issue bonds in the sum of \$350,- chinery. north and south and east and death. west through Taylor County.

marily interested in this mat- in our next issue. ter. Leaving aside all consideration of comfort and convenience as well as the tremendous advantage to be derived from having such roads in our community, a mere consideration of dol lars and cents in saving to you should quickly convince you that this is a matter that should have your whole hearted support.

ty rendered for taxation. If your rendition will subject you to a tax of less than \$50 per in breaking up plays started.

In the stronger in Merkel's favor.

The locals were slightly out weighed, but showed good form A new barber shop with year it will be to your great fin in breaking up plays started Messrs. Dunn and Rutledge as ancial advantage to vote for its by the Baird team, often smash proprietors has this week been measure.

ed roads, and that the entire able to out come their opponcar will be saved at least 25 ents. percent in depreciation. Assum Merkel did not attempt a \$100 forth of gasoline per year incomplete. and \$100 worth of tires, this The boys play Winters High would mean a total saving of today and are expecting to \$105 per year to each car. Tay- beat them by an even larger lor county has 5,500 automo- score. Boost the team. biles, which would place the actual money savings to this NATIVE WHITE TEXANS county at \$557,500 per year, nearly twice as much as the enbe called upon for.

that the "bad roads tax" is the taining the results of investi- more days like that one. heaviest tax you, as an utomo- gations made by E. E. Davis, of bile owner, have to pay at pres the Bureau of Extension of the OPERATED ON FOR ent. And your only hope of re- University at the request of lief is in building hard-surface both houses of the Legislature enduring highways over which and the Governor of Texas. It to travel.

lieved of the maintenance of can imigrant. The bulletin dis- for Appendicitis. the State highways in Taylor cusses these and makes certain We jojin the family's host of County. If we do not take ad-recommendations.

Chairman.

Miss Hollis Cypert who has and over. Dallas, where she is employed. percent of whom were illiterate ro, 102,053; others 741."

# MR. J. T. ANDERSON DIES THURSDAY FOLLOWING A MINOR OPERATION

Just as this paper was ready to be placed on the press for publication Thursday night at hine o'clock, we regret to learn Abilene, Texas, Oct. 6. of the sad and unexpected death

ing sixty miles of highways, deed to learn of his unexpected is well and favorably known, pointed as soon as possible.

You, as the owner and oper-full and complete report of the ed in the business.

The foot-ball team of Merkel Main Street. The proposed bond issue will won the first game at home last Mr. Claude Comegys will be your products with the receivcost the tax payers of this Friday by piling up a large the efficient and courteous ers. R. L. Adcock. county 15 cents on the \$100, or score against the Baird Hi manager of the new store. Read \$1.50 on the \$1,000 of proper- team. The score being 43 to 0 the announcement in this pap- HOME TEACHERS OF

Actual experiments have ed the line of scrimmage. shown that automobiles can get all times, permitting the backs clean uptodate shop and are exroads in dry weather. In wet plays were used. The Merkel weather anything but a paved boys could easily have piled up road is usually impassable. It a larger score by using more of has also been conclusively assorted plays but playing safe shown that tires will wear at foot ball and resorting only to least 30 percent longer on pay- end runs and line plunges were

ing that the average car is single forward pass, while Baird

# ARE NOT ILLITERATES

Before you turn down this of a remarkable bulletin which amounting to a goodly sum.

vantage of this opportunity we "Persons who can read and recovery. will never have decent roads write a foreign language, but and our maintenance tax will who cannot read and write Eng- Civilizatin advances and roads grow heavier and heavier with lish are not classed as illiterat- continue to be improved. In es," states Mr. Davis in the some localities this road impro- Mr. Thos. C. Wilson announnext Tuesday, October 16, and are those over ten years of age take your neighbor with you. who can neither read nor write 332955 foreign born white per-

been spending her vacation In 1920 there was in Texas race and nationality are as fol- some money. But we are glad to pickers, who went out to help Mrs. Neece Hancock and child with parents, Eld. and Mrs. W. 2,648,333 native white persons lows; native white, 80,643; for see the good farmers of the Mr. Winter's son residing in ren of Brownfield were here Cypert left last week for ten years of age and over, three eign born white, 112,417 ;neg- Merkel country enjoy the fine that country gather his crop, this week for several days vis-

To the Automobile Owners of Taylor county:

The Automobile Owners of Taylor co On Tuesday, October 16, the the afternoon, when he had a for the past two years resid- for some time toward the com- turned over, are now slowly im- Simmons College? Yes, it is citizens of Taylor County will couple of fingers removed, ing in Ranger, with Messrs. pletion of the organization. I proving. At the time of the acbe called upon to vote as to which were accidentally crush- Sheppard also of Ranger, have am proud to announce that the cident, it was thought doubtful it of each member was clearly whether or not this county will ed some weeks ago in some ma- purchased the fixtures in the association will begin function- that either would recover from demonstrated Thursday night Gaithr building on Main street ing October 16. 000 with which to meet an offer Deceased was the father of and on next Saturday, Oct. 13 Mr. W. F. Hamblett will be We trust that they may con- Alumni of Simons College met

and we understand that his The poultry and eggs (turk-

friends, and neighbors to a fine wrong than right. lent wife.

things set before them.

was discovered that the task of The many friends of Miss And do not for get that if we removing illiteracy in the state Melba West, eldest daughter of vote these bonds and take ad- was closely related to the prob- Mayor and Mrs. H. C. West, plate favor. of the State and Federal govern and to the problems of immi-doing nicely after an operation will be forever up will be forever up will be forever up

This opportunity will never any language, or who can read sons ten years of age and over, C. N. Stubblefield another year in Winters High School. G. C. Smith returned first of come again. Respectfully, Tay- but not write. In 1920, there 33.8 percent of whom were illi- substantial and successful farm lor County Good Roads Com- was a total of 295,844 illiterate terate, and 572,719 negroes ten er along route five was here mittee. Dallas, Scarborough, persons in Texas. This was 8.3 years of age and over and 17.8 first of the week and reported Messrs. Joe Wintera and J. R. by auto and report a very percent of the entire population percent of whom were illiterate having gathered 42 bales of the Walling left this week for a trip pleasant trip with no mishaps of the state ten years of age The numerical distribution of il fleecy staple with about ten to Terry county, where they whatever. literates in Texas according to more to pick. Some cotton crop accompanied a number of cotton

# RAISERS POULTRY

We are informed that Mr. B. The managers of the "Texas motor cycle with side car at-

of \$650,000 from State and Fed Mr. R. O. Anderson, Cashier of will open a new Cafe to be receiver of poultry and eggs of tinue to so improve and regain at Lucy Tracey's home for the eral governments-the entire the Farmers State Bank of this known as the "City Cafe". Merkel; Bradley and Co. will their former good health. one million dollars thus secured city, and has a host of close fri- Mr. Hancock was formerly in be recievers at Stith. Recievers to be expended in hard surfac- ends who will be made sad in- the Cafe business in Merkel and in other communities will be ap- M. E. WOMEN WILL SERVE Mr. E. L. Miller, field Secre-

This paper will give a more partners are likewise experience eys later on) will be pooled in Come to a good dinner, given Bradley, President of Alumni ator of an automobile, are prilife and burial of this good man This paper also calls attent-dities will be sold, expenses of Saturday, October, 13th at the ate of class '23 and Josh Barion of our readers to their ad- handling same deducted, and building south of the Post of- rett, graduate of class '22 also vertisement in this issue, for pay checks will be mailed to fice. Price 50 cents. futher particulars concerning each member from Dallas. Mr. the opening of this new busi- Geo. T. Platt of Dallas is our Sales manager.

> You had a nice letter from Announcement is made in this Mr. Platt lately. As a member, paper of the opening in the near I will insist that each member future of a nice line of Christ-co-operate with Mr. Platt's mas Toys and Racket goods in plans. If we work in harmony the old Star Store building on we will succeed. Every one sign the poultry contract and pool

# SCHOOL FACULTY

On last Friday evening at the from all sources. home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Considering the amount rec- hearts of those who may some ing the plays before they reach opened in the building just op-and the line of scrimmage. He would be students and Alumni of Burgess, the home teachers eived together with the time of day be students and Alumni of Simmons. gave an entertainment honor- the year, it seems very probable Simmons. ing the non-resident teachers of that Merkel will recieve at least 25 per cent more mileage on all thics, permetting the sacks clean uptodate shop and are expansion on paved roads than to get away for long gains, alperienced barbers. Read their they can on dirt or graveled though only 2 or 3 different announcement in this paper.

There were forty present and had been introduced we spent a considered likewise. all did justice to the good very pleasnat evening indulging in very interesting contests and JEWETT CLEARED OF Grandpa and wife were the games which had been prepartire bond issue the county will Austin, Texas, Sep. 24-Illi- recepients of many presents be- ed by our hostesses. During the teracy in Texas is the subject sides money given and checks evening we were also entertain ed with delightful piano selectproposition on the ground that has just been published by the All enjoyed the happy occas- ions by Miss Gay, some lovely Rioting charges against N. C. it means more taxes, remember University of Texas Press, consion, and wish for them many vocal selections by Miss Bland Jewett, grand dragon of the ELD. CYPERT TO PREACH Miss Tracy.

bearing the inscription "Oct. 5" A statement declaring that the usual services, with preach-

ments, we will be forever regration particularly the Mexi- ion first of the week at Abilene Mr. and Mrs. Burgess and the Ku Klux Klan "believes a law all visitors." friends in wishing for a speedy entertain again in the very near one or more persons at any BOYS PICK MUCH COTTON

### JEWLER MOVES SHOP

If you believe in progress; if bulletin. "There are good rea-vement may be slower than ces the removal of his jewelry you believe in sane investment sons for believing that the num others but the march of pro- business from the Mrs. J. M. for the sake of proven economy ber of such people is consider- gress is felt even in the most Dry Racket Store to the Merkel do not fail to support this mea- ably in excess of 400,000. The backward communities, and all Drug Store, where he invites sure. Go to the polls and vote persons designated as illiterate setbacks are only temporary. his patrons and the public to lor University College of Denis- indeed extra fine. call on him.

prosperity which is now theirs. which is said to be very fine.

# SAM FOSTER & SON CLYDE

The Merkel Mail joins many friends in rejocing over the report that Mr. Sam Foster and his son Clyde who last week were badly injured when the the accident.

the association. These commo- by the Methodist Women on Association, John Alvis, gradu-

received up to Thursday morn- treasure, and Hattie Conway ing about 7,500 bales of cotton, graduate of '23 reporter. and those in charge of the Plans are being made to make Farm Bureau report 2,681 up this a live organization, keepto the same time; making a to- ing the old spirit of Simmons in

Promptly at 8 o'clock the of the biggest money crops this guests began to arrive and on country has ever had. Infact, it nearing the door we noticed a is doubtful if same was ever excurtain had been drawn barring ceeded, unless it was in 1919, our entrance. The pleasing voice and then the dollar did not go On last Wednesday, October, the feet belonged. Often the country are in better condition ing and evening the Rev. J. H. birthday by inviting children, aside for they were more often as a whole is in better condition pulpit at both hours. for we know that when the Rev. Edmonds is said to be dinner prepared by his excel- After the guests had all as- farmers of the country are in one of the strongest and best sembled and the new teachers good condition the country is preachers among the Baptist

Oklahoma City, Okla., Oct. 10 and hear him also. and interesting readings by Ku Klux Klan in Oklahoma, and two other men were dis-At the close of the evening missed late on Wednesday by APPENDICITIS we were served a delicious ice Justice of the Peace Leo White At the church of Christ on

Beautiful roses were used as a the Ku Klux Klan would heart- ing at both the morning and ily welcome definite legislation evening hours by Brother W. G. The lovely home was made regulating use of masks," was Cypert .It is urged that every home teachers may see fit to is needed making it a felony for property or to appear in public masked", except at public init- Vantresse, must be given much atory services or in parades.

### TAKING COURSE IN DENISTRY

# R & SON CLYDE SIMMONS CLUB

Is it true that there are twelnight when all ex-students and purpose of re-organizing a Simmons Club.

DINNER SATURDAY tary of Alumni, ex-student association, Mr. Bradley, Mrs. 1t reporter for Abilene reporter, were present at this meeting. Mr. Miller and Mrs. Bradley gave plans for the future work of the ex-students and alumni Association. After this oficers were elected as follows: Mr. Holland Teaff, graduate of the class of '21 was elected President, Lucy Tracy, graduate of According to the local cotton '20, vice president; Julia Maryard weigher there has been tin, graduate of '22, Sec. and

tal of 10,181 bales received the hearts of all its loyal members, and to instill into the

of Mrs. Burgess told us to, more than two-thirds as far in The pulpit committee of the "stick our feet under the cur- buying power as it will now; First Baptist church of this tain" and those who had al-hence one can see that is very church request the announceready entered guessed to whom likely that the farmers of this ment that on next Sunday more worth \$600 and that it will use tried several all of which were 3rd, Mr. J. L. (grandpa) Chamb guessers were disappointed than they were at that time, Edmonds, pastor of the Baptist liss celebrated his eighty first when the curtain was drawn which means that the country church at Hamlin will fill the

> denomination throughout the entire West, and the local congregation is urged to be pres-RIOTING CHARGES ent and hear him upon these dates. A cordial invitation is extended the public to be present

# AT CHURCH OF CHRIST

course with individual cakes after a preliminary hearing. next Sunday there will be all

Two grandsons of Mr. J. T. merits for fast cotton picking. Troy Sloan, 18 years old, weighing 125 pounds, picked

681 pounds in one day. Norman Sloan, 12 years old, Dexter Eoff is in Dallas tak- weighing 88 lbs. picked 400 lbs. ing a course in denistry in Bay- in one day. We say that this is

Dexter was a graduate last Geo. F. Smith and father -Winters Enterprize the week from a trip to Durant Oklahoma. They made the trip

### **Condensed Statement**

of the condition of

# The Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas

Close of business Sept. 14, 1923

### RESOURCES

oans\$313,985.4	
Banking house & Fixtures.	13,800.00
Other Real Estate	9,070.19
Stocks & Bonds	
Due from State Gty. Fund	28,442.79
Cash & Exchange	151,646.70
Total	\$538,561.77

### LIABILITIES

(	Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
	Surplus and Profits	
	Bills Payable	
F	Rediscounts	NONE
0	ther Berrowed money	NONE
I	DEPOSITS	406,247.07
	Total	\$538,561.77

The Above Statement is Correct R. O. Anderson, Cashier

The Home of Guaranteed! Deposits

### DELPHIAN CHAPTER

have a call meeting Friday where he will enter the Grubs afternoon, October 12th. We Vocational School. This is a will have the lesson that we fine school for boys and girls should have had last meeting, and this paper predicts that The regular meeting will be on Roy will make good .We join next Wednesday, Oct. 17th. If many friends in wishing for it is impossible to attend at any him success. time please telephone Mrs. F. C. McFarland.

Mrs. Geo. Brown left Saturday The Delphian Chapter will night for Arlington, Texas,

county, is here this week for a Maxwell House Coffee, \$1.15 visit with his nephews Messrs. and all you can drink free. Ray G. W., W. P. and J. W. Moore, 11t2 also neice, Mrs. T. J. Toombs.

LITTLEFIELD LANDS-All tillable and ready to plow. This beautiful tract of land is locate d 30 miles northwest of Lubbock on the Sante Fe, in the sh allow water belt. It is especially adapted to cotton raising. Can be bought for \$2.00 per acre cash; 10 years on the ballance 6 percent. After first payment nothing but interest until 1927. We are exclusive agents for this land. WEIR & GLOVER Abilene, Texas.

# "Built Me Up"

"I USED Cardul for years and it did me more good than any medicine I ever used," writes Mrs. M. C. Ragsdale, of Fort Towson, and feel that you need a tonic, take Cardui the woman."

I could live. "It seemed that nothing and discomfort due to female ailments.

Try Cardui, today, for your Cardui and began to use it. It trouble.

Okla. "I used to suffer with take Cardui, the woman's okla. "I used to suffer with womanly trouble that weakened me until I was a mere shadow, nervous, and could not sleep. I did not feel like Leveld live."

Leveld live. Take Cardui, the woman's tonic, the tonic about which you have always heard, the tonic that helps weak women regain their strength.

Cardui acts on the womanly system and helps relieve pair.

system and helps relieve pain

### MUST BE GOOD TO MAKE RODEO GRADE AT STATE FAIR MEET

Producer Tom L. Burnett Tells Cow boys the Going Will Be Rough at Dallas.

at Dallas, as the feature attraction ENDEAVOR, or just simply for each afternoon of the second Y. P. I. C. E. week of the Fair, Oct. 27-28, has The Y. P. I. C. E., as we call sent forth a dictum.

attractive to bring to Dallas the spiritual training.

with spectacular interest.

SEN. ROYAL S. COPELAND of New York



declared to be a strong "dark candidate or the Democratic presidential nomination, will visit the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. Dr. Copeland will deliver an address at the Fair on Oct. 20. He Mr. Tubbeville, of Denton cal men in the country, and an alumnus of the University of Michi-

> THIRTY PREMIUMS FOR COUNTY EXHIBITS

the State Fair of Texas this year for county exhibits in the agricultural department. The premiums range from \$350 for first to \$100

### GROWING RECOGNITION OF ADVERTISING'S USE

Advertising first established its place as an economic factor as a sales aid. but as understanding and use of it have increased, its possibilities in other fields have developed until today we find it employed in many forms of service hitherto unthought of. Advertising has long been hampered in its use by precedent, tradition, conventions, and prejudices, which, under analysis and experience, find little to warrant their existence. Gradually the falsity of their claims is being proved.

We were told for many years that It was undignified for a bank or fiduciary institution to advertise, and this edict, born of some superstition of the past, was accepted without question until finally it was intelligently challenged and it was discovered under analysis that there was no sufficient reason for its support. The inevitable conclusion of logic is that, whatever is of genuine use to human beings, whether it be goods or services, can, with truth and dignity, be advertised and sold, and that it is just as proper to merchandise forms of service as

various kinds of commodities. In the logical development of this new understanding of the power of advertising during the last decade. we have seen many of our banking fiduciary and investment institutions actively employing the sales value of advertising in the marketing of their services. In this intelligent use of publicity they are not only increasing their own immediate business return, but they are also helping to spread a better understanding of financial service and economic fact and theory upon which solid business relations can be built .- Francis H. Sisson, Journal of the American Bankers Associa-

### THE Y. P. I. C. E. AGAIN

There is an organization of workers for the Christian religion which has its regular week ly meetings over at the Grace Presbyterian Church. The real name for this organization is Christian Endeavor, but to His penchant the production of the make it understood what this biggest rodeos in the country, Tom organization is for, we give it L. Burnett, millionaire Texan and the name YOUNG PEOPLE'S owner of the Triangle Ranch, who INTERMEDIATE CHRISTIAN

it, has for its nucleus a conse-"None but the best need apply," crated band of young people. These young people are work-can expect to survive." Every ranch owner in the west has kingdom of Jesus Christ our as the representative of his partic Lord. That is its principal funcular domain, his crack roper, bull tion; and in the carrying out of doger or rider.
Burnett is fully posted in every this particular business, that is branch of cowboy sports and the requirements he lays down for his rodeo productions are of the most stringent character. For that rea the development of every indivi son it is asserted that the State dual, spiritual and otherwise, busting, trick riding, fancy roping that is interested in endeavorsteer bull-dogging, wild horse races, ing for Christ. So, young peowild steer riding and the like, will be of the most thrilling nature. The prizes, it is said, will be sufficiently Christian Endeavor for your

ever assembled in the southwest | The work of the Christian Burnett's following among western Endeavor is continually going cattlemen is the largest of any rodec forward, and with the help of Already the word has gone forth God it is accomplishing things to the Burnett scouts throughout the west, to gather the most untamable all the time. A library is orderhuman hating, outlaw bucking ed, but has not yet arrived; in-horses, the wildest long-horned Mexi can steers and the trickiest Brah teresting and "spicy" programs mas to be found, with the fleetest of are being made, the carrying calves from the open ranges, for out of which is affected every use in the State Fair contests. With the assembling of the many score Sunday afternoon as its consemore expert riders, it is declared months such as socials are being the melting pot at Dallas will seethe ments such as socials are being planned. Let the work of the Christian Endeavor keep going. Publicity Committee.

### CUTTING SCRAPE!

Up till November 1st. I am going to cut to the red prices on all lines of goods in my store. Come and be a witness. A. L. 12t2

Jas. Brown made a business trip to Menard last Sunday, returning Monday.

# THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

Merkel, Texas

- 2 2 4

The Success of this Community Depends upon

The Thrift of Its CITIZENS

Make money and spend less than you make and keep it safe by Depositing the Surplus in

# The Farmers & Merchants National Bank

of Merkel,

ONE of the STRONG and CON-SERVATIVE Banks of WEST TEXAS Under Careful and EXPERT Management and DIRECTION

### We Solicit Your Business On The Record We **Have Made**

4% INTEREST ON DEPOSITS IN OUR SAVINGS DEPART-MENT.

We have for rent 50 modern two-lock safety deposit boxes ---Secure one and keep your deeds, bonds, and records absolutely safe and strictly confidential.

COME IN and TALK it over.

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

DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren, Geo. F. West, L. R. Thompson,

Sam Butman Sr., Henry James

# THE MERKEL

# Necessity

We take pleasure in announcing to the good people of Merkel and the surrounding country, that we expect to open in the Star Store Building, between October 15th. and Nov. 1st., a First-Class stock of

# CHRISTMAS TOYS AND RACKET GOODS

We are going to have many new and interesting, as well as things of usefulness and actual necessity.

Hence, we cordially invite the public to call on us when our stock is received and our store is open for business.

We aim to make this store just what it's name implies -- "The Necessity Store."

CLAUDE COMEGYS, Manager.





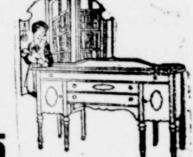
# **Aluminum Set Free**

-EACH SATURDAY, for a month, beginning October 20th, we are going to give away absolutely FREE, a Genuine Aluminum Set, consisting of 9 pieces (more than is shown in cut.)

### A GIFT OF SERVICE

With each dollar you spend with us or pay on your account during this sale, you will be given a ticket. Ask our salesman. Don't fail to ask for your tickets. Come or send your tickets. They must be here.

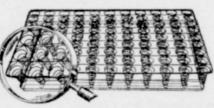
Odd **Buffets** Solid Oak





Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet The World's

Spring Special





Dining Tables all Reduced

Rocker Special Bent Arm Bolted \$3.95

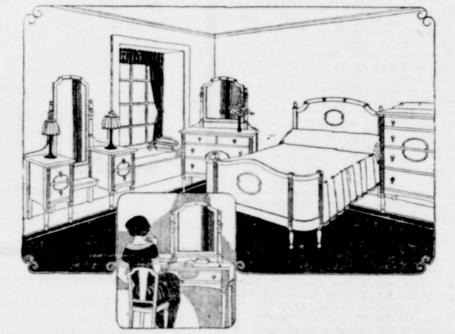


# BARRUW FALL FURNITURE SALE

# A Whole Month Of **BARGAINS**

Begins Oct. 13, Ends Nov. 10

-We have just realized that at the July Merket, we bought too much furniture for this Fall and that it is absolutely necessary that we sell this surplus stock during October, in order to pay for the heavy shipments arriving each week. Business firms have to meet their obligations promptly if they expect to continue in business, and at times it becomes necessary to sacrifice their stock, especially all surplus on hand, to do so-Beginning October 13th. and continuing one month, we are going to offer the good people of this trade territory, the Greatest Money Saving Bargains of the year If you are going to need any furniture this winter, buy it during this sale, and Save Money. The sooner you buy, the larger stock you will have to select from.



FREE!

FREE!

# Ivory Bed Room Suite

Not exactly like cut. Come in and see it

# It's a Beauty --- You Will Want It

Consists of Vanity Dresser with 6 drawers, extra large Chifforette, Bow-foot Bed and Bench. To be given absolutely FREE on November 20. With each dollar you spend with us or pay on your account, you will be given a ticket. All tickets given during the week will be good on Saturday as well as on the Bed Room Suite. Ask our salesman.

**Feather Pillows** 

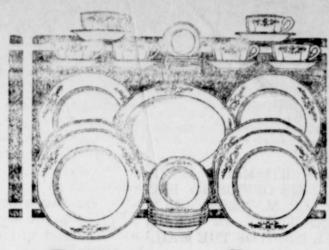
Pure and Clean Special

\$1.45

# **Dining Room Suite**

Nine piece Oak Suite, a Bargain for \$61.65

Nine-piece American Walnut Suite, less than one-half its - \$142.50 real value -

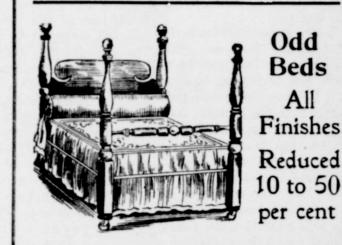


# Dinner Set

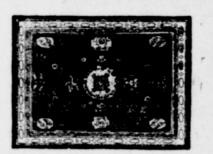
-EACH SATURDAY, for a month, beginning October 20th, we are going to give away absolutely FREE, a beautiful Gold Band Dinner Set, consisting of 42 pieces.

### A GIFT OF SERVICE

With each dollar you spend with us or pay on your account during this sale, you will be given a ticket. Ask our salesman. Don't fail to ask for your tickets. Come or send your tickets. They must be here.



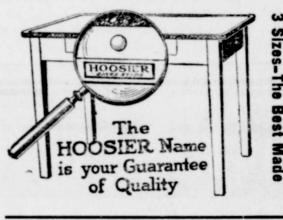
Brussel Rug 9x12 feet \$17.95



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### VISIT THE SCHOOLS

girls of Fort Worth will have attitude, and a world full of been a month in the schools. people requires that practical How many of the parents of the factors be given consideration. 30,000 young people in the But to destroy foodstuffs in orpublic school system have vis-der to raise the value of the ited the places where their portion left for use can hardly children spend the majority of be commended. Good merchan-

est influences in a child life. ton farm, an egg farm or a It is especially important now prune farm; but to destroy one that so many homes fail to pro- ton of cotton or eggs or prunes vide the training and influence in order that a remaining ton they should and that so many may be more equivalent to takare beyond the reach of the ing the cotton, the egg or the church.

school facilities for your child The producer is entitled to do are adequate? Do you know as well by himself as the conwhether the teaching is com-sumer is, and if marketing petent? Do you know whether farm produce slowly, and with the school building is safe? You commercial mindedness, is a ought to know. And the Record good way for a farmer to help is assured that the school au-himself he is entitled to utilize thorities, school board, admin- it to any extent possible. But istration and teachers want you he is not morally entitled to des to know. They have nothing to troy that which he was permitt conceal. They know that the ed by providence to produce. schools will benefit from public There is so much need in the knowledge of their problems world that to destroy good food and they welcome visitors.

-- Fort Worth Record. good health.

raise the price, one is caused Mrs. C. L. Cash. to wonder if the Lord won't some day take a hand and cut Mr. B. C. Gaither left yester thecrop to the point where day for a visit with his daughthose who can see only the dol-ter at Tuscola.

The Merkel Mail lar in every one of the Lord's natural blessings will be that will open their eyes. There never has yet been a surplus of food in the world. Nor too much cotton and wool to clothe the starving, freezing, men and women and children. Always there is a demand for all that is

The Scriptural admonition to WEEK'S ISSUE OF THE MAIL cast thy bread on the wters and be assured of its return some day, has been superseded in some minds by the idea that it under lock and key until hunger demands it at a high price. In a few days the boys and This is perhaps the practical dising methods are needed on The school is one of the great the farm, whether it be a cotprune out of the mouth of the Do you know whether the poor nd giving it to the flames. is as abhorrent as destroying

PRODUCE AND DISTRIBUTE If you have some old clothes that you are at a loss as to what McKinney Examiner: Some- to do with, let us send them times when one reads so much away to be dyed. We represent about cutting down the pro- the largest dyeing plant in the duction of this food crop and south. And where, if it can be that clothing crop, inorder to dyed at all, it will be dyed right.

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itively Be Sold To The Highest

### DIGGEST STATE FAIR READY FOR OPENING SATURDAY, OCT. 13

Greunds at Dallas in Finest Condi tien-Race Meet and Rodeo Big Features-Agricultural Exhibits in Prefusion

Everything is ready for the open ing of the thirty-seventh State Fair Texas at Dallas, Saturday, Oct for the sixteen days' exposition of 1923. The grounds are in the fin est condition, it is declared, and the program is replete with new amuse ment features.

In full keeping, there has never been a larger or more varied list of fine cattle; of poultry and pet stock swine, sheep and goats. The barns should be ware housed and held on the basis of entries in hand to Oct. 1, will be filled to overflowing it is asserted. County and agricul tural exhibits are also larger and more representative of the State's

production possibilities.

All the latest model cars will be seen in the automobile show, and "action displays" in large number will feature the manufacturers' di-vision of the new Automobile and Manufacturers' building. More than thirty acres of space will be occu-pied by the interesting, instructive demonstrations of farm machinery

and power devices. The big features of this year's Fair will include the seven days race meet-six running races daily. en Oct. 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 and the Rodeo, depicting cowboy sports of pioneer days in Texas, Oct. 21 to Oct. 28, inclusive. A horse show will be given on the nights of Oct. 22 and Oct. 23, and there will be three days' kennel show of high-

The "Marigold Garden Revue," big musical extravaganza, with company of seventy five people, beau-tiful costumes and magnificent scenery, will be offered in the Coliseum, with Art Landry's big Chicago jazz band and many other features. Before the grandstand each night "India," the fireworks spectacle of the famed Durbar of Delhi, with a company of 500 people and a herd of elephants will be given and each afterneen and evening there will be more than twenty circus acts, including acrobatics, aerial work, tumblers, etc., with at least two big trained animal acts.

Seven football games are scheduled for athletic stadium, chief of which will be A. & M. Sewanee, Oct. 13 and Texas-Vanderbilt, Oct. 20. Low round-trip rates have been granted by all Texas railroad lines, particularly for the three week-ends, good for trains arriving in Dallas each of the three Saturdays. Returning, visitors may leave Dallas as late as midnight the following Sunday nights.

### MUNICIPALITIES DAY AT STATE FAIR OCTOBER 24

Mayors and officials of many Tex as cities will attend the State Fair at Dallas, on October 24, which has been designated as League of Texas Municipalities Day, at the request of Mayor W. E. Lea of Orange, head of the league. Mayor Cockrell of Fort Worth, was president last year, when a highly interesting program was carried out on Municipalities Day at the Fair. A similarly instructive program will be given this year.

### TEXAS' OIL INDUSTRY SHOW TO BE STATE FAIR FEATURE

comprehensive exhibit showing every detail of the production and handling of oil and products, be one of the interesting displays at the State Fair of Texas Dallas, Oct. 13-28 by the Humble Oil and Refining Company of Houston.

The Humble Company has secur ed space 28x80 feet on the main at the Fair Grounds, and its exhibit will detail the complete verkings of the great deep field in the Corsicana area, where the company's holdings are very large.

An interesting exhibit of milk goats is to be shewn at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 13-28, by the Hollandale Farm of Dallas.

A. & M. of Texas has organized its School of Vocational training. The State Fair of Texas is a school for every class of training. Dallas, Oct. 13-28.

### EVIDENCE THAT IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Last Saturday was a week ago Mr. A. L. Walden's little boy while in Merkel found a couple of one dollar bills and the father brought the money around to the Merkel Mail office and asked that we advertise the finding of the money. This we did with the result that Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stout ment and as their little daugh- Office over Farmers State Bank ter had on the date mentioned lost two one dollar bills came in and after describing the money lost were given thetwo one dollar bills.

Mr. Short had just a few days previously subscribed for the Mail and in doing so made Over Woodroof-Bragg's Store. same a good business investment for hed he not been taking the paper he probably would not have heard of the money being found.

Buy a Radio Set to listen in during the cold months. Call at the Mail office and get par- Office over Crown Hardware Co.





We have shells in all size shot, loads, gauges etc.

Guns? Oh, Boy! we have 'em Come in and give 'em the once over.

Hardware? well, we have it. Nothing but Hardware. We don't handle Groceries.

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eer for the occassion and his cently moved to Dallas. ability as an auctioneer is shown by the extra large A Banking connection next amount raised. But J. C. is al- year may be very valuable to

We also learn that good talks servative business. were made by Judge E. S. Cummings and Rev. O. B. Tatum, al so of Merkel.

FOR SALE--Some good second hand Cars. \$125 and up. Mc-Donald Motor Co.

From Mr. W. F. Hamblett we A SUCCESS learn that his daughter, Mrs.

Willie Addington, who for sev-Thebox supper at Compere eral years has held the position on last Friday night was re- of FieldSe cretary for the Reyported as a big success and gen- nolds Presbyterian Orphanage, eral good time forall. The sum at Albany, is now assistant to during the cold months. Call of \$120.00 was the amount of the Pastor of the Hemphill at the Mail office and get par- the net proceeds, which went Presbyterian church at Fort tf. toward paying for a new piano. Worth; havingsevered her con-Mr. J. C. Mason, of Merkel nection with the Orphanage went out and acted as auction- when that institution was re-

> ways ready to do his bit in any you. The farmers & Merchants move that is for the upbuilding National Bank will have plenty of funds to take care of all con-

> > PREVENTION

SICK HEADACHE

Tutt's Pills

# REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS FIRE INSURANCE

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.

W. O. BONEY

Consult your insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.

# A. L. JONES.

Bidder.

lot of other articles not listed.

Manager of

Stastics show that last year Texas led all other states in the number of divorces. This is a poor reputation but may be explained by the large influx of adventurers coming to this state, conected with the oil boom. Martial ties are held rather lightly by this class of people, besides a number of folks living in Texas lost their heads by acquiring sudden wealth, and celebrated first by getting a new auto and winding up with a new wife.

# "COULD NOT EAT OR SLEEP"

"I had stomach trouble so bad I couldn't eat or sleep. Tried everything without results and got worse instead of better. The only way I could rest was sitting up. The second night after taking FERRASAL, I had my first night's rest in two weeks. FERRASAL has done wonders for me and I keep it in the house all the time. I cannot say too much for this wonderful preparation."

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Ninety per cent of the health troubles are caused by excess acid. It causes indigestion, chron ic bowel disorders, ulcers, bloating, constipation, kidney trouble FOR SALE—Pigs, all ages, all Class had a special call meetof the trouble-the stomachand neutralizes the excess acid, expelling it from the system. TAKE FERRASAL NOW. It will help you or your druggist will refund your money.



50c per box at Merkel Drug Co. dinner. Ray's Blair Store. 11t2 ply at Merkel Mail office.

### PROF. COVEY WRITES

ly Principle of the Merkel High Class of the Baptist church School, but now Supt. of the met with Mrs. L. L. Huddleston Lovington, New Mexico schools, with Mrs. Dent Gipson assistwrites the following interest- ant hostess on Thursday after ing and appreciated letter to noon. It was an especially enthe Mail:

Dear Mr. Durham::-pay my subscription to the Mer had said goodbye. kel Mail for another year, yours The business hour was devotis a good paper and gives the ed to several important things news in full. I can never forget that came up before theclass, the many pleasant memories of after which the meeting was your good town and that is why turned over to the hostesses. I like the Mail. I see an account There were three very lively of the organization of the Sen-contests with each winner beior Class there. I am especially ing rewarded for their knowledinterested in them as I have ge. classes. I wish them well and noon, the hostesses assisted by

these now in attendance are in Joe Holmes, Cliford Rose, W. the high school and 16 of these H. Derstine, A. R. Booth, T. E. are Seniors. This school has 15 Collins, Ergeal Meador, Earl units of credit in Texas, New Lassiter, Jackson, Burl Scott, likely have more by the end of and Miss Dovie Teaff. this school year. Again wishing The next meeting will be held cess, I remain, Yours sincerely, the first Wednesday in Novem-

FERRASAL gets at the source prices. Also clean wheat at \$1.25 ing with Mrs. A. R. Booth on per measured bushel. Mebane Monday night. and Kasch strain seed in season. Each officer had it impressed Leed D. Williams, Merkel.

### NEW BARBER SHOP

to see us; get acquainted and give us a trial. Dunn and Rut-

### THE T. E. L. CLASS

Prof. John R. Covey, former- The meeting of the T. E. L. joyble one. The members of the Lovington, New Mexico, class assembled in the attract-Oct. 7, 1923. ive rooms at four o'clock. All Mr. Thos Durham, Merkel, Tex. were made to know that Halloween was near from the time Enclosed find a check to the door was opened uptil each

had almost all of them in my At a late hour in the afterwant to hear of the football Miss Weeden served delicious team winning all of the rest of lemon ice and angel food cake to Mesdames, Thomas Bearden, Our enrollment is 232. 70 of Andy Brown, George Bullock, Mexico and Oklahoma and will Coulter, Sam Swann, O. R. Dye

you and yours the fullest of suc with Mrs. Thos. Bearden on John R. Covey. ber at 3 o'clock.

The officers of the T. E. L.

tf on them what their work was, and other items of work discuss

Mrs. Booth, assisted by her We have opened a new Bar-daughter, passed a delightful ber shop just across the street refreshment plate to Mesdamin front of the Post Office, and es Sam Swann, Andy Brown, E. will appreciate a share of your Y. Brown, Allye Dye, Miss Dovpatronage in this line. Come in ie Teaff and two guests, Mrs. Stewart and Miss Willie Swann.

FOR SALE-Good Radio Set, Sugar for \$2.50 and Free with or without Magnavox. Ap-

# **The City Cafe**

We take this method of announcing to the people of Merkel and the surrounding country that on next Saturday, October 13, we will open on Main street, City of Merkel, the "New City Cafe." And we propose to make it a place where men, women and children will be glad to eat, and where "Service and Courtesy" will be the watch-word.

We cordially invite you to call on us, try our service, and after that we are sure you will be counted as regular and satisfied customer. Remember the place---Middle of the Block on the West side of Main Street.

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# SOME SPECIAL BARGAINS

Just received, one case of Extra Good Quality Brown Domestic, 36 inches, regular 22 1-2c Grade that we are going to offer for

# **Saturday Only**

at 15 cents the yard

And we still have a good assortment of that Extra Good 25c Grade Gingham that we will continue to sell as long as it lasts at

### 15 Cents the Yard.

Take advantage of these Extra Special offer and supply your wants.

And remember, that our entire stock is complete, and that we can fill your complete Dry Goods Bill, and we can save you money, too, folks.

We Appreciate Your Trade.

# Max Mellinger

The Store on the Corner

### PARENT TEACHERS CLUB. NOTES

very interesting. We were very tor for his noble efforts in tryward the P. T. A. During the family. business hour it was decided to !: have as our principal object this year the equpping, in part, at least, the libraries in the grade rooms. A motion was then made and carried to begin with the room having the most parents present at the next regular meeting of the association. If you are interested in your childs room having the first library, don't forget to come to the next meeting, which will be

the second Wednesday in Nov. The P. T. A. Banner was awarded to the Senior Class. This is the first time it has left the basement. The meeting was then adjourned to meet again the second Wednesday in Nov-

The varied services of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank are at the service of the community. If you are in doubt about the policy and services of the Bank come in and talk it

FOR SALE--Some good second hand Cars. \$125 and up. Mc-Donald Motor Co.

# **ShakyNerves**

### CARD OF THANKS

Mr. M. J. Shaw, splendid and influential citizen on route 4 We take this method of thank was in the city recently, and The Parent-Teachers Club met ing our loving friends and nei-dropped in to have the Mail in regular meeting on last Wed-ghbors for their untiring ef-sent to him for another year. nesday afternoon. Our attend- forts in helping us in any way He reports getting along fine ance was small but what we during the sickness and death gathering his crops and seemed lacked in quanity was made up of our dear little son, Herbert, happy over the present prosper in quality. The program was Especially do we thank the doc- ous times. grateful for the presence of ing to save our son. Also we C. A. Hudson of route one Bro. Cypert, who conducted surely thank all who contribut- was in the city one day recent-

the devotional part of the meet ed to the beautiful floral offer- ly and reported that he had out the ministers of our town for ings rest on each of you is our their loyalty and kindness to- prayer. W. F. Patterson and get 12 more. He lives out in that splendid Stith country.



# NATION REPRESENTED AT FINANCE CAPITAL

By FRANCIS H. SISSON Chairman Public Relations Commis sion, American Bankers Association.

Financial New

York is peculiar-

ly representative

of the whole nation. All parts of

the country, the

small towns as

well as the big



cities, have supplied the greater

part of the man power and brain power enabling it to function as the nation's financial A recent investigation as to the

origin of one hundred leading executives in the New York financial district, showed that no less than sixty per cent were born outside New York State, that no less than twenty-eight per cent were born in towns of 5,000 or less, and only twenty per cent were

born in New York City.

The birthplaces of these men represented Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Michigan, Missouri, Illinois, Maryland, Delaware, Yermont, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee, Minnesota, Iowa, Florida, Rhode Island, North Carolina, Indiana, Wisconsin, Georgia, California, Montana, Maine, West Virginia, New Jersey and the District of Columbia.

The same situation is true of the younger men, particularly in the banks. This reflects more than merely the attraction of the big city for ambitious young men. It is the result of the definite purpose of New York banking to equip itself to perform most effectively its work for all the nation.

A brief description of the mechanism of the nation's banking system will make this clear. Many of the New York banks are bankers' banks. They are great reservoirs of credit in which banks throughout the country deposit unemployed funds in New York. When crop needs in rural districts or industrial expansion in manufacturing centers increase local requirements for money these local banks call in their funds from New York and in addition may ask the big city banks for loans.

Country banks frequently deposit as security the notes of their own customers, often secured, in turn, by farm capital such as ploughs, livestock and other possessions. The fifty thousand dollar note, for instance, of a country bank in a big New York bank may have attached, as collateral security, fifty or a hundred small notes of a hundred dollars up to a thousand or more, signed by local farmers and their wives. Into one of the biggest New York banks comes in this way from the South each crop season a small note secured by a plough and a harrow and a mule named "Molly" an incident that has been aptly described as "The Minting of Molly." It is one among many securing a large

Thus is big banking in New York brought close to the plain people of the soil-thus does it finance their humble husbandry-and thus has it felt the need of recruiting its officers FOR SALE--160 acres good thetic with local conditions-able to visualize the needs of the people there and pass sound judgment on the credit factors involved.

It is due to the conditions thus pic- at once. S. L. Grayson. tured and among the officers of New York' fanks will be sound representatives from all parts of the nation. They are the delegates of the people at the business capital.

### Why Group Fights Group

economic understanding. It is, therefore, that we find group arrayed against group-that we find the growwith the carrier. It is because of a lack of economic understanding that we find capital and labor frequently element is vitally interested in each other for the final success of the entire endeavor-in the farmer growing a prime crop and getting a fair reble crop and getting a fair return; in the carrier transporting without damage or deterioration and getting a fair return; in the wholesaler making one. a wide distribution and getting a fair return; in the retailer satisfying his customer and getting a fair return in labor aiding each of the processes supplying the money and credit to make each process possible and getting a fair return, and in the consumer receiving a pure, nourishing, dependable, wholesome health giving article at a fair price. There is this community of interest in the production and consumption of human requirements that should prohibit strife among the producing and consuming elements .- J. H. Puelicher, President American Bankers Associ-

Gompers on Socialism State socialism is repugnant to the American mind for a great many reasons. Americans generally prefer to carve out the future in freedom. They are unwilling to accept the idea of an all-powerful state. It is the American idea that the people shall order the state and shape its course; not that the state shall order the lives of the people, flying them into niches to suit a bureaucratio card index -

# October Specials!

Now is the time to buy your Fall Merchandise before the cold weather rush and while our stock is most complete. Our present stock was bought on a basis of 20c cotton, and any future purchases by us will naturally show a decided advance.

# Special Staple Prices.

Best Grade 27 inch Outing, Special, only	20c
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Best Grade 36 inch Brown Sea Island Domestic, S	Special, only 15c
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Special Discount of 10% on all Hart Schafner and Marx Suits. A Big Line to select from.

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er at variance with the producer, the FOR SALE--Good farm 292 Mail office or to G. L. Anderproducer with the consumer and both acres, 21/2 miles northwest of son, Merkel, Route 5. Merkel. Priced at \$55.00 per

FOR SALE-FINE TURKEYS! turn: in the canner packing a palata Purebred, Bourbon Red Toms, STRAYED-From the Kenny April hatch, at \$10.00 each. farm some 3 weeks ago, a small Mrs. W. M. Jones, Merkel Rt. blue Jersey male calf. Any one

FOR SALE--Four room box and weatherboarded house, 1 hall, and getting a fair return; in capital 2 porches. Will see cheap if

> FOR SALE--Some good second der contract for \$1,000 to \$1,hand Cars. \$125 and up. Mc- 200 a year positions as book-Donald Motor Co.

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> FOR SALE-Good 6 room house fine well water and windmill, 2 WANTED--A good second hand

an ideal place for chicken ranch. 9026F2.

at Hellums Wagon Yard. See Jim Patterson.

ry county near Brownfield. Will LOST--An 18 size, 21 Jewel, silsell or trade. Would take good vercase watch on the road becar in trade. A bargain if sold tween my place in Merkel and 5t2p two miles beyond Nubia Watch No. 539355 and case No. 1tpd

owner, Winters, Texas. 11t2p tain for Oakland Car. Finder please return to the Merkel

acre if sold at once. Two sets of LOST--A gold, signet ring with striving against each other. Yet each improvements. Write G. A. the letters G. A. I. engraved in Guthrie, Slaton, Texas. 12t2p. same. Finder return to B. C. Gaither and be rewarded. 1tp.

> 12t2p. knowing of the calf please notify J. W. Dye, Route 5.

WANTED

taken at once. Phone 83. S. G. WANTED--Nineteen MEN and 11t2 six WOMEN to take, by Mail or College, specialized training untf. keepers, bank clerks, and stenographers. Write to-day for

Wichita Falls

12t3pd ture 25 head stock. Phone 83. S. G. Russell.

acres good land. If sold in 60 saddle at once. See G. H. Bry-

days will go at a bargain. It is ant, Merkel, Route 4. Phone No. | 1. Africa's Million-- Lila Mae

WANTED-A small farm. See Booth. FOR SALE-60 full blood hogs W. R. Sumpter, Rt. 1 or Phone no. 9040F14.

> WANTED--Feed grinder, must be in good condition. J. T. War-

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Subject: Dark Africa.

3. Our work in Africa. a. Our churches, Charlie

1tp. Largent. b. Our schools, Delbert Polly pick. c. Our medical work, Roy

Giles.

Brown. 5. Reading, Lewis Giles.

# StateFair of Texas



Dallas Oct. 13-28

7 DAYS RACING RODEO "INDIA" THE FIRE PAGEANT

MAGNIFICENT COLISEUM

HORSE SHOW AGRICULTURE LIVE STOCK INDUSTRY AT ITS BEST

"There's More to See This Year"



### MR. A. J. TUCKER

A. J. Tucker for more than forty years a citizen of the Mulberry Canyon, died at his home in that community on last Tues day evening and was tenderly aid to rest in White Church cemetery the following afternoon; Rev. M. C. Hays, pastor of the Merkel Methodist church conducting the funeral services.

Deceased was born in Fannin. county, Texas, April 27, 1842, when Texas was a Republic; and has resided in the state all his life, and on his farm in Mul berry Canyon since coming to this country in 1881.

When the Civil war began, deceased was connected with the Frontier Service of the U. S. government, and resigned same to enter the cause of the

In 1879 he was married to Miss Nancy Ann Azee, in Tarrant county, who still survives him. To this union four children were born, two of whom are still living as follows; J. L. Tucker, Merkel, and Mrs. Viola Norris, Hurley, New Mexico. One brother, Mr. J. C. Tucker, of Merkel, one of this city's most excellent and beloved citizens is also a survivor; as well as one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Mc-Cabe, of Los Angles, California.

Mr. J. C. Tucker, the brother mentioned above has been a citizen of this country since 18-79, coming to the Canyon in that year, and who on last Saturday celebrated his 74th bir-

The Mail joins many friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives and oved ones.

To all who have not already settled their account with the undersigned, will ask that you please call immediately at the Merkel Drug Co. and settle same with S. D. Gamble, who holds said accounts for collecton. Dr. Chas. F. Williams. 1tp

G. B. Neill of the Canyon com nunity was here first of the week and reported that he had already gathered 24 bales and expected to only get about six more. And Mr. W. C. Neil, a brother, also reported haviing picked and ginned 35 bales with about three or four more to

A young man by the name of 4. Fresh supplies of men, H. W. Robinson residing here money, prayers, and encourage- last February who was arrested ment from home, E. Yates and taken to Tennessee on a charge of forgery, alleged to have been committed by him in that state, has been cleared of all charges and accusations, according to word received here by relatives. The young man conducted himself like a gentleman while here and his arrest was a shock to all who knew him, and all will be glad to learn that he was not guilty.

### ACID STOMACH CAUSES ULCERS

"I believe I had as bad a case of acid stomach as anyone ever had. I was in such condition that my food would no longer assimilate or digest and sores developed in my mouth even. My stomach was so sore from ulcers that the pressure of my clothes hurt me. I used FERRASAL and it completely cured me. I will recommend it to anyone as the greatest remedy for acid stomach, constipation and indigestion." HENRY G. DANNELLY. 5663 Goodwin St., Dallas, Texas

Acid stomach is a seemingly harmless condition in itself. If not corrected it may result in ulcers of the stomach and then cancer. Don't neglect it. Buy a 50c box of FERRASAL from your druggist. We guarantee relief or your money refunded.



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Friday October 12 "FLAMES OF PASSION" With Ruth Stonehouse and George Larkin

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Sport Review

Also-Capital Comedy

And-

Saturday October 13 PETE MORRISON "DUTY FIRST"

Also-Fox Sunshine Comedy And-Mutt and Jeff

Oct. 17, 18 Wednesday andT hursday WILLIAM DUNCAN

"When Danger Smiles" Also-

Christie Comedy Travelogue

GREER REPRESENT OF BEARERS OF BEA

al Bank drove to Abilene yesber.

Mr. L. R. Thompson of the Armours White Cloud lard Our good friend and splendid at John Ray's Blair store. 11t2

ter clothes. Call in and look our cotton that would make better which organization he is a mem lines over. The best in America for the money. Mrs. C. L. Cash, than a half bale per acre.

Farmers and Merchants Nation for \$1.30 and free dinner Oct 20 citizen Mr. S. F. Provine, of route 5, was in the city recently terday to attend to the weekly Now is the time to begin to and in speaking about the cotmeeting of the Lions Club, of think of those new fall and win- ton crop stated that hehad some

Intermediate League Program

Leader, Lois Dixon. Song-Higher Ground--27. Song--Jesus is all the world

Scripture lesson, Luke 2 52, by leader. In Peters home, (Mark 1 29-

31, Stella Wilson. In Martha'shome, (Luke 10 38-42) by Esther Rhoel. In Simon's home (Luke 7 36-

50) by Ray Garrett. At a home wedding (John 2 -11, Gladys Milliken.

Attending a supper (John 7 -8. Annie Lou Russell.

A guest of honor (Luke 5 27 to 32, Lola Dennis. A lesson in etiquette, (Llke

12-14) by Opal Patterson. Song-- More about Jesus--200 A Social standard, Stella

The Social Standards of Jesis. Comer Patterson

Prayer. What sort of Standard for us?-- Mary Ellen Smith.

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COME TO THE EPWORTH LEAGUE

Sunday evening at 6:45, the Epworth League will represent Come to the Merkel Mail office the church as an automobile. The leader, Mr. Joe Ridenbauch is the chauffeur. Prayer furnishes the driving power. The youth of the church as represented in the Epworth League serves as the wheels on which the church moves forward. The four wheels are, "Faith, Consecration, Efficiency, and En-

thusiasm." We will first drive into the filling station. Then we will heed to "The messages of the Semephore." Following that, we will have our tires examined to closing message will be on the ailroad crossing warning to 'Stop! Look! and Listen!" The ollowing is the program.

Subject: Forward movements n our church -- The Part of the

Epworth League. Leader, Mr. Joe Ridenbauch. Song service--Praye.

Business. Scripture lesson (Luke 4, 16-21) Leader Talks.

The message of the Semaphore, Miss Roberta Gay. Special music, Lorena Fraz-

Examination of the Tires. 1. Consecration, Loring Hamb

2. Faith--Murphy Thomas. 3. Efficiency, Roy Tucker. 4. Enthusiasm, Sie Hamm. Closing message-Stop! Look! and Listen! by Miss Marie Will-

Song; League Benediction.

Dinner, Saturday, South of the Post office. Price 50 cents.

W. Urban Shannon formerly connected with the local post office department in the capacity of carrier, but who for some time has been connected with the Railway Mail service, with headquarters at Memphis, Tennessee, is here for visit to homefolks and friends. He looks fit and fine, and says he is enjojying fine health.

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.

Try sack of Pillsbury Kansas Soft Wheat Flour. W. F. Hamb-

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Our Piece Goods Section is full of New Fall Goods with Patterns and Trimmings for the dress you want. The Sweater Stock is complete, plain knit weaves and brushed wool in all the good styles. Baby Sweaters with caps and boots to match, in all colors, priced for immediate sale.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By Brannic Bailey.

good work.

The visiting team was defeated mittee. by a score of 43 to 0. Although they fought hard during the whole game Baird was unable to cross the goal line with the ball.

After the game refreshments were served to both teams by the Senior Class. They were favored with speeches from both coaches, Mr. Burgess, and the refree. The refree, Mr. Murphy, a former football star from Abilene stated that he had never before had the pleasure of refreeing a game where the sportsmanship was as good as that shown by both teams here Friday afternoon.

Fun and Folishness Miss Weeden: (In Spanish class)

"What is a zebra?" Delbert: (Holding up his hand)

"I know." Miss Weeden: "Well what is it? Delbert: "It is a horse with a bathing suit on."

An Excuse from Arithmetic 10

Dear Mr. Jackson: Please excuse John today. He will not be at school because he is acting as timekeeper for his father. Yesterday you gave him this problem. If a field is four miles square how long would it take a man walking three miles an hour to work around it two and one half times. John a'int' no man so we had to send his daddy. They left this morning early and my husband said they ought to be back late to-night though it would be hard going. Now Mr. Jackson please make the next problem about ladies as my husband can't afford to lose another days work. I don-t have much time to loaf but I can spare the time better than my husband can. Respectfully yours, Mrs. John Jones.

### NOTICE KING DAUGHTERS

The foot-ball squad of the There is some very important Merkel High school met the business to come before the W. S. Barnes of route three Baird football squad on the lo-

CUTTING SCRAPE!

Every member of the Kings Up to November 1st. I am at Brownfield, was here this community, was here one day Daughters Class of the Method going to cut to the red, prices week for a few days visit with recently, and while here came The Primary and Junior teach-School is progressing nicely ist Sunday School is requested on all lines of goods in my store his family, as well as many fri- in and renewed for his Merkel ers of the Methodist church and everyone seems to be doing ing at the Sunday school hour. Jobe.

Come and be a witness. A. L. ends. He reports prosperous mail another year.

12t2 conditions in the Brownfield

cal girdiron Friday, October 5. you. Don't fail to come.--Com- week and had us put him down good Ford Cars for sale. Marvin Big Free Dinner at Ray's the living room and dinning for the Mail another year.

country.

Boney.

W. J. Sheppard, manager for W. C. Hill excellent and sub- MESDAMES HAMILTON the Jones Dry Goods Company stantial citizen of the Sylvester

AND BEENE ENTERTAIN

met in the home of Mrs. Seth Hamilton Tuesday evening with Dinner, Saturday, South of Mesdames Hamilton and Beene the Post office. Price 50 cents. as hostesses. On entering you at once began to feel Spooky as tf. store at Blair, October 20. 11t2 room were lined with bats, witches and black cats. The Halloween idea being carried out in every way. The house was called to order by the president, Mrs. Clyde Sears and much interest taken in the discussion of teachers being on time, knowing the pupil etc., and trying to in every way make these depart ments the very best possible un der the crowded conditions as each Sunday there is an increase in attendance.

After business was disposed of we were favored with a read ing by Eleanor Mae Hamilton, song by Duncan Briggs and Ethel Hamilton and special music by Juanita Beene. We were then given a sheet of paper with Halloween acrostic and were told to name a Bible character beginning with each letter in the acrostic and relate some incident about each. Miss Rosa Laney was winner in this interesting contest.

A refreshment plate of Pump ken pie and coffee was served.

Mr. John W. Lyles, of Bells, Texas, a former resident of Mer kel was here this week looking after his farming interests and also had his Merkel Mail renew

W. H. (Harry) Barnett, one of the hustling and clever employes at the West Company store, has been strutting around all of the week. Why did you say? Because there was born at his home on Monday afternoon, October 8th a son. Congratulations.

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A child gets the same prices as a man or woman here.

See our all-leather Work Shoes for Men and Boys \$2.40 Smart Sunday Shoes for men at \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$6.00 Ladies at \$3.95, 4.50, 5.00. Boys at \$3.75, 4.50 and 5.00 Swell line New Hats and Caps. Yours is in the lot.

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# The Cow-Kids of O-Joy Ranch

























# The End of the "Seminoles" Recalling Frontier Days in the Valley of the San Saba River. By AUSTIN CALLAN.

A history of that beautiful country bordering on the San Saba river in Menard county, would be one of romance, thrilling adventure and tragedy. It could date back to a remote past when Franciscan Fathers erected a mission there and carried the gospel to the Indians, even before the Revolutionary war. And then it might recite the event of the coming of the Spaniards into that section many years later, at which time they transferred from the ancient land of the Moors, a bit of oriental splendor and wild tales of love and treasure-seeking. This of itself would make a choice bit of interesting reading, including narratives of outrages against the red men, when rich silver mines were discovered, which ended in the gathering of all the warlike tribes of that section and a massacre one Sunday morning at their hands, which made the placid waters of the San Saba river run red with blood.

Coming on down, it could also tell of the adventure of James Bowie into that region, looking for the rich silver mines worked by the Spaniards, and of his visit to the old mission, at which time he carved his name deep into one of the huge pillars at the front entrance of the massive stone wall surrounding the old edifice. And of the fight Bowie had with a superior force of savages a few miles down the river at the mouth of Calf Creek. This was one of the biggest Indian fights that ever took place in Texas, resulting in a heavy loss on each side, and evidences of the struggle could be seen by visiting the battlefield fifty years later, where there were many human bones and arrow points made of

### An Event of the Early Seventies.

But all of this rare and racy history is to be passed by, together with later conflicts that took place between pioneers and savages, when the cowmen commenced to push into that country. This narrative is to deal with an event of the early seventies, one that is vividly recalled by many people yet living. The government at that time had sol-



"When Men Rode Swift and Sure and Shot Straight and Fast."

clear up the bands of Indians which made occasional raids up the valley, driving off stock and killing citizens.

Lieutenant Bullis was in charge of several troops of colored men, called Seminole Scouts. At some distant day, perhaps, they were a part of that tribe of Indians which infested the Florida everglades. But to the untrained eye they looked like negroes, acted like negroes and consequently were treated as

Living in the valley below the old mission was a prominent settler named Humpy" Jackson. He had several daughters who were recognized as beauties over a wide part of the frontier. The cowboys were all friends of the Jackson family and it would not be overdrawing the statement a bit to say that about half of them were in love with the girls. An old government saw-mill was in operation a short distance from "Humpy's" home, and several of the negroes, or Seminoles, were stationed there. Among the number was one called Jim-Lanky Jim. He had caused a lot of trouble in the settlement by insisting that he had a right to associate with the white people. His impudence was very offensive to the settlers, and he had been reprimanded a number of times, but it was not until he had written a note to one of the Jackson girls that the frontier of toleration was

The insult was soon the talk of every very evident that it was not going to be ranch like Paul Revere of old. He was without stopping, before sunrise. The his sword.

diers stationed on the San Saba river to | passed by unchallenged. There were sev- | desperately in love with the very girl eral men who stood ready to go to the | who had been insulted and was that type extreme in the matter of inflicting punishment, and no one was surprised at hearing a few days later that Lanky Jim and another soldier of the same color and the same idea regarding social equality, were found dead at the saw-

### An Ill-Advised Act.

A detachment of negro soldiers was sent down from Fort McKavett to place "Humpy" Jackson under arrest and hold him as a prisoner at home until the matter could be thoroughly sifted out. There were nine of these "Seminoles" left as guards to see that Mr. Jackson did not get away.

The act on the part of the commander of the post was certainly ill-advised. One who understood the temper of the pioneers of that section would most assuredly have known better. Not only was the prisoner a popular man with a legion of friends, but there was a spirit among those westerners that flared up at the very thought of any one wanting to give protection to a black man who would try to force his attentions upon a white woman. Consequently, as the nigger guard was asserting authority around the Jackson home and feasting on chickens and other good things that were found there, something was going on throughout the settlement. Frank Lloyd, who not only despised negro impudence and was always in for any kind of excitement, but who was prompted young man for miles and miles up and to act in this case for another and a more down the San Saba river, and it was tender reason, was riding from ranch to

of cowboy who would have loaded up his cap-and-ball six-shooter and undertaken to whip a whole regiment of negro or Seminole soldiers in her behalf.

Well, it was Frank who got up the little surprise party for the black guests, who were self-appointed visitors at the home of the man he wanted for a father-in-law. And it was an orderly party; there was no band and no campaign speeches. Each member had a shooting iron and a firm determination and was well mounted. That was all, and sometime during the night they rode swift and sure to an assembly place in the creek bottom about a half mile from 'Humpy's" home.

Then quietly they rode up, as near to the home as it was safe to go without being seen, and dismounted. The negro soldiers were having a gay time at the expense of the peace and happiness and chicken-coop of the prisoner's family. They felt revengeful, of course, because of the fact that two of their numbers had been killed, and they tried to make themselves as obnoxious as possible. But the cowboys were out for business and unceremoniously they broke into the colored troops hilarity. Armed objection was quickly offered, but without any degree of luck whatever. The men who rode the range in those days were brave and they could shoot straight and fast.

One of the negro soldiers got awayjust one, and he ran twenty-five miles

other eight were all killed in the encounter which followed.

### Conducted an Investigation.

The commander of the post conducted an investigation and tried to find out who composed the party. Papers were gotten out and several arrests were made. But no positive proof could be secured against anyone in the settle-ment, and the affair came to a close by the removal of Lieutenant Bullis' troops on west a little later, where they partic-ipated in the General McKenzie Raid across the Ric Grande, an event which caused the exchange of diplomatic notes between the United States and Mexico. This raid was prompted by continued Indian outrages in Val Verde County, the perpetrators swimming the river to safety after murderous deeds had been committed. Lieutenant Bullis accompanied McKenzie with his Seminole Scouts to

Ramolena, where the savages, after a bloody fight, were literally wiped out.

The invasion of Mexico soil by U. S. troops was resented by the authorities of that country, but it had the wholesome effect of making the Southwest a safer place in which to live. There are place in which to live. There are no Seminoles in the army now, but there are negro troops who from time to time make trouble. The outbreak at Browns-ville under the Roosevelt administration, an event which brought the name of Capt. Bill McDonald of Texas into promcapt. Bill McDonald of Texas into prominence before congress and led Senator Foraker of Ohio to refer to him as a man who "would charge hell with a bucket of water," is still fresh in the minds of the people. And the Houston uprising of a few years ago, is another that will not soon be forgotten.

The remnant of Bullis' men, however, live in and around Ft. Clark, Texas, along the waters of Los Moras Creek, where the women do the work just as in the early days of the tribe. It is only a black fragment now, far removed in appearance and in deeds from those warriors of early history, who figured conspicuously in trouble-making, when Andrew Jackson was in the saddle writing an American epoch with the point of

# Fishin' Tales of Me and Jim

Being the Experience of Two Real Fishermen in Texas Lakes, Rivers and Creeks By JACK MAXWELL.

Gittin' off the train at the little sta- jist wait, and I'll show ye a trick er durn fish, right then and thar. It the day. Talkin' the matter over, pro tion of Aledo, Texas, on the T. & P. railroad, over in Parker county, Me and Jim waltzed over to an old timer what we seed a settin' on a truck, and ast him if their was any fishin' around clost. After givin' me and my runnin' mate the once-over, and spittin' about a pint of terbacker juice on a hora-toad whut had stowed hitself away behind a rock, the old timer let us have the followin' piscatoreal infermation: "Yes, thar is a right smart fish down yander in that little crick, where ye see all them trees-but 'bout all I ever ketch is a few "cats" and now and then a mess o' perch and onct a few durned carps."

Jim ast him if their was any bass in the crick, what he had just told us about.

"No, replied the old fellow, thar ain't sich fish 'round here a'tall as bass; thar air a few trouts in the crick, but I

can't ketch 'em."
This got me sorter excited and I said; "Did ye ever hear uv any body a ketchin' a mess uv them things whut ye call

### The Lightin' Rod Feller.

After scratchin' his bean for a minit he says: "Thar wus a feller 'round here last year a sellin' lightnin'-rods and sewin'-machines, and one night he stayed at my house and we gotta talk-in' 'bout fishin' when he ups and ast me, jest like you did, if a feller cud git eny fishin' clost to town. I told him bout that thar crick over yander, and he sed he wud like to go down thar in the mornin' and see if he culdn't ketch a mess. Sed he hadn't had a mess o' fish sense last year and wud sho like to see if he culdn't "stink the skillet" agin before he died. I told him I hadda little han'ful uv peanuts whut I wanted to grabble the fust thing, in the mornin', and then I cud go with him.

"I have seed a lot of folks, in my time, but that thar fellow wus the durnedest hand to talk fishin' I ever seed in all my borned days. He went out to his wagon and got a lot of truck whut he called 'tackle,' said he used it to ketch bass with, a lot uv things made to look like flies, bugs and grass-hoppers. And I'll never ferget a little dinger uv a sumthin' whut he called a 'shimmy wiggler.' It wus made of sum metal, and had a place to hook on a piece ov hog-skin. I told him thet what he cum frum the durned fish might be so cussed hongry that they'd eat hog-hide, but I'd bet him six-bits

in the mornin

"After palaverin' 'round about his 'tackle' fer purty nigh a hour, I told the sun cum up in the mornin', fer I | called hit a bass or a jay-bird." wusn't able to stan' the hot sun, any more, owin' to a sun-stroke whut I hed last year when I wus a helpin' Lem Williams bale his Johnson grass.

### Catches a 3-Pound Bass.

"I got up purty early next mornin' and went down to the lot and fed the hawses, cum back to the house and and then I thought I'd better call this feller fer breckfest; when I looked in his room why, he wusn't thar; the son-of-a-gun had dun gone a fishin' without his breckfest.

pounds, 'an he called it a big mouth him hit wus time to git to bed, fer I trout. But let thet be as it may, I had to git them goobers gethered 'fore | didn't give a tinkers cuss whether he

good to Me and Jim, and I said, 'let's beat hit down to the crick,' fer I wus anxious to take a crack at sum of them things whut he called trouts. After a walk down the road and thru some fields, we cum to the crick in question. It wus one uv them little cricks so often found in North and West Texas-jist chopped sum wood fer the o' woman, as clear as the bluest sky and hed a rocky bottom, and hed all the ear-marks uv bein' the home uv bass and whut Me and Jim call goggle-eye perch. While a gettin' my tackle together the old feller looked at my little 3 ounce "When I got thru getherin' my pea- | "Sunday rod," let out onuther squirt uv

black gnat, tied on a number 4 hook. bass; but I know hit wus a durned To fasten on the gnat, and swing our little ol' fish baskets across our shoulders wus jist the wurk uv a minute, and then we wus in the water, side by side. The ol' guys story listened purty as Jim is left handed, and this makes hit possible fer us two dudes to wade in blessed companunship along the average crick. As lots uv ye fellers, whut hev flipped a bug on Bear Crick can testifie, back sum years ago, this crick wus well stocked with bass and goggle-eyes, and on the day whut I'm a tellin' 'bout

I sho can say thet we hed a humdinger uv a time a fishin'. Them durned fish, both bass and perch, wus jist a rairin' to go, and gobbled up our imitashun bugs and flies as fast as we could feed 'em the fool bait. When dinner-time cum Me and James

tuck inventury uv our ketch, and to our perfeck satisfackshun found thet our baskets wus well filled with very sizeable fish-'an thet's not countin' the little cusses whut we throwed back into the water fer to grow some bigger and give a feller another day uv fun.

### "String uv Dandy Perch."

Jist at this stage uv the fishin bis-ness who should we see but the old timer whut we seed earlier in the day. He hed fastened on a forked stick, a string uv dandy perch, whut he had tuck with the meek an' lowly wum; an' after swoppin' a few insidents uv the mornin', and each uv us a complimentin' the tother one on his ketch uv fish -fer the old top wus a usin' wums and Me and Jim wus a doin' the highup-stuff, whut is called the poetry uv fishin'—the old timer said thet he wuld like fer us to go home with him, meet the "ol' woman" and hev a durned good fish-fry."

Did we go? Folks, listen; I'm a flop-eared ideot if we didn't go! And after we hed met the "ol' woman," and sorter dolled up our mugs, we set out in the yard, under a big china-berrie tree until his wife sed: "Cum an git it,"—and I'll tell the world we got it. Man, them fish jist natcherly swum right down a fellers goozle, hitin' the rite spot in high places, when we turned the coffey onto 'em, fer "Ma" cud make real coffey as well as fry fish; and the way she cooked them fish wud a made a feller hit his dear ol' pappy right smack dab in the solo plexis. Me and Jim et so much fish thet when we started for the depo a buttun busted off my britches as I ducked down to yep, Me and Jim sho did hev one

wunderful day over on Bear Crick with them doggoned "trouts."

### YOUR HOME TOWN.

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

The civic beauty of your home town is of the greatest importance, as much so as its commercial and industrial progress. Civic beauty is a never-failing drawing card and wins the admiration of all vistors and passing tourists.

There is no eye, however inartistic, but feels that is attracted by a thing beautiful. From infancy to old age we are charmed by beauty. It is a human trait hidden deep in the soul of ever,

Your mind is continually reverting back to the beautiful things you have seen in life, but seldom does it recall the untidy and unattractive. We all like beauty. We crave that which is pleasing to the eye.

Pleasing impressions are the most lasting. Does your home town create pleasing and lasting impresions? Barren, flowerless yards and lawns, shadeless and dirty streets and alleys create bad impressions.

Trim grassy lawns, bedecked with flowers, shrubs and shade trees indicate thrift, industry and happiness; the opposite advertises the fact that the inhabitants of a town are indifferent to civic beauty and attractiveness.

How often have you heard the remarks: "It is a town of beautiful homes"; "a town of pretty parks"; or "that town is wonderful in the springtime-it has so many roses." To have these nice things said of your home town is an asset that you cannot over-

It costs little in dollars and cents to make your home and its surroundings attractive. It takes just a little physical energy, plus a few seed, plants and trees; the bountiful hand of nature does the rest.

In this day and time, when people are continually traveling about the country in automobiles, no town or community can afford to let its civic beauty go lagging. Many tourists are on the lookout for new homes and no inducement will persuade them to live in an unattractive town.

Do you ask how can you improve the civic beauty of our town? The answer is by beginning within each indivi-dual home and planting there a pride in its beauty. You may have a Chamber of Commerce or some civic organization among either the men or the women of your town that could easily direct a movement which in the course of time would make your home town the oasis in the county in which it is locate. Your local newspaper will help with a (Continued on Page 4, Column 5)



"Fust Thin' I Nowed He Had Him by the Under Jaw and Cum Wadin' Right Out to Whar I Wus a Standin'."

nuts I got my ol' cane pole an' a can uv | wums and went on down to the crick. Jist as I got to the crick bank I hear the gosh-durnest yell what I ever did hear; I looked down the crick a little ways and thar wus thet lightnin'-rod feller in water bout belly deep, jest a raisin' the very devil, all by hisself.

"I run to whar I cud git clost to him, and seed he had a little fishin' pole in his hand whut wus no bigger then a lead pencil. He looked 'round at me and sed: 'I'm tied onto a regular whale uv a bass,' and thinks to myself, yes, ye hev gotta mighty doggoned good shot to turn him loose, frum the looks uv thet fishin' pole whut ye air usin'.

"But yer know that feller jist kept a worryin' round with that fish 'till the fust thing I nowed he had him by eat hog-hide, but I'd bet him six-bits the under jaw and cum wadin' right the them trouts over there, in thet little crick, wouldn't wiggle near his little cuts uv bacon. He said to me, 'Ye scales frum his pocket and weighed the or doodle-bug wud be the best killer fer

thet Granger Twist spittin'-terbacker and said: "Thet lightnin'-rod feller whut I bin tellin' ye about hed the same kind uv a pole when he ketched thet three-pound trout last summer.

After givin' Me and Jim this bit of piscatoreal learnin' the old bird turned his mind to his own affairs and startfeedin' wums to the perch and cats.

### Fly Fishin' on Bear Crick.

Jim, like me, hed along his "Sunday rod," a little bit uv a thing, hardly big 'nough to whup a sick kitten with. Be-sides our fishin' poles Me and Jim tot-ed a middlin' size willer creel—the same as whut they use in ketchin' trout -and the usual bunch uv artificul flies and floatin' bugs, whut ever fly-fish-erman totes along when a fishin' lakes

OCTOBER MUSINGS.



The first thing to be said of October is that it's the Royal month of the year. It's the kingly, princely month —the month majestic and magnificent. The amethystean glow of the skies is deeper and truer than at any other time. The milky

way is whiter, and there is new polish on the stars that gem night's radiant brow. The fall roses, colored by the autumn sun and sweetened by the autumn dews, excel in tint and blend and odor; and the cleaniness and freshness of the periwinkles delight the eye and gladden the heart. The tang in the morning air revitalizes the system, making the children skip livlier and putting a little bit of frisk into the aged rheumatics, who hobbled their way through the spring and summer, muttering groans and feeling grouches. One naturally thinks of good old Jim Riley these bright October morns-of the loving and lovable Hoosier poet who ever held sweet communion with nature and gave to the world nature's sweetest songs. Yes, we all think of the big pumpkins that are soon to be crowned and mellowed with frost, then stored away in the crib and given the heavenly flavor by the sweet-smelling corn. It seems that I would actually like to

> "Leave the house bareheaded And go out to feed the stock,"

if I had the stock and the feed. I was out in the fields and woods the other day and found the great art galleries of finest tracings and richest hues. A little gold and red had been worked into the leaves by nature's true artist. The roadsides were lined with golden rod, which under the kisses of the dews and the sun, had flowered into the golden glow of the topaz. I tell you, it's worth living all the year just to revel in the glories of Royal October. One may wrestle with the flu in the winter. have chills in the spring, and be dissected in the summer by cruel old dengue, and still come out far ahead in the game of life if permitted to see, smell and taste October. To behold the gentle haze which falls like a canopy of peace and love in Indian summer, to feast upon the autumnal glories which rear their stately banners on the hill-

pensates for all the ills and aches and house depressions that come at other times. And besides—October ushers in the season when man doesn't have to take more than one bath a week. What an economic triumph! What a saving of soap and energy and feelings!

TURNIP October ushers in many glories and many delights, GREENS. but perhaps her crowning glory is her crop of turnip greens, or turnip "sallets," as we called it back in West Tennessee. Surely there isn't a man in all the world whose internal economy does not long for turnip greens, even as the tired deer, pursued by hounds, longs for the water brooks, but if there is such a one in all our land, "for him no minstrel song should ever swell," for truly he's fit only for "treason, stratagems and spoils." In nothing else is sweet and bitter so happily blended into gastronomic triumph as in the foliage of the homely rutabaga. Turnip sallets is the one edible that satisfies and nourishes without filling. Of this delicate dish you may eat and eat, until a large dish full has been consumed, with never a feeling of over-fullness or a touch of overloading. Turnip sallet is the real oil of joy to the innards. It puts dyspepsia over the dump and hurries cynicism away to the scrap heap. If you are lugging around the feeling that you would like to destroy the government with torch and bomb, or that you would find pleasure in injuring your neighbor or voting the Socalist ticket, hie yourself away to the turnip patch, gather a mess of greens, pot the greens with a hog jowl or a hunk of side bacon, and treat your internal economy to a feed of the crowning glory of the dinner table. If a Methodist, you will then love the Baptists; if a Baptist, you will forget that the Presbyterian has only been "dry cleaned;" if a Ku Kluxer, you will go out and embrace a Jew.

SORGHUM And October has TIME, ALSO. scenic beauties besides flowering meadows and painted forests; it also has other gastronomic delights than the heavenly flavored turnip greens. The sunlit splendors of these perfect days and the astral glories of these matchless nights are sufvalleys and meadows, more than com- the world; but October's treasure erature. The posters abound in such from the udder, and we know what it the Governor's office.

of joys hold more than these. Today I tasted some new sorghum. Oh joy! Nature is indeed rich the veins of the peach, the plum, the cane and the beet; but the richest flow of saccharine comes from the sorghum stalk. When the angels passed through the world kissing sweetness into fruit and flower, the fairest and sweetest of the angelic host embraced the sorghum stalk and left the heavenly sweetness of her rubied, honeyed lips there. All over the country the lazy mule is now turning the mill that forces the rich flow of saccharine from the sorghum tree, at the spring, or on the bank of the brook, fine odors arise from the cooking syrup as it foams and splutters in the pan. Sweeter than the breath of the magnolia or the jasemine is the attar of sorghum as it beads and blubbers in the evaporator. And how great to spread the new-made golden syrup on the plate, and with snowy biscuits or sturdy corn bread introduce it into the human system. And grand old Dixie is producing enough sorghum this year to sweeten the disposition of every person on this mundane sphere and blot pessimism from the earth.

THE CIRCUS On the bill boards and blacksmith shops COMING.

in town, and on the

barns and shops in the rural districts, there are flaming pictures, before which we stand in wonder and in awe. Pictured on these giant posters are horses fat and sleek, ridden by equestriennes the symmetry of whose forms excel anything ever traced by Grecian chisel, and the beauty of whose faces makes the beauty of the rose and the peach pale with envy. There are endless processions of wonderful charare huge elephants and camels and dromedaries, the long-necked, graceful giraffe, and the ugly hippopotamus with mouth large enough to devour a bale of cotton. And there is the spotted clown, with baggy breeches, and rubbery lips that smile horizontally, perand barns tell the glad story-the circus is coming! and with eagerness we

alliterations as "The Crowning Combination of Curious Creatures." "The Glittering Garden of Glee and Grandeur," in sweets, and has touched them into and we read every line. The circus is of profanity her muddy tail caused the one institution upon which remorseless time has worked no change. It is the same yesterday, today and forever. Soon after the ark landed on Mount Araat there was a circus. The elephant, the dromedary, the giraffe and the big snake were there. The ring master, the girl in abbreviated skirts and the spotted clown were there. The people who attended lingered for a time to gaze upon the huge elephant and feed peanuts to the monkeys, then hurplant, while under the shade of the big ried on to see the short-skirted girl ride horseback and the clumsy spotted clown fall down or whirl around the post of the trapeze. The people remained through the first performance, then bought tickets for the concert and saw the dainty girl walk on swords and the black-face artist with flat-boat shoes cut the pigeon wing. Before the close of the concert the tent was torn down and the seats removed, and the people went away saying the circus was the same old thing they had been seeing all their lives, and never again would they be silly enough to attend a circus. But the people were on hand at the next performance, and did just as they did before, and declared, when leaving, that they would never attend another. You and I, dear reader, are just as the people of the days of Noah were when it comes to circuses. We have said many times that circuses were all the same, and we would never attend another. But the flaming pictures on the bill board look good to me, and I'm going. What about yourself?

USEFUL Oh what would the INVENTION. world be, and what would the people do, if iots worked in silver and gold. There there had been and were no such things as inventive genius. From the begin-ning of time the battle has been on between the world's problems and man's think tank. Primeval man carried the big rocks on his shoulders; the work was too hard and he invented a wheel. Burdens grew heavier, but year by pendicularly, or at any angle of any de-gree. The flaming pictures on boards found to handle them. Great is the mind of man, and in time it will find a way to make all work easy and comficient of themselves to usher in the read the date of its arrival. But we fortable. I have just read of the ingolden age, foretold by prophets and do not stop with gazing at the flaming vention of a device for holding the tail made the sweet song of poets—the age posters and reading the date, for the of a cow while the bovine is being milk- er's stand and hurrah ourselves hoarse. when all men shall brothers be, and reading matter on the circus poster has ed, and I give another hurrah for inven- as though we really believed taxes would fraternal love rather than envyings, a charm all its own; there is nothing tive genius. It has fallen to the lot of be reduced if the speaker were permitsides and spread their carpets in the strifes, selfish competition shall rule more thrilling or hair-raising in all lit- most of us to extract the lacteal fluid ted to sit down in the swivel chair in

is to be slashed in the face by the n dy tail of a cow in fly time. None us can blame the cow, but oh the ge to throw into the ozone when she fil our eyes and streaked our stiffboso ed shirt with grout. It is said the inve tor of the safety pin realized a larg fortune from his invention; the babie of the world will join me in saying he richly earned it, for he who saves a babe from one stick of a pin is a greater beneafactor than he who makes two blades of grass grow where only one grew before. I sincerely hope the inventor of the device to hold a cow's tail will become a Croesus or a Rockfeller, for the man who keeps muddy cow tails out of men's eyes and off of men's shirts is worthy of all honor and wealth. I can only regret the device wasn't invented prior to the fateful Sunday morning when the streaking of my Sunday shirt caused me to utter oaths that called down upon me the pain and humiliation of a sound thrashing.

Thrills, people! We want thrills! W want something that thrills from t nape of the neck to the corns on feet. Sissy sports like races andfrog used to thrill, but such things are too tame now. That's why 100,000 people paid big admission fees to see Jeffries and Firpo hammer each other. But prize fighting with pillowed fists need not think it is here to stay. In a few years we will refuse to be thrilled by anything tamer than a fight to death with baseball bats or bowie knives.

Winter is coming on, and bitter cold is going to be very hard on the thousands of negroes who turned their backs on the sunny south and emigrated to the frozen regions of the north. The negroes can get along fairly well in Dixie without buying wood or coal, but in the north and east nearly all the fences are made of rock.

Taxpaying time is on again. I make mention of the matter with no thought of disturbing your peace of mind, but merely to venture the prediction that there will be about ten candidates for Governor next year, each of them ru. ning on a tax-reduction platform. And just as sure as we are alive many of us will stand right in front of the speak-

# The Kemp Lake Reservoir WILL RECLAIM FOR IRRIGATION 250,000 ACRES OF WEST TEXAS LAND

Wichita County is a name synonyfurther down the river; and from here thirty to forty feet into the ground. This forms the center (or core) of the it will be diverted into two immense camous with oil. Few of those more or dam. Then two retaining walls were nals 70 feet wide by 15 feet deep, ultiless familiar with its towns and surthrown up, after which the big electrimately irrigating the 250,000 acres of gallons of water.

rounding territory but will be surprised by the statement that Wichita county, Texas, is well on toward completion with one of the largest irrigation projects yet undertaken by man. Engineering considerations have

made the location of this gigantic project's storage reservoir, fifty-four miles west of Wichita Falls and within ten miles of Seymour, county seat of Baylor county. The spot is said to have been one picked out three decades ago by J. A. Kemp, pioneer builder, whose faith perhaps more than that of any other individual is responsible for the wonderful growth of Wichita Falls, "the City that Faith Built."

Thirty miles south of Vernon, at a point where the Wichita river executes one of its almost perfect "hairpin" turns, more than 500 workman have been engaged nearly fifteen months bringing to completion this gigantic irrigation program, which will provide ample storage to supply water for 250,000 acres of farm land. Acres heretofore scorned for farming will be made to "blossom as the rose."

### Dam Practically Complete.

The work proceeded more rapidly than even the most sanguine had dared predict, with the result that the dam is practically complete. Water in the immense lake is now more than 50 feet deep and stretches back some 15 miles up the winding channel of the Wichita

Construction of the dam has been largely by means of a big sea-going dredge which piled a mountain of dirt along the dam-site at the rate of 250,-000 cubic yards a month. This dredge was broken up at Seattle, Washington, and shipped to Maybelle, seven miles from the scene of its operations. From there it was carried by motor truck to the river bed. Power scrapers piled up sufficient dirt to form a lake, ways were constructed, and the boat was reassembled. There was a formal launching, hen the name "T. B. Noble" was givit, honoring the vice-president of the gation company. Mr. Noble is one of moving spirits in the enterprise.

ore the dredge started work a line rlocking sheet piling was drived

cally driven centrifugal pumps on the barge began to suck up a mixture of mud and water, forcing it through two lines of 20-inch pipe onto the dam. The water drains off, leaving this mass firm and impenetrable. Supporting these immense movable pipe lines is a line of pontoons nearly half a mile long.

The dam is some 7,725 feet long. Its extreme height is 98 feet, at which point its base is 600 feet through. The upper face of this structure is covered with six inches of gravel, and over this has been placed 18 inches of rip-raprocks from the size of a cantaloupe to a big tea-kettle. Such facing should render it immune to any action of the water. Along the top of the dam is a roadway 25 feet wide. This, too, is surfaced with a foot of the finest gravel.

Fortunately for the contractors, a gravel pit was discovered located at the geographical center of the dam. It is said that this find saved them an expenditure of more than \$100,000 which would have been necessary if they had been compelled to ship gravel to the nearest railroad station and truck it to the dam. Sufficient rock for rip-rapping the face of the dam was likewise found within a short distance from its

There is a spillway six hundred feet long of reinforced concrete to take care of flood waters. This takes its burden from one of the many canyons converging in the river bed just above the dam, and delivers the water into a lower canyon entirely away from the main embankment, at least a mile further down the river. So that a washout from this

cause seems very remote. Six reinforced concrete conduits, each 7 feet in diameter, and controlled by electrically driven headgates, will supply water to the diversion lake. Recently two of these were opened to lower the water in the lake so that the big dredge might continue its work. A wall of spray was thrown mountain high when the water rushed from its imprisoned walls. At the intake was a high suck hole as large around as a barrel, which emitted a peculiar buzzing sound that might have been heard hundreds of yards from the lake.

Through these conduits water will pass into the diversion lake, ten miles

land. The city of Wichita Falls will also be supplied with water from this

Three hundred dollars a day is the cost of electricity for operating the machinery at the dam-site. It is furnished over a power line 41 miles long, constructed specially for the building of the dam. Rendering a three-phase service at 38,000 volts, the line provides 2,500 horsepower. When the dredge boat has finished its herculean task, the power line will continue to furnish a somewhat smaller stream of electricity for operating the head-gates and to provide for other needs of operating the immense project.

### 1000 Men Were Employed.

The number of men employed on the project has at times approximated 1,000 -a veritable city in the heart of a broken, boulder-strewn country, where once cattle grazed and where the wail of the coyote is even yet heard. A large radio station was erected to provide amusement for the community. There is a movie theater and other conven-

iences of this temporary and specially built city, although it is some 20 miles from any town of consequence.

"Kemp lake" is the name of the storage reservoir; it will have a shore line of 125 miles when it is finally completed. Its maximum width, engineers say, will be 8 miles, and it will have a depth of more than 84 feet, at spillway level and an average depth of 25 feet. Already the water is clear and sweet, thus refuting the claims of those who insisted that soluble salts in the stream would make the lake unfit for use either as an irrigation supply or for city consumption. The lake will cov-

22,000 acres of

land, and is to be the seventh largest artificial body of water in America. Its estimated capacity is 171,517,500,000

The big lake is expected to be, in time, a great resort for bathing, boating, fishing and hunting, rivaling, in this respect, Lake Worth, in Tarrant county.

No less interesting than the two huge lakes are the big canals, as large as an ordinary river, and nearly 100 miles long. At regular intervals bridges are being constructed for roadways over these streams. Since it is necessary that the lines follow a reasonably uniform surface, many engineering problems are being met in their construction. At one place the south side ditch is carried 1,700 feet on an immense dike, and the waters of one canal will flow through a large concrete conduit built under Blackberry creek. No small part of the \$4,500,000 which the project will cost, has been spent on such work, that the life-giving water may be delivered where it is wanted.

### Empire of 250,000 Acres.

Nor is this empire of 250,000 acres made irrigable by the waters of the big reservoir, to be the limit of the enter- | acres of fertile but sun-parched acres.

prise. If success is realized-and it undoubtedly will be-extensions can be carried out, so declare the engineers, by reason of the topography of the land. so that irrigation ditches can be carried. over the divide into the valley of the Little Wichita river. Other waterways can be extended into the Red river valley, making it possible to irrigate from this source a half million acres of remarkably level land.

For an additional water supply, the engineers point out a place, some 60 miles above Kemp lake, where a canal not more than 15 miles long can be built which will connect the Brazos with the Wichita river; thus flood waters from the Brazos might easily be diverted into the big Wichita lake. This would serve the double purpose of relieving flood danger further down the Brazos river and provide additional moisture for thousands of fertile acres.

As the possibilities of this plan are un folded, it becomes prophetic of what many persons now living may see when Texas rivers are harnessed, so that floods will cease to devastate their lower reaches and the water now going to waste is diverted to irrigate millions of



# BRIEF TEXAS NEWS

### FROM OVER THE STATE

'he largest pecan crop harvested in ars is in prospect at Smithville and yers are making their headquarters ere and buying from parties in all the rrounding country.

### OTTLE COUNTY FARMER SPE-CIALIZES IN EGGS.

B. F. Frasier, a farmer living 10 miles south of Paducah in Cottle county, Texas, has a flock of 332 White Leg-herns hens and from January 1, 1923, to September 9, 1923, had gathered 43,337 eggs, and up to September 9, had sold \$1,000.00 of eggs.

### NEGRO FIRST OCCUPANT DEATH HOUSE

Mack Matthews, negro, convicted in Tyler county last year on charge of murder of his wife, was the first man to occupy the new death house in the Texas penitentiary at Huntsville. The date of his electrocution was set for September 20th.

### ROCKETT LAUNCHES BIG PAV-ING PROGRAM.

Crockett is now paving its business ion. This will require about four months to complete the work. Various residential sections are also to be paved. The cost of the paving already contracted for is \$150,000. The work is being personally supervised by members of the Crockett city council.

### FORT WORTH CATTLE AUCTION.

The Fort Worth Stock Yards Comoany has announced it will hold the first big auction sale of the season at Fort Worth October 18 and 19. Special arrangements are being made for handling the cattle. Stockers and feed cattle will be the principle animals for sale. The Fort Worth live stock commission men are urging their customers to have high-grade stockers for the auction.

### SAN SABA 1923 FAIR A BIG SUCCESS

When the directors of the 1923 San Saba fair checked up it was found the fair had proven a big financial success and that all indebtedness for fair imrovements had not only been paid but nat a substantial cash balance was on hand in the treasury. The directors have decided to buy the fair grounds, and make this a permanent institution.

# KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS AT SHER-

A contract has been let to Jerry Wall to erect for Mystic lodge No. 12. Knights of Pythias of Sherman, a splendid hall that will be one of the finest owned by any lodge of the order. The building is to be located at the southwest corner of the square and is to cost \$11,000.00.

### TERRELL TO HAVE BIG POULTRY SHOW.

Catalogues have been printed and are now being distributed for the big poultry show that will be held in Terrell, Texas, November 6 to 10. These catalogues contain a list of awards, exhibits and the program of the show. Copies can be obtained by writing Mrs. Clara Roberts, Terrell, Texas, president of the Kaufman County Poultry Assoc-

### CANE STALK KILLS WEST TEXAN.

C. R. Creighton, a Coke county ranchman, died September 18, from a most unusual accident. August 31 he jumped from a concrete tank and was tripped by a wire and in falling ran a piece of cane stalk through the palm of left hand. Lockjaw later developed with the result that he died. He was fifty years old and a well known Texas ranchman.

### STATE LABOR DEPARTMENT TO PLACE COTTON PICKERS.

J. M. Denton, Deputy Labor Comissioner for Texas, has opened an employment agency in Dallas that will be operated free of charge to farmers wanting cotton pickers and parties wanting work as cotton pickers. The demand for cotton pickers in North and West Texas is so great that difficulty is being found in sup-plying the demand. This agency will be operated by the State Labor Department in an effort to help the farmers and the cotton pickers.

# CITIES LOSE IN GAS RATE FIGHT.

September 22 Judge C. P. Pierman of Gainesville, special judge in Fifteenth District Court handed down a decision dissolving the temporary injunction he had previously granted restraining the gas company from discontinuing service to any patron at Denison who might refuse to pay the ready-to-serve charge.

H. P. Abney is counsel for the cities and attacks the right of the gas company to make and collect such charge on the ground that the law under which it is made is unconstitutional.

Judge Pierman required the gas com-pany to make a \$10,000.00 bond for the protection of Denison gas users in case the law is held by the higher courts to be unconstitutional. The cities will

ITHVILLE PECAN CROP LARGE. EL PASO ASSURED TEXTILE MILL. 91-YEAR OLD METHODIST MINIS-A \$500,000 textile mill for El Paso became an assured fact August 30, when a group of financiers met and pledged themselves to make up any deficiency in the capital stock subscription and offered to take stock to the amount of \$25,000 in excess of the amount pledged.

Actual work of construction of the mill now only awaits formal incorpora-

LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS SHOULD BUY BOOKS.

State Superintendent Marrs in his brief filed with the Attorney General of Texas in the American book contract controversy cites three sections of the state school law in support of his position that the local school boards should buy text books during the present emergency and should use local funds for that purpose. The school text book situation in Texas has reached a critical stage where action is needed immediately to relieve the situation.

# CONTRACT IS LET FOR NEW DOR-

MITORY FOR GIRLS' SCHOOL. In order to care for a greater unmber of deliquent girls in the State Training School for Girls at Gainesville, it has become necessary to build a new dormitory and the contract was let September 22. A new storage house is also to be constructed and one of the present brick dormitories is to be remodeled and converted into an administration building, according to announcement made by Dr. Carrie Weaver Smith.

### CLYDE F. ELKINS NAMED INHER-ITANCE TAX HEAD.

Comptroller Lon A. Smith has appointed Clyde F. Elkins, an attorney of Haskell, Texas, head of the inheritance tax division of the Comptroller's Department.

Appointment of an Assistant Attorney General, who shall act as inheritance tax attorney is also to be re-

quested by Comptroller Smith. Under the inheritance tax law inheritance taxes are in some instances increased over fifty per cent.

### TEXAS MUST PAY THE BILL.

A jury at Rockdale, recently brought in a verdict that, if affirmed on appeal, will cost the tax payers of Texas all of the fish nets, valued at \$20,000 destroyed by the state game fish and oyster department when found in closed waters near Rockport. The jury by its ried over from the last term of the verdict not only instructs the state to court. pay for the nets in the sum of \$20,000 but also decided that the law pertaining to the destruction of nets, under which the department acted when it destroyed the nets, is unconstitutional.

### SAM HOUSTON HOME SITE GIVEN

Y. M. C. A. The site of the former home of Gen. Sam Houston on Galveston Bay, including sixteen acres near Point Houston, has been given to the Houston Y. M. C. A. by R. S. Sterling an oil man. Mr. Sterling is a director of the association.

The tract of land fronts 700 feet due south between Goose Creek and Cedar Bayou. The land has a fine beach and will be used as a camping ground by the Y. M. C. A.

### CISCO BUILDS FINE CHURCH.

The First Christian Church of Cisco is nearing completion and when completed will be one of the most modern and up to date edifices of its kind in the South. It is being constructed at a cost of \$80,000.00 and covers one quarter of an entire city block. The pastor's home, which will also be a modern home in every respect, and will be under the same roof as the church, is so arranged that his study will open into both the auditorium and his residence.

### PRESBYTERIANS TO MAKE DRIVE FOR FUNDS.

At Dallas, Septemebr 14, the Prebyterians made final preparations for launching a big drive for raising a fund of \$1,350,000 for Christian education. The fund is to be divided as follows: Milford \$40,00 for equipment and

\$100,000 for endowment. Austin college, Sherman, \$100,000

for equipment and \$200,000 for endowment. Austin Presbyterian Seminary, Aus-

tin, \$100,000 for endowment. Daniel Baker college, Brownwood, \$75,000 for equipment and \$100,000 for

### THIS MAN KNOWS BIBLE.

endowment.

General Webster Flanagan of Henderson, Texas, has just completed reading the new testament through from "kivver to kivver" for the one hundreth time. The Bible used by the General was presented to him by his father, the late Senator Flanagan, at the time of the constitutional convention of Texas of which they were both members, and the Bible has many extra pages filled with notes made by the General and his father.

General Flanagan is a regular attendant at the Baptist church and although he is 92 years old, he walks in from his home, over a mile, each Sunday to at-

# TER DELIVERS ADDRESS.

September 3, 1923, the Methodists of Victoria celebrated the eighty-second anniversary of the First Methodist Church of Victoria. That day Rev. H. G. Horton of Bishop, Texas, delivered the principal address at Victoria. He is 91 years old and is the oldest living member of the West Texas Conference, having become a member of that conference in 1859. His subject was: "One Hundred and Six Years of Methodism in Texas, 1817-1923.

### TEXAN WINS IN TRAPSHOOTING

TOURNAMENT. Phil Miller of Dallas, Texas, won the amateur singles championship of North America at the annual grand American handicap tournament of the Amateur Trapshooting Association at the South Shore Country Club, Chicago, by breaking 199 out of 200 targets. He also holds the amateur doubles championship which he won by a score of 181 out

of 200.
Miller's victory is more pronounced because he defeated a large field of expert marksmen from the United States and Canada.

Last year Miller won the all-around championship of North America in trapshooting.

### FORMER CONGRESSIONAL CAND-IDATE TO CONTEST ELECTION.

Henry Young of Elm Mott, McLennan county, who in the recent election mandamused the Secretary of State in an effort to compel the secretary to place his name on the ticket as a candidate of the Democratic Party for Congress from Texas, has served notice on Secretary of State Staples that he will attack the constitutionality of the election of the entire Texas delegation in Congress, when Congress convenes in regular sesion next December. He alleges that the Secretary of State refused to place his name on the ticket as a candidate.

### 500 VOLSTEAD VIOLATIONS TO BE TRIED IN FEDERAL COURT IN FORT WORTH.

When the winter term of the Federal Court for the Northern District of Texas opens in Fort Worth on the second Monday in November, 1923, approximately five hundred liquor violation cases will come up for disposal. Possibly 100 of these cases were car-

be arranged will be nine men charged and improvements and plans now indiwith conspiracy to violate the Volstead Act. It is probably the first case of its kind ever filed in this state. The docket is unusually heavy and it is believed that possibly 90 per cent of the defendants will enter pleas of

### TEXAS THIRD IN MINERAL PRODUCTION.

The State of Texas ranks third among sixteen Southern States in the value of mineral production, aggregating \$215,-000,000 per annum, based on the latest available statistics, according to Burt C. Blanton, industrial director of the Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Texas ranks second among the States of the Union in lignite deposits, being only outranked by the State of North Dakota.

The State of Texas produces an average of 1,000,000 tons of coal per an-

The State of Texas produces more than one-half of the sulphur supply of the world.

Texas production of stone, including every kind, approximates in value \$1,000,000 per annum.

Texas maintans third place among sixteen Southern States in lumber production.

The State produces in excess of 1,500,000,000 board feet of lumber per annum, this average being based upon production from the year 1900 to 1921, inclusive.

### IMPORTANT DECISION BY RAIL-ROAD COMMISSION.

Recently, when in Fort Worth, Commissioner Walter Splawn stated that when the railroad commission of Texas refused the request of the T. & P. Railway Company to permit it to discontinue trains 9 and 10 on the T. & P. railway between Fort Worth and Mineral Wells, it rendered "the biggest decision ever made by the Texas Railroad Commission." The Chambers of Commerce of both, Fort Worth and Mineral Wells, protested the request of the railroad company on the ground that the reason the trains were not paying the railroad company was because the company did not run trains often enough with the result that people used autos to and from Fort Worth and Mineral Wells rather than wait for trains. The commission refused to allow the discontinuance of the trains "until such time as the railroad sees fit to install more frequent passenger service, preferably motor cars." It is the belief of the Chambers of Commerce of all the towns along the road that this decision will result in the installation of such sery other roads throughtout Texas

# CONSUMPTION OF TEXAS COTTON

Texas cotton mills consumed a total 103,831 bales of cotton for the year ending July 31, 1923, which was an increase of approximately 11 per cent over the preceding year, yet based upon the value of the 1922 cotton crop of Texas, this consumption of cotton was less than 3 per cent of the total value of the cotton grown.

The total value of the new cotton consumed by cotton textile mills in Texas for last year amounted to a total of approximately \$9,000,000, while the value of the finished products amounted to a total of approximately \$20,-000,000.

RIVALS CALIFORNIA. Texas produces not only all of the staple crops, but also produces grape fruit, oranges, lemons and limes, as well as early truck crops. The Rio Grande valley is a rival of California and Florida in the production of citrus fruits and vegetables. Its grape fruit is superior to the grape fruit of California and its location is 450 miles south of the California line and about the same distance south of Miami, Florida. A little more boosting of this part of Texas would make it outgrow California in producing fruits and vegetables.

The cotton is about all harvested in the valley counties, and an average prices of 25 cents per pound was obtained for better than an average crop.

### HIGH COST OF LIVING GOES HIGHER.

According to figures made public by the Federal Bureau of Labor statistics the cost of living in Dallas in August, 1923, was 41 per cent higher than the average cost for the year 1913. No figures for either year for any other city were given, except Houston and no report for Houston for 1913 was avail-

For the year ending August 15, 1923, the cost in Dallas showed a decrease of 1 per cent and Houston an increase of 2 per cent. For the period from July 15 to August 15, 1923, both, Dallas and Houston, showed a decrease of one-half of 1 per cent.

The same department showed that the purchasing power of a dollar in 1923 is just sixty-five cents as compared with the dollar in 1913.

### TYLER'S LARGE BUILDING PROGRAM.

Already, Tyler has this year passed the \$350,000.00 mark in new buildings cate it will celebrate 1923 with a building program in excess of \$500,000.00.

The Smith county Highway Commission has been intrusted with the expenditure of \$3,000,000.00 of county, state and Federal aid funds in the construction of a system of highways for the county. This Highway Commission is composed of men who serve without compensation and they are building a net work of pikes that penetrate every portion of Smith county. The three great highways in Smith county are known as the Dixie Overland, Bankhead and Jim Hogg, in addition to many lateral roads that intersect the county.

### COTTON STANDARDS ADOPTED.

Action considered of most vital importance to the South has at last been taken. Secretary Wallace announces from Washington the successful completion of the negotiations for universal standards for American cotton.

He states the agreement were brought from Europe last week by Lloyd S. Tenny, assistant chief of the bureau of agricultural economics, who went abroad to obtain the signature of the associations which includes those at Liverpool, Manchester, Havre, Bremen. Barcelona and Rotterdam. As Texas appears to have produced more cotton this year than any other state this information is of most vital importance to Texas cotton farmers and will probably have a beneficial effect on future cotton production and prices. It will result in regular standards being adopted by all buyers so that future grading will be greatly facilitated.

### FORT WORTH'S STEEL MILL NEARS COMPLETION.

The Texas Steel Mills, of which John H. Kirby of Houston is president, is constructing a steel mill in South Fort Worth at an expense of \$1,250,000. This remodeled plant was formerly the Armstrong Steel Company plant. A modern blast furnace costing \$45,000.00 is being installed and more than \$30,000.00 is being spent in renovating the buildings. Four hundred men will be employed at a monthly payroll of about \$45,000.00. The company will use 30 cars of fuel oil per month and about 1,500 tons of raw material. The mill will manufacture reinforcing steel and merchant steel bars and small structural shapes. Later it is expected special castings and electric alloy steel sucker rods will be added to the output. Oil field supplies will also be manufactured. This steel the road that this decision will in the installation of such sery other roads throughtout Texas or the entire southwest, and will add materially to the growth and prosperity of Fort Worth.

### WOMAN AGED 102 DIES AT DENISON.

Very very Texas women attain the age of 102 years, although there are several men yet living in Texas who are over 100 years old. But Mrs. Jane Honor Oram, 102 years old, one of the first women settlers in Texas, died recently in Denison, aged 102 years. She is survived by 48 direct descendants. Mrs. Oram was born April 12, 1822 in Barnwell district, South Carolina.

### FORT WORTH'S DIAMOND JUBILEE AND EX-WAR CELEBRATION.

November 12, 13 and 14, Fort Worth will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee. The celebration is to be of State wide interest and will be the occasion of much merriment and the renewing of old acquaintances. The city expects to live over again the days of the cowboy and the wild and wooly West with some of the wild ommitted. All men of Fort Worth are expected to wear the cowboy hats known as the "Five gallon hats" and the women are to wear poke bonnets and demure smiles that beguiled the swains of today the same as in days of old. The Sons and Daughters of Saxet is being organized for the purpose of adding merriment to the occasion and of raising funds with which to defray a part of the expenses of the celebration. During the celebration the old Thirty-

sixth Division will hold its home coming and the boys of Texas-Oklahoma will again swap yarns about the war and the old Camp Bowie days. Every Buddy is expected to grab his "old outfit" and be on hand with the gang. The streets will ring with the old war songs and the bands will play the same soul stirring music. The 90th Division will join in the celebration and under the auspices of Bothwell Kane Post, American Legion, a monster parade will be pulled off by the boys that will make Fort Worth think the war is on again. Every ex-service man organization is to be represented, including Mexican War Veterans, Grand Army of the Republic, United Confederate Veterans, Boxer Rebellion, Spanish War Veterans, Philipphine Insurrection, Mexican Expedition, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of the World's War, American Legion. 40 and 8, Colored Veterans of the World War, Red Cross, Knights of Columbus, Jewish Welfare, Salvation Army, Y. M. C. A., War Camp Community Service and all kindred organizations.

National Commander Alvin Owsley of the American Legion, is expected to be on hand and many other distinguished War Veterans, including General Pershing, have been invited.

Fort Worth will throw wide the gate of hospitality and expects it to prove a memorable occasion.

Manuevers by Texas National Guard Troops and an aviation circus and funny doings by the 40 and 8 are being planned.

The occasion of the Diamond Jubilee offers Fort Worth, and Texas and the members of the 36th and 90th Divisions and their buddies in other organizations an opportunity to fittingly celebrate the Armistice and to renew old acquaintances and mingle around camp fires once more in that fraternity and brotherly spirit that only soldiers and comrades in battle know. The boys from all over the Union who were stationed at Camp Bowie will be able to go once more over the scenes of their enlistment days when everybody was a

'Rookie" and a raw recruit. Memorial services are also being arranged in the various churches of the city for the boys who have never returned. The little white crosses and the mounds with their poppies in Flander's Field will not be forgotten but will be remembered and recalled with many a sad recollection and many a feeling of pride as to how they died for loved ones and for their country. Fort Worth is to welcome the living veterans and pay deserved tribute to the dead veterans,

### YOUR HOME TOWN (Continued from Page 2)

publicity needed. Some of your energetic young men and young women will do personal solicitation from house to house in the interest of the movement. A few prizes offered next spring for the prettiest flower garden, nicest lawn and most orderly surroundings, etc., will arouse the proper spirit and interest. Your home town merchants will donate the prizes, which could be lawn mowers, hoes, rakes and the like. Get the boys interested and they will strive to outdo every other neighbor's boy and very soon you can point with pride to your home town and its natural civic beauty.

Don't let there be a dirty, greasy latch-string to the gate of your home town. People will go out of their way to keep from passing through it. Make it a city of roses, gardens, nice grassy lawns lined with beautiful trees, and clean streets, pretty parks and tourist camps, and the traveling public will go miles out of their way to come through your home town. They will "make a beaten pathway to your door." will come oftener, stay longer and p hibly settle down with you and m your town and community their l town forever.

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### Jokes to Make A Little Fun You Laugh

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An old resident of Alaska had never seen a motor car. One day he was astonished to see one go by, but was dumfounded when it was followed by a motorcycle.

"Gee, whiz!" He said, "who'd'a s'posed that thing had a colt!"

LIZA'S REASON FOR DIVORCE. Judge—"And you believe in divorce?" Liza—"Yas, suh, I does."

Judge-"Why do you believe in divorce, Liza?" Ltza-"Well, it's dis way, Judge, I

sorta feels we wimmins needs somethin'

to keep us circulating!" "Yes, we have no bananas today," has convinced Slim Slokum that the scientist who predicted in a few years we shall all be crazy was right, after

MISS EDITH'S FIANCE."

"Eliza," said a friend of the family to the old colored washwoman, "have you seen Miss Edith's fiance?

Eliza pondered for a moment, then bent over the laundry tubs once more. "No, ma'am," she said, "it ain't been in the wash yet."

HOW AGGRAVATING.

"Beware," whispered the fortune teller impressively at the church lawn fete, "beware of a dark man who will cross your path."

"Oh, dear," cried the flapper, as she drew on her motor gauntlets preparatory to leaving, don't tell me I'm going to run down another pedestrian.'

"May I print a kiss on your lips?" I said,

And she nodded her sweet permission. So we went to press, and I rather guess We printed a full edition.

But "one edition is hardly enough," Said she, with a charming pout. So again on the press the form was placed

And we got some "extras" out.

THE TIME ELEMENT.

When James A. Garfield was president of Hiram College, a man brought up his son to be entered as a student. He wanted the boy to take a course shorter than the regular one.

"My boy can never take all those studies," said the father. "He wants to get through more quickly. Can't you arrange it for him?"

"Oh, yes," said Mr. Garfield. He can take a short course; it all depends on what you want to make of him. When God wants to make an oak, He takes 100 years, but He takes only two months to make a squash."

ONE WIFE PLENTY.

The Mohammedan religion has its good points. It teaches reverence to one God and total abstinence from intoxicating drinks. However, it fails in some respects. Instead of being built on the principle of love it is based on fear and superstition. It also degrades the position of women and makes little or no attempt to control licentiousness. Every Mohammedan is allowed by his religion four lawful wives and any number of female slaves. "I was amused," writes a traveling man who is now touring Egypt, "at our Mohammedan dragoman when we asked him how the wives got along together with their husbands. He said, "I live next door to man; he has one wife, everything peace and happy; then he gets two wives, come home night to scrap. I hear it; then he get three wives, come home big fight every night; now he have four wives and there plenty big fight every night and day. For me one wife plenty.

PITIFUL. First Jelly Bean: "Does your sweet mamma know anything about automobiles?"

Second Jelly Bean: "I say she don't. She asked me last night if I cooled the engine by stripping the gears."

STORY OF TWO FARM BOYS.

The oldest good story is the one about the boy who left the farm and got a job in a city. He wrote a letter to his brother, who had chosen to stick by the farm, telling of the joys of the city life, in which he said:

"Thursday we auto'd out to the country club, where we golfed until dark. Then we motored to the beach and Fri-

dayed there.'

The brother on the farm wrote back: "Yesterday we buggied to town and base balled all afternoon. Then we went to the dance and jigged till morning. Today we muled out the cornfield and geehawed till sundown. Then we suppered and then we piped for a while. After that we staircased up to our room and bedsteaded till the clock fived."

Rastus: "An' who is you?" Sambo: "Nevah min' who Ah is. Bettah be thinkin' 'bout who you was!"

UNCLE SI.

"The girl across the street and the butcher boy married 'bout two weeks ago," said Uncle Si, as he filled his corn cob pipe full of tobacco, lit it and puffed away till rings of smoke curled to the rafters of his grocery store, "but their honeymoon was darkened by a storm cloud last Sunday. The girl buys her groceries from me and told me all 'bout it while she was in the store Monday

"You see," went on Uncle Si, "her folks are all Baptists and Hiram's folks are all Methodists, and Saturday night her Ma said if they had any children she wanted them raised in the Baptist faith. Hiram didn't say anything then, but after he went to bed he said he wasn't going to be bossed by anybody, and even though he had attended the Baptist church while courtin' her-they'd both go to the Methodist church next mornin' and always thereafter, or he'd go alone. They talked 'bout it till awful late, and didn't kiss one another good-night.

"Then on Sunday mornin' Hiram was quiet and solemn, and when they got to the Baptist church and she turned in as usual, he walked right on without ever lookin' back and 'tended preachin' at the Methodist church. never was so hurt in her life.

"Her ma was awful mad bout it and wanted to give Hiram a piece of her mind, but the girl wouldn't let her, because she knew it would just make him more stubborn. She cried all day bout it, and Hiram was just as cold and perlite and gloomy as could be and wouldn't so much as touch her. When night came she was so blue and discouraged she didn't know what to do, and made up her mind she was goin' to be happy with Hiram no matter what she had to give up. And so she went and made him put down his book and sat on his lap and told him she'd join the Mormon church if he wanted her to and that life was too short to quarrel bout such things as that. He was awful sweet 'bout it, and they've been wonderfully

happy ever since. "When the Baptist preacher dismissed prayer meetin' Wednesday night, he said: 'There'll be a baptism after the reglar service Sunday evenin'. A good brother from one of our sister churches is goin' to unite with us. His

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Mr. C. E. Davis, farmer

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Missouri.

William Hembauer of Marion, Guadalupe county, was on the Fort Worth different speakers.

Mrs. E. E. Crow, who was a farm in Red River county, near Woodland, has a flock of 33 Barred Rock building, and weight of the county, near Woodland, has a flock of 33 Barred Rock building, and weight of the state of t

sociation of Texas is con-spring, because under presheaviest litter of pigs in the sold at a sacrifice, and not state and any litter weighing a ton or over entitles the owner to a gold medal. So far the heaviest litter weighed in Denton county is a litter of eleven Duroc Jersey pigs owned by Claud Bell and Bushey Brothers of Denton. This litter at the age of six months weighed 2,928½ pounds. The heavstate and any litter weigh- only will selling them bring 2,9281/2 pounds. The heav- everything with your neighstock. From what we can judge the price of butterfat A number of litters is going to be good this win-ter, and it will put a lot of have not yet reached money into circulation when produced and sold."

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the last two issues of our Magazine Sec-

tion I told briefly the life history of

William B. Travis and David Crockett.

Now I am going to tell you something

about James Bowie and J. B. Bonham,

James Bowie was born in Burke

County, Georgia, about 1790. Very little is known of his childhood and ear-

ly manhood, although we do know it

was spent in Louisiana. It is said he

and his brothers were great hunters.

At a very early age he manifested a

He came to Texas in 1828. Here he

encountered many adventures, which was to his liking. Texas, you must re-

member at this time, was a frontier in-

habited by wild Indians, and the men

who ventured this far west had many

experiences and hair-breadth escapes.

Bowie was in a fight with the Indians

It is said he married the daughter of

He enlisted in the patriot army and was one of the officers in the battle of

the Alamo, who on that memorable day (March 6, 1836) gave their lives for

their country. Bowie's last stand was as

dramatic as his whole life had been. A

Mexican woman (Bowie's sister-in-law)

one of the survivors of the Alamo,

describes the tragic manner in which Bowie fought and gave up his life. She

said she was inside the fortifications of

the Alamo and was in the church

building during the battle. In these

moments she was nursing Colonel

James Bowie, who was in bed, ill of

typhoid fever, and that she was in the

act of giving him a drink of water,

when the Mexican soldiers rushed in,

wounding her in the chin. Bowie rais-

ed himself on his elbow, and with his pistol, killed two of the Mexicans, but

was finally run through with a sword,

although he fought to the last, and did

The name of James Bowie is closely

associated with the knife that bears

his name. Just how Bowie came to use

this knife is a disputed point in history.

Some people say that in a fight with a

Spaniard his sword was broken until it

was about twenty inches long. The

story goes on to say that he found this

length of such great convenience, he

had knives made for all of his men. An-

other story is that his first knife was

made from a file. Which version may

be true, makes no material difference;

we give James Bowie credit for having

J. B. Bonham.

Alamo to whom we owe so much, is J.

B. Bonham. History tells very little

of his life. We do know, that he was

born in South Carlonia. He was al-

ways very brave and fearless. In

the early days of the revolt he join-

ed the Texas army. His last stand

was a dramatic ending, as under Travis, he faced death fearlessly at the

battle of the Alamo. It is most regret-

able that we cannot learn more of the

We have now covered the lives of the

leaders and commanders who died in defense of the Alamo, that is, their

lives as revealed by the meagre details

man who died within the walls of the

Alamo went to his death bravely and

herocally, and it is our duty to honor

that in early days little was known or

kept of the history of men. A man was taken simply at his word until he prov-

We will next take up the great men

who took part in the battle of San

Jacinto, the battle which gave to Texas

its independence from Mexican rule and

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Of course we know each and every

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# For Our Boys and Girls

By AUNT MARY.





How proud I am of each and every one of you boys and girls. The stories were splendid. I feel the contest was a real success. The only difficulty we found was for the judges to make a choice. There wasn't a single story sent in that didn't have some real merit. The best story was selected first for

its accuracy in describing the bird and its habits. Then the next point was how many details were brought out. Last the neatness of the writing and correctness of the spelling, taking into consideration the age of the contestant.

There were, by far, more stories on the Mocking Bird than any other specie. Besides the winning story, I am from time to time, going to print several of the bird stories that were very good, and I am sure the other boys and girls will enjoy reading them.

Now we must all join in congratulating Roy S. Lee, Box 281, Lometa, Texas, winner of the first prize, for the excellent story on "The Cardinal". The story follows:

### A Texas Bird I Know and Love, "The Cardinal."

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In the winter when all is dull and gray the Cardinal flys from the green cedar to the gray oak, cheering all woodland. In the spring it flys from tree to tree to tell the little wood folks spring is here.

During the summer we will look at the green trees swaying in the wind and notice a bright red spot. Then comes to our ears the whistle of "pretty, little mate on its nest."

The nest is made of fine roots, twigs, and grass and built in a low bush. From two to five eggs are laid and two broods raised each season.

The Cardinals are fond of seeds, wild berries, and insects. I think we all should try to protect the birds of Texas.

Yours truly, ROY S. LEE, (Age 15.)

### LITTLE GIRL'S COOK BOOK.

When the wise Creator gave to each creature that He put upon earth, their respective gifts, I feel he gave to no one a greater gift than "to do every thing we do with loving care." It doesn't make any dif-ference how small or how great the task to to be done, we should do it the "best we know how;" it is the reward of a king. When my dear little readers undertake to do anything I am sure they put their "whole heart" into it and this makes for success. This month I'll give a delicious recipe for-

Cornmeal Gems. 1 cup flour. 1/2 teaspoon salt. 1 egg. 1 cup milk. 4 cup cormeal. 1-3 cup sugar level teaspoons baking powder.

1 tablespoon butter. Sift dry ingredients into mixing bowl, add the milk and well beaten egg and the melted butter. Put into well-greased hot gems and cook in a quick oven.

### APPROPRIATE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN.

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Grade Four-Average age, ten years, "Evening at Home, or The Juvenile Budget Opened."—Aiken, John and Barbould, Mrs. A. L. K.

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I saw a man, with tottering steps, Come down a graveled walk one day; The honored frost of many years
Upon his scattered thin locks lay. With trembling hands he strove to raise The latch that held the little gate, When rosy lips looked up and smiled-A silver child's voice said, "please wait." A little girl opened wide the gate,
And held it till he passed quite through,
Then closed it, raising to his face

Her modest eyes of winsome blue.

"May Heaven bless you little one,"
The old man said, with tear wet eyes;

"Such deeds of kindness to the old
Will be rewarded in the skies. Twas such a little thing to do-A moment's time—it took no more;
And then the dancing, graceful feet
Had vanished through the school-room door.
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### CAMERON TO ERECT-SEWERAGE DISPOSAL PLANT.

The City Council of Cameron. Texas, has adopted plans for the erection of a sewerage disposal plant to cost \$20,000. Bids are to be taken and the plant will be built by the contractor making the best bid. The plant is to be modern in every way and a credit to the progressive spirit of Cameron.

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# WOMAN'S PAGE

### HOME PROBLEMS.

What does YOUR house mean to you? Is it just a HOUSE or a HOME where you surround yourself with things becoming to your personality and in accord with the family purse? What kind of a wife and mother are you? Are you keeping your husband with his "nose to the grindstone" and yourself and children in luxury; or are you an "Equalizer"? Are you playing fair to both? The house in which you live expresses your real personality. Not in how much you have in it but how you have it arranged. To my mind the beautifying of a home is as great as the building of a park or a town, yes, even more of an art. Few women stop to study the place where they spend by far the greater part of their lives.

THE HOUSE.

First we should have convenience. "Easy to be kept clean" should be our first thought. Convenience of arrangements" our next thought, so as to save as many steps as possible.

The sink must be high enough and the phone low enough. Everything should be in proportion. Don't overstock your parlor with pretty bric-a-brac and break your back over a wash board. First buy a washing machine then the new front room rug. Use good old "common sense" in whatever you do.

"Simplicity" is the keynote of real attractiveness. There is nothing so disgusting as to go into a house "stuffed with furniture." Most of the pieces of furniture in such a house are simply "dust catchers." A woman then becomes a slave to something she should make her slave.

The exposure of each room should be the fir st consideration in selecting a color scheme. Of course every woman loves harmony of colors. It is as needful to the "peace of mind" as to the "restfulness of the eye." For a south or southeast room one would not choose any of the red colors. Rather a cool color, such as are found in the blues or greens. In an east room cool colors still prevail but a delicate pink is permissible for a girl's room. A north room requires warm colors. Here one may gratify her tastes for the lovely reds. There are so many shades and combinations of the red colors that one can accomplish almost any result. A west exposure requires rather cool and somber colors.

The most important room in the house, in my estimation, is the kitchen. It is here that the real keynote of a happy home is found, that is, "health." Food is the foundation of health. In thinking of a kitchen ones first thought is "cleanliness" and the "convenience." The two "c's" as I call them always go hand and hand. If one is building or planning to a model the most thought must be given the kitchen. Have the sink high enough if nothing else. Plenty of closet space is absolutely necessary. Have these arranged near the cook table and in turn the cook table should be near the stove. Plan to save as many steps as possible, because at best there are plenty to take. I have always preferred a kitchen, finished throughout in a pretty light grey. This gives a clean appearance and its easier to keep than white. A bucket of paint can do wonders in brightening up an otherwise dismal and dirty looking kitchen. With a little practice and observation any woman can make over her kitchen if financially unable to hire it done. Dainty, easily laundered curtains are a great attraction and add a great deal of charm to the room. It is best to tie them back in some gracefully way, in order to let in more light and to prevent them from getting in the way. A high stool that can be used at the sink is indispensable for a woman's comfort. Don't consider yourself lazy if you sit down to wash your dishes or to pare the vegetables. You are only a very wise woman to conserve your strength here, where it is unnecessary to spend it, in order to save it for a more necessary duty. A woman owes it to herself, to her family and to her community to keep in a fit physical condition at all times. In the kitchen she will be compelled to do this as it is here she spends so much time and energy. Don't begrudge yourself conveniences where it will well repay you in later life. (To be concluded next month.)

### LATE FASHIONS.

This modish dress gives full display of the latest fashions. To be "in style" every dress must have some accordion plaited addition if not entirely made up of the plaiting. For size 36 this dress requires 5% yards 40-inch material, 1/8 yard, 36-inch allover lace for the collar and vestee, 1 yard 36inch lining. Crepe Romain lends itself graceful for this

This year the stout

woman is going to have her day. This

model is exceptionally

lovely and yet simple

in detail. If made in

crepe romain, which

is especially good, it

requires 7 yards, 40-

inch material, 1/4 yard

18-inch vesting, 21/4 gards novelty braid,

11/4 yards 36-inch lin-

ing, for size 421/2.
Fur band trimming

for velvet frocks and

suits and for coats of

velvet and of cloth is

much in evidence, and

when greater elabor-

ateness in trimming is

desired, embroidery is

Its Use to the Body and Proper Preparations.

Next to bread, I am sure, commonly called

"breakfast foods" are the most extensively used of the cereal products. There is a large variety from which the house wife can choose, some

of them very excellent and some of them of very

little food value. In selecting this food for chil-

dren one must take into consideration the qual-

ity and not the quantity. Old fashioned or

"Scotch" oatmeal, rice and cracked wheat are

simply husked, and perhaps slightly crushed be-

similar meals are wholesome and palata-ble if cooked properly. All of these cereals mentioned are best cooked very slowly for a long period of time. If cooked with

milk instead of water a great deal more nourish-

ment is realized. For instance a cupful of rice

cooked slowly in a double boiler can be made to take up six cupfuls of skim milk, and the amount

of tissue building material has become four times as great as that of the rice alone. I can

not urge the use of cooked breakfast foods enough

They should be served every morning for a little

child's breakfast as regular as the breakfast it-

self until a child is at least sixteen years old.

A variety should be planned and a change in the

way of serving so as not to become monoton-

be added. However syrup and too much sugar

quart of water or milk used in cooking the cereal.

I would recommend freer use of them in sum-

times with children or an adult at hard labor.

Prepared cereals offers a variety and a change.

Milk, cream, butter, sugar or syrup can

being cooked. So in these, none of food value is lost. Cornmeal and

employed.

have her day.



### HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

A farmer in Washington recently gave a sure and cheap way to kill rats, gophers, moles, mice or any animal nuisance that uses a runaway. He advises sprinkling concentrated lye in the runway. The rodents will lick their feet then

Sweet temper is to the household what sunshine is to the trees and flowers.

If you have a favorite cake recipe that you would like to "pass along" send it into me and I shall be delighted to publish it, giving you

Slip a piece of blotting paper under the bureau cover. It will

# FIRST AID TREATMENT

My Dear Readers:

fore the doctor arrives. This lieve suffering and perhaps save a life until a doctor can be called.

"FIRE BURNS" In case of a severe burn the person should always be attended by a physician, as they are very serious because of attending complications. However first aid treatment is essential. Remove clothes carefully soaking parts sticking to skin with oil or a warm solution of soda water. Ungentine, carron oil, white vaseline (one of these should be always kept in the house) or, if you haven't any other, clean unsalted lard must be applied thickly to the affected parts. Lay a clean cloth over this if to be taken into the open air. Keep quiet until doctor arrives. Next

Questions will be answered as usual. Address all correspondence to Mrs. Mar-

QUESTION BOX.

I have decided to somewhat change this section. For a while at least I am going to try and give you some practical ideas of how to aid an injured person beledge every housewife and mother should have at her finger tips. Many a life has been sacrificed because some person "did not know what to do." I am not attempting to give cures, that is a doctors place. I want to give you an idea of how to re-

month I will give care of minor fire burns, scalds, etc.

garet Stute, Box 1012, Fort Worth, Texas.

absorb anything that may be spilled, and keep the dresser from A good daughter has in her the making

of a good wife. A man should remember this when he begins to think seriously of ma-To prevent milk from

sticking to a pan when being heated, rinse the vessel in cool water before pouring in the milk. The plainer the cake

you eat for supper the sweeter will be your dreams and the better you will feel the next day.

Dry some lima beans, for winter use; they are much better than canned ones. Cook, wash and soak them until they begin to soften, then simmer until they

are tender. Season to suit taste. The better the road the closer the mile

posts. Keep looking ahead unless you are in a pasture with a ram.

### TESTED RECIPES. (Cake Month)

My Favorite White Cake 2 cups sugar (granulated.) cup butter (or 1/2 lard and 1/2 butter.) 11/2 cups milk.

cups flour. cup cornstarch. 4 teaspoon salt.

4 teaspoons baking powder.

eggs (whites).

teaspoon flavoring. Cream shortening thoroughly, add sugar granually and mix well. Sift flour, cornstarch, baking powder and salt together three times and add to first mixture. Stir in milk and beat rapidly for a minute or two. Add flavoring and lastly fold in whites of eggs beaten stiff, do not stir after this. Pour equal amounts in three cake tins that have been well greased and then floured. Start in a moderately warmed oven, increase heat regularly until done. Cake is done when a tooth pick that has been inserted comes out clear.

CHOCOLATE LOAF (Sour Cream or Milk)

1 cup sugar (granulated) 1/2 cup butter.

2 eggs.

cup sour cream or milk.

k teaspoon salt. teaspoon soda.

squares of chocolate, or 3 tablespoons cocoa. 21/2 cups flour. Cream butter and add sugar gradually, mix

thoroughly. Add one egg. beaten well, then milk; add the soda to a little milk and add to mixture or use cocoa if preferred, then the vanilla, salt and flour and mix well. Last of all add the other egg well beaten. Bake in a well greased and floured loaf pan in a moderate oven. Note: All measurements are taken level unless otherwise stated.



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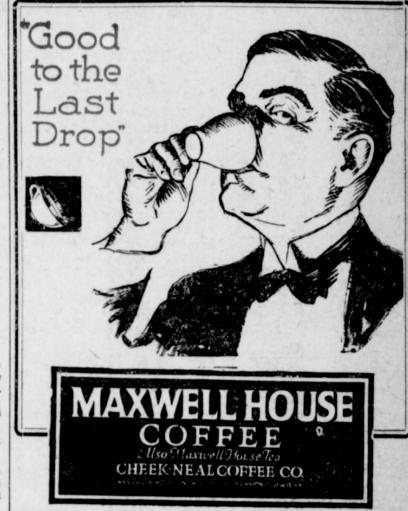
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