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MARRIAGE OF MANY MONTHS A SURPRISE

On Tuesday evening, October 23 1923 at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren many guests gathered for a '42' party. About 8:30, when all guests had arrived, Mrs. Warren asked Miss Ona Fae Bland to play on the piano. After playing a few popular pieces, all were very much surprised to hear a wedding march played. The front door was opened by the hostess and in came Miss Lula Mae Boaz on the arm of Mr. Warren Smith. Rev. Fred S. Rogers of the Presbyterian church stepped in front of them reading the announcement that this couple were married July 23, 1922.

The marriage of this young couple was the culmination of an interesting romance which began about three years ago. The marriage ceremony was performed on Sunday evening, July 23, 1922 about 8 o'clock in the study of Dr. J. C. Burkett of Abilene. Miss Winnith Wright of Bellvue was with the couple on this occasion.

After congratulations and happy wishes for the future, places were found at '42' tables where many interesting games were played. A very clever contest was also had, with the prize being presented to the bride.

A dainty ice course was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. James West.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith are two of the most popular young people in this city. Mrs. Smith, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boaz, is a cultured young lady with many graces. She has been a student at Texas Womans College for the past two years, and has added many to her list of friends, due to her pleasing personality. Mr. Smith, is the son of Dr. and Mrs. N. J. Smith of Hamlin, Texas, having been with the Merkel Drug Co. for a number of years, has proved himself a gentleman in every respect. He is liked and esteemed by all who know him, for his kindness, clean habits, personality and friendliness. The Merkel Mail wishes this popular young couple happiness and prosperity throughout their life together.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith left Wednesday morning for Hamlin, and from there will go to Bellvue and Fort Worth. They will be at home at the Williams apartments after November 1st.

Guests attending the announcement party were, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Arrington, Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown, Mr. and Mrs. James West, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes, Mrs. Sam Swann, Rev. and Mrs. Fred S. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent Misses Iva Bragg, Lilley Pratt Sears, Evelyn Hamm, Ruby Hamm, Ona Fae Bland, Blanche Durham, Valerie Dye, Christine Collins, Lola Armstrong, Dixie Howard; Messrs. Hamm, Durham, Brown, Jones, and host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Warren.

PREACHING AT UNION RIDGE SUNDAY

There will be preaching services at Union Ridge Saturday night and Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour. No services Sunday night, as I will be at Blair at that hour. U. S. Bird

Mrs. J. K. Williams of Bishop Texas, was here last week for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Tom Smith, and whom she had not met for 20 years and the present meeting was indeed a happy one. Also Mrs. Knox of Trent, another sister spent Friday in the Smith home.

THE SORORITY SINGERS COMING

A bright and pleasing program of good music, in attractive costuming, presented by 4 college girls with fresh, young, and thoroughly trained voices, is the entertainment to be given by the Sorority Singers, who will appear here on next Tuesday evening at the Cozy Theatre.

The four young women of this company are of the finest type of modern American girlhood, with social qualifications equal to their musical attainments. They make their audiences feel as much at home as they would if they were guests of theirs.

Their program is one of versatility. Some numbers are given in strictly concert style, others in characteristic costumes; there are readings, musical monologues and other high class specialties.

A particularly interesting feature of the entertainment is group of college songs, which include the best of the old beloved songs arranged especially for a quartet of women's voices. The program is one that will be enjoyed by old and young, taking the elders back to their college days and pleasing the younger folk who have lately left their school life or are still enjoying its delights.

WEIGHS 50 LBS. PICKS 211 POUNDS COTTON

Yes, he's some cotton picker too, notwithstanding the fact that he is only seven years old and only weighs 50 pounds, he recently picked in one day 211 pounds. His name is W. C. Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church of the Stith community.

MERKEL HIGH TEAM DEFEATS ANSON 'HI'

On Oct. 19 the Merkel boys went to Anson and beat the "Whips" in their own back yard.

The game was a hard fought one from whistle to whistle, with Merkel having the better of Anson in every stage of the game.

Anson scored first on a line play from the middle of the field. But after that were never in Merkel territory. Our boys were able to carry the ball up to the 10 yard line several times but would there be penalized for something and loose the ball.

Our touchdown came as a result of hard plunging by Patterson and Acuff. The point after touchdown was won on a fake and a pass.

Merkel scored again in last 2 minutes of play and when an argument arose they withdrew claim for 2nd touchdown. We play Winters today--- here. Come Out.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lewallen, of Troy, Texas, were here this week for a visit with Mrs. Lewallen's brothers, Messrs. J. N. and Ed. Teaff. The latter, who is in very poor health, will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Lewallen to their home for an indefinite visit. His many friends here regret very much his serious condition and failing health, and sincerely trust that he may yet take a turn for the better.

A. C. Rose and family and Miss Ruth Boden spent several days this week in Dallas attending the State Fair of Texas.

MERKEL BOY IS APPOINTED TEACHER

Austin, Texas, Oct. 23.-- Announcement has just been made from the office of the President of the University of Texas of the final list of 186 student assistants and tutors appointed for the 1923-24 session. According to the policy of the University in encouraging graduate work by students showing exceptional ability, a large number of tutors and assistants are elected annually to assist with laboratory work and other details of instruction. A sum of \$87,000 will be paid to them this year in salaries. Only students with high scholastic records are appointed to these positions, varying in time from 6 hours a week to thirty hours a week.

F. L. McRee, of Merkel was appointed assistant in civil engineering. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee, residing near here, and the above is conclusive evidence of the fact that he is making good. Mr. and Mrs. McRee also have another son, Judson, who is also a student, at the State University, who is making good.

THOSE ON THE HONOR ROLL

The following pupils of the Merkel Public School have for the six weeks period ending October 19th been neither tardy nor absent, have made 90 percent or more in deportment, have not made less than 75 percent on any one subject for the period, and have a general average of at least 90 percent.

First Grade (Mrs. Johnson) Rogene Dye, 93; Lloyd Robertson, 92.

First Grade (Miss Yates) Nell Hughes, 94.

Second Grade (Miss Pogue) Duncan Briggs, 90; Lucille Campbell, 90; Myrtle Dyes, 90.

Second Grade (Miss Harrison) Imogene Middleton, 92; H. C. Toombs, 90; Jim West, Jr. 90.

Third Grade (Miss Martin) Ross Ferrier, 92; Nell Durham, 92; Ida Mae Derstine, 92; Mary Elizabeth Grimes, 92; Dorothy Deutschman, 90.

Third Grade (Miss Coats) Roy Robins, 90.

Fourth Grade (Miss Joiner) Elvis Richardson, 94; Leo Tucker, 94; Mabel Pilcher, 93; Clara Louise Miller, 91; Holly Perry, 91; Kathleen Mashburn, 90; Ruby Lee Slater, 90; Ola Smith 90.

Fourth Grade (Miss Scott) Joel Darsey, 95; Mattie Lou Largent, 93; Hazel Highsmith, 93; Louise Booth, 93; Fred A. Baker, 93; Elsie Lassater, 91; Eris Ash, 90.

Fifth Grade (Miss Compere) Nadine Tippet, 92.

Fifth Grade (Miss Ellis) Tracy Campbell, 93; Weldon Coats, 91; J. L. Darsey, 91; Missie Dye, 91; Fred Guitart, 90; Maurine Davis, 90.

Sixth Grade (Miss Conway) Imogene Agnew, 95; Irene Campbell, 94; Raymond Earthman, 94; Mary Ellen Ashby, 91; Lois Leslie, 90.

Sixth Grade (Miss Dye) Norma Shannon, 92; Bernice Lassiter, 90.

Seventh Grade (Mrs. Sublett) Gladys Deutschman, 97; Sallie Mary Campbell, 94; Iris Garrett, 94; Mary Cole, 90; Ruby Fae Golladay, 90; Eunice Bird, 90.

Seventh Grade --Mrs. Jackson Sterling Sheppard, 96; Vera Matlock, 96; Rubijo Higgins,

CHECKED UP AND IS GLAD THE "O. K"

One day last week a State Weight and Measure Inspector dropped into Merkel and among other firms and concerns checked up was local cotton yard. Mr. C. L. Tucker is our efficient and accommodating Public Weigher and this said state man not only tested out the scales used by Mr. Tucker in weighing cotton but he watched carefully the manner and way Mr. Tucker weighed the cotton, and after he had looked into accuracy of the scales and manner in which Mr. Tucker and his assistants use them, he pronounced the scales as being correct and Mr. Tucker's methods as fair and honest.

Of course all who know Mr. Tucker know that he is honest and that he would not use scales that did not weigh correct if he knew it, and Mr. Tucker is indeed glad that the Weights and Measures man came along and inspected him and his scales.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson spent two days last week attending the Texas State Fair at Dallas.

BAPTIST LADIES TO SEW FOR ORPHANS

The ladies of the First Baptist church are to meet in the basement of the church on Tuesday, Oct. 30th to sew for Buckner Orphans Home. Every lady is urged to be present and spend the day. The invitation is extended to any ladies of the town who wish to come and spend the day. All will be welcome. Lunch will be served at noon.

SOME EXPERT COTTON PICKER

J. C. Bishop, 9 year old son of Geo. Bishop picked in 5 1-2 days 1574 pounds. The little fellow weighs 61 pounds. They live on Bud Perry's place 15 miles south of Merkel.

HE'S SOME COTTON PICKER TOO

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears of the Blair community were in the city recently and reported to this paper that their son, J. P., 13 years of age, had in one day recently picked 404 pounds of cotton.

95, Elizabeth Harkrider, 94; Burnis Tucker, 94; Roy Propst, 92; Mildred Hamm, 90.

Eighth Grade Intha Bird, 92; Hazel Coates, 92; Thelma Conder, 91; Joe Cypert, 90; VanHines McSpadden, 90; Helen Booth, 90; Margaret Eckerd, 90; Gladys Milliken, 90; Mildred Smith, 90.

Ninth Grade: Lila Bird, 95; Eva Mae Johnson, 94; Ona Tatum, 93; Ruth Jenkins, 92; Emma Toombs, 92; Juanita Beene, 91; Hazel Bell, 91; Illa Hughes, 91; Godie Richie, 91; Dorris Pike, 90.

Tenth Grade: Lucille Guitart, 94; Lucille Hog, 91; Effie Grayson, 91; Mamie Coates, 91; Mary Butman, 90; Ona Faye Rose, 90; Stella Wilson, 90; James Swann, 90.

Seniors: Weston West, 96; Spencer Bird, 94; Gracie Lee Cranston, 93; Gladys Middleton, 93; Maurine Tipton, 93; Harry McCandless, 91; Willard Reeves, 91; Merrill Collins, 93.

Very Truly, Roger A. Burgess.

METHODIST ARE URGED TO ATTEND

Next Sunday will close the work of the Methodist church for the present conference year, and the pastor, Rev. M. C. Hays, is very desirous that every member of the church be present on next Sunday morning at both the Sunday school and church hours, as well as at the evening service.

And since this will be the last day of the present conference year, it is the duty of every member who loves the church, to be present and help to wind up the year's work in the best manner possible.

A cordial and hearty welcome to one and all with a special invitation to visitors and friends of the church.

Let every Methodist show a real Methodist spirit and come and bring some with them.

M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL

On next Sunday there is going to be a big day at the Methodist church. This being the last Sunday in our Sunday school year it is hoped that all the members of our school be present, so every one come and bring some one with you.

We also especially invite the members of the home department and the cradel roll.

Any one of our home department wishing conveyance to and from the church on that day will do us a favor if they will phone the Methodist parsonage and leave your name so that we will not miss any one wishing to attend Sunday school on that day. So think about it and let everyone be present at 9:45 on next Sunday. L. W. Cov, Supt.

MISSION SCHOOL AT PRESBYTERIANS

Sunday October 28 will begin one week of intensive mission Study. Beginning Sunday night will beshown stereoptican slides of mission work the world over. Many of us do not have the privilege of travel, so in this way we bring many foreign places and scenes to our town.

Each night during the week at 7:30 we will have four classes under competent leaders there will be a class for Juniors Intermediates, Seniors and adult. At the close of these classes a stereoptican lecture will be given. We expect a large attendance each night. Not only will we have pictures of foreign work, but also of our work in Texas and home mission enterprises.

We will run on schedule time, and give all school children plenty of time to study their lessons. 7:30 p. m. ten minutes devotional service. At 7:40 classes assemble; 8:10 assemble in Auditorium for closing lecture and pictures: 8:30 closing devotional. Don't miss this for it is something great. Fred S. Rogers, Pastor.

ANOTHER COTTON PICKING RECORD

Little Joe, eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Amason, of route four, one day recently picked 202 pounds of cotton in one day.

Misses Julia Marton, Marie Williamson, Madge Pierce, excellent teachers in the Merkel High school, accompanied by Mrs. Bob Martin attended the State Fair last week.

FIRST LYCEUM NUMBER NEXT TUESDAY

Merkel will again this year have a lyceum course. This season the course will be given under the auspices of the Merkel Cemetery Association, the net proceeds of the course going to the above association. There could not be a more worthy cause under which all Merkelites could rally than the association who cares for the cemetery. Merkel has the best cared for cemetery in the country.

This year there has been secured an excellent course of 4 numbers, the numbers to appear about a month apart, the first one appearing on October 30th. The course has no lecture. By securing a season ticket you will see these at a very much reduced rate, hear four wholesome entertainments, and at the same time help a very worthy cause.

The first number which will appear at the Cozy Theatre on next Tuesday evening, October 30th, at 8:00 o'clock will be the Sorority Singers. Four charming ladies comprise this company of entertainers. The Sorority Singers is a ladies quartet of college girls with fresh, young, thoroughly trained voices who have been remarkably successful in their professional work. There are quartet, and solo numbers in strictly concert style, others in characteristic costumes. Readings, musical monologues, and other high class specialties are also introduced. Negro spirituals, a group of college songs and a group of Italian sketches are features of the program. In connection with the above program Mr. Groene will also show his regular picture program. Admission will be by season ticket or by single admission. Single admission will be 20 cents for those under 12 years, 40 cents for those under sixteen, and 60 cents for those over sixteen.

The second number will be a male Quartet, "The Music Makers." This will be an excellent program of well blended voices of a male quartet with the addition of a brass quartet with some good comedy sprinkled in. The vocal numbers are equally well done as are the instrumental numbers. You can't beat this for a good, big double program. The exact date of this number will be announced later.

The third number will be that given by Miss Emma Dee Randall, melo-dramatic reader. This will also be a very excellent and varied program.

The fourth and last number will be that given by James Kater, Magician and entertainer. This is no common slight-of-hand performer, but a skilled magician that will have you guessing and wide awake all of the time.

Season tickets will be offered for sale by the members of the Merkel Cemetery Association. It will pay you to buy a SEASON ticket which will admit you to all four numbers-- this will be much cheaper than paying each time as you come. Season tickets for the entire course of four numbers will be sold to those under 12 years of age for 75 cents, to those under 16 years of age \$1.25, and to all over 16 years for \$2.00. Get your season tickets, see the course much cheaper, and help the Cemetery Association. Remember that the first number is to be given on next Tuesday evening, October 30th at 8:00 o'clock at the Cozy Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. McFarland were among those of our city who attended the State Fair at Dallas last week.

Condensed Statement of the condition of The Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas

Close of business Sept. 14, 1923

RESOURCES

Loans	\$313,985.44
Banking house & Fixtures	13,800.00
Other Real Estate	9,070.19
Stocks & Bonds	21,616.65
Due from State Gty. Fund	28,442.79
Cash & Exchange	151,646.76
Total	\$638,561.77

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	27,314.70
Bills Payable	55,000.00
Rediscouunts	NONE
Other Borrowed money	NONE
DEPOSITS	406,247.07
Total	\$638,561.77

The Above Statement is Correct

R. O. Anderson, Cashier

The Home of Guaranteed Deposits

Mr. J. T. Warren, President of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, ran a little for sale advertisement in this paper last week, advertising a small farm for sale. Mr. Warren ordered the advertisement run two issues, but he rushed in before the paper came out the second time to have the ad stopped, as he had already sold the farm. Mr. Warren stated that within twodays after the paper came out he had the land contracted for and could have sold the place several times, as he had some five or six applications to buy same. And while it pays to advertise, especially do as it pay to use our Classified column. And then the man who never reads the advertisements is failing to look after his own interest and likely to miss some thing that will prove a real bargain to him.

T. J. R. Swafford and family spent last Sunday with Mrs. Swafford's uncle, Mr. J. C. Montgomery in Abilene, who has been in bad health for some time.

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

"Strong and Well"

"I WISH you could know how much I am improved since taking the Cardui," writes Mrs. Nannie Brown, of Black Rock, Ark. "You wouldn't know me for the same weak invalid I was before I took it. At my . . . I had to keep off my feet or I would fall. I couldn't do my housework, and just got where I'd most as lief be dead as living. Some one told my husband of Cardui. He got it for me and I took three bottles before I stopped—then off and on for the last three years just as a tonic. I saw a decided improvement after my first bottle. I used the three, and was able to do my work with ease, and now I sew for my family and for others. I am feeling fine, and strong and well."

Take Cardui! It may be just the medicine you need.

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

THE GREAT SCOURGE OF HALF TRUTHS

By JOHN OAKWOOD

A soap-boxer pointed at a great factory. "Who built that factory? Workmen!" he yelled. "Who run the machines? Workmen! Who get the profits? Capitalists!"

The soap-boxer told a half truth that amounted to a whole lie. His listeners did not know that that particular factory, typical of thousands of others, was a complete refutation of the lie—if only the other half of the truth were told.

It is true the factory was Capitalized—for a million dollars. The net profits gave annual dividends of 6 per cent, or \$60,000, to the stockholders. All that was true.

But it was also true that the million dollar capital was divided up into ten thousand shares of \$100 each. The ownership of these shares was distributed among about one thousand people. Several hundred of them were workmen in the factory. They were saving out of their weekly wages and buying shares on the installment plan. They were Capitalists.

It was likewise true that shares were also owned by workmen in other factories, by clerical workers and by small merchants. A good many were also owned by widows and orphans whose modest estates had been wisely invested for them by their bankers. They were Capitalists.

It was also true that the factory corporation had issued a million dollars in bonds to raise funds to buy the material and pay the wages of workmen to build the factory. These bonds were owned as investments not only by persons of wealth but also by many people of moderate means who had saved out of their wages and salaries. They were Capitalists.

And it was also true that out of the receipts of the factory, before a cent was taken to pay interest on the bonds, before a penny was used to pay dividends on the stock, a good many dollars were taken to pay wages to the workmen.

The workmen were Capitalists too. They were investing their strength and their talents and their skill in the factory—they were getting their dividends out of its earnings as well as the stockholders and bondholders.

SOME HARD FACTS ABOUT SOFT MONEY

By JOHN OAKWOOD

When a farmer takes his product to market and sells it for, say, a dollar a bushel, he is dependent upon the honesty of two measures—the dollar and the bushel.

The other day a crossroads store-keeper got sent to jail for manipulating a trick bushel basket with a false bottom that would slide up and down in a way that was grand, gloomy and mysterious. When using it to measure stuff he bought from a farmer, he'd secretly shove the bottom down until it held at least a bushel and a quarter, but he would only credit him with a bushel. The buying power of the farmer's product was thereby depreciated by about twenty per cent.

Finally the farmers themselves got wise to the fact that the only way they could get what was coming to them was to enforce a reliable standard of measurement. So they put a good stiff jail penalty on using a fake measure, laid for that store-keeper with the trick basket and sent him to prison.

Politicians in Europe have been manipulating the other measure—the money measure—in much the same way. Some of them in America want to tamper likewise with the dollar. Here is about the way it would work out. Suppose, when the farmer brought his product to market, the basket measure was honest enough and he got a dollar bill for each bushel. He'd take his dollars home and save them. Perhaps he planned to buy some land next his own for a thousand dollars, and figured that in a year or so he could make it.

But meanwhile the politicians start to manipulate the base of the currency. They would change it from the gold standard to a fiat money plan—from a gold guarantee to the mere say-so of the government that a piece of paper was worth a dollar. The farmer wouldn't be watching the money-politicians. He would be too busy raising things. At the end of the year he has his thousand dollars. He takes them to the landowner and says, "I'll buy your land now—here's a thousand dollars."

But the landowner would say, "That is paper money—my land is worth one thousand dollars gold—the government has printed so much paper money folks haven't much confidence in it. But I am willing to take a chance if you will give me a dollar and a quarter in paper money for each gold dollar's value of my land—in other words, I'll give you my land for \$1,250 dollars paper."

COOPERATIVE FARM MARKETING NOTES

Progress of the Movement to
"Put Farming on Par With
Other Big Business."

A pamphlet and questionnaire on co-operative farm marketing recently issued by the State Bank Division, American Bankers Association, has brought out valuable information on the subject from bankers, farmers and state agricultural departments. It is being used as a campaign document in the organization of co-operative marketing associations in various sections of the country, farmers having adopted its slogan: "Put Agriculture on a Par with Other Big Business."

The movement on the part of farmers toward co-operative marketing as a cure for their present economic plight is nation-wide. There has been notable progress in the development of such associations, some conspicuously successful ones being in operation at the present time. There have also been some disastrous failures among these ventures in co-operative marketing, which is the inevitable accompaniment of the progress of any movement. The "Banker-Farmer," published by the American Bankers Association, says:

"Cause and effect are operative in co-operative marketing as truly as they are in every other business enterprise. An association will not necessarily succeed or fail merely because it is a co-operative association, but because it conforms to or transgresses from the underlying principles of successful business operation. The movement itself is of great national import and the bankers of the country can materially aid or retard its progress. The responsibility of leadership in rural communities rests very largely with the country banker. It is his duty to be informed on all matters relating to the farmers' well-being."

Modern conditions are such that agriculture cannot be successful by individual effort. To regain its position as a basic industry, and as a force in national affairs, agriculture must depend upon organization and co-operation for economic production, for economic marketing and for the establishment of its proper relationship in community life.—Howard Leonard, President, Illinois Agricultural Association.

Three Thousand Fold.

Seventy ears were raised from one grain of wheat in an experiment at South Harnchurch, Essex, England. The seed was sown in March in a pit a yard wide and 18 inches deep. As soon as sprouts appeared they were tightly covered with earth, and from then all through the summer the sprouting grain was covered over and over again until the pit was full and its surface covered with a grass of wheat. The shoots remained quiescent during the winter, but in spring grew rapidly, and eventually, in the following autumn, 85 stalks were cut, of which no fewer than seventy had ripened ears. These seventy ears weighed over a quarter of a pound and averaged forty-four grains to the ear. Surely an amazing harvest from one seed.

India Introduced Diamonds.

India's ancient diamond workings were scattered over a wide area, but the distributing center or mart was the town of Golconda, a name which has always been highly suggestive of opulence.

As far back as that ancient epic, the "Mahabharata," diamonds have figured largely in the life and history of the Hindu, and it was from India that they were introduced into Europe. With the development of diamond cutting in Antwerp and Amsterdam in the Fifteenth century, diamonds began to be more widely used by the western nations. Such travelers as Jean Baptiste Tavernier brought back from the East stories of the magnificence of the diamonds owned by oriental potentates.

Unable to Prove It.

One afternoon a stranger debarked from a train at a hustling town in the West and headed up the street. Finally he met a man who looked like a native.

"Pardon me," said the stranger, "are you a resident of this town?"
"Yes, sir," was the ready rejoinder of the other. "I have been here something like fifty years. What can I do for you?"
"I am looking for a criminal lawyer," responded the stranger. "Have you one here?"
"Well," said the native, reflectively, "we think we have, but we can't prove it on him."

How to Hold a Husband.
Lean on him, coos the clingy one.
Dress for him, says the stylish spouse.

Feed him well, hints the hombody.
Flirt with him, chirps the coquette.
Love him, says the tender helpmeet.
Boss him, orders the hefty woman.
Flatter, whispers the dear deceiver.
Understand him, says the soulful

But the wise woman knows that you have to do about all of those things to really hold a husband, and even then it is sometimes a gamble whether it is worth while.

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank Merkel, Texas

OFFICERS:

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

DIRECTORS:

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J. T. Warren,
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Depends upon
The Thrift of Its Citizens

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One of the strong and conservative banks of West Texas Under careful and expert management and direction

We Solicit Your Business On
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Our Savings Department.

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.

Never missed a dividend—
Never assessed a shareholder

Mr. E. E. Britian, for many years one of Merkel's splendid citizens, informs us that he recently sold his farm a short distance north of the city to Mr. Homer Patterson, and expects to leave with his family in a few days for Gatesville, where they will make their future home. They are mighty good people and we join many friends here in wishing for them happiness and success in their new home.

Mr. E. D. Coats reports the sale of 80 acres of land to W. C. Neil, said land being located in the Canyon and is known as the J. T. Warren place. Mr. Coats also reports the sale of 135 acres belonging to Lee Graham to Messrs. T. R. and T. E. Lassiter. Mr. W. C. Neil also recent ly purchased 316 acres of land in the Canyon from Mr. H. H. Toombs.

Judge E. S. Cummings was in Anson oneday this week on legal business.

Read the Classified Column.

One Big Night MERKEL, TEXAS, Thursday, November 1st. Under Mammoth Waterproof TENT

Large Company of Singers, Dancers and Comedians. Band and Orchestra. Popular Prices



NOTE: This is the same large company that has been playing the leading theatres for seasons past this being the first year that MUTT and JEFF has ever been offered under canvas and the FIRST TIME AT POPULAR PRICES.

MARK THIS DAY OFF ON YOUR CALENDAR AND DON'T MISS THE FUNNIEST OF FUNNIES

REPAIR PARTS

Genuine Ford Parts Only. The most complete and best equipped parts department in Merkel.

The Auto Owner's Department Store

A store within a store; that is our big, busy auto supply department. Here you will find everything that will enhance the value or add to the pleasure of your car. We stock on-

ly items of proven merit, and every transaction is backed by a record of over twenty-five years of better service.

TIRES AND TUBES

Firestone Cord Tires
Vacuum Cup and
Oldfield Fabric Tires
Each the best buy in its class. Fresh stock, fully guaranteed.

<p>TOOLS TOOLS Pumps, Jacks, Special Wrenches, Special Tools We can fit anything from a Ford to a Pierce Arrow</p>	<p>OILS AND GREASE Cup Grease, Gear Grease, Motor Oil, Spring Oil Only the Best Products Sold Here</p>	<p>TRIMMINGS Top Material, Top Recovers, Side Curtains, Upholstering Seat Covers, Cushions Mats, Effecto Enamel, Marvel-o</p>	<p>ACCESSORIES Fox Locking Wheels, Motometers, Locking Radiator Caps, Visors, Fender Braces, Bumpers Clocks, Speedometers, Spotlights. A complete Line. Let us Show You.</p>
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-- Buy your accessories and supplies where you have a complete line from which to choose. --

West Company

"We Sell Everything But The Car."

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

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

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

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

FORDS FOR SALE--Have some good Ford Cars for sale. Marvin Boney. tf.

FOR SALE--One Sulkey Plow. See Earl Lassiter. 1tp

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.

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.

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

FOR SALE--320 acres 5 miles west Merkel, 135 in cultivation 3 room house, well, cistern, barn, good school 1 1-2 miles from place. Part cash rest 1-2 years time. See J. A. Collins at Collins Hotel. 26t2

FOR SALE--My home place of 160 acres, about 90 in cultivation, fine well of water, 5 room house, cistern and barns near Shiloh Gin place. Can give some terms. Also have 160 acres of land near Brownfield, cheap. Sam Grayson. Phone 17. 26t2p.

FOR SALE--Iron bedstead, springs, air-tight heater, pipe, sewing machine and attachments. All in good condition. Will L. Burns. 1t.

FOR SALE --Black bronze Turkeys. Toms, \$8.00; Hens, \$5.00 G. H. Tucker, Merkel, Texas. 1tp.

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

FOR SALE--RANCH-- Now to the man who wants adandy stock farm, I have it. 861 acres, 3 miles east of Shep. One three and one four room house, two wells of finewater as well as running water. 180 acres in farm, and some more good farming land and all good grass land. I will sell it so cheap that you will feel like it was given to you. The man who now owns it is buying a larger place. A small payment and long time. Will take in exchange a small home in Merkel or a little farm, provided they are worth the money. See me. E. D. Coats. tf

FOR SALE--Giant Bronze turkeys of the very best type. Toms, \$7.00, hens, \$5.00. Come early so as to get your choice. Satisfaction guaranteed. Mrs. J. H. Madderra, Merkel, Texas. Route 5. 26t2p.

FOR SALE--A Fort Worth Style E Well drill with a good Hercules engine ready to go. Will sell cheap. Part cash and part on time. E. D. Coats. tf

FARM FOR SALE

79 acres, 65 in cultivation, plenty of wood, two tanks, well good cistern, five room house, with porch and hallway, barn, and sheds. Good orchard, one mile from tight land, and located on clayed road. One-fourth mile of Wilsonville School; nine miles east and three south of Anson, Texas, at \$26.00 per acre. \$1,000 cash, balance 20 years time if desired, at 8 percent interest. See or write to W. C. Mattingly, Noodle, Texas Route one. 1tpd.

LOST

LOST--Gentlemans large gold finger ring with initial C engraved in old English for set, also Odd Fellows emblem, 3 links, engraved on side. Finder return to C. C. Campbell at the Mail office and get reward. tf.

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Ladies!! New arrival of coats and dresses. You will like the low price.--Brown Dry Goods Company. 1t.

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MOTHER DIES IN FORT WORTH SATURDAY

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson and family were indeed sad on last Saturday night when they received the news of the death of Mrs. J. E. Nobles, mother of Mrs. Hutcheson, who resided in Fort Worth, and whose death occurred at six o'clock on that day.

Deceased many years ago resided in Merkel and has many friends among the citizenship residing here then. She was born in Bell county, Texas in 1855; was the mother of nine children, two having preceeded her to the grave some years ago while all living were present to attend the funeral with the exception of one son, residing in a distant state.

Mrs. Nobles had been a member of the Baptist church for

nearly thirty years, and stated to her loved ones that she was ready and willing to meet her maker and savior.

This paper joins many friends in extending to Mr. and Mrs. Hutcheson and other bereaved members of the family deepest sympathy during this sad hour.



MUTT AND JEFF IN HAVANA COMING TO MERKEL NOV. 1ST

Bud Fishers famous Cartoon Comedy made nationally popular by the leading news papers of this country, Mutt and Jeff in Havana will be seen for the first time in Merkel Thursday November 1st in a mammoth tent.

This is the same large company that has been playing in the leading theatres thru out the country for seasons past, this being the first year Mutt and Jeff has ever been offered under canvas and the first time at popular prices. A fine band and ochestra is carried and the funniest of all cartoon comedies can be looked forward to.

Read the Classified Column.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Blair, Texas, Oct. 23 1923. Where as God in His infinite wisdom and mercy has seen fit to call from our midst our beloved brother and fellow lodge member, J. L. Tucker, therefore be it resolved:

That this lodge extends to this bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy and consolation in this hour of grief and sorrow for the loss of their Husband and father.

Be it further resolved, that we send a copy of these resolutions to be printed in the Merkel Mail that we tender a copy to the bereaved family, and also that a copy be spread upon our minutes.

Done by Blair I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 496
A. P. Sanford
John Ray
T. H. Spears
(Committee)

NO BOON IN CHEAP MONEY

One thing that has to be given up is the idea that cheap money is always good for business. Farmers want cheap money, business men want cheap money, stock speculators want cheap money, the U. S. Treasury wants to float government loans on cheap money, socialists, anarchists and old-line greenbackers want very, very cheap money. Everybody feels that when the money rate is shoved up it is an arbitrary damper on prosperity.

But we cannot have both a low rate on money and a stable level of prices. We can have one or the other--not both together for any length of time. A low rate of money means an inflated price level. A stable price level means a fluctuating rate of discount. That is, the public must learn to look at the price level instead of the bank reserves, as their measure of expectation for a rise or fall of the value of money.

Now this fact makes me feel that a mistake is made if we do not fully explain to the public the power already exercised by the bank rate and the Federal Reserve Board and Reserve banks. Our bankers and economists see the bad use that is likely to be made of political control of banking and currency and they try to make the people believe that so intricate a question must be left to experts.

As a matter of fact our present methods encourage the very thing we wish to avoid. We let everybody believe that low rates on money are necessary for prosperity and then when bank reserves run low on account of the effects of this belief, we are suddenly compelled to jump the rates to protect the reserves. We get both a cycle of prices and a cycle of bank rates, whereas, if the public understood that the rise of bank rates should not wait until bank reserves are low, but the rates should be advanced several months ahead for the very purpose of preventing a fictitious prosperity with its inflated price level, then the public might be satisfied to support the administrative regulations which raise the rates at a time when there seems to be no need of doing it.--John R. Commons, University of Wisconsin.

Honors for Club Members
The annual convention, Wisconsin Bankers Association, presented diplomas to fifteen boys and five girls successfully completing four years club work, the first time any state bankers association has taken such action.

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

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New Goods Arriving Daily. All Priced exceptionally low during this Sale.

Don't fail to get our Prices on Bedroom and Dining-room suites. They are real bargains.

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Slander

(By M. A. Matthews)

Thou shalt not bear false witness. Thou shalt not lie. Thou shalt not misrepresent thy neighbor. Thou shalt not convey slanderous gossip and reports.

The man who whispers about his neighbor is the most contemptible cur on earth. He is a coward, a sur, and a villain of the deepest dye. The man who gossips is a natural born, constitutional liar, and is meaner, blacker, and nearer the condition of hell than any criminal about whom he may be gossiping. No gossip should ever be believed. A gossiping woman is the biggest liar on God's earth, and a gossiping man is a burning torch from hell. Any one who would believe either of them is such an infamous fool that the board of alienists ought to send him to the asylum at once.

If one is compelled to speak in uncomplimentary terms of another, he should go to that individual and make his remarks to him personally and directly. He should never speak about him behind his back unless he can speak in complimentary terms.

The idle gossip has done more to wreck the peace and happiness of good people and bring shame and sorrow to society than any other brute that has even lived. He is more filthy than the slimy snake. He is more dangerous than the poisonous asp. He is more hellish than Satan wants him to be.

Thousands of innocent girls and pure women have been injured by the tongue of the gossip, by the mouth of the slanderer, by the words of cowards. The gossip, the slanderer and the bearer of filthy reports should be banished from society driven from every community, and repudiated by every virtuous man and woman in the world. Away with the slanderer!

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

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Read the Classified Column.



Coughs annoy unnecessarily

Check those violent coughing spells that bring upon you unfavorable attention. Dr. King's New Discovery stops coughing quickly by gently stimulating the mucous membranes to throw off clogging secretions. It has a pleasant taste. All druggists.

DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY

DICKENS HAD ODD CLOTHES

Author Always Overdressed and Had Appearance of a Gambler—Charles Lamb Always Wore Black.

"He had a double gold chain outside his waistcoat, and such broostpins that I thought he looked like one of our river gamblers." Such is the description of Charles Dickens, given by Prentice in an account of his tour of the United States. A tendency for overdressing was always one of Dickens' characteristics.

A photograph of Dickens, taken in 1852, shows him in a frock coat with a broad velvet collar, a waistcoat made of some furry stuff, and trousers of a huge check. Percy Fitzgerald says the French painter's remark, that Dickens was "more like one of the old Dutch admirals we see in the picture galleries than a man of letters," conveys an admirably true idea to his friends.

"The first time I saw Archbishop Whately," said the provost of Oriel college, Oxford, "he wore a pea-green coat, white waistcoat, stone-colored shirt, flesh-colored stockings. Bishop Heber was dressed in a parsley and butter coat. Doctor Arnold in a light blue coat with metal buttons and a buff waistcoat.

Charles Lamb always dressed in black. "I take it," he said, "to be the proper costume of an author." When this was once objected to at a wedding, he pleaded the raven's apology in the fable that "he had no other." His clothes were entirely black, and he wore long black garters up to the knees.

Southey wore clogs; he had a fawn-colored all-around coat and a cap with a knob to it. He never put on a swallow-tailed coat. Like Southey, Porson, the great Greek scholar, had an utter contempt for appearances. When Hazlitt met him in the library of the London institute, he was dressed in an old rusty black coat, with cobwebs hanging to the skirt, and with a large patch of coarse brown paper covering the whole length of his nose.—London Tit-Bits.

WHITTIER WAS IN LOVE ONCE

Writer's Romance With Elizabeth Lloyd His Only Sweetheart, Told in a Little Volume.

Whittier never married. His heart never yearned in verse for a Highland Mary or a Maid of Athens, and so far as his work, and the superficial aspects of his life were concerned, he seemed to be so remote from the divine—or human—passion as Joan of Arc or Saronarola.

And yet is it now known the poet who walked his days in lonely bachelorhood had had a romance, had loved and lost, had really in his own life enacted, in a measure, the world-old theme which found such haunting expression in his own "Maud Muller." The story is told in a little volume, "Whittier's Unknown Romance," in which his letters to Elizabeth Lloyd, Whittier's only "sweetheart," are reproduced. The lack of Elizabeth's letters to him, however, leaves the story incomplete. They were destroyed, for some reason, not hard to surmise, by the lady's request.

Few allusions in Whittier's poems are traceable to her, though the companion of his "Monadnock," whose sweet influence he acknowledged, is said to have been his Elizabeth, and in his own letters he attributed much of his inspiration on various themes to conversations he had with her.—Detroit News.

Her Tyrannical Superior.

They had a woman traffic officer in an eastern city and she was a good one, too. She wore white gloves, knickerbockers, a jaunty cap and directed traffic with all the nonchalance of an expert. The other day, however, she turned in her equipment and returned to skirts. A friend wanted to know what the trouble was.

"I don't care to discuss it," the aggrieved one declared.

"Aw, go ahead and tell me, dearie," said the other.

"Well, the chief refused a reasonable request and I quit."

"Something in the line of duty?" the other woman wanted to know.

"I so consider it. I merely wanted an hour off to get my hair washed."

Sheep Buried in Snow Three Weeks.

A correspondent recalls an incident which happened some years ago on the moors between Huddersfield and Oldham, England. A heavy fall of snow had drifted up and many of the sheep which had been grazing on the moor were buried. For three weeks the snow held fast, and drift after drift was searched by shepherds for the missing sheep.

At the end of the third week three sheep were discovered buried beneath a drift in one of the cloughs. They were in a very emaciated state, and had apparently lived by eating the wool off each other's back, for all three were as bare as newly shorn sheep. One died soon after, but the other two completely recovered from their enforced starvation.

Put His Foot in It.

Hub (with magazine)—Here is an interesting article on dress. The writer describes the clothes women will wear twenty years from now.

Wife—That doesn't interest me a particle.

Hub—Why not?

Wife—Because, unless something wonderful happens I shall still be wearing this same old time-worn suit I've had ever since we were married.—Boston Transcript.

100 PER CENT PERFECT WHITE

Made From Pure Barium Sulphate—No Black Shows a Complete Absence of Color.

Black has ordinarily been called "no color," and taken to denote the absence of color. Likewise, white, being constituted of all colors, may also be considered as no color. A white body is assumed to reflect all the light that strikes it. There is no absorption and hence there is no color. A black body absorbs all the light that impinges upon it and reflects none, therefore there is absence of all color.

Theoretically this is true, but there is no white that will reflect 100 per cent of the light, and no black that will absorb 100 per cent of the light. We often hear of a whitest white, until a whiter one comes along and displaces it from its position of eminence. The same fact holds good for black. But, inasmuch as some white must be taken as a standard of comparison a choice must be made of the whitest white. Pure barium sulphate is, accordingly, taken as the 100 per cent perfect white, the white which reflects all the light that strikes it.

From a practical standpoint it is equally incorrect to state that black denotes absence of all color. For one black is blacker than the next and the blackest black, which is assumed to have no color at all, may be found to possess some light trace of color when compared with another new black. Furthermore, as the eye is not absolutely perfect and as its sensitivity is not infinite absence of light, as defined by the sensation produced in it, is relative only. Even the deepest black would exhibit traces of color, would reflect a little light, if our eyes were sensitive enough to detect it.—Scientific American.

ODD EGGS OF THE MURRE

Pacific Coast Bird Picks Its Own From Among Thousands of Others.

The California murre is by far the commonest bird on the rocks along the coast. It crowds together in immense colonies. The bird lays a single egg in the open, with no sign of a nest, not even a bit of grass or a stick to keep it from rolling.

Its peculiar shape helps to keep it in place, even on the bare, sloping rock, and if it is accidentally started down grade by the movement of a bird, it does not roll straight but swings around like a top on its own axis and comes to a standstill a little lower down, writes William L. Finley. Thousands of eggs, and yet no two alike! The combined effect is that of a whole spring flower garden of tints.

Some scientists say that the wide variation in size, shape and color undoubtedly helps the murre to recognize her own. After the eggs are hatched, the difference in pitch, volume and quality of the voices may tell the mother which chick belongs to her.—National Geographic Magazine.

Singing to the Jury.

Lawsuits are settled by an odd method among some of the remote tribes of Eskimos. When two natives have had a dispute each collects his family and friends to assist him in settling it. The parties meet at an agreed time in the biggest hut in the village, and literally sing at each other.

The plaintiff's party chants a series of rough verses insulting the defendant and everything that is his. Then comes the rival's turn, and for the next hour or so they sing at their enemy, putting their insults into some sort of meter.

The old men of the village act as judge and jury, and the verdict is given to the side which, in the opinion of the aged experts, has compressed the largest amount of insult into the best verse and the most noise.

Speaking From Experience.

Two inhabitants of a sage brush town were seated on a cracker box exchanging desultory conversation.

"You know them hot cakes what the feller flips in the window of the Forlorn Hope restaurant?"

"Yes, I know 'em."

"Ever try 'em?"

"Yes, I've tried 'em."

"What do you think of 'em?"

The citizen thus appealed to gazed reflectively toward the foothills for some minutes and then rendered judgment.

"That feller's a better juggler than 'ook."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Dispatch.

Coloring Silk in Cocoons.

Much interest has been awakened by the experiments at Lyons in feeding silkworms with leaves stained with various dyes in order to cause them to spin silk of corresponding hues. When fed on red food the worm spins red cocoons, and the silk seems to retain the color. The experiments with leaves stained blue have been less successful.

Although the expectation has been raised that this process may prove of commercial importance, the experimenters say that they do not expect to make any discoveries which will affect the industry of dyeing.

What Is Meant by "Dumb-Bell."

"Did you post those two letters I gave you, Norah?"

"Yes'm; at the post office. But I noticed that you'd put the two-cent stamp on the foreign letter and the five-cent stamp on the city one."

"Oh, dear, what a blunder!"

"But I fixed it all right, ma'am. I just changed the addresses on the envelopes."

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<p>SERVICES AT BLAIR</p> <p>I will preach at Blair Sunday night. This will be the last service of the Conference year. U. S. Bird.</p> <p>Elder W. G. Cypert is back from Bronte, where he held religious services Sunday.</p>	<p>EPWORTH LEAGUE</p> <p>Subject: "Escaping Provincialism".</p> <p>Leader, Russell Pike.</p> <p>Devotional.</p> <p>Leaders announcements.</p> <p>"Radio messages from the mission fields."—Julia Martin.</p> <p>"Radio messages from the other leagues"—Rosie Laney.</p> <p>"A message from Nashville"—Joe Ridenbauch.</p> <p>A musical concert by Radio.</p> <p>Song.</p> <p>League Benediction.</p> <p>You are urged to be present Sunday at the League hour to hear this wonderful program and also to attend to some business. A good time is being planned by members of the league, if you want in on it, be there Sunday and hear all that is to be said regarding this good time. Comittee.</p> <p>Read the Classified Column.</p>	<p>COMING BACK</p> <p>Mr. L. B. Howard who for the past year has been managing stores for the Jones Dry Goods Company at Brownfield and Colorado, was here first of the week, we are informed making arrangements to move back to Merkel. We understand that Mr. Howard will have the local agency for a new Oil Station to be put in here by one of the large Independent Companies.</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. Howard are fine folks, and have many good friends herewith whom this paper joins in extending to them most hearty welcome back home.</p>
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3 lb can Maxwell House coffee,	\$1.15	Armours big can Pork and Beans ..	\$1.25 doz.
1 lb. can Folgers Golden Gate coffee ..	45c	No. 2 can Standard Corn, 9 cans for ..	\$1.00
Choice Rio Coffee	25c lb.	No. 1 can Tomatoes hand packed ..	95c doz.
Spuds	35c Peck	No. 2. tomatoes hand packed 9 cans ..	\$1.00
Sweet potatoes,	3 1-2c lb	No. 2. Hominy	\$1.00doz
Pinto Beans	8 1-3c lb.	No. 2. King Bird Peas (extra good) 15c can	
Lima Beans	9 lb. for \$1.00	1 Gal. Gold Bar Dill Pickles	65c
Cane Sugar 25lb. sack,	\$2.65	1 Gal Mission Sour pickles	65c
Crystal White Soap, 5 for	25c	No. 3 Gold Bar Sliced peaches	30c
P. & G. White Naptha soap 5 for	25c	No. 3. Silver Bar sliced peaches	25c
Crema Oil Palm Olive, 3 for	25c	No. 3. Silver Bar Apricots,	25c
Prince Albert Tobacco,	\$1.53 doz.	No. 3. Silver Bar Pears,	30c
Bull Durham Tobacco,	\$1.00 doz.	No. 2. Gold Bar Pineapple,	30c
Tinsley Thick Tobacco, .....	.90c Plug	No. 2. Standard Pineapple,	25c
W. N. T. Thick Tobacco, .....	.80c lb.	6 lb. Caddies Crackers,	75c
Star Tobacco, .....	.80c lb.	3 1/4 lb. Caddies Crackers,	40c
Peachey Plug Tobacco, .....	.70c lb.	All 15c pkgs. Cakes and Crackers, 2 for 25c.	
Brown Mule Tobacco .....	.70c lb.	Large Purity Premium Oats,	30c pkg.
Spark Plug,	55c lb.	Small 3 Minute Oats,	10c pkg.
Armours Star Hams,	27c lb.	Post Bran, 2 for	25c
Garrett's Snuff, 6 ounces.	35c	Kellogs Bran,	10c pkg

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you ever try? Don't you pike off to all the high jinks that are going on in this town your selves?

"Did you ever buy him a phonograph that he might play when he wanted to? Do you let all the dirty faced muddy footed kids come traipsing in the house and have a good time whenever they want to? Do you ever read to him? Did you ever get him a radio set? Why do you growl at him every time he gets the gang on the front lawn and tears up the sod? What if he does tear up a little bluegrass, muddy a little carpet, scratch a few chairs, break a little furniture and yell and howl around the place? The Lord gave you ten commandments and you have probably broken six or nine of them, but you are always barking "don't" at that kid--400 different commandments a day.

What right have you to have children? You are a selfish, ignorant, low down set even if you do live in a big house. You think it is smart to keep booze and sneak around a little liquor when your gang comes in, and so in spite of all your precepts you have taught that kid disrespect for the law which is liable to keep him on the tax roll as a jail bird and in the penitentiary as a criminal for the rest of his life. Hell is too good for you and the jails for you are too expensive for us. I don't know what to do with you but if I had my way I'd sentence you to a public whipping by the sherriff at the corner of Sixth and Commerical ever day for a week--the two of you. And the mother is just as bad as the father; a selfish empty-pated social climber who thinks more of her social standing than she does of her boy and has done more to ruin the kids of her neighborhood than a corner saloon if we had one.

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LAND! LAND!

Plenty of land yet for sale, I still have some of the best farms in the county and some of the best bargains to be had. Let me tell you about them. E. D. Coats. tf.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case and son, Milton spent last Sunday with relatives at Winters.

Mr. W. H. Redmond salesman for the Hupmobile, which automobile is being sold in this county by the West Texas Motor Company of Abilene, was here first of the week talking up his splendid car. We would also call your attention to the West Texas Motor Company's advertisement in this paper.

LOST--A gold watch charm with Woodmen Emblem. Finder please return to J. S. Thomas, at the Barrow Furniture Company. 1tp

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3 BOYS PICK 934 LBS. OLDEST 14 YEARS

Our good friend Frank Hail, of the Shiloh community was here yesterday and reported that his three sons, Earnest, 14, Algie 12, and L. J. 10, had the day previous picked 934 pounds of cotton from eight o'clock in the morning to 5:30 in the afternoon.

Read the Classified Column.

NO HUNTING ALLOWED

This is to notify all hunters and the public in general that hunting, fishing, and trespassing on any lands owned and controlled by the undersigned is not allowed, and any person so doing will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. This applies to one and all alike. J. E. Boaz. 26t2.

Mr. Homer L. Easterwood writes from Taft, Texas, for the Mail to be sent to his address for the next year. We understand that Mr. Easterwood is Cashier of the Taft State Bank. He was for a number of years connected with the banking interests here and at Trent, and is thoroughly familiar with that line of business. He is a good citizen, a live, progressive and all around fine fellow in any man's town.

THE SUPPRESSED ITEM

Emporia, Kas., Gazette. Every newspaper has its favorite item that never happens and so never can be printed. Here is the item the Gazette has been yearning for during thirty years of sizzling repression:

"Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, who live at the corner of Blue and Blab streets, were hauled into court to-day to answer the charge of contributing to juvenile delinquency. The evidence against them was overwhelming. Their son, Tom Jones, aged 14 had been out swiping automobiles, hose, automobile spot lights, bottles of milk, and the loose odds and ends that may be picked up by a boy at the back end of a lot after any night. He and his gang have been worrying the juvenile court more or less for a year.

The evidence showed that the parents have been for 10 years bridge whisters, incorrigible movie fans, and habitual evening automobile riders. Moreover it is their proud boast that they always ditch the kid' when they want to have a good time. They ditched the kid' last winter when they went to Kansas City to the automobile show. They ditched the kid' the other night when they went to some rollickaboo at the country club.

And while they were watching the kid he and the devil were 'digging in', entrenching themselves in all the meanness that an unguided boy can invent, preparing to get on the tax roll and eat taxes as a swell idler, a lying loafer and a crook who will consume court costs while society is putting him in his proper restraint.

'Stand up, for you Joneses,' said the judge, squaring back in his chair, 'I wish I could send you to the penitentiary for life and put your boy under the uplifting influence of some poor but decent home. You say you can't keep him in nights. Did

The Quality Bakery

For that Good Bread baked, wrapped under the most Sanitary condition possible.

We also have a complete line of cakes, cookies and home made candies, priced to sell.

If you are in need of a Cake for lunch phone No. 4 and tell us, we can bake it for you.

Hot rolls every day at noon. 15c a dozen; Buns 20c a dozen.

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The 7% Cumulative Preferred Stock of the American Public Service Company is free from all taxation in Texas, and is also exempt from the normal Federal Income Tax. Dividends are payable quarterly on the first day of January, April, July and October.

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For the quarter ended August 1, 1923, the output of electrical energy by the operating companies of the American Public Service Company, of which the West Texas Utilities Company is one, was 31.5% larger than for the corresponding quarter of 1922. This fact speaks most emphatically of the progress and prospects of the Company.

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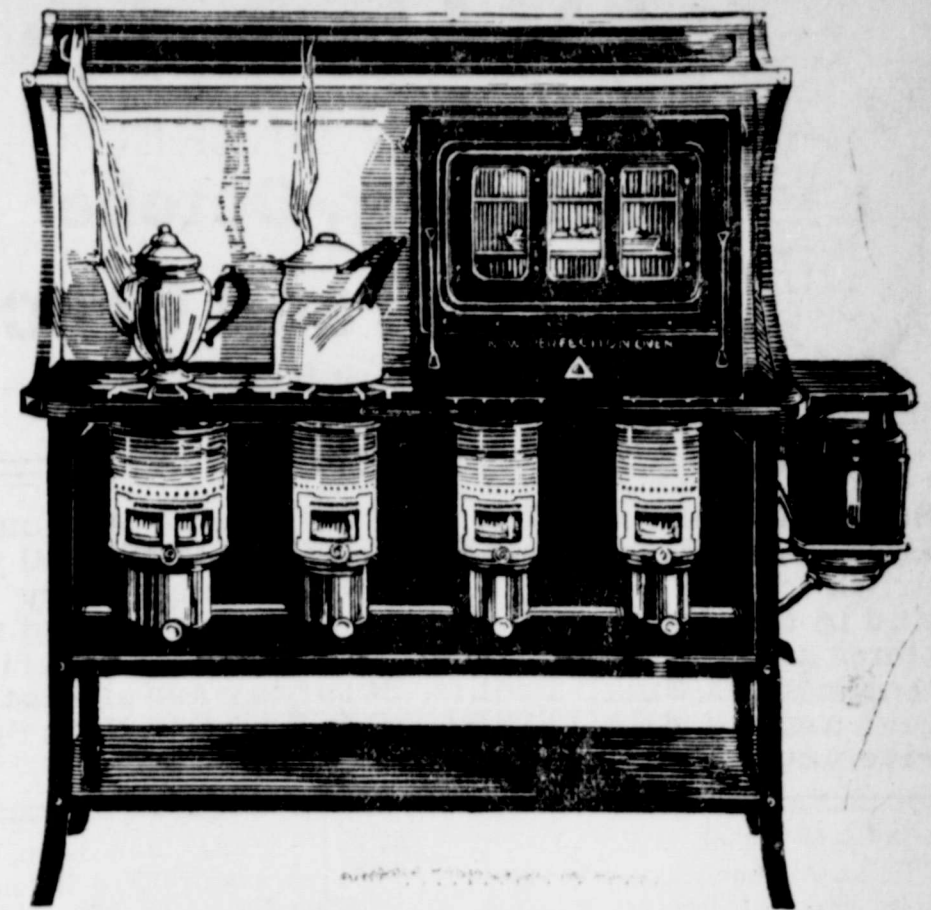
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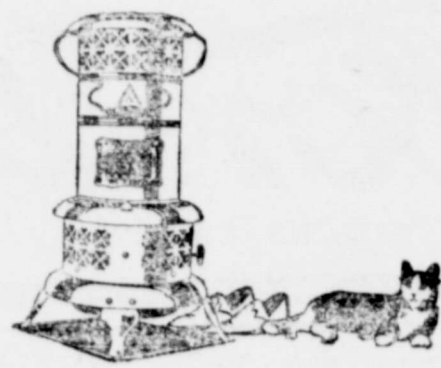
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with SUPERFEX Burners

A representative direct from the manufacturers will be in charge. Here's an opportunity to actually see for yourself both the famous Blue Chimney Model and the newest New Perfection with the Superfex Burners, given many tests.

Speed--Quick Lighting--Flame Control--Ease of Operation--Baking, etc.
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This is a SPECIAL INVITATION to attend this demonstration
It will be worth your while and instructive--We hope you come.

Every adult visiting our store at time stated, will be given a chance on
a white enameled Perfection Heater that will be given away at 6 p. m. sharp.



PERFECTION
Oil Heaters

Crown Hardware Company

We are informed that Miss Ouida Campbell, daughter of Mr and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, who has been in bed from typhoid fever for about 90 days, was able to sit up for a few minutes one day first of the week, and is now seemingly on a good way to recover her former good health.

DALLAS MAN RECOVERS FROM PARALYSIS

"I was stricken with general paralysis followed by impact bowels on April 16th. Hiccough set up, which continued for seven days. I tried every remedy suggested to me without results. I started taking FERRASAL and the first dose stopped the hiccoughs for two hours. I repeated the doses and the hiccoughs had entirely stopped by morning and I have not had them since. I kept taking FERRASAL night and morning and was able to be up in two weeks and had regained the use of all my facilities in one month. I have had no trouble with my stomach or bowels since and my general health is improving daily".

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YOUNG MEN'S BUSSINESS CLASS

The Young Men's Business Class request that all members be present at the Gem Theatre on next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Besides the regular Sunday school lesson, there will be the election of officers for the ensuing year. A cordial welcome is extended to all visitors. --President.

Four young college girls, with beautifully blended voices, comprise the Sorority Singers, which will give a program here on next Tuesday evening at the Cozy Theatre.

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

Roger Burgess, Superintendent of the schools of Merkel, went over to Sweetwater Monday evening to meet Rev. W. M. Murrell, who came down from Chillicothe and spent Tuesday in the city.

J. L. Banner spent Sunday in Sweetwater. He went over to visit his friend, Sam Foster, who is in the hospital there. Mr. Banner reports him doing reasonably well.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Holland were here Sunday from Shep, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Acuff.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sanders and daughter, Dorothy, are in Dallas attending the State Fair. While there they will also select a complete line of Christmas goods for their Drug Store.

Mrs. H. C. Williams returned first of the week from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ellis Warren, at Munday. Mrs. Warren accompanied her on her return trip for a few days visit with friends here.

FARMS FOR SALE

I still have plenty of farms for sale. Among them some of the best in the country, and well worth the money.

I also have some business property for sale cheap, or will trade for land if you are in the market. It will pay you to see me I have a large list to sell and to trade, and if you have the stuff to sell list it with me. I will find you a deal.

I am the only man in Merkel who devotes all of his time to the Real Estate business. If there is anything you want to know about the land business property or homes in town, write me or come to see me. Office over West Co. store. E. D. Coats. It

Messrs J. D. Daniel, W. C. Church, J. C. and J. W. Varner and Jim Kelso and W. I. Decker, returned first of the week from attending the Texas State Fair at Dallas. While in the city these men also visited the head offices of the Texas Farm Cotton Bureau Association, and report having seen to their satisfaction that the office of this concern was kept right up to the minute, and in fine business like manner.

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

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

Charge Pads for sale at the Merkel Mail office. tf

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

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

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We have Machines that we will sell you on the Installment Plan So much down and balance weekly.

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Putting out good printing is our business, and when we say good printing we don't mean fast, but the best obtainable. If you are "from Missouri" give us a trial and we will

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<p>Friday WILLIAM DUNCAN in "STEEL HEART" Also— Christie Comedy And— Travelogue</p>	<p>Saturday PETE MORRISON in "DARING DANGER" Also— Fox Sunshine Comedy And— Mutt and Jeff</p>
<p>Monday "THE MAN WHO HAD EVERYTHING" A Goldwyn Special from the Saturday... Evening Post Story Also— Capital Comedy And— Sport Review</p>	<p>Tuesday THE SORORITY QUARTETTE A Dixie Lyceum Attraction, under the Auspices of the Cemetery Association Also— Comedy and Travelogue Admission 20, 40 and 60 cents.</p>

The Sorority Singers will give a program here on next Tuesday evening at the Cozy Theatre under the auspices of the Cemetery Association.

Dr. N. J. Smith, of Hamlin washere first of the week looking after his farms near here, and incidentally meeting his many friends.

J. M. Boney of Wichita Kansas, is here for a visit to his mother, Mrs. A. C. Boney as well as brothers, W. O. and Marvin Boney.

Ladies!! New arrival of coats and dresses. You will like the low price.—Brown Dry Goods Company.

Percy Jones and family were at Truby Sunday visiting relatives.

Miss Mamie Ellis, splendid teacher in our schools attended the Fair at Dallas last week.

A GOOD WAY TO UPSET PRICES

Further Exposures of How Edison-Ford Money Plan Would Fail to Aid Farmer.

The way the Edison-Ford "commodity money" scheme, aimed to stabilize monetary values, would have exactly the opposite effect, is discussed in the present article, which is the second in a series prepared by the American Bankers Association, reviewing the exposure of the weaknesses of the plan as presented by William T. Foster, Director of the Pollack Foundation for Economic Research.

Briefly stated, the Edison-Ford plan provides for Government warehousing of basic commodities, against which currency would be loaned to the producer without interest, up to half the average value of the products for the previous twenty-five years. This currency would be cancelled as the commodities were withdrawn and passed into trade. On the other half of the value the producer would receive "equity certificates" which he could sell or use for bank loans. On these points Mr. Foster says:

Upsetting Price Equilibrium
"Steady price levels depend mainly on the balance between the volume of goods on the market and the volume of money offered for goods. The Edison plan is designed expressly to upset the balance. A farmer delivers, say, two thousand bushels of wheat to the Government warehouse and the Government delivers one thousand dollars in new money to the farmer. When the farmer sells the wheat he repays the loan and the Government destroys the money. Thus the volume of money is increased precisely when goods are stored; and the volume of money is decreased precisely when these goods are marketed. In other words, each transaction begins by placing in circulation goods without money to match the goods. Dollar demand is created as the supply of goods is withdrawn; the supply of goods is created as dollar demand is withdrawn.

"Would it enable the farmer to borrow more money on his products than he can now borrow? When Mr. Edison contends that farmers would obtain larger loans on their crops than they can now obtain from banks, he is confronted by this dilemma: Either the banks are now refusing to make sound loans, or, under the Edison plan, the Government would make unsound loans.

"Neither Mr. Edison nor Mr. Ford can consistently contend that banks now refuse to make sound loans, for that is the way banks make most of their profits, and Mr. Edison and Mr. Ford have no doubt that banks are conducted for profit. It follows that the plan would yield larger loans to farmers only if the Government met the risks of unsound banking. In that case all that insolvent borrowers gained would be paid by the rest of the population, which, to say the least, is not a fair deal.

Cutting Down Farm Credit
"Apparently, however, the Government is not expected to run many risks, for the farmer is allowed to borrow an amount no greater than one-half the average value of his product for the previous twenty-five years. But prices have risen so high since 1896 that the farmer could borrow on most products much less than half the present value of the products. It would be much less, therefore, than the farmer could borrow directly from the banks on graded products; or products not graded no Government loans would be made, for there would be no way of determining the twenty-five-year price average.

"However, the farmer, having obtained the stipulated Government loan on his goods, could then offer his equity certificate to a bank for an additional loan. But the equity certificate is virtually a second mortgage, and no bank would prefer a second mortgage to a first mortgage.

"Suppose the Old National Bank was willing to lend a farmer eight hundred dollars on one thousand bushels of wheat. Suppose, however, the farmer deposited the wheat in a Federal warehouse and obtained five hundred dollars from the Government. Certainly the bank would not lend the farmer three hundred dollars on the equity certificate. The protection of the bank would be greater if the farmer relied on the bank for the entire loan; for in that case the bank could realize on its security without being obliged to pay five hundred dollars to get the wheat out of Government storage. The farmer can now borrow more money from a bank on standardized farm products than under the Edison plan."

GETTING TOGETHER

"The earth and the fulness thereof" is the primary source of capital. The farmer, therefore, is the nation's greatest producer of wealth. Farming and banking—production and distribution—should go hand in hand. The problems of the farmer are the problems of the banker. Both are vitally concerned in bringing about a proper adjustment of transportation and marketing costs. The increasing tendency toward a more sympathetic understanding of each other's relation to these problems is one of the very encouraging signs of the times, and will result in further advancement of their mutual interests.—Walter W. Head, First Vice President American Bankers Association.

Don't Forget

—That we now have a branch office in Merkel where the same efficient service in Chiropractic Massage can be obtained that is possible in our main offices in Abilene. The Merkel office is in charge of Mr. J. P. Howard, who is thoroughly capable, having had twelve years experience in the drugless profession.

Many people from Merkel and surrounding country who have been coming to Abilene for our service are finding the Merkel office much more convenient. Try our services and become healthy.

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MRS. SAM OWENS ENTERTAINS

On last Friday afternoon the members of the Friendship Club met with Mrs. Owen for an enjoyable hour or two.

The first hour was spent in pleasant conversation and needle work. Later, in the contests, Mrs. Will Boney and Mrs. V. B. Sublett won the prizes.

At this date a meeting and election of officers was held. The following officers were elected: Mrs. V. B. Sublett, president, Mrs. B. T. Sublett, Vice-President, and Mrs. Jasper McCoy sec. and treas.

Dainty refreshments of whipped cream and fruit with cakes was served by the hostess, assisted by Lucille Owens and Ruby Fae Golladay to the following: Mesdames Golladay, McCoy B. T. Sublett, V. B. Sublett, Pogue, Sanders, Buzbee, J. L. Banner, Will Boney, and Miss Maxie Banner.

Reporter.
Mrs. M. C. Buzbee.

WHITE CHURCH CEMETERY

In last weeks issue of the Mail I made announcement concerning the date for giving our cemetery at White Church its final clean up for this year. I feel sure that almost all of us are so nearly done picking cotton, or will be by that time, we can well afford to leave what little we have yet to pick, for one day and meet together to do one more days work on the cemetery.

Thursday, November the 1st, is the date for the meeting and let us not forget that this work is ours. If you have a neighbor who may want to know about this and who does not read the Merkel Mail, tell him all about it and then bring him with you. Dillard R. Snow.

PHILATHEA CLASS INVITES YOU

The members of the Philathea class and teacher invite you to attend its class Sunday morning. We assemble at ten o'clock for class. It does not make any difference whether you are a visitor, old member or will become a new member, we want you there. But, if you have once belonged to this class it would brighten the faces of your faithful fellow members, as well as our dear teacher to see you there Sunday. Girls it does not make any difference whether you have that new dress or hat, just come and lend your services, your smile, your presence, and a soul full of the spirit of God, and that will be sufficient. Please, we ask you to not disappoint us. Committee.

Read the Classified Column.

PARENTS OWE LOVE

Too many fathers and mothers lavish practically all their love and attention on their children and pay too little attention to each other. A mother likes to feel that she still holds a warm place in her husbands heart after their children arrive. A father cannot be happy if all his wife's thought is given to the children and little consideration is given to his comfort and interests.

With every husband and wife there should be the understanding that the children are entitled to love, care and protection but there should not be the impression given that the parent takes second place in affection.

Usually children are a blessing in the home. In many cases, however, they are the cause of an ever widening breach. Be sure that your children are not the ones who are creating the chasm between your husband or your wife and yourself. —Fort Worth Record.

C. L. Stewart, district manager for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company with headquarters at Abilene, accompanied by P. P. Snowden, district traffic manager, were here one day this week, looking after the company's interest, which they always find in tip-top shape under the able guidance of the local force.

The Crown Hardware Company has a half page announcement in this paper concerning a demonstration of the new Perfection Range Stove to take place at their store soon. Read this advertisement. Itp.

Mr. W. D. Hutcherson and family were called to Fort Worth last Saturday on account of the serious illness and death of Mrs. J. E. Nobles, mother of Mrs. Hutcherson.

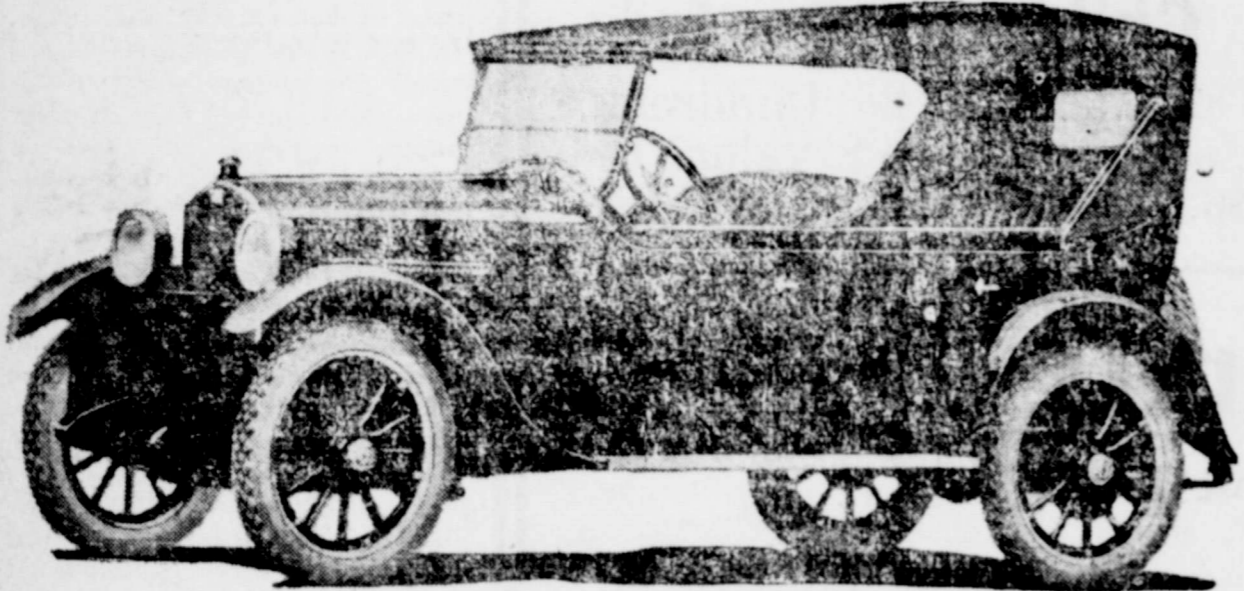


Coughs become dangerous

If allowed to run on. Check them at once with Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey. Dr. Bell's contains just the medicines the best doctors prescribe combined with the old-time remedy—pine-tar honey. Dr. Bell's loosens hard-packed phlegm, soothes coughing and soothes raw tissues in throat and chest. Keep it on hand for all the family. It's a favorite with young and old.

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The New Hupmobile Touring Car

THE NEW Hupmobile

These Things Mean Motor Car Value.
Improvements in the New Hupmobile Assures Still Longer Life, Still Finer Reliability.

The improvements in the new Hupmobile illustrate how this car has earned, through 15 years of intensive chassis development, the reputation of being a fine car at a low price.

Certain details make the new car more beautiful, more smart, and dashing, than ever—but the most extensive betterments are in the vital units, such as the motor, the clutch, the transmission.

Hupmobile engineers have in this new Hupmobile given most thought now as always to the things that make for still longer life, still more consistent and brilliant performance, still greater power and smoothness.

You will quickly note the sensation of coasting or gliding,—an effect produced by the perfect balance of themotor, the heavier and counter balanced crank-shaft; the 20 per cent larger bearing area; the light weight alloy pistons, the increased power.

Note the still greater ease with which this Hupmobile responds

to its control. Note, too, that the new two-plate clutch affords silent gear changes at all speeds.

The new Hupmobile is even quicker on the trigger than any Hupmobile before it. It is like a panther in traffic, skimming smoothly, slowly along when you must, leaping forward like a flash when the way is clear.

Easy-riding as the Hupmobile has always been, this new Hupmobile has always been, this new Hupmobile—in front and rear alike—outdoes all of its predecessors in bump-absorbent spring action and restful riding.

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Mounted Police of Canada the Only Other Similar Body of Men in America.

The mounted police of Canada is the only other similar organization to the Texas Rangers on this continent. The service of the rangers is more effective than that of the regular soldiers, for they pay less consideration to the possibilities of international complications.

"Killed in resisting arrest" is a very frequent report of a ranger, and it is always considered a satisfactory explanation of the death of an outlaw or criminal attempting to evade arrest.

The original rangers came into existence in the early days of the state, along about 1840, in the neighborhood of San Antonio. To affiliate with this band it was absolutely necessary for a man to possess courage, to be a splendid rider and an unerring shot, and to have a fleet horse worth at least \$100. For this he was remunerated by the state with the sum of \$1 a day.

The ranger was usually clothed in buckskin and wore a broad-brimmed hat. For his accoutrement three or four revolvers and as many bowie knives were thrust through his belt and a short rifle was thrown across his arm. Years of fierce border warfare had inured them to every hardship and had prepared them for every eventuality.—Detroit News.

LURED PIRATE TO HIS DOOM

Bellamy Betrayed by Captured Sea Captain Who Feared He Would Plunder Provincetown, Mass.

In his history of the Massachusetts Bay colony, Governor Hutchinson tells of the notorious pirate Bellamy, who, in 1717, was decoyed to his doom by the captured captain of a now obsolete craft called a "snow." Bellamy had promised to give back the snow if the captain would pilot him safely into harbor. But the good captain, fearing the pirate meant to plunder Provincetown, hung his lantern in the shrouds just as a violent storm arose, and hugged the shore, with the pleasing result that Bellamy's whole fleet was wrecked, and many of the pirates who were not drowned were executed by the town fathers.

Alden's "Collection of Epitaphs" says that for many years after his shipwreck a man of a very singular and frightful aspect, who was supposed to have been one of Bellamy's crew, used, every spring and autumn, to be seen traveling on the cape. Aged people related that he frequently spent the night in a private house, and that, wherever the Bible or any religious book was read, or any family devotion performed, he invariably left the room.

It was also stated that during the night it would seem as if he had in his chamber a legion from the lower world, for much conversation was overheard which was boisterous, profane, blasphemous and quarrelsome in the extreme.—Detroit News.

RULER ORDERED WIFE SLAIN

Emperor Constantine Had Faustina Smothered to Death Because She Accused Stepson.

Flavia Maximinna Faustina was the second wife of Constantine the Great. In the year 306 her father took her to Gaul, where he gave her in marriage to the Emperor Constantine. She was for a long time a most exemplary wife and mother. Her devotion to her husband was such that she even sacrificed her father's life to him, after discovering that her parent was involved in a plot against Constantine's life.

Faustina has been accused of staining the last years of her life by the commission of many crimes, among others that of causing the death of Crispus, the son of Constantine by a former wife, by making false accusations against him.

Constantine revenged himself on Faustina for having caused his son's death by having her suffocated in a warm bath.—Detroit News.

Gleaning Bell.

In some of the Lincolnshire (England) villages the "Gleaning bell" is still rung at sunset every day during the harvest operations, as a signal that the gleaners can begin their ancient occupation. The ringer is entitled to levy toll of one penny per gleaner for his services, or sometimes the payment is made in kind. The custom of supplying plenty of food and ale to harvesters is also a survival of the olden days when the "Victual rules" provided that every reaper was entitled to claim from his employer a drinking and bread and cheese in the morning, a dinner of roast meat and other good victuals, two drinkings in the afternoon, and drink always during the work, as their needs required.

Uninteresting Item.

A traveler who had stopped in Springfield, Ill., was being piloted along the route by a loquacious but somewhat tiresome cab driver, who insisted on regaling him with local news of little interest to strangers. As they passed one house the Jehu pointed the butt of his whip at it and remarked:

"Lincoln's home."

"Is he, indeed?" returned the traveler, bored, but still polite.—Kansas City Star.

Read the Classified Column.



Ladies Coats Marked Special

One Rack of 35 Ladies and Misses Coats, ranging in price from \$10.00 to \$25.00, priced for quick selling at only \$8.75 to \$16.75

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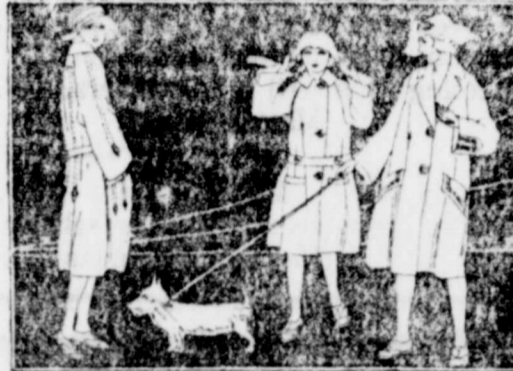
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Our rack of 25 Childrens Coats, sizes 3 to 8, values to \$6.50, priced **\$2.95 & 3.95**

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OZARK APPLES

\$1.35 per bushel. Just opposite the Post office. 1tp

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren returned first of the week from attending the Dallas Fair.

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

Harry Hamm, ranchman of Midland, was here several days last week, guest of his brother, F. P. Hamm and family.

MRS. J. C. MOORE PASSES TO HER REWARD

Mrs. Annie H., wife of J. C. Moore, who had reached the ripe old age of almost 81 years quietly passed to her Heavenly reward early last Saturday evening, October, 20, following a short illness. Deceased was born near Atlanta, Ga. November 28, 1842, and who before her marriage was Miss Annie H. Daniell. She moved with her parents to Arkansas at the age of 14, and in 1874 the family moved to Texas, settling near Gainesville, Cook county. And in 1859 she was married to Thos. Jefferson Maguire, and to this union two children were born, as follows: T. O. Maguire, of St. Joe, Texas, and Mary, who died on Sept. 22, 1919.

Following the death of her first husband, deceased was married in 1875 to her surviving husband, Mr. J. C. Moore, and two children blessed this union, as follows: Mrs. L. P. Jones, formerly of this city, but now residing with her husband at Sierra Blanco, and B. C. Moore, also formerly of Merkel and Trent, but now residing at Red Lands, California.

At the age of nine Mrs. Moore was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in which she remained a true and faithful member the balance of her earthly pilgrimage. In fact a real Christian, always ready to rejoice with her friends and loved ones in their happy moments as well as mourn with them in their sorrows. Also a true and loving wife, mother and friend.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the family residence, by Rev. W. M. Murrell, former pastor of the Methodist church of this city, but now stationed at Chillicothe assisted by Rev. M. C. Hays, local pastor, with burial immediately afterwards in Rose Hill cemetery. A large concourse of sorrowing friends were present to witness the last sad rites of this beloved and good Christian woman, and with whom this paper joins in extending to the bereaved loved ones deepest sympathy in this their sad hour.

Attention is called to the 1-4 page advertisement in this paper by the J. N. Carson Grocery Company. They are quoting interesting prices on groceries. Better read them. 1tp.

Miss Melba West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. West is rapidly recovering from an operation for appendicitis. She was brought home from the Alexander Sanitarium at Abilene, last Sunday. All her friends are glad to know that she is doing so nicely.

Ladies!! New arrival of coats and dresses. You will like the low price.—Brown Dry Goods Company. 1t.

Clyde Sears is spending the week at Menard looking after his ranch interests.

J. A. Bufford has purchased the Clyde Sears residence, located near the Church of Christ and will move into the same in a short time.

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LOOKIN' SHINE !!



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We have just received by express a very large shipment of Coats and Dresses. They are the very latest creations, ranging in price \$9.00 to \$45.00, just the materials and style you have been looking for. We have made the price so low they will sell at once. Come early while assortment is good.

Also just received mens bootees, leather coats, mole-skin pants, wool shirts, Stetson hats, dress shoes, overcoats, and new all wool suits. Small profit marked on all the above for immediate sale.

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