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BOND ISSUE CARRIED BY A BIG MAJORITY

In the election in Taylor county last Tuesday for good roads to the amount of \$350,000 the vote as reported by Abilene Morning Reporter of Thursday morning gave 1903 votes for the bonds and 199 against. And Merkel's vote was 186 for the bonds and 35 against.

As this paper sees it, the vote is as it should be, for the cost of building a hard-surfaced road as compared to the good received by the taxpayers of the county will indeed be very small. And then, folks, in voting the bonds we have not only helped our selves but when the road is completed Taylor county will have built a road that will mean a saving and a pleasure to thousands of tourists who will yearly travel over same, and in the end be a saving to our state and nation.

The proceeds of the bond issue will be placed with a state and federal fund of approximately \$650,000. This money will be used in paving with permanent material material—brick, concrete, bitulithic, or some other—two of the county's main roads. These are State Highway No. 1, from Elmdale through Abilene, Tye, Merkel, and Trent; and State Highway No. 30, north and south across the county through Abilene Cedar Gap, Tuscola, Ovalo, Bradshaw and Guion.

Leaders of this movement are of the opinion that actual construction can be placed under way about the first of the year. It is believed the bonds can be sold at par, as the county's finances are said to be in excellent condition.

WIRTES FOM LAMESA

Lamesa, Texas, Oct. 10th. Dear Editor of the Merkel Mail, including all of the devils:

Early on Thursday morning October, 4th I secured a ticket at Merkel which would insure my passage on the train from Merkel to Big Spring. The train was late that morning, but I waited and about 5:45 it arrived; and when all was ready, away we went "chunkety, plunk" toward Big Spring. We halted a few minutes at Trent then our next stop was Sweetwater. There the Conductor gave notice that we should stop 20 minutes for breakfast. Being crippled, I didn't dismount, but after about 30 minutes delay, we again started on our journey. After stopping only about 20 minutes at Roscoe, then about the same at Loraine, we finally pulled into Colorado, where we stopped only about 30 minutes. By and by, after the engineer had cranked up his machine, we trotted along westward, making only three more stops of some 20 minutes each until we arrived at Big Spring about 11 o'clock. As I didn't feel dizzy on account of our fast riding, I had nothing to do but unload; so out I went, and no sooner out than I heard two men crying out "Lamesa Transfer". I soon told them I would help to load one of their transfers and after spending some 15 minutes loading passengers and baggage, loading two autos, I found my self with four other passingers, packed in an auto, and ready to start toward the North Pole. After going along for some 45 miles and 12 miles east of Lamesa, we arrived at 3 p. m. at the home of my daughter Mrs. T. H. Tarbet. I found Mr. Tarbet and his two boys, and other families in the midst of gathering cotton. The yield in this part of the plains country is about the same as in the

MERKEL BOYS PLAY WINTERS TEAM

The local foot ball team went to Winters, Oct. 12 and played the High school team of that city there.

The game was one of interest and excitement to all who saw it, despite the fact that the Merkel boys out classed the Winters boys both on the offensive and defensive.

Merkel won the toss and kicked off to Winters, who returned 7 or 8 yards. Winters made their only first down of the game on two plunges, but were then thrown for losses until Merkel got the ball. Then on the next play Acuff carried the ball 35 yards and in two plunges by Smith Merkel scored her first touch down.

The feature of the game was the long end runs by Merkel. Acuff failed to make 10 yards only one when he carried the ball. His average run was about 20 yards. Smith and the Chaney Bros. were good interference for all runs. Paterson and Polly came in for their share of scores and good steady playing and fierce tackling.

The team as a whole showed up well. They never had to punt and made only one fumble.

The boys play Anson the 19. Go over and see the game.

11,158 BALES ARE RECEIVED HERE

Since our last issue, notwithstanding the fact that there has fallen in this country more than six inches of rain, there has been received at the cotton yards approximately 1,000 bales of cotton. The Cotton Yard reports having received 8,238 bales, while at the Farm Bureau platform there has been weighed 2,920 bales; making a total of 11,158 to-date.

With favorable weather we continue to stand by our prediction earlier in the fall that Merkel would get 15,000 bales of the Fleecy staple this fall.

To-date Taylor county has ginned about 20,000 bales and Merkel has received more than 11,000 of that.

Cotton was selling on the streets to-day at as high as 29; 30 per pound.

Merkel country, but I think the feed crop is better than in the Merkel country.

Cotton is later, much of it not open; pickers get \$1.25 to \$1.50. Some farmers have all the help they want, some are clamoring for more. All in all conditions here, in regard to cotton are about the same as Merkel, except about two weeks later.

My stay here is more lonely than in Merkel. I miss the Merkel Mail. A copy of it would be like a letter from home. Even the dear old mesquite trees would look good to me now. I look toward the North Pole, toward the Atlantic, toward the Gulf, and toward the Pacific, and scarcely a native tree in sight. Mr. Editor come up and we will enjoy a watermelon feast.

Good luck to all my Merkel friends until we meet again. — J. E. Hendrix.

SERVICES AT NUBIA SATURDAY NIGHT

We will have services at Nubia Saturday night. All are urged to be present, as this is the last service of the conference year and there is important business to attend to.

Services at White church Sunday morning and night. U. S. Bird.

MAY ORGANIZE A WOMAN'S C. OF C.

Mrs. Nellie C. Metcalf, of Abilene, President and manager of the Womans' West Texas Chamber of Commerce, with headquarters at Abilene, was in Merkel yesterday with the view of organizing a local unit of that organization in this city. And in order to get in touch with the ladies of this city, Mrs. Metcalf asks that all the ladies of Merkel meet with her at the Cozy Theatre Friday afternoon at 2:30, when the matter can be more fully explained, and the organization perfected.

The Womans' West Texas Chamber of Commerce is a new organization, Abilene being the first town where the ladies have been organized, and it is the purpose of the officers of the organization to eventually organize the ladies in every town throughout West Texas. While this organization is not an auxiliary to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, it is expected to cooperate with that organization.

There is no doubt but that a ladies Chamber of Commerce would be a fine thing for Merkel, and the Mail is in hopes that many of the ladies of the city will meet with Mrs. Metcalf and her associates at 2:30 p.m. today and hear what Mrs. Metcalf has to say regarding the organization.

GIRL 17 YEARS OLD PICKS 400 LBS. IN DAY

Leona, the 17 year old daughter of Mrs. P. A. Riggan of the White Church Community picked 400 lbs. of cotton in one day. She and her little sister and 2 small brothers picked 1229 lbs. in one day.

ANOTHER COTTON PICKING RECORD

Little Miss Violet Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones, of route one, who is 7 years of age, picked one day recently 141 pounds of cotton in five and one half hours. Very fine, who can beat it?

Mr. R. L. Jackson, substantial and influential citizen of De Leon, Texas was here first of the week for a short visit with his son, Mr. I. L. Jackson, Principal of the Merkel High school.

HAMLIN PASTOR COMING SUNDAY

Owing to the fact that the heavy rains of last Sunday made it impossible for Rev. J. H. Edmonds, pastor of the Hamlin Baptist church to reach Merkel to fill his appointment to preach at the Baptist church of Merkel, announcement is made that Rev. Edmonds will be here next Sunday and will preach at both the morning and evening hours.

As stated before, he is indeed a very strong preacher and not only the membership of the local church is urged to be present, but a cordial invitation is extended all visitors and the public in general to hear him at either or both services.

Bring your cotton checks to the Farmers and Merchants National Bank for deposit. U. S. Bird.

Buy a Radio Set to listen in during the cold months. Call at the Mail office and get particulars. U. S. Bird.

LARGENT & SONS CATTLE WINNERS

Again the famous herd of beautiful White Face Hereford cattle owned and raised by Mr. C. M. Largent and Sons of Merkel are winners at the great Dallas State Fair. The Dallas News of Wednesday morning in reporting the awards of the cattle judging, gives the following account of the Largent winnings:

"There were nineteen entries in the Hereford steer classes with competition keen between the Texas herds of C. M. Largent and Sons, of Merkel, A. and M. College of Texas, the Missouri herd of Pickering Farms, Mo; the Colorado entries of P. Hahnewald of Denver and Oklahoma A. and M. College.

Gay Lad Winning Steer. Final and complete honors in the Hereford steer classes went to Largent's junior steer calf, Gay Lad, Largent made two first places with the junior calf Gay and the senior calf without name.

MISS LOYCE DRY ON DALLAS JOURNAL

According to the "Lass-O", a student paper published at the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Miss Loyce Dry, of this city who is a student there; taking a course in lino typing and Journalism, will be one of those selected by that school to go to Dallas on October 27, College of Industrial Arts Day, and assist in the publishing of the Dallas Journal Junior, for that day. The paper will be edited, set up and printed at the Fair Booth of the Dallas Journal by the student body and Miss Dry, who has been in this school for the past three years, will operate the typesetting machine in publishing the paper.

It will be devoted to events concerning the Fair and the College, and we predict that it will be a neat, well edited and printed paper.

Eld. W. G. Cypert will fill his regular appointment at Bronte on next Sunday.

NEW GROCERY TO OPEN HERE SOON

We call attention of the readers of this paper to the advertisement in this paper on page four, by Mr. J. C. Carson of Abilene, announcing that next week he will open in the Rainbolt building, just across the street from the Post office, a new Grocery business.

Mr. Carson comes to our city recommended as a good citizen as well as an experienced and successful groceryman.

4TH QUARTERLY CONFERENCE AT NUBIA

Our fourth Quarterly Conference, which was rained out last Saturday at Nubia, will be held Wednesday evening, Oct. 24, at three o'clock at the Methodist Church in Merkel. All collections should be up by this time, as annual conference comes the next week. U. S. Bird. Pastor Merkel Circuit.

Tinsley Tobbacco, 75c, Ray at Blair, Oct. 20th. U. S. Bird.

REMAINS OF MR. J. T. ANDERSON LAID TO REST

The funeral services of Jack T. Anderson, whose death occurred at the home of his son, Mr. R. O. Anderson, in this city on last Thursday evening, took place at the latter's home at 3:00 p. m. on Sunday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Fred S. Rogers, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian church, in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives, with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery immediately afterwards.

Deceased was one of the pioneer citizens of Taylor county and this part of the state, coming here in 1875; settling near old Eagle Cove, and it is said that he built the first house built in the city of Abilene. He was born in La Grange, Tennessee, in the year 1855 and was at his death 69 years of age. On June 20, 1879 Mr. Anderson was married to Mrs. Fannie Hall Belcher, and to this union there was born eight children, six of whom, with the good wife are left to mourn his departure.

All the children were present at the funeral with the exception of two as follows: Mrs. Sallie Brotherton, of Key West Fla., and Archie Anderson of Calexico, California. Those present were: R. O. Anderson, Merkel, Mrs. Katherine Dayton, with her husband, Lieut. Dayton, of San Antonio; Jack T. Anderson of Hamlin, Nat Anderson of Los Angeles, California, Mrs. Laura Neblett, Mrs. Evelyn Berry, of Tulsa.

At the age of seventeen, deceased joined the Episcopal Church being confirmed in that faith by Bishop Gray of Tennessee, and remained steadfast in the faith throughout all the years of his life.

Jack Anderson was a good man, honest and upright, and always considerate of the welfare and feelings of those around about him; always willing and anxious to lend a helping hand to the man or woman in need. Hence, by his good deeds and the life he lived, he had hosts of warm friends throughout all West Texas, who will be made sad by his having been called to his eternal home in heaven.

This paper joins the many friends throughout the country in extending deepest and most sincere sympathy to bereaved wife, sons and daughters and other loved ones in the loss of one so near and dear.

WHEN A MAN GROWS OLD

We remember about a large pecan tree that stood in the forks of the road, wagons and buggies and all kinds of other vehicles ran over its roots, and hubbed its body, and the axman came along and haggled on it, but still it grew and its branches spread out, and each year it bore fruit. Yes, the production of that pecan was known far and near, and the quality of its nuts was distinguished from the common ordinary pecan trees, soft shells, and large kernels, and not only did it bear fruit, but, man and beast rested in its cool shade in the summer time, and the birds builded their nests among its branches and hatched their young birdlings. And in our meditations about life and death of trees, man and nations and all living things, how like a human being is that tree. Yes, every once in a while, and quite often all along down the ages, man steps aside from the common herd, and grows tall, not so much physically, but mentally he towers above other folks, and we marvel at his wisdom, writes books of fiction, prose and poetry, it try, orates like a god, writes

HIGHER COURT IN LIQUOR RULING

Austin, Texas, Oct. 17.— Where in the Dean liquor law, as originally enacted by the thirty sixth Legislature, or amended by the Thirty-seventh Legislature, can there be found a provision making it a penal offense or fixing the punishment for manufacturing intoxicating liquors for medicinal purposes without a permit, the Court of Criminal Appeals held Wednesday in reversing and remanding the case of Gabriel Horak, from Milam County, convicted on a charge of manufacturing liquor and sentenced to 18 months.

Also it is the opinion of the court that permit is not required for the transportation of liquor to be used for medicinal cases. This was held in reversing and remanding the case of L. A. Fuller, from Milam county who had been convicted of transporting liquor, with punishment assessed at one year. Judge O. S. Lattimore wrote the opinions in both the Horak and the Fuller cases. It is the first time the higher court has passed on the question.

laws, mans the ship of State, bridges oceans with iron clad monsters, builds sky scrapers, makes deserts bloom, travels through stellar space faster than a cannon ball. O yes, and in his rapid pace from mountain peak to mountain peak, he accumulates his millions, and out of his goodness of his heart comes religious shrines, hospitals, asylums and schools and libraries. Then how like a big tree is a big man, servant of the smaller folks around about. And now that brings us back to that pecan tree, and with all of its beauty and strength and service, after while decay set in. Yes, away up in its top branches, a dead limb hangs, and a dead limb there. Father Time hath marked it for the slaughter, and the storm strips it of its strong arms, and finally it goes the way of all the living. And so man in his passage from the cradle to the grave, has some of the characteristics of the tree, he springeth up, and the roots go down and mingle with the clay of strength, and thus he grows strong and vigorous and mighty, but directly he comes to the dead line of decay, and do what he will, he can not evade the laws of nature. A faculty is sluffed off here and there, the light gets dim, the memory fades, he moves at a slow pace, and then he has to step aside and let the stronger go by—he's a has been, and when a fellow wakes up to that fact, it's a sad day indeed. And down there in the jostle of the herd, they pass the old man by, ain't got time to stop and hear him relate what happened before the war—That's to say that he is living in the past. Yes, when a man grows old, it's sad. And ain't it funny about decay, it first shows up in the top of the tree, same way about a man, yes, up there in the mental shop, the housekeeping gets in bad shape, and the same way about nations, the rotten spots crop out in the high places—But of course, the trouble is down there at the root of the tree, the worm of decay gets in its work, and the god of old age hangs out the flag in the tree top.

—Albany News.

Mrs. Homer Easterwood left this week to join her husband at Teaff Texas in making that place their home.

Condensed Statement of the condition of The Farmers State Bank Merkel, Texas

Close of business Sept. 14, 1923

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$313,986.44
Banking house & Fixtures	13,800.00
Other Real Estate	9,970.19
Stocks & Bonds	21,616.65
Due from State Gty. Fund	28,442.79
Cash & Exchange	151,646.76
Total	\$538,561.77

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	27,314.70
Bills Payable	55,000.00
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed money	NONE
DEPOSITS	406,247.07
Total	\$538,561.77

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

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BRONZE TABLET TO 'OLD PUT'

Shaft Is Unveiled for Revolutionary
War Hero at the House Where
He Was Born.

Who cannot feel a thrill of mingled patriotism and romance at thought of the recent commemoration at the ancient town of Danvers, Mass.? For there was unveiled a bronze tablet, voluminously inscribed, upon the house in which Israel Putnam was born; a sort of nunc pro tunc performance, since the tablet declares itself to be in memory of the two hundredth anniversary of his birth, while, in fact, he was born more than 205 years ago.

There is scarcely another figure in American history that so strongly appeals to sentiments of daring and devotion as that of "Old Put," the hero of Bunker Hill. We should doubt if there was another identified with quite so many dramatic incidents. Every schoolboy, in Macaulay's phrase, is familiar with the stories of his crawling into a she-wolf's lair and strangling the animal with his hands; of his being partly burned at the stake by Indians; of his leaving the plow in the furrow and riding 100 miles in a single day to join the patriots at Concord; of his planning the battle of Bunker Hill and giving the command, "Don't fire till you see the whites of their eyes"; of his message to Clinton: "Edmund Palmer was taken as a spy, has been tried as a spy, condemned as a spy and shall be executed as a spy.—F. S.—He has accordingly been executed," and of his escape from capture by riding down the Horse-neck steps where his British pursuers dared not follow.

A descendant of George Pattenham, the reputed author of "The Art of English Poets"; a veteran of Crown Point and Montreal; hero of the capture of Havana, of the overthrow of Pontiac and of the Revolution, and a soldier who, in the days of Conway, Gates and Charles Lee seemed ignorant of the very existence of politics and of the possibility of intrigue, the ancestor of men greatly and worthily honored in our own times—"Old Put" is abundantly entitled to every token of affection and esteem that grateful memory can bestow.—New York Tribune.

Army Ants Clean House.

The Indians of Guiana respect the "army" ants because of their house-cleaning propensities. Every house, from the rude thatched benab of the Indian to the solid wooden ones of civilization, are more or less infested with very large roaches and other insects, and also huge tarantulas, which come only to obtain the roaches. The "army" ants come not infrequently in tremendous armies and in the course of a few hours leave the homes cleaner than they have ever been before.

In these great tribes there is but a single queen. Her sole duty, after the colony is once started, is egg-laying. Periodically a brood of young queens and males are hatched. These little ants are winged and as soon as they are mature all of them leave the tribe in what is called the marriage flight. Each queen finds a mate. They pair and the males soon die, but each young queen founds her own new tribe and, after bringing up the first workers, herself, this little crowd sets about to rear about themselves another great band of "army" ants.—Detroit News.

"Indelible Allegiance."

The doctrine, known as "indelible allegiance," was formally abandoned by act of parliament in 1870. Previously the English law held that every person born within the British dominions, though he should be removed to another country in his infancy, owed allegiance to the British crown, and that this allegiance could never be resigned or lost except by permission of parliament.

The enforcement of the "indelible allegiance" doctrine of expatriation was one of the chief causes of the War of 1812.

The same doctrine was originally in force in the United States. It was not until 1808 that the question was legally settled. Congress then passed a law asserting that expatriation or voluntary renunciation of allegiance to the United States by one of its citizens "is a natural and inherent right of all people."—Detroit News.

What Did He Mean?

In his announcements one Sunday morning the vicar regretted that money was not coming in fast enough—but he was no pessimist.

"We have tried," he said, "to raise the necessary money in the usual manner. We have tried honestly. Now we are going to see what a bazaart can do."

Times Change.

Colonel Bludgood—So you got a birthday present of a \$5 knife, huh? One of those Birmingham knives, with 16 blades, and a corkscrew, I presume, huh?

Colonel Blugrass—No, huh; a plain, old-fashioned knife, with 16 corkscrews and one blade, huh.—Judge.

Unseasonable.

A little boy rushed up to his mother one sweltering summer day and cried out:

"I believe there's a fire, mother! May I go out and see?"

"Don't be so stupid," replied his mother. "As if there'd be a fire on a day like this!"—London Humorist.

Quite Reasonable.

Mr. Pester—Want more money? What did you do with the \$50 I gave you yesterday?

His Wife—I spent it for a darling little gold mesh purse which will be utterly useless unless you give me some money to carry in it.

HARDING IN DEFENSE OF CONSTITUTION

Fundamentals of Government
Must Change, Demand

Washington, Oct. 4—Senator B. Willis, of Ohio, has rendered the country a service by calling especial attention at a memorial service to the late Warren G. Harding, to the President's love and veneration for the constitution.

"The Constitution," said the Senator, "is being attacked from two angles.

"First, it is being attacked by those who consider themselves above the law," he said. "By those who sneer at it and arrogantly assert for themselves the right to pick out particular provisions which they propose to violate at will because they do not approve of the provisions of the law.

"To these advocates of lawlessness, President Harding spoke in no uncertain terms when he said, 'Whatever objection there is to this so-called invasion of personal liberty does not hold when the supremacy of the law and the stability of our institutions are menaced. I do not see how any citizen who cherishes the protection of law in organized society may feel secure when he is an example of contempt for law. There must be no issue in this land paramount to that of enforcement of the law.'

"Such is the present attempt to prove the law lawless and the Constitution unconstitutional," continued Senator Willis "by taking from the Supreme Court of the United States the power to declare acts of Congress unconstitutional. If this spurious reform shall be adopted, there will be an end to constitutional government in this country."

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safe and strictly confidential.

—oo—
COME IN and TALK it over.

Our good friend Tom Henderson was in the city yesterday and dropped into this office to have the Mail sent to relatives, saying that it was much better than writing so often. Mr. Henderson is one of our best and most successful farmers, reporting that he had already gathered 24 bales.

Born on the 8th of October, to Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Henderson, a daughter. Father, mother and little daughter are doing fine. Grandfather, Tom Henderson is about the happiest man in the country.

Mr. Walter Jackson, of Fort Worth, who is in Abilene this week conducting a Young Peoples Training School at the 1st. Baptist church in that city spent yesterday in Merkel on business and mixing with his many friends. He was accompanied by Mr. S. G. Houston, who also formerly resided here, but now living in Abilene, and who has many friends in and about Merkel.

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LADY WAS IN A BAD FIX FROM NERVOUS INDIGESTION

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

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

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

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

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

Theford's Black-Draught liver medicine is for sale everywhere. 184

The Hupmobile is Now Here Larger and Longer

On all sides is heard high praise of the greater beauty of the new Hupmobile.

The smartness and dash, the harmony of line, which always have picked the Hupmobile out from the crowd, are still further increased in the bodies of the series R-12

In the sedan, for instance, a graceful sweeping curve marks the line where body and cowl meet. The rear corners are gently rounded. The windows are reduced in height, and vade wider.

The wheel base is now 115 inches—with 37-3/8 inch front springs, and 56-1/2 inch rear springs. Newest style full crown fenders and drum headlights are among the new exterior betterments.

You will find a still more marked improvement in the performance of the New Hupmobile.

Due to the heavier, counter-balanced crankshaft, and light weight alloy pistons, and connecting rods, the motor possesses even more of that instant smoothness in operation always characteristic of the Hupmobile.

It is more powerful, it accelerates even more quickly. It is a wonderful performer in traffic, or on the road.

This new Hupmobile is an exceedingly comfortable car to drive, or to ride in. In this respect it surpasses previous Hupmobiles, and this in spite of the fact that the Hupmobile riding ease has always been notable.

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MANY ODD WILLS

Spite Is Often Carried Beyond the Grave.

Ante-Mortem Vindictiveness Is Often Displayed in Last Testaments.

Spite is often carried beyond the grave, just another proof of the weakness of human nature. We might think that bitter feelings would die before the Grim Reaper, but there are many cases on record which disprove this.

Recently a wealthy man who died in New Jersey cut off his wife and daughter with a mere pittance. In leaving the latter £2 12s a month, he explained that one pound is to remind her of the day she called him a "black pig," and another pound in honor of the time she hit him, while the 12s marked the occasion when she "complained" of his cough.

Wives have often come in for very rough handling in the wording of wills. A Bristol sailor left his widow 1s with which to buy nuts, as he asserted she took more pleasure in cracking them than in mending his stockings.

A certain Lieutenant Colonel Nash—no connection of Beau Nash—bequeathed to the ringers of Bath Abbey an annuity of £10 "provided they should muffle the clappers of the bells and ring them with doleful accentuation from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. on each anniversary of his wedding day, and during the same number of hours, only with a merry peal, on the anniversary of the day which released him from domestic tyranny and wretchedness."

But a man need not actually have entered the bonds of hymen to write vindictively of the opposite sex. Here is a clause from the will of an old bachelor: "I beg that my executors will see that I am buried where there are no women interred, either to right or left of me. Should this not be practicable in the ordinary course of things, I direct that they purchase three graves and bury me in the middle one of the three, leaving the two others unoccupied."

"During my married life," writes another testator, "I have always declared that my wife was the dearest woman in the world, and I am convinced that if any other should be rash enough to marry her he will find her so. To deter as far as possible anyone from making such a ruinous experiment, I leave her nothing."

Another man left all his money to his wife, but stipulated that she should lose £200 every time she appeared in public unveiled, £200 every time she smiled at a man, and £1,000 if she allowed a man to use an endearing expression to her or to kiss her.

Meanest of all, however, was the man who left his wife one farthing with directions that it should be forwarded to her in an unstamped envelope.

One of the most vindictive wills on record was that of the famous Lord Kew, a very wealthy but sharp-tongued peer who, having neither wife nor child to annoy, took it out of his relatives. A sample item of his amazing will is as follows:

"By a previous will I had left £50,000 to my brother John, but as he has sent his son to Oxford instead of Cambridge, contrary to my expressed wish, I reduce his legacy to £500."—London Answers.

"Smiling, the Boy Fell Dead." Little Willie was the best brought-up youth in his community, but there were times when his training was strained. On one occasion his mother detected the odor of tobacco on his breath.

"Willie, you naughty, naughty boy!" she exclaimed. "You've been smoking. You'll be sick."

To which the polite child replied, wilyly:

"Thank you, mother, I'm dying."—American Legion Weekly.

Got What He Ordered. There is a New York scientist who is greatly interested in coal mining. He decided to subscribe to a press-clipping bureau, to get every new slant on coal. He said to the service bureau: "I want everything you can find about coal." The first clipping he got was an article about a man who was suing his wife for a separation because she bit him on the head with a lump of coal.

Awful Dishonesty. "You simply can't trust anybody nowadays. Everybody seems so dishonest. My maid, in whom I had the utmost confidence, left me suddenly and took with her my beautiful pearl brooch."

"That is too bad!" sympathized her friend. "Which one was it?"

"The very pretty one I smuggled through last autumn."

Conceited. "What makes you think he's conceited?"

"He told me this evening that he thought I ought to congratulate his boss on the fact that he had such a wonder in his employ."

Modern History. "Why do your pupils look so tortured?"

"They have to memorize the names of towns where peace conferences were held after the great war."—Zurich Beobachter.

Ford New Prices

Effective October 2, the Ford Motor Company announces the following reduced prices on all Ford Cars and Trucks:

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"O, THEM GOOD OLD DAYS"

Bill Kellis of the Sterling City News-Record has a hard time. Quite a number of the citizens voted against the school bonds and each week Bill gives them a dig. Last week he had the following:

O, them good old times. Don't you wish you could call back them good old days before some gink invented screen doors and windows? In them good old days we fit flies in the day time and mosquitoes at night and when we didn't have chills, we were trying to wear out a spell of slow fever.

In them good old days when a fellow had cramp colic, they called it cramp colic and not appendicitis, and instead of spending a lot of money on these new fangled doctors to cut on him with a knife, we saved all the money for funeral expenses.

In them good old days, we measured a man's wisdom by the length of his whiskers and a preacher by the length of his sermon. Them were the days that made life worth living. We doted on our one-eyed mules and scooter plows and cut our grain with cradles and went to church on Sunday in an ox wagon. O, but we had a time when we switched on the light of the tallow candle and cut the pigeon wing at Christmas and went home with the girls in the morning.

O, friend Whiskers, don't you remember when our taxes were low and the preacher preached for nothing? In them days, there were no road taxes to pay, no school taxes to dig up, no Fords to pester with, no daily papers to spend our nickels for, no phonographs to fool

with, no movies to soak up our bank accounts and the man who told of seeing ice in summer was a monumental liar.

Yes, friend Whiskers didn't we have glorious schools in them good old days? Don't you remember, Whiskers, the log house and the dirt floor, the gourd dipper and the old oaken barrel, the iron bound barrel, the dirt covered barrel that stood in the sun? Wasn't them glorious days, Whiskers, when school began just after fodder pullin' time and ended at tater diggin' time? When we walked through three miles of ticks to get there and the teacher licked us because we were late?

In them good old days, Whiskers there wasn't any of these new fangled school houses with their fine-haired desks, blackboards, maps, charts, globes, laboratories, and all this fol de rol. No sir, our school house was built of logs and our floors were of dirt. Our seats were made of split logs and we warmed up the fire in the fireplace—two of us at a time. We didn't spend money in them good old times for sanitary drinking fountains like they do now, but we all drank out of the same gourd. And then, friend Whiskers, when we got so far as "Baker" in the Blue Back spelling book, we were dicknailing good spellers and when we finished in the "double rule of three" we were graduates.

Those were wonderful times, Whiskers, but them good old times is gone forever. Whiskers, sometimes I get to wondering if them good old times were not the cause of you and I being so darned ignorant and so cussed trifling that we don't want any body else to know any more than you learned in them good old times. O, them

good old times! They are gone forever!

Epworth League Program

Subject—The Christian state and its citizens.
Leader, Cyrus Pee.
Song: My Country tis of thee
Prayer; Song
Leaders comments
Specials
Christian citizenship, by Esther Rhoel.
Piano solo, Lorena Frazier.
Announcements.
Song, "Take the name of the Lord with you."
League benediction.

Intermediate League Program

Leader, Elfe Chaney.
Song
Scripture lesson, (Prov. xx 6; Luke xvi 10; xix 17) Leader.
A faithful man (Genesis xxii 19) by Orpha Patterson.
Jesus' standard of faithfulness, Owen Hutcheson.
Prayer
Anselmo—A faithful brother, Gladys Milliken.
Song
League benediction.

Read the Classified Column.

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TOWN IS 100,000 YEARS OLD

Quaternary City, of the Mammoth Age, Believed to Have Been the World's "London" at One Time.

A human settlement, estimated to be at least 7,000 years old, has been unearthed at Holmegaardsmose, according to dispatches from Denmark. This may sound old when you recollect that Tutankhamen lived some 3,000 years ago, but the archeologist knows of prehistoric towns that make the discovery of Holmegaardsmose look almost like Golders Green.

Most remarkable of them all is the Quaternary town, of the Mammoth Age, that exists a couple of miles east of Prerov, in Moravia. This town is so extensive that it may well have been the world's "London" about 75,000 or 100,000 years ago. More than 25,000 flint implements and hundreds of objects, many of them very artistic, of reindeer bone and horn and mammoth ivory have been excavated already, with Quaternary human skull and bones.

There were no glue factories and other mysterious industrial destinations for butcher bones in those days, with the result that bones of animals slaughtered for food accumulated to such an extent that they must have been an unmitigated nuisance—bones of bison and stag, woolly rhinoceros and mammoth, and the rest of a prehistoric city's "daily bread." year in, year out, for centuries. Here, in Prerov (as the village above it is now called), the bones of more than 800 great hairy mammoths have been turned up.

In this extraordinary Quaternary city, which has not yet been thoroughly explored, Maska found a sepulchral chamber containing 14 complete human skeletons of the Mammoth Age, and parts of six others. That they were a tall folk was shown by the length of the femurs. Round the neck of one of these skeletons—that of a child—was a necklace of 14 small mammoth ivory beads.

One hundred thousand years ago woman combed her hair with ivory combs cut from the dreaded monster mammoth's tusks. So she does today up in the Siberian Arctic. And very good combs, too.

Montrose Noted as General.

As a general, James Graham, marquis of Montrose, ranks first among the Scottish Royalists. In 1640 he was the first to cross the Tweed in the Scottish invasion of England. The following year, being found in secret correspondence with the king, he was imprisoned by Argyle for several months. In 1642 he was offered the command of the Covenanting army, but declined, and in the following year was definitely turned to the Royalist side. He united the western clans, united by their common hatred of Argyle against the Covenanters, and with them he won several victories, only to be crushed the same year, when he escaped to Norway.

In 1649 Montrose succeeded in urging the younger Charles to send him again to Scotland. He raised an army, was defeated, and afterward captured and taken to Edinburgh and there drawn and quartered. His loyalty to the Stuart cause is only less remarkable than his own scheme of Scottish independence of ecclesiastical control.—Detroit News.

Jugo-Slavs Rich in Folk Songs.

Of all Europeans the Jugo-Slavs are said to have developed most fully the art of folk-lore narrative. Folk-poems, now a feature of immigrant life in America, constitute a strong and vivid link between modern times and the immortal days of heathen supremacy in southeastern Europe.

In this literature to which the Jugo-Slav immigrants give themselves there is an interesting separation of the masculine from the feminine poems.

The former are sung always by one person, while his audience tries to memorize the words and meaning. Such poems are always epic in character.

The feminine poem may be sung by one or more persons in unison, and is often done by two voices, without accompaniment, and merely to please the singers themselves. Ordinarily lyrical, the feminine poem may at times be an epic in nature, but it is always shorter than the other.—Detroit News.

Slightly Flustered.

Some time ago a parson in an industrial town arranged a special service for working men.

The service was well attended, and the preacher began his sermon with the remark: "Rarely, indeed, have I been privileged to address so many tons of soil!"

Sincere Girl.

It was the first time Richard's father had seen her and they were talking things over.

"So my son has proposed to you," he said, "and you've accepted him. I think you might have seen me first."

She blushed sweetly as she replied: "I did, but I think I prefer Richard."

Flour or Dough?

He thought it safer to write to the girl's father for her hand. He was an ardent lover, but a poor speller, and his note ran: "I want your daughter—the flour of your family."

"The flour of my family is good," replied the old man; "are you sure it isn't my dough you're after?"

Plaza Paraffage.

She (with newspaper)—It says here that a mosquito can fly ten miles.

He—The distance doesn't interest me; it's what the darn little cuss does when he arrives.

MANIA FOR SPEED

French Drive Autos at Reckless Rate Down Mountains.

Writer Says Passengers Touring the Alps Sit Helpless and Trust to Luck and Skill

"The motor coach accidents which have occurred recently in the south of France do not surprise me in the least," writes a correspondent. "Having just returned from motoring over a number of mountain passes, I have had enough thrills to last me for a while."

"It was risky enough dodging the taxicabs in Paris, where apparently the speed limit is unknown, but on the steep gradients and zig-zags of the French Alps the danger becomes much more acute."

The pedestrian in Paris can, with some agility, escape with a whole skin, but a passenger in one of the motor coaches which make a feature of climbing several Alpine passes in the day can only sit helpless and trust to luck. The surprising thing is that accidents are not more frequent.

"French motor drivers have a passion for speed, and when two cars meet on a hairpin bend, with a very narrow road surface and a precipitous drop of some hundreds of feet on the one side, the situation is rather unpleasant for the car on the outside edge, and decidedly thrilling for the passengers. When taking such a curve at speed, as is often the case, it is simply a matter of nerve and steady steering that pulls one through, as a sudden application of the brakes might send the car skidding into space."

"French drivers take risks that would appall an English motorist. They rush down steep mountain roads, following each other in a dense cloud of dust, or dash out of brilliant sunshine into dark tunnels at a pace that makes one gasp."

"It all seems so reckless, and yet it is really perhaps the most expert driving in Europe. One's feelings of thankfulness at being landed whole at one's hotel door are mixed with a profound admiration of French skill in meeting road emergencies, but also with a distinct preference for the slower but safer driving to which we are accustomed at home."

Suburban Life Not All Roses.

Most young married couples sooner or later get the desire for "a little place in the suburbs with a bit of ground around it." Sometimes their wishes are realized, sometimes they go to the end of their days with their dreams unfulfilled. Those who attain their goal generally find that suburban life is not all as they had pictured it. It is usually friend husband who has his eyes opened more than friend wife.

Friend husband lives and learns a great many things. Even if he has a little more money than the average he finds it's up to him to know how to do a lot of plumbing jobs, carpentry jobs and to learn something of electricity, for help in the suburbs along these lines is not always available.

Friend husband grumbles, especially to friend wife. But he learns and he does what's expected of him. He has his reward in turning patronizing to his fellow worker who has not yet fallen for the country and saying, "You ought to live out of town, old man. Nothing like it in the world."—New York Sun and Globe.

Mails Were Accommodating.

An Irishman was astonished to receive the following letter from his son in London:

"Dear Father—I am in a deuce of a hole. Kindly send me £10, and oblige—Your loving son, Pat."

"P. S.—After writing this letter I was so stricken with remorse that I ran after the postman and tried to get it back. I can only pray that it will not reach you."

But who could be more astonished than the son when he received this reply:

"Dear Son: Your prayers are answered. The letter did not reach me. Father."—London Tit-Bits.

He Won.

The recently announced engagement of a widely known man about town to a young woman who lives in Watts brings to light, if his closest friend can be believed, a new angle in successful courtship. Said friend gives the inside dope on the proposal as follows:

"If you would marry me, it would make me quite happy."

"My dear Bob, happiness is gained in the pursuit of something, not in the catching it."

"That's not so!" cried Bob. "You've never chased the last car out of this town on a rainy night!"—Los Angeles Times.

Still Musical.

Two men who had been old school fellows met in a restaurant. After exchanging greetings, one said:

"By the way, old chap, when at school you used to be rather fond of music. Do you play any instrument now?"

"Yes," was the reply; "second fiddle at home."

His Idea of Substitutes.

"So the Lord has sent you a little sister instead of the brother you asked for?" said the kindly neighbor.

"Yes."

"I suppose you are just as pleased?"

"Just as pleased? I should say not. I suppose this Christmas if I ask for a jack knife they'll give me a doll buggy."

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ers how to improve its lot.

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and the German government is
getting ready to print ten bil-
lion mark bills. In all the history
of debased money nothing like
it has ever happened on such
scale. And if Billie Bryant could
have had his way in 1894, we
might have seen something like
it over here.

WHITE CHURCH CEMETERY

When those few pioneers who
were living in this canyon were
first called together for the
purpose of laying to rest of one
of their number, little did they
know what changes the next
forty years would bring about
for them and their successors
as citizens.

Many of those dear old set-
tlers have gone to claim their
reward in a better world and
few who have witnessed their
departure still remain here with
us waiting the call of an All
Wise Creator, who in due time
and in accordance to His own
will and pleasure will call them
home.

It has been forty years since
the establishment of the White
Church cemetery and up to a
few years ago little was

thought of the need for more
space, or better equipment for
maintaining our cemetery. But
during the last few years from
time to time the situation was
discussed but no definite plan
of procedure was arranged un-
til about the beginning of this
year, when it was agreed upon
by some of the older citizens of
this community to call the peo-
ple together for the purpose of
arranging some definite plan
to secure an extension and a
title in legal form to the land
previously set aside for ceme-
tery purposes.

Just Forty years from the
date of the first interment,
(March 9, 1883) the people met
at the cemetery (Mar. 9, 1923)
to arrange the plans for the
needed extension. In a called
business session, a board of
three trustees were elected to
represent and execute the will
of th people in the matter of
securing this extension and we
have tried to be true to our
promise to serve you to the best
of our ability. We have secured
the extension to the cemetery
and from time to time have called
your attention to other need-
ed improvement. You have play-
ed your part, so far, squarely
as well by responding to every
call we have made for funds to
bear the expenses, or to do all
the work we have ask you to do
but still the present condition of
our cemetery is not what we
would like for it to be. I believe
that one more day should be
spent during this year in a gen-
eral clean up of the ground, so
all of you who believe that this
is your work the same as any
one else who has an interest
here in any way, meet with us
at the cemetery Thursday, Nov-
ember 1st, and let us give the
ground its final clean up for
the year. Bring your lunch and
something to work with. Come
early, prepared to spend the
day. Dillard R. Snow, Sec. and
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LURE OF MOUNTAIN

Thousands Face Danger to Climb
Difficult Places.

Many Persons Attracted to This Form
of Sport, Owing to Its Health
Giving.

What is the lure which every year
draws throngs of people to face dis-
comfort or danger that they may
climb a few hundred or thousand feet
above the level of the sea? asks Fran-
cis Arnold Collins. The thrill of fac-
ing danger, after all, attracts but few;
many are repelled by it. The explana-
tion, doubtless, lies deeper. Mountain
climbing assures the delights of diffi-
culties overcome. It means exercise in
the open and an ascent to freer and
more exhilarating air and wilder scene.
Beyond all sports, again, it is health-
giving. The most democratic of com-
ests, it requires only an equipment of
stout shoes and sufficient determina-
tion. It may be taken in doses varied
from day to day to suit the climber's
taste and ambition. One man is sat-
isfied to ramble among the foothills, an-
other aspires to conquer Mont Blanc,
and both may be satisfied without vio-
lating the rules of the game.

The attitude of the world in general
toward mountain climbing has under-
gone several curious changes. The an-
cients looked upon the mountains
with indifference. The great peaks
falled either to tempt the adventurer
or inspire the writer. Throughout the
Middle ages the mountains inspired all
classes with downright terror, so that
no one ventured to climb even the fa-
miliar lower peaks. Only in the last
century have men lost their terror of
the mountains and found the courage
and daring to scale them.

The early mountain climbers risked
their lives in a spirit of adventure, as
a rule. The ambition to be the first,
or among the first, to scale the peaks
which had always been considered in-
accessible has caused thousands of
climbers to face appalling risks. The
price paid in loss of life in conquering
the highest mountains of the world is
amazingly high. The spirit of explora-
tion and scientific investigation, again,
has served to carry men farther, per-
haps, than the mere daredevil spirit
of adventure, notably in the cases of
De Saussure and Professor Tyndall.

Within the last few years, however,
the attitude of the public mind toward
the mountains has once more under-
gone an interesting transformation.
Today, mountain climbing is not gen-
erally regarded as a daring and dan-
gerous adventure or an opportunity
for exploration. For millions of peo-
ple, the world over, it is merely one
of the harder forms of outdoor sport.
Its appeal has thus been indefinitely
extended. The inspiration and health-
fulness of mountain climbing are
brought within reach of all.

The lessons learned from countless
accidents in mountain climbing have
robbed this fascinating pastime of
most of its dangers. Today, when ac-
cidents befall, they are almost always
due to ignorance, lack of experience,
or downright carelessness. All forms
of mountain climbing have been re-
duced to an exact science.—St. Nich-
olas Magazine.

Days of Wildcat Banking.
The term "wild cats," today applied
to worthless securities of any descrip-
tion, was originally the name given to
certain banks in Michigan. Back in
1837 there was a severe financial panic.
Many banks failed.

The currency which they had circu-
lated became worthless, many bogus
banks started up and issued "bank
notes," and the country was overrun
with a swarm of counterfeiters. Bank-
ing and business were demoralized
and, to make matters worse, lax legis-
lation was passed in many states, per-
mitting almost any kind of financial
robbery in the name of banking.

Such was the case in Michigan,
where forty banks were started under
a law of fraudulent character. These
banks were called "wild cats" because
the bank notes issued by them bore a
picture of that animal. All but four of
these failed within two years, hence
the term "wild cat" to denote a very
insecure financial obligation.—Detroit
News.

Choosing Cheese.
Do not choose cheese solely by its
color, for color has very little to do
with its quality, says an English
paper. A deep yellow is produced by
the addition of coal tar or other col-
oring matter, and does not indicate
rich cheese. Texture, on the other
hand, is the best indication of quality.
Good cheese cuts grainy, rather than
waxy, is reasonably solid, and not too
greasy. Crumbly cheese is likely to
be acid. When cheese is new it is
mild in flavor, when well ripened it
develops a sharper and stronger taste.
There is no scientific reason for the
statement that strong cheese has un-
dergone putrefaction.

More Queer English.
Probably with a certain popular song
in mind, H. O. writes that he over-
heard the following in a restaurant re-
cently. A customer had started for
the door when he remembered that he
hadn't paid his check. Going back he
said to the cashier, "I don't pay you
yet, ain't it?"
"Yes, not yet," answered the casnir.
—Boston Transcript.

New Sweet Cherry.
A new sweet cherry which ripens
from a week to ten days earlier than
any cherry now grown has been
evolved at the New York agricultural
experiment station.

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off of a Billy Goat to get your Heating Stove up.

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people who know her.

The groom is a son of Mr.
James Doan, a man of much
ability.

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Under the eye of the super-high-speed camera a rubber ball dropped to the ground is shown to be flattened almost into a hemisphere at the moment of impact, a circumstance which, by showing resiliency in detail, is of scientific value to tire manufacturers in deciding on the design and construction of their products. Other secrets of rapid mechanical action disclosed by the cameras are expected to lead to industrial and scientific improvements.

The smashing of a glass vacuum bulb by a hammer, an action which occupies something less than 1-100 of a second, is shown by these cameras in about fifty pictures—more than three feet of film—which at normal projecting speed would be run off on the screen in between three and four seconds. This enables scientific study to be made of each stage of a process that the fastest cameras hitherto devised have pictured as instantaneous.

The American machine was developed by C. Francis Jenkins of Washington. The British camera is known as the Heape-Gryll rapid cinema machine. They are large contrivances (weight of the English machine is four tons) operated by electric motors, and are started and stopped mechanically, since the human hand is too slow to operate the switch at the precise instant of the action to be photographed. Giant searchlights and chemical flashes are employed to furnish light, since photographic film is incapable of producing images under such short exposures as is given in these cameras—often less than 1-100-000 of a second.—Popular Science Monthly.

Lake That Sharpens Razors.

One of the most curious lakes in the world is to be found in Ireland.

This lake has the power of petrifying any substance that may fall into it. Of course, the petrification is not absolute, but the substance is coated with a layer of stone, which is found dissolved in the lake, and the stone then hardens and forms a shell over the substance.

A well-known cutlery firm in England heard of this and sent a man over to inspect it. He selected several pieces of hardwood, which he sank with weights, and then marked the place with small buoys.

A fortnight later he returned and took up two pieces of the wood, which he found to be partly petrified. Two weeks after he drew up the other pieces, and found each piece to be as hard as flint.

The firm then made several experiments with the wood and found that at a certain stage of petrification an excellent razor hone could be manufactured from it.—London Tit-Bits.

Might Not Suit Jefferson.

A London editor says of Mount Vernon:

"Here can be seen and visualized the life of an English gentleman in America in the Eighteenth century."

And then, applauding the effort to make Monticello a national possession, the editor adds:

"If a similar atmosphere can be introduced into Monticello as a memorial to Thomas Jefferson the committee will deserve the thanks of all lovers of Democracy."

But not the thanks of T. J. himself, remarks Girard. To be regarded as an "English gentleman in America" would tickle him just as much as it would please Mr. Bryan to be labeled agent for John Barleycorn or Senator Brookhart to be called the right bower of Henry Cabot Lodge.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A Bit Mixed.

A tourist in Scotland was boastfully told by a resident of Tain that the place was a most noteworthy one, being one of the old royal burghs of the country. "Why," his informant went on, "its charter was granted by King David himself."

"Dear, dear me!" exclaimed the tourist. "You don't tell me so. Was that the gentleman who wrote the Psalms?"—Boston Transcript.

The Mule's Definition.

A donkey looked over a hedge and saw a flivver car standing by the roadside.

"What are you?" asked the donkey. "A motor car," replied the flivver.

"What did you say?" asked the donkey.

"I said I was a motor car," repeated the flivver.

"And I'm a horse," said the donkey.

Relapse.

He—What do you say to a honeymoon in Europe?

She—But, dearest, you know how afraid I am of seasickness.

"Yes, but you ought to know that love is the best remedy for that."

"Perhaps—but think of the return trip."—Korsaren (Christiania).

Business Sense.

Saleslady (to storekeeper)—Gentleman asks if this undershirt will shrink?

Storekeeper—Does it fit him?

Saleslady—No, it's too large.

Storekeeper—Yes, of course it shrinks.

MISTAKES MADE BY POETS

Blunders in Literature Are Not All Confined to the Living Authors.

The blunders in literature are not all confined to living authors.

Milton's lines, "Thick as autumnal leaves that strew the brooks in Val-lombrosa," are familiar to everyone, but, as a matter of fact, the Vallombrosa forests are all of pine trees, so that there are no leaves, and pine needles do not fall in the autumn, but towards spring.

In "Comus" he writes: "And in the violet embroidered vale Where the lovelorn nightingale Nightly to thee her sad song mourneth well."

Unfortunately for the poet, the male nightingale alone sings and the female is voiceless.

Another classic writer who allowed his meter to get the better of his sense was Pope, who wrote:

When first young Maro, in his noble mind, A work 't outlast immortal Rome designed.

He had overlooked the fact that, if Rome was immortal, nothing could outlast it.

But neither of these is any worse than the story of Pharaoh's daughter finding the infant Moses among the bulrushes on the banks of the Nile. As a matter of fact, bulrushes do not thrive in that part of the world, and there are none on the banks of the Nile.

In his youthfulness may be found some excuse for Keats writing:

Like stout Cortez, when, with eager eyes, He gaz'd and heaved his breast, that whole Command of Nature did he see, and then

Balboa discovered the Pacific, and not Cortez.

VULCAN THE GOD OF FIRE

Forger of Thunderbolts for Jupiter When Hurl'd by Mother From Olympus.

Vulcan is in classic mythology the god of fire, the patron of blacksmiths and workers in metals, and the armorer of the gods. He was the son of Jupiter and Juno, or, according to some accounts, of Juno alone. Owing to his weakness and lameness, he incurred the displeasure of his mother and was cast by her from Olympus.

After dwelling for nine years with Thetis and Eurynome in a grotto beneath Oceanus, Vulcan returned to Olympus, but was cast out a second time for presuming to side with his mother in a quarrel between her and Jupiter. He fell on the island of Lemnos and there set up his forges; but afterward removed them to the volcanic islands of Lipari, near Sicily, where he forged the thunderbolts of Jupiter and other marvelous implements.

Vulcan was sometimes called Malchior and Lemnius.—Detroit News.

Curious Things About Starfish.

Legs on a starfish? At first you will more than likely say not, but if you want to make certain put one in a pool of water and watch what happens. Soon you will notice it scrambling over stones and gliding up any rock that may happen to be in its way. This is the moment to snatch it up and have a look at the hundreds of little legs it keeps curled up inside, ready to poke out of holes in the skin when required.

A starfish also has eyes in the tips of its rays, and one particular kind possesses eyelids which open and shut. Another curious fact about the starfish is that if one of its rays is cut off another one will grow, and if the creature is cut completely in half, each half will throw out new rays, so that in a few weeks two starfishes appear instead of one.

Some starfish have a habit of breaking into pieces of their own accord when alarmed. Even a shadow will cause them to give a shudder and break into bits. Most starfish have a curious habit of protecting their eggs. They heap them together in a small pile and then bend their rays downward so that they stand on their tips and form a kind of cage or table.

How to Test Fresh Eggs.

The best test of all for the egg is its appearance after it is broken—if the white and yolk run together it is evidence that the egg is not strictly fresh, though no odor is perceptible. But that is too late to save money, if not to avert an actual catastrophe. One way to tell a newly laid egg is by the "glow" or "bloom" on the shell.

This glow disappears after handling and on being exposed to the air for some time. Fresh eggs are full and rose-colored when held up to the light; large dark spots and shadows indicate decay.

A cold-storage egg will be darker and somewhat shrunken in appearance. If the egg when placed in a 10 per cent solution of salt water sinks to the bottom it is to be considered perfectly fresh; if it remains immersed in the liquid, it is at least three days old; if it rises to the surface it is more than five days old.

"In Shallows and in Miseries."

"Your spooners aren't all in the pulpit and on the platform," writes T. W. C. "I read the other day of a man remarking that another man who had insulted him had made an 'unpollished squalor.' And not long ago I myself in quoting Shakespeare's 'There is a tide in the affairs of men,' amused my clubmates by rendering the concluding lines:

"Omitted, all the voyage of their life Is bound in willows and in shaseries."—Boston Transcript.

PORPOISES LIKE TO PLAY

Huge Animals of the Sea Grunt Like a Hog—Is Harbinger of the Herring and Mackerel.

If, toward the end of the summer, you see a commotion in the sea off the harbor mouth, you can safely guess that a school of porpoises is about, and that there are shoals of herring or mackerel on the move.

As soon as the water becomes warm in the long summer days, the porpoise comes down from the cold seas for food—and play. Frequently there are as many as a hundred porpoises in a school.

The porpoise's body is bloated, just like that of a pig, and when he grunts the likeness is complete. His under-part is dazzlingly white, his back a greenish black in color. Often he attains a length of five feet. On his back is one great triangular fin, and it is this fin that enables him to go through his "stunts" at sea.

He does not swim—he rolls. It is an ungainly motion, but one that is absorbing to watch. He rolls over and over, throwing up a spray and grunting in a curious manner. He never seems to get in the way of his fellows, no matter how large the school.

The most entrancing part of the spectacle is when the porpoise decides to do some acrobatics. He hurls himself from the water, rises some eight or ten feet, his fat body curved and glistening, and then drops with a terrific splash. All the time he is breathing hard, so that a school of these creatures makes a considerable noise.

Herring and mackerel are his prey. Season after season he hunts them down and eats them wholesale. Small wonder he is not a favorite with fishermen.

But he is a harbinger of the herring shoals, and for that reason his coming is eagerly awaited. Only when herring are about does the porpoise become bold. He is a useful creature, too. His big body holds a considerable quantity of good oil, while from his skin porpoise leather is made.—London Tit-Bits.

COWBOYS MILK WILD COWS

New Form of Amusement as Staged in Washington Calls Forth Protest.

Our special representative in the state of Washington, who has done so much to create humane sentiment against the cruelties associated with the rodeos and wild west shows of Washington, sends us the rules of a new form of cruelty as they appear upon the printed program, known as the "Wild cow milking contest." Five wild, but fresh milch cows are to be used. The cow has thirty feet start. Two mounted men to each cow are waiting in line to give chase.

Here are three of the rules for this contest: The catcher will stop the cow but not "bust" her. If you do bust her you are out.

His partner will dismount, go down the line, catching the cow by the horns, twisting her head back and taking the rope off from the cow or roper must release his rope from horn or saddle.

The rider who roped her will now dismount and proceed to milk this wild cow until he has half filled one-half pint cream bottle furnished by the committee.

Some of the finest people in America live in the state of Washington. May the day soon come when their influence will be strong enough to stop these barbarous exhibits of the rough and cruel handling of animals to furnish amusement to people capable of finding pleasure in such primitive forms of so-called sport.—Our Dumb Animals.

Store Water in Bamboo Pipes.

I took notes while we were at Epa of a rather curious method of drawing water from the communal spring, half a mile from the village, says H. C. Pratt. Twice a day the women went down in chattering groups to the spring, carrying bamboo pipes twelve feet long. These pipes are made by forcing out the pith at the joints, and hold about five gallons apiece. When full, the drinking end was plugged with leaves, the pipe being stood in a shady spot near its owner's house and used when needed. Incidentally, drinking from these weird receptacles was a rather hazardous business, care being necessary lest a too copious supply should gush out when the pipe was held to the mouth.—Wide World Magazine.

First Millionaire in the United States.

The first United States millionaire was Stephen Girard, a French sailor who settled in Philadelphia in 1772 as a wine merchant on a small scale, and henceforth was bound up with the destiny of the Quaker City. He built fleets of merchant vessels, created whole residential districts, and when the Bank of the United States threatened to stop payment set up his own bank and became the leading banker of the country. On Girard's death in 1832 his estate amounted to ten million dollars—the largest known up to then in the United States. He was a bachelor, and left the whole of his fortune, with the exception of a few trifling legacies, for charitable purposes.

In Round Numbers.

Suffering Kid—Pa, did you ever have a tooth pulled? Papa (with great gusto)—Have I, my boy? I should say so; hundreds of them.

We Have Added---

another Truck to our Business to try to give our Customers, Friends and the Automobile owners the best Service possible.

There is no one who appreciates your trade more than we. We stand ready and waiting to accommodate you in any way we can.

Don't forget our Telephone No. **159** when we can be of Service.

Magnolia Filling Station

Cha. H. Jones, Agent; Pete White, Filling Station Attendant; Jno. Slater, Truck Driver.

NEW BARBER SHOP

We have opened a new Barber shop just across the street in front of the Post Office, and will appreciate a share of your patronage in this line. Come in to see us; get acquainted and give us a trial. Dunn and Rutledge.

5 cans No. 3 Table peaches Ray at Blair, Oct. 20th. 1t

Misfortunes of some kind overtake all of us sooner or later, and when we get along in life we should learn to take them as a matter of course. But the only kind we can never get reconciled to are those brought on by our own folly and shortcomings. They determine whether our lives are well-spent or not.

FOR SALE—Some good second hand Cars. \$125 and up. McDonald Motor Co. 1t.

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a letter enclosing the necessary wherewith from Mr. E. D. Teuton, at Lockney, asking that the Merkel Mail be sent to him there for the next year. We have not learned whether Mr. Teuton has moved with his family to that city or not, but if such be the case that town has added to its list of good citizens another of whom they will always be proud to count among their best citizens. Good luck Ed.

Maxwell House Coffee, \$1.15 and all you can drink free, Ray at Blair, Oct. 20th. 1t.

Constipation

Is the human race's most insidious enemy, being the cause of the majority of our illnesses. A deadly foe to circulation is FORCE Tonic. It regulates the bowels and liver, helping them to function normally and without discomfort.

Force Tonic
It Makes For Strength

A Banking connection next year may be very valuable to you. The farmers & Merchants National Bank will have plenty of funds to take care of all conservative business. 1t

White Cloud Lard, \$1.30, Ray at Blair, Oct. 20th. 1t

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

Buy a Radio Set to listen in during the cold months. Call at the Mail office and get particulars. 1t.



Have Your Eyes Fitted Correctly

Examination \$2.00

Phone or Write for Appointment
DR. P. T. QUAST, Optometrist
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BIG
Excursions
TO THE
DALLAS FAIR
Fridays & Saturdays, Oct. 19, 20, 26, 27
\$5.65
Roundtrip from Merkel. Good until Sunday night to Return. See us for details, also other Fair rates daily.
J. C. Childress, Agent

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE OR TRADE--160 acres 85 in cultivation, 3 room house, well, windmill, cribs, etc. Located 4 miles east of Dora. Price \$4,000.00 bonus. \$300.00 owing the estate. Jim Eoff, owner, Winters, Texas. 11t2p

FOR SALE--Good farm 292 acres, 2 1/2 miles northwest of Merkel. Priced at \$55.00 per acre if sold at once. Two sets of improvements. Write G. A. Guthrie, Slaton, Texas, 12t2p.

FOR SALE--FINE TURKEYS! Purebred, Bourbon Red Toms, April hatch, at \$10.00 each. Mrs. W. M. Jones, Merkel Rt. one, 12t2p.

FOR SALE--Four room box and weatherboarded house, 1 hall, 2 porches. Will see cheap if taken at once. Phone 83. S. G. Russell. 11t2

FOR SALE--Two horses 15 1/2 hands high, \$125.00. One mare, \$25.00; one four-year old mare mule, \$200.00; one two-year old mare mule, \$60.00; one deering Moore and Rake in good shape, \$60.00; one grain drill, \$12.50; one good 14-inch Sulkey Plow, \$25.00; one disc pulverizer, \$30, one walking 14-inch Middle buster, \$12.50. Will sell on fall time with approved notes. T. D. Compton, route three. Merkel. 19t3p

FOR SALE--80 acres land, \$25-00.00. All good and in cultivation. Eleven years time if you need it. On account of Johnson grass, no payment first year except the interest. J. T. Warren. Merkel 19t2.

FOR SALE--Seed Oats. Clear of Johnson Grass. Never missed a crop by freeze. J. T. Warren. 19t2.

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FOR SALE--Good 6 room house fine well water and windmill, 2 acres good land. If sold in 60 days will go at a bargain. It is an ideal place for chicken ranch. See A. L. Jobe. 1t2.

FOR SALE--Good seed wheat, free from Johnson grass and weed seed. R. B. Wells. 19t2

FOR SALE--One Pony Disc plow see or write J. F. Davis, Merkel Route No. 2. 19t2p

FOR SALE--1062 acres of land in Dawson county, all fenced, good well and windmill. Will sell and give good terms or will trade for good land in Merkel or Abilene country. G. B. Brown. 19t2.

FO SALE--50 bushels good seed wheat. See A. B. Cranston, Merkel, Rt. 1. 1tp

FOR SALE--Seed wheat, free from Johnson grass seed, \$1.20 per bushel. Sam Butman Sr. 1t

FOR SALE--Black Minorcas--Purebred. Pen \$5.00 and \$7.50 Cocksrels--\$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 See Yates Brown. 1t

LOST

LOST--A brown beaded purse. Reward for return to Lilley Pratt Sears. 1tp.

WANTED--Stalk field to pasture 25 head stock. Phone 83. S. G. Russell. 11t2

FOR SALE--Choice White Holland Toms, \$5.00; hens, \$3.00 per pair, \$8.00. If shipped, postage and crating is extra. Mrs. C. E. Stamps, Merkel, Rt. one. 19t3pd.

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. Jobe. 12t2

Men, it has been said, are possessed of more innate refinement than women. This, we think, is hardly true, but we know that there are men in this world whom no other man would live with but who nevertheless manage to persuade some number of the opposite sex to share their lot with them.

Miss May Lassiter, accompanied by her niece, little Miss Rosemary Lassiter, spent Thursday in Abilene the guest of the former's sister, Mrs. Jack Long.

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

On next Sunday there will be all regular and usual services, with a welcome to all who desire to attend. All members are especially urged to come and to urge others to be present.

Pennsylvania Vacuum Cup fabric tires, fresh shipment of Ford sizes just received.--West Company. 1t

Gov. Pinchot tried to do something for the nation when he settled the coal strike, and the politicians of his party are trying to sidetrack him by urging his nomination for vice-president. They did the same thing with Roosevelt but it did not pan out according to expectations.

Long Home Cheese, 35c. Ray at Blair. 1t.

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

BARROW'S FALL FURNITURE SALE

Many people are taking advantage of the many **BARGAINS** we are offering during this sale. Come in while our stock is complete. You will save money by buying your Furniture Now.



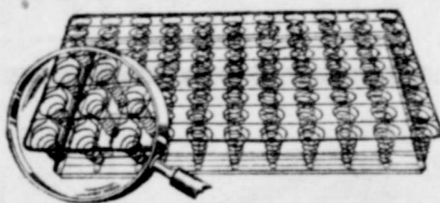
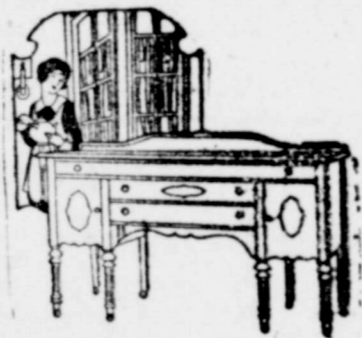
Aluminum Set Free

—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
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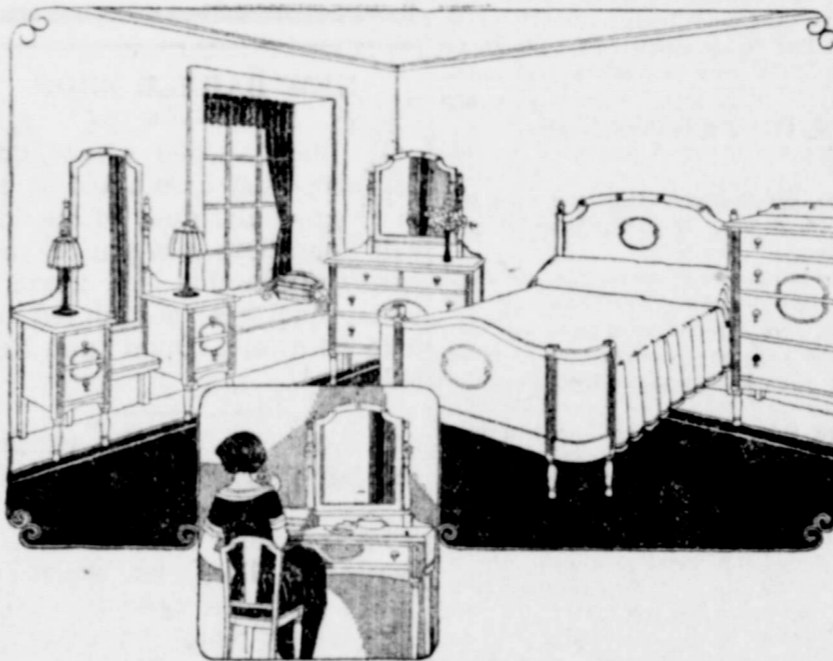


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Ivory Bed Room Suite

This is a beautiful Suit consisting of Vanity Dresser, Bow-foot Bed, Chifforette and Bench. Don't fail to call for your tickets on this suite to be given Nov. 10.

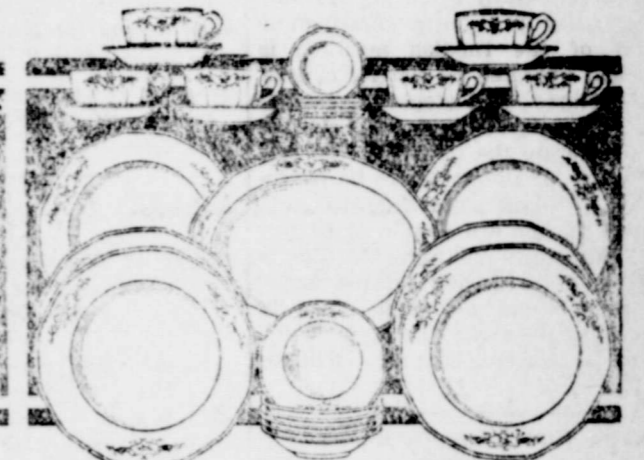
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See our new arrivals in Beds, Chifforobes, Dressers

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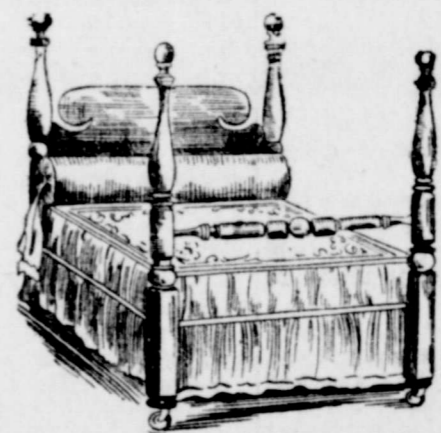


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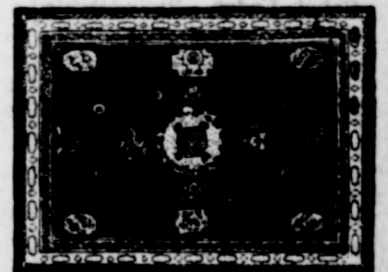
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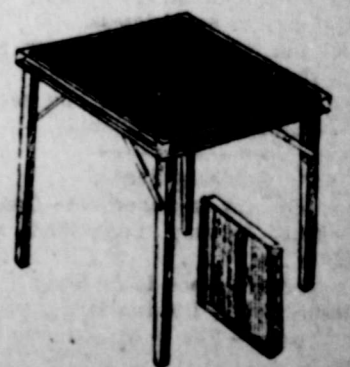
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Monday and Tuesday Oct. 22, 23 "VANITY FAIR" A Goldwyn Special from the Book by W. M. Thackeray Also— Christie Comedy	Wednesday and Thursday Oct. 24, 25 WILLIAM DUNCAN in "STEEL HEART" Also— Romayne Comedy And— Travelogue

MORE THAN SIX INCHES RAIN FALLS HERE

According to Mr. B. M. Black, who has for many years kept a correct record of the rain fall in Merkel, six and one half inches of rain fell in Merkel from last Friday night until the following Monday night. More than has fallen here in the same length of time for many years. It was indeed a record breaker, and while it completely put a stop to gathering the cotton crop, and completely destroyed all cotton that has fallen on the ground, it is not thought that the crop was damaged but little other wise.

The rain has filled all tanks and creeks with an abundance of stock water and will help the ranges; make it possible for those who desire, to sow all the wheat they care to, and infact really prove more of a blessing than a hinderance.

S. D. Gamble one of the proprietors of the Merkel Drug Company, is in Dallas this week buying additional drug stock as well as a large and complete stock of Christmas and Holiday goods.

Read the Classified Column.

Chiropractic Massage

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Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent left over the Sunshine Monday morning for Dallas where they joined their son W. J. in looking after their fine Show Herd of Hereford cattle.

Mr. L. B. Scott, the hustling and splendid proprietor of the Merkel Motor Company is in Dallas on business this week, and incidentally attending the State Fair.

A. B. Patterson of the Patterson Drug Company is in Dallas this week buying more goods for their store. He is also laying in a big stock of Christmas and Holiday goods.

The most extraordinary tire values in town.—West Company.

Don't forget the big Dinner at Blair, Oct. 20.

Mr. J. E. Hendrix is visitng his daughter at Lamesa, Texas.

Personal and Property TAXES

do not have to be paid by holders of the Preferred capital stock of the American Public Service Company on money invested in this security.

The assessor proves no terror nor dread to holders of the above stock, for it is free from all taxation in Texas and is exempt from the normal Federal Income Tax.

Invest in a Business With a Constant Demand For Its Products

The stock is issued non-assessable and fully paid in a company whose subsidiaries serve over 50 cities and towns in Texas and Oklahoma with electric light and power, and 34 cities and towns with ice. The subsidiaries also supply gas in two large West Texas cities (Cisco and Abilene), and operate three electric railway transportation systems, two of them in West Texas.

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At Present Cost Per Share, Dividends Yield 7.77 per cent return. Inquire Today at office or of any Employee.

West Texas Utilities Co.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Last Sunday in spite of the rain we had Sunday school and the largest offering for many weeks. Every one who could not come last Sunday come Sunday and let us tell you about it. Every department of our work has bright prospects for the future. The new Womans Class under the leadership of Miss Dota Garrouette is growing every Sunday. There is a place for all ages in our Sunday school.

We are planning to conduct a school of Missions; there will be four departments, Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Adult. These Classes will meet every night for one week and at the close assemble in the auditorium for a stereoptican lecture. This is for everyone and not only do we hope to have our entire membership attend, but all visitors will be welcome.

Sunday, Oct. 21.—All the services of the day will be held at the regular hours. Subject for morning hour, "What Zebedee missed." Fred Rogers, Pastor.

BRIDGES-RICHEY MARRIAGE

At the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Richey, at 2:00 p. m. last Sunday afternoon, Rev. Fred S. Rogers pronounced the words that bound in Holy Wedlock, Lynn C. Bridges and Miss Fae Richey, both well known and popular young people of Merkel.

At present the groom, who is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bridges, of the Stith community, is employed by the American Express Company at Ranger, Lynn, as he is known by his many friends, is an excellent young man, with many sterling qualities; thoroughly honest and upright, and the bride, as stated above, is the splendid and lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Richey and has many winsome lady like characteristics that have won for her a large circle of admiring friends.

The happy couple will make their home in Ranger, and the Mail joins their many friends in wishing for them much happiness and prosperity.

FOR RENT—Two good rooms. Mrs. S. F. Haynes. 1tp

FARMERS NOTICE

I am prepared to carry your fire insurance at a cost of 50c per Bale per month on cotton stored in my yard. C. L. Tucker. tf

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HATS**

Among the Special Values and Prices in our Piece Goods Section this week is a big showing of Skirt and Coat Materials. Also Crepes and light weight Woolens for dresses. In Staple Section you will find every thing priced to save you money on your fall dry goods bill. Come in and see our goods.

BIG SAVING IN OUR UNDERWEAR SECTION Ladies \$2.00 Unionsuit, long sleeve, priced.... \$1.50 Ladies \$1.50 Unionsuit, long sleeve, priced \$1.25 Boys Extra Heavy Union Suits priced at 95c	Good Grade Heavy Cotton Flannel at 25c	Best Grade Brown Domestic at..... 12 1/2, 15, 18c
	72x80 Wool-nap Blankets at \$3.95	Good Dress Gingham, fast colors at 20c
	64x76 Cotton Blankets, all colors, at \$2.25	Good Grade Outings 20c



Our Baby Section

Is complete with--
 Knit Sweaters,
 Caps, Silk and Wool,
 Booties and Shoes,
 Also silk cotton and wool Hose

Justin Lace Boots

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\$14.50 & \$16.50
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 At **\$21.50**
 Also good line of boys Booties
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MUST BUY OR KIDNAP BRIDE
 Natives in Bali, an island of the Indian Archipelago, Must Succeed or Suffer Consequences.

Marriage in Bali, an island of the Indian archipelago, is a matter of purchase or of capture. An exchange of ardent glances in temple or market place, and perhaps a few clandestine meetings, tell the lover if the lady is not averse to abduction. He knows, however, that if he is caught in the act of carrying her off her willingness will not satisfy father or brother; so he lays his plans carefully and smuggles her away in absolute secrecy.

After a few days in hiding the groom sends a friend to his bride's parents to ask their forgiveness. Though the messenger invariably is received with great show of hostility, the culprits usually are forgiven. But if the third visit of the "go-between" is without result the lover and his bride are doomed to banishment from their village and people.

Broke Power of Indians.
 King Philip's war was the name given to a desperate attempt made by Philip, son of Massasoit, sachem of the Wampanoags, to exterminate the white settlers of New England because of real and imaginary wrongs committed by them.

The war broke out July 4, 1675, with an attack on Swansea, R. I., and continued with varying fortune until August of the following year. The Indians finally were defeated, and Philip, becoming a fugitive, was shot in a swamp by a renegade Indian, and his son sold into slavery in Bermuda.

It is said that thirteen towns and 600 dwellings were destroyed and 600 colonists killed. As a result of King Philip's war the power of the Indians was completely broken in New England.—Detroit News.

Seventy-Year-Old Steamer.
 Geelong to Melbourne, the capital of Victoria, Australia, is about fifty miles, and two vessels make the return trip every day, the steamship Courier and the steamship Edina. The Edina was built in 1853, about seventy years ago, as a sailing vessel, trading between Leith, Hull and Hamburg. In 1863 the Edina was used as a blockade-runner between England and America, carrying arms one way and cotton the other. In 1864 she conveyed 350 miners to Australia, en route to the New Zealand gold fields. After that the Edina was fitted out as a steamer, in a manner then considered "palatial," and placed in the Queensland trade. Since 1880 she has been running from Geelong to Melbourne, and if less speedy than boats of later construction, the seventy-year-old Edina is still dependable.

Our good friend and most excellent citizen, Mr. T. Kelso, of route four, was here yesterday, and reports having recently returned from a visit to his old home in the state of Tennessee. He reports a very fine and enjoyable trip among the scenes of his boyhood home.

Nothing but Bargains, Oct. 20th Ray at Blair.

CUTTING SCRAPE!

Up to 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. Jobe. 12t2

Miss Florence Gault, of Cincinnati, was here this week the guest of her cousins, the Misses Garoutte.

Mr. S. L. Grayson of the Shiloh community, with his family has recently moved to this city to take advantage of our splendid schools. They are residing at the Banier place, which Mr. Grayson recently purchased from Mr. Banner; Mr. Banner moving to a place he bought of Mr. Grayson, located in the West part of the city.

We were glad to see Clyde Foster, who with his father, Mr. Sam Foster, were badly injured in a motor cycle wreck some two weeks ago, up and about town this week. He also reports his father, who is still in the Sanitarium at Sweetwater, as getting along nicely, and who is expected home in the near future.

FOR SALE—Some good second hand Cars. \$125 and up. McDonald Motor Co. tf.

FOR SALE—Good Radio Set, with or without Magnavox. Apply at Merkel Mail office. tf

LOST—Key ring carrying several keys, with the name plate, Andy Brown, attached. Finder Please return to me at the Liberty Hardware. It

Will sell you a good Radio set cheap, aerial and everything. Apply at Mail office. tf

Mr. T. F. Compton is among those attending the State aFir from Merkel this week.

To Arrive Next Week

Ladies Coats and Dresses

NOW LADIES!! These Garments are the very latest conception of the designers' minds, and right here we must be frank in saying that what you saw for sale in September may be out of style to-day. Come see them.

If You Buy==

From our "Next Week Arrivals" you will get the garment now being worn in all Style Centers

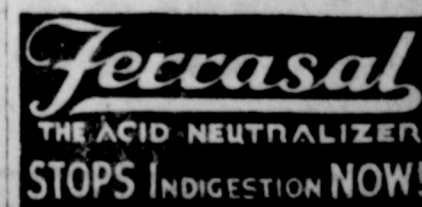
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