miss Pogue) Alvin Shurlock, 93; Ward Berryman, 93; Mary E. Grimes, 93; Elva Rose, 91; Burnard Carter, 91; Jack Patterson, 91;

2nd Grade (Miss Tracy) Christene Beadle, 92; Mattie Horton, 92; Burrell Chaney, 91; Edna Mae Marshall, 90; Bonnie Belle Matthews, 90.

3rd Grade (Miss Coats) Mattie Lou Largent, 92; Page Johnson, 92; Louise Booth, 91; Sybil Horton, 91; Hazel Highsmith, 90; Beth Hamm, 90; Preston Henderson, 90; Joel Darsey, 90.

3rd Grade (Miss Smith) Elvis Richardson, 94; Leo Tucker, 94; Oleta Moore, 93; Alvin Parrack, 92; Lynn MepSadden, 91; Benjamin Sheppard, 90.

4th Grade (Miss Martin) Florence Ligon, 94; Maybelle Ligon, 93; Tracy Campbell, 93; Missie Dye, 93; Nadine Tippet 93; Weldon Coats, 93; Maurine Davis, 92; Alva Hayes, 92; Patsy Lewis, 92; Lee Bryant, 91; Odessa Hay, 91; Mildred Bird, 90; Fred Guitar, 90

5th Grade (Miss Ellis) A. R. Tyson, 94; Raymond Earthenan, 93; Gladys Hardy, 92; Norma Shannon, 92; Eleanor Hamilton, 91; Alice Reed, 91; Lorene Dixon, 91; Elizabeth Hutchison, 91; Irene Campbell, 91; Bernice Lassiter, 91; Lester Patterson, 90; Conley Sanders, 90; Mary Ellen Ashby, 90; Dorothy Daniels, 90; Voncell

Hay, 90; Selma Lee Russell, 90. 4th & 6th Grades, Miss Travis Edith Smith, 94; Leona Rose, 92; Tula Miller, 91; Clara Pilcher, 90;

Marjorie Bland, 96; Gladys Deutschman, 96; Annie Marie Brown, 95; John Dee Coats, 94; Eunice Bird, 94; Pearl Avery, 93; Venice Bell, 91; Berdelle Adcock, 91; Gladys Acuff, 91; Lois B. Dixon, 90

6th Grade (Mrs. Sublett) Burnis Tucker, 95; Sterling Sheppard, 95; Vera Matlock, 94; Mildred Hamm, 93; Elizabeth Harkrider, 93; Ruby Higgins, 93; Agnes Sanders, 93; Roy Propst, 92; Mildred Holloway, 92; Thelma Jordan, 92; Ruby

Our dusting and renovating alone is worth the price charged for the finished job. Try it out, no odor process. Ligon the laundryman, phone 218. tf

For Seed Potatoes, onion sets and Garden seed see Hamilton & Case. It.

Mrs. J. R. Baze is just back from a visit to Millersview, where she had been to attend a sick relative.

W. O. Dial who has lately moved with his family to Rotan was here last week winding up business matters.

Call on us for Bulk Peanut oil. Hamilton & Case. It

W. Roundtree, splendid citizen residing near here, was in the city last week and made this office a pleasant call.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McCarty of Carter, Oklahoma, were here recently for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. F. Y. Gaither.

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SECRET OF LONG LIFE

Scientist Finds Fountain of Youth in White Corpuscles.

Dr. Carrel Describes Work of White Blood Corpuscles, Which Experiments Had Shown, Stimulated Growth of New Tissue.

New York.—Discovery of the tissue-building activities of the white blood corpuscles, believed by scientists to point the way to the indefinite prolongation of human life, were outlined by Dr. Alexis Carrel of the Rockefeller Institute, in an address before the National Academy of Sciences.

Doctor Carrel's statements were taken by many prominent scientists in his audience to indicate that the secret of longevity might be found through the discovery of a means of stimulating the activity of these corpuscles.

Doctor Carrel described the work of the leucocytes, or white blood corpuscles, which experiments had shown, he said, protected the body against infection and also stimulated the growth of new tissue and the regeneration of dormant cells.

He told of his experiments with animals which had indicated that the white blood corpuscles stimulated the growth of new tissue "by setting free growth activating substances in the tissues." He pointed out that in extreme old age new tissue grew to heal wounds and broken bones.

Hideyo Noguchi, a Japanese scientist, who is also a member of the Rockefeller Institute, announced he had developed an anti-serum for Rocky Mountain spotted fever, which now has a mortality rate of 70 per cent in the Rocky mountain and Pacific coast states.

He said his serum would prevent the disease if the victim was inoculated within four days after he contracted it. Human beings, he declared, caught the disease through the bite of the wood tick and usually did not know they had the fever until six days after they were bitten.

PLANS FLOATING SCHOOL



Asa G. Chandler, Jr., who heads a group of prominent financiers in an unique educational project. They have purchased the U. S. transport "Logan" and will remodel it as a floating school. Fifty schools are to co-operate with the millionaires in arranging for the most likely students to make a tour of the world under the direction of the school authorities so as to provide a means of broadening the scope of education. A select staff of instructors is being engaged and regular classes will be conducted on board the ship. It is planned to conduct a six-weeks' tour of the United States, via special trains, first, to be followed by the tour of the world.

COWS HAVE A "SOUSE" PARTY

Silage Has Too Much Kick and Bovines Engage in Free-for-All Fight.

Boise, Idaho.—Twenty-five cows belonging to E. B. Ford of Wendell went on a "jag" and ran amuck, enjoying a free-for-all fight.

Ford fed his herd on silage, as usual, but the feed happened to have reached just the right stage in fermentation to produce unexpected results. The cows became intoxicated and began a free-for-all fight, piling up in a bunch, with the result that one cow came out with a leg so badly broken that she had to be killed.

Worms Dined on Savings of Man Afraid of Banks

Two years ago Peter Pullos, railroad section foreman of Toledo, O., became worried over financial conditions of banks and withdrew his life's savings, \$1,350, and buried it in an earthen jar.

Recently Pullos decided that banks were all right again and dug up the jar. In the bottom of the partly disintegrated receptacle was a mass of bill fragments, chewed by worms until they were past redemption.

LABOR HIGHEST PAID

Germany Puts More Value on Brawn Than Brain.

Ordinary Laborers Average 100 Marks an Hour—Newspaper Editors Average \$3.19 a Month—Theaters May Have to Close.

Berlin.—Manual labor is valued above the products of the brain in the industrial top-heaviness of Germany today, if prevailing wage standards can be taken as a criterion.

Ordinary laborers receive an average of about 100 marks an hour. (The present rate of exchange gives 47 marks for one American cent.) Wages for an eight-hour day range from 400 to 1,200 marks, making a monthly pay check of approximately 9,000 to 31,200. An agreement has been effected whereby shoemakers and cabinet makers receive from 67.15 to 116.55 marks an hour.

In September the salaries of German newspaper editors were fixed by agreement to range from 15,000 marks to 21,500. (In American money, 15,000 marks amounts to \$3.19.) A scale was adopted providing that newspaper men receive 15,000 marks in the second year, and so on up to 21,500 marks for a man of eight years' experience. "String" news pays at the rate of 1.90 to 2.75 marks a line, according to its nature. Reporters get 70 marks for small notices, 135 for reports of meetings, and 125 for investigations. Articles by critics are paid for at the rate of 275 marks each. A man who works on Sunday gets 500 marks for the day.

Even such wages are acceptable among the journalists of the capital, for high costs are rapidly thinning the ranks of newspaper men and many employees are being thrown out of work. The situation has reached such a pass that a movement is under way among conservative publishers to establish a fund to aid unemployed newspaper men, the leaders being actuated by political as well as humanitarian motives, since they fear much good talent among the writers will drift to the radical press.

Managers of three large theaters in Berlin have announced their houses may have to close because of the wage demands of the stage help. Actors and actresses until recently received a minimum wage of 7,500 marks a month. Now that this has been raised to 22,000 marks, the stage hands are demanding a minimum wage of 24,000 marks.

IS QUICKLY AMERICANIZED



Although born above the Arctic circle of Eskimo parents the girl shown here at the typewriter has become very much Americanized after a sojourn in Seattle of only three months. Her name is Betty Call and she and her sister, Olga, are anxious to educate themselves for a business career.

DONS ROBES FOR AMERICANS

Queen of Rumania Also Wears Crown to Please Woman Visitors From United States.

New York.—Queen Marie of Rumania donned her coronation robes with the royal crown for the edification of two American women who visited her during the summer. Mrs. B. Frank Melane of Spray, N. C., told friends here, accompanied by Mrs. Kenzie White of Fairmont, W. Va., Mrs. Melane arrived in New York from France.

She said that she and Mrs. White visited Queen Marie at the summer palace at Sanaia in the Carpathian mountains and that the queen put on the robes she had made for the coronation when she was told that the two American women would be unable to remain in Rumania for the ceremony. The queen's daughter, Princess Elizabeth, now queen of Greece, was present and wore her court dress at the same time, Mrs. Melane said.

Clerk Had Nose for Cash, Postal Inspectors Say

Post office inspectors, in bringing charges of tampering with the mails against Edmund F. Donnelly, a clerk in the office at Manchester, N. H., said Donnelly was able to smell money in envelopes. They describe how, with each of two test letters, he tore a small opening in the edge of the envelope, put the slit to his nose, sniffed, and took bills out.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pribble at their home in Mulberry Canyon Sunday, a daughter.

Car of Feed must go this week to make room for more. Hughes Cash Grocery. It.

Ted Lassiter spent Friday in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Leach and Mrs. Jim Wicher were in Abilene Friday.

Dr. Cooper and E. S. Sandusky of Abilene were the guests of Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert Sunday.

A. R. Cox, has been confined to the family residence since the first of January with serious illness, we are glad to state. Mr. Cox celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday last Saturday, in bed.

Why leave Merkel to get your top and curtain work done? I do all that pertains to the Auto top and have all kinds of materials on hand. Dowell the top Man.

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PROGRAM FOR THE WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Monday January 22 1923

Hymn—No. 258—"Wonderful Words of Life".

Bible Lesson—Jesus the Shepherd. John 10 (1-10).

Mrs. H. A. Sanders

Prayer—Mrs. C. B. Smith.

A Unique talk for home and foreign missions

Mrs. M. Armstrong

Meeting a religion, Christian in name but Pagan in Practice

(a) Placing responsibility and earmarks of paganism Mrs. L. R. Robbins

(b) Romanism is an attack on Civil Government and foundations of mortality . . Mrs. Ross Ferrier

The Catholic Church is an enemy to Jesus Christ

Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson

My Missionary Gift for 1923 . . . Mrs. H. C. Williams

Song—No. 39—"Take the name of Jesus with you."

Roll Call—by Secretary, answered with "My Missionary resolution for 1923".

Benediction—

SPOT CASH CLEAN SWEEP SALE

Continues

We thank you for your very liberal patronage.

DO NOT FAIL TO ATTEND THIS TEN DAYS BARGAIN FEAST

And cash prize drawing Saturday January 27.

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A. T. LYLE

Old Star Store Stand

Mrs. O. R. Bird was a visitor in Abilene Thursday.

Expecting car of Oats any day. Merkel Ice & Coal Co. Phone. 203. South Side. It.

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A limited amount of Seed Oats. Merkel Ice & Coal Co. Phone 203. South Side. It

E. D. Coats, local realty dealer, reports the sale of the Tidmore farm consisting of 240 acres of land, located two miles west of town to H. H. Toombs. Consideration \$9,600.

W. D. Hutcheson, local hardware and grocery merchant, returned Wednesday from Roby, where he had been to close up a deal for the purchase of a fine 320 acre farm located in Fisher county.

Mr. Bond and family arrived this week from Red River county and will farm this year on the John Drew farm south of town. Mr. Drew, we understand will go to the oil field at Eastland.

Geo. W. Boyce, local realty dealer had business in the Tuscola community Wednesday.

Miss Jessie Carter of Garrison Texas, was here this week the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson.

L. D. Matlock, hustling representative for the Watkins Remedies in the West part of Taylor county, returned last week from a trip through the Shep community.

Car of Johnson Grass Hay just unloaded. Merkel Ice & Coal Co. Phone 203, South side. It.

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Mrs. Ida Rogers of Moran, was a pleasant visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom King this week.

GOLD PLUME COFFEE

40c for 1 Pound

\$1.10 for 3 Pound

Saturday, January 20, Only

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A Balloon Given away with Each Pound Sold

Notice! Notice!

I wish to announce to the automobile owners and the public in general, that the Woodrum Filling Station, to my own knowledge does not use or sell any gasoline but that "Good Gulf," which they buy from me as agent for the gulf refining Co. They also handle "Supreme Auto Oil.

W. F. Golladay, Agt.

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The problem of the near Easter
is the wives' hat bills.

After-thoughts bring regrets
but never put money in the
bank.

The profiteer always has an
ear to profits.

A woman likes coloring in her
cheeks, but not in her nose.

Some persons believe that
equality means to drag others
down to their level.

Marrying a man to reform
him used to be a woman's most
dubious experiment. Now it's
the man who takes all the chances.

When he was in school the
income taxpayer of today was
telling that he would never
have any use for subtraction.

It has about come to this,
that if President Harding and
Secretary Hughes have a plan
for saving the world, they will
have to state it to get action.

Moonlight And Moonshine

We used to think the two
words meant the same but have
learned better now. Anyway, we
know that Deming has the most
beautiful moonlight in the world
and up until the other day,
thought we had the best moon-

shine ever extracted from the
cactus, but we've changed our
minds on that, after hearing
what happened in an adjoining
county. Its so good, we'll pass
it along.

As the story goes, a cowboy,
who had spent considerable
time wrestling with the long-
horns afar from the bright
lights, went into town. He had
a thirst like the Sahara desert
and a longing to tarry at the
wine cup, so bought himself a
bottle of "hooch". After taking
three swigs of the amber colored
fluid, he decided he had the
greatest aggregation of reptiles
in the world, and being of a
business turn of mind, rented
a vacant store room and opened
a snake show.

He charged 10 cents admission
and had a full house right
off the reel. But he had the
edge on the sightseers, for
they could not see the snakes,
and several of them left and
swore out warrants for his ar-
rest, charging that he obtained
money under false pretenses.
The warrants were given
to the sheriff, who went to the
show place to serve them.

The cowboy took him aside,
gave him a drink out of the
bottle and—sold him half in-
terest in the show for \$300.—
The Deming Headlight.

Baptist Ladies Missionary

The Women's Missionary So-
ciety of the First Baptist
church met Tuesday afternoon
and rendered a missionary pro-
gram, which was greatly en-
joyed. We had some additional
talks that was also appreciated.
We will not meet in regular
meeting next week, as the pro-
gram committee meets that day
with Mrs. Earl Lassiter to ar-
range for our year books. We
had 20 members present this
week and consider this a well
attended meeting, as the weather
was so unpleasant.

Mrs. O. J. Adcock and two
little sons, Oscar and Wayman,
were in Abilene Thursday.

To drive out worms that are
eating away the strength and
vitality of your child, use
White's Cream Vermiguge. It
expels the worms without in-
jury to the child. Price 35c.
Sold by Sanders Drug Store.
Jan.

**THE METHODIST CHOIR
ORGANIZES**

Some of the Musically inclin-
ed of the Methodist church met
Wednesday night after prayer-
meeting to more perfectly or-
ganize the choir. The following
officers were elected: Mr. Robert
Hicks, Director and leader;
Miss Estall Moore, assistant
leader; Miss Lorena Frazier,
Pianist; Miss Lynn Thompson
Violinist; Miss Christene Col-
lins, Pres. of Club; Miss Lillian
Watts Secretary; Mr. Tom Lar-
gent, Treasurer. The President
appointed the following com-
mittees:—Special music, Misses
Estell Moore; Lorena Frazier,
and Esther Rhoel. Social Com.
Misses Lynn Thompson, Blan-
che Durham, and Edna Watts;
Business Com. Mr. L. R. Thomp-
son, Mrs. Sanders and Bob
Hicks.

All were interested in the
plans for a better choir and ex-
tended a cordial invitation to any
who will come take a part and
help us make this the best choir
the Methodist church has ever
had. Plans were made to order
new books and special music.
Come to choir practice next
Wednesday night, after Prayer
meeting.

STOCK SHIPMENTS

The following shipments of
cattle were shipped out Sunday
consigned to Fort Worth.

W. H. Laney & Son, 2 cars of
fed calves.

Collins Bros., 1 car calves.
Jasper McCoy, 2 cars of cat-
tle.

F. T. Hogan, 1 car cattle.

Mrs. J. Ben Campbell was in
Abilene Thursday.

Poultry Wire

We have a large stock of Poultry
Wire also we have hog wire, barb wire
fence wire, screen wire, or hail wire.

We are expecting two cars of im-
plements in a few day. Get our prices
and look over our lines, before you buy.

We are not the largest hardware
people in West Texas. But we are still
alive. Help us grow we will try to give
you value received for your dollar.
Everything in Hardware for the Spring
Garden.

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John Deere Implements

We have now on our floor both single and
double row planters and cultivators in the well
known John Deere make, having just received
and unloaded a car of this make of implements.
We also have just unloaded a car of barb wire
and poultry netting. Our stock of hardware is
now the largest that we have ever carried.
Your trade will be appreciated by us and we
feel that we are in position to give you Satis-
faction in regard to goods both in quality of
goods and price.

Grocery Department

A fresh and complete stock of staple and fancy groceries.
Also all reasonably fresh vegetables. We have just received
a fresh car of that good American Beauty Flour. Be sure
and try a sack. Saturday we have a demonstration of the
National line of crackers and cakes. Be sure and see what
we have.

CROWN HARDWARE COMPANY

**Mrs. Ed. Turner is Hostess
To Friendship Club**

The Club met with Mrs. Ed.
Turner at Ed's Cafe Friday,
January 19. A delightful even-
ing was enjoyed by all.

The fun really began when
the hostess passed cretonne
bags, each containing an equal
number of black eyed peas. All
members being told to watch
their (p) and not to worry ab-
out their (q's) but most of all
watch their English and never
say "yes or no", or be fined a
pea by their neighbor member.
This caused much fun. Miss
Maxie Banner having been the
closest observer and having the
largest number of peas at the
close of the evening.

The stairway and second
story were beautifully decorat-
ed with various colors of twine,
each member given a color and
a tiny paddle and ordered to
wind for her life or till she
reached a goal. Quite a commo-
tion was caused when all mem-
bers reached the stairway and
began to paddle their own canoe
or try to. The twine led on from
room to room, all coming to-
gether in the center of one
room and a pair of bed springs
placed direct underneath which
made things just a little un-
handy for just as you were ab-
out to untangle your twine,
some one moves and the springs
spring and your twine is lost in
the tangle but at last Mrs. El-
mer Lowe was first to get her
paddle through the tangle and
find that it still lead on to a
reserved seat at an unquilted
quilt, the Goal at last. There be-
ing too many present to quilt,
a table was prepared and those
not caring to quilt enjoyed a
noisy game of "42"

A contest was brought forth
pertaining to valuable ston-
es. For instance, a laundress,
the stone, being soapstone, etc.
Mrs. Sam Owens won this prize
Now for the eats. Take it
from the Friendship Club, Ed's
Cafe can serve the eats when
they try. Full fried oyster or-
ders were served to all.

This was followed by a deli-
cious banana cream pie, with
hot chocolate.

Members present were; Mes-
dames, Owens, Golladay, Stan-
ford, Lowe, Sublett, V. B. Sub-
lett, Busbee, Sanders, Misses
Maxie Banner and Renna Burns
The club was delighted to have
Mesdames Stewart Grimes, J. T
Dennis, and Mrs. Brooks Pat-
terson as honor guests.

The club meets with Mrs. El-
mer Lowe next Friday Jan 26.

**Senior Epworth League
Program, Trent.**

Subject—History and Geo-
graphy of Methodism.

Leader—Melvin Reid.

Song Service;

Prayer, by Oakley Reid.

Scripture, Matt. 16:13-18

Music—Miss Fuller

1. The History of Methodism

a. Beginning of Methodism,
by Bro. Landreth

b. American Methodism, by
Amanda Payne.

2. Methodism all over the
world.

a. Methodism's early mis-
sionary efforts, Emmogene Mc-
Ree.

b. Southren Methodism enters
China, Nora Graham.

c. Southern Methodism in
Japan & Korea, Lillian Tedford

d. Southern Methodism in
Mexico and Cuba, Goma Walker

e. Southern Methodism in
Brazil, Curtis Payne.

f. Southern Methodism in
Africa and Europe, Arvial Scott

g. The unfinished task, by
Oakley Reid.

Business; Benediction

REMOVAL NOTICE

We expect to move our shop
one door west of our present lo-
cation. We will be closed Monday
and Tuesday on account of mov-
ing. Will be open by Feb. 1st,
where you will find everything
snug and comfortable. We in-
vite you to call and see us.

**THE H. M. ROSE BARBER
SHOP**

Compere News

The Box Supper Friday night
January 19, was quite a success
as \$67.59 was cleared be sides
the fun. Miss Alta Ballis, Miss
Carrie Whitter, and Miss Grace
Farmer were the contestants
for the prettiest girl. Miss Far-
mer got the cake. The cake with
the hole in it caused the most
excitement. Mr. Claude Touch-
stone guessed a "tomatoe" and
won the cake.

Those new school desks have
arrived and the pupils are en-
joying a good seat.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Spurgin
spent Sunday afternoon at Mr.
W. S. Allred.

Miss Lillian Rains has been
on the sick list this week but
is better now. A large number
of the pupils were afraid of the
snow Monday and therefore
missed school.

The Sunday night singing was
rained out.

Mr. C. S. Childers and family
spent last week end in Hamlin
visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Nell Holloway has a fine
music class started and we are
glad to see it growing.

Mr. W. S. Allred is driving a
"brand new Ford" this week,
wonder if it fell with the snow.

Miss Grace Lee Cranston, who
is attending Merkel High spent
the week end with the home
folks.

Miss Powell and Miss Beidle-
man spent the week end with
their home folks.

Mr. A. B. Cranston has gone
to Abilene to serve on the jury
this week.

Mr. J. C. Thompson, county
Supt. visited our schools the
latter part of last week.

CANDY SALE SATURDAY

The Intermediate Epworth
League is going to have a Candy
sale Saturday January 27 th at
Sanders Drug Co. Come bring
your nickles and dimes.

W. B. Alsobrook and son,
Paul were in Abilene Thursday
It on a business mission.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott Entertain Baptist Choir

The spacious rooms of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott's home were the scene of a lively entertainment given in honor of the First Baptist Church, on the evening of Jan. 12. About twenty members of the choir responded to the unique musical invitations which had been mailed each member.

The living and dining rooms were beautiful in their decorations of blooming Narcissus and other pot plants.

After all the guests had arrived, Mr. Scott, president of the choir, called for a business session, and after lengthy discussions, it was decided to render a cantata on Easter Sunday. Mr. Scott and E. Yates Brown were nominated to make the selection of the Cantata to be given.

Mrs. Scott passed pencils and written contests, and while Miss Lula Belle Sharp played familiar songs, the guests wrote the name of the one being played, and the country it represented. As three ladies tied, in contest for highest honor, a draw of straws was made, and Miss Annie Mae Swann proved winner, and was awarded a music box. After this interesting game, slips of paper were passed and resolutions for some other member of the choir was made. Mr. Scott wanted to prove that he was a graduate in mind reading, so he took each slip of paper, held it to his forehead (never having looked at it) and told exactly what the resolution was. Two guests were eager to learn to be as wise as Mr. Scott, that they in turn, tried it. But neither, proved as efficient.

Mrs. Scott served tempting

refreshments at a late hour, consisting of, apple salad on lettuce leaves, meat sandwiches, olives, and hot chocolate. The plate favors were a pretty gaily colored horn, bearing a card explaining: "Some thing to blow in, after the holidays!"

It was almost the midnight hour when the guests finally departed, declaring Mr. and Mrs. Scott to be ideal entertainers.

Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth went up to Trent Tuesday evening for a few days visit with her brother, Dan Rollins.

The F. H. Goff residence on Rose Street on South side was sold this week to Mrs. S. M. Bird, who recently moved here from Bosque county. The deal was made through W. O. Boney

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

About People that You know

Miss Emma Lee Hemby spent Sunday in Merkel with friends.—Sweetwater Reporter. L. J. Allen of Merkel and H. B. Davis of Hamlin were business visitors in the city Friday.—Haskell Free Press.

Earnest M. Mims of Mims Dry Goods Company will leave to night for New York and other Eastern market centers to buy goods for the new store which will open about February 15th.—Abilene Reporter.

Carl Black left for Trent Wednesday where he goes to assume charge of the Burton-Lingo Lumber yard. The many friends of Carl will be pleased to learn of his promotion.

We want your chickens and eggs, at Hughes Grocery It

Missionary Society Notes of The Methodist Ladies

On account of the weather, the Woman's Missionary Society had only a few present on last Monday afternoon and those present decided to postpone the program until next Monday, Jan. 29. Those who were on this program will please take notice and come on next Monday. The regular time of the meeting is 2:30 instead of 3. We will also have the report of the delegate to the all day meeting at Abilene. This is going to be a Splendid report and you will want to hear it. Come Monday. Reporter.

If you want a new top, c. Dowell—that is his long suit. I also repair your old worn out cushion—Dowell the Top Man.

The Mail is requested to announce that on next Tuesday night there will be initiatory work to be done in the Odd Fellows Lodge. All members are urged to attend.

T. V. Touchstone and family, of Chillicothe, were here this week for a visit with Mrs. Touchstone's mother, Mrs. F. Sears and other relatives.

Rev. J. S. Moore, Methodist minister for the Stamford circuit, who for some time has been quite sick at the home of his daughter here, is we are glad to report, able to be up and about again.

If you need Gas, go to the Filling Station; if you need Drugs, go to the Drug store; if you need Auto top and curtain work, bring it to me. Dowell the Top Man.

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Car and Truck Sales

50,203



DECEMBER 1922

Car and Truck Sales

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1,202,517 Ford Cars and Trucks were delivered to retail purchasers in the United States alone during 1922—Actual deliveries for last month greatly exceeded any previous December in the history of the Ford Motor Company—

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—in your egg production is guaranteed when you feed Superior Egg Mash together with Superior Hen Scratch.

Superior Hen Scratch will keep layers healthy and strong, while Superior Egg Mash is a scientifically balanced feed that is guaranteed to increase the quantity and quality of your egg production.

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MERKEL ICE AND COAL CO.
Phone 203 South Side

HORN FACTS

We have had some rain and snow this week. It will greatly help to put a season in the ground.

We had an accident in our community last Friday night. Mr. Wilber Rains was driving the car, in which were Luther Hatfield, Lema Goza and Mollie Goza. Mr. Rains lost control of his car on a new graded road and slipped off in a ditch turning car and occupants over. The injuries were minor, as Mr. Hatfield came out with only a knot on his head; Mr Rains was cut on the thumb; one of the girl's lips was cut; the other has a sprained arm.—Blue Bell

Elder W. G. Cypert left Wednesday for Snyder where he goes to attend a religious debate, and to visit relatives.

A daughter was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Williamson at their home north of town on the Hugh Clark place.

The revival meeting continues at the Methodist Church. Evangelist R. E. Huston was called home Monday on account of sickness in his family, however he returned to Clyde Wednesday night and reentered the services with his usual energy and zeal. Twenty or more conversions have been reported, and interest continues unabated. The services are being attended by large crowds.—Clyde Enterprise.

Mr. Huston will be remembered by a large number of Merkel people as the evangelist who was with the Methodist people in their great revival last February and March. He is indeed a great Christian worker.

R. B. Wells, one of the substantial farmers of the Merkel country, was in the City Thursday and stated that he had 30 acres of wheat which was now looking well, and that he had his ground broken and in fine shape for his other crops—was going to sow some oats soon.

The Right Way is

**Ring 155
And get our
Prices**

Garrett & Co.
North Side

He does Our Weighing.

To Weigh With the

Public either any way

Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

YOUR TOMORROW

AS YOU go about your duties today, acquiring a larger knowledge of your obligations to others and a better understanding of your work, you are paving your way to a better tomorrow.

If you are careful, conscientious, even-tempered and loyal today, determined to make every stroke tell, you will not be lacking in these excellent qualities tomorrow.

By holding steadily to such a course, there will come to you gradually a new-born strength which will ease your burdens and inspire a new confidence in your ability.

Power is not given to ordinary mortals to go at one stride to the top. The summit of hope can be reached only by repeated steps, sometimes hard and painful, calling for patience and an extraordinary control of the heart, the hand and the tongue.

If you succeed in mastering yourself today, it is likely that tomorrow will be less imperious in its demands upon you, and yield a little in its inclination to get you in trouble.

Upon the other hand, if you are indifferent, careless and indisposed to make the best of opportunities today, tomorrow will hold these shortcomings against you, and begin at the breakfast table to make you unhappy.

It will follow you as you go to work, snapping at your heels like a surly dog. And when you confront your task you will feel the sweep of contrary cross-currents and inconstant squalls, ready at the first drop of an ugly word to make you thoroughly miserable.

It is too late now for regrets. You have lost a day and are slipping down hill, while the "still small voice" is calling in your ears to be steady, dutious and thoughtful of your future.

Thousands of light-headed, variable young men and women have missed their goal through their unconcern of tomorrow.

Instead of looking forward, sharpening their wits, keeping their vision unclouded, and giving each hour the best that is in them, they play fast and loose with today, and thereby misstep with the progressive and fall behind.

Though they rail against the Fates, which they feel will bring them the frown of tomorrow, they shun helpful faith and courage, forget their prayers and slip hopelessly down and down to the yawning abyss of despair, too weak to rise or turn their faces toward the still smiling countenance of Hope.

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MEN YOU MAY MARRY

By ETHEL R. PEYSER

Has a Galoot Like This Proposed to You?

Symptoms: He's awfully smiling and affable. He hasn't a share in any oil company... but... no one has it on him for oiliness. Slippery! If you think you have him in one hand, he will slip through the other. When he goes anywhere, he can make bitter enemies think that he agrees with both sides. It doesn't matter how many miles of railroad stretches between the two opinions. His clothes look slick enough if you don't call out the Public Service Commission to investigate the dizzy, rag-like edges of collars and cuffs. He always has a small job and is continually oiling his friend's inclinations for a possible new one.

IN FACT

He is the Original of the "Call-me-olly-Mother-Deer" type and the World's best Base Slider.

Prescription to Future Bride: Some sand in all your food.

Absorb This: Of Sliding and Striding, Striding's Abiding.

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ONCE IS ENOUGH



Frank Craven



Frank Craven is one of the few American actors who is also a play writer. He is now starring in "The First Year," one of his own comedies which had a run of two solid years in New York, and is now booked for a long run in Chicago. Its appeal lies in its clean, wholesome humor.

The Friendly Path

By WALTER I. ROBINSON

CO-OPERATION

LEARN to co-operate. The leaders in everything of consequence who are getting ahead are not doing so by their own stubbornness. They have come to recognize that the greatest amount of good can only be accomplished by persuading others into following them along the logical pathway, rather than in trying to force them like cattle being driven into their pen.

There is nothing new in co-operation. Wise men have recognized its importance and recommended it to others for ages. But for the co-operation of men, the pyramids would never have been built and without the co-operation of a woman, Columbus would not have started on his memorable trip.

One hundred years ago John Skinner, editor of the "American Farmer," in discussing the future of farming, urged co-operation in order that the industry might succeed and assure agriculturists more pleasure in life. He said:

"Farming in the future will no longer be a matter of brute force. It will be a business for brains, organization and intelligence."

If he could return to this world now and see the wonderful progress in agriculture since he last looked upon our waving grain fields and cool meadows of hemp and corn, he would understand more clearly than he did a century ago that co-operation was the surest way to win. On every hand he could see evidence of the use that have made of "brains, organization and intelligence," and he would doubtless be hopeful of greater co-operation particularly in marketing, in order that farmers might get more for their products, though consumers would pay less.

In home, business and industry, co-operation is the one word to keep in mind. It means not only an easier path to success, but a surer road to joy.

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Has Anyone Laughed At You Because —

By ETHEL R. PEYSER

You lend money? Haven't people said to you, "You'll get stung!" "Can't you see you'll never get it back!" Never mind; you think it is better to hit it right sometimes than never to lend. Lending if not in excess is all right. It helps the lender to lend—it eases some good folk to borrow and you like to ease folks and you think the good shouldn't suffer for the dishonest.

SO

Your Get-away here is: To lend as well with your mind as your heart—then let them laugh. If you have done some good it has paid you well—by your knowing you have made the borrower and the lender happier.

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PILOTLESS ARMY PLANE A WONDER

Equipped With Automatic Control Device It Is More Dependable Than Human Pilot.

MOST EFFECTIVE IN BOMBING

Army Air Service Declares Results of Experiments Constitute "Most Important Post-War Development."

Washington, D. C.—The pilotless army airplane, equipped with an automatic control device said to be more accurate and dependable than any human pilot, has been developed to a point where it has made successful flights of more than ninety miles. It was announced by the army air service.

The announcement declared the results produced after a long series of experiments constituted the "most important post-war development of the many novel ideas of new engines of war." Experiments had shown it possible, it was said, to shoot bomb laden planes, without pilots, at targets on or off the ground with astounding accuracy.

Gyroscope for Brains.

"Of the automatic pilots being experimented with," the statement continued, "that which has proven most successful to date can be described as using a gyroscope for its brains and bellows or pneumatics, similar to those used in player pianos, for its muscles. "The ability of a balanced rotating mass, moving on frictionless bearings to maintain its position in space, so long as it is not acted upon by outside forces, is called a gyroscopic force. This force is made use of in the stabilizing and directing of the airplane on a true course. Two separate and distinct gyroscope units are used for this purpose. The function of one is to direct the lateral and longitudinal variations in flight and the other to maintain direction.

"These gyroscopes are electrically driven from a generator geared to the airplane engine and run continuously during the flight. The sense of direction, whether it be vertical, horizontal, or fore or aft, is taken from its respective unit and transmitted by means of leakage ports in the pneumatic system, which in turn control relay valves delivering a suction to the power pneumatics.

"These relay valves and tubes controlling this supply of power correspond to the nerves of the human body. The power pneumatics are directly connected to the control surfaces of the airplane and the engine vacuum is sustained by a pump gear driven from the airplane engine."

"There," the statement added, "we have the three functions of the pilot: the gyroscopes functioning as the brain, the relay valves and tubes as the nerves, and the power pneumatics as the muscles."

True in Bumpy Weather.

In actual work, the announcement said, hundreds of automatic takeoffs and a number of automatic flights of ninety miles and more have been made. This "pilot" is capable of being mounted in any type airplane and in bumpy weather will hold a plane much steadier than a human pilot and will carry it in an absolutely true course regardless of fog or adverse weather conditions.

In the tests just concluded the machine used was one of the small type, having a span of only twenty feet, a sixty horse power motor, capable of carrying 250 pounds.

HOW PAT EXPRESSION BEGAN

"They All Look Fast Going Past Trees" Originated by Henry Dempsey.

Detroit, Mich.—"They all look fast going past trees."

Henry Dempsey, a ruddy Celt, a keen judge of horseflesh and a trainer of distinction, is credited with originating this phrase, which, first applied to horses, has become a pat expression in nearly every other branch of sports.

A friend had asked Dempsey to look over some horses. The thoroughbreds were worked, Dempsey watching them silently.

"They look great, don't they, Henry?" said the owner with undisguised pride.

"They all look fast," drawled Dempsey, "going past trees."

The phrase was recalled recently by the death here of Dempsey.

Tries to "Eat" Fire; Burned.

Easthampton, Mass.—Peter Parzych, fourteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Parzych, was painfully burned about the head and neck while trying to imitate fire-eating stunts he had seen in motion pictures.

He gathered a mouthful of gasoline and tried to spray it across a lighted match, when it ignited. His burns are not considered serious.

White Foxes Plentiful.

Calgary, Canada.—White foxes are very plentiful in the Far North, with prospects very bright for the coming trapping season, according to the semi-annual report of Inspector S. T. Wood, in charge of the Arctic division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Announcing the Continuance of Business of

CAMPBELL'S

(INCORPORATED)

And our plan for Immediately Restocking the Store With New Spring Goods

Buyers now on the way to New York and other Northern and Eastern Markets to Select New Spring merchandise for every section of the Store.

The announcement that this store is going to "carry on" under the same ownership and management, tho in a larger way, will be welcome news to thousands of its patrons as well as the public at large in this city and the country around.

Our efforts to dispose of the store have not been met by an offer which we considered at all reasonable, thus leaving us but one course to pursue in the premises—restock the store and continue business.

When we announced our intention of going out of business, we planned to reduce the stock to about its present proportions, and then sell it in bulk to someone who would continue the business. The first part of the plan was successfully carried out. However, we were unable to secure a satisfactory offer for the stock and fixtures, therefore we have decided to buy new stock for all departments and resume our activities with renewed zeal.

And now there is a brighter side to the picture; while our plans could not be carried out to their logical conclusion, the benefits resulting from the attempt have been beyond calculation. We refer to the recent successful sale, which has been of untold advantage to thousands who attended, and who secured their winter needs at a tremendous lowering of prices. To us it means the almost complete clearance of winter merchandise, thereby placing our stock in the best possible shape for the arrival of new Spring goods which are soon to take the place of the old.

In continuing the business we pledge anew the service of satisfaction which our patrons knew so well and have learned to depend on at all times. To those who become our customers, dealing with us for the first time, we offer our record of the past and a pledge of service and value never excelled, bending every effort to offer you the best possible values always.

Our ledgers will be open tomorrow and we solicit all prompt paying 30 day charge accounts. Merchandise charged during the remainder of this month will appear on February bills. However, in the future all accounts will be due the first of the month following date of purchase.

With unwavering faith in the policies, we have pursued and which are in a large measure responsible for the success of this store, we feel justified in announcing the continuance of Campbell's—the Store of "Quality, Value, Service." Abilene's leading Department Store.

CAMPBELL'S

Abilene, Texas

TRENT NEWS
—By Lillian Tedford—



A SEVERE BLOW

Jack Frost is a snappy citizen, but when we get through selling you an overcoat—man Jack Frost will never be in it with you!

We also have a complete line of John B. Stetson and Lion Hats for men.

Have just received a big shipment of Campus Caps for young men. Come in and let us show you.

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"THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE"

NOTICE

To the poultry raisers of Merkel and vicinity, if you will bring your poultry to me I will see that you get the highest prices that is going. W. P. Duckett. 19t2

Take a dose of Herbine when you are bilious or constipated or your stomach is out of order. It is a marvel of promptness in correcting these conditions. Price, 60c. Sold By Sanders Drug Store. Jan

Trent, Texas—
Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Landreth motored to Merkel Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. L. E. Loveless spent the past week with her parents who live at Weatherford.
Mrs. W. C. Knox and daughter and Miss Grace Hassel of Eskota were in Trent Friday.

Mr. H. D. Simpson, Mr. F. D. Simpson and family and Mrs. Peebles were in Trent Friday from Merkel.

Mr. J. C. Murdock, Sr. has been at Roscoe the past week.
Miss Berta Riley, Miss Della Goode, Mr. Arthur Duncan and his sister, Ida Mae, motored to Coleman where Miss Riley and Miss Goode will visit Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Riley and Mr. Arthur and Miss Ida Mae Duncan, will visit an uncle.

Dr. Thompson of CrossPlains is visiting his sister, Mrs. Carl Murdock of Trent.

Mr. Robert Oreal is visiting his mother and sister. Mrs. Cooper of Abilene. Mrs. Oreal and children joined him Saturday morning.

Mr. W. J. Armour and Mrs. Armour, Mr. L. E. Loveless, C. C. McRee returned Saturday from San Antonio, where Mr. and Mrs. Armour have been visiting their son, Jim, and Mr. Loveless and McRee attended a druggist convention.

Mrs. J. A. McRee, E. L. Mangum, J. Rawlings, Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Landreth, Mrs. R. B. McRee and Miss Lillian McRee, motored to Abilene Friday to attend the meeting held there for the Ladies Missionary Society.

Mrs. Huse Bailey and baby of Slaton have been visiting relatives. Mrs. S. H. Watkins is a sister and Mrs. Ben Howell a cousin.

Mr. C. H. Lester, who has recently moved to Merkel was in Trent Monday morning. We were very sorry to lose Mr. Lester and his family from our community. They were a great

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Matinee Saturday From 2 to 5:30

Friday
Constance Talmage
IN
"Mamma's Affair"
Also—
And—
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TRAVEL REVIEW

Saturday
Wm. Desmond
IN
"Fighten Mad"
Also—
And—
Snub Pollard Comedy
Pathe News

TUESDAY JANUARY 30th } **Richard Barthelmess in "Sonny"**

ONE NIGHT ONLY } From the story by George V. Hobart
A First National special Production, with an all star cast including some of the principal characters in the Cast of "Tolable David"
House open at 7:30, Feature at 8:00 Admission and War Tax 10-20-30c

help in the church as well as good citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Mangum of East Texas are visiting Mrs. Mangum's mother, Mrs. Stroud.
Mr. B. F. Sipe left Sunday morning for Ardmore, Okla. where he will visit his son and attend to some business.

Mr. Carl Black of Merkel was in Trent Monday on business.
Mrs. L. W. Dowdy has been visiting her brothers, Messrs. Hugh and Fred Fronabarger of

Fort Worth.
Mr. Othel Watkins who is attending Simmons College spent the week end at home.

The Baptist ladies carried the play of "The Old Maids Convention" to Escota, last Thursday evening. The play was fairly well attended. The proceeds that the ladies received were nine dollars and forty five cents.
John Howell and family of Abilene spent the week end with Mr. Howell's sisters, Mrs. Bowers and Mrs. Billings.

Miss Jewel White of Abilene is visiting Miss Goma Walker of Trent.

Miss Fuller spent the week end with her parents, who live at Abilene.

Last Friday morning, Mr. Lewis and Cecil Murdock turned over a car on the road northwest of Trent, about two miles from town. Neither of them were hurt, except, Mr. Cecil had one limb slightly hurt. The car struck a sand bed and was turned over.

McRee—McGowen
Causseaux—McGowen

Last Friday morning Mr. Hale McRee and Miss Vaetha McGowen were happily united in marriage, and Mr. Clay Causseaux and the twin sister of the other bride were married at the same time. They were married by the Justice of Peace of Abilene. We hope for them much happiness in their future life.

Mrs. J. R. Payne and her son, John were called to Knox City to see one of Mrs. Payne's cousins who was very sick.

Miss Opal English has the flu and is very sick but we hope she is soon able to be back in school.

Mrs. George Howell left Monday for Fort Worth where she will spend a few days and then she will return to Bates, Ark. her home.

Mr. L. E. Adrian has been absent from the Bank on account of having the flu. We hope that Mr. Adrian will soon be back at work.

Mrs. Rufus Adcock and little daughter, Frances were in Abilene Thursday.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Baby buggy and Bassinet. See Mrs. C. S. Higgins. 1tp

FOR TRADE—A good hay bailing outfit, including nearly new mower for Ford Car. E. E. Brittan. 1tp

FOR SALE—80 acres of land, good water; house, and 35 acres in cultivation. The rest can be put in. Located 3 miles west of Noodle. Will take \$25 an acre, halfcash, and easy terms on balance. Phone Merkel 9020F22. 26t2

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Good five room house, close in, after the 1st of the month. Apply to H. P. Wilkins, Route 1. 1tp

LOST

LOST—In Merkel, crank to a Paige Car. Finder return to C. B. Barnes, Merkel Garage. 1t.

Call on us for Bulk Peanut oil. Hamilton & Case. 1t

Herbine corrects biliousness, indigestion and constipation. It is a fine herbal medicine that drives out impurities and restores healthy conditions in the system. Price, 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Company. Jan.

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In the new year and have so much to be thankful for, lets put our shoulder to the wheel and make Merkel and adjoining Territory, the best place in the Sunny South in which to live.

We are with the Magnolia Petroleum Company. Something we are very proud of.

The Magnolia Petroleum Company—

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Our business is gradually increasing and we are trying harder each day to be of more service to our customers and fellow men. We will appreciate any suggestion that will help us render Better Service.

Yours Sincerely,

R. F. Mashburn, Truckman.
Dick Cypert, Filling Attendant.
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**A PLEA
And an Offer of Reward**

In the fulfillment of its service, this Company is often seriously interfered with in various ways.

Long periods of lack of electric service are experienced by our customers through no fault of the Company but through thoughtless and oftentimes malicious actions by individuals.

Hunters frequently shoot the insulators on our cross arms, causing a line to burn down. The burning down of a line throws out a switch in the Central Power Station at Abilene, putting in darkness for several hours the territory served by the damaged line.

Identical consequence are suffered by our customers, and the Company is put to similar trouble and expense, when pieces of barbed-wire are thrown across our lines.

This Company appeals to the fair-mindedness of West Texas citizens for their cooperation in eliminating these annoying, costly, unnecessary and frequently-recurring acts of vandalism.

An exceedingly liberal reward will be paid to anyone causing the arrest and conviction of parties caught destroying our property, and violating the service we strive so faithfully and sincerely to maintain.

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY

LEARN FACTS ABOUT STEEL

Interesting Discoveries Concerning Most Useful Metal, That Have Recently Been Made.

Very fascinating are the unsolved problems of metallurgy which were discussed at a recent meeting of an institution of civil engineers.

There is a common carbon steel which, when heated to 725 degrees centigrade and quenched in brine bends on becoming cold, 43 degrees, and possesses the hardness number 228 on the Brinnell scale. If heated only ten degrees higher, to 735 degrees, and then quenched and cooled, it bends only 1 1/2 degrees and its hardness becomes 512. Finally, when the heat is increased another 5 degrees, to 740 degrees, the effect is that the steel will not bend at all and its hardness number rises to 713.

All these results are produced by a range of temperature less than that experienced by the air on an ordinary spring day. There is a steel containing 20 per cent of nickel which is almost non-magnetic and has a tenacity of 40 tons per square inch. If immersed in liquid air it becomes strongly magnetic and its tenacity rises to 115 tons. Then, after returning to ordinary temperature, it retains a tenacity of 115 tons.

RELATIVES DIED WITH CUSTER

Many Members of the Famous Soldier's Family Lost Their Lives in the "Massacre."

In the battle of the Little Big Horn, popularly known as the "Custer Massacre," in the government's campaign against the Sioux Indians in the summer of 1876, and in which, besides Gen. George A. Custer, every man in his command lost his life, several near relatives of Custer were among the killed.

With Custer in that memorable fight was his brother, Capt. Tom Custer, the only man in the United States army who held two medals for capturing two flags with his own hands in the Civil war. After the battle the Sioux chief, Rain-in-the-Face, made good a previous threat, and accomplished a terrible revenge for an old grievance against Captain Custer by cutting open the breast of the brave young soldier and eating his heart. Calhoun, a brother-in-law of the general, was among the slain, as was Boston Custer, another brother of the general, who was civilian forage master of the Seventh cavalry, and Auntie Reed, the general's nephew—a mere boy, who wanted to see something of life in the West, and who had welcomed with joy this opportunity to make the campaign.

Learned Barbarisms.

The use of Greek or Latin roots from which to form new words, required by the advance of scientific knowledge, is almost universal among learned men. On the whole the practice is useful, but it can be carried to absurdity. Dr. Brudenell Carter, the English oculist, in one of his books, protests against doctors who air their supposed acquirements by coining horrible verbal compounds that are usually intended to express very simple conditions.

I have, he writes, seen dacryocysto-syringokatakaleisis used to express obstruction of the tear duct, and amphiblastroicitis to express inflammation of the retina of the eye. I once met a country cabinetmaker who built wooden frames, covered with needlework, to protect polished fenders against the feet. He sought a name for his contrivance from the local schoolmaster, who furnished him with antitribosodochedion and with a literal translation—an against-friction-of-the-ashes receptacle.—Youth's Companion.

Paradise of Departed Heroes.

The way in which the departed Scandinavian heroes passed their time in Valhalla, or in the palace of Odin, is described in several places in the Edda.

They have every day the pleasure of arming themselves, marshalling themselves in military order, engaging in battle, and being all cut to pieces; but when the stated hour of repast arrives their bodies are reunited, and they return on horseback safe to the hall of banquet, where they feed heartily on the flesh of a boar and drink beer out of the skulls of their enemies, until they are in a state of intoxication. Odinn sits by himself at a particular table. The heroes are served by the beautiful virgins named Valkirie, who officiate as their cup-bearers. But the pleasures of love do not enter at all into the joys of this extraordinary paradise.

Made No Hit That Night.

A certain actor, who walked across the stage in a street scene of a third-rate drama, was very fond of telling his friends what he would accomplish when he had a speaking part. No matter how small it was, he would show them what real acting meant.

Eventually his opportunity came. He was to appear in one of the scenes and say two words—"It is."

For three weeks, nightly, before his mirror he rehearsed; trying all sorts of gestures, expressions and tones, until he felt perfect.

The eventful night arrived when the curtain was to rise on the new play for the first time, and the actor impatiently awaited his cue. It came. "And so this is the end?"

With his best advantage, he be stalked to the center of the stage and in a voice of thunder, cried: "Is it?"

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Song; Business records; Song Prayer. Groupe in charge.

Subject—Boys of the Bible.

1. Isaac, son of promise, by Alvie Elliott.

2. Samuel, the boy reared in the house of God, by Roy Giles

3. The sheppard boy who became king, by Nell Brown.

4. The boy king, Josiah, by Gladys Hardy.

5. The boy who got lost in the city, by Hoyt Davis.

6. Memory work; Closing song.

For Seed Potatoes, onion sets and Garden seed see Hamilton & Case.

The Mail is glad to learn thru relatives here that Mrs. Donald J. DeWolfe, of Chicago, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford, who has been very low for some time is now reported as improving, and expected to soon regain her former good health.

Car of Johnson Grass Hay just unloaded—Expecting car of oats any day. Limited amount of seed oats. Merkel Ice & Coal Co. Phone 203, South Side. It.

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OUR SPRING INVITATION

It makes no difference to us as to whether you are in the market for a new suit or not. We want you to come in at your earliest possible moment and look over our new spring sample lines. They are far the best and most beautiful we have ever shown. And we feel sure that the collection, style and prices are all so complete and reasonable that you can not afford to pass the opportunity up

Cash Tailor Shop

Mrs. C. L. Cash Prop.

Mrs. W. Anda Vee Cash, wife of Dr. Cash, died at the family home in Abilene Monday morning after a lingering illness and burial took place in local cemetery there. She was born and reared in Abilene, and her death came as a shock to her many friends. Besides a husband, one son and one daughter she leaves the following sisters and brothers: Miss Alice Berry and Mrs. John Bowyer of this city; and Geo. Berry of Tulsa Okla., Chas. Berry of New Orleans; C. S. Berry, Los Angeles, Calif.; W. T. Berry, Los Angeles, Calif.; J. T. Berry of Cisco.

Bring your eggs cash or trade to Hamilton & Case. It.

Watt Blair, another one of the well fixed citizens of route five, was here one day this week and reported that he had just killed a big fat hog that tipped the scales at seven hundred and ninety pounds. Some Hog!

A limited amount of Seed Oats. Merkel Ice & Coal Co. Phone 203, South Side. It

Mrs. Kirby Beckett, and baby daughter, Bettie Booth, are here to visit the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren.

We are glad to have a pleasant visit from Mr. J. W. Latimer, splendid young farmer, from route five, one day this week.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

All regular services Sunday, including Sunday school at 10. m. Preaching by the Pastor at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Morning subject, "The perplexity of a true Christian".

Evening Subject, "If saved by grace we are eternally saved."

All B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 6 p. m

We are still looking for Judge Caldwell to speak to us at an early date and should he come Sunday his addresses will take the place of the subjects announced. When he comes he will speak at the morning hour on "The Layman's part in bringing in the Kingdom". At the evening hour he will give us first hand "Conditions in Europe as seen the past summer."

We think we are indeed fortunate to have the assurance that this man of affairs will come to us with these talks.

His very coming will be a blessing in that he is a man of big affairs and finds time to visit a neighboring church and give them a boost. This man, tho sought after by many other attractions has time and is willing to fill the place of president of men's Sunday school class.

We especially urge that every Baptist hear him, others will be welcome but we want the Baptist people to get the vision that this man can give of the importance of the Lord's work compared with even the big affairs of men.

You will find a welcome at anyand all these services. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Bring your eggs cash or trade to Hamilton & Case. It.

Why bother with the uncertainty of a washwoman, when you can have it all washed and starched and ironed and delivered in good shape for less. Soft collars and shirts are included in my pound rate. Ligon the Laundryman, phone 218. It

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For one week, our special prices will save you money, on bed springs, mattresses, bed room suits, parlor suits, floor coverings, both rug and linoleum.

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