

FINE FEED SAMPLES AT A LOCAL BANK

We know we have been talking quite a bit about the fine crop prospects (that have prevailed) in this country, and we told the truth when we said they were fine, and notwithstanding the fact that for the past two weeks the weather has continued very hot, with intervals of awful hot winds, which have injured very much all late feed and early cotton, there is going to be quite a bit of both feed and cotton made in this country yet.

And to those who in the least doubt that there is going to be raised lots of very fine feed, we would site them to the very fine and large display of samples of both corn, maize and millet now displayed in the front of the Farmers State Bank. These samples are as fine as one need to want or could find grown anywhere, and each bears the name of the grower, and all together makes a wonderful display. In fact, the display looked so nice that we accused Cashier Anderson of being in the real estate business on the side, as well as further to remind the bank officials that if they did not watch their display W. O. Boney would slip it out to his office where he might quietly explain the bountiful yields of the different grains to the prospectors who might come this way this fall, or that Grady Kinsolving, the hustling secretary of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce might, in his zeal to better boost Abilene and Taylor county, slip same out and over to our splendid county site.

MR. AND MRS. THOMPSON AND MISS LYNNIS RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson and Miss Lynn Thompson returned Tuesday from Dallas, where Mrs. Thompson underwent a surgical operation at Baylor Hospital.

The family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Johnson and family of McKinney, and report a very delightful visit with the Johnsons whom they found to be finely situated in their new home and to have attracted to them a large number of agreeable and influential friends.

Mr. Johnson has not only maintained, but added to, his already enviable reputation as a capable and conservative banker, as evidenced by the many highly complimentary remarks made to Mr. Thompson by people who are thoroughly qualified to judge.

While in Dallas, Mr. Thompson visited with the officers of the Federal Reserve Bank and other banks in the city and had a fine visit Monday with John T. Orr and several heads of departments of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association.

Mr. Thompson was recently made chairman of a meeting of the bankers and association members at Abilene and his speech on assuming the chair was quoted in full in the official Organ of the Association.

Mr. MELLINGER RETURNS

Mr. Max Mellinger, who spent some two weeks in the eastern markets selecting and buying his fall and winter stock of dry goods, returned last Friday.

He reports having purchased a complete line of up-to-date merchandise for his store here, and which he says is now beginning to arrive.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett are proud this week to have as their guest their son, Mr. A. B. Garrett, who is now one of the successful young attorneys of Waco.

COTTON UP \$16.00 BALE ON REPORT

New York, Aug. 6.—Recent increases in the price of cotton, caused by prospects of a sharp reduction in the Texas crop, will mean a gain of approximately \$80,000,000 to farmers who have cotton to sell, William Mitchell of Gwathmey & Co., cotton brokers, estimated Monday.

Soars \$6 per Bale

Speculation on the short side of cotton were punished severely Monday when the price of that commodity was advanced more than \$6 a bale on top of an advance of \$10 a bale in the last three trading days. The advance adds \$176,000,000 to the total value of the crop. The higher price was due primarily to the decreased acreage, as shown in the Government report issued last Wednesday, and to the drought in Texas, the largest producer of cotton of any state in the Union.

All Wall Street houses and their plunging customers who trade in cotton were caught short. Their rush to cover was accelerated Monday by further unfavorable crop reports from Texas.

Prior to the issuance of the Government report there had been a wild orgy in cotton. Wall street gamblers who turn to the commodity markets when business on the Stock Exchange is dull, had sold the commodity recklessly in the belief that the price would decline in proportion to that of wheat. According to their theory, with wheat at \$1 a bushel, cotton should be worth only 7c a pound.

Those were the respective figures for the two commodities in 1914. The speculators, however, failed to take into consideration the fact that virtually no cotton was carried over from last year. For the last three years the "carry over" had been diminishing steadily. The crop this season was considerably smaller than had been expected. Some of the other facts overlooked were that Germany and Austria had been big buyers in the last year, and that some of the mills had failed to acquire their necessary supply because of the expectation of lower prices.

The consequence was that the Government report showing the decrease in acreage and the bad condition in Texas caught both the mills as well as Wall street and other gamblers short of the product.

The covering by the gamblers started immediately after publication of the Government report last Wednesday. With the crop report being worse instead of better they became panic-stricken. The result was that today they forced the price to a level more than \$16 a bale higher than it was when they first began to buy in order to obtain the cotton they had to deliver.

KU KLUX VISITS A REVIVALIST HERE

On last Sunday evening at the closing service of the revival meeting which had been in progress at the Baptist church for ten days, some half dozen members of the Ku Klux Klan in full regalia marched in and down the aisle to the speakers stand, where they handed to the Evangelist a letter containing some money and a nice, complimentary letter commending the Evangelist, Rev. Charlie Taylor, for untiring efforts and stand in behalf of the Christian religion. The letter also stated, we are told, the principles and things for which the Klan stands for.

After a few complimentary words and a prayer by the evangelist, the Klansmen marched out as silently as they came.

BRAGG AND ROSE OFF TO MARKET

Mr. A. C. Rose, proprietor of the Merkel Dry Goods Company, accompanied by Miss Evorie Clark, milliner for this firm, left Monday night for St. Louis and other eastern markets, where they will select a choice and complete line of fall and winter goods including millinery.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg of the Woodroof-Bragg Company, left Sunday for Saint Louis and New York, where they too will make selections and purchases of the fall and winter goods for their firm. At Dallas they were joined by Miss Willie Swann, Milliner for their firm, who after studying styles in the wholesale district of that city, joined them for the trip to the eastern markets, where she will select the stock in this line for the above firm.

MERKEL GINS ARE READY FOR 1ST BALE

In this issue of the Mail will be found announcements from two of our local gin men, announcing to the farmers that they are ready for their cotton. Those making announcement are Mr. Sam Swann, whose gin is located in the eastern part of the city, and Mr. L. L. Murray, manager of the South Side Gin, the only gin on the south side of the railroad.

These gins, as well as all the other gins in the city, we presume, have recently been placed in the best condition possible, and the Merkel Mail feels sure that the farmers of the Merkel country will be afforded the best ginning service here that can be found anywhere in the state.

KU KLUX SPEAKER COMING TO NOODLE

We are requested to announce to the people of Noodle and surrounding country, as well as the general public, that there will be a public speaking on the Ku Klux Klan question at Noodle on next Wednesday, August 15, at 8:30, by Rev. W. K. Horn, a Baptist minister of Post City.

We understand that the speaker's subject will be "The workings of the Klan, what it stands for, and the good that it can and is accomplishing throughout the country."

We are informed that plans are being made by the citizens of Noodle for taking care of the largest crowd that ever gathered before in that community. And, since the speaker is said to have been a citizen of that community for many years previous to going to Post, and that he is a good, able and prominent man, liked and esteemed by all who know him, makes it certain that a large crowd will greet him.

BRO. PARRACK IN REVIVAL AT COMP'RE

The Comper Baptist meeting will begin Sunday, the Lord willing. Pastor Parrack is to do the preaching and Brother Ira Stanley will lead the singing. Services will be held during the week at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

The services will be held under the Comper Tabernacle and every body is invited to attend. All Christians are urged to come and help win the Lost to the Lord. Ira L. Parrack.

Charge Pads for sale at the Merkel Mail office. tf.

EDITOR INSPECTS BANKER'S FEED CROP

In our last issue we made mention of the bountiful yield of oats raised this year by Mr. J. T. Warren on his fine farm four miles east of town. And in that article we also mentioned the fact that Mr. Warren had promised to take us out to and over this fine stock farm. Well, on last Friday morning, early, very early for a banker (unless he is a farmer-banker), Mr. Warren called us by telephone and announced that he was ready to take us out to his farm and show us some real sure enough crops in the way of many kinds of feed and cotton. And with Mr. E. N. Brown, splendid local dry goods merchant, we had the great pleasure of inspecting this most excellent and well improved stock farm. And to say that we found growing on same some of the best dwarf maize, sorghum, Hegira, Indian corn, etc., we have ever seen growing anywhere, and surely Mr. Warren will raise plenty and to spare, as is usually the case with him. Mr. Warren has in his bins now considerable old corn, maize and threshed oats, some of which was raised in the year 1919.

Mr. Warren as is well known, is usually successful in any undertaking he may enter, but he studies carefully the best ways and means of the undertaking, and then pushes same to the utmost. Thus he is about farming; he first studies and searches for the best and most productive grains, and plants and cultivates most carefully and scientifically, with the result that he nearly always reaps a large yield. And we like to forget to mention a new feed which is being grown this year in abundance on this farm, and which is known as "Darso", a cross, it seems, between Dwarf Maize and Sorghum, and which our good friend Mr. Warren dubs as "Real Mule Feed." It is said that in this feed besides its fine grain value, one gets the benefit of the roughness, which stock eat about the same sorghum, but has much better grain value than the latter. No doubt the farmers of this country would do well to investigate this feed, especially when same can be grown so abundantly as is being done on this farm this year, and possibly they would like to try it out another year.

And besides the fine growing crops of cotton, corn and feed as above mentioned, there are also to be found a nice herd of pure-bred, white-face Hereford cattle, and last, but not least, a fine bunch of full blood Rhode Island Red Chickens, in all of which the banker-farmer and stock raiser finds time to interest himself, and which he makes pay as he does his bank stock.

Just received at the Crown Hardware Company, a car of the Famous Peter Schuttler Wagons.

CATTLE SHIPMENT

The following cattle shipments have recently been made from Merkel. On last Saturday Collins Brothers shipped one car, and on Wednesday of this week C. T. Derrick shipped three cars.

And we understand that a part or all of the latter three cars were purchased from Mr. J. E. Boaz, who makes it a specialty and takes pride in raising fine thoroughbred Hereford cattle, and were indeed very fine stuff.

Judge E. S. Cummings is in Sipe Springs this week on legal business.

BIG UNION REVIVAL BEGINS ON SUNDAY

According to announcements for some weeks that there would begin in this city on next Sunday, August 12, a Union Revival Meeting by the local Presbyterian and Methodist churches, the Mail is glad to announce that all plans are completed and every thing is in readiness for the beginning of this expected and hoped for great revival meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Community Tabernacle, which has this week been repaired, fitted up with many new seats and made ready in every particular for the occasion, and it is expected that the Evangelist, Rev. E. E. Hendricks, who is a Texas product, but now making his home in St. Louis, and who is known far and wide as one of the greatest preachers throughout the entire nation, with his Choir Director, Mr. Hilbert Kratzer, of Dayton, Ohio will arrive in the city on Saturday night's Sunshine Special, and will be ready to take active charge of the meeting at the Sunday morning service.

For some time now the local pastors, Revs. Fred S. Rogers of the Presbyterian church and M. C. Hays, of the Methodist church, with their congregations have been working and planning for a good, old time, genuine revival, one that will redound to the entire good of the town and community, and these good pastors invite and urge the cooperation of all Christians and church members of the city to join in the meeting.

There are a number in the city who know and have heard Evangelist Hendricks in meetings at other places, and each and all are loud in their praise of him, stating that he is one of the greatest preachers they have ever heard.

For some time the choir leaders of the two churches have been engaged in building up a large and well trained choir, and they, with the evangelist and choir director, urge and invite the members and singers of other choirs of the city to join them in the choir service.

While we have no knowledge of the plans for the different services, it is expected that there will be two services each day, one in the morning and the other in the evenings.

A number of other good meetings have been held in the city the past two months; the Baptist just closing last week, when Evangelist Charlie Taylor, one of the really great preachers of the country did much for the local church and the city in general, all of which should help to start the above meeting with a vim and interest that will be telling from the beginning.

Since it is being stated from pulpit and forum that "Christianity is the only thing that is going to keep this old world from chaos and wreck", it seems that this should be an incentive for all Christian people in and about Merkel to come together in an effort to bring about the better and needed conditions.

The lowest prices "since the war" on all summer merchandise at Woodroof-Bragg's for the next ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rust of Weatherford, their daughter, Mrs. Bettie Carver, and three children were week end visitors in the home of J. C. Tucker. Honoring them, Miss Bertha Tucker entertained a number of relatives on Sunday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Merritt of Noodle, C. L. and Lewis Tucker, and Ed Vickers of Pecos.

Memorial Services

At the Tabernacle
Friday Morning
From 10 to 11 o'clock

Mayors Proclamation

Merkel, Texas, August 9, 1923

I, H. C. West, Mayor of Merkel, do, by this proclamation, call upon the citizens of this community to assemble themselves, in some public place, at 10 a.m. o'clock, Friday August the tenth, for the purpose of paying our respects to the late President, Warren G. Harding.

It is with a deep feeling of sorrow and regret that we have received news of the death of our President, and it is but fitting that every citizen of this community should assemble themselves at the appointed hour and place to pay our last tribute to this great man.

I call upon the business men of Merkel to suspend business for one hour beginning at 10 o'clock. Issued this the ninth day of August, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-three.

H. C. WEST, Mayor

In response to the above, a citizens committee has arranged to carry out the following program at the tabernacle, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Friday.

- Song "America"
- Invocation Rev. Ira L. Parrack
- Song "Lead Kindly Light"
- Biography Dr. R. I. Grimes
- Scripture Reading Rev. M. C. Hays
- Memorial Address L. R. Thompson
- Song "Nearer My God to Thee"
- Benediction Rev. Fred S. Rogers

WHITE CHURCH

It has begun to be very dry in our community which may injure the cotton considerably, but the farmers are very busy these days harvesting their feed.

Mr. Stephens, a prosperous farmer from near Hawley, Jones County, was here Monday showing his wife over their new location. Mr. Stephens has rented from Mr. Snow for the coming year. We hope he and his family will be a great help to our community.

Mrs. Ernest Connelly and baby from the other side of the canyon spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Riggans.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan from Big Spring, who have been visiting Mrs. Sloan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman Sr., attended church here Sunday.

Wm. Snow and family are visiting his sons D. E. and Z. E. near Brownfield, Terry county.

Mrs. Harvey West and daughter, Mrs. Perry, are visiting relatives at Fort Worth, Oklahoma City, and other places.

Mr. Desken Snow and wife, who have been visiting here, have gone to Brownfield, Denver, Colorado, and other places of interest to tourists. They will return here for a few days, then will leave for Corpus Christi, where they will attend the Teacher's Institute before going to Bishop where Mr. Snow was again elected principal of the high school and Mrs. Snow one of the grade teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coats are preparing to move to Mr. D. D. Coats' farm near Blair. The writer joins the many friends of this young couple in wishing them all that is good upon their journey through life.

Mrs. Luther Franks and children from Wichita Falls are spending their vacation with Mrs. Raymond Demere.

Mrs. Hill from north of Merkel is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Williams.

Mrs. George Smith is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Costephens at Merkel.

Mr. A. D. Wilson is just completing a nice new modern Bungalow. He also has purchased a new Ford car.

Among others who attended church here Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Connor, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Clark Vestal Hicks, Velma Brown and Gladys Noel from Merkel; Pat Hutchins, Nath Noel, Fred Brown, Alver Hutchens, Willard Brown and their families from Bitter Creek community near Sweetwater and B. Tabor and family from Anson. We are glad to have these visitors with us and give them a hearty invitation to come again.

Bro. Cameron closed the meeting Sunday night with a very interesting sermon. The writer failed to learn the correct number of conversions and additions to the church, but we are sure that the influence will be far reaching. As the meeting was drawing to a close a decided stillness fell upon the congregation. Six white robed creatures of the K.K.K. order filed in and handed the preacher a gift, knelt and prayed, and then marched out as silently and mysteriously as they had come. "Optomist"

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Texas Banker Uses Ferrasol

One of the most widely known financiers in Texas is Mr. T. T. Cole, President of the Texas Mortgage Co., of Dallas, who writes: "I am pleased to say that I have used Ferrasol for indigestion and acid stomach and I believe it is the best remedy I have ever tried for such troubles. I know of no better remedy for indigestion, constipation and kidney trouble where due to acidity. Yours truly, (signed) T. J. Cole. For Sale by Merkel Drug Co. at 50c per box. 29tf

GOLAN NEWS

We all need a rain now, every thing looks so dry.

Rev. Frank Lawlis and family of Colorado City are visiting relatives here. We understand Mr. Darwin Hill, who has been going to school in Fort Worth at T.C.U. is going to be our principal for another year.

Miss Mildred Cheatem, of near Sweetwater, is the intermediate teacher and Miss Thelma Cooper of Ranger is the primary teacher. We do not know when school will start.

Mrs. J. W. Hill and daughters accompanied by Bettie Byrom visited out in the Canyon the latter part of last week and first of this week. Bettie Byrom came home Tuesday and Mrs. Hill and children are expecting to return home Friday.

Grandma Hill, her son Emory, and grandchildren, George and Lois, children of Mr. Geo. Hill who was laid to rest at Merkel some time ago, left a few days ago for some parts of the plains.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Williams, mother of Uncle Tom Williams, who has been visiting down here has gone to Stamford and from there to Claude. Guess she will return to Fannin county before long.

Ben Lawlis, sister, brother-in-law and niece are visiting their parents uncle Alfred and Aunt Cora Lawlis. They are from the state of Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox of Floydada have been visiting relatives here.

The Methodist meeting which has just closed was a success. Our pastor, W. H. Wheeler, doing the preaching.

Our Baptist Meeting will begin the 17th day of August and will last ten days.

G. M. Byrom and family are planning on going to the plains Friday.

P. W. Lawlis and family are going to visit their daughter Mrs. Vernon Barclay of Cross Plains.

Rapp Green, and wife and children are visiting here now from Floydada.

Efford Brown and wife and daughter, Evelyn, are visiting relatives here.

Some few from this community attended church at Newman last week. Also singing Sunday at that place.

NOTICE TO FARMERS

As the time is almost here to begin to pick your cotton and possibly you are wondering what gin is ready to go, we are posting cards and here announce that all Farmers may see and know where they can get their first bale ginned. We are now ready to go and invite your inspection, and will certainly appreciate a chance to gin your cotton; as much or as little as you may wish to give us. Our aim is Service that Satisfies, as we know that a satisfied customer is the best advertisement that any business can have. Please stop and think that we are human, just as you are, and should it so occur that we do not satisfy you, tell us so we can make good as we are here not to make excuses, but to make good. As I am a stranger to most of the farmers of this gin territory, and will not get to see you all personally, I am taking this method of reaching as near all of you as I can.

As I have yet to move my family, and the time is close at hand to begin ginning, and I want to say that we had rather show you than to tell you.

So give us a chance. I want to say, also, that we will be in the seed market and give as much as any one else. Should the price change and we fail to get it we will make it good, so don't worry about that line. And we also expect to keep up with the cotton market, and be in position to help you get all your cotton is worth, if you wish to sell on the days market.

Come around. We would like to meet you whether we gin your cotton or not. Yours for Service SOUTH SIDE GIN By L. L. Murray, Mgr. 92f

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During the fall months is a good time to build your next year's credit structure. Be sure and patronize a bank that has always taken care of the Farmer.

Ask Our Customers

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THE FARMERS STATE BANK

John Sears, President
R. O. Anderson, Cashier

AT NOODLE

There will be no services at Noodle on Saturday as previously announced, but the business session of the Quarterly Conference will be held Sunday afternoon. The young peoples program will be held after conference.

10 o'clock, Sunday School; 11, Sermon by Bro. Lane; 1:00, Conference session; 2:45, young people's program; 8:15, Sermon by Bro. Lane. U. S. Bird.

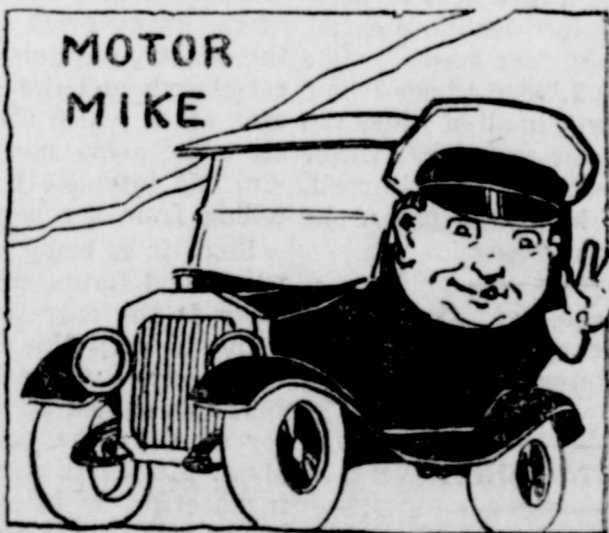
Miss Bertha Pool Deal, a former teacher in our schools, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James H. West, returned to her home at Alto Wednesday morning.

Junior B.Y.P.U. Program

Leader—Clara Louise Miller. Subject—"Our Neighbors."

1. Cuba—J. E. Boaz;
2. The people and their religion, by Mildred Bird.
3. Baptist Beginning in Cuba, by Alma Elliott.
4. Baptist Schools in Cuba, by Louise Booth.
5. Cuban Baptist Churches, by Florence Ligon.
6. Nood for Work among the Cuban women, by Mary Catherine Cummings.
7. The Cuban Children, by Christene Rister.
8. Catechisms on Cuba, Leader.

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Condensed Statement Close of Business June 30, 1923

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$296,614.07
U. S. Securities	9,750.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	34,660.60
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Other Real Estate	4,100.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX.	123,490.35
Overdrafts	195.02
Total	\$476,472.54

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	6,265.74
Circulation Acct.	5,950.00
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
DEPOSITS	399,256.80
Total	\$476,472.54

J. T. Warren, President L. R. Thompson, Cashier
Booth Warren, Asst. Cashier Owen Ellis, Asst. Cashier

DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren, Geo. F. West, L. R. Thompson, Sam Butman Sr., Henry James

Mrs. Letha Sellow and Miss Jerry Purcell of Port Arthur, who have been visiting the formers parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns, the past two weeks, left Wednesday for their home.

The Extra Special Shoe Sale at Woodroof-Bragg's will be continued. You must visit their Shoe Department to appreciate real bargains. It

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Fords Dodge, and Buicks. See McDonald Motor Company. It

Just received at the Crown Hardware Company, a car of the Famous Peter Schuttler Wagons. It

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Expecting a car of coal and new cotton seed hulls every day. J. M. Garrett. It

Buy your groceries at the little store in the alley and save money. 3t2

Will Johnson left Wednesday for north Alabama to spend two months or more.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Brown have moved to Anson where they will reside in the future.

J. P. Jackson, who has been here on business, returned to his home at Bradshaw Wednesday morning.

Mr. J. P. Sharp and sons, Roscoe and Kenneth, returned this week from their visit to the father of the former, and old friends at Stephenville, Texas.

NEW FALL GOODS

We have just received from the great wholesale markets in the east, where we personally selected and purchased for our customers, one of the largest and best selections of merchandise we have ever before offered them. And these goods are now

Arriving Daily

And we hasten to tell our customers of this fact that they may come in and see the wonderful display to be seen in our store. We do not feel that we have overlooked anything that is up-to-date or that our customers may want, or that may be found in any first class dry goods store.

We have everything in the newest and latest of all dress goods, and would especially call your attention to our nice line of Sport Sweaters, Sport Dress Goods, and our extra nice line of Ladies Skirts.

In fact, folks, we have our store just simply jammed full of New Fall Goods—Yes, we are ready to sell you goods for every member of the entire family, from shoes on up, and listen folks—The Price on these goods are in keeping with those to be found elsewhere, where the quality is considered.

YOURS TO SERVE

MAX MELLINGER

"THE STORE ON THE CORNER"

JOINS MARINES; IS SENT TO SOUTH SEA

Washington, August 9.—The South Sea Isles, which have always held a charm for young men in search of adventure, will soon be visited by Elvin Scott Smelser, formerly of Merkel, Taylor county, Texas, who recently embarked on a naval transport for service in the Island of Guam.

Smelser, who is 22 years old and was born in Merkel, formerly made his home with his father, Walter S. Smelser of Abilene. He joined the Marine Corps at Memphis, Tenn., last April and for several weeks was stationed at Parris Island, S.C. It is customary to send small groups of Marines to Guam from time to time to take the place of other soldiers of the sea who have completed a tour of duty abroad. He will probably remain in Guam for a year or more before returning to the United States.

The island of Guam was ceded to the United States by Spain shortly after the Spanish-American War. It is a typical island of the South Seas with a population of about 14,000, of which the great majority are the native Chamorros. The Marines find much to interest them in studying the quaint customs of the natives while they perform their regular guard duties at this Pacific outpost.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Warren of Knox City, were here first of the week guests of home folks and friends.

We regret to learn that Mr. L. P. Ligon, the laundryman, has been quite sick at his home in this city for several days, and is yet a very sick man, we are told.

Just received at the Crown Hardware Company, a car of the Famous Peter Schuttler Wagons. It

Turn to back page and read about the Employee's Sale at Woodroof-Bragg's. The place most people trade. It

THE REASON

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ADVERTISE
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THE MERKEL GARAGE

Ross Ferrier H. L. Propst

Mrs. Annie Smith and children of Arlington, came in last Saturday for a visit with the father of the former, Mr. S. A. Freeman. Mrs. Smith left last night for a trip to California, while the children will remain here with Mr. and Mrs. Freeman until her return.

Mrs. J. A. Sellow of Port Arthur, Ira Burns of Fort Worth, and Miss Terry Percell of Port Arthur, who have been visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns, left Wednesday evening for Fort Worth, accompanied by their brother R. L. Burns of Merkel. From there Mrs. Percell, R. L. and Miss Percell will go to Canton, Texas to visit Minor Burns and family, thence R. L. will return to Merkel, while Mrs. Sellow and Miss Percell leave for Port Arthur, to be met at Houston by Mr. Sellow.

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Rev. R. A. Clement, formerly pastor of the Methodist church in this city, but who on account of his health was forced to give up ministerial work, spent several days here this week with old friends, and incidentally working in the interest of the Sweetwater Granite and Monumental Works.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Reagan, of the Noodle community were in the city yesterday on their way to Abilene, for their daughter, Miss Ruby, who last year finished her high school education in Merkel, and who has just finished a special course in Simmons College.

Attorney Barney Garrett, of Waco, came in Wednesday for a few days visit with home folks and friends. Old friends will be glad to know that Barney is making good in the practice of his chosen profession, being connected with one of the leading law firms of Waco, Texas.

T. A. Beidleman returned first of last week from a trip to Stonewall county, where he went to look after his farming interests.

S. D. Gamble motored over to Ranger last Sunday after Mrs. Gamble and the children, who had been there several days on a visit to relatives and friends.



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The new awning in front of
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We are informed that Mr. Geo
Miller Reeves, son of Mr. and
Mrs. G. L. Reeves, of the Blair
community, and Miss Hester
Blackburn, daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Ed Blackburn, also of that
community, were happily united
in marriage on Tuesday of this
week at 3:00 p.m. The Mail joins
many friends in extending con-
gratulations and good wishes.

We regret to learn that Miss
Ouida Campbell, youngest daugh-
ter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben
Campbell, who for some days
has been very ill from typhoid
fever, is still in a serious con-
dition. We join the family's many
friends in the sincere hope that
she may soon take a turn for the
better from this dreaded dis-
ease.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vickers of
Pecos came in Friday for a visit
with old friends and relatives in
and around Merkel. Mr. Vickers
returned to Pecos Monday while
Mrs. Vickers will be here for
several days visiting old friends
and looking after property in-
terests.

W. B. Barrett and family of
Winters, accompanied by the
father of the former, came up
last Sunday for a visit with Mr.
and Mrs. Eli Case. The Senior
Mr. Barrett will remain for a
more extended visit in the Case
home, being Mrs. Case's father.

Geo. Brown and family and H.
A. Sanders and family left yester-
day for a fishing and outing
trip to the Concho and Menard
rivers.

Messrs J. G. and Tom Hale
and Walter Boden, with their
wives, returned yesterday from
a pleasant fishing and outing
trip to the Concho and San Saba
rivers.

R. B. Thompson, of Wayne Ok-
lahoma, is here this week the
guest of his son, E. H. Thomp-
son of near here.

Lloyd Thompson, of Lamessa,
is a pleasant visitor at the home
of his father, E. H. Thompson,
of the Salt Branch community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Berry and
son Clifton, of Clyde, were up
this week for a visit with Mr.
and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Miss Annie Lattimer of Green-
ville, Texas, is the guest of her
brother, M. P. Lattimer and
family on route five.

Miss Louise Thaxton, of Clyde
was the guest this week of Miss
Lula Mae Boaz. They were
school mates at Texas Womans
College, Fort Worth.

Mrs. Marvin Boney and sons,
Marvin Jr., and A. C., left last
week for a visit with relatives
in Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks
and baby boy, left first of the
week for a visit with Mrs. Hicks'
parents at Wills Point, Texas.

Mrs. Williams and her two
daughters, of Merkel, are visit-
ing her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
G. W. Butler.—Roscoe Times.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Morgan
W. T. Morgan and Annie Dora
Eiland of Greenville are here for
a visit with Mrs. Morgan' bro-
ther and sister.

Mrs. Hugh Yokely and son,
Fred, of Temple, Oklahoma, and
Miss Louise Able of Dayton,
Tennessee, have been visiting
the past week with her brother
and uncle John Cook of Noodle.

Brooks Patterson, G. W. Boyce
and H. M. Rainbolt are setting
as a board of equalization in the
rendition of city taxes for 1923.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hail, also
Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winter
of Meadow, Texas, are here on
a visit.

Misses Lois and Dorothy Hig-
gins are spending this week with
friends in Abilene.

Mr. John R. Covey, former
principal of the Merkel High
School, was here yesterday mix-
ing with old friends. Mr. Covey
has been elected Superintendent
of the Lovington, New Mexico
school for next year, and was on
his way from his home at Bur-
leson, Texas to that city.

Mrs. H. M. Rose and children
of Sweetwater were here last
Friday from Sweetwater the
guests of friends and relatives.

Miss Kathrine Clapp returned
to her home Sunday night at
Beaumont, after a visit here
with Miss Lilley Pratt Sears.

J. Greenfield was up this
week for a visit with his mother,
Mrs. W. F. Hamblett. During
his visit here Loring Hamblett
is in Breckenridge looking after
Mr. Greenfield's business, he be-
ing a news dealer in that city.

Howard Laney and Frank
Counts came in last week from
an extended trip to points up
north.

F. P. Hamm and family, ac-
companied by Mr. Guy Darsey
and Miss Blanche Durham, left
Monday for an outing and fish-
ing trip to the San Saba river.
They are expected to return
today.

Mr. G. B. Brown drove over to
Anson Wednesday to witness
the ginning in that city by his
gin, of the first bale of 1923
cotton.

W. M. Elliott, one of the popu-
lar members of the Bob Martin
Grocery Company, with his fam-
ily, left first of the week for a
fishing and outing trip to the
Concho.

Mr. J. M. Garrett announces
that he has this week purchased
the interest of his partners,
Messrs Bullock and Miller, in the
J. M. Garrett & Company feed
business, and that hereafter the
business will be owned and man-
aged by J. M. Garrett.

Mr. Ben F. Teaff of Troy,
Texas, is here this week for a
visit with his brothers, Messers
J. N. and R. E. Teaff.

Ross Ferrier of the Merkel
Garage, is in Eastland and Breck-
enridge this week on business.

Mrs. E. L. Turner and children
returned Wednesday from their
visit to relatives at Bomarton.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Arrington
spent Sunday in Big Spring the
guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Wea-
ver, formerly of Merkel.

Miss Pauline Johnson is spend-
ing the week with relatives in
Stamford and Wichita Falls.

Notice to Farmers

Bring your chickens to the
Oldest Produce House in Merkel.
Stay with me and I will stay
with you. The Farmers' friend.
W. P. DUCKETT. 3t2

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gons. It

L. B. Scott and son Burneal,
were in Cisco Wednesday on bus-
iness.

Mrs. L. B. Howard and baby
returned to their home in Colo-
rado, after a pleasant visit in
this city.

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Mr. and Mrs. Goe. A. Smith announce the arrival of a son, their first born, at the home of it's grandparents in this city, Tuesday afternoon.

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RULES OF ROAD THAT DRIVER OUGHT TO KNOW

Don't fail to give the necessary hand signals when slowing, stopping or turning in order to indicate your intentions to the driver behind.

Obeey the parking laws. Read the parking signs and keep away from fire hydrants and theatres.

Drive on the right side of the road; it's just as good as the left side.

Slow down when approaching a crossing; it is nearly as dangerous as a railroad crossing.

Look out for children. You can never tell what they will do, and you are always in the wrong if you hit one.

Be sure that your "dimmers" really dim; it's no joke driving into a blinding glare, as you probably know.

Read and obey the warning signs; they're not put up as ornaments.

If you feel you've got to speed do it where it won't kill anybody but yourself.

When making minor repairs, stop where your car may be seen from both directions; otherwise you may stop longer than you anticipate.

Use discretion. The fact that you had the right of way don't bring anybody back to life—least of all yourself.

FIGHTING TOWNS

Fear of competition is a sign of inferiority. The man who fears to compete with other men must know that he is not prepared to enter the fray. The town that fears the competition of other towns acknowledges its inferiority, and it may still be on the map, but it is dead. Real life is a battle—men and towns that battle best succeed most. The battle is now on us. "Forward March" should be the motto of life. "Retreat" and "mark time" should have little use in life in business.—Haskell Free-Press.

If it is really the survival of the fittest in respect to human beings, then it must be the same theory in the matter of the success of towns. For, are not the towns made up of human beings? Some towns, however, go on the impression that it is the survival of the "fittestest," which is to say that the town that fights the other the most, will win out. This happens, however, to be an utterly false standard upon which to base a successful town. Some towns do fight other towns and grow for a while, but eventually they will be surpassed.— Abilene Reporter.

Rev. Fred S. and Mrs. Rogers chaperoned the latter's and Miss Garoutte's Sunday School classes for an outing and picnic supper at Shannon Pool Tuesday evening. The young folks showed their appreciation of the recreation and refreshments by enjoying them to the uttermost. Their elders, if there were any, did likewise. Their guest.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that we the committee appointed by the Live Oak Baptist Church while in conference July 30, wish to submit the following resolutions:

First be it resolved that we as a church wish to go on record in behalf of our pastor, Rev. W. H. Hughes, indorsing his faithfulness at all times in presenting the truth, and for standing for law and order in this community.

Upon investigation we find that the Devil has some agents at work who are busy in trying to hinder the work of Bro Hughes in this community. But this has been true since the dawn of creation.

Be it further resolved that we as a church extend to Brother Hughes our sincere appreciation for his loyalty to Truth, law and order, and also commend him for his unswerving stand for Truth and Right, and furthermore assure him that we as a Church are behind him with our prayers, our means, and our loyal support in everything that is for the upbuilding and ongoing of God's Kingdom at this place.

Be it also further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the church records, and that a copy be furnished the Merkel Mail for publication.

Respectfully submitted by the committee this the 2nd. of August, 1923. Signed: J. H. Ensminger, W. C. Matthews, R. H. Mathews, W. C. Neill, J. W. Latimer, and G. B. Neill.

Youth, Fun, Etc.

Any town that does not provide the proper features of entertainment and recreational facilities for it's young people and citizens in general, soon wake up to the fact that they are daily and nightly drifting to other nearby towns where such things have been provided.—Merkel Mail.

Youth must be served. Or, rather, youth must have its good time, regardless of what else happens. And, of course, youth ought to have its good time at home, for after all that is the place to have it. Abilene has seen the need of its youth staying at home for its fun, and has provided several swimming places during the hot, summer months where not only youth but older people as well could go and have their fun.—Abilene Reporter.

Postmaster Comegys, Master Bill Coemgys and Jack Anderson left Wednesday for Springfield, Mo., and Mr. Claud Comegys is ably assisting chief clerk, Roy Adams, in handling the postoffice business during Mr. Comegys absence.



FOR SALE

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FOR SALE OR TRADE—Fords Dodges, and Buicks. See McDonald Motor Company. tf

FOR SALE—Bib bone Poland China pigs, \$5.00 each unless registered. Good ones. J. N. Liphham, Route 2, Anson Tex. 3t2p

FOUND

WANTED—Two lady boarders during school term. See Mrs. B. J. Dyess on Baker street. 1tp

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The Extra Special Shoe Sale at Woodroof-Bragg's will be continued. You must visit their Shoe Department to appreciate real bargains. 1t

Merkel Produce has moved to Kent Street Wagon Yard. We pay market prices for all kinds of produce. tf

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deutchman and children left Tuesday by auto for a visit with relatives at Fort Worth.

NEW GIN MAN HERE

Mr. L. L. Murray, of Lamar county, near Paris, an experienced and practical gin man, has been here for some time, overhauling and putting in shape the gin in this city known as the South Side Gin, left yesterday for his home after his family, expecting to return here next week with the view of making Merkel their home.

Mr. Murray is coming to our city recommended as not only a first class gin man, but as a Christian gentleman and first class citizen. We gladly welcome him and his family to our city. We would call the attention of the farmers of the country to his advertisement in this issue.

See Hughes' Bargain Counter for Saturday. 16 Bars of Crystal White Soap, three Creme Oil and one Borax washing powder, all for \$1.00. Also other valuable things on the same counter. 1tp

Turn to back page and read about the Employee's Sale at Woodroof-Bragg's. The place most people trade. 1t

I have some A-grade M. Johnson White Leghorn Cockrells for sale at \$1.00 and some special mating at \$1.50. J. S. Touchstone, Hawley, Route 2. 7t6pd

E. D. Coats and family returned first of the week from their extended trip to Galveston, Corpus Christi, Dallas and other east Texas towns, where they visited friends and relatives. Mr. Coats reports a very enjoyable trip indeed.

S. M. Hunter and family left Tuesday for their home in Quemado, New Mexico after a visit with relatives and friends here. Mrs. Hunter and children have been here some two months, Mr. Hunter coming in last week and they will make the trip home in their car.

LADY WAS IN A BAD FIX FROM NERVOUS INDIGESTION

Biloxi, Miss.—"I had, for a year or more, nervous indigestion, or some form of stomach trouble," says Mrs. Alonzo Ford, 1117 Clay Street, this city. "The water I drank at that time seemed to constipate me. I would suffer until I got so nervous I wanted to get down on the floor and roll. I felt like I could tear my clothes.

"Every night, and night after night, I had to take something for a laxative, and it had to be kept up nightly. My side would pain. I looked awful. My skin was sallow and seemed spotted. I would look at my hands and arms, and the flesh looked lifeless.

"I happened to get a Birthday Almanac, so I told my husband I would try the Black-Draught, which I did. I took a few big doses. I felt much better. My liver acted well. I made a good, warm tea and drank it that way. Soon I found

that nervous, tight feeling was going, as was the pain in my side. I found I did not have to take it every night. Soon, after a few weeks, I could leave it off for a week or so, and I did not suffer with constipation. . . I gained flesh. I have a good color, and believe it was a stubborn liver, and that Black-Draught did the work.

"I went to my mother's (Mrs. Deeters) one day, and she wasn't well at all. . . I told her we'd try Black-Draught. We did, and now she keeps it to take after eating. It certainly helped her, and we neither will be without it in our homes. It is so simple, and the dose can be regulated as the case may be. We use small doses after meals for indigestion, and larger doses for headache or bad liver."

Thedford's Black-Draught liver medicine is for sale everywhere. 1 c

MCMURRAY COLLEGE TO OPEN SEPT. 19TH

McMurry College will open its doors for the first time on September 19, 1923. A visit to the grounds discloses the fact that the magnificent Administration building, which has been under construction for more than twelve months, is as beautiful on the inside as it is from the outside. All the furniture and fixtures for the class rooms, offices, laboratories and fine arts departments are under contract to be installed before the opening of the school and in plenty of time for the proper occupancy of the building.

Carrying out the architectural plans for the grounds, a second building, which will be used this year as a dormitory for the young women, is now under construction and will be completed by the first of September. At a later time it is proposed, when the dormitories both for the boys and the girls, as outlined in the original plan, are completed, to use this building as a co-operative home, but for the present it will constitute a commodious and handsome home for 40 young women.

Buildings adjoining the campus are nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy by the boys before the opening date. A visitor to the grounds is impressed with the fact that the hill is literally alive and pulsing with the energy of the great church that is entering upon its divine mission for the Christian training of the youth that have come within the pales of its influence.

Four Points Made

In the establishing of an institution, of the character of McMurry College, there are four points to consider in its affiliation with the higher institutions of learning that are of vital importance to every student entering its doors. These are; first, buildings; second, equipment; third, faculty, and fourth, maintenance. In the building of this college all four of these points have been safeguarded from the first. The administration building will take rank with school buildings of the first rank in Texas. In the construction, size and arrangement of the Administration offices, the President's, Dean's and Bursar's offices, the teachers' offices, Library, class rooms, laboratories and Fine Arts Departments, the building is far in excess of the requirements of the State Board of Education. In the purchase of equipment every piece installed has been selected in keeping with the building, naturally eliminating the question of requirements of the State Board of Education. As to the faculty, the College is able to announce to its friends that, just as in the case of buildings and equipment, it has selected a faculty about which there is no question.



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No young person in West Texas need journey out of his own country in order to receive the benefits of an educational institution of the first class and the Methodists of this great territory feel justified in the pride and interest they have in the establishment of this their great home institution, it is pointed out.—Abilene Daily Reporter.

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Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 12, is the day our Union Revival begins. We have been looking toward this time for some weeks and now every thing is in readiness. The tabernacle has been placed in excellent condition, new seats having been installed and old ones repaired. We desire to thank all those who so faithfully labored to get the tabernacle ready.

Rev. E. E. Hendricks and his singer will be here to hold the first service Sunday morning, and we caunt on every Christian of Merkel working for the Glory of God. We seek only to make Merkel better; to raise the spiritual standard higher; and draw nearer to Christ.

Sunday School will be held at the church, and be dismissed promptly at 10:45 in order to reach the tabernacle at 11 for the preaching service. Every body be on hand for Sunday School, our attendance has held up better this summer than ever before, so let us keep up the high standard. Fred S. Rogers, pastor

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Howard are back from a trip to Galveston and Rio Grande Valley. Thy report a most enjoyable trip.

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Dr. Gilbert Uses Ferrasal

I am using Ferrasal for indigestion and acid stomach and it is the best remedy I have ever taken. I also recommend it in my practice for pyorrhea and acid conditions of the mouth, and am getting excellent results. I know others will appreciate Ferrasal as much as I do if you will bring it to their attention.
Dr. J. M. Gilbert, 1413 1/2 Elm street, Dallas, Texas. 50c per box at Merkel Drug Co. 29tf

Baptist Announcements

Sunday is to be "Fellowship" day at the Baptist church. All new members are to be welcomed into the fellowship of the church. All new members are urged to be present and give the church a chance to welcome you into the ranks, and all old members are urged to be there to help to welcome these new members into the church.

Sunday School at 10 a.m. with something new by our assistant superintendent. Brother Burl Scott promises to have something new and interesting for everybody Sunday morning at the Sunday School. We have had increased attendance each Sunday for four Sundays until our attendance was 341 last Sunday. Let us make it 350 Sunday.

The pastor will speak at the 11 o'clock hour on "The Church and What Church Membership Should mean."

Young Peoples Meetings at 7 p.m. but no evening preaching service on account of the meeting at the tabernacle.

In connection with the morning service the ordinance of baptism will be administered, let all those who desire to unite with the church for baptism come prepared to follow the Lord in this service.

We will look for every Loyal Baptist in the community to come and help make this a great service. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Trades Day at Merkel

On each Trades Day from now until further notice, the Kent Street Wagon Yard will be open and FREE to one and all.
A. L. JOBE. 3t2

Just received at the Crown Hardware Company, a car of the Famous Peter Schuttler Wagons. It

Mrs. B. R. Thomason, who has been here several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Etheredge, returned to Coahoma Sunday morning.

Announcements were issued last Friday giving notice of the marriage of Mr. William L. High and Miss Alberta Stephens, the latter of Hamlin, to take place on last Sunday at Abilene. The groom is a nephew of Mr. W. T. Daniels of Merkel, and is connected with the Planters Gin Company, and whose home is in Fort Worth. We join many friends in extending congratulations and good wishes.

L. C. Patton was in the city one day this week and had us send the Mail to his father in Oklahoma, from which place our Mr. Patton had recently returned, having been on a visit.

Roger Hamblett and wife of Breckenridge, were here last Sunday the guests of his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamblett.

Two thousand Hens and four thousand spring Chickens wanted at Duckett Produce. 3t2

Merkel Banker Here

L. R. Thompson and wife, and daughter, Miss Lynnis, of Merkel, Texas, spent Sunday in the home of Thos. Johnson, cashier of the Collin County National Bank. The Thompson and Johnson families are staunch friends and former neighbors at Merkel. Mr. Thompson succeeded Mr. Johnson as cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank at Merkel, Texas, when Mr. Johnson came to McKinney a few months ago to assume the cashiership of the Collin County National Bank. Mr. Thompson is prominent in civic, social and church life as well as in banking circles of his thriving West Texas home city. The editor had the pleasure of meeting him and forming his acquaintance while he was visiting our mutual friend, Mr. Johnson and family in this city.—McKinney Courier.

Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnson left first of the week for San Angelo, where the doctor will attend the State Dental Association now in session there. While Dr. and Mrs. Johnson are away Mrs. Ernest Mims is over from Abilene to be with her grandmother, Mrs. Sandefer. And we might state that Mr. and Mrs. Mims, who are now in the dry goods business in Abilene, have just returned from the Eastern markets and on which trip they also combined pleasure with business, in that they visited many scenes of interest, such as Buffalo, Niagara Falls, etc.

W. J. Sheppard, popular manager of the Jones Dry Goods Store at this place, returned this week from a visit to his family at Merkel that he has been unable to move here on account of there being no houses to rent. He aims to move them here in the near future, we understand.—Brownfield Herald.
Mr. and Mrs. Lockley and children of Potosi, spent Sunday in the city.

Miss Urlene Lockley is here from Potosi spending the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Etheredge.

Mr. F. Y. Gaither, splendid Assistant Cashier of the Farmers State Bank, accompanied by Mrs. Gaither, returned Tuesday from a short vacation and visit with friends at San Angelo and Christoval. They report a very pleasant trip.

We are thankful to Mrs. C. M. Sharp for a subscription to the Merkel Mail which she sends to Mr. Sharp's father, Mr. C. C. Sharp, at Stephenville, Texas.

Mrs. Amy Sears and daughters, Misses Mary Eula and Boog accompanied by Miss Valerie Dye, left first of the week for a trip to San Antonio and other southern points.

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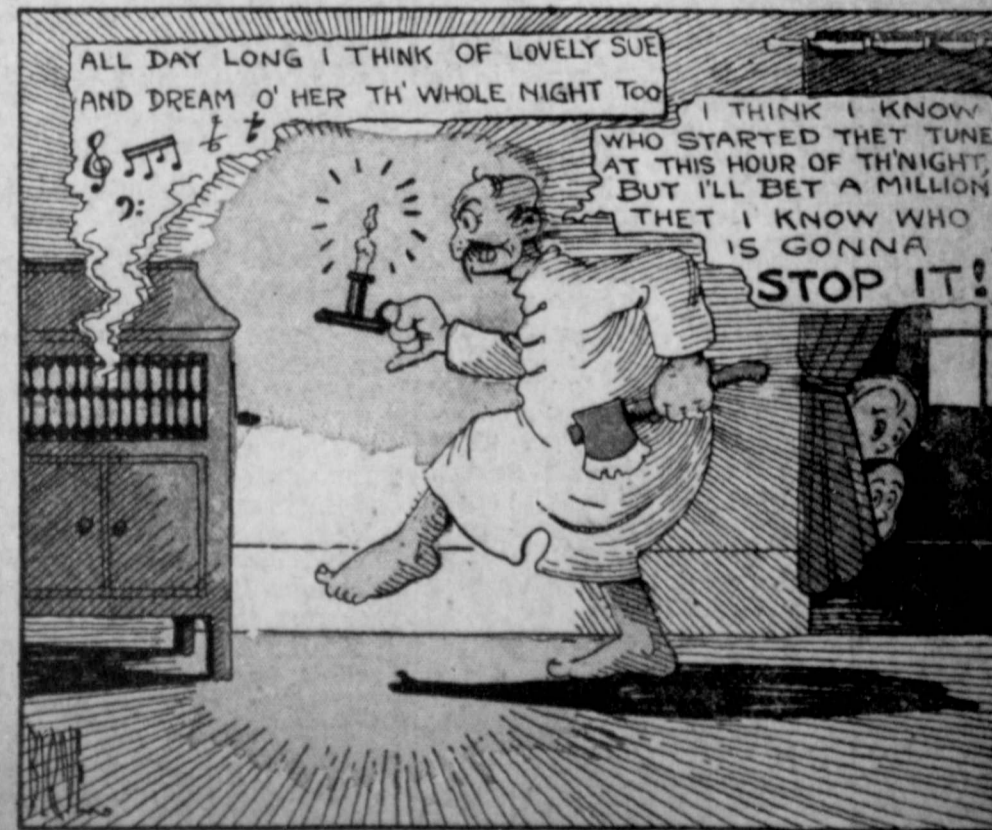
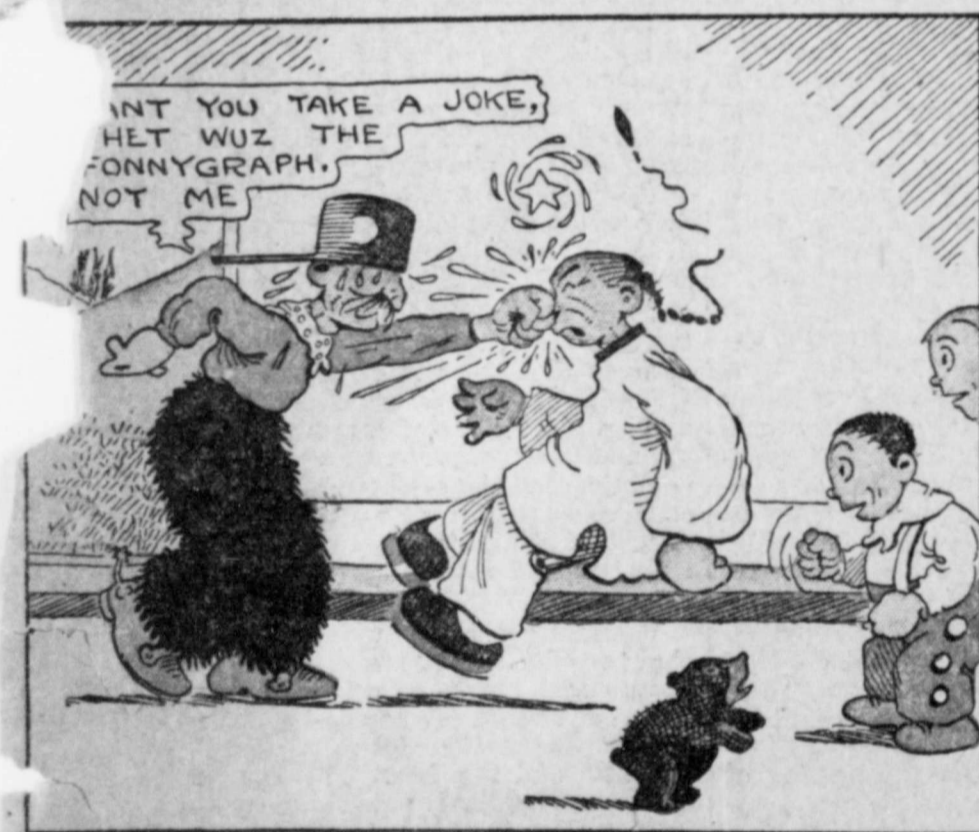
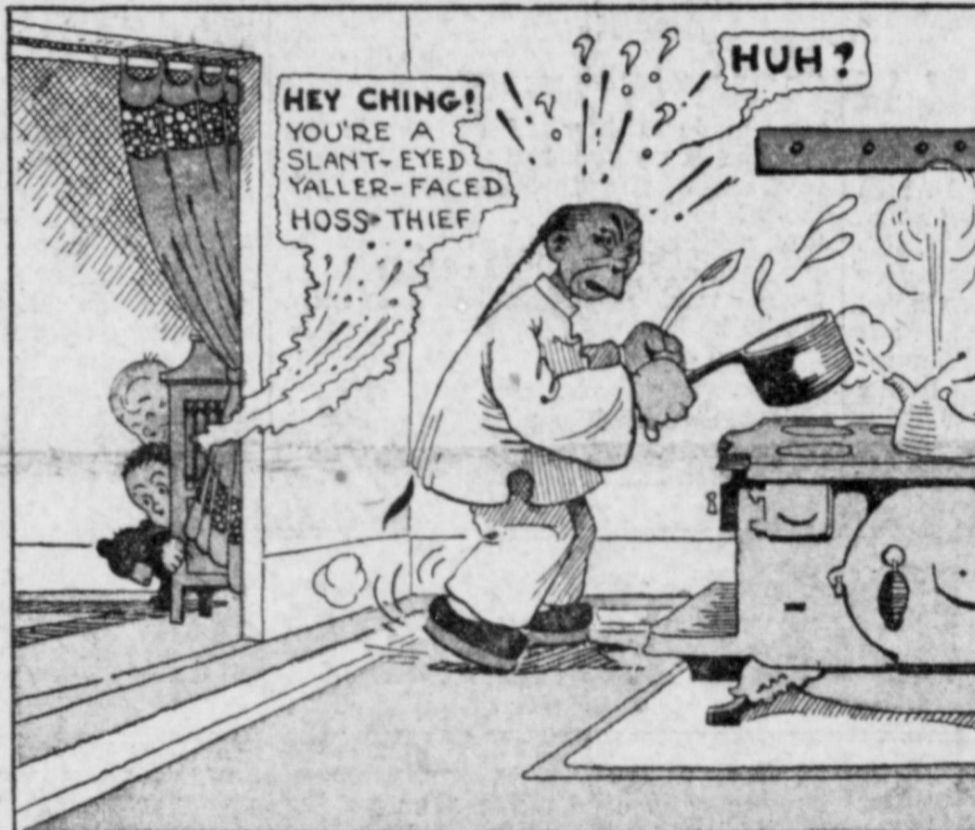
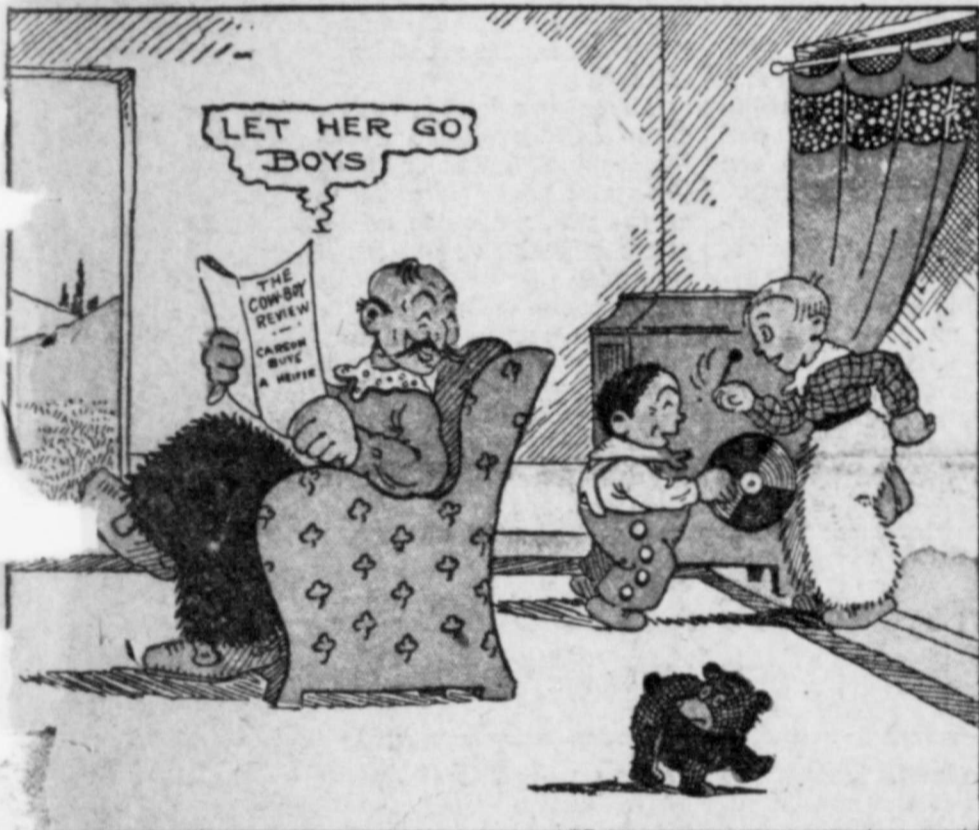
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PETE AND PINTO The Cow-Kids of O-Joy Ranch

By M. M. BRANNER



Where Texas Martyrs Rest An Early Tragedy in Texas History.

By AUSTIN CALLAN

Monument Hill overlooks the beautiful valley of the Colorado river in Fayette county. Heroes sleep there! On its high green crest more than seventy-five years ago practically the entire white citizenship of Texas gathered for a strange mission. A tomb had been prepared of simple stones quarried near by and into it the bones of Texas martyrs were tenderly laid to rest.

Looking eastward from this consecrated spot, across the red waters of the winding river, you can see a shaggy oak on the main street of the town of La Grange. That is the "noche triste" tree, or "Historic Oak," with which is associated one of the darkest tragedies of the early days of the Texas Republic.

Dawson's Fifty-Six Braves.

The men whose dust now repose in the tomb on Monument Hill, met beneath the once wide-spreading branches of the old tree and organized a military company. There were but fifty-six of them, yet with lion-hearted courage and a love for liberty, they rode westward to fight the besieging hosts of Adrian Woll, who were storming the gates of San Antonio. The gallant N. H. Dawson was given command of this little troop and the massacre of his braves at Salado near San Antonio in 1842, when every man but eleven was butchered and mutilated after surrendering, inspired the ill-fated Mier expedition into Mexico. And in the same simple sepulchre on Monument Hill, in which those heroes sleep, under a massive oak, where for three-quarters of a century the birds have called the flowers back to bloom each springtime, sleep also sixteen of the seventeen Texans ("the men of Mier") who drew the black beans of death at Hasiendo Salado, in Coahuilla, Mexico, following their surrender under the promise of protection.

The year 1842 was a sad one for the Anglo-American settlers of Texas. General Santa Anna had broken his promises to Sam Houston and Mexicans were constantly giving trouble on the north side of the Rio Grande river. Early in the spring of that year Valasquez led an army almost to the shadow of the Alamo before he was repulsed. And later there followed the invasion of the "palados," under a French leader named Woll, who assaulted and captured the Mission City.

News of this outrage, flew like wild-fire to every inhabited part of the Texas

republic. A rider from San Antonio carried word to La Grange and Nicholas Dawson hastily summoned together fifty-five of the brave young pioneers of Fayette county and after organizing under "Historic Oak," and receiving a God-speed from all those who were assembled there, the men rode like knights of old to the aid of the besieged Col. Caldwell.

As they neared San Antonio they heard a rattle of musketry together with an occasional boom of cannon. At that very time General Woll and fourteen hundred and fifty Mexicans were giving battle to Caldwell's two hundred and twenty poorly equipped Texans. When a point was reached on the Salado, near the city, four hundred of the Mexican cavalymen who were retreating ran into Dawson's fifty-six braves. It was an uneven contest but the fire of the La Grange heroes was true and it temporarily put the enemy to flight. The Americans took advantage of this to reload, but while they were grouped together getting ready for another charge, Woll threw consternation into their camp with two cannons. It was impossible to hold out against such overwhelming odds, especially when artillery was being brought into play, and Capt. Dawson was forced to run up a white flag.

Mexican Treachery.

The Mexicans did not respect the surrender; they ignored the agreement made by Santa Anna after the battle of San Jacinto; they forgot the mercy shown their "Napoleon of the West" when he was captured, and in a brutal and cowardly manner, chopped their defenseless victims to pieces on the battlefield. Forty-one were left there so mutilated that friends who visited the spot a few days later could not recognize a single one of the number.

That crime gave impetus to the cry "On to Mexico!" And from old Fayette along the Colorado, and from far up the Brazos, and from every point in Texas where there were white people, men rushed to San Antonio determined on an invasion of the Southern Republic. Edmond Burleson was chosen commander but for some reason Sam Houston failed to respect the choice of the men and put General Somerville in charge of the assembled forces. Somerville went as far as Laredo and there he decided to abandon the expedition. This caused dissatisfaction and three hundred and six

of the men refused to follow him back. Instead they went down the river, crossed over at Mier and engaged a Mexican force that outnumbered them three to one. After a desperate battle, with Captain Fisher in command, the number of soldiers was reduced to two hundred and twenty-seven. It was not yet a Mexican victory, however, and it might not have been had the Texans ignored certain representations that



"HISTORIC OAK," NORTH SIDE OF PUBLIC SQUARE, LA GRANGE, TEXAS.

Under this tree Dawson's men organized in 1842; the Confederate forces in 1869; the Spanish-American volunteers in 1898, and in 1917, when the call came for service in the World's War, the last rally of the men who went overseas took place under the old "Historic Oak."

were made to them. A surgeon in the Mexican army who had attended school with one of the American leaders pretended to be friendly. He sent word that reinforcements were momentarily expected at Mier, but that if his Texas friends would surrender not one of them should be harmed.

Fisher was wounded and discouraged, and believing the surgeon to be sincere, he complied with the request. But it was a mistake. The surgeon proved to be an arch-fiend; he laughed at those

he had betrayed and they were immediately bound about the wrists with raw-hide cords and sent away as prisoners to Matamoras. From there they were marched overland to Monterey and Saltillo and Hasiendo Salado, being exhibited along the way as conquered Tehanas (Texans). They had chains about their necks and ankles and were half starved and mistreated in every manner on the tiresome journey of more than a thousand miles to where they were imprisoned.

Break for Liberty.

On February 11, 1843, the men made a break to get away. The guards were overpowered and one hundred and fifty guns captured. At the outer gate, however, there were several hundred soldiers and it meant havoc to the small force to rush by them. A sacrifice had to be made and two gallant Texans agreed to give their lives that the others might have a chance to live. Doctor Brenham, after whom the town of Brenham was named, and Pat Lyons were the two men. They plunged through the open gate and drew the fire of every Mexican gun. This gave the Texans an opportunity to escape without further losses. The prisoners, after getting away, started back to Texas. It was a long, long way to go and they had no supplies. But they might have been successful had it not been that they became famished for water. Struggling along several days later, weak, weary and discouraged, they sighted a Mexican army camp on a distant hill and voluntarily surrendered. The commander was General Mexia, whose name will ever be revered in Texas because he stuck to the promise he made the men when they straggled into his camp. It was the cruel Santa Anna who broke the pledge and decreed that one out of every ten of these helpless prisoners should draw a black bean and die. Mexia protested against this, and when his wishes were set at naught he sent his commission and his sword to the monstrous dictator and left the army.

Perhaps no more solemn and dreadful scene was ever enacted in Mexico, since the ancient Aztecs made living sacrifices at the old temple which stood on the Zocolo, than was presented by this inhuman manner of choosing life and death with beans. There was a great assembly and in the center of the courtyard the beans were placed in an earthen jar. Then each man was led up blind-

folded to the jar to fish out either the black bean of death or the white bean of hope and liberty. After the seventeen were murdered the balance of the men were taken near Mexico City and imprisoned. Their release was secured on March 25, 1844, when the United States consul-general interceded in their behalf. A number of the men had made their escape previous to the order setting them free.

Two years later the American army was in Mexico. Following the storming of Monterey, Major Walter P. Lane, a Texan, was scouting around San Luis Potosi, and captured Hasiendo Salado. He demanded of the Alcalde the bones of those unfortunates who were shot after the drawing of the black beans. The request was complied with and the sacred remains were carried to the headquarters of General Zachary Taylor's army. And during the balance of the campaign through the land of the Montezumas all that was mortal of "the Men of Mier" was present with the soldiers to urge them on to victory.

A Great Memorial Service.

After Old Glory had triumphed, all the way from the bishop's palace at Monterey to Chapultepec, the bones of our martyrs were returned to Texas for interment. For a time they lay in state at the old Svoboda building, which still is one of the landmarks of La Grange. Then one day in 1848, the heroes of every Lone Star battlefield assembled on the banks of the Colorado river and a great memorial service was held. Men were there with fresh recollections of the Alamo and Goliad and San Jacinto—from old Independence, from San Felipe on the Brazos, from the far away Trinity. And they dedicated anew their lives and services to the mission of making this splendid commonwealth of ours a great, free and prosperous state.

That was a long time ago. The babes who played upon the hillside during the memorable event have grown aged, gray and bent. Most of them are now on the other side of the River. But the grass is just as green each springtime, as in that distant day; the flowers of April come with the same fragrance; the view up the Colorado river to the northwest has all its virgin charm, and the memory of Dawson's men is still fresh and inspiring to all true Texans. They died for us and we shall not forget them.

Passing of the Big Ranches From Cattle Herds to Waving Grain Fields.

Texas is still the cattle kingdom of the nation. One can yet find in the great trans-Pecos country ranches large enough to accommodate a state like Rhode Island, with an abundance of land left over to make an ordinary New England county. But generally speaking, the huge pastures are gone and small stock raisers and farmers dwell on the domains of the early bovine kings.

One wise man said: "Civilization begins and ends with the plow." Whether that be altogether true or not, it is certain that civilization never gets very far beyond that useful agricultural implement. It is certainly an essential of human progress. You can sink your cannons into the depth of the ocean and break the warrior's last blade of steel; you can do away with all the facilities of modern transportation, take out the telephones, leave the electrical appliances to corrode and rot, and yet maintain a living standard as high as mortals have ever reached.

But beat the plow points of the nation into bayonets, leave untouched our great agricultural soils and there would arise a crisis that all the statesmanship America has produced, from the days of Jefferson down to Woodrow Wilson, could not successfully cope with.

Useful in Its Day.

The large cow ranch was useful in its day. Those pioneers of the cattle industry, who figuratively speaking, heated their branding irons in the Indians smoldering camp-fires, did their state a service. The Lovings, the Goodnights, the Slaughters and their contemporaries, performed a reclamation and did a work of development along the western wilds, that we should always gratefully remember.

But when the time came to make our vast areas support an increased population, the big ranches had to go. They didn't sustain enough human beings. They stood in the way of actual settlement and prevented that higher development that is always brought about in any part of the world by an intelligent cultivation of the soil.

The old-timer remembers when the cattle of one brand were scattered for fifty or a hundred miles across the western plains. The Capitol Syndicate ranch alone embraced something like nine hundred square miles of territory, and there were many such ranches containing from one hundred to three hun-

dred sections in a solid body. Such ranches as these worked big outfits, they had many men employed to ride the range, to attend the round-ups, to keep the fences in repair and look after windmills. But as a rule the cowboys were not the heads of families—only a few of them improved homes of their own; they were simply hard-workers and easy-spenders. And this is said of them affectionately, for those jolly, big-hearted and open-minded "punchers" of the old West were loyal, square, kind and brave. They were the product of an era, and no people ever fit better into that particular place created for them than the cowboys fit into West Texas from the departure of the romantic savage to the coming of the man with the hoe.

But land that will grow wheat and oats and corn and cotton and potatoes, is



"Where the Soil is Rich and the Seasons Dependable, the Big Ranch Has Been Sub-Divided into Small Stock Farms."

too valuable for the grazing of livestock. In all ages and everywhere there has been "a survival of the fittest," and that applies to an industry the same as to anything else. The farmer can make an acre of good soil, in a seasonable climate, produce more of the essentials of life than a cowman, hence the transformation of a great portion of Texas and the breaking up of the big ranches.

The change that has come about since the old days when Burnett and Waggoner and Merchant and Browning and Paramore were leaders in the cattle industry, has brought us two results: Smaller ranches in those regions not very well adapted to agriculture and farms where the soil and seasons are more suitable.

Old Brands That Have Disappeared. Most of the large pastures of the

Southwest have been cut up into small holdings the past fifteen or twenty years. Where once the "Long S," the "Door Key," the "Hat," the "Spur" or the "Hash Knife" brands decorated a herd that roamed over a hundred thousand acres of land, there are now many small herds bearing different brands, or flocks of sheep and goats. The eight section man has proven a real blessing in what has been termed a dry grazing land country. By drilling wells and building wolf-proof fences, he has been able to do away with the expense of herders, has made the acres more productive of wealth and has materially increased the population.

In those sections of the country where the soil is rich and the seasons dependable, the big ranch has been subdivided into small stock farms, or cut up and sold off strictly for agricultural

most of it was tillable land. Those who owned it realized that it was too valuable for cattle to run over, and they had it surveyed off into small tracts and put on the market. Now the section is a veritable garden spot, when the seasons are favorable. There are many prosperous farms dotting the prairies that formerly gave little evidence of human habitation. Happy families are found in large numbers on every side and the beautiful homes, the good schools and magnificent churches of the thriving city of Spur, and to some extent that of Girard, Orlana and Aspermont, all adorn that part of Texas as the result of cutting up this big ranch.

We could name many other thriving towns that have sprung up in Stone-wall, Haskell, Dickens and those counties lying out there, that owe their existence to the fact that a number of the once great ranches, bordering the Clear Fork and in the Panhandle, were subdivided and sold off for agricultural purposes. But enough has been given here to show what a transformation the policy has brought about.

School Lands Released to Settlers.

Partly responsible for the passing of the large pastures in the strictly grazing country, was the policy the state adopted of putting the school lands on the market for actual settlement. For years the ranchmen leased these lands at a reasonable price, getting a long-time contract that enabled them to make it profitable to fence and improve the same. But the pressure from the home-seekers grew too great and gradually the land was released for actual settlement. It was then taken up in four and eight-section blocks, according to the location.

This policy resulted in some exciting land rushes over the West. Men scrambled and even fought for the opportunity of being the first to file their applications to purchase with the different county clerks. Sometimes you could see men sleeping at the door of the clerk's office in the courthouse, in order to reach the window, on the day announced, ahead of any one else. And several times serious difficulties took place between rivals for the same tracts.

Out in the Marfa country you can still ride on the train for an hour or two, off to the south of the Davis mountains, through that section where Livermore Peak lifts its frowning cliffs 9,000 feet above the level of the sea and never be out of sight of Bill Jones' rich holdings.

Down on the Rio Grande river the Paloma Cattle Company borders the stream with its meanderings for seventy miles; between Del Rio and Sonora you can travel half a day in an automobile without crossing all of the Whitehead range, and Bill Cleveland owns enough territory in the Big Bend country for England to fight a war over. A number of others could be named, including the Joe Jackson ranch in Brewster county, the McCutcheon ranch in Jeff Davis county, and the Green Davidson ranch in Maverick county.

These huge holdings that remain intact, however, are nearly all located in sections that can never be successfully farmed. They might sometimes be subdivided and converted into a number of ten and twenty-section ranches, but the climatic conditions where they are located and the character of the soil are a sufficient guarantee that the stockmen will always be able to hold them against the farmer.

Volumes could be written on the changes of the past two decades, from hooves and horns, to cotton blossoms and corn tassels. It has been a marvelous transformation brought about by the plow and the hoe. The cow-pony of song and story is passing on and the tractor plow now turns under the sod on the old round-up grounds.

Thus has Texas kept up the march of civilization, steadily growing in population and wealth from decade to decade.

YOUR HOME TOWN.

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the third of a series of talks on "Your Home Town." Other talks will follow. There will be food for thought and profit to you if you read carefully each one of these talks. The publisher of this newspaper is not finding any fault with his home town, but wants it to progress and set a pace that will be the envy of all towns in Texas—now the biggest and potentially the richest state in the Union.

Town and country life is so interdependent that when a dollar is sent away, that might be kept at home, it affects the destiny of every citizen of the community.

There are those who boast of buying where they please. "My cash is my own and I buy where I can get a dollar's worth," they say. The only place where any citizen of a community can get 100% out of his dollar is buying at home. The dollar sent away aids in building the distant city, community or town, while the dollar spent at home paves roads, builds bridges, builds churches, schools and adds in every conceivable way to the prosperity and

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CURRENT COMMENT

By J. H. LOWRY

ANNIVERSARY OF HORRORS.



Yes, I am sure you remember it very well. It was in August of last year—just one year ago. One day a peculiar feeling came over you and me. The doctor was consulted, but he didn't look the part of wisdom that he usually does. He looked worried. He counted the pulse beats several times, he scrutinized the tongue again and again. He tried out the blood pressure, he thumped the abdomen in search of gas; then he sat himself down, bewildered and baffled. He saw that something was wrong; in truth, everything was wrong; but where should he begin to right the human machinery and make it perform its accustomed stunts? He dosed out potions of liquid and powders, which the patient swallowed—and felt worse. He recommended that the patient go to bed and keep perfectly quiet. The patient went to bed, glad to make a change of any kind. In a minute patient found that he was on the wrong side of the bed, changed to the other side. He then discovered that his head was at the wrong end of the bed; he changed ends, pushed his head under the footboard and parked his feet on the pillow. A minute convinced him he had not yet found the correct position, and as there was only one more change he could make, he got off the bed and crawled under it, only to be pulled back to his original position by the patient's wife or nurse. About this time patient discovered he was freezing. The blood in his veins was congealing, the marrow in his bones was rapidly turning to blocks of ice, icicles were hanging from his toes, and the pitiless winds of the arctic regions were forcing themselves through his body. Blankets, hot bricks and steaming water bottles were hurried to the freezing frame, but just as the calorific was ready, patient discovered his awful mistake. He wasn't freezing, he wasn't cold; he was literally burning up! His covering was hot embers, mixed with red-hot lava, and the fires of hades were burning under him. The blankets, the water bottles and the hot bricks were kicked aside and poor patient was plastered with ice bags, the touch of which made him furious, for he had discovered by this time that he wasn't cold. Pretty soon patient's head was laid on a railroad track, and hundreds of heavy cars, drawn by ponderous engines, passed over it in quick succession. About the same time big steers, with sharp, icy hoofs, began running races up and down his spinal column, and a grinning, screeching fiend of hell came and poured boiling blood in his eyes.

To add to patient's horrors other fiends came and stuffed his mouth with assafoetida and smart weed, and drenched him with vitrol and tobaco sauce. I am sure you need not be told more. It was last August, the time you had the dengue.

I have just read of the fixing of the state tax rate, by the state taxing board. I note that the rate is the limit. It couldn't be made any higher under the constitution; if it could have been made higher the board would not have hesitated to add a few more cents, as there are many institutions, employes and bureaus calling for more money. Sometimes we cuss our constitution, and denounce it as an old foggy, badly out of date, but that old constitution has served the people a good turn this year by keeping an additional tax burden from their already burdened backs. Nobody can blame the people for being slow to change their constitution or swap it for a new one. Take the bridge off, and taxes would be doubled in a few years. The constitution may be imperfect, but the people know that it stands as a barrier against higher taxes, and is better to bear the few ills we have under the old constitution than fly to ills we know not of under a new one. But what I started out to say is that the politicians told us last year if we would elect them they would see to it that the tax burden was reduced. The politicians will tell us the same thing next year, and some of us will actually believe them.

AN UNDISCUSSED SUBJECT. One fellow who reads this department of the Magazine Section, wants to know why I never discuss the Ku Klux question. The fellow, in his note of inquiry, went on to say that I have discussed everything else. Furthermore, he made the point that this department is headed "Current Comment," and that the Ku Klux question is now the most current thing in this country. I am not going to answer the fellow further than to say there are some things I have never done, and some things I will never do. I am very brave, and frequently wade in up to the boot-tops where angels wouldn't risk one toe. I may some time march up to a cyclone and tell it to unwind and twist the other way; I may even muster sufficient courage to look a gray-eyed Kentuckian in the face and tell him a mint julep isn't fit to drink, but while reason sits enthroned I will never go out on the street, declare myself a Ku Kluxer and enter into an argument with an anti-Klan man; neither will I, when I see a Ku Klux parade coming up the street, get in front of it and try to stop it. But while I pass the fellow's inquiry up without giving a satisfactory answer, I will give herewith

the lines of a little poem, which has served to keep me out of much trouble, and I am sure it will serve inquirer well if he will read it carefully and heed its moral. The poem was written by a Kansas poet, and it will be seen that the first stanza states a fact, while the second points a splendid moral:

"Once a Kansas zephyr strayed
Where a brass-eyed bull pup played,
And that foolish canine bayed
At the zephyr, in a gay,
Semi-idiotic way.
Then the zephyr, in about
Half a jiffy, took that pup,
And it turned him wrong-side out.
Then it turned him wrong end up.
Then calmly journeyed thence,
With a barn and string of fence.

When communities turn loose
Social forces that produce
The disorders of a gale,
Act upon a well-known law—
Face the breeze, but close your jaw.
If you bay it, in a gay,
Self-sufficient sort of way,
It will land you, without doubt,
Upside down and wrong side out."

NO ONE IS SATISFIED. I have just talked with a good farmer, who is doing and living so well it is difficult indeed to keep from envying him. The farmer has a large, pretty home, ideally located, with a big painted barn, and a fine orchard, where big red apples ripen under the kisses of the summer sun, and fine peaches smile and blush. This farmer's home is supplied with all modern conveniences, such as water works, electric lights and telephone. He even has a radio, and listens in on the broadcastings of distant cities, and a big auto which will whirl him to town and back in a few minutes. He also has what no town man can have—absence of dust and noise. But this good farmer is dissatisfied, and says he will move to town soon. Not long ago I talked with a successful business man. He is one of the few who have made a success of buying and selling goods, and finds himself, in the evening of life, able to discount all bills. He has a pretty home in town, money in the bank and stock in several paying institutions. He told me he hoped to retire from business soon and move to the country, and spend his declining days "far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife." This business man is "fed up" on noise, and the sights and bustle of the city. He has seen much of the world, has seen much of its art and its architecture; he has stood in the great marts of trade and seen the great rush of greed for gain, and is tired of it all. He has an idea that there is more beauty in the pictures cast by the sun on the ground as it sifts through the young leaves than in the world's art galleries, and more poetry in a drink of freestone water from the old oaken bucket in the farm-house yard than in the world's ac-

cumulated libraries. And so, having wrought well in the city, he longs for the quiet and peace of the country home, which my farmer friend is anxious to forsake. And this goes to show that none is satisfied, but all crave the blessings which others have and don't want. And it's safe prediction that when my farmer friend moves to town, and my friend in the city moves to the country, neither will be satisfied. Satisfaction belongs to Heaven, and it's hard to pull Heaven down to earth.

GETTING RICH QUICKLY.

I note from the papers that many of the oil stock operators of Fort Worth, Dallas, and other places were doing a fine business and building plethoric bank accounts rapidly when Uncle Sam stepped in and began jailing them for exploiting their schemes through his postoffices. It is not my purpose here to say anything disrespectful of the oil stock operators or those who patronized them, but to tell of a scheme I had on foot to make me rich when Uncle Sam took the oil men to task for advertising their schemes through the mails and scared me off, and left me in the clutches of old poverty. The circular which I intended having printed and circulated read something like this:

"Dear Friend: While we have never met, I have always loved you. Even though I have not been permitted to gaze into your face, or hear the sound of your voice, I have said to myself thousands of times that if it ever became possible for me to aid you, even to the point of making you rich, I would gladly welcome and embrace the opportunity. And now, dear friend, that long looked-for, long hoped-for opportunity is here. I know you have had a pretty hard time, and have longed to be rich. Cease your longing and worrying, for a brighter day has dawned for you. I have found a well of magic water that does things man never dreamed could be done. Draw a bucket of water from this wonderful well and in ten short minutes it will turn to the finest whiskey that ever touched the lips of man. Throw one ounce of the water on your farm, and it will kill every sprig of Johnson grass on the plantation in one hour. Throw a small quantity of water on your back yard, and never will a chigger, mosquito, rat, mouse or cockroach invade the premises. Put a drop of the water on your door-facing, and not a tramp, burglar, book agent or medicine vender will dare step on your porch. This water, dear friend, is not for sale. I could dispose of every drop it in an hour at thousands of dollars a drop, but not an ounce will I sell. I have decided to organize a stock company to own and control this well. The capital stock will be a hun-

dred billion dollars, and the stock will pay for dividend of ten thousand per cent monthly. I could dispose of every share of the stock right here, in two hours, but as I said above, I desire to make you rich, even though I never saw you, and got your name from the tax rolls of your county. And so I have reserved a few shares for you. The stock is now selling at \$100 a share; it will be advanced to \$225 a share next Wednesday. Enclosed you will find a blank. Fill it out for the number of shares you wish and send it in accompanied by certified check or New York exchange. Of course I reserve the right, if all the shares have been sold before your letter reaches me, to return your money. But hurry up, dear friend, and don't lose this opportunity to get rich in a week."

Henry Ford is the richest man in the country, and John D. Rockefeller is second, but my name would have led all others in the financial world if Uncle Sam hadn't made up his mind to protect the gullible and caused me to send my scheme to the discard before having my circulars printed and mailed. Of course I hadn't discovered any well, but nobody would have stopped to inquire whether I had not. I know the people. They would have read the circular and sent in the money.

CATCHING FISH.

Saw a crowd of fishermen come in the other day, and a tired, pessimistic, bedraggled, discouraged band it was. The only thing about this band of fishermen that shone resplendent was their truthfulness. They said they hadn't caught any fish, and they intimated that the man who spent his time trying to catch fish was a man without brains. I had felt the same way many times in early life, and of course I sympathized with the sad-hearted, discouraged band. And yet I know there were fish in the stream these men had visited; and this made me think of Uncle Ed Norvell, whom I knew many years ago. Uncle Ed always caught fish. He caught fish when the stream was rising and when it was falling, when the wind was blowing. I went fishing and came home tired and hungry, without fish; Uncle Ed went to the same stream and came home happy, with a fine string of fish. I swore there were no fish in the stream; Uncle Ed said nothing, but caught fish. And why the difference? It's easy. I felt that the finny tribe owed me a mess of fish, and merely gave the fish a chance to get caught; Uncle Ed fished—fished faithfully, persistently and intelligently. Many are saying there is no money to be made farming, raising chickens; others go right on making money, just as Uncle Ed went right on catching fish when I said there were no fish in the stream.

THE MEDINA LAKE A Beauty Spot, in the Medina Valley of Southwest Texas

By W. L. DUBOSE



AN EARLY MORNING CATCH OF BASS AND WHITE PERCH.

The Hanging Gardens of Babylon were among the "Seven Wonders of the world," and their ruins pay a silent tribute to the engineering skill of the Babylonians, whose king wished to please his wife, who was reared in a mountain country, and longed for the hills of her childhood, but Medina Lake "hangs" out under the blue skies of Southwest Texas, as a scenic wonder and a living tribute to the engineering skill of Dr. Pearson's world-famed engineers.

About thirty miles from Devine, Medina County, and about an equal distance from San Antonio, over a beautifully picturesque "toll road," lay this inland sea, some four miles wide in its widest place, sixteen miles long, and 130 feet deep at the dam.

A Young Engineer's Dream.

Back in 1890, when this writer was locating the damming of mountain

streams for the impounding of water and irrigating the fertile valleys of south Texas, my friend, Major A. Y. Walton, of San Antonio, a young engineer, was hunting and fishing on the Medina river. He inadvertently looked up from the deep clear pool, from which now and then he would hook a mountain trout, and saw bees working in and out of "Bee Bluff," a cliff with narrow, perpendicular walls; then his eyes wandered to the other side of the river bank, where nature seemed to have cut the mountain in two, in some remote age of the past, so that the waters from above might join the waters below; and thereupon he conceived the idea of the stupendous task of building a dam across the Medina river.

A few years later, another young San Antonian, C. H. Kearney, had become a famous engineer and was engaged by a British syndicate, under the direction of Dr. F. H. Pearson, in a great project in Necaxa, Mexico. Mr. Walton appealed to C. H. Kearney, and in turn Mr. Kearney put the matter up to Dr. Pearson, with the result that a \$6,000,000 corporation was formed and in 1912 and 1913 Medina Lake dam was built, which is 128 feet wide at bottom, 180 feet high and 1,580 feet long, so wide at the top that autos easily pass to and fro as upon a concrete bridge. It is made of re-enforced concrete, anchored deeply in the almost solid rocks. This lake impounds 250,000 acres of water one foot deep, and was primarily built to irrigate 40,000 acres of land, on the beautiful prairies and valleys about Devine, Lytle and La Coste, and we would be glad here to tell of the diversion dam, the big canals and mountain flumes, through which this water flows to the farm lands, thirty miles below, but this would require another story.

It is sad to relate that just as Dr. Pearson, with his wonderful engineering ability, and confidence in English capitalists, was getting this project upon its feet, he lost his life in the Titanic disaster; then there followed the world war, money became scarce, especially in England, where most of the stock and bondholders lived, and the big corporation was forced into the hands of

a Federal receiver. Because of these handicaps the possibilities of the big reservoir have never fully developed, but the great \$6,000,000 dam had been built, as well as the big canals and flumes, and it was too good a proposition to fall down. It has been only recently, however, that its future was assured, and now it promises the greatest agriculture development for all this immediate section. San Antonio being the chief city nearest to the lake, claims it as her very own, but there are several smaller towns nearer the lake, especially to the irrigated lands, which are materially benefited.

The Sportsman's Paradise.

Long before the dam was built, as we have already indicated, this was one of nature's beauty spots and the sportsman's paradise; and you can now only imagine what a transformation has taken place. Thousands of bass from the Government fish hatcheries of San Marcos were taken to the lake several years ago, wharves were erected, boats were put upon its waters and then the world began to hear of the Medina Lake, as a fishing resort. Persons came from far and near to declare, like the queen of Sheba of old, that "The half had not been told." A hotel was finally built, cottages erected and the "toll road" constructed through the mountains, over which automobiles and automobiles busses from San Antonio pass every hour of the day. The water for two miles between the main dam and the diversion dam is private property, and one must get permission to fish or hunt there, but the big lake is free to the world, and one is asked only to obey the state fishing and hunting laws. It is primarily a "summer resort," but in the fall and winter months wild ducks and other migratory fowls from the north come to this lake and the hunter can enjoy his sport while the fisherman can angle for the finny tribes.

Government Hatcheries Now.

While the lake has depended upon fish raised in its waters and those supplied from San Marcos Government hatcheries, and other places, and has won its fame in this way, the United

States Bureau of Fish Hatcheries has just recently given permission and made appropriations for establishing a Government fish hatchery here, and proposes to raise 250,000 bass the year for this lake, and other waters where needed; which is hailed as an assurance not only of continued prosperity for the resort, but that it will greatly increase its interest among sportsmen. Pits will be built in the lake above the diversion dam, and offices and caretaker's home erected upon the west bank of the stream, below the lake.

Variety of Fish.

Bass, trout, perch, channel cat and braeme make up the variety of fish in Medina Lake. The lake can be visited at all seasons and a good "catch" always relied upon, provided the fisherman is first well informed as to the kind of bait to use and the most favorable spots to cast and set lines.

Southwest Texas is noted for its climate, its cloudless skies and its pure and healthful ozone; and on this lake the gulf breezes blow each summer's night and fan the weary fisherman into slumbers of tomorrow's catch.

Before closing this article, we would like to mention "Chicon Lake," which covers something like 100 acres, fed by the waters of Medina Lake, and only about five miles from Devine and Lytle, which, however, is under the control of the "Devine-Lytle Rod and Gun Club" composed of 100 men. It can be visited by picnicking and bathing parties and used by the members and their friends by permission. It is stocked with bass and white perch and keeps the members of the club pretty well supplied with fish, affording no end of pleasure as a resort, and as one of the beautiful "side-spots" from the Medina Lake. We would like to tell you of the thousands of fertile acres watered and the cars of onions, spinach, cabbage, etc., not to speak of corn and other feed crops grown upon these lands, irrigated by the waters of Medina lake, but I have already intruded upon the space allotted me in the Magazine Section, and shall therefore hope at some future time to tell of these farm and garden products.

YOUR HOME TOWN

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fare of the home town and community. Buy of your home town merchant. Remember that modern stores and prosperous merchants make attractive trading centers. Make your home town just as attractive as any in the state.

The local stores in your home town employ labor, and on account of taxes and other expenses the profits largely revert back to the community, and find their way through the various channels of trade. Taxes go to support and build schools, build roads and maintain them; also supports the local, county, state and national governments. The stores in the home town contribute largely through their proprietors and employes to the support of charities, the churches, chautauques, young peoples enterprises, entertainments and the forces that give life and stability to the community.

The owner of a successful retail store who spends a lifetime in a community and has delivered a service that meets competition fairly and becomes well off financially, should be the pride of his home town and community. His financial success is but reflection of the wealth and progress of the surrounding trade territory.

The retail store is one of the important institutions of the town, state and nation. A community cannot develop, grow and prosper as it should unless all of its institutions grow and develop in proper proportion to each other.

Business is the heart of the institutional life of every community. Full credit must be given to the retail and wholesale stores for the good they do, as well as for the service they render, and you will make no mistake to give each of them your loyal support that they may continue to progress and be a developing factor in the life of your town and county.

We need the stores just as we need the banks, the cotton gins, the newspapers, the blacksmith and tin shops, the lumber yards, the railroads and the products of the mines, farms and stock ranches. Let us all do our part in trading at home and demand goods of known quality and standard price.

BRIEF TEXAS NEWS

FROM OVER
THE STATE

HIGHWAYS TO BE MARKED.

The main highways leading to Greenville will be marked with a large number of sign posts which will be welcomed by travelers. The work was prompted by the Greenville Retail Merchants' Association.

GIFT OF BOOKS TO LIBRARY.

The Vernon public library has recently received a valuable gift of books from the private library of Mrs. W. W. Gilbert. There are 280 books in the collection, and they represent considerable value.

83-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WINS FIDDLING PRIZE.

Although 83 years old, Mrs. Mollie J. Starkey of Merkel, Taylor county, still has music in her soul. She won a \$20 prize as the best fiddler at the old fiddlers contest held in Merkel July 1st.

MAKING SURF ON THE LAKE.

Surf bathing is a new attraction at Fort Worth's Lake Worth. The custodian of the lake has a 25-foot motor boat which he speeds up just behind the safety ropes and causes swells to roll in, to the delight of the bathers.

KEEPING UP ITS REPUTATION.

For the third time the McKinney Woodmen of the World degree team has been awarded first place in drills at the national convention, winning that honor at the recent meeting in San Antonio. The team was similarly successful in 1919 and 1921.

HADN'T LEARNED TO SPELL.

A young negro swain applied at the county clerk's office in Gainesville for a marriage license, but could not spell the name of his bride-to-be. He was forced to postpone procuring the necessary papers until he had gone to the girl's home and learned to spell her name.

DALLAS FAIR PARK NAMED.

The fair park in Dallas has been named Gaston Park in honor of Capt. W. H. Gaston, an old settler and long-time banker of Dallas. The Park Board has also decided to have a white way around the race track and to make other improvements that will call for an expenditure of about \$10,000.

RECORD MILK PRODUCTION.

The record of Aggie Wayne Concoridia, milk cow owned by E. E. Prince of Camp County, is 814 pounds of milk in seven days. This is said to be the state record for such performance. One gallon of milk weighs 8 pounds, so it is easy to figure how many gallons of milk this cow gives in one day.

TEXAS MAN HIGH UP IN MARKSMANSHIP.

At the training camps conducted by the A. & M. College of Oklahoma in June, Mr. Crawford, a student at this college, but formerly a resident of Ladonia, Texas, was fourth on the list in rifle marksmanship. At the end of the first round Crawford's score was 221 out of a possible 250.

WILD HORSE "CUTS" HERDS WITHOUT BRIDLE.

Billy Bronk is the name of a horse on Benson Bros. ranch, near Stamford, that "cuts" herds of cattle without a bridle. Billy knows the cow game thoroughly and separates the cattle with as much skill and precision as though he had a rider on his back.

BASEBALL PLAYERS BEWARE.

Texas league baseball players who have any unfinished business to do had better do it on week days. President Doak Roberts has announced that any player assaulting an umpire on a week day will be suspended for 30 days, while the same offense committed on Sunday will bring a season's suspension.

SWITCHING THE TELEPHONES.

Only one minute was required to switch 3500 telephones to a new telephone exchange recently opened at San Antonio. The cables were prepared ahead of time and, with a force of men ready to make the shift and a corps of 35 operators on duty in the new building, the change was made in what is claimed to be record time.

LEGENDS OF TEXAS

Legends of Texas are to be collected under direction of the Texas Folk-Lore Society, edited by J. Frank Dobie of the University of Texas, secretary of the society, and published. There is said to be a wealth of legendary lore in Texas. These legends are a part of the social records of Texas and their preservation is as important as the preservation of historic facts.

SNAKE SWALLOWS DOORKNOB.

A large chicken snake swallowed a door-knob by mistake when it foraged the hen house of a farmer near Honey Grove. The reptile is thought to have been in search of eggs and got the door-knob down before discovering its mistake. The farmer killed the snake which had been enlarged by the hardware until it could not escape through the hole by which it had entered the hen house.

EARLY COTTON IN TEXAS.

Some one has discovered, through an article which appeared in a Chicago newspaper in 1873, that the Rio Grande valley produced the first bale of cotton in 1873, Santa Marie being mentioned as the place of production.

TEXAS FARMERS' UNION.

The new president of the Texas Farmers' Union is J. D. Henderson of Munday. A. L. Baker of Yoakum has been elected secretary-treasurer, and headquarters of the organization will probably remain at Yoakum where the recent annual convention was held.

WOULD INSURE ELEPHANT.

An insurance company willing to take a chance on an elephant's life is being sought by the Fort Worth park department officials. The elephant, which will be kept in the city zoo, will be the first and only animal that is insured when the policy is finally written.

WIG-WAG CROSSING SIGNALS.

The railroad crossings on the Southern Pacific railroad in Sherman are being fitted with electrically operated wig-wag alarm signals which will be installed at four street crossings. These signals will be automatically operated by the approach of trains.

A MUSICAL CAT.

A local hotel owner of Henderson has a novel possession in a musical cat which delights to perch on the piano stool and strike the keys with its paws. Henderson has nothing on Sherman which is boasting the ownership of a parrot which sings whenever the Sherman band plays.

BOYS ENCAMPMENT AT VERNON.

Nearly two hundred boys from Wichita, Foard, Knox, Baylor and Wilbarger counties attended the annual boys' club encampment near Vernon. Contests were held to determine the representatives to the annual state club contests which are held each year at A. & M. college, Bryan.

FIVE-OUNCE FIG.

A fig weighing five ounces, said to be a record in Texas for size and weight, is reported from Winfield, Texas. It was larger than a hen egg and while of unusual size, was only a little larger than many other figs from the same tree. Fig preserves are delicious and why not plant more fig trees in Texas; they will grow almost anywhere in the state.

WOULD CREATE UNDERGROUND LAKES.

A new project is being considered at San Antonio. Four huge underground caves have been discovered about 5 miles north of the city, near the Olmus Creek, which overflows nearly every year, sending a large volume of water into the San Antonio river and flooding the city. It is proposed to divert the water into the underground caves and store it there for use by a cement company which has a plant nearby.

NEW USE FOR FINGERPRINTS.

Federal dry officers working in Texas have determined to try the fingerprint method to determine ownership of stills and whisky containers. They claim there is no reason why fingerprints would not convict guilty moonshiners or bootleggers just as they convict hijackers. To a certain extent fingerprinting has taken the place of photographing in the rogue galleries of Eastern cities.

OLDEST PERSON IN TEXAS.

The oldest person in Texas is said to be "Aunt" Priscilla Anderson, a negress of Palestine, who, according to records in possession was born 114 years ago. She is a native of Alabama, and came to Texas in the days when it was a republic. She says she can remember the building of the first cabin at Fort Houston, in Anderson county. Although her sight and hearing are impaired, her mind is active and her voice has not failed and she likes to talk for hours about the pioneer days in Texas.

"PETTING PARTIES" DANGEROUS.

"Petting parties" along improved highways in the state are declared dangerous to travelers and to petters. None of the improved highways are wide, yet the cars in which the "petting" is indulged are drawn up just at one edge of the road and lights turned off so that other cars coming along often do not see them until too close to avoid collisions. Another danger is presented when the young men try to drive their cars with one hand.

SALT THROWING STARTS TROUBLE.

A superstition of Aztec origin is that throwing salt into a person's house will cause a terrible catastrophe. During a Cinco de Mayo celebration in "Little Mexico's" district of San Antonio, a sweetheart of 18-year old Sara Castillano danced often and too well with a rival. To get revenge Sara threw a handful of salt through the front door of her rival's home, which resulted in a complaint being filed by the rival against pretty Sara.

BRICK 4000 YEARS OLD.

A brick 4000 years old was exhibited recently to a crowd of bricklayers working in Vernon who had become involved in a discussion of how long a brick going into a modern structure would last. The brick, in the form of a clay tablet, is the property of Dr. E. L. Moore. It was one of a number of temple records dug up in Babylonia on the site of the ancient city of Dreichem.

OUTGUESSING THE WEATHER MAN.

The most ticklish job in the world next to the weatherman's, is that of gas dispatcher for a large gas company, according to William A. Moorehead of the Lone Star Gas Company. Moorehead says the gas dispatcher must outguess the weather man, and know how much gas to have at a certain place served by the company, depending upon the changeable weather.

POLICEMEN HAVE HEARTS.

Policemen have been found to have hearts—sometimes. Two patrolmen of El Paso "arrested" three cats on complaints of persons who were annoyed by the midnight serenades. The officers were asked to kill the kittens, but no one at headquarters had the heart to shoot the "prisoners," and they now have the run of the jail kitchen and catch the mice.

HUNT COUNTY PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Members of the press of Hunt county and of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce recently met in Greenville and organized a Hunt County Press Association. Lester White of the Campbell Review, was elected president, and S. E. Barnett, of the Lone Oak News, secretary. Fred E. Horton of the Greenville Banner was elected vice president, and John H. Erickson, vice-president.

COURT HAS BOYS WHIPPED.

Judge Lawrence of Sherman believes that corporal punishment is more effective for boys arraigned for first offenses than a reformatory would be. Recently three boys between 10 and 12 years of age were brought before him on charges of holding up a fourth boy and taking a buggy from him. Instead of sending the boys to a reformatory, Judge Lawrence had them chastised in his office and then sent them to their homes. The boys are said to regard the judge as their friend.

NEW RAILROAD CHARTERED.

A charter has been granted by the attorney general's department of Texas to the Texas Panhandle & Gulf Railway Company, which proposes to build a line of railway extending between Fort Worth and the New Mexico line in Palmer county, a distance of about 380 miles. The capital stock will be \$2,700,000. Headquarters are to be in Tulsa, Swisher county. The road is to extend through 17 counties of Texas and probably into Mexico. A group of Chicago business men is named as the incorporators.

HORSE AND TURKEY PALS.

A horse and turkey belonging to J. T. Ramage, a farmer near Temple, are said to be devoted pals, the devotion between them never having been seen before between a four-footed animal and feathered bird. A turkey hen recently hatched two eggs and soon thereafter died along with one of the little turks. The remaining turkey was adopted by the horse, which is a pensioner about the place, and they have become such pals that it is almost impossible to keep them apart. The turk rides about most of the day on the back of the horse and sleeps in the same stall with him at night.

HOOD'S THIN GRAY REMNANT

The thin, gray remnant of Hood's immortal Texas Brigade assembled in Bryan at 9 o'clock June 27th, in its fifty-second annual reunion. At each recurring reunion the number grows smaller, and, after the register was completed, only twelve of Hood's men were on the list.

Capt. W. C. Walsh of Austin is president of the brigade, and Miss Katie Daffan of Houston, life secretary. Miss Daffan is a daughter of the late L. A. Daffan of Ennis, himself a member of Hood's Brigade, and she is beloved by each one of the surviving veterans.

FIRST CARBON BLACK PLANT OPERATING.

The first carbon black plant in Texas is now operating in Stephens county, five miles south of Breckenridge. It is being erected by the Coltexco Corporation and parts of each of the three units started to burning gas for carbon black as rapidly as they were being completed.

There are about 100 buildings in this plant, which covers several acres of land and represents an investment of approximately \$350,000. It is one of four similar plants which are being erected, following permission by the Texas Railroad Commission recently, for residue gas to be burned for carbon black in this field.

DENISON POULTRY RAISERS.

The Grayson County Poultry and Rabbit Breeders Association recently held a meeting at the Denison Chamber of Commerce and accepted the report of the committee on premiums which announced that more prizes are to be given this year than ever before. There will be many new departments in the show which is to be held December 7 to 9.

CAMPERS LIKE TO "ROUGH IT."

The average automobile tourist in Texas likes to "rough it," and wants to camp and sleep in the open, in the opinion of R. A. West of Big Springs, an experienced auto tourist who has been all over Texas and recently started on a trip to California. He says the tourist likes to stop at auto camps where there is shade and water, but the average camper does not care to stop at camps where all the conveniences of home are provided.

MAPS OF BANKHEAD HIGHWAY FOR TOURISTS.

V. P. Craven, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Weatherford, has received a number of maps of the Bankhead Highway, showing the route, distances and principal points, to be distributed to tourists traveling the highway. The public is invited to call at his office in passing through Weatherford for one of these maps. This highway extends the entire distance, east and west, through Texas, from Texarkana to El Paso.

FINGER PRINTS REVEAL MURDERER.

A finger print found on an empty bottle in a grocery store which had been robbed in Dallas led to the arrest and conviction of a negro and former convict, and to a confession which implicated another negro and ex-convict in the murder of a special officer who had surprised the negroes in the act of committing the robbery. One of the negroes has been sentenced to die.

MINNOWS TO KILL MOSQUITOES.

A use for minnows other than as bait has been demonstrated at Greenville with remarkable success. A shipment of minnows was made from the state fish hatchery and placed in the Greenville city lake on recommendation of the health authorities. The act was for mosquito destruction, and that the minnows have done their work well has been demonstrated by fewer mosquitoes in that city this summer.

NATIVE SONS OF TEXAS

"The Native Sons of Texas, Inc." is a recently organized patriotic association chartered under the laws of Texas with headquarters at Mexia. The charter was granted to Hampton Steele, L. C. Steele and L. L. Steele, son, grandson and great grandson respectively of Alfonso Steele, last survivor of the Battle of San Jacinto. The purpose of the organization is to perpetuate traditions of the past and to foster movements looking to the advancement of Texas without political affiliations or intentions. One must be a Texan born and a resident of Texas to be eligible for membership.

PREPARING FOR LEGIONAIRES.

More than 3,000 legionnaires and members of the women's auxiliary are expected to attend the annual convention of the Texas Department of the American Legion, which will meet in Galveston August 28, 29 and 30. Speakers who have promised to attend are United States Senator Morris Sheppard, Governor Pat M. Neff and Judge Kenesaw Landis, national commissioner of baseball. Madame Schumann-Heink, world-famed opera singer, has offered her services during the convention. Arrangements are being made with the navy department, too, to send a battleship to Galveston for the occasion.

BANTAM HEN MOTHERS PART-RIDGES.

Children of Mrs. R. B. Newman, chopping cotton near Comanche, came upon a nest of partridge eggs. The mother partridge left the nest, and, knowing she would not return, Mrs. Newman took the eggs home, twenty-five of them, and placed them under a bantam hen. In due time 25 little partridges were hatched, though only 18 of them survived. These eighteen are in thriving condition and the foster mother struts proudly about the place with her little charges, giving them as much attention as though they were real chickens.

HELP FOR STATE TREASURY.

The last Legislature authorized \$2,000,000 each year to supplement the available school fund and \$1,500,000 each year to aid school funds. However, since there is a deficiency of large proportions in the State Treasury, State Superintendent Morris has authorized the statement that he will not demand the transfer of the \$2,000,000 to the available fund on September 1, but will wait until late in the winter when present funds are exhausted and the money is actually needed. He says the board probably will need to use some of the \$1,500,000 for the rural schools commencing in November and December.

NEW USE FOR AIRPLANES.

With the entire crop of the county threatened by leafworm, and the fields too wet to be sprayed with Paris green by machinery, O. W. Wright, who lives fourteen miles south of Corpus Christi, secured the assistance of Clifford Kennard, a commercial aviator, and had his cotton field of 460 acres sprayed from an air plane. This is the first time this method of distributing poison in a field has been used in Nueces county.

SALE OF CERTAIN FISH FORBIDDEN.

Thirty-eight counties in Texas are affected by the new law which forbids the sale of bass, crappie and catfish in certain restricted districts. Those who would eat any of these fish must go person to the lakeside or the riverside and catch them. The new law affects the finest fresh water fishing districts in Texas and will put many market fishermen out of business.

TEXANS BUY BELLEAU WOODS.

Plans have been completed by the Second Division association to buy Belleau Woods, France, as a memorial to the men of the division who fell in action there, according to an announcement made by Colonel W. W. Bessell, adjutant of the division at Camp Travis, San Antonio.

Two members of the association that were sent to France to make arrangements for the purchase of the woods reported recently that purchase had been made.

WILL USE WATERMELONS AS CONVENTION BAIT.

Texas dentists who will attend the convention of the American Dental Association in Cleveland, Ohio, in September with a view to obtaining the 1924 convention for Dallas will use a carload of Texas watermelons as convention bait.

It is planned to give a melon feast, using specially selected Texas melons, on the night before the vote on the convention city is taken.

EAGLE OVERCOME BY GAS FROM OIL WELL.

Eagles had better be careful how they fly around Texas, where so many wells are spouting oil and gas. A Mexican eagle flying high above the derrick of the Wheatley & O'Hern No. 2 well, on the Los Ojuelos grant, near Mirando City, south Texas, was observed to go into a tail spin and drop into the slush pit. When rescued by the drilling crew the eagle showed all the symptoms of gas asphyxiation, but recovered within a few minutes and fought its captors.

NUMBER OF CONVICTS IN TEXAS NEARLY 4,000.

The number of convicts in Texas now total 3,906, of which twenty-one are in insane asylums. Some years ago the number exceeded 4,000 by a narrow margin. The convicts are located as follows: Huntsville prison 432, Harlem farm 299, Eastham 349, Imperial 378, Ramsey 509, Wynne 135, Goree 81, Shaw 185, Clemens 465, Ferguson 175, Retrieve 202, Darrington 233, Blue Ridge 271, Senior 35, Blakely 168 and eight in transit.

BETTER TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.

The automobile impounding system at San Antonio is proving quite a success. During the first 11 days it was in effect 173 cars were impounded, and after that the number fell off sharply. The lesson was sinking in. The owner of each impounded car was required to pay a fee of \$2, in addition to a fine for violating a traffic ordinance. The cost of maintaining the impounding system runs to \$500 or \$600 a month, and so far it has more than paid for itself. Other cities in Texas have been threatening to adopt the same plan.

FAVORED PLAINTIFFS NO MORE.

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\$4,000,000 DEFICIENCY IN STATE GENERAL FUND BY SEPT 1.

State Treasurer Terrell says the deficiency in the general fund will be larger on Sept. 1 than any estimate made heretofore. He believes it will be over \$4,000,000 and probably go to \$4,500,000 when all of this fiscal year's business is cleaned up. The highest estimate made of the deficiency, which occurred during the Legislature, was \$3,300,000 on Sept. 1. Mr. Terrell thinks it will be sure to go \$1,000,000 above that figure.

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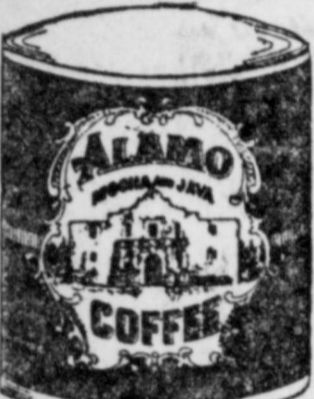
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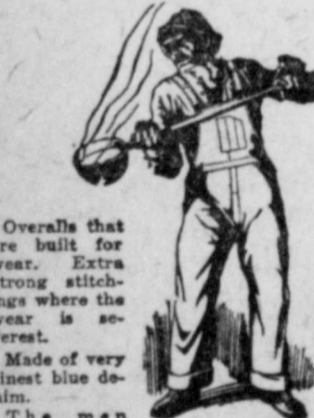


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Hospital Caller: "Poor man, you certainly have been all shot up."
The Victim: "Yes, I had so many bullet holes bored through me that the boys behind me complained of the draught."

SCANDALOUS BEHAVIOR.
Sam came to work rather late. "I've been to Bill Williams' funeral," he explained, "and, boss, dat was some funeral. He wuz de popularest man aroun' heah, an' I mean we wuz givin' him some funeral; everybody from miles aroun' came to it. We had a drum an' a brass band, and flowers. My goodness! It look lack some flower garden done bust open and scattered flowers all ober everything, but you know dat nigger, he did act scandalous. Fact is, I nebber seed anybody act so bad at dar funeral."
"Acted scandalous?" asked the boss.
"What did he do?"
"Lawd, Boss," said Sam, "he kicked de lid off de coffin."
"Kicked the lid off of the coffin! Did they go on and bury him?"
Sam shook his head doubtfully. Then said: "How'd I know?"

INFALLIBLE PLAN.
Ragged Robin: "How d'ye manage ter keep so nice an' plump, Dusty?"
Dusty Rhodes: "I eats. An' de way I gets it ter eat is dis. I goes ter de kitchen door an' offers ter saw wood fer a meal. Den when de lady of de house faints away I helps meself."

THE PIPING COSTS
The colored minister had just concluded a powerful sermon on "Salvation Is Free," and was announcing that a collection would be taken. Up jumped a brother in the back of the church. "If dis here salvation am free," he interrupted, "what's de use paying for it? I'm gwine to gib you nuthin' till I find out. Now—"
"Patience, brudder, patience," said the parson. "I'll illustrate. Supposing you was thirsty and came to a river. You could kneel right down and drink, just so, couldn't you, and it would cost you nuthin', would it?"
"Ob course not. That's just what I—"
"Dat water would be free," continued the parson. "But supposing you wus to have dat water piped to your house. You would hab to pay, wouldn't you?"
"Yas, sah, but—"
"Well, brudder, salvation am free, but it is de having it piped to you dat gottar pay for. Pass the hat, sexton."

WHY, CERTAINLY NOT.
The Boss: "Is it true that you leave your typewriter and go when the clock strikes five, even if you are in the middle of a word?"
The Stenog: "Certainly not! When it gets as near five as that I never begin a word at all."

SIMPLE ENOUGH.
There had come to command the company a new captain whose idea was that, while it was important to teach the young idea how to shoot, a little primary education in book-larnin' wouldn't hurt. The big scheme was for each corporal to get his squad together and drill them in the three R's.
Corporal McGarrity was having trouble in impressing the simplest ideas of arithmetic upon his seven assorted oil-cans. Apparently all they knew about a school house was that it was a place to slow up in passing with a car.
"You big cheeses!" he exclaimed. "Can't you add four and three? Look here, if each one of you was a triple-plated, iron-headed idiot, how many triple-plated, iron-headed idiots would there be in this room?"
"Eight," chorused the class promptly.

POWER OF WILL.
After having shot his bitterest enemy full of holes with his trusty forty-five, the toughest citizen of Blood-in-your-eye immediately gave himself up to the authorities.
"What made you shoot this man?" demanded the sheriff.
"Self control," was the reply. "If it hadn't been for that I'd broke his neck and chawed both his ears off."

"DO IT NOW!"
The head of the firm was a hustler, and it annoyed him to see his clerks idling. One day, in an attempt to awaken his staff, he bought six signs, bearing the motto, "Do It Now!" He hung these up in various parts of the office, and waited results. The following Saturday the hustler, sad of face, gloomily detached each of the signs from the wall, and bore them despairingly to the dust bin.
During the week the cashier had gone off with \$10,000, the chief bookkeeper had eloped with the typist, three junior clerks had asked for raises in salary, and the office boy started to Oklahoma to become a bandit.

ACUTE.
Two students on a train were bragging about their abilities to see and hear. The one says: "Do you see that barn over there on the horizon?"
"Yes."
"Can you see that fly walking around on the roof of that barn?"
"No, but I can hear the shingles rattle when he steps on them."

THAT FINISHED THAT.
Two soldiers in a colored regiment were boasting about their company buglers.
"G'long wid you, boy," said one. "You got no booglers. We's got the boogler. When dat boy wraps his lips 'round dat horn and blows pay call, it sounds jes' like a symphony band playin'."
"Well, if you like music, dat's all right; but if you is yearnin' fer food, you wants a boogler wid a hypnarcotic note, like we's got. Boy, when ah hears old Custard Mouth Jones discharge his blast ah looks at mah beans and ah says: 'Strawberries, behave yo'selves. You am crowdin' all de whip cream outer ma dish.'"

UNCLE SI.
Uncle Si broke a banana from a newly-hung bunch and gave it to a small and exceedingly dirty boy whose eager eyes had invited generosity.
"When I was a little feller," he said in explanation, "Pap took me to the county seats every now and then, and every time I seed a bunch of bananas I got so hungry I suffered. I made up my mind if ever I got growed up and had a lot of money I was going to buy all the bananas I could eat. I done it, too, when I got to be my own boss, and I ain't liked bananas since."
"I reckon it's that way about most everything in life. The joys and pleasures life has to offer seem mighty nice as long as we don't have too much of 'em, but if ever the time comes when there isn't anything to restrain us and we are free to take all we want, we usually overdo it and lose our appetite."
"I don't believe there is any chance for happiness except in moderation. If we have to do without altogether, we can't be happy, because we feel abused and cheated; and if we have too much we get fed up and can't appreciate it any more."
"The happiest folks, I notice, are them that have just enough to take the edge off their appetites and keep 'em wishing for more."

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Dirty spark plugs cause irregular firing.

A leak around the spark plug will cause missing in the cylinders.

Always carry an extra fan belt in the tool box for an emergency.

Never test a storage battery with an ammeter. Always use a voltmeter.

To facilitate gear shifting, squirt a little oil on the clutch thrust bearing.

Loose terminals corrode quickly. They also cause fuses to burn out, dim lights, etc.

The most effective protection against strong sunlight and glaring lights is a shield of opaque or translucent material placed in the left-hand corner of the windshield, behind which the blinded driver may hide his eyes.

When descending a hill close the throttle. This is not only safer, but will save gasoline.

Properly inflated tires will always give longer service than those not properly inflated.

The lights of a car should be carefully inspected after an accident to see that they are still properly focused and pointing directly.

Ether is best for removing grease or oil from clothing. A small quantity applied with cotton will quickly remove all stains without leaving a ring.

When repairing a chain, gears or other units which consist of different parts, do not place a new section with another badly worn member. Noise will result, and the new part will not give good service. It is best to install all new parts.

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TEXAS FARM NEWS

Tomato shipments from Jacksonville for the 1923 season have totaled 297 cars. Shipments from the entire East Texas territory totaled about 900 cars.

From four acres of fertilized ground, a farmer near Gainesville raised 500 bushels of oats. This is a record yield for Cooke county.

A local store in Brownwood recently had an exhibition in one of its show windows, 24 different kinds of vegetables, all raised within a few miles of Brownwood.

Shipments of strawberries from Tyler, East Texas, for the season, amounted to 34 carloads. The acreage was larger than last year, and the yield good, but prices unsatisfactory.

Harrison county, East Texas, is waging relentless war on the boll weevil. The Marshall Chamber of Commerce at the close of the week of July 23rd had paid for 8,041,374 punctured cotton squares.

The fig crop of Galveston county, with exception of the territory around San Leon, will be less this year than last. Majority of the growers report that late freezes this year delayed the crop considerably.

Continued dry weather throughout the latter part of July has damaged cotton in Central Texas. Cotton in bottom lands, however, seems to be holding its own. The corn crop has also been damaged by drought throughout North and Central Texas.

The cotton acreage of Texas has increased over last year, 1,826,000 acres, according to the report released by United States Bureau of Crop Estimates. The total estimated cotton acreage for Texas this year is 14,077,000 acres.

A car-load of high-grade Jersey stock has arrived at Lampasas from Sulphur Springs, and was selected by C. D. Ward and J. L. Thomas of the A. & M. College for the purpose of developing the dairy interest of Lampasas county. These Jerseys were secured at a reasonable price.

A. M. Martin, one of the largest truck farmers of the Plainview country, estimates that he will ship not less than 15 cars of celery from his farm in the fall. Celery has proven a paying crop around Plainview for several years. The celery averages one carload to each acre harvested.

Records show that Texas raises one-tenth of the watermelons of the United States, and that Parker county raises one-fortieth of the watermelons grown in the United States. Parker county melons are famous throughout the country for size and flavor.



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The new crop of Elberta peaches in East Texas is moving to market. The crop is a short one and in many counties not more than one-third of a crop has been produced. In other counties the crop will be about half the average. It is assumed that the crop will average around \$3.00 per bushel.

Practically every car of wheat shipped from the Plains country this year has graded hard red winter wheat No. 1, and has tested around an average of 60 pounds per bushel. Wheat inspectors believe this to be a new world's record for grading of wheat shipments from one section.

The largest fig orchard in the world will be established near Houston if plans now being developed are carried out. Beginning this fall 6,000 acres in Brazoria county are to be planted to figs. When the land has all been planted the tract is to be divided into 5-acre and 10-acre plots and sold. They will be set 16 1/2 feet apart or 160 trees set to the acre and occupy 4,687 acres.

A new poultry farm is being built by Harvey Thompson a few miles east of Bowie. About 2400 white leghorns hens will be purchased to stock the new chicken farm. For many years Bowie has claimed the distinction of having the largest poultry farm in Texas. The poultry industry of our state is growing by leaps and bounds and will add many millions of dollars to the farming industry of Texas.

Mr. Ira Floyd, a Dallas county farmer, exhibited in Dallas recently, a Plymouth Rock egg which measured 7 inches in circumference and 8 1/4 inches from end to end. Mr. Floyd thinks this is the largest egg ever laid by a Plymouth Rock chicken. It was a double egg, and when the shell was pierced, another egg of ordinary size was found within the large shell.

Application has been filed with the state railroad commission for a general revision of rates on wool and mohair shipped in less than carload lots from points originating in the state to intrastate points. Hearing on the application has been set for September 11. The application asks that one stop be allowed, except that a second concentration privilege will be allowed on carload shipments at Houston or Galveston, at an additional charge of 7 cents per 100 pounds plus back-haul charges.

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For Our Boys and Girls

By AUNT MARY.



William Barrett Travis.

GREAT MEN AND WOMEN

Dear to the heart of every Texan is the name of William Barrett Travis. Not alone for his great "heroism" shown at the Alamo but for his strength of character and fortitude.

Travis was born in Conechu county, Alabama, in 1811. In later years he was described as being of fine stature, about six feet tall, with regular features, blue eyes and auburn hair. Little is recorded of his early life, but he must have been an excellent law student as he was admitted to the bar when only nineteen years old. He began the practice of law in Claiborne, Alabama, but gave it up two years later (1832) and came to Texas.

The first we hear of W. B. Travis is when at the head of fifty colonists he captured Anahuac, an important Mexican military post in Texas. From then on to the day of his death he took an active part in all Texas war preparations.

Colonel Neil who had been in command of the Alamo was ordered to blow up the fort, remove the cannons and

withdraw. However he was unable to do so, he said, as he did not have enough horses or mules to move the supplies. Lieutenant-Colonel Travis was then ordered to the Alamo with a few additional men. When Travis arrived Colonel Neil resigned his position and went home. This left Lieutenant Colonel Travis in command.

The Texans had been lax in their watch on Santa Anna and before they knew it he was at the gates of San Antonio demanding surrender. Travis and his men had barely time to retreat to the Alamo, which was the only fortified position within the then small town of San Antonio. A heavy norther had delayed Santa Anna. As Travis' army crossed the plains it captured thirty or forty beef cattle, but had only three or four bushels of corn; later eighty or ninety bushels were found in deserted houses.

On February 24, 1836, Travis sent his stirring message to the government for aid. The lines "victory or death! I shall never surrender or retreat!" have come down through history with a ring never to be forgotten.

Several skirmishes took place in the beginning but no Texans were lost and several Mexicans were killed.

March 1st Captain J. W. Smith stole his way into the Alamo with thirty men. The garrison now numbered 175 men. The Mexicans numbered around 2500 men with a goodly supply of ammunitions.

The last message from the Alamo was sent on March 3rd in which Travis again asked for aid and repeated he would never surrender to Santa Anna.

Then came the fateful day of March 6, 1836, when Lieutenant Colonel Travis and all those in the Alamo fort with the exception of a Mexican woman, Mrs. Alsbury who was a sister-in-law to Colonel Bowie, her little sister, Lieutenant Dickerson's wife and infant child, and a negro boy who had been a servant to Travis, came to their death in defense

of the land they loved so well. After two attacks on the fort the Mexicans succeeded in scaling the walls upon the third attack. Texans fought from room to room of the Alamo with rifle butts and bowie knives, but they were just outnumbered and overpowered. Santa Anna ordered the bodies of the dead Texans to be burned.

The attack had started at four o'clock on Sunday morning and by nine o'clock the fort had fallen.

The sacrifice was not in vain, as the terrible slaughter awakened the colonists to their real danger. From then on their real struggle for independence took on a definite shape. The battle cry of the Texans at San Jacinto when Gen. Sam Houston defeated the main army of Santa Anna and thereby won Texas independence was "remember the Alamo!"

OUR FRIENDS AND ENEMIES OF THE GREAT OUT-DOORS.

Feathered Friends.

What a wonderful opportunity for "Nature study" we have here in Texas. My dear children, who live away down in "South" Texas, how much do you know about the lovely birds and animals that the children of "North" Texas know and love? Those of the "North" what do you know about those of the "South"? Do you know about your own? Now, let's get together and tell each other about our lovely friends of "Out-of-Doors." I want each child from all sections of the country to write me a story about some bird in your section, what you know about its color, its habits, how many eggs it lays and just everything it does and eats.

In reading the travels of Alexander Von Humboldt, in the south, he gives some interesting stories on bird life. One I remember real well as I had never heard of the bird before and I wondered who else hasn't heard about it.

He describes his exploration of a "Guacharo Cave" several miles from the convent of San Antonio and Guanaguana in the valley of Carpi. It was a dangerous and tiresome trip to reach the Guacharo mountain. The path winds itself with a rivulet and at its last bend one suddenly stands before the colossal opening of the Guacharo cave. The foliage here is beautiful and grows very tall and thick. The first thing that impresses you is the noise that comes from the cave. It is the yelling and penetrating screeching of the "Guacharo" or "Fat Bird." The noise that they make in the darkness of the cave is nerve thrilling. The farther you go in the cave the more intense the noise. On entering the cave you can see by the light of the torches thousands of funnel shaped holes which are the bird's nests. Here they stay, venturing out only at night, especially on bright moon light nights, to hunt their food which consists solely of hard grains. They never eat worms or insects of any kind. The grain is very fattening, and, having little exercise, they become extremely fat; that is why they are called the "Fat Bird."

The Indians in this part of the country have a custom that once a year they pilgrimage to the cave and set up temporary camps. When every thing is in readiness they enter the front part of the cave, destroy the nests, and kill the birds. They are at once dressed and the fat is rendered from them. This is put up in earthen jars and sold on the market as "Guacharo-lard." It is a semi-liquid, clear, odorless and so pure it will keep over a year without becoming rancid.

The only thing that perhaps has saved this bird from becoming extinct is the fact that the Indians will not go far into the cave, as they believe their "ancestors" dwell there. Fakirs and medicine men have taken advantage of this superstition and at night they will prepare their "hokus-pokus" before the mouth of the cave; they make the Indians believe that it will keep away the "ghosts." I am anxious to hear about the bird near your home that you know about. We must protect our "Feathered Friends" from enemies, as they every day do us a great service by ridding the world of insects that destroy crop and plant life. Never kill a bird "just for the sport."

IMPORTANT NOTICE

I have been snowed under with answers to the prize poem but some how or other you seemed to have overlooked a-

bout "Our Birds," I am especially interested in hearing about the bird you know best in your vicinity. So I am going to extend the prize poem time from August the 1st to September the 1st. In fairness to the few who sent in copy I will give them another chance if they want it, or will let the copy sent in stand as it is.

Do not write more than two hundred words. Tell me about its colors, how it builds its nests, how many eggs it lays, and all the things it does. Remember that for the best story I will give a beautiful book, and my dear children it is well worth having. It has in it the stories of many birds and lovely colored pictures. Hoping to hear from many of you real soon.

AUNT MARY,
Box 544, Fort Worth, Texas.
(Winner of the prize poem contest will be announced in September.)

LETTER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This month I have received the following letters from my children:
Miss Ora Lee McDonald, Route 1, Gorman, Texas.
Miss Virty Raley, Route No. 3, Bartlett, Texas.

Just write Aunt Mary, Box 544, Fort Worth, Texas, all about your happy times and any of your troubles you cannot overcome. What is the matter with the boys? I haven't heard a word from any of them. Enclose stamped self addressed envelope.

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 - 3/4 cup raisins (if you have them).
- Mix and sift flour, sugar, salt and baking powder; add one-half milk, egg well beaten; add remainder of milk with oat meal and beat thoroughly; then add butter. Bake in but-

Last month we all decided to be "Cheerful." Now we are both "Neat" and "Cheerful." What will it be next? I'll tell you; let's all resolve to be "Helpful." Will you all agree? In each day "Do one kind deed at least." Go on; you'll see how much fun it is and then you'll be doing it all the time. Just a little helping hand all day long.

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WOMAN'S PAGE
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HOME PROBLEMS.
MILK, ITS PRODUCTION AND PROPER CARE.

The one perfect food nature has given us for care of the young should be guarded, as it were, with our life. Few people realize the great value of milk as a food and how easily it can become of great danger to good health.

In milk tubercular germs, typhoid germs and pus germs are easily multiplied and spread. A person, who is engaged in producing milk for use at home as well as for the market is really a "guardian of public health," especially in regard to little children. No one would wish to be called a murderer but hundreds of innocent little babies are yearly paying the price for the careless production and care of milk.

Cows milk is the most commonly used and will be the only one considered here. However milk from any animal should be treated the same.

To begin with milk must come from contented, healthy, correctly fed animals. In order to insure this every cow should be inspected and tested for tuberculosis at least once a year by a recognized authority. No new cow should be added to the herd without the inspection and test, and to insure safety should be carefully watched for several days before using the milk for human consumption.

After we are positive that the animals are in perfect condition we turn our attention to the stables and places of milking. The poorest of farmers cannot afford to overlook these important steps. With a little effort and expense we can do wonders if we really want to. Even for family consumption great precautions must be taken, as with a little care your cows can be made to pay better by having better milk. It is the presence of certain bacteria that causes milk to sour; one can see that if the action of these are delayed what the result will be. Barn and stables should be absolutely clean at the time of milking. A scrub brush and clean water will do wonders. They should be well ventilated and plenty of sunshine utilized, as it is our best disinfectant. The place where milking is done should be used for no other purpose. The cow should be clean, a curry comb and brush should be used daily. The flanks and udder of the cow cleaned with a clean damp cloth. Then the milkers must be clean. Clothes for this purpose only should be used. The hands must be thoroughly washed and dried. Never moisten the teats with milk or water as these drops will fall into the milk and contain thousands of disease germs. The utensils used in milking must be sterilized. Not only cleaned but sterilized under steam pressure or boiled for twenty minutes in "boiling water." This applies to any utensils in which the milk is handled from the cow to the consumer. The small top milk pail is much to be preferred to the large top. After each cow is milked the milk should be immediately strained and cooled. The very best strainer is made with a layer of absorbent cotton between two thickness of cheese cloth. Before using cotton split into one-third or one-fourth of its original thickness, and fresh cotton must be used each time. A one pound package should last about a month for a herd of twenty cows. Water is perhaps the most common cooling agent used. Where ice can not be obtained, which is rare on Texas farms, well or spring water is the best substitute. A milk cooler is easily built and should be used for no other purpose. By writing the U. S. Department of Agriculture and asking for Farmers Bulletin 976 you will receive free of charge a pamphlet fully describing the details more minutely than I am able to do in such a small space. In asking for this bulletin also ask for numbers 602, 1019, 954, 569, 540, 666 and 642. It is well worth the few cents and the effort, as it will increase your enjoyment of this product besides giving your family the assurance of pure milk which is one of the most important points of our diet. You owe this to yourself and to your family. Your debt to good health is greater than your debt to your bank. Milk can be made a source of pleasure and profit to any farmer. Or it can be made a source of trouble. Think it over, send for these bulletins; they won't cost you a cent, except for a letter, and I am sure you will be more than paid for the effort.

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Question: Could you suggest anything to help keep flies off of horses? L. R. M.

Answer: It is said if carbolic acid soap is rubbed on the neck and legs of a horse he will not be bothered. The soap also gives the animal's coat a fine polish. Try a dry cake of soap after grooming. A clean horse isn't bothered as much as a dirty one. A few buckets of water judiciously used after a horse is perfectly cooled is a relief to the animal in hot weather.

Question: Should people suffering with kidney trouble, eat any meat? S. R. S.

Answer: No. Meat contains certain elements that would be injurious. However, people suffering with kidney trouble should be under the care of a reliable physician and his directions carefully followed.

Question: Is there anything that could be used to kill cutworms? N. S. M.

Answer: Cut worms can not be sprayed, but are poisoned with a thick paste made from a cup of bran moistened with a little water; into this stir a teaspoon of molasses and a teaspoon of arsenate of lead. Scatter the paste over the beds in the dusk of evening.

All questions pertaining to the home will be answered by Mrs. Margaret Stute, Box 1012, Fort Worth, Texas.

FOOD

Its Use to the Body and Proper Preparation.

Last month we talked on fruits and vegetables which should constitute a large part of our diet. This month we will discuss milk, cheese, eggs, meat, fish and dried legumes (peas, beans, etc.), which gives us our tissue building properties.

Milk is too often considered as a beverage by many, when in reality it is one of our most important foods, especially for children and invalids. Give a child a quart of milk and an egg a day with proper fruits and cereals and it will have a properly balanced diet. The most important point to note is that it is clean and free from any disease germs. To be taken correctly it should be sipped or eaten with a spoon, this is because upon entering the stomach it at once becomes a curd. It can be served in many forms as butter, cheese, cream, curds, junket, whey, sour milk, butter milk, fermented milk, Metchnicoff artificially scoured milk, kumyss, modified milk, malted milk, peptonized milk, condensed milk, dry milk or evaporated milk. All have their place in our diet. From time to time I will mention them on this page.

Cheese is made from full milk, skim milk, or cream, and is very thoroughly assimilated. Usually not given to invalids or young children.

Meat, is rich in nitrogenous compounds and fats. It is easily cooked and improved in flavor in the process. Lean meat is not as necessary to the diet as popularly supposed. For a man at hard labor it is more important than one at light muscular work. However, eggs, milk and fowl are much more desirable. Raw meat is not as easily digested as when cooked. In baking, boiling and frying the meat should be first cooked so as to coagulate the albumen on the outside. Then cooked slowly so as to insure its being well done and appetizing. The tougher and less expensive meats are as nutritious and as easily digested as more tender cuts if well cooked. Beef, veal, mutton, and lamb are much to be preferred to pork with the exception of crisp cooked bacon and ham. Children should be given meat very sparingly and not until they are old enough to masticate it well.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

A nursery refrigerator being an ungainly thing to travel with, I use the deep aluminum kettle of my fireless cooker. Any deep pail with a tight lid will answer as well. I made a cover of khaki cloth, cutting a circular piece a trifle larger than the bottom of the kettle and making the straight piece of the bag sufficiently longer than the height of the kettle to allow a hem, in which I ran two strong tapes. Then I drew this up so as to cover all. I carried seven bottles of milk, one of boiled water and a small wide mouthed bottle with boracic solution for nipples. Each bottle was wrapped in paper and tightly corked. Then the ice was packed around and over the top, filling the vessel. It is easily carried by tapes or handles. I used this first for short automobile trips and later for a twenty-four-hour railroad journey. I have no trouble in renewing the ice at restaurants or with the help of the pullman porter.

Now is the time to see about the general health of your children. See that their tonsils are in good condition and most important of all their eyes. A yearly examination is well worth the money. If you live near a city there are plenty of school clinics.

I have been having very good success in setting hens through the summer months. My pullets will lay when eggs are scarce, the cockrels make good fryers when they are at the peak of the prices. I always give the setting hen a cool shady spot protected from disturbance by the other fowls. I supply the baby chicks with plenty of shade and cool water, feeding only on dry mash or hard boiled eggs. Keep pens and chicken houses clean, and well disinfected.

Don't spare lice powder during the summer months. It is worth its weight in gold.

TESTED RECIPES

If my readers are desirous of going into the canning of fruits and vegetables thoroughly you can obtain all the help and information you want by requesting Farmer's Bulletin 1211 and 984. Simply write the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., and request them to send you the above mentioned bulletins. They go into detail more than I am able to on this page.

Canned Grapes

Wash and pulp the grapes, putting pulp in one kettle and skins in another. Set both kettles on the fire, with just enough water to cover. When pulp is tender turn into a colander and press through. Mix with the skins, add 3/4 their weight in sugar, and cook 10 minutes. Seal hot; do not attempt to retighten. The hot coming in contact with the rubber forms a sort of glue. If covers are re-tightened this glue is broken and fruit often spoils.

Scrapple.

This is intended especially for the farmers' wives at butchering time and is a delightful change from head cheese. Soak hog's head over night in slightly salted water. In the morning clean thoroughly and cook until done. Pick all the meat off the bones and put the liquid aside to cool. Return the shredded meat, free from bones and fat, to the liquid, previously skimmed off fat, season with salt and pepper, heat to boiling point and stir white cornmeal into it until it is of the consistency of mush for frying. Let it cook slowly for one hour, stirring occasionally to prevent burning; put in pans and when cold slice and fry as you would meat.

Baked Potatoes.

Bake potatoes tender and split in two. Take out inside and mash fine. Add one teaspoon cream and a piece of butter for each potato, 2 eggs for 12 or less potatoes, put back in peeling and bake brown.

Creamed Onions.

Cook onions tender, pouring off water and adding fresh three or four times. In the last water salt to taste. Let cook dry or drain and season with plenty of butter or cream. Add about a teaspoonful of flour and serve hot.

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