

RA L. PARRACK FORM POULTRY IS PASTORATE EXCHANGE MARKET

Announcement was made in paper last week that Rev. L. Parrack, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Merkel, had received a call to the First Baptist church at Gorman, Texas, and that he was considering the matter of accepting.

And now we regret to announce that he tendered his resignation to the church here on last Sunday and has accepted the call to the Gorman church. In doing this Rev. Parrack did so in the belief that it was best for the cause of the church which he ably and nobly represents, and that he believed that he could possibly do a greater work in the new field.

Rev. Parrack has done great work for the church, the town and community since coming here some four years ago, and we doubt if the town ever had a more popular and beloved minister and citizen. During his stay here, the Baptist people have built a lovely and substantial church building and more than doubled their church membership, which means that Rev. Parrack has been not only a very able, but an enthusiastic and untiring worker. The new church was built in 1920 and there had been a balance yet unpaid on the building to the amount of \$7,725, and Rev. Parrack did not feel like he should go away and leave the church in debt on its building, so he talked with a few of the leaders regarding the matter, and it was decided to just take up a collection on last Sunday morning and pay the entire debt off. And we are informed that more than enough to cover the church debt was subscribed within less than thirty minutes. And right here we might say that no preacher ever had a congregation that stood by him in his every undertaking better than did the membership of the First Baptist church of Merkel stand by Rev. Parrack.

We join the members of the church of which he has been such a faithful pastor, as well as the entire town in commendation of Rev. Parrack and his most excellent family to the good people of the city in which they are to make their home, and wish for them health, happiness and prosperity.

Mrs. Jack Anderson and children left Thursday for Hamlin where they will join Mr. Anderson in making that place their future home. Mr. Anderson is employed in one of the lumber yards there.

MOTOR CO. OPENS A BRANCH HERE

The Jackson-Savage Motor Company, of Abilene, are opening a branch office in Merkel. Mr. Harrell Savage, experienced salesman will have charge of the office. Mr. Savage is a brother to Ray Savage who is well known here. Cars will be on display at Woodrum Filling Station in just a few days, and they will also be on display at West Texas Fair, at Abilene. The Star Car, driven by Mr. Joe Jackson several days ago, created a big excitement, as the car was driven on tree wheels, something never before seen in this part of the country, but you can do it in a Star. They invite the public to visit them and see their cars.

The Texas Poultry Producers Exchange, to handle the marketing of poultry and its products for the recently organized cooperative poultry marketing units of Sweetwater, San Angelo and Abilene, and to aid in the formation of other units, has been formed as the result of sessions held Friday and Saturday at Sweetwater of the directors of the new exchange elected from the membership of the above mentioned units.

George T. Platt of Petaluma, California, has been retained as salesmanager for the exchange. With the exception of war service with the Canadian aerial forces, Mr. Platt has spent his entire life in dealing with poultry marketing. He increased the membership of a Vancouver unit one third when in charge. He has been associated also with J. W. Lowler of the Central Poultry Producers Association at San Francisco, California, one of the largest cooperative poultry marketing associations in the world. He is originally from Ft. Worth, Texas, however. He is recommended by Mr. Barber, Aaron Sapiro and Others.

Officials who were elected prior to the selection of Mr. Platt include Owen Holly of Abilene as president, B. W. Eaton, of Sweetwater temporary secretary, who with C. E. Clark of San Angelo comprise the executive committee.

The headquarters of the Exchange will be at Dallas, owing to the lack of cold storage facilities in Sweetwater.

The Exchange will get into action immediately for the marketing of the fall crop of turkeys. The Exchange has 50 carloads of about 2,000 turkeys to the car or 100,000 turkeys, about 60 per cent of the crop, under contract in addition to more than 400,000 hens.

In addition to the three units already functioning, steps will be taken at once to get Ballinger, Brownwood, Plainview, Lubbock, Stamford and other poultry centers of West Texas lined up in the pool.

Directors present included W. R. Bell, Snyder, J. W. Hendrickson, McCuley; B. O. Muller, Roscoe; B. W. Eaton, Sweetwater; Owen Holly, Abilene; R. L. Adcock, Merkel; C. J. Poor, Bradshaw; C. E. Clark of San Angelo, holding a proxy for T. N. Robbins, who is ill.—Sweetwater Reporter.

ABOUT 3,000 BALES COTTON RECEIVED TO DATE

According to reports from the local cotton yard there has been weighed here about 2,500 bales of cotton with the more than five hundred handled by the Farm Bureau the total receipts to date will be close around the 3,000 mark.

The prices this week have ranged from 26:50 to 27:50 or possibly a little better has been paid for some.

Seed is still bringing \$46.00 per ton. For the last few days local gins have been ginning better than 200 bales per day, and should the good weather continue, the crop will soon be gathered, although many hands are badly needed now.

Wanted—A Milk Cow. If you have a real good milk cow to sell, call at the Merkel Mail office.

Miss Mary Cleo Booth left Thursday for Abilene where she will attend Simmons College. This is Miss Booth's second year at this school.

PROMINENT CITIZEN DIES HERE TUESDAY

After several months of illness, Mr. L. P. Ligon, excellent citizen of Merkel for the past three years, passed to his reward on Tuesday morning of this week, his death occurring early in the morning at the family residence in this city.

Up until his removal to this city, deceased had been a citizen of Abilene for many years, and his remains were carried to Abilene Wednesday morning where at the First Baptist church in that city funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Ira L. Parrack, of Merkel, assisted by Dr. R. C. Pender of Abilene.

Deceased was among the live, progressive citizens of the community in which he resided, always extending a cooperative hand in all undertakings that had for their purpose the betterment of the community, and will be missed not only by the entire citizenship, but by a true and loving wife and nine children who are left to mourn his departure.

A large number of friends from Merkel were in attendance upon the funeral and burial which took place at Abilene, and this paper is informed that just at the close of the scripture reading at the grave, some fourteen members of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan appeared and after a solemn prayer and short but impressive talk by a member of the Klansmen, who very appropriately eulogized the splendid life and character of their deceased brother, placed a lovely cross of red flowers on the casket and departed.

This paper joins a host of friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved loved ones.

BIG BOND ELECTION INSURANCE CO. CALLED FOR OCT 16 MAKES PAYMENT

At the regular monthly meeting of the Honorable Commissioners Court which convened on Monday of this week, that honorable body, upon the motion of the County Judge, D. G. Hill, voted unanimously to call an election over Taylor county for the purpose of allowing the tax payers to say whether or not the sum of \$35,000.00 worth of road bonds shall be issued.

As stated before in this paper, the state and federal governments have agreed to spend on the main highways of Taylor county the sum of \$650,000.00 provided the county will spend half the amount in the building of hard surface roads.

As this paper sees the matter, it will be only good business to vote for the bonds.

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M. E. PRIMARY TEACHERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The Primary Teachers of the Methodist church met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Seth Hamilton. This being the time to elect officers, the following were elected: President, Mrs. Clyde Sears; vice-president, Mrs. L. W. Cox; Secretary-Treas., Miss Tennie Brown. These meetings are to be monthly, and the next meeting will be a social meeting and some plans for the year will be made so all the primary teachers are urged to be present and any mother of primary children that desire may join this organization.

BIG COMMUNITY FAIR AND TRADES DAY, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd

MISS BOOG SEARS DUCHESS MERKEL

Miss Boog Sears, daughter of Mrs. Amy Sears, was chosen from the score of popular young ladies by Mayor H. C. West, to represent our city as Duchess in the great pageant to be staged on Tuesday evening, September 25 in Abilene, as one of the feature events of the opening of the West Texas Fair.

Miss Boog is one of the very prettiest and charming young ladies of Merkel, having a personality that draws a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Furthermore, she is one of the seniors of our high school, being especially popular with school mates and teachers.

We boost her with all our heart and say that none could have been chosen who could more ably and gracefully represent Merkel in this pageant than Miss Sears.

She has chosen as her escort Mr. Warren Smith, who has been with the Merkel Drug Company for a number of years and who will, we feel sure, be a true knight of chivalry when it comes to being an escort to the Duchess of Merkel.

Miss Christene Collins, who is quite talented along this line has been chosen and has the honor of being Maid of Honor to Miss Sears. Miss Collins has chosen Mr. Jack Durham as her escort on this occasion.

We understand that all four of these young people will take part in the pageant.

PARENT-TEACHERS HOLD A MEETING

The Parent-Teachers Club met Wednesday afternoon at the school building. Though the membership attendance was not what we desired, we had a very interesting and enthusiastic meeting. We had the faculty as our guests at this meeting and surely appreciate their hearty cooperation with the P. T. A. The program which had been arranged was successfully carried out. During the business session, the reports from the different standing committees were very gratifying and especially the treasurer's report, for we learned that we are still not quite bankrupt. It was unanimously decided to give a prize to the high school student for the first and second best themes on the subject, why Merkel should have a new high school building. A committee with Miss Bird as chairman and Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Martin assistants are to work out the details of the contest. The prizes are to be \$3.00 and \$2.00 respectively for best and second best, and restricted to high school pupils. We are anxious for a number to enter for these prizes and refer you to this committee for rules and regulations governing the contest.

We wish again to thank the faculty for their presence and hearty cooperation and we feel sure this is to be the banner school year for Merkel.

A CROWDED HOUSE HEARS MISS BLAND IN CONCERT

The concert at the Presbyterian church on Monday evening of this week, by Miss Ona Fae Bland, teacher of Voice in the Merkel High School, assisted by Miss Lillian Morrison, of Abilene, was indeed a treat and very highly appreciated by the people of Merkel. Concerning the occasion, Mr. George McDaniel, special representative of the Abilene Daily Reporter, had the following to say in Tuesday's Reporter:

An exceedingly large crowd was present at the Presbyterian church Monday evening, and every seat in the house was taken; it being necessary to provide many chairs in the aisles to accommodate the crowd when those two gifted young musicians of Abilene, Miss Ona Fae Bland, soprano, and Miss Lillian Morrison, pianiste-accompagniste appeared in concert.

The church rostrum was attractively decorated with thistle blossoms, greenery and flowers and many beautiful bouquets to the musicians expressed the appreciation of friends. Misses Iva Bragg, Blanche Durham, Christene Collins, Messrs. Jack Durham and Jack West, were ushers.

An exceedingly artistic program was given, with numbers difficult of interpretation, presented in finished manner. Much applause followed each number expressed appreciation of the audience.

Miss Bland remains in Merkel where she will teach music in the High School, and Miss Morrison, who is in the piano department of McMurry College, returned to her home in Abilene. Many Abilene persons were in the audience.

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BIG PREMIUM LIST GIVEN ON PRODUCTS

We take great pleasure in calling the attention of every man, woman and child in the city of Merkel and the entire surrounding country, to the big premium list published in this paper, which premiums are being offered by the business men of this city on the best agricultural exhibits, livestock, poultry, ladies fancy work of all kinds as well as good cooking, etc.

It is therefore urged that every farmer and his family as well as others interested, look over the fine list of premiums and then bring in something to enter the contest for some one or more of the premiums.

And if you think of something that you think will be interesting, and do not find any premium offered, bring it in any way. We have seen the premium lists of a number of county fairs lately, and we are glad to say that in point of value, none of them come up to those that are being offered by the business men of Merkel.

Arrangements are being made to display and exhibit the different kinds of things in the three vacant buildings just opposite the Post Office, which will be fitted up for the occasion. The livestock will be shown likely from one of the local wagon yards.

Let every one cooperate, boost and help make the first Community Fair for Merkel a grand success.

MISS LYNNIS THOMPSON LEAVES FOR IDAHO

Miss Lynn Thompson, daughter of Mr. L. R. Thompson, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, left last week for Glens Ferry, Idaho, where she has accepted a position as teacher of English in the High Schools of that place.

Miss Thompson is a very capable and excellent teacher, having taught in the Merkel school where she gave very efficient and satisfactory service.

She is one of Merkel's finest young ladies, and by her affable disposition and charming manners she has won a large circle of close friends in Merkel who regret very much her departure.

Mesdames E. A. Hargrove and C. A. Fryar, with their children, are guests of the ladies parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

QUAIL FOE WEEVIL AND OTHER INSECTS

Over at Whitesboro, Texas, fifty-two farmers of that section have decided that quail are the worst enemy to boll weevils and other insects, and have organized themselves into an association for the prevention of wholesale destroying of quail and have posted their lands and declare a closed season for five years.

Recently a quail was killed near there and in its craw was found 114 weevils.

This is a move that every community and county should make and the Mail would like to see the farmers of this country take such action.

Deposit Your Cotton Checks in this Bank

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

You insure your Home and your life, why not your deposit?

Only Guaranty Fund Bank in
Merkel

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

John Sears, President
R. O. Anderson, Cashier

PARENTS SHOULD GIVE CHILDREN WRITTEN ORDER TO RECEIVE MAIL

Along with the sudden rush of extra heavy business that has come to almost every business concern in Merkel, the Post Office force is not excepted. In fact Postmaster Comegys informs us that the mails are getting much heavier already and owing to the fact that the office force is quite limited compared to the heavy business connected with same, the Postmaster would appreciate every co-operation that the patrons may extend him.

He states to the writer that there was considerable bother and confusion about some people's mail caused by the fact that children, some of them very small, called for mail and frequently lost or mislaid same before reaching home. Just this week some eight or ten letters were found on the streets by different ones and returned to the office, and in every case the letters had been given out to some child. Now, to remedy this and avoid the loss of mail, some times important, the Postmaster has made a rule that parents desiring their children to call for or receive mail to first send a written order, naming the child they desire to call for the mail.

And another habit many have, which is very annoying and that is to allow every member of the family to call for the mail during the day. It takes time to wait on a half dozen from one family and lots of extra trouble.

Mr. M. W. Pickelsimer, one of the old timers in this country, last week sold his farm of 120 acres located in the Stith community, to Mr. Ed. Kelso, at \$50.00 per acre. We understand this is a mighty good place and well worth the price paid. Mr. Pickelsimer stated to the writer that he bought the place 18 years ago, paying for it \$17.00 per acre. And of course there were people then who said that he paid more for it than he would ever get for it, just as there are those who will say the same thing of Mr. Kelso, but the time will soon come when he can also sell for more than he gave.

Five cans of Plums for a dollar, can be bought from Johnnie Ray at Blair and Trent. It

REPORT OF WORK THE GRAND JURY

The formal report of the Taylor county grand jury which adjourned Thursday afternoon, was as follows:

In the District Court of Taylor county, Texas, September term, A. D. 1923.

TO THE HON. W. R. ELY,
District Judge of 42nd Judicial District of Texas:

We, the grand jury for the September term of court respectfully report that we have been in session four days and have diligently inquired into all violations of the law brought to our attention.

We have examined 95 witnesses and have returned eighteen bills of indictment; fifteen of which were felonies and three of which misdemeanors.

We wish to extend our thanks to the Sheriff's Department, the District and County Attorneys; the District Clerk and the other officials who have hastened our investigation by their cooperation.

We suggest that if the grand jury was provided with a stenographer a great deal of time could be saved and all of the testimony given in the grand jury room preserved.

Before adjourning we wish to call the attention of the Court and the people of Abilene and Taylor county to the fact that there have been flagrant violations of the prohibition law and laws against gambling, that young men of high school age may procure corn whiskey without difficulty and that games of chance are not an unusual diversion, even on Sunday and that the gains and losses are openly discussed by those who engage in them.

We believe it possible to rid the community of bootleggers and gamblers by enforcing the vagrancy law and we recommend to city and county officers that the vagrancy law be invoked against every man who has the reputation of corrupting the youth. This condition will obtain in every community in Texas until parents and officers are intensely alert in maintaining a high standard of morals and a strict enforcement of law.

Bootleggers and gamblers not only debauch young men by encouraging drunkenness and gambling but suborn perjury and breed social parasites that will eventually destroy society if not checked.

In the opinion of this body one of the best remedies for a condition such as we have found is the arresting as a vagrant, every man, who commonly associates with prostitutes; who has no employment, or who violates any other provision of the vagrancy statute.

We appeal to the young man to have a fine patriotic respect for law; to all parents to seek to know and ever improve the moral standard of the community in which they live and to every officer to regard themselves as the particular guardians of a high standard of citizenship. Having concluded our investigation we respectfully ask that we be discharged, this September the 6th, 1923.

L. R. THOMPSON,
Foreman.
OCIE HUNT,
Secretary.

Intermediate B.Y.P.U.

Scripture reading, by Fannie Belle Boaz.
Salvation to all the world, by Joe Ben Ashby.
Steps in the great commission, by Eunice Bird.
The Place to begin, by Gilbert Walton.
Some things to know about our foreign missions, by Edith Baker. Close.

Miss Dota Garoutte spent Thursday in Abilene attending the Rebecca Association which met there for two days.

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"Once a Customer---
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This is the Ambition
of our Bank.

We offer the safety and
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We want **YOUR** Business

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DIRECTORS

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

And you ladies who pride yourselves on making fine cakes just read the many valuable premiums offered in this paper by the Merkel business men.

Have a complete stock of groceries. Will appreciate your patronage. W. F. Hamblett. It

Max Mellinger and family returned this morning from Sweet water, where they spent two days attending Jewish Holiday celebrations.

Five cans Apricots for only a dollar. Ray at Blair and Trent. September 15th. It

LEE Cord Tire \$250,000 TIRE SALE

September 14th to 29th

This is probably the LARGEST TIRE SALE ever put on in Texas. WHY? For years the LEE TIRE & RUBBER CO. has centered its advertising on the Famous--

LEE Puncture Proof Tires

And a large percentage of tire users think of Lee ONLY as PUNCTURE-PROOF when, as a matter of fact, the LEE TIRE & RUBBER CO. makes one of the best Cord Tires in the whole Tire Industry. Therefore this sale will be run on PRICE and won on QUALITY.

Compare our prices with other Standard makes. Every Tire and Tube guaranteed to be fresh stock and backed by the LEE TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY.

4 BIG CORD SPECIALS		4 BIG PUNCTURE-PROOFS	
30x3 1/2 Standard Cord	\$ 9.95	32x3 1/2 Puncture-proof	\$17.50
30x3 1/2 Oversize DeLux Cord	10.70	31x4 " "	19.15
32x4 Standard Cord	17.55	33x4 " "	19.95
32x4 Oversize De Luxe Cord	21.95	34x4 " "	20.15

OTHER SIZES ARE PRICED IN PROPORTION

Remember this sale started on the 14th and will close on the 29th. Come and let us equip your car with QUALITY tires at bargain prices

Our Slogan: "1000 New Lee Customers in September."

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PHONE 72 MERKEL, TEXAS

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There is just one day when it is wise to insure. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow may be too late. Today, the day Before you may suffer a loss by fire, or Theft, is the one wise day to cover yourself fully with insurance.

Today we can protect you from tomorrow's possible loss. Today is the only day you can be sure you are in time. Call on us today -- be insured in time.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.

AMERICAN PUBLIC SERVICE CO. PREFERRED STOCK

From time to time, as financial requirements have demanded, it has been the policy of the West Texas Utilities Company to sell to its customers in West Texas the preferred stock of the American Public Service Company. The West Texas Utilities Company, as West Texas understands generally, is one of the constituent companies of the American Public Service Company, which has other subsidiaries operating in East Texas and in Oklahoma.

Obtaining stockholders in West Texas have already become familiar, through promptly paid dividends, with the American Public Service Company's dependable financial record, while customers in West Texas are familiar with the West Texas Utilities Company's splendid growth and development.

Expanding impressively—yet solidly and substantially—this development has been made possible through the financial service rendered by the American Public Service Company. Since January 1, 1921, \$3,171,033 of new money has been expended in this West Texas development, so that, today, Central Texas has in the West Texas Utilities Company one of the finest operating companies in the United States, with its physical properties in superlatively fine condition.

Noteworthy in this expansion has been the rebuilding of transmission lines, the remodeling of the Cisco electric generating and ice station, the erection of modern and model office buildings at Baird, Tuscola, Albany, Hamlin, Haskell and Munday, the building of a new ice plant at Hamlin and of a new power station at Stamford, the purchase, rehabilitation and electrification of the Roby & Northern Railroad (which, while short, is assured of a profitable freight business) the complete rehabilitation of the gas distribution system in Abilene, the erection of a central power station and of a general office building in Abilene, and the extension of transmission lines to approximately a score of new communities.

In East Texas and in Oklahoma, the American Public Service Company's subsidiaries have developed similarly, and these other constituent companies, together with the West Texas Utilities Company, unite to make American Public Service Company preferred stock one of the most attractive and safest of utility securities ever offered for sale to the public.

American Public Service Company preferred stock is now offered for sale by the West Texas Utilities Company, and it will be sold for cash, or, if the investor prefers, it may be purchased for \$10.00 a share at the time of subscription, and \$5.00 a share per month until fully paid.

Interest at the rate of 7 per cent will be paid on such monthly installments.

Stock may be purchased at any office of this company, or through any employee of this company.

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY

Dye Work Service

Did you do your dye work yourself and ruin it? Who is stung? Did you send it to Dallas or Fort Worth? It is returned C.O.D. with no inspection, then what? Besides we are at least 50 per cent cheaper, delivered right at your door for inspection and it must be satisfactory. Ligon the Laundryman, phone 218.

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Topic: The proclamation of our Baptist Principles.
Leader: Roxie Sharp.
1. Some Principles peculiar to Baptist Doctrine, by Dovie Teaff
2. We must preach our principles, by O. R. Bird.
3. Baptist truths taught at home by E. Yates Brown.
4. Principles proclaimed in church, by E. Yates Brown.
5. Missionaries carry our message, by Mr. Deutschman.
6. Preaching in the proper spirit by Mr. Stephens.
7. Our own agency for our work by Lula Mae Boaz.
8. Let us live our principles, by Miss Valerie Dye.

Full weight, full measure, right prices on all goods at A. L. Jobe's. 14t2

Bring your cotton checks to the Farmers and Merchants National Bank for deposit. 1t

Mr. Frank Newsome of San Antonio was a visitor in the J. L. Banner home this week.

COMPERE ITEMS

The farmers are busy picking cotton and storing their feed. The pentecostal folks closed a two weeks meeting at Compere Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Johnson are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mr. L. W. Beaty made a trip to Merkel Monday hauling off cotton.

Mr. Jack Ramsey and family will move to Hamlin soon. We are sorry to lose them from our community.

The new school building is going up right along after some delay.

The Baptists offered the church to the other brethren to use until the school house was built, but they refused to accept the offer.

Bro. Tatum preached Sunday evening for the Baptist folks, and baptised two candidates for them as the pastor was away and could not be there this being fourteen received by baptism.

Mrs. Geo. Rister and children have gone to Spur to visit Mrs. Rister's sister.

Mr. B. H. Moore and family are going to move to Oklahoma this fall. Mr. R. C. Millican and Miss Vivian Clemer surprised their many friends by getting married September the fifth.

A large crowd heard the Pentecostal folk at Compere Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ashby, and little niece Mary Ellen Ashby, spent last Wednesday and Thursday in Colorado visiting Mr. Ashby's brother of that city.

Miss Mary Francis Anderson returned last week from Fort Worth where she had been visiting her grandmother the past month.

Miss Ira Bragg returned last week from an extended visit with friends and relatives at Glen Rosa, Texas.

The Abilene National Farm Loan Association

Will loan to the Farmer and Stockman 5 1/2 per cent money on 35 years time, to take up the debt on his land or buy land. This is your opportunity to own a home. If you are going to need a loan this fall, to take up a debt on your land or buy land, you should write for information NOW and not wait until fall.

W. C. LASLEY
Secretary-Treasurer

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Abilene, Texas

Quality Tires at Reduced Prices

Beginning Saturday, September 15, and continuing until October 1, we will offer our entire stock of tires, Keenkutter, Firestone and Oldfield, at a big reduction in prices.

Bear in mind that both Firestone and Oldfield tires are made and guaranteed by Firestone, one of the largest and oldest tire and rubber companies in America. Get your winter equipment of standard tires at a big saving.

Oldfield Cord Tires

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Foreign Advertising Representative
THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner had as visitors the past week, Mrs. Ava Brown and daughters Hilda Ruth, Mildred and son Joel, from San Angelo, Texas.

We are glad to see our good friend and excellent citizen, Mr. Jas. H. West, who recently underwent an operation at Abilene, able to be up and about his duties with the West Company.

J. A. Ellison, of Trent route two, was in the city first of the week and dropped in and had his subscription to the Mail extended a year. He says his crops are very good.

Seed Wheat for sale free from Johnson grass and weed seed. One dollar per bushel at the ranch. Sam Butman Sr. 7t2

W. A. Tittle, splendid citizen on route five, says that he will easily get a fourth bale of cotton per acre.

A. L. Jobe's Store is headquarters for school tablets, pencils, candies, cakes, etc. Every girl and boy come see. 14t2

That it pays to advertise in the Merkel Mail may be realized by the statement from Rev. Ira L. Parrack, who last week placed an advertisement in the Mail for the sale of a milk cow. Bro. Parrack stated to the Editor before taking his departure for his new home at Gorman, Texas, that he sold the cow before noon after the paper came out in the morning, and that he had at least a dozen calls for the cow.

Dr. Draughon's
WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

POSITIONS

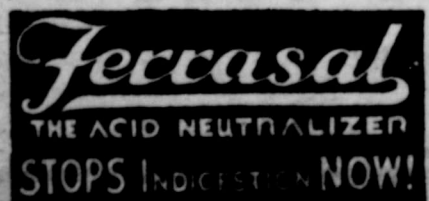
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Ninety per cent of the health troubles are caused by excess acid. It causes indigestion, chronic bowel disorders, ulcers, bloating, constipation, kidney trouble, rheumatism and chronic catarrh. FERRASAL gets at the source of the trouble—the stomach—and neutralizes the excess acid, expelling it from the system. TAKE FERRASAL NOW. It will help you or your druggist will refund your money.



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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Pony Buggy Mare. See Marvin Smith. 7t2pd

FOR SALE—Pigs, all ages, all prices. Also clean wheat at \$1.25 per measured bushel. Mebane and Kasch strain seed in season. Leed D. Williams, Merkel. tf

FOR SALE—Radio Receiving set, including good Magnavox. Will sell all or any part of it. See Wrenn at Mail Office at once.

FORDS FOR SALE—Have some good Ford cars for sale. See Marvin Boney. 1t

FOR SALE—Residence, 5 rooms and bath. Well located in Merkel. Will sell cheap for cash or would take some trade and Vendors Lein Notes. See L. W. Cox. tf

FOR SALE—A good 200 acre farm, 140 in cultivation with 40 more available. Good improvements, located five miles southeast of Merkel. School, church within three-fourths mile. For particulars see E. A. Click, Merkel, route three. 14t3p

FOR SALE—Have six or eight pure bred young black Minorca Cockerels for sale, at \$1.50 each. L. R. Thompson. 1t

FOR SALE—Cheap, a 10 x 12 wall tent. See E. D. Coats. 1t

WANTED

WANTED—A MILK COW—If you have a real good milk cow to sell, call at the Merkel Mail office. tf

FARM WANTED—Wanted to hear from owner of farm or good unimproved land for sale, this vicinity. L. Jones, Box 812, Olney, Ill. 1tp

LOST

LOST—One Sorrell Mare about two years old, 14 hands high, not branded. Notify Ed Walker, Noodle, Texas. 1tp

On September 15th I will offer for sale at my ranch Pigs, Shoats and Hogs. Sam Butman, Senior. 7t2

PROFESSIONAL

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The Jeweler
Watches, Clocks and Jewelry Repaired

All Work Guaranteed

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HOW A RIP-ROARING RADICAL WAS TAMED

By JOHN OAKWOOD

The best story of the taming of a radical I have ever read is told by A. B. Farquhar in his book "The First Million the Hardest." It throws more light on the meaning of capitalism and the futility of socialism than a library full of books on sociology, economics and politics. Here it is as Farquhar tells it:

"The best antidote for acute economic insanity is ownership of property. My favorite example is Otto Steinsinger. He was one of my first employees and was a rip-roaring anarchist. He insisted that all wealth came from the workers and therefore should go back to the workers. He was particularly bitter against his landlord and hardly a week went by that he did not announce that he had definitely decided that he would like to shoot the landlord the next time he came around for the rent. Finally I asked him smilingly after one of these outbursts:

Buy, Don't Shoot
"Why don't you buy your own house instead of shooting your landlord? Then you would not have to pay any rent. If you do shoot him you may get into trouble."

"He did not think much of the idea apparently but in a day or two he asked me how he could buy the house. I answered: 'That house can be bought for \$300. You are getting good wages. I will buy that house for you, take \$4 a week out of your wages, and in less than four years you will have it paid for.'

"He went off again. The next time he came back it was with his wife. He said: 'We are going to buy that house but since we have no children you can take \$10 instead of \$4 a week out of my pay envelope.'

"I bought the house and then Otto's chief concern was to get it paid for, which he did in a little more than a year. There was another house next door to him. In a short while after he had paid for his first house, he sidled up to me and said:

"I can buy that house next door for a thousand dollars. Now that we have no rent to pay we are going along good. What would you think about me buying that?"

We are glad to place on our fast growing subscription list the name of Mr. O. A. Lucas.

SERVICE TRUCK—Haul anything, anywhere, anytime. Clifford Rose. tf

Come to the Merkel Mail office or your Counter Charge pads.

Dr. J. P. Howard, Masseur of Abilene, who is associated with Drs. Busby and Crowder, has this week opened offices in the Collins Hotel, where he expects to practice his profession. He calls attention of the readers to this paper to his advertisement in this issue.

Bill Sheppard returned first of the week from a trip to the Plains country.

Eld. W. G. Cypert will leave Saturday for Bronte where he will fill his regular appointment.

Quick sales and small profit is my motto. W. F. Hammett. 1t

Miss Childress of Abilene who has been a guest of Miss Laurie Click since Sunday returned to her home Wednesday.

Miss Annie Mae Swann left Thursday to attend Simmons College at Abilene.

Buy a gallon can of Black Berries from John Ray at Blair and Trent on Saturday, September 15th. 1t

Bargain! Bargain! 25 lb. sack Sugar for \$2.45 on Saturday, September 15th at John Ray's Stores at Blair and Trent. 1t

School soon to open, you will want the little folks clothes put in good shape. We are at your service, prices low and work is guaranteed. Ligon the Laundryman, phone 218. tf

Charge Pads for sale at the Merkel Mail office. tf

Remember
That every added subscriber helps to make this paper better for everybody

Harness - Stoves

This is harness and Stove month, with us, we are making attractive prices on them.

Oil stoves have declined in price.

Heating Stoves are being put on display this week, see our heaters and compare prices.

We have so much to sell we can't mention every thing.

Come and see for your self.

LIBERTY HARDWARE CO.

The Only Exclusive Hardware Store in Merkel

NOODLE NEWS

Health of the community is good.

Cotton picking is the order of the day here.

George Ely of Sweetwater visited A. B. Ely and family.

Homer Herring and wife, Mrs. Blondy Montgomery were in Merkel trading Monday.

Otto Bicknell and Bertha Winter made a flying trip to Abilene Sunday.

Messers Liah, Abe and John Warnick were called to Dallas on account of the serious sickness of their sister.

Mrs. J. E. Allen returned to her home in Birmingham, Ala., after two weeks visiting with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Bicknell.

Bill Winter, and Ed Som of El Paso are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. F. Winter.

On last Thursday a birthday dinner was given at the home of W. J. Bicknell, it being Mrs. Bicknell's birthday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Rountree and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Beene, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Eoff, Mrs. Homer Herring and little sons, Mrs. J. E. Allen and son visitors from Birmingham, Ala. All reported a good time.

There is to be a singing at Noodle Sunday evening at two o'clock. We are expecting a good singing as Mr. Eason, Mr. Garner and others have promised to come. Every body has a special invitation to come.

Miss Osee Teaff will attend Simmons College this year. She left Thursday morning for Abilene to take up her duties.

Misses Rennie Burns and Maxie Banner, Mrs. F. A. Polly, and Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth attended the West Texas I.O.O. F. Association which met in Abilene Thursday.

Miss Edith Brown left Friday for C.I.A., Denton, Texas, where she will attend school this year. Miss Brown will visit with friends in Fort Worth a few days before going to Denton.

If you have some old clothes that you are at a loss as to what to do with, let us send them away to be dyed. We represent the largest dyeing plant in the south. And where, if it can be dyed at all, it will be dyed right. Mrs. C. L. Cash. tf

Mr. B. F. Pate, of Cleburne, Texas, was here first of the week for a visit with his sister, Mrs. W. L. Yandell.

Miss Althea Boden is visiting with friends in Abilene.

It is always better for the borrower and for the depositor to do business with a conservative bank. The Farmers and Merchants National Bank solicits your business on that basis and will have plenty of money to supply the needs of its customers. tf

Misses Nell and Anna Lee Godwin, who have been here for several weeks the guests of friends and relatives, left first of the week for their home at Arlington, Texas.

Announcement

The new Ford cars are now ready for your inspection, introducing changes that improve the appearance of the various body types and increase their comfort and utility.

They offer you not only economical and dependable transportation, but also a more attractive style and a greater share of motoring convenience—a combination that makes the outstanding value of Ford cars more impressive than ever.

See the new Ford models now on display in our showroom.

These cars can be obtained through the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan.

MERKEL MOTOR CO.

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CARS · TRUCKS · TRACTORS

WE OFFER BIG PRIZES

on Saturday, September 22
Poultry, Fine Art and Textile, Home Canning, Cooking Etc.

of heating stoves, stove
entire line of Hardware
the fall trade which we
of Groceries is the larg-

either side of house.

ARE COMPANY

Prizes Offered

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make this, Merkel's first Community Fair,
of a permanent institution.

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sts given at several other Community Fairs
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very one to cooperate in making the Fair a
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will give 100 pounds of Superior Dairy Feed to
his day.

est Poland China pig brought to town.
5 lbs. of Superior Chicken Feed to the person

cucumber Pickles, pair of Ear Rings or Bracelet.
the farmer bringing in the best pen of chickens.
d best pen of chickens, any breed.

5 gallons Supreme Auto Oil, value \$3.50 for the

to the man and woman bringing prettiest baby.
1 under 16 bringing best piece of needle work.
free dinner to the family bringing in the best

bridles to man bringing best span of mules.
ve \$2.50 to the one bringing largest No. chickens
this day.

mother of largest family coming to his store on

best display of butter brought on this day.
the youngest baby brought to town on this day.

piece of Needle work by girl under 12 years old.
jar of Canned Fruit on display.

display of Jellies by any one family.

bringing in the best Jam Cake for the Fair.

rary fund of any country school having largest
of some person.

erson bringing in best pen of White Wyandottes.
ng in the largest Water Melon.

ool, 2-pant Suit, Value \$10 to the boy not over
best reason, in own handwriting, why he should

offee Percolator to woman making the best cake

phalt Paint, Value \$9.00 to the man or person
st 10 heads of Kaffir Corn.

Toilet Goods to girl or woman having best cake.

on Electric Cook Stove, a months service free.

urchase for best cake brought on this day.

largest number to town, a handsome prize.

Ford car to town this day, set of Shock Absorbers.

ake for the best 10 ears of Indian Corn.

in or girl bringing in the nicest Hand Embroider-

er Tube, any size, to the man bringing the most
the 22nd.

ine Feed to person bring the best horse colt.

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SPECIAL SHOWING OF MISSES & YOUNG LADIES HATS

Madge Evans and Elzee
Lassie Hats have been
shown in Merkel before.
Best showing of Ladies
Coats and dresses we've
ever had with prices more
reasonable than ever before.

Come to see us

WOODROOF-BRAGG COMPANY
"The Place Most People Trade"

CHICKENS — CHICKENS

We are exclusive agents for the "Jersey Incu-
bator" and "Blue Flame Brooders." Also we have
poultry supplies of all kinds.

Let the Hen Pay your Bills.

LIBERTY HARDWARE CO.

TRADES DAY SPECIALS

Some special bargains

for

Saturday, the 22nd

Do not fail to look them over.

SANDERS DRUG STORE

THE WOODRUM FILLING STATION

Where real AUTO SERVICE is rendered those
who patronize our filling Station, is glad to contribute
toward a Community Fair in Merkel. While attending
this Community Fair come to us with your car trouble,
we will solve them for you.

We thank you for any and all patronage.

GEORGE WOODRUM, Proprietor

THE MERKEL ICE COMPANY

We are glad to welcome all the citizenship of the
Merkel country to the Merkel Community Fair. We
always try to cooperate in any move that is for the
progress and development of the community.

We also take this opportunity of extending our
sincere thanks to all the people of this entire com-
munity for their loyal and unstinted support in our
line. We trust that we have served you most satis-
factorially.

E. E. LESLIE, Manager

WHITE HOUSE CAFE

Will appreciate your patronage at any and all
times. We assure you the best of eats, with courte-
ous and fair treatment.

We will be especially prepared to care for your
Resturant wants on Community Fair Day.

SANDERS & HOLLAWAY, Props

VISIT US ON COMMUNITY FAIR DAY

Make it a profitable day by taking advantage of the
Special Bargains

we are offering in furniture. Remember we give away
on that day a genuine Sealey Mattress.

Don't fail to be present.

BARROW FURNITURE COMPANY

CAN YOU AFFORD TO LOSE THE PROFITS THAT BUILDING WILL GIVE?

If we could reduce building costs we would cut them
fifty per cent. We can make more money when prices
are low. But what indications is there that prices
will be lower: none that we know of. It is our ad-
vice to build now what you need.

THE MERKEL LUMBER COMPANY

Dealers in Carey's Blue Ribbon Paints & Roofing,
Wall Board, Builders Hardware & Glass. Infact every-
thing in the Builders Line. Sash, Doors Screening
goods. Lime Cement & Sand—Gravel.

Make this your headquarters when in town

Wm. P. Carey Company, Owners
Phone 62 Established 1881

MAGNOLIA FILLING STATION

Welcomes all Community Fair Visitors, to Merkel on
Saturday, September 22nd.

We strive to serve our patrons courteously and
efficiently at all times, and will make special effort
to serve all who visit us on this day with entire
satisfaction.

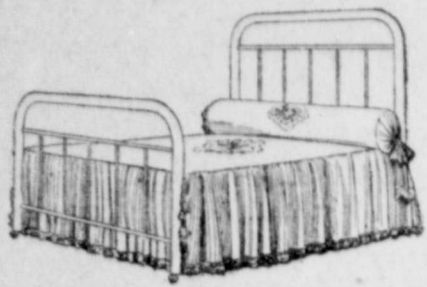
Chas H. Jones, Manager.

JOHN B. BELL & SON

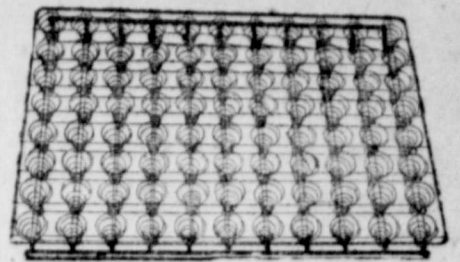
For 22 years in the Hardware and Leather Goods
business in Merkel, are in a position to sell for less.

Come in and see our goods and get our prices.

JOHN B. BELL & SON



BARROW'S



SEPTEMBER CLEARANCE SALE

Opens Sept. 14
Closes Sept. 22

The Barrow Furniture Co. puts on their annual September Clearance Sale in order to close out patterns on the floor and make room for the immense fall stock that is arriving daily. We offer the largest and best assorted stock of furniture ever shown in Merkel at an immense sacrifice in price to us and a 10 to 50 per cent savings to you.

Opens Sept. 14
Closes Sept. 22

==FREE==

On Saturday, Sept. 22, a genuine Sealey Mattress will be given away, absolutely FREE. With every dollar you spend with us during this sale you will be given a Sealey ticket. Ask our salesmen. Don't fail to ask for your ticket. Come or send your tickets, they must be here.



The mattress of "individual comfort"

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DRESSERS

Large assortment of low and high base Dressers. Finished in Ivory, Mahogany and Gold-Oak.

Special

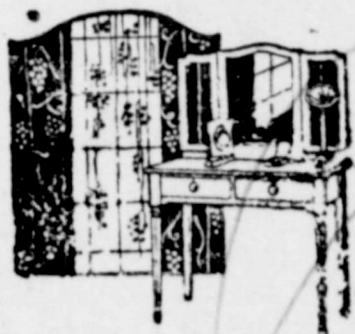
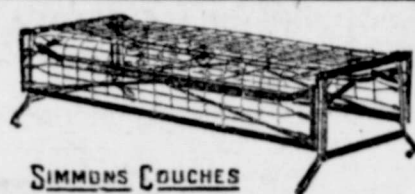
As long as they last American Quartered Golden Oak Dressers. Mirror 16x28.

\$11.95



STEEL COUCH

Drop Sides
Special \$5.45



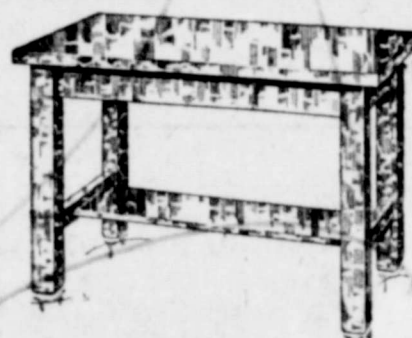
DRESSING TABLE

Three French Plate
Mirrors

Special \$15.75

LIBRARY TABLE SPECIAL

Fumed Oak
A Bargain \$7.65



PORCELAIN
Kitchen Tables

More Durable—
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Why Not buy One?

HOOSIER KITCHEN CABINET

The World's Standard of Kitchen Comfort. The greatest labor saver ever put into a kitchen.

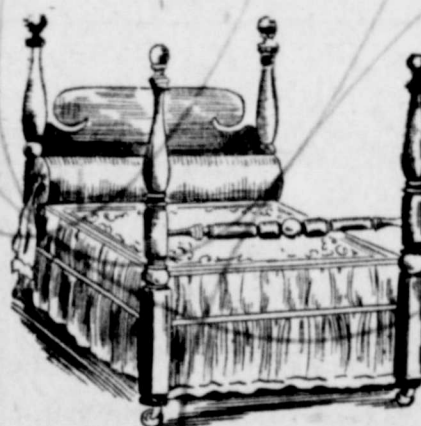
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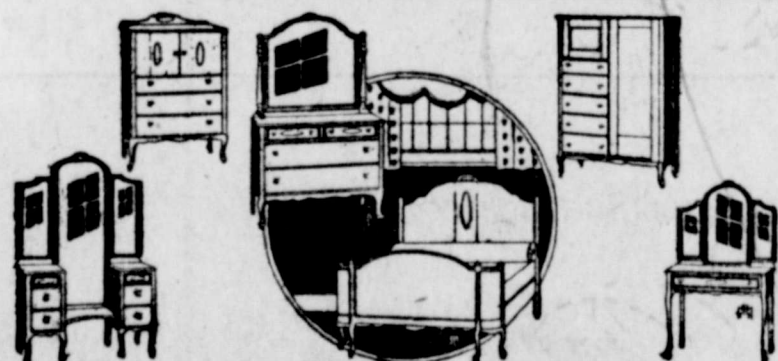
KITCHEN CABINET SPECIAL

See It
\$16.95



BEDS! BEDS! BEDS!

A Wonderful Display of new patterns, all prices reduced.
Special for this sale \$3.45



BED ROOM SUITE

Sales Special---Four piece Ivory Suite.
A Real Bargain \$68.45



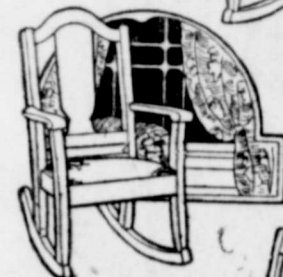
ROCKER BARGAINS

A \$12.50 Rocker
for..... \$8.25

An \$11.00 Rocker
for..... \$5.85

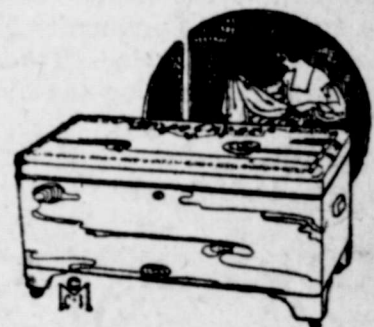
A \$7.50 Rocker
for..... \$4.25

A \$6.75 Rocker
for..... \$3.65



CEDAR CHESTS

Now is the time to pack your summer clothes away from destructive moths. 39 inches long.
Sale Price..... \$11.45



MAHOGANY CHIFFONIER

Will Match
Vanity, \$15.45

Vanity Dressers

Finished Mahogany

Four Drawers

French Plate Mirrors

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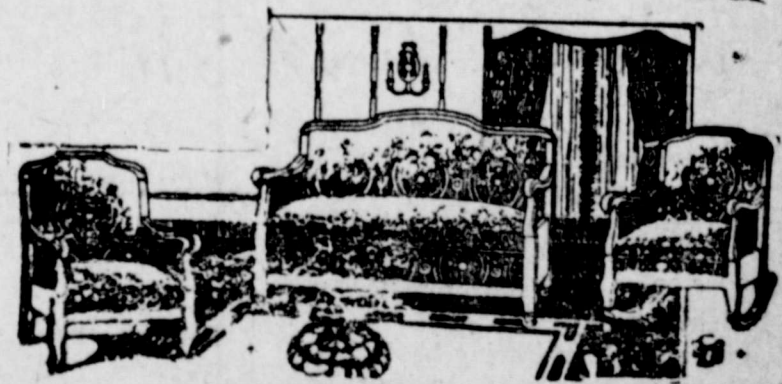


DINING ROOM SUITES

A genuine American Walnut, nine piece suite for one half its real value..... \$149.50
One nine piece Fumed Oak suite. Why not buy it for..... \$69.65

We Own and Operate
11 STORES

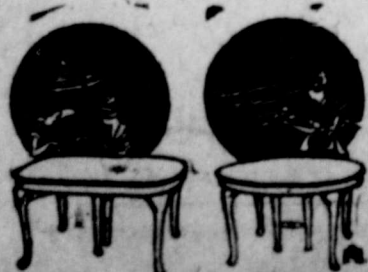
Of Course We Can Buy and Sell Cheaper



LIVING ROOM SUITE

SALES SPECIAL---A Genuine Karpen Suite
Spring Cushions, Spring edge. Buy it for \$119.50

The Concentrated Buying Power
of BARROW'S can Save You
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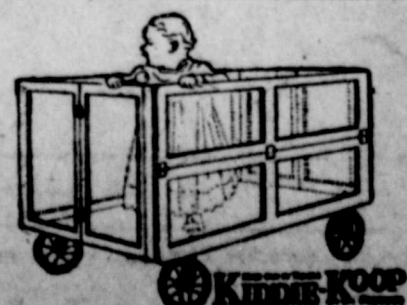


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MERKEL, TEXAS

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Matinee Saturday 2 to 5:30

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

ALMA RUBENS

-IN-

"TOUGH LUCK"

Also-

Romaque Comedy

And--

Novelty Shots

Tuesday September 18

ONE NIGHT ONLY

"MADAME X"

From the Book by Andre Bisson featuring PAULENE FREDERICK.

Say! Did you read that long list of fine premiums offered by the business men of Merkel in the middle of the big double page advertisement in this paper? If you have not you are missing something.

Judge N. D. Cobb has this week moved his offices from the Farmers State Bank to his own building, known as the Crenshaw building. He invites his friends to call on him there.

Mrs. B. W. Hudgins and children of Dallas, Texas were here this week for a visit with friends. It will be remembered that Mrs. Hudgins' husband was superintendent of Merkel school years ago.

Mr. Luna Tittle is here from El Paso for a visit with his mother and other relatives.

Gallon can of Grapes can be bought from Johnnie Ray at Blair and Trent, Saturday, September 15th.

Mrs. M. R. Woodrum spent Wednesday and Thursday in Abilene visiting with relatives.

List Of Premiums Offered

The following is the list of valuable and interesting premiums offered by the various business firms in the city of Merkel. Read them over and look around the place and see if there is not something on the list that you would like to enter for a prize. At least, it is hoped that every farmer and in fact all who have anything suitable for exhibition will bring same in on the 22nd, and thereby help to make this, Merkel's first Community Fair, a success to be remembered, and the beginning of a permanent institution.

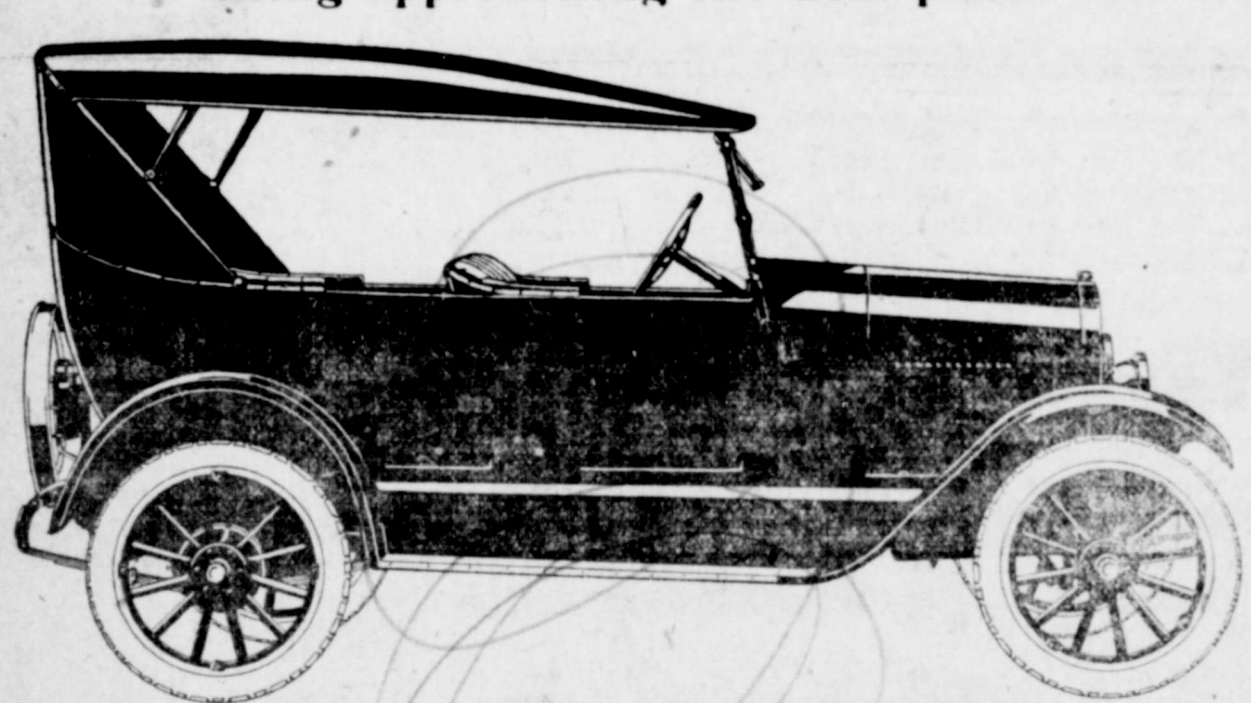
Merkel has the best lands surrounding her of any part of the great Lone Star State. She has the most efficient, the most progressive and up-to-date class of farmers to be found anywhere on the top side of the Universe, and last but not of the least importance, there is being raised in this community as good if not the best crops throughout the state. Then why should not Merkel have the best Community Fair in the state.

We have seen a number of premium lists given at several other Community Fairs and have seen none that come up to the list here offered by Merkel's business men in point of value. So, we urge the farmers and every one to cooperate in making the Fair a success. Tell your neighbor and friends and urge them to come.

- No. 35 J. T. Dennis, Dry Goods and Groceries, a 50 lb. sack of Primrose Flour to the woman baking best cake from Primrose Flour. He will also furnish the flour to bake the cake if called for.
- No. 36 J. T. Dennis, pair of shoes to the youngest one of largest family of girls coming to his store.
- No. 37 Hamilton & Case, a large bucket of White Swann Coffee to largest family coming to store.
- No. 38 Patterson Bros. Drug Store, for the nicest hand embroidered Pillow cases, \$12 Manicure Set
- No. 29 Patterson Bro. Drug Store, toman picking most cotton in any one day, from this date up to September 22, \$3.00 worth of Cigars or Cigarettes or Chewing Tobacco.
- No. 30 The Farmers State Bank, \$2.50 on the best Pig not over 10 months old, any breed.
- No. 31 The Farmers State Bank, \$5.00 to rural School child under 12 years old who writes the best essay on "Savings".
- No. 32 The Farmers State Bank, \$2.50 for the best stalk of 1923 "Kasch Cotton".
- No. 33 F. P. Hamm, Ginner, will gin free four bales of cotton for the man bringing on this day the largest number of bales of cotton to be ginned, value about \$25.00.
- No. 34 McFarland Garage, any size Inner Tube to the person bringing best pair of Turkeys.
- No. 35 Woorroof-Bragg Co., to the man bringing best 10 heads of Maize, a John B. Stetson Hat.
- No. 36 Bob Martin Gro. Co., to the woman baking best Layer Cake from Seal Flour, a 50 lb. sack.
- No. 37 Bob Martin Gro. Co., to woman baking best 2 loaves bread from Seale Flour, 50 lb. sack.
- No. 38 The Merkel Lumber Co., to man with best pair turkeys, a Quart of Auto Paint.
- No. 39 W. P. Duckett, the Produce man, \$2.50 to the person bringing on this day for market the most pounds of poultry of all kinds, butter and hides.
- No. 40 Parent-Teachers Club will give as first prize to the High School student writing the best Theme on the need of a new High School Building, \$3.00, and \$2.00 for the second best.
- No. 41 A. L. Jobe, 1 gallon Peacock Cane Syrup to person buying largest bill groceries this day.
- No. 42 The City Meat Market, \$1 worth of steak for the best ten heads of Maize on this day.
- No. 43 The City Meat Market, \$1 worth steak to parents bringing best looking baby on this day.
- No. 44 The Merkel Mail will give a two years subscription to the Mail and three years subscription to the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News, to the person bringing in the oldest Relic.
- No. 45 The Magnolia Filling Station, \$2.50 to the boy or girl writing best reason why the rural schools should be made the best possible.

The Star Car

Study the Specifications of the STAR. Then ask your self this question, Where else can I buy a better Automobile at anything approaching the Star price.



Delivered at your door for \$540.00

There are only two companies in America to day that build and sell more cars than the Durant enterprises. We are the only manufacturer of Automobiles in America that ever built and sold 100,000 cars the first year.

There is a Reason Let us Show You

JACKSON-SAVAGE MOTOR CO.
Abilene Merkel

The Y. P. I. C. E.
The Y.P.I.C.E.—Can you guess what that is? Make a guess. Well, if you want to know, I will just tell you a secret. Remember keep this secret, because you will ruin everything if you do not. Here it is: The Young Peoples' Intermediate Christian Endeavor. How do you like the name? That is what we call our society which meets over at the Presbyterian church.

The Christian Endeavor is not only our organization, it belongs to the whole world. So if it belongs to you, who are a part of the world, why not attend it and get your whole heart and soul ignited by that unquenchable fire of consecration in the work of Christ's kingdom here on earth. And besides being a great opportunity for serving, it helps greatly to train the mind, body and soul for this work. So boy and girl, if you are not in some organization of the sort, and wish to serve your fellow man, make yourself known at our Endeavor Society, and we will help you to be of service to some one else.

Next Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, we will have our regular weekly program, and let all the Endeavorers, as well as any visitors who wish to view the work we are doing, be there on time. Let us have a splendid meeting at this time. What do you say. C. E. Publicity Com.

E. A. Click and daughter spent Wednesday in Abilene.

W. R. McLEOD, D.V.S.
Veterinarian Surgeon, will be at Trent, Texas, Saturday the 22nd, for the purpose of treating all domestic animals. Specialist on Teeth work, bone spavins, wire cuts, bog spavins, etc. Call day or night, S. D. McLeod, Trent Texas. Phone 57. "Examinations free where brought to me."

You rural school boy read about the big premiums offered in this paper by the business men of Merkel. They will interest you. Read the big double page ad in this paper.
W. W. Ligon and wife of Tulsa, Oklahoma, are here this week, having been called to this city by the death Tuesday of the former's brother, L. P. Ligon. They returned Wednesday.

Nervous Break-Down

MRS. ANNIE LANGE, of R. F. D. 1, Burlington, Tex., writes as follows regarding her experience with Cardui: "Some time ago I had a nervous break-down of some kind. I was very weak and so nervous. I had fainting spells and suffered a great deal, but more from the weak, trembling, no-account feeling than anything else. I knew I needed a tonic, and needed it badly. I began the use of Cardui to see if I couldn't get some strength, as I knew of other cases that had been helped by its use. I soon saw a great improvement, so I kept it up. I used seven bottles of Cardui, and can say the money was well spent, for I grew well and strong. Am now able to do all my housework and a great deal of work besides."

If you are weak, run-down, nervous and suffer from the ailments peculiar to women, it is very likely that Cardui will help you, in the way it helped Mrs. Lange and has helped thousands of others, during the past 40 years.

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SCHOOL CHILDREN OF TEXAS TO BE STATE FAIR GUESTS OCT. 19

Annual Custom Observed—School Children Admitted Free on Children's Day—Teachers as Chaperones

Here's good news for Texas school children!

They are to be guests of the State Fair of Texas, at Dallas on Children's Day, Friday, Oct. 19.

As is the annual custom the formal invitation will soon be issued, but advance notice has already been given school heads throughout the State, so that the youngsters may be apprised in advance and make their plans accordingly.

State Fair officials urge that superintendents, principals and teachers in city and rural schools make up and forward lists of the number of tickets they will require for their charges, in order that the tickets may be mailed well in advance, and everything be ready for the youngsters to lose no time gaining admission to the Fair grounds as soon as they arrive.

This year's State Fair of Texas, Oct. 13-25, will be the best ever from the standpoint of educational value and Fair officials are hoping that the attendance of embryo good citizens of Texas will break all previous records.

NOTED JUDGES TO PASS ON CATTLE AT STATE FAIR

Best Known Men in Livestock World Will Pin on Ribbons at Dallas, Oct. 13-25

Men known to the live stock industry the country over, will preside as judges at the State Fair Live Stock Show, Oct. 13-25 this year at Dallas, and every indication is that the 1923 live stock exhibition will surpass any that has gone before.

It has long been the policy of the State Fair of Texas to engage the very best talent in America to place the awards in all departments, so that a ribbon won at the great Texas Exposition will have the utmost value to exhibitors.

J. E. Boog-Scott, general superintendent of the live stock department, is highly enthused over prospects for this year's exhibition, of cattle, sheep, horses, etc., and says the dairy cattle department will equal if it does not surpass the national show at Minneapolis later in the fall. Mr. Boog-Scott attended the Missouri State Fair at Sedalia, opening on Aug. 18, where he met a number of well known breeders who will also show at the State Fair of Texas.

The list of judges for the Texas exposition is as follows:

- Short-horns—Wm. H. Pew, Ravenna, Ohio.
- Herefords—Byron Engle, Sheridan, Mo.
- Aberdeen-Angus—J. D. Blackwell, Fayette, Mo.
- Red Polled—Jno. C. Burns, Fort Worth, Texas.
- Jerseys—C. H. Staples, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.
- Holstein, Ayrshire, Gurnsey, Brown Swiss—W. H. Standish, Lyons, Ohio.
- Horses and Steers—W. J. Kenney, Sioux City, Iowa.
- Swine—Prof. L. A. Weaver, Columbia, Mo.
- Sheep—Robert F. Miller, Davis, Calif.
- Goats—Bob Davis, Rio Frio, Tex.
- Jacks and Mules—H. T. Hineman, Dighton, Kans.

Premiums in the cattle department of the State Fair of Texas total more than \$20,000, and each year during the last decade has seen the cattle department with largely increased entries.

NO ROOM FOR CROOKS IN DALLAS DURING FAIR POLICE SAY

There'll be no room for crooks, pickpockets or other petty criminals in Dallas during the State Fair of Texas, Oct. 13-25. Neither will there be any room for the "big fish" of the criminal pond, according to police department officials.

Chief of Police Louis W. Brown and Chief of Detectives Gunning are already at work on plans for policing the city during the progress of the thirty-seventh annual exposition. The same basic plans as obtained during the 1922 State Fair, when Dallas was remarkably clear of the unwashed gentry, will obtain, according to Police Commissioner Louis W. Turley.

It will be remembered that newspapers all over Texas had high praise for the policing of the city during the 1922 Fair, with particular tribute paid to Captain Frank Scott and his men, who were in charge of things at the Fair grounds.

As was the case last year, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio, Waco, Beaumont, Galveston, and even Memphis and Chicago, will send officers to Dallas to aid the local department in keeping things clean during the coming State Fair.

LOTS TO BE SEEN ON AMUSEMENT ROW

On Amusement Row at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 13-25 this year, the most varied list of novelty shows ever booked will be found. This year's offerings will be a composite of all the famous Clarence Worsham shows—grouped together one common place, the big and most attractive lot of attractions possible to see.

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The cool days of fall are coming fast, so why wait any longer. Call 180 and let us come and get your old clothes and doll 'em up to look like new.. Mrs. C. L. Cash. tf

Wanted—A Milk Cow. If you have a real good milk cow to sell, call at the Merkel Mail office.

NOTICE! NOTICE!
Will ask that the party who took my pump gun from the gun shoot some time ago, please return same. L. R. Thompson. 1

Miss Hollis Cypert returned to Dallas Monday night, after a short visit here with her parents Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert. tf

A Banking connection next year may be very valuable to you. The farmers & Merchants National Bank will have plenty of funds to take care of all conservative business. tf

Mrs. Kate Cotton and daughter of Snyder have been here on a visit with Misses Garoutte and other friends.

Wash Day Problems
We can actually save you money, worry and backache. We have three services to sell, Flat work, Semi Finish, or Rough Dry. Let us explain them all. Ligon the Laundryman, phone 218. tf

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THREE HANDICAPS ON STATE FAIR RACE PROGRAM

Stake Races Attractive—Hotel Purse Also Carded as Specials

With three handicaps and an equal number of special purse events, the program for the race meet at the State Fair of Texas, Oct. 13-25 this year, is off the press and in the mail.

Rules of the Kentucky State Racing Commission will govern the State Fair meet, which will consist of six races daily, beginning Saturday, Oct. 13, and ending Saturday, Oct. 20. There will be no racing on Sunday, Oct. 14.

"The Cotton Stakes," "The Palace-Majestic Handicap" and the "Adolphus Handicap" are the three stake events, which will be the fourth races on their respective days. The Cotton Stakes is carded for Dallas Day, Tuesday, Oct. 16, the "Palace-Majestic" for Thursday, Oct. 18 and the "Adolphus" for closing day, Oct. 20.

For the Cotton Stakes \$2,000 is added by the Dallas Cotton Exchange, with the distance at one and one-sixteenth miles, for three-year-olds and upward.

Two Theaters Named
"The Palace-Majestic" is for the same ages, with allowances, and the distance is the full course of seven furlongs, 150 feet. The Palace and Majestic Theaters of Dallas, add \$1,000 to the stakes.

The "Adolphus" is at one mile with \$1,000 added by that hotel, and is for 3-year-olds and upward.

Entries for all three stake events close on Oct. 1, and the special program carries entry blanks, many of which, it is expected, will be returned well before closing date.

Hotel Purse Opening Day
The Jefferson Hotel purse for opening day, the St. George Hotel purse for the second day, Monday, Oct. 15, and the Waldorf Hotel purse for the fourth day, Wednesday, Oct. 17, are also carded as special events, at one mile for all three races. Each is for three-year-olds and upwards, with weights 112 pounds in the Jefferson, 114 in the St. George and 109 pounds in the Waldorf. The latter event is for 3-year-olds which have not won two races since July 31, with 115 pounds prescribed for horses over three years. In the St. George the "older" weights are 120 pounds and in the Jefferson 118 pounds for four-year-olds and 120 pounds for others.

Purses of \$400 will be divided \$300, \$70 and \$30, and those of \$300 will go \$225, \$50 and \$25.

As has been previously announced, Joseph A. Murphy, who officiated on the State Fair track in old days, will be the racing judge, with Arthur McKnight, also a veteran of a dozen years or more ago, as official starter.

ART LANDRY'S JAZZ BAND TO APPEAR IN THE COLISEUM

Art Landry and his famous Chicago jazz band will be heard in the Coliseum at the State Fair, Dallas, Oct. 13-25 this year, in connection with the magnificent Coliseum stage production, in which 75 people will appear.

The band consists of strings, saxophones and some heavy brasses, and presents a fine appearance. It furnishes the most up-to-date music and snappy, popular late successes. It is expected the appearance of this musical organization will be one of the delightful musical treats of the fair and appeal to all visitors as one of the distinct novelties of the season.

ED C. LASATER AND A JERSEY LASS



Here you see Ed C. Lasater of Fairbairn, Texas, president of the Texas Jersey Cattle Club—and a Jersey lass.

Mr. Lasater wears the smile that won't come off—characteristic with him. The lass is Noble Lad's Lady Judy, of the Flowerdale Farms, Dallas junior champion at the 1922 State Fair of Texas.

Texas Jersey cattle breeders and owners will be at the 1923 State Fair on Oct. 15, the day when Jerseys are to be judged, and when the Texas Jersey Cattle Club will hold a meeting and attend a banquet at night.

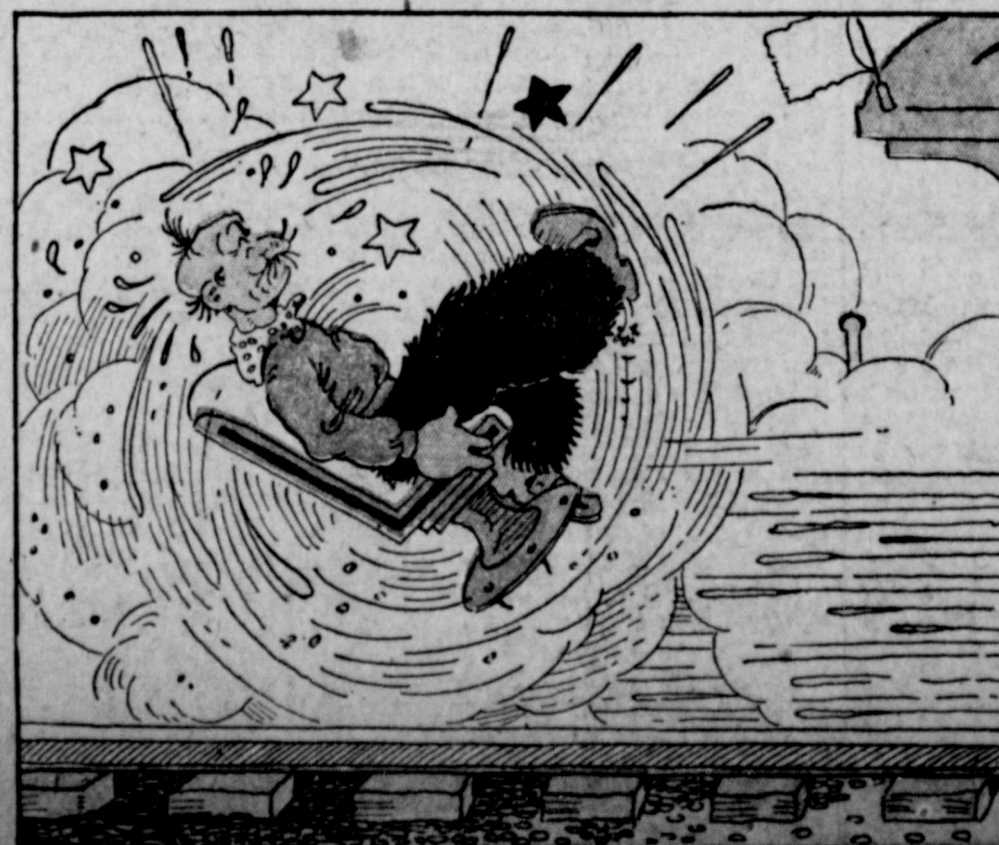
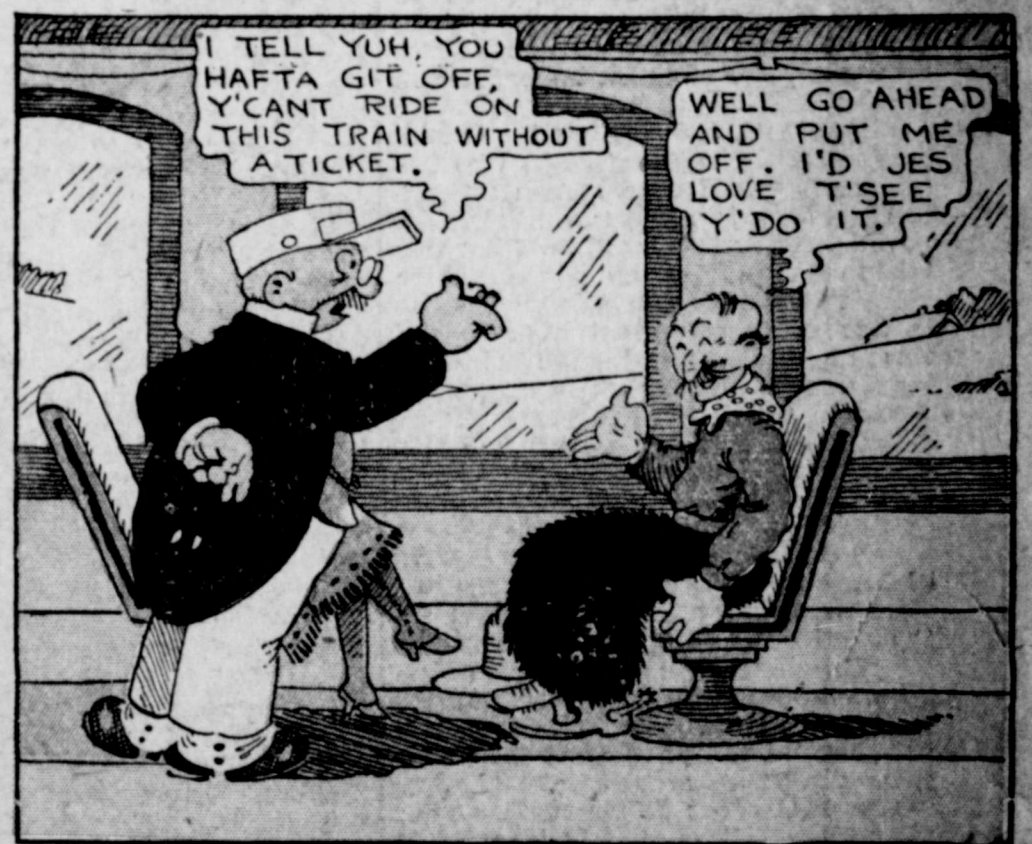
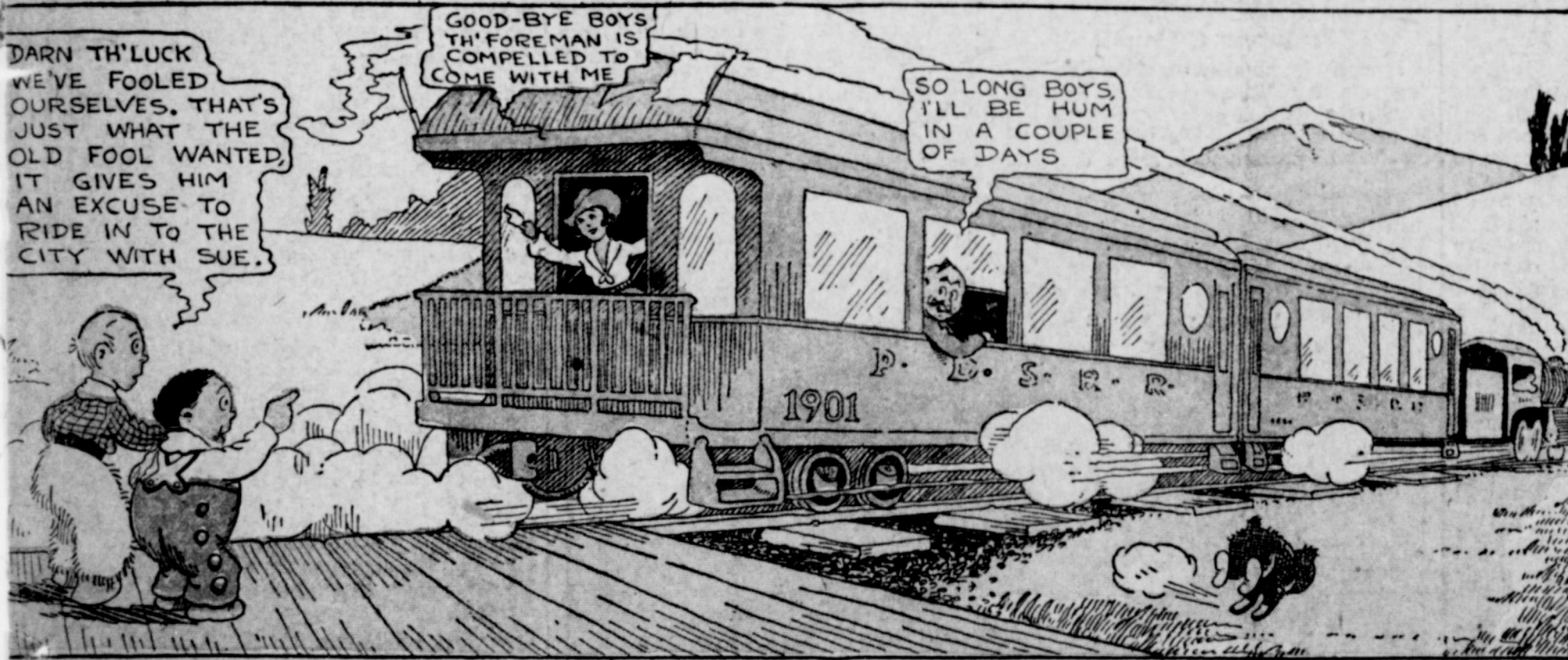
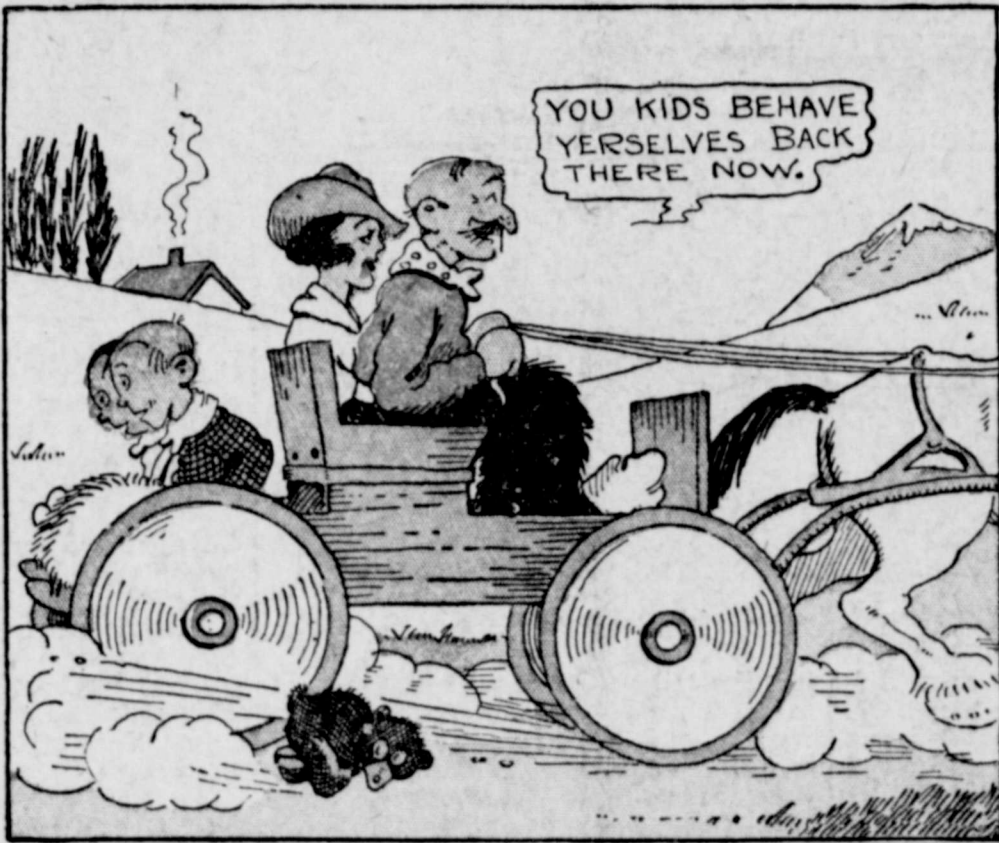
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PETE AND PINTO The Cow-Kids of O-Joy Ranch

By M. M. BRANNER



Governor Sparks, Ex-Texas Ranger

Killed Indians in Texas Before Governor of Nevada
By AUSTIN CALLAN

The Lone Star State sixty years ago was an empire of red-blooded men and courageous women. On the plains and in the great valleys west of what is now recognized as the center of population, there were then several military posts and scant settlements where the flag of civilization had been unfurled.

At Camp Colorado, in Coleman county, Texas, E. Kirby Smith, Fitzhugh Lee, Earl Van Dorn and John B. Hood—all afterwards famous generals in the Confederacy—had each commanded forces that aided in protecting the frontier against savage atrocities. Here, too, John Sparks, later governor of Nevada, spent a part of his early life scouting for red men and helping to lay the foundation upon which the greatest livestock industry of the United States was finally built.

As lieutenant of Company I, Frontier Battalion, under Captain J. J. Callan, Governor Sparks did ranger duty in the vicinity of Santa Anna mountains, two peaks that rise abruptly from the surrounding plains to the height of several hundred feet and form what in early days was called Los Mesas (the tables). Along in the summer of 1861 Mr. Sparks was detailed to follow a band of Comanches who had raided a settlement in the Jim Ned valley close to Camp Colorado, killing a man named Joe Byers and carrying into captivity a young girl. The clothing of the girl, torn and blood-stained, was found in a thicket not far away and it was thought at the time that she had been killed and her body thrown into Hord's creek, but several weeks later it was reported that she had been seen with a band of Indians near Tecumseh Peak in Callahan county, clad in the native garb of her captors.

Santa Anna Gap.

The gateway between habitation and the romantic camp-grounds of the red man in those old days was Santa Anna gap. Travelers passed through this gap on their way from the east to civilization's outposts, and it was regarded as one of the most dangerous places on the whole route. Many times an immigrant with his family would be suddenly set upon by a savage foe that lurked

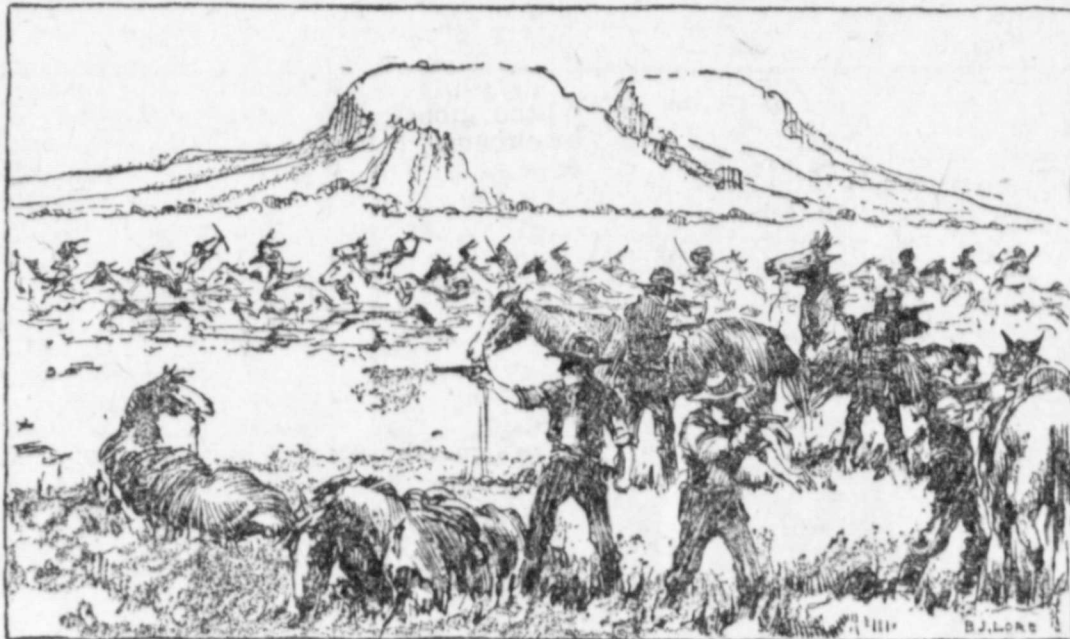
in the wooded ravines and deep canyons of Santa Anna gap.

When Lieutenant Sparks and his men arrived at the mountain path, after a swift ride from the post, they found the camp fires of the Indians still burning. No doubt a lookout had been kept on one of the peaks, who gave the alarm at the approach of the rangers, because a lot of half-cooked buffalo meat was still hanging to sticks above the coals.

A few hours later the raiders were

killed the buck.

The encounter that followed was fierce for a while and the Comanches, who outnumbered the ranger boys about three to one, put up a fight that would have been successful with any less determined men than those who rode the plains of that distant day, with leaders like John Sparks, a man who always smiled in the face of danger. A number of the ranger boys were wounded and at one time, in the height of the encounter,



"The Comanches Outnumbered the Ranger Boys Three to One."

overtaken in a creek bottom some fifteen miles away. One of the boys, "Pete" Callan, was riding a big black horse and was perhaps a half mile ahead of any of the others when suddenly he was surprised by the Indian band that was in hiding behind the trees. "Pete" received a dangerous wound in the nose from a poisoned arrow and fell from his horse. The wound bled profusely and he could not see a big Indian buck who slipped up and threw a blanket over his head and raised a knife to stab him in the breast. But just then Bud Sneed of Lampasas, one of the bravest men on the frontier and a sure shot, rode up and

ter, the red devils were strong enough to form a complete circle around the rangers, and, going at full speed, would lean to the outside and fire at the white men from under the necks of their horses. Lieutenant Sparks ordered his men to dismount and take shelter behind their horses from flying arrows and bullets, the Indians not all having guns on this occasion. For a few minutes, which seemed much longer to those engaged, the savages were able to decrease the circumference of the circle, but as they drew in closer and closer, the aim of the rangers became more deadly, and it wasn't long until the

leader broke away and rode toward a high ridge back of the creek. He was followed by his yelling warriors.

The savages held a council of war, during which time John Sparks' boys were busy dressing the wounded and reloading their guns—ready for another attack which they felt would follow in a little while.

The Indians rode back within a few hundred yards of the white men, but made no further attack. They hastily picked up their dead and with weird singing, or moaning, sped away over the hills to the west. Part of the rangers followed them, while the others attended to the needs of those who had been wounded. Several head of split-eared ponies were left behind, the savages mounting horses in place of them that they had stolen in the settlement. The chase did not last long; as the force was really not strong enough to safely engage the red men, after leaving about half of the party behind.

Sad Fate of Milton Watts.

Returning to Santa Anna mountains, the men struck camp in the gap. John Sparks climbed to the top of one of the peaks, from which the whole country could be surveyed for miles around. As he was strolling around a few hundred yards back from the cap-rocks, he ran across an old army canteen. For some reason curiosity caused him to remove the stopper and look into it. He found a note there, in perfect preservation, that had been written two or three years earlier by a lone adventurer named Milton Watts, who asked that his fate be made known to a certain girl back in Baltimore—

"Where Patapasco's blue waves meet the billows
On Chesapeake's silvery strand."

A further search, in which a number of the boys participated, resulted in finding a skeleton that must have been the remains of the unfortunate Watts. According to the story, he had been trapped by Indians as he was looking for a spring at the brow of a hill, which early settlers claimed to have seen

there, and when his ammunition was exhausted, and he knew that he had only a short time to live, he wrote the little good-bye message and passed out on the same lone trail and in the same way that many a brave man had gone before.

A grave was hastily dug and the bones placed in it, while a little band of rough-appearing, yet gentle-souled, men stood by with uncovered heads. John Sparks paid a short tribute to the spirit of the standard-bearers of civilization, and some one uttered just a word of prayer, as the sun, sinking down in the west, gilded the distant brow of Bead mountain.

It fell to the lot of Governor Sparks to send the little girl back in her Maryland home the story of Watts' fate. He was deeply touched by the incident and for a number of years following helped to even up with the redskins for the murder. Men of his type rendered a great service to Texas and made ready a foundation in the West for that strong and splendid citizenship which has built magnificently from that day to this. These were brave, romantic, true and clean men—broad as the prairies they traversed and majestic in height of character as the hills are majestic.

The Indian's camp fires have long since died. No brave with painted face and feather-crowned head will ever again follow the waxing moon, to leave behind a trail of blood. Settlements and civilization now extend to every nook and corner of the land. But out of the forgotten stillness of that great past there comes the memory of strong hearts and brave deeds that should be an inspiration and a help to our civilization of today.

John Sparks realized this, and while he was a wealthy, popular and highly honored governor of Nevada, yet sometimes his heart wandered back to the Texas frontier, and he would say to old friends who had gathered about him: "I would like to sit by the camp-fire with my Texas comrades again, and drink a cup of black coffee to their honest virtues and rugged manhood, out in the open, under the bright stars."

Who Butters Your Bread? Texas Buys 5,000,000 Pounds of Butter Yearly From Other States

The development of our great state along every useful line should claim the interest of the whole citizenship. There are certain industries which have not been given the attention they deserve by our people and dairying is one of the number. It has been said, perhaps without any thought of being exact, that more than three million Texans butter their bread every day. Whether that be the right number or not, most people do use butter as a part of each of their meals. It is a product of practically universal consumption, besides having a place of much importance in cooking.

What, then, deserves greater consideration at the hands of those who follow the production of human necessities? There is always a market for good butter or butter fat, and it never fails to bring a fair price. Perhaps there are not more than a half dozen counties in this entire state that have more of this staple than the home market demands. You can travel from one end of Texas to the other and you will find many stores handling a foreign butter product shipped in from other states. A reliable Texas creamery manager is authority for the statement that Texas butter consumers buy 5,000,000 pounds of butter annually from outside states.

This should not be the case with us. It is bad business and it is one of the several leading reasons why our wonderful state has not enjoyed a steady prosperity. We raise too much cotton and not enough butter, and while cotton occasionally brings a high wave of prosperity, butter can be counted on year after year. In fact, there is not a dairying state in the union that ever suffers financial depression such as Texas often suffers.

Shipments of Arizona Butter.

A short time ago I was in the heart of the cowman's country. There were cattle on ten thousand hills. The feed was fine; besides the usual grass, there were great forage crops. But do you know that not a pound of butter was produced in the whole neighborhood for sale? At the cafes I had to eat an adulterated substitute manufactured a thousand miles from there. One of the proprietors told me that he occasionally got in a shipment of real cow butter from Arizona, and Arizona is almost a desert. Why should Texas have to send to Arizona for butter?

These are things our people should think about; we have got it in our heads that cotton is king, or that the only profit to be made out of cattle is in raising beef steers. And to our sorrow we have neglected diversifying. With the biggest state in the union, with long seasons favorable to the production of forage crops in addition to those which are more profitable, with every opportunity to go ahead and make money out

of dairying, we rock along year after year depending on less favored regions to supply us with our butter.

A leading Texas banker told me that while on a recent visit to Michigan he had occasion to get his eyes open on this very question. "The town in which I was stopping," he declared, "was just about the same size as my home town. But the bank deposits were three times as great. I wanted to find out the cause of this difference, and I asked a friend if there were not a lot of very wealthy men in the community. He told me that so far as he knew there was not a single man who was rated as a millionaire. Then I asked him why it was that the banks were able to make such a fine showing. An investigation brought out the facts; there were five milk cows in that county to where there was one in my own county. Practically every farmer had cream to sell to the dairies; in fact, there were dairies in every community and as a consequence the deposits mounted up to the sky. I learned that not only were many cars of butter being shipped annually from that little town, but that there was a cheese factory as well, and I was shown a solid carload of cheese in one shipment going to a Texas town. Those people not only produced all the butter and cheese that was consumed at home, but they sent trainloads of it away. Some even went to Switzerland, where it was changed a little, labeled and sent back to America for sale. In fact, I saw orders that the cheese factory had received for their goods from over the sea."

Of course that community was prosperous. The banks bulged with money and practically everybody shared in the deposits. And that was up in the cold old state of Michigan, where it costs a great deal more to care for cattle than down here in Texas. They only have a few months for the growing of forage crops up there, and half the year are compelled to 'house' their cattle in barn, while here crops can be grown almost the year around.

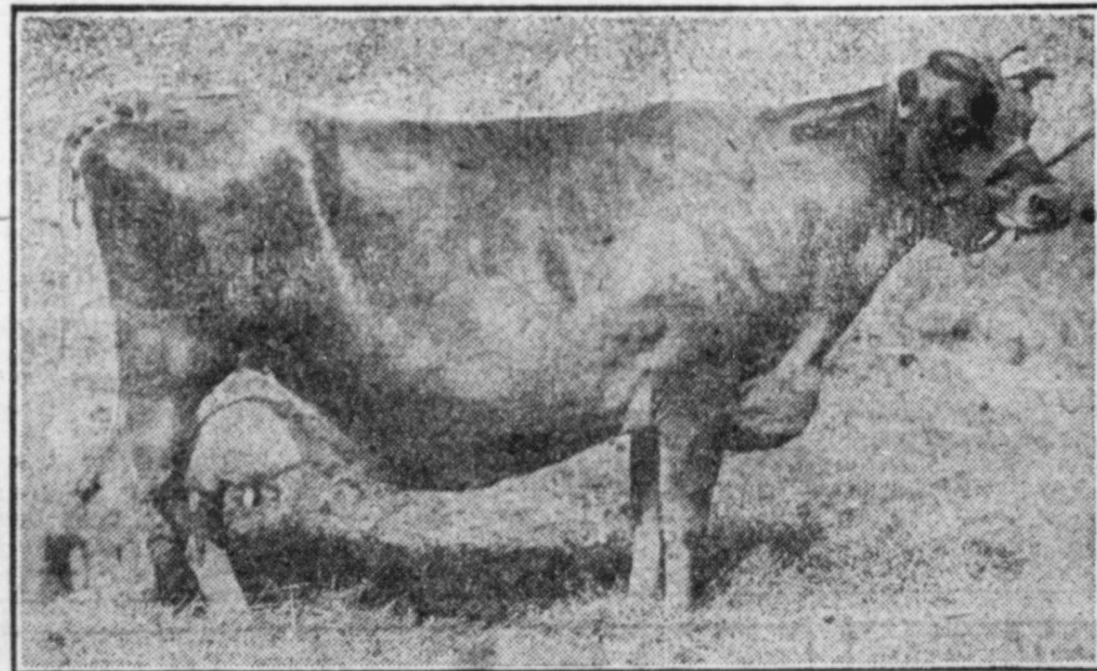
This is just one example of what can be done in the dairying business. Many states should furnish similar examples. California, for instance, exports a lot of butter. You can hardly pass through a community out there without finding a different brand of butter produced right where it is sold. And yet, you see ten cows in Texas to where you see one in California. The long, dry summers there require irrigation to produce anything. That state will not compare with our state when it comes to raising feed and different kinds of forage crops. California is largely a desert land, aside from a few favorite valleys and a narrow irrigated strip along the Pacific coast.

Really there should be ten cows on the farms of Texas to where there is one at this time; it would mean far greater

prosperity for our state than it has ever enjoyed. Go to the trouble to investigate the conditions of the rural people in Iowa, Illinois or any state where dairying is well established, and you will find that they are far ahead of the rural classes where dairying is not practiced. We have simply stuck to the one-crop idea too long; we must produce our own needs and produce a surplus. Those farmers who prosper all the time are those who have something that is in demand and for sale all the time.

Prosperous California.

It would be an easy matter to write a program for Texas that if followed would double the rural wealth of the state in ten years. We never hear of distress in California because the pro-



Stockwell Noble Wonder, Grand Champion Jersey Cow, Texas State Fair, 1921.
(Owned by the Department of Dairy, Husbandry, Texas A. & M. College.)

ducers of California are thoroughly organized and pledged to diversified farming. It is raising the right stuff and marketing it profitably after it is raised that counts. Failure to do this has brought distress many times upon our people and until there is a reversal of the present policy distress will be felt many times again.

Instead of talking so much politics in Texas, and of taxing our people in order to raise more revenue to meet appropriations, we should start a great movement to add milk cows to the farms of Texas. That would bring us more prosperity than we will ever get through any character of legislation.

While some material progress has been made already in Texas in the matter of more and better milk cows, more dairies and creameries, yet we are sadly behind other states in butter and butter fat production. We must awaken to our opportunities and our possibilities. We must encourage the farmer and the

stockman to buy a few well bred cows and a few pigs to go along with the cows. The banks of Texas could do a world of good in helping to finance real industrious farmers who want to own a small herd of cows. A reliable, hard-working farmer could soon pay out four or five cows, especially if he buys the better breeds. He has a market all the year round for his butter fat and can ship it to any one of the larger creameries in Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio or Amarillo. If he does not want to ship his butter fat to the creameries he can make it into butter and sell it at home. The skim milk, he can feed to his hogs and chickens and thus add to his income from this by-product of his dairy herd. From the increase of his herd, if he owns a

ed there practically all his life. He had worked with his home town folks to make it a better and bigger town and was proud of its destiny and its progress.

He knew each street and avenue, and each by-place in Marion. When a certain street was paved he would rejoice with his fellow townsmen in the successful accomplishment of the enterprise, or when a new school building or church was erected he would view it with admiration and pride. His home town people finally looked to his leadership because they knew he loved his home town and would do anything honorable to further its prosperity and advancement. His people watched him as a boy working in the printing office of his home town and they soon discovered his good qualities. They had faith in him and as the years went by he justified the faith. He proved his usefulness and his willingness to help make Marion a better and a more beautiful city.

Long before Warren Harding was nominated for the presidency he had already accumulated a fortune, as the world regards material things, but this fortune did not entice him to move away from his home town. Moving to a larger city did not appeal to Mr. Harding. He still enjoyed meeting his friends and neighbors day by day to exchange with them kindly greetings. He still loved to look upon the old landmarks of Marion, upon the new church, school or municipal building, or take an active part in dedicating a new park or the acquisition of a new railroad. With all the honor and fame which came to him in later life, he never became too big for his home town, and often would slip away from the White House and visit his friends and neighbors in Marion. Is it any wonder, then, that the people of Marion mourn his untimely death, that they sorrowed deeply because he cannot walk down their main street and greet them again and be a part of their community lives. They looked forward to the time when he would return to them from Washington and be a plain citizen—a force once more in the civic, moral and industrial development of their city. He had wrought so well among them that they had missed his energy, optimism and guidance.

President Harding's life in Marion is a living example of what a man can accomplish by being true to his home town and looking for the good in his home town people. No greater eulogy can be bestowed upon any man than to have it said that he was true to his home town, that he helped to build and to keep up its streets, good roads, schools, churches and colleges; that he always patronized his home town merchants and contributed liberally of his means to all public enterprises looking to the betterment of his home town and county.

YOUR HOME TOWN.

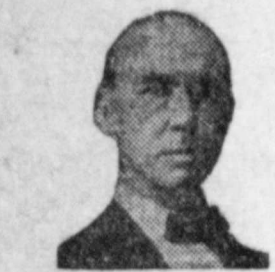
EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the fourth of a series of talks on "Your Home Town." Other talks will follow. There will be food for thought and profit to you if you read carefully each one of these talks. The publisher of this newspaper is not finding any fault with his home town, but wants it to progress and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

The death of President Harding brought out tenderly the love and esteem in which he was regarded by his home town people. Marion, Ohio, the President's home town, and where the President was buried, closed its doors for an entire day, suspending all business, in order to attend his funeral. The grief and sorrow of Marion was genuine and was merited by the President's loyalty to his home town. He grew up there from boyhood and had liv-

CURRENT COMMENT

By J. H. LOWRY

SEPTEMBER'S RETURN.



These notes were written during the closing hours of sweltering August, when every movement of arm or body had a sweat-drop all its own, and every breeze from north or south was steam-heated. As I attempt to write I see the summer vacationists coming in. They are carrying large suit cases, decorated with flaming stickers and containing lots of dirty clothes that should have had a date with the laundryman several days ago. They have been to the health resorts in the mountains or by the lakes, where the healthiest looking people in the world flock—and flirt. They showered postal cards on those of us who had to stay at home on account of the contrariness of our bankers. These pretty post cards showed such wonderful things as mountains wearing coronets of snow, of sparkling rivers and branches flowing over golden sands, and seashores lined with bathing forms divine and clothing very scarce, and every card bore the message that the writer was wearing wraps and sleeping under blankets every night. The vacationists tell us they had a great time, and insist upon inflicting upon us the wonderful stories of their mountain climbs and boat rides—but how tired they look! We stay-at-homes have no kindly feeling toward them, because of the tantalizing picture cards they sent, and because we are human and can't love people very much who get more out of life than we do, yet we can hardly hold back a tear of sympathy for the vacationists when we think of how they must get back into the every-day clothes they kicked aside six weeks ago and return to the cruel workaday routine that kills the bright dreams and blots out the joyful scenes of the past. Next week the vacationists will be sweating in the shops and stores and banks, just as many of us have been doing all the summer. Perhaps it is a cruel wish, but I sincerely hope that as they toil and sweat, and think of pleasures flown, some one will send every one of them some pretty post cards showing snow-capped mountains, and rivulets of sparkling waters, and moonlight scenes on the placid lakes, and bathing beauties at the seaside.

THE MUSIC

The gins are whistling now in grand old Texas, and their clarion call thrills Texas people even as the

plibroch thrills the Scottish clans or national airs thrill soldier boys on the field of battle. The whistle of the gin is the loudest and sweetest note in the Southland's song of prosperity; yea, it is the processional that leads the workers into commercial and industrial activities and chants a psalm of hope to all. More inspiring than martial airs, more soothing than a lullaby song is the whistle or the hum of the gin. It means the rattle of wagons over streets and roads from early morn until late at night, it means paying notes at the banks and wrapping goods in the stores. There is a minor note in the whistle of the gin this year. Every time the morning air is pierced by the shrill screech of the gin the people are reminded that the song is soon to be hushed and heard no more until the rains and the snows and the springtime and the scorching summer have come again. The wonder harvest promised us a few weeks ago, when the fields were veritable flower gardens and the plants were burdened with fruit, has vanished, and our hopes, like dead sea fruit, have turned to ashes on the lip. Old cotton is still king of the Southland, but this year the old king does not sit steadily on his throne, neither is his crown on straight.

THE LAW OF

Yes, it is true compensation runs through all the affairs of men and nations, just as Emerson said, difficult to find though it sometimes is. The disappointment over the blighting of our cotton crop is awful and hard to palliate. Only a few weeks ago we viewed the magnificent stretches of cotton fields in grand old Texas, admired their white and crimson bugles and their big, fat bolls, and saw prosperity coming this way under steam and on well ballasted roads. We talked of bales to the acre; the farmers planned better homes, and the merchants hurried to market centers to lay in heavy stocks of goods for the fall and winter trade. But the summer's sun and the long drouth laid their iconoclastic hands on the cotton fields, and today the awful fact stares us in the face that very little will be made. We begin to say to ourselves that we can't have a new suit this winter, that the projected repairs on the home can't be made, that the old overcoat will have to do duty another season, that creditors will swarm around us like flies around the bung of a molasses barrel, and, alas! the note we had promised to take up can't be paid! But still there's compensation. Higher prices are usually paid for smaller crop yields; because of small yield of cotton and the lean purses that will follow, there will be no

"drives," and no quotas" will be flung at us for the Armenians or the Russians, or the near east orphans. There's compensation in every bad situation; look it out.

And the law of compensation shows up in another way, good and strong. There are officials in this government who are hated as fiercely by Americans as the Roman tax gatherers and publicans were hated by the Jews of old, when Herod ruled with an iron hand and the chosen people of the Lord wept over their wrongs. These hated officials are known as income tax collectors. Not many of us have had to dig far down into our pockets to pay income taxes, but quite a few of us have been forced to make out income tax blanks, and the memory of the distracting work is a memory of horrors and brainstorms. Perhaps most of us could understand an income tax blank and fill it out if the government would not undertake to explain it, but when we attempt to wade through the government's explanations our brains leave their moorings and become scrambled, and we get lost in the forest of sections, paragraphs and asterisks. But the long, parching drouth, the dead cornstalks with their diminutive fruit, and the small, cooked bolls of cotton give positive assurance that there will be little work for the income tax collectors to do next year, and that very few sons of the Southland will burn midnight oil poring over the inexplicable income tax blanks. I know a few university professors and bank presidents, and one or two evangelists who will have to wrestle with income tax reports, but the great rank and file will escape this distracting task and smile at the collector's invitation to report and remit. And, after all, I am not sure that it is not better to have little and be easy and sane, than to have more and spend sleepless nights over income tax blanks.

HOPE FOR

The report has just reached me that Eamon De Valera, Irish patriot or rebel, according to the side you happen to be on, has been arrested and jailed after a hunt of many months. Mr. Valera, I am told, was caught and placed under arrest while he was making a speech. Notwithstanding every cave and tree on the little Emerald Isle had been searched, and every foot of the "ould sod" trampled, in the search for De Valera, and the lakes of Killarney had been dragged again and again, and river Lee had been thoroughly seined, and many had looked behind and under the Blarney stone, I was confident the Irish rebel, or patriot, "who is agin the

government," would be caught. I know something of Irishmen: knew my father very well, and had more than a speaking acquaintance with my uncles, and have heard quite a good deal about my grandfather, therefore I knew Eamon De Valera would not always run from the powers that be. He is a fine runner all right, but the time comes to every Irishman when he must stop and make a speech. The true Hibernian has a horror of jails and chains, and prizes freedom above all other things, but when the digits begin to toy with his hair, he's got to speak. No matter if a few oratorical flourishes and rhetorical gems land him in jail forever, or send him to the gibbet, he's bound to agitate the circumambient and tell the people what a great thing freedom is. The true Irishman prizes freedom all right, but there are times when he would much rather talk about it than have it. I have no idea what fate awaits De Valera. He may go to jail, may dangle from the end of a rope, or he may whip all of his enemies in a fist fight, then set 'em up to the crowd and go home happy. But no matter what De Valera's punishment may be, I shall not shed any tears over his fate. His name never did have an Irish sound to me. My guess is that if the O'Briens, McCartys, Murphys and O'Flannigans could ever get hold of him he wouldn't last longer than a snowball in Satan's realm.

ANOTHER

TEMPTATION. The papers announce that a rum fleet is to be anchored four miles from Galveston, in the Mexican gulf, for the dispensing of the Gambrian brew and the worm of the still. This will be another strong temptation for some to drop from the fine old water wagon into the arms of Bacchus. True, it's a temptation that gives the tempted the long end of the stick, and a fine chance to win out, but it is a temptation just the same. Old Bacchus' call will come from four miles out in the briny deep, and people haven't learned to walk on water yet. Galveston is quite a distance from most of our homes, and even after the island is reached, a boat must be requisitioned and fare paid before connection can be made with Mr. Barleycorn. But old Temptation has many arms and strong drawing power, and frequently leads the tempted great distances, over rough roads and stormy seas. And there is nothing that can work as great a spell of patience over a fellow as old Temptation. I have a friend who mounted the water wagon when the Volstead act came in and closed all the avenues leading to places where whistles could be

moistened. One day this friend was in a Dallas hotel when another friend dropped in and told him he believed he could get him a drink if he would stay at the hotel a little while. It was about 9 o'clock in the morning when this conversation took place, and my friend immediately fell into the arms of temptation and waited. He waited until noon, but his friend did not return or send an encouraging word. Old Temptation strengthened his hold and my friend continued his wait without the least manifestation of impatience. He waited until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and hearing nothing of the friend who had promised the cup of cheer, he finally resisted Old Temptation and went his way. Old Temptation will finally leave a fellow, provided the one tempted quits looking for him, but the fellow who keeps looking for Temptation with spectacles and field glasses, will find him by and by and get tangled up in his claws.

WHAT WILL

THE ISSUE BE? Yes, the old state is in a very bad way. There is nothing in her treasury, and people who work for or sell to her must take her warrants and hawk them about the streets, cashing them where they can and for what they can. The state is collecting from the people more than the people are able to pay, and yet Texas can't pay her bills. Who would have believed that Imperial Texas, a proud nation's jeweled queen and the South's own happy bride, would ever have come to this? Next year we will try to better conditions at the polls by adopting new policies and selecting a new set of officers to guide the ship of state. And will we discuss measures for the correction of the evils, and select men because of their ability to hew through the dark walls of financial depression to a bright morning of prosperity? I hope so. But, to be frank with you, I fear we will lose sight of these things and vote for or against men because they do or do not belong to a certain organization. Which side am I accusing? Both sides.

IT'S FINE TO

BE WITH THE MAJORITY. A noted scientist says 96 per cent of the American people are below the normal or accepted standard of intelligence. This is consoling, and makes me feel a great deal better. I do like to trot with majorities, and in this instance our majority is so overwhelming that I really pity the poor 4 per cent who have to worry through the world with such a burden of intelligence. It's fine to be with the majority. That's why I bought a Ford instead of a Cadillac.

STATE PRISON RECORDS

Some Facts About Our Penitentiary System

By H. C. CONNALLY

Are you afraid of being sent to the penitentiary? Maybe these statistics will help you to determine how to keep out of the penitentiary. This is the kind of man who leads all totals of figures in the records of the Texas Prison System:

There are now 3,836 men and only 84 women in the penitentiary, and there are 1,875 whites, 1,545 negroes and 500 Mexicans; 1,912 convicts are married, 1,790 are single; 136 are widowed and 82 are divorced; 1,904 of the convicts rate a common education, 1,471 rate fair to good, while there are 545 that are illiterate.

Approximately 90 per cent of convicts in the Texas penitentiaries are rated in the records as temperate; 80 per cent of the inmates of the penitentiary use tobacco in some form. Also, according to the figures, you stand the better chance of getting into the pen if it is your first conviction for a penal offense, as 3,518 of the present prison population are there for the first conviction; 398 are second-offenders, and 104 are there for third and fourth terms.

922 Inmates 20 to 30 Years of Age. There are 1,152 inmates between the ages of 20 and 25 years, while the next highest group is between 25 and 30 years of age, and these number 770. Then in the matter of religion, the records show that 2,186 of the inmates belong to no church, while 1,574 belong to various denominations.

As to the matter of residence, approximately 76 per cent of the convicts claim Texas as their home. Harris county leads all others counties with 259 inmates, while El Paso county is next with 242 inmates. There are 27 counties in the State that are not represented in the penitentiary at this date.

It is necessary that you be found guilty of a penal offense before you can be confined in the penitentiary. Of the inmates, 1,017 chose burglary as a means to get in, while the next largest group violated the prohibition laws, this group containing 67, and 504 selected miscellaneous theft.

According to the statistics, covering a period of ten years prior to the tenth amendment, the average sentence served by convicts was a few days less than thirty-nine months, but since time the average has been re-



One row of 3-deck cell in main cell-building at the Walls, Huntsville, where 456 men, white, Mexicans and negroes, are incarcerated.

slightly less than three years; probably due to a great many one-year sentences. Assuming that you have been sentenced to serve a term in the penitentiary, and your appeal is denied by the same Court, then you are placed in the county of conviction, and the district Clerk notifies the Chairman of Board of Prison Commissioners at Huntsville that you are ready for deliv-

ery to prison. A transfer agent from the penitentiary calls at the jail, and places a chain around your neck, and perhaps chains you together with 10 to 40 other offenders who have been gathered on the trip, and you are then on your way. If you are not particularly skilled in some trade, and are able-bodied, you would be, perhaps, taken direct to one of the 14 State farms, where

you are given a thorough physical examination by the physician in charge, and then dressed in the white duck uniform of the convict. You would be assigned a cell or bed, given a number, have your picture taken, finger-prints, Bertillon measurements, and a complete description of hair, eyes, complexion, height, weight, and a careful description of all marks and scars upon your body; and then be given a copy of the prison rules and regulations, and the benefit of such advice regarding the same as the official in charge deemed necessary. You would then be registered at the bookkeepers' office, where a careful record of your conduct, overtime, health, etc., is kept. Immediately upon entry, you would be credited with the amount of commutation the sentence justifies, and, as such the statutes provide the following: Two days off each month for the first year; three days off each month for the second year; four for the third, and so on to ten years, when 15 days is allowed off each month, for all years beyond ten. This commutation is earned by keeping a clear prison record, and can be taken away as a means of punishment, depending upon the degree of the offense against the rules. You would be graded as second grade upon entry, and by keeping your record clear for three months, you would be automatically promoted to first grade, and permitted all the privileges that the prisoners of that grade are allowed; but on the other hand, if you did not show a disposition to obey the rules, you would be placed in the third grade, and compelled to wear striped clothes, and be denied many privileges that better prisoners enjoy.

Sample of Menu.

As to the food you would get, here is a sample menu selected at random. This particular menu is dated June 10, 1923, and was served at the Walls at Huntsville: Breakfast—fried bacon, butter, light bread, steamed rice, brown gravy, coffee, syrup, sugar. Dinner—pot roast, hot corn bread, hominy, soup, fresh onions, apple roll, syrup, ice water. Supper—hash, hot corn bread, steamed rice, bread pudding, brown gravy, coffee, syrup, ice water. These menus are changed from day to day, and the stewards are instructed to let no one leave the table hungry.

Schools are conducted at the various units, ranging from the most elementary subjects to advanced subjects, depending upon the teachers to be secured in the various prisons. This work is supervised by the chaplain in charge, who also has charge of the circulating library of some 20,000 volumes, which includes the works of all the best authors in fiction, educational, historical and religious subjects.

The women convicts are kept on Goree farm, three miles from Huntsville, and are largely employed in making clothes for the prison system. The young men, who are first offenders, are all kept on the Eastham farm, at Weldon, where they never come in contact with the so-called hardened criminals, and are given lighter work, and a little better moral and spiritual attention than the other prisoners.

The incorrigibles, second-offenders or hardened criminals, who are in short terms, are mostly quartered at Ferguson farm near Midway, where farming goes on apace, while the majority of the long-term and older men are kept at the Walls at Huntsville, because of the element of safety. The negroes and Mexicans are kept on the farms in Fort Bend and Brazoria counties, where the State has eight large plantations to employ them. At present, the convicts are cultivating 50,016 acres of land, with approximately 30,000 acres in cotton.

Practically all the hospitalization is cared for at the Walls, where ample facilities and surgical talent is available. Also there is a tubercular farm, near Huntsville, where all suffering with lung and throat diseases are kept and treated; which also serves as a recuperation camp for those whom various diseases have weakened to the point that they need rest and quiet.

After all, the life of a convict has some advantages as well as disadvantages; he don't have to worry about food, clothing, doctor bills, income tax or the price of coal. In fact, about all the worries of the average convict is whether or not he is going to get a pardon. And it is a fact that they are a much more cheerful lot than the circumstances would justify.

It is regrettable that so many of our
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BRIEF TEXAS NEWS

FROM OVER
THE STATE

ONCE MORE A SCHOOL MARM.

Miss Annie Webb Blanton, former State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has accepted the position of adjunct professor in educational administration at the State University at Austin.

CHILDREN MUST HAVE HEALTH CERTIFICATES.

The public school board of Forney, Texas, has decreed that no pupil will be allowed to enter the public schools in Forney this year unless they are provided with a health certificate.

SOME MELON.

The Fort Worth Record recently contained the attractive picture of a beautiful young lady using a Parker county, Texas, watermelon for a bath tub. They grow 'em sweet and luscious down in Parker county, both melons and ladies.

NEW BANK CHARTERED.

The State Guaranty Bank of Kirven, with capital of \$17,500 and surplus of \$3,000, has been granted a charter by the Texas Commissioner of Banking. The officers are R. M. Thompson, Teague, Texas, president, and J. H. Yancy of Kirven, cashier.

400,000,000 FEET OF GAS DAILY.

A summary of the drilling and production reports from the Laredo oil district shows an approximate daily gas production of 400,000,000 cubic feet.

There are said to be thirty-four producing gas wells in Webb and two in Zapata county.

SAN ANTONIO GOLFER SETS WORLD MARATHON RECORD.

Nicholas J. Morris of San Antonio established a new world's marathon golf record July 27th, when, after 19 hours and 10 minutes of play, he had made a total of 290 holes. His average over the course was 85 strokes to each round.

IRRIGATION AREA WINS BY 21 VOTES.

An election held in a district comprising more than 175,000 acres of land in Runnels, Coke and Tom Green counties August 20, was a victory for irrigation, those favoring the project of creating an irrigation district winning by a majority of twenty-one votes.

HOT WEATHER FEATS.

The high temperatures of August have brought forth some astonishing hot weather feats. Citizens of the Bloomdale community, in Collin county, verify the statement that the sun baked a number of hen eggs in an open nest; also that corn popped in the fields, and from other sections of our state hot weather feats equally as remarkable have been reported.

LAST D. S. M. IN TEXAS AWARDED.

Probably the last distinguished service medal presentation in Texas for outstanding military service during the World War was made at Camp Mabry, Austin, Aug. 6th. Col. O. E. Roberts of Taylor, commander of the 143d Infantry Regiment, Texas National Guard, was decorated for service in France as commander of this regiment of the Thirty-Sixth Division.

HOUSTON'S NEW LINE TO PORTS IN JAPAN.

Announcement has been made by Schutte and Clark, a new steamship agency at Houston, that beginning early in October an exclusive Japanese-Houston steamship service will be inaugurated from the port of Houston. Sailings will be monthly, between Houston and Kobe, and Yokohama direct.

NEW TOWN BORN.

Out in Mitchell county, Texas, Riley, a new oil town, has been born. It just keeps on growing. Men bore holes in the ground and new towns spring up over night. A golden stream flows over a derrick top, and new dreams come true between sunset and dawn. Texas prosperity works overtime and seems to never stop. Men may come and men may go, but Texas growth and oil development goes on forever.

VERNON MAN ELECTED PRESIDENT NORTHWEST EDITORS.

Roy Nichols, editor of the Vernon Record, was unanimously elected president of the Northwest Texas Press Association at its meeting at Wichita Falls, Aug. 17th and 18th. E. L. Covey, member of the Texas Legislature and editor of the Goree Advocate, was elected vice president, and E. M. Johnson of Dallas, secretary. Wichita Falls was again chosen by the association as the place of meeting in 1924.

FREIGHT RATES IN CRUDE PETROLEUM CUT.

The Texas Railroad Commission has ordered a decrease in freight rates on crude petroleum on the International & Great Northern, and the Trinity & Brazos Valley railroads from points on these lines to Houston, Fondren, Galveston and Texas City.

Now, if the Commission would order a decrease in rates on foodstuff and the commodities the farmers of Texas produce, wouldn't it be grand and glorious?

TEXAN PERFECTS NEW SPECIE OF TOMATO.

S. W. Preswitt of West Cleburne has perfected a mammoth yellow tomato which he named the "Golden Ponderosa." This tomato often grows five inches in diameter. Full of firm, juicy meat, when placed in a salad with red tomatoes it makes a most striking and appetizing dish. The yellow tomato, like "Parker's Honey-ball Melons" is a coming Texas product that will lend lustre to Texas farmer's achievements.

CORSICANA LETS BIG CONTRACT FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Corsicana recently voted \$600,000.00 school bonds and has now let a contract for \$536,401.00, for the erection of a high school building and three ward school. The remainder of the \$600,000 bond issue is to be spent in furnishing equipment for the new buildings and repairing old buildings. Texas contractors were awarded the contracts.

REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES PASSES 600,000.

The total number of registrations of motor vehicles in Texas has passed the 600,000 mark, and prediction is made at the State Highway Department at Austin that the total at the end of the year will be above 650,000. This prediction is based on the rate that registrations are being made weekly, the rate being over 4,000.

GOVERNOR CALLS EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Governor Neff has called a meeting of the committee which is to select a commission of twelve to conduct a thorough and scientific survey of the Educational system of Texas. This commission is authorized to employ experts for making the survey. The work of the commission will have a vital influence on Texas educational matters.

TEXAS COAST GUARDS ROPE SWORDFISH.

When Coast Guards recently saw a huge swordfish battling sharks along the Texas Coast, where the sharks had driven it into shallow water, the Coast Guards threw a rope over its sword and towed it to Point Isabel. It is said to be the largest swordfish ever captured on the Texas Coast and was on exhibit at Point Isabel.

TEXAS COW GIVES BIRTH TO TRIPLETS.

From San Angelo, Texas, comes news of a Texas cow that does not believe in "cow race suicide." A coming three year old cow, belonging to W. T. Mayes, recently gave birth, on his ranch in the Grape Creek community, to three white faced calves. They are well formed, and are now doing fine, with every prospect that all will be successfully raised. The mother is a high-grade Hereford.

LAKE WORTH ASSURED LARGE PLEASURE BOAT.

An agreement which has been consummated between Lake Worth custodian, E. C. Dayton, and Captain B. R. Dalehite, of Galveston, assures the largest pleasure boat in Texas for Lake Worth, the boat to be installed early next spring. It will safely carry 600 people, will be 130 feet in length and 32 feet across the beam. It will even be 30 feet longer and 11 feet broader than the Galvez, a pleasure boat now in operation in the Galveston bay by Captain Dalehite. The boat will cost about \$50,000.

NEW COAST GUARD STATION COMPLETED.

The U. S. Government has just completed, at Padres Island, on the Texas Coast, near Brownsville, a Coast Guard Station that it is claimed will stand the stress of storms and tide. It is built of re-enforced concrete, strengthened with steel piles. Huge storage tanks which contain cistern water, baths and showers and individual lockers are provided, and the station embodies all conveniences for the Captain of the Guards and his family, as well as for the Guards. It cost, completed, \$50,000.00, and cable connections with the mainland have been laid.

IRRIGATION PROJECTS.

At Plainview and Childress recently, citizens met to ascertain the cost of irrigation and confer as to its feasibility. There are many sections on the Plains and off the Plains in Texas where all that is needed is a hole bored in the ground to a reasonable depth, a gasoline engine and pump connected therewith, and nature will furnish an abundant supply of excellent water, that unexcelled panacea for drouths. A little headwork, some organization and display of energy, would make many a place in Texas bloom and blossom like a rose.

The time will come eventually when science will irrigate practically every acre of land in Texas. Moisture will be condensed from the air overhead and sucked from the bowels of the earth and used to make two blades of grass grow where one grew before.

The Plainview and Childress move is a step in the right direction. Other communities should follow suit. Let Texas grow.

THIS CITY ADVERTISES.

El Paso citizens have applied to the Secretary of State for a charter for what is called the "Gateway Club of El Paso." This club is to handle a national publicity campaign, which is to be put on for the purpose of bringing El Paso and its advantages to the attention of the entire United States. Advertising pays and El Paso, one of the most up-to-the-minute cities in the Southwest, knows that it pays, and expects to take advantage of this knowledge and belief. El Paso is fast becoming the leading city of its kind in the United States.

WICHITA FALLS TO ELECTRIFY SEVEN OTHER TOWNS.

Wichita Falls is becoming a power distribution center. The Wichita Falls Electric Company has announced that in September of this year, it will furnish electric power service to Bellevue, Clay county, and Bowie, Montague county, thus making a total of seven Texas towns that will be supplied from its plant. It has already completed a high tension line to Henrietta, Texas.

Bowie now has a small electric plant, but Bellevue has none and this will be a great blessing to that fair city.

OUR INSANE.

In the Fort Worth jail, it is said, there are now ten old people who are insane and who ought to be cared for. Humanity demands they be given medical treatment and a chance to get well. An insane person is an abnormal person, and should be given treatment by skilled specialists. Our good state, in the name of humanity, justice, and for the sake of its honor, owes to these unfortunates sufficient insane asylum facilities to properly protect, house and treat them. Texas should awaken to the necessities of the times and see that proper provisions be made for its insane.

STATE FAIR AMUSEMENTS.

A revival of races, with six races a day for seven days, will be the feature of the Dallas State Fair of Texas, to be held October 13th to 28th this fall. Purses totaling more than \$20,000 are offered, and all the events will be running races. Joseph A. Murphy, veteran turfman, will be the racing judge, coming to Texas off the Grand Circuit. The amusement feature of the second week, beginning October 21, will be a rodeo and "stampede," which will continue to the close of the Fair. A pretentious Coliseum bill is to be given each afternoon and evening, and gorgeous fireworks will be seen before the grandstand each night.

STATE UNIVERSITY GYM FACILITIES INCREASED.

When the State University opens in September to accommodate its 4,000 students, the work of doubling its gym facilities will have been completed. The State University evidently believes the future of Texas largely hinges on the physical, as well as mental, fitness of its young men and women, and accordingly is preparing to turn out those kind of students. Texas is more and more becoming a great school state and therefore, is also more and more reaching the stage of greater influence in the affairs of state, nation and world. Texas is truly an empire.

FIG GROWING NEW TEXAS INDUSTRY.

From Beaumont, Texas, comes news that fig growing is now playing an important part in the prosperity and growth of that section of the state. N. De Young is said to have gathered \$4,000 worth of the fruit from an eleven-acre tract.

One hundred additional acres will be planted around the old French town of Hamshire, and this will make a total of 162 acres devoted to this industry near Beaumont. Farmers are growing one, two, three, ten and twenty-two acres each, and new surveys are constantly being made by Farm Demonstration Agent Eisentraut.

Figs are one of the most appetizing and healthful fruits grown in Texas, and every farmer ought to at least raise enough for home consumption. Wherever the soil is adapted to their production figs can easily be made one of the most profitable crops, as they usually find a ready market.

LARGE PECAN YIELD IN TEXAS.

Conservative estimates place this year's pecan production in Texas at between 10,500,000 and 11,000,000 pounds, and yet the crop is said to be only between 65 and 75 per cent normal. The greatest pecan yield ever known in Texas was in the year 1919. That year San Saba, Texas, shipped 58 cars of nuts, averaging 32,000 pounds to the car, or 1,856,000 pounds, and in January, February and March of 1920, the same town shipped 16 additional cars of the 1919 crop, averaging 32,000 pounds to the car, or 74 cars, totaling 2,363,000 pounds. At Bend, in San Saba county, between 200,000 and 250,000 pounds were produced and at Richland Springs and Algeria, in the same county, another 100,000 pounds was produced. Texas and the world are awaking to the possibilities of the pecan industry.

HOPKINS COUNTY VOTES ROAD BOND.

News from Sulphur Springs states that the recent Road Bond Election carried five to one. This bond issue is to provide for the building of the National and State Highway through Hopkins County and includes Sulphur Springs Precinct No. 1, and a shoestring district through Brashear and Cumby, connecting with Highway No. 11 at the Hunt County line.

TEXAS SCHOOL CENSUS DECREASES.

Acting State Superintendent Rogers, according to press reports from Austin, has announced there will be a decrease of between 25,000 and 30,000 in the Texas school census this year. Heretofore there has been an increase of about 25,000 per year. The first check completed shows 1,182,000 compared with a total of 1,287,000 last year, or a decrease of 115,000. Some of the census returns are not in, but a recheck shows a decrease of 25,000 to 30,000, which is supposed to be the result of more careful taking of the census, and less duplications and paddings than usual.

FLOOD CONTROL SURVEY.

The United States Geological Survey for topographic and hydrographic surveys of Texas is to be made by the largest force of the kind ever employed in a single state. This survey began September 1, 1923, and will be in co-operation with the Texas State Board of Water Engineers. Trained United States Government engineers will map such areas as the Texas board selects. The survey is being made for the purpose of investigating the best means for controlling flood waters. It is expected the data and information obtained will have an important influence on the future efforts made in Texas to control flood waters.

LUBBOCK LANDS TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

Now that the Texas Technological College is to be located at Lubbock, Texas, let all of West and Central Texas join hands to make the Lubbock school the biggest and quickest success possible. Texas is an Empire in size, and it will only be a few years until other schools of a like nature will be established at points that were the unsuccessful candidates for this school, because the natural growth of Texas and the development of its natural resources and lands resulting from training our boys in such schools will eventually outgrow any one school, and necessity will require the founding of other similar schools, not only in West Texas, but in East, North and South Texas. The future of a large and growing state must be prepared for in a large and growing way.

EVERBEARING STRAWBERRIES.

Doesn't it make your mouth water when you read of everbearing strawberries? Well, that is what Fort Worth and Tarrant county, Texas, now produces. T. J. Robbins of 1224 Richmond avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, has a strawberry patch that produces strawberries every day in the year. They are known as the "Everbearing variety," and are not affected by either heat or cold. Mr. Robbins obtained his plants in New Mexico, and set them out in February, and the plants apparently did not notice the change, as they continued to flourish in the cold and the heat. Mr. Robbins states they are best adapted to sandy soil, but he planted his in common black waxey land. With Cannon-ball melons and everbearing strawberries and homemade dairy cream and Tarrant county fried chickens, there ought not to be much hunger in Tarrant county, if a man has a reasonable amount of energy.

FEDERAL AID FOR ROADS OF FOUR TEXAS COUNTIES.

Thirty-six and 55-100ths miles of roads in Blanco, Falls, Jeff Davis and Hidalgo counties have been allotted \$213,884.50 of Federal Government funds to improve their roads. The United States Bureau of Public Roads, under approval of A. R. Losh, district engineer, makes the allotment.

The United States Government realizes the value and benefit of good roads to any community. Money properly used on roads is a great boon, but if it is not properly used and the roads are improperly constructed, the expenditure becomes a colossal waste. Great care should be used in selecting County Commissioners, as they are the men who have charge of and oversee our road building. Failure to select men who fully measure up to the task has frequently cost many a community thousands of dollars. When Julius Caesar built roads that are in use today, we know we can build roads that will last longer than five or ten years, if men with the knowledge and the desire are used in their construction. There is probably more in the human brain that builds roads than in the material out of which they are constructed. Brains are the safest and the sure foundation, when mixed with honest intentions, for permanent public road building.

OIL MAN FALLS 85 FEET, ONLY SLIGHTLY HURT.

In the Powell oil field, near Corsicana, James Byrd recently fell 85 feet to the ground from an oil derrick. Result an enlarged liver, but no broken bones. It is said he was somewhat shaken up as well as down.

STATE BANKING DEPARTMENT TO PAY DIVIDENDS.

Announcement is made in Austin that within the next 30 days, dividends amounting to between \$400,000 and \$500,000 will be paid on the various state banks that failed in Texas.

Practically 85 per cent of these dividends will go to the various solvent guaranty banks that paid assessments to enable the Banking Commissioner to pay all non-secured and non-interest-drawing depositors of the failed banks.

More than 900 guaranty fund banks in Texas will participate in these dividends. Since September 1, 1922, more than \$1,200,000 has been paid to Texas guaranty fund banks.

FISHIN' TALES OF ME AND JIM.

By "Jack" Maxwell.
Folks, howdy! When Me and Jim had this assignment given us to do a bit of fishin' stuff for you readers, we purty nigh pitched a bunch of loco, for neather of us know a frazzlin' thing about the writin' game, or sewin' dope together for folks to read. In fact, it's mighty doggoned hard for us to place our names on the proverbial "dotted-line," so necessary in fillin' out checks—when we wanta have an over-draft at the Farmers National in our "Home Town"—what the citizens named, "Hop-a-long," 'cause hit don't grow so very fast.

There is another little matter what we likes to call your attention to and it am this: Please don't for one minute think that we are a goin' to sell or barter all the forth-comin' fishin' tales and secrets to an unappreciated public for a mere mess of what is spoken of as pottage—nix, on such a thought! Me and Jim, would not, for all the wealth of old man John Cresus, sell a fishin' secret. What we have to hand out to the readers of this newspaper is absolutely free—and what's more, it's our own experience in this here fishin' game in Texas lakes, rivers and cricks.

When the editor approached us—yep, he slipped up on me and my side-kick like a 'possum onto a settin' hen—he had the nerve to offer we two dudes a bundle of long green as big as an overgrown punkin-yam sweet pertater. Yes, sir, he sho did! That bird tried to bribe us into tellin' where some of the fishin' holes of Texas was located—especially, in the immediate vicinity of Fort Worth, the home of them doggoned Fort Worth Cat's, what cuffs a baseball like a billygoat a playin' golf on a tin roof. And where the mosquitoes carry 'round an extra hypo-point for to puncture the hide of the natives what live and have there being on and near the banks of the historic Trinity river—the natural home and loafin' place of the southern cat-fish—what Jim ketches by the skillful and cooks better an' anybody.

Kind friends and fishermen, the space what the editor allotted Me and Jim is awful limited, and for the aforesaid reason I gotta bring this tale of piscatorial stunt to a close afore we gets anywhere. But, in the fishin' trips what Me and Jim expects to take durin' the next few months, we want to take our readers out in God's big out-o'-doors and let them see and know the many purty things which wait them "out there."

We want each of you fellers go long with us to where the waters flow, trees grow, birds sing and all Nature dolls up at 'er best. We want you to learn how to fish, how to play and to forget and forgive. For at best, the pathway of life which many of us travel, is a bit rocky. And the fite to keep old gaunt wolf from the door becomes sometimes a stearn rivalry. Knowin' this to be so, Me and Jim, in our fishin' stories, wanta try and point to you the "better way," in the hopes that life to you may be sweeter and worth more, as you live it day by day.

The next time you read the Magazine Section of this newspaper look for a real fishin' story. Me and Jim is a goin' to tell it just the way it happened, addin' no extra frills and leavin' out none of the main facts and figgers.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—This is the first series of "Fishin' Tales of Me and Jim." Other series will be published from time to time in the Magazine Section.

STATE PRISON RECORDS.

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young men are sentenced to the penitentiary, the greatest number being between 20 and 25 years of age. Some of these boys have come from good homes and are the sons of good parents. Others claim to have no home or near kindred; the majority, however, grew up to manhood without moral restraint or discipline. Among some of these young men is excellent material for good citizenship. The best efforts of the prison commissioners in the maternal and intellectual uplift are exerted in behalf of a boy who is to discipline and who wants a better life after his term of confinement expires.

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DOMESTIC.
"For Heaven's sake, John, why are you spanking the baby? What has he done?"
"Nothing as far as I know, Mary, but I have to do something to keep him reminded of who I am around here."

100 PER CENT PRECAUTION.
A guest stopping overnight at a ramshackle country hotel was shown to his room by a bellhop.
"I'm glad there's a fire escape," he said in some relief. "But what's the big idea in putting a prayer book in such a conspicuous place?"
"That's in case the fire cuts you off from the fire escape," replied the boy.

PAINFUL INTEREST.
Arriving home from the party, Friend Wife took off her hat and slammed it on the floor. Then she confronted her husband. "I'll never take you to another party as long as I live," she fumed.
"Why?" he asked amazedly.
"You asked Mrs. Jones how her husband was standing the heat."
"Well, what of that?"
"Why, her husband has been dead two months."

MAKING IT EASIER.
In their cross-country honeymoon trip in the flivver, Jack and Betty were relieved to find that Hickville boasted a hotel. It wasn't much of a hotel, though, and in the room assigned to them they found the screens rusty and full of holes.
During the middle of the night Betty awoke to hear her husband moving restlessly about the place.
"What in the world are you doing?" she demanded.
"Taking out these screens so the mosquitoes can fly in without making so blame much fuss trying to find the holes," replied Jack.

HABIT IRRESISTIBLE.
While the woman's vote is confidently expected to—and probably will—clean up politics, it must be admitted that there are times when the temptations, increased by a lifetime of bargain hunting, prove almost irresistible.
A man at the last election was attempting to sell his vote, but the woman candidate hesitated to be a party to bribery and corruption.
"No, sir," she said. "I will not give you a dollar for it. It is not worth it."
"Take it for ninety cents, lady," urged the man.
"Why didn't you say that before?" she asked, as she counted out the change.

THE GENERAL AND THE DUCHESS.
The British general, one of the pompous kind, tramped into a hospital on an unexpected tour of inspection one day. Directly in his path was a woman on her knees, scrubbing the floor. The world war had left her poor and made a mockery of her erstwhile proud title. Merely noting his shoes beside her and without looking up, she asked politely:
"Would you please fetch me a fresh pail of water?"
The dignitary's face became swollen and red with wrath, but he managed to sputter:
"Hang it, madame, I'm a general!"
Whereupon the woman rose to her feet and fixed him with a look of imperious scorn.
"Hang it, sir," she cried, "I'm a duchess!"

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MOTHER, MAY I GO OUT TO WED?
"Yes, my darling daughter; But when you shoot him, kill him dead, Like every good wife oughter."

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AUTO HINTS

Troubles which arise in the differential proper are principally due to wear or broken parts.

Occasionally noise in the valve mechanism is caused by the lifter being loose on its guide.

When driving screws into hard wood, breakage is a trouble frequently encountered. This may be prevented by applying beeswax to the screw, as this relieves the intense friction which is the cause of breakage.

If you should have fuel trouble which you cannot locate, remove the gasoline tank and shake it. In four out of five cars fitted with cheap tanks there always are a few pieces of solder on the inside of the tank. These pieces work their way to the place over the feed line and prevent the proper flow of fuel. There is only one way of getting the pieces out, and that is to shake them out.

SHERMAN WAS WRONG.
"Poor boy," remarked the lady visitor to the wounded soldier in the hospital, "you must have been through some pretty tight squeezes."
"Well, ma'am," he replied, blushing uncomfortably, "the nurses here have been pretty good to me."

LIKE THAT.
"When Ah had de influenzer Ah had a chill dat was so cold dat it froze all de waterpipes in de horsepittle."
"Dat ain't nothin'." When Ah had de fever mah mouth done melted de doctah's thummetah an' Ah had to wear asbestos pajamjams to keep from burnin' de sheets."

GREAT EXPECTATIONS.
Little Harold had just returned from a trip with his parents. Somewhere during the journey he had picked up some highly decorative phrases which he proceeded to try out on his small sister. She was very properly shocked.
"Harold!" she exclaimed. "You'll never go to Heaven if you use such naughty words."
"Well," replied Harold resignedly. "I've just been to New York, Boston, Chicago and Atlantic City. A fellow can't expect to go everywhere, can he?"

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For Our Boys and Girls
By AUNT MARY.



David Crockett.

GREAT MEN AND WOMEN.
The subject of this sketch was, as were all our pioneers, a man of remarkable strength of character and ability. Born on the 17th of August, 1786, on the Nolachucky River, in Tennessee, he grew up with comparatively little or no education. Until the age of eighteen he could neither read nor write.

When seven years old his family moved to Jefferson County, Tennessee, where he helped his father, who was a stern parent, but kind-hearted and far-seeing.

When about eighteen years of age, he fell in love with a splendid Quaker girl. He describes himself as follows: "I fell head over heels in love, and I thought if all the hills around her house were pure gold and were mine, I would give them all to talk to her as I wanted to, but when I tried to say anything to her, my heart would begin to flutter like a duck in a puddle, and if I tried harder my heart would go up in my throat and choke me like a cold potato." However, to his credit we must say he found the words and became an ideal husband and model father for his several children. After seventeen years of happy married life his wife died. He married a second time, but history does not tell who she was. The year his first wife died he was elected to the Tennessee legislature, much against his will. It was here that he first felt the lack of his education. Heretofore he had lived a rather primitive but simple life, where a little education was only necessary. Now he was forced to meet men of good education. But his sound sense guided him, and he soon mastered all the necessary problems in state government. He was returned to the legislature in 1823. In 1827 and again in 1829 and 1831 Crockett was elected to the Congress of the United States. He made a speaking tour of the East and North and was received as a genuine representative of the hardy frontiersman.

In 1834-35 Crockett, because of his taking strong stand against the Jackson and Van Buren democracy, was defeated for Congress by a small majority.

Great as was his success in public life and political affairs, we can not help but wonder to what heights he might have climbed had he been given the advantages of an early education. Chagrined at his defeat and disgusted with political affairs in his own state, he bade farewell to his family, whom he never saw again, and came to Texas. He was among the 150 brave men who fell in defense of the Alamo at San Antonio, March 6, 1836. Here he fought the brave fight and yielded up his life for a cause he regarded as just and worth fighting for. He died as he had lived, courageous to the end, always patriotic and a true lover of adventure.

Now, my dear children, we can see by this great man's life how, though in early life we may be handicapped, yet if we are courageous enough and willing, we can do anything we wish. David Crockett could barely read or write when a mature man, yet his independent spirit and tireless energy put him to the front as a representative in the great Congress of the United States. So each and every one of us, once we have set our hopes to a certain point, must follow them to the end if they are good and clean and for the benefit of our fellowmen as well as ourselves. David Crockett was a wonderful man; and in the heart of every Texan is loved, respected and revered.

OUR FRIENDS AND ENEMIES OF THE GREAT OUT-OF-DOORS.

Texas Bob Cat.
The wild cat, or "Bob Cat," is one of those wild jungle animals that has, so far, survived the longest of all the Texas wildcat family.

In the olden days he roamed at large over hills and prairie hunting his food and killing at will. Now, however, he is forced to seek remote places, and each year there is a decline in their number.

The Bob Cat feeds upon flesh food almost entirely. In appearance they are very much like an enormously overgrown greyish spotted cat whose tail has been cut off, leaving only a short stub.

Did any of my little readers ever see one? When they are not angry or frightened, they are soft and very gentle looking. They have greenish eyes that snap and fairly "spit-fire" when cornered or attacked. If taken when very young they can be raised to become quite gentle pets. However, as they grow older their wild instinct often asserts itself, and if a chicken, turkey or similar domestic animal comes too near the "Bob Cat" he will catch and eat them.

They kill most of their prey at night and have done a great deal of harm to poultry and birds. The hunter's gun and spreading civilization is gradually pushing them farther and farther into the wilds, and perhaps some day they will disappear entirely. They are not of any use to mankind and do much harm, therefore, they will not be missed.

POEMS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

BABIES AND KITTENS.
There were two kittens, a black and a gray,
And Grandma said with a frown:
"It never will do to keep them both,
The black one we had better drown."

"Don't cry, my dear," to tiny Bess,
"One kitten is enough to keep,
Now run to nurse, for 'tis growing late,"
And time you were fast asleep.

The morning dawned, and rosy and sweet,
Came little Bess from her nap,
The nurse said, "Go in Mamma's room,
And look in Grandma's lap."

"Come here," said Grandma, with a smile,
From the rocking chair, where she sat,
"God has sent you two little sisters,
What do you think of that?"

Bess looked at the babies a moment
With their wee heads, yellow and brown,
And then to Grandma soberly said:
"Which one are you going to drown?"

LITTLE GIRLS' COOK BOOK.
How I would love to be able to spend a morning with each of my little readers. Couldn't we have a grand and glorious time? This month I am going to give a recipe for a very delicious custard. If mother or daddy are ever sick I am sure they will enjoy it, especially if made with your own dear little hands.

Baked Custard.
(Individual Rule.)
Baked or cup custard, 819 calories.
1 cup milk, 1 1/2 tablespoons sugar.
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Flavoring to taste, nutmeg, cinnamon, vanilla, or lemon extract.
Scald the milk; beat egg, add sugar and salt and pour on gradually the scalded milk. Flavor to taste and pour into custard cups; place in deep pan and pour boiling water.

WINNER OF PRIZE POEM CONTEST.
My dear little readers, the only thing that was hard for us in the prize contest was that we couldn't give every child the prize. The letters were splendid. Because of the lack of space I can not print the names of those sending in answers. But I am sure you will all agree with the judges that "Roylee Brown, route 1, box 62, San Marcos, Texas," has well earned the prize. There were so many good letters it was certainly hard to decide.

Dear Aunt Mary: I think little Fan loved mother best, because she wanted to help her. We can say we love mother, but if we don't try to help her it is only thinking we love her. "Actions speak louder than words."
When we do things for mother every one knows we love her.
We know little Fan loved her best.
(Signed) ROYLEE BROWN,
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WOMAN'S PAGE
 MRS. MARGARET STUTE

HOME PROBLEMS.
PARASITES OF POULTRY.

One of the greatest enemies of "profit" in the raising of chickens is the poultry louse. If a hawk, or wildcat, started to play havoc with a flock, the results are easily seen and the offending animal is at once disposed of. But the common poultry louse, of which there are about forty different varieties which have been discovered, work under cover and may do a great deal of damage before being discovered. They rarely kill their victim, but by lowering the vitality, the proper growth of the chick is hindered and the hen's capacity for egg laying is lowered.

The most common types are as a rule quite easy to get rid of.

The "feather louse" eats the scales along the quills of the plumage and also the barbs of the feathers. They are light in color and very small in size.

The big light colored body louse is found on the skin, usually found in great numbers near the feet. There is present also clusters of white grayish eggs attached to the base of the feathers. The eggs are produced in great numbers so they multiply rapidly.

The head louse is not as prolific as the one just mentioned, as they lay only one egg at a time. The lice are dark in color and are found on the head and neck of the fowl.

The above-mentioned are the most common, although there are numerous other ones.

To rid chickens of these pests, first of all cleanliness is the keynote to success. Chickens should have a sheltered place to roost, and it should by all means be kept clean. The generous application of a "disinfectant" followed by "slacked lime" is always advised after each cleaning. A good "whitewash" for a chicken house is advisable several times a year. Then turn your attention to each chicken individually. There are numerous very good lice powders on the market, and use only the best, as it will pay in the long run. Dust your chickens with it thoroughly about three times a week until the lice have disappeared, then use only occasionally as a preventive measure. Provide them with a good dust bath in a shady spot and change frequently or keep free from rubbish and droppings. This is a good step and must not be disregarded. Also see that they have plenty of fresh cool water to drink.

Don't feel that your flock is free from these pests unless you have individually examined the fowls.

Don't delay action, but investigate tonight. It will well repay you, my friend, besides adding comfort to your flock.

Don't apply lice killers direct to chicks under three weeks old. In using the old-fashioned remedy of "sulphur and lard," use a generous supply of lard and apply to the feathers, not to the skin.

LATE FASHIONS.
 This dress is very smart and at the same time easily laundered if made up in wash materials. It will be ideal for the young miss to start fall school in.

The straight silhouette from shoulder to hem or flaring from the knees is fashion's latest dictate.

Pleated skirts and the jaquette still are favorites of fashion.



QUESTION BOX.
 Ques.—Can you tell me what causes soft-shell eggs and what to do to prevent it?
 R. M. C.
 Ans.—Soft-shell eggs are caused either by lack of shell-forming ingredients in the food or by an over-fat condition. Supply cracked oyster shells, ground bone and plenty of exercise.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.
 In selecting potato seed for the following year care should be taken to select only the most perfect specimens. Many of us make the mistake of taking "culis" for seed and marketing the best of the crop. Only from good seed can a good crop be expected.

Mother, make the early acquaintance of your child's teacher. Be a partner with her through the school term. She will appreciate your interest and your child will, as a result, have a more successful year. Watch your child's growth and development as you do your field crop or your garden. They need twice as much cultivating.

I have hatched out a number of late summer chicks just for an experiment. They are three weeks old now and doing splendidly. I provide plenty of dry food, clean, cool water, and shade for them. I had several water melon vines and after the melons were picked off, I left them alone, and the little fellows seem to enjoy hunting bugs under the shade of the large leaves.

In cooking cabbage do not make the mistake of "cooking it to death." From thirty to thirty-five minutes is long enough to boil a medium-sized head that has been cut in six or eight pieces. Boil meat almost done before adding cabbage if cooked that way.

When we pass the colloquial remark that "it takes all kinds of people to make a world," few of us reflect that we are among those kind.

There are hearts in need of comfort.
 Heavy hearts with care oppressed.
 Do your part to lift these burdens.
 Then your own life will be blessed.

FOOD.
Its Use to the Body and Proper Preparation.
 Last month I was unable to go into the subject of our tissue-building foods completely. It is an important subject and should be gone into very thoroughly by every housewife. So will add a few words here. Fish should be included in every diet, white meat fish being the most desirable. Freshness is the most desirable quality. People near streams, lakes or the coast should use them frequently in season. Salt codfish, if finely divided and served in an appetizing manner, is a valuable and inexpensive food. In the shell-fish class crab and lobster are very difficult to digest. But the oyster, when in season, is an excellent dish served in many ways.

Eggs, because of the high percentage of albumin, must be cooked properly to be easily digested. The proper way to cook them is to separate the yolk and white, as the yolk, when hard cooked "at proper temperature," is more easily digested, and the white is more easily digested cooked soft. In soft cooking a whole egg, wash egg, put in sauce pan of boiling water, cover, set on back of stove, keep very hot but not boiling, cook seven to ten minutes. For hard-cooked eggs, same method, only leave in water forty-five minutes. Chop hard-cooked eggs very fine before eating, especially for children.

Now, we will take up the fuel foods for the body. We have discussed the natural laxatives and vitamin foods (vegetables and fruits), and the tissue builders (protein foods). Now we turn to the foods that give us our "pep and energy," that keep our body at the right temperature, so we will be warm enough in cold weather and cool in hot weather. All foods have their use to the body and a well-mixed diet is necessary to insure all needs being taken care of. We find "fuel foods" in the last three groups of our food study.

Cereals (wheat, oats, rye, corn, barley and rice) are one of our cheapest and best "fuel foods." Their "cheapest" for the quality and quantity depends on the kind and method of preparation.

Bread is commonly called the "staff of life," and is, I guess, more used than any other cereal product. Because of the broad variety of cereals that can be used in making it, it is a most wholesome and economical food.

To be palatable and easily digested, bread must be light, well baked with a tender brown crust. Heavy, soggy bread forms tough lumps, and is difficult to digest. To prevent waste should be the aim of every good housewife. Bread often becomes dry and stale. This can be utilized in many ways. Under "Tested Recipes" this month I am giving some excellent recipes so as to utilize dry slices and loaves. It can be used as toast at almost any meal.

Crackers are similar to twice-baked bread. They are nutritious and can be crisped in the oven if they become stale. Bought in bulk is usually the most economical.

TESTED RECIPES.
 (Uses for Dry or Stale Bread.)
Vegetable Skim-Milk Soup.
 1 quart skim milk.
 1 slice stale bread.
 2 ounces of the outer leaves lettuce (6 large leaves).
 A few celery tips, or a thin slice of onion.
 Salt and pepper.
 Chop the vegetables finely. A convenient way, particularly if the soup is being made in large quantities, is to use a food grinder and to put the bread through it with the vegetables to catch the juice. Cook the finely chopped vegetables and the bread in the milk in the double boiler for about 20 minutes. Season.

Cheese Fondue.
 1 1/2 cups soft, stale bread crumbs, 6 ounces cheese (1 1/2 cups cheese grated fine or cut into small pieces); 4 eggs; 1 cup hot water or skim milk, 1/2 teaspoon salt.
 Mix the water, bread crumbs, salt and cheese; add the yolks thoroughly beaten; into this mixture cut and fold the whites of eggs beaten until stiff. Pour into a buttered baking dish and cook 30 minutes in a moderate oven. Serve at once.

Pancake.
 1 cup crumbs, 1 teaspoon salt.
 2 1/2 cups skim milk, 1 teaspoon sugar.
 1/2 cup flour, 1 teaspoon melted fat.
 4 teaspoons baking powder, 1 egg.
 Soak crumbs in milk for three-quarters of an hour. Then add other ingredients and cook on a hot, griddle like ordinary pancakes. If sour milk is used, substitute 1/2 teaspoon soda for the 4 teaspoons baking powder.

Ginger Bread.
 1 cup molasses, 1 teaspoon soda.
 1/2 cup boiling water, 1 1/2 teaspoon ginger.
 1 1-3 cups fine bread crumbs, 1/2 teaspoon salt.
 2-3 cups flour, 4 teaspoons melted lard, or other fat.
 Add water to molasses and combine with the dry ingredients mixed together, then add butter and beat. Bake for about 25 minutes in a hot oven.

Indian Pudding Made With Crumbs.
 1 cup fine crumbs (corn bread or wheat bread).
 1 quart skim milk. 1-3 cup sugar. 1/4 cup molasses.
 2 tablespoons melted butter or other fat. 1/2 teaspoon ginger. 1/4 teaspoon cloves, 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon.
 Scald the crumbs in milk, add the other ingredients, and bake 1 1/2 hours in a slow oven.

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