MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1924

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Every citizen of this city is did success. city in which to live. But Mer- much praise is due each and all vaileth not. kel lacks a number of things connected with the program. Abilene t othe east.

moving to these other towns years ago. that would rather live in Merkel if they could enjoy the conveniences that are offered else-where. Therefore, the progressive element of this town realizes that it is to their interest in looking forward to the building of Sanitary Sewers and making this an ideal home town.

also gave Whitesboro, in Gray- ed for the beginning of his was acquainted. son county, exactly the same church's big spring revival to count. Whitesboro, like Merkel start on Sunday morning March ducted Tuesday afternoon, at the He expects to plant and cultihas strong competition in Sher- second. man on the East and Gaines- It is expected that the Evan- Rev. Fred S. Rogers, pastor of Says his is going to operate two it have especially appreciated fresh waters of this state or who

three months from the time of into the song service. busy and are unable to keep up columns next week. with the orders for work to be done. This one incident alone GRAND JURY IN should be evidence enough to convince any objector that the since sewers were installed.

Lets get' together and support Tuesday of this week. ed improvement.

Pastor T. J. Rea. of the First Methodist church informs this FORMER BUSINESS MAN paper that his church through the official trustees of the church, has recently made a con-

rive and the pastor is hopeful here, as well as having the opraised the necessary funds with other old friends. which to pay for the seats in full when they are received and

friends and relatives in Dallas. jury in District Court.

LOCAL HOME TALENT PLAY SPLENDID SUCEESS

The Home Talent play at the Cozy theatre on last Friday evening by the local members of the Epworth League, was well attended and pronounced a splen-

These large towns near us new pews in the new addition ed time. have all city conveniences and made to the main auditorium of Deceased was born August 5, prised. there are doubtless many people the Methodist church some two 1860, confessed Christ and join- And Mr. Hartlins states that

ville on the West—both larger gelistic party will be here at the the Grace Presbyterian church double-row cultivators with the Mr. Cunningham's whistling. shall drag or set any net for the and better towns, causing them appointed time, and the meet- of Merkel, and was attended by tractor. to be situated almost exactly ing started off with interest and one of the largest crowds ever like Merkel with reference to its enthusiasm. Bro. Rea asks this before attending a similar occa- Mr. Hartline, in wishing you us to render some special numpaper to extend a cordial wel- sion. After which the remains After several fruitless at-come to the members of the were laid to rest in the cemetempts, Whitesboro voted an is- other denominations to feel wel- tery at Stith. sue of bonds to build a System come to attend each and all of This paper joins the entire of Sanitary Sewers. These Sew- these services and take part in community in extending deepers were completed last October helping to make the meeting a est sympathy to the bereaved BACKET STORE since which time 150 connections success and a blessing to the en- family and other relatives and IMUILI UIIL IU have been made. It was freely tire town and community. Es- friends. predicted in Whitesboro that not pecially does he extend a hearty half the people who voted for welcome to the singers and memthe bonds would connect with bers of the different choirs of the Sewers, and yet, today, only the city to come and enter right

their completion, more than one- It is expected that the meethalf of those who did vote for ing will continue for from two to the bonds are enjoying the priv- three weeks. A more full and ileges which Sewers offer, and complete report of the plans for two plumbing concerns are kept the meeting will appear in these

SESSION

building of Sewers is a good Hon. W. R. Ely, Judge of this by Mrs. Maude Rogers and He leased the Old Star Store RETURNED RECENTLY thing for a city, and further judicial district has for the 3rd daughter, Miss Bettye, of Dallas, building on Main Street and than that is the fact that time during the present term | They are experienced and ca- has repainted and appropriately Whitesboro reports a great deal of District Court for Taylor pable milliners and state that fitted up the building for his

> ty. And a good district judge joy a goodly share of the trade cent store. is very valuable to the common- in their line. wealth in this matter. But he can not get very far unless he FOUR WEEKS OLD BABY is backed by grand juries and petit juries, composed of men who are willing and have the backbone to do their duty.

We understand that Mr. E. P. tract for the purchase of some McMillan, formerly in the furni- ed on Monday at the family new pews to be placed in the ture business in this city, but home conducted by Rev. T. J. new addition made some two now residing at Catalina, Cata- Rea, of the Methodist church. years ago to the main auditor- lina Islands, California, spent the day in the city Monday of SWAFFORD IMPROVES It will take some sixty or nin- this week, being the guest of Mr. ty days for the new pews to ar- and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard while that his congregation will have portunity to mingle with many our progressive and live-wire

Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt returned his country several days this stuff. Wednesday from her visit to week by serving on the Petit

the year 1892.

church has of late been disband- chine.

Funeral services were con- ing more soil.

next door to the Gem Theatre, Racket Store.

death of the four weeks old ba- opening day. by boy of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Suber, which occured at the CHAMPIONS PRECINCT 4 HERE FOR A DAY VISIT family home in the south part of the city on last Sunday.

Funeral services were conduct-

COAL AND FEED PLANT

Mr. T. J. R. Swafford, one of coal and feed dealers, is making game is expected. some splendid improvements on Mr. A. C. Rose, the genial his place of business in the way ren will be: manager of the A. C. Rose Dry of a large new barn for the care-

Classified ads get the result. N. Jones.

The citizenship of the com- Mr. J. C. Hartline, one of this ent year. The officers named aware that Merkel is an unus- The play, "All on Account of munity was shocked indeed as community's enterprising and are as follows: ually good town. It has a splen- Polly", was under the direction the news went out over the com- hustling farmers, who resides Precinct 6, Merkel- Frank ods during the months of March did citizenship made up of peo- of Miss Lucy Tracy, the talent- munity Monday morning that on the L. A. Watts farm, on Goliday to take the place of L. and April, according to a stateple with broad sympathies and ed and popular Expression teach- Mr. J. L. Berry, residing near route one, was in the city one P. Jones, assistant judge; Preprogressive ideas. It has just er in the Merkel High School, Stith, had at 10:15 the night be- day this week, and when asked cinct 11, Trent-E. M. O'Kelly Frank E. Smith, in which the taken the step toward improv- and to say that each character fore been called from the walks about how he was getting along for R. E. McRee, presiding ing school facilities that will did his or her part well would of this life to that home in heaplowing, informed us that he judge; Precinct 12, Caps-Merkel Texas are incorporated. add much to its prestige as a be putting it mild indeed. Infact ven where sin and sorrow pre- was through. He said that he _Palin Keith for J. E. Kendall, had just finished plowing since judge; Precinct 19, Tye-Abilene ing the fishing laws that are We understand that Mr. Ber- Christmas, 230 acres of land. _E. W. Dinwittie for M. C. now in effect have come to the that are attracting people to The League members also ry suffered a stroke of appo- Mr. Hartlins purchased a Moline Herod; Precinct 25, Parrish county attorney's office, Mr. other towns instead of to Mer- wish to express their thanks plexy while out doing the chores Tractor just before Christmas House, Abilene- F. C. Digbykel. We have good roads leading and appreciation to the public about the place Sunday evening and has done all his plowing Roberts for N. A. McBride; sued in order that all persons to very important cities near us for their very liberal patronage at about seven o'clock, never with this tractor, and according Hamby-J. W. Boyley for Luth--Sweetwater to the west and The money received we are told regaining consciousness before to reports he has done it well, er Hay. will go toward helping to place the end came at the above stat- too, so good that his landlord was most highly pleased and sur-

> ed the Cumberland Presbyterian he considers the cost of operat- The new officers will serve durchurch in Green county, Ark., in ing the tractor very small for ing the remainder of the year .- person to catch any fish inthe 1890. He was made Elder of the the amount of work done; infact Abilene Reporter. Antioch Presbyterian church in cheaper than in any other manner. He reports having flat He came to Texas in 1899 and broke all his land with his tracmoved his letter to the Midway tor at a total cost of only \$68.40 Presbyterian church, and which for the gas and oil for the ma-

ed. He was a pioneer in his com- Mr. Hartline is a good farmer, A singular coincident is the Pastor T. J. Rea, of the Meth- munity, and was loved and es- made a fine crop last year, and fact that the last census gave odist church announces plans teemed forhonesty and upright should the year be favorable he Merkel a population of 1810 and arrangements being perfect- principles by all with whom he will likely realize much more for his work this year, as he is till-

Methodist church, in Stith, by vate his crop with the tractor.

splendid success by your pro- bers. gressive ideas of farming, and

OPENING HERE fall purchased the Cash Tailor of the best speakers in West taking of fish from it and this Shop, conducting and managing Texas. Come and see him take Article shall not apply to such Shop, conducting and managing Texas. Come and see him take Article shall not apply to such same until the former owner the mask off. repurchased the business just | Friday night of this week the Chapter 73, Acts of the 36th In this paper will be found the before the first of one year, pastor will speak on "Do We Legislature, Second Called Sesadvertisement of a new and up-after looking into the situation Live after Death? Where?" to date Millinery business at a number of other West Tex- You are always welcome to which is being opened in the as towns, decided to locate per- any or all of the services. AGAIN Mrs. J. M. Dry Racket Store, manently in Merkel and open a

DIES ON LAST SUNDAY this peper feels that he will suc- present fine season, and reports year 1923, no charge being made ceed in his new business ven- farming moving along nicely and for such services: We regret to chronicle the ture. Watch this paper for his well up on his different fine Albany, Texas, February 25,

TO BE DECIDED 22ND.

To The Merkel Mail.

22nd on the Warren court.

Both teams having shown a

Goods Company, was serving ing for his hay and other feed wards; J. Hobbs, Center; O. states that he saw very many al Bank, of this city, left last Reporter. | here.

ELECTION OFFICERS NAM-ED TO FILL VACANCIES

Six persons were named by the county commissioners' court in session here last week to take the place of vacancies among the election officers of the pres-

The vacancies among the election officers were caused by the judges that had been named moving to other precincts, is as follows:

going fine. The crowds are good of this State during the months considering the weather. We of March and April. And any are having special music at each person who shall catch any fish service. Those who have heard with a seine or net in the public Friday night the choir of the purpose of catching fish in the We join your many friends, First Baptist church will be with fresh public waters of this state

feel that you will be successful. day, either morning or evening, the months of March and April Hamilton, a Missionary from demeanor and on conviction shall Brazil, will speak. He has a be fined in a sum of not less great message.

Jno. G. Winsett will speak on Provided, that where a city, "Unmasking the world's Great- town or other municipality owns est Secret Organization." If you any reservoir, lake or other pool miss this address you will al- of water, it shall exercise all Mr. J. W. Schindler who last ways regret it. Winsett is one control over it in regard to the

W. H. Albertson, pastor. ty, Texas."

FROM SOUTH TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleof activity in the building of county, empaneled the grand they expect to carry a complete new and complete line of Racket ston returned first of the week homes, business houses etc., jury, this honorable body hav- and large line of the best and Goods, which he is this week from an extended stay and trip ing been called to meet again latest in their line. They also unpacking, and which he will to South Texas points. They recome to our city most highly open to the public within a few port having enjoyed their visit and work for this greatly need. There is every evidence that recommended as fine citizens days. The business will be known to that splendid winter climate, Judge Ely is doing what he can and church people, and this pa- as Schindler's Racket Store or but state that they were truly Deputy Collector, Internal reveto enforce the laws of the coun- per feels sure that they will en- Schindler's five, ten and fifteen glad to get back to Merkel and nue Service, will be at the folgood old West Texas.

country.

ANOTHER FINE FAMILY MOVE TO ABILENE SOON

We regret to learn that Mr. The championship game for Clyde Sears and family will soon 13, 14 and 15. the Precinct No. 4 of Jones move from among us, and which County Rural Basket Ball will will be as soon as their new be played between the Warren home which is under constructand Noodle teams on February ion in the city of Abilene is completed.

good record this far, a good Mr. S. D. McWhorten, of Stan-The probable line up of War- some fifteen years ago, was here of the Farmers State Bank and G. Gamer and B. Dobbs, For- old friends. Mr. McWhorten Farmers and Merchants Nation-Jones, H. Garner, Guards. Sub-changes and improvements in night for Fort Worth where stitutes, H. Jones, Criswell and the old city since his residence they will attend a meeting of

It is unlawful for any person to fish by any means or methment issued by County Attorney fishing laws of the State of

A number of inquiries concern Smith said. His statement is isinterested or who have fishing inclinations might know of the present state regulations regarding the matter.

The law quoted by Mr. Smith

"It shall be unlawful for any public fresh waters of this state with any seine or net other than minnow seine, not exceeding twenty feet in length, or to drag any seine, except such specified minnow seine, or to set any net, in the public fresh waters of this State during the months of March and April, or to fish with any artificial bait or line of any The meeting in progress is kind in the fresh publis waters line in fishing in such public There will be noservice Satur- fresh waters of this state during Sunday morning Rev. D. L. shall be deemed guilty of a misthan twenty-five dollars and not Sunday afternoon at 3.30 Rev. more than one hundred dollars. waters as mentioned. Article 64, sion. Respectfully submitted,

> "FRANK E. SMITH. "County Attorney, Taylor Coun-

Abilene, Texas, Feb. 19-A lowing towns on the dates nam-Mr. Schindler is a good busi- Mr. Huddleston also states ed, for the purpose of assisting ness man, a pleasing and ac- that he is indeed proud to see individual income taxpayers in commodating gentleman, and this country blessed with the preparing their returns for the

farms throughout the Merkel Moran, Feb. 26, Baird, Feb. 27, Clyde, Feb. 28, Abilene, Feb. 29 and March 1, Haskell, March 3, Munday, March 4, Stamford on March 5, 6 and 7, Abilene March 8 and 10, Anson, March 11, Merkel, March 12, Abilene, March

Geo. D. Hopkins, Collector B. F. Crews, Dep. Collector.

BANKERS ARE AWAY AT STATE CONVENTION

ton, and who resided in Merkel Messrs. R. L. Grimes, cashier first of the week mixing with L. R. Thompson, cashier of the the State Bankers Association.

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And no Non-interest bearing or unsecured depositor has ever lost a dollar through the failure of a Texas Guaranty Fund Bank.

Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas

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MR. DICKERSON FOR

didate for the office of Tax Collector of Taylor County, Subject cured after completing prescrib- ened to the better things. to the action of the Democratic primary next July.

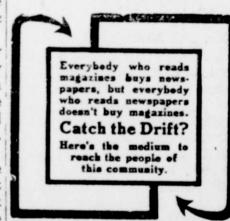
Mr. Dickerson has been a citizen of Abilene and Taylor county for many years and is well known. For many years he has been a painting contractor in the city of Abilene, and according to his friends, he is well qualified in every particula: to perform the duties of the office with satisfaction to the public and credit to himself.

He is well known for honesty and a man of high and lofty principles and ideas, and which will invoke in the performance of the duties of the office, should the voters see fit to favor Mr.

Dickerson. And before you cast your vote for this important office next July this paper would urge that you inquire into and investigate thoroughly his claims for same,

NO POSITION NO PAY

New scholarship contains writ In this issue of the Merkel ten contract, made strong by 25 Mail, in the proper column, will years' success, a national depube found the name of Mr. Ed. tation, and an affiliated Employ-Dickerson, of Abilene, as a can-ment Department in 18 states, that if good position is not seed training, your tuition costs you nothing. Write today for Guarantee Contract, finest catalog in the South and Special Offer 10. Address Draughon's Practical Business College at either Abilene or Wichita Falls.



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LOCAL M. E. CHURCH TO RAISE QUOTA OF \$2,320.00

has accepted \$2,320.00 as a min- week. imum quota to raise within five | Health in this community is years for the cause of Superan- not the best at the present. Sevuate Endowment of that de-nomination. The goal for the an of ministers.

The campaign for the fund is writing. being directed by the Board of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jeffrey man, and Dr. Luther E. Todd day night and Sunday. secretary. The latter has issued Mrs. Edward Lawlis was calland sent to all pastors a book- ed to the bedside of her mother substantial giving and outlines

According to reports received by the board, over 2,000 pastoral charges have up to this time accepted minimum quotas asked of them and many of them have voluntarily increased the amounts. Several large individual gifts have already been announced and others are expect-

There are over 900 of the old oreachers, many of them pioneer circuit riders who rode through storm and sunshine, Winter and summer, day and night, to serve numanity and the church, 1,300 widows and 600 orphans, many of whom are living in little beter than poverty. They never forgot duty and the church for a single moment, and there is now evidence on all sides that the church is at last thoroughly awake to its belated duty to its forgotten servants.

THE METHODIST

We are either advancing or pounds." going backward. We cannot "Now look how I have labored BRUNKS COMMEDIANS stand still. Our lives are like a spiral; we are either widening our circle of usefulness or we are going in the opposite direction, and narrowing it by fol- I thought he was a wild one lowing the ways of evil and allowing our senses to be dead-

We are subjected daily and Then wifey soon decided hourly to influences which retard and impede our progress. Thoughts and suggestions are heaped upon us which eat away Now this relieved my troubles our very character. This deadening influence must have a counteracting force, an antidote. The one great antidote for this is the church and the power of the church in the com- To eat just all that we can; munity. The church stimulates the senses of devotion and of obligation to do God's will in all relations of common life.

It is this force for good, constantly giving us the antidote for the things which are pulling us backward. The church is thoughts with the pure current the one source of renewing our truth by which we guide our

The success and power of the For District Clerk: church depends upon the Spirit of Jesus Christ and upon the prayerful spirit and cooperation For County Judge: of its members. So let us at all times have a word of praise for For County Treasurer: our church and a spirit of prayer for her success.

We feel that our church has a definite service to perform. Its purpose is to help humanity. It is our earnest desire to be of help to all who come to our ser- For Tax Assessor: vices and we assure you that a cordial welcome will be accorded you at all times. T. J. Rea, pas- For County Clerk:

Call 180 and let us clean and press all those old clothes. No gas odor. And one days service For Commissioner: when you wish. Cash Tailor

Jake sez, "never cross the trail of a black cat, for it al-

Ivs brings you bad 'uck." READ THE MERKEL MAIL

GOLAN NEWS

It has been quite a while The Merkel Station of the since we have seen any news Methodist Episcopal Church, from this place, so we will ven-South, Rev. Thos. J. Rea, Pastor ture to send in a few items this

nomination. The goal for the en- There is a number of cases of tire church of this movement is measles in our school. Professor \$10,000,000.00, the income from A. D. Hill, Misses Sarah Lawwhich is to be used for the sup- lis, and Gertrude Byrom, and port of the aged and infirm min- several others have the measles. isters and widows and orphans The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Driver is real sick at this

Finance of the Southern Meth- and little son, Hugh Jr., and J. odist Church, St. Louis, Mo., T. Williams were visiting at L. Bishop W. F. McMurry, Chair- C. Williams, near Blair, Satur-

let, "The Call of the Forgotten Mrs. Terrell Winters, at Noodle, Man", which tells the pathetic Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Winstory of the great need, asks the ters has a cancer on her right church to remember him with arm and is not expected to live. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones

plans for raising the sum sought and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Byrom visited in Sylvester Sunday.

THE BLUE GOBBLER

One cold and rainy morning While sitting idly 'round, saw a nice wild turkey; Trespassing on my grounds. took my gun and started

To where I saw him light, crawled about a quarter: Before I came in sight. At last I saw him dimly

And hastily took a shot, Tis needless now to tell you; I killed him on the spot. took him on my shoulder And to the house I went,

But when I met my wifey; I surely did repent. She said, "you've killed my gob-

The nicest one I've got, told you when you started; To look out where you shot." With plenty wild ones ranging On all the hins around. CHURCH NOTES Why kill my big blue gobbler?

Weighs more than twenty

To make these turkeys pay, And thep to think you'd kill them; In such a reckless way!"

As many came around, I feared that he would spy me; That's why I shot him down.

That she could make it pay. To cook him up and can him; For some bright future day. And helped me bear my cross For we could can the turkey: And compensate the loss.

Again we all are happy And think it is a treat. And can what we can't eat.

- T. S. Dennis-11-19-23.

Announcements

J. K. FULLER, MRS. LAURA C. MITCHELL CARLOS D. SPECK. AUSTIN FITTS County Attorney FRANK E. SMITH For Tax Collector: D. T. HARKRIDER, ED. DICKERSON, J. T. HOWARD JOE T. PERRY

W. E. BEASLEY For County School Supt. M. A. WILLIAMS (Re-election)

HENRY R. HICKS T. R. LASSITER CHARLES P. STEVENS PHILLIP A. DILTZ For Public Weigher: C. L. TUCKER

(Re-election)

We wish to especially call the attention of the public to the following

CONDENSED STATEMENT

of

The Old Reliable THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS **National Bank**

Merkel, Texas

Close of business December 31, 1923

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand\$	367,992.62
Loans, Cotton	10,775.9
U. S. Securities18	8,200.00
Other Bonds & War. (School)	15,827,3
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank.	1,950.0
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co	900.0
Furniture and Fixtures	3,850.0
Other Real Estate	3,000.0
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.5
Overdrafts	1,743.0
Cash & Sight Ex 23	

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock\$	50,000.0
Surplus Fund	15,000.0
Undivided Profits	6,914.5
Circulation Acct.	6,250.0
BILLS PAYABLE	NONI
REDISCOUNTS	NONI
BORROWED MONEY 751	

J. T. WARREN, Pres. L. R. THOMPSON, Cash.

DIRECTORS

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

Never Missed a Dividend Never Assessed a Shareholder

Did you get one of our 1924 Art Calendars? We have a few left.

Barney Barnett, agent for Glen D. Brunk's Original Comedians was in town today and which will last for two weeks, p.m. next Saturday, Feb. 23. Mr. Barnett decided not to bring the attraction here until the a good mule, horse or want a week following this meeting as fine milk cow, wou had better it is not the policy of Mr. Glen attend this sale. Brunk to cause any opposition to such a cause.

However, contracts were closed today with the Cemetery Association for this attraction to appear under its direction and Auspices before Mr. Barnett left town. Information comes that this show has been greatly Fresh Garden Seed. 6-5c enlarged and they will present papers for 25 cents at A. L. all new plays besides a host of Atkins, however, having been 15t2. special vaudeville acts that are in very poor health for some new to these parts, which makes time.

this show "The Biggest Show COMING TO MERKEL in Texas" and, as well, Cleanest Show on Earth.'

AUCTION OF MULES

In this paper will be found was going to play the city the the advertisement of a big aucweek of March 3rd, but owing to tion sale of Mules, Horses and the Methodist Protracted meet- Cattle, which will take place at ing starting on this day and the Adams Wagon Yard, at 1:30

If you are in the market for

A telegram was received Tuesday by Mrs. J. Ben Campbell notifying her of the death of her father, W. R. Atkins, of Bonham, Texas. Mrs. Campbell. being ill with the was unfortunately unable to go to her father. The death was very shocking at this time, Mr.

REALIESTATE, FARM LOANS FIRE INSURANCE

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

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

> W. O. BONEY MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your lawyer.

NEW CREATIONS IN Spring Millinery

A new selection of the latest styles and colors in Millinery just arrived

PRICES IN REACH OF ALL

Bettye Bonnett Box

Will have it's informal opening SATURDAY, FEBRUARY, 23rd

Located in Mrs. DRY'S RACKET STORE.

We have a bargain in all kinds of Groceries, wash tubs, wash two, was here one day recently Boards, Soap, Blueing and Clothes Pins. Come see J. D. Porter and Mr. Conner.

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Make 'em Lay and Pay---Feed . MARTIN EGG PRODUCER . And get more Eggs or your money back

Martin's Roup Tablets, Blue Bug Remedy and Taroline Guaranteed by

SANDERS DRUG STORE

Len Sublett

Water well Driller. all work guaranteed first-class.

Merkel, Texas

Mr. J. L. Tabor, Trent, route and has our thanks for his sub-



children's coughs at once!

DON'T let them run on until in. Nothing so quickly stops coughing as Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey. It combines just the medicines your doctor prescribes with the old-time remedy, pinetar honey. Hard racked phlegm loosens and clears away-the inflammation is reduced-normal breathing is restored. Excellent for young and old, slike! It tastes good, too. Keep Dr. Bell's on hand for all the family.

All druggists. Be sure to get

DR. BELL'S Pine . Tar Honey

Farmers of this community

SHILOH HAPPENINGS

are about up with their farm-

Mr. Rapp Green of Floydada has been visiting Mrs. Greene and Mr. Hudspeth the past

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Howell of Trent and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Green spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Hudspeth.

J. H. Grayson, wife and H. R. Grayson spent Sunday with S. L. Grayson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. B.

The party at W. R. Graysons was attended by a large crowd and all spent a good time.

Mr. H. E. Seago, wife and baby stopped over a few days with C. W. Seago. They were enroute to Gorman where they will make their future home.

W. R. and E. H. Grayson and scription to the Mail for the families visited C. W. Seago on

> Mr and Mrs Gordon Howell spent Sunday at the 'home of Mrs. Pheobie Greene.

> Miss Bessie James spent Saturday night with Miss Bernice

> Mrs. Henry Naron and wife visited his father and mother Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Naron, Saturday night and Sunday.

Bro. Humphries of Trent will preach at Shiloh Sunday afternoon at three. Everybody is invited. Come and give him a hearty welcome.

There will be a singing at J. H. Graysons Sunday night if the weather is pretty. Everybody come and bring some one with you. Mr. Lee Eason will be present and he doesn't need to be introduced. Brownie.

Mrs. Stella Bernard of California, was here this week the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. L.

Advantages Of Electric Cookery

In the modern kitchen there is a tendency to develope a domestic environment that parallels the progress we are making in - every other lines of develpement.

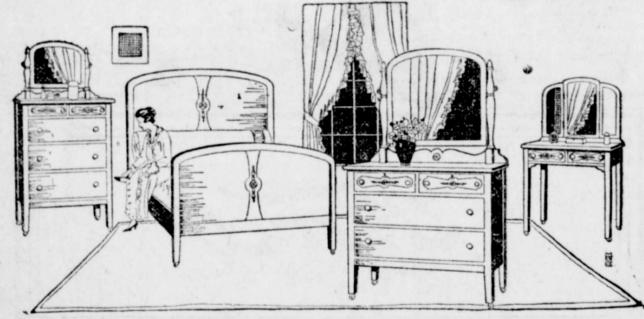
Since we live in the day, that such serviceable and comfortable household devices, as the telephone, electric light and iron. vacuum cleaner, etc., are available and may be had reasonably, the house-wife of this "ELECTRIC AGE" may rightly demand the efficiency and practical convenience of the Electric Range.

Almost every woman recognizes the advantages and superiorities of the electric range. The kitchen is cool and clean. The utensils are unspotted and unsooted. The air is pure. There is absolute safety There is economy in operation, times and labor.

We have never seen a woman who contemplated the practical betterment of the home and who tested the electric range who has not enthuisastically placed electric cooking above all other methods.

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY

Bed Room Week At Barrows



We want to close out a few bed room suits to make room for new arrivals, for one week will make the following rock bottom prices, good for one week only:

4 Piece Walnut suit, consisting Vanity Chiffonier Red and Black

Regular Price \$125.00 Sale Price = - - \$88.00 5 Piece genuine walnut two tone finish, consists of Bed Dresser, Chiffonier, Rocker and Chair.

Regular Price \$160.00 Sale Price = = = -5 Piece Birds Eye Maple consists of vanity four posts Red Night Stand, Rocker and Bench

Regular Price \$250.00 Sale Price - - - \$222.50 5 Piece Old Ivory suit with Bed, Dresser, Chiffonier, Rocker

and Chair Regular Price \$150.00 Sale Price = - -

These suits are all genuine bargains at these prices. Come and see for yourself.

BARROW FURNITURE CO.

WHITE CHURCH NEWS

After twenty-two years spent in West Texas, I thought I had Leader, Fannie Belle Boaz, observed all kinds of weather, the atmospheric conditions have been very peculiar. However, Agnes Sonders. its very damp this morning and indications are that there is to all at 6:30 p.m. some real winter weather brew-

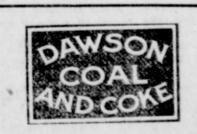
Mr. Frazier Demere's family are quite sick of the measles. Mr. Z. E. Snow and family from Brownfield are visiting relatives here.

Mr. D. Wilson is building a nice sleeping porch this week. paralysis followed by impact day to see Mrs. Chambliss who set up, which continued for had an attack of appendicitis. seven days. I tried every reme-

and Z. E. Snow's family left coughs had entirely stopped by ily at Rule.

on Frank Demere's farm.

Come and see.



T. J. R. SWAFFORD South Side Phone 44

Car of Dawson Fancy eggs Coal on track. 13.00 per ton at car.

The B.Y P.U. Program

Subject: Sailing Southern Sea.

The Southern Seas: boe Ashbut not so-for the last week by. Our Work in Cuba: Clyde DRS. LEGGETT & MATHEWS Mayfield. Our work in Panama: Lila Mae Bird. Memory Verse:

Classified ads get the result.

Dallas Man Recovers From Paralysis

"I was striken with general Dr. Miller was called out Sun- bowels on April 16th. Hiccoughs Miss Ethyl Tye of Burleson dy suggested to me without rereturned home Saturday after a sults. I started taking FERRAthree weeks visit with Miss Bell SAL, and the first dose stopped the hiccoughs for two hours. I Mr. William Snow, Miss Viola repeated the doses and the hicthis morning for a few days morning and I have not had visit with Mr. F. A. Irvins fam- them since. I kept taking FER-RASAL night and morning and Mr. Melvin Dulin and wife was able to be up in two weeks have moved to the new residence and had regained the use of all my facilities in one month. I have had no trouble with my Special low prices on all goods stomach or bowels since and Hours 10 to 12 a.m 2 to 5 p.m. my general health is improving Phones 105-163 every day at A. L. Jobe's store. Iny general daily. D. Hardie Cox,-R. 8-Box 640, Dallas, Texas.

Acid Stomach and Constipation caused Mr. Cox's trouble. They are health's greatest enemies. FERRASAL gets at the source of the trouble by neutral izing the excess acid in the stomach and expelling it from the system. TAKE FERRASAL NOW. 50c per box. It will help you or your money will be refunded.

THE ACID NEUTRALIZER STOPS Indicestion NOW!

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TELEPHONE No. 61

Texas as second class mail matter.

ALL ADVERTISMENTS MUST BE IN THIS OFFICE BY SIX O'CLOCK P. M. WEDNESDAY have been taken into custody re- was called dancing, but it was in FOR INSERTION IN THAT cently by representatives of the

The little town of Munday recently built a new and handsome \$40,000.00 school building, a splendid water system and beautiful "White Way", and just last week voted bonds with which to pave the entire business section.

Ambition and pride with a desire to really be somebody is indeed commendable of any one, but there certainly is some difference in the manner and conduct of some people who mainly have the desire of just being popular and make a lot of fuss and show in the community.

Over at Hamlin according to reports of the press and otherwise, that little city is enjoying uty Sheriff J. H. Beard. a rapid and substantial growth, likewise Ansen, Stamford, Munday and Haskell, are each witnessing many new residences and business houses going up. Infact every town where the Revenue Service, will be at the citizenship is showing cooper- Farmers State Bank, Merkel, ation and alive there is building Texas, March 12, 1924 for the and progress to be found.

Mrs. E. A. Birchitt and daughter, Trentie, of Throckmorton, Texas, left for home yesterday, after a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Pribble, their Mr. W. C. Baker of Trent, was parents and grandparents, of here recently on business and Merkel, also the Dowdys of while here made this office a Trent, their other relatives.

12 INDICTMENTS ARE RE-TURNED BY GRAND JURY

Twelve indictments were returned by the grand jury dur-SUBSCRIPE) V \$1.5) PER YEAR ing its session here Tuesday. Following its report to District Judge W. R. Ely shortly after Entered at the postoffice at Merkel four o'clock the grand jury was excused, having been in session it didn't help matters in the least. only about 6 hours.

returned against persons that in one of the famous "Revues." It WEEK'S ISSUE OF THE MAIL sheriff's and police departments. All of the persons involved are wild and noisy applause that clam-

> The indictments returned include: three against Lonnie gers. He knew she must be weary Hornsby on charges of burglary; and it annoyed Tommy that she must three each against Jake Landers stand there with that sparkling smile and Brownie Johnson on charges great conquest for that noisy public of burglary; two against V. E. to admire Vandyke on charges of forgery. An indictment charging assault made an effort to become acquainted to murder was returned against with her and win her away from her Charlie Flanklin of Bradshaw in profession, but to one who seemed desconnection with the wounding of timed to reach the height of her pro-Jim Pearle in a shooting there against him.

> Johnson were taken into custody Doris. in Los Angeles, Calif., recently on charges of burglary. They often and lightly. And Doris, the with another prisoner from San fluffy bit of white thistledown, with Francisco, Cal., are now being transported to Abilene by Dep- ing, beautifully appealing.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO INCOME TAXPAYERS

A Deputy Collector, Internal purpose of assisting individuals income taxpayers in preparing their returns for the year 1923. no charge being made for such

pleasant and appreciated call.

DANCE WITH DORIS

By DOROTHY DOUGLAS

TOMMY WEBSTER called himself

every known kind of an idiot, but He was in love with a girl whom he had not met and never expected to

The twelve indictments were meet, for she was a girl who danced reality just floating about the stage like an exquisite bit of thistledown. Tommy hated the audience for their

ored for Doris until she slipped out time and time again to bow her pretty thanks and kiss her snow-white finon her lips and in her eyes the joy of

If Doris Deene had been a little nonentity on the stage he might have

So he had decided that the best Jake Landers and Brownie thing for him to do was to forget

her fair curls and laughing blue eyes, irifted through all his dreams, cling-

So, before taking up his office career n the great steel bustness of his father. Tommy started on a six months' travel cure and made up his mind that he would return to New York heart

Tommy reached England during the ver life a thing of joy. He learned ke an old hand and met many s harming, gatly-decked damsel with hom he passed sundry and varied

It was Ethel Danvers who, while relining gracefully among various hued ushions at the other end of his punt, who asked him if he was going to the

"Sure. I have to see everything I an in the next month and then work endless, but interesting, work for me. 'll take you and we'll do all the stunts hey have to offer. Is it a go?"

"Sure!" laughed Ethel, mocking his American expression.

So it was that Tommy found himself rom modern Eve to ancient Turkey

Ethel was beginning to think she ght spend the rest of her days at nimy's side, when, standing in front a dance club which they were about enter, she felt his arm tightem

He was reading over the list of age favorites with whom one could we a fox trot for half a crown, but y one name stood out to Toramy in ld relief-Doris Deene.

He tried to make his voice sound atural as he turned to Ethel.

"Are these names all famous over

Ethel read the list. "All pretty such in the public eye. That Doris Deene is from your part of the world and has taken us quite by storm with her dancing. Come on, let's go in. I'd just love to dance once with Jack Buchanan and you try for Doris. I fancy she'd love to chat with some one

So together they went in. Ethel was out on the floor with the tall Jack before Tommy could make his way to

It was she who began to talk. "I am from New York," said Tommy, feeling like a first-class fool for the shake in his voice. "I used to watch you dance nearly three nights

Doris looked up and smiled straight nto Tommy's eyes.

out of the week-a bit soft, wasn't

"Oh, I am glad to meet you," she said wistfully. "I'm so homesick for New York and home folks that I could just cry about it." She shyly glanced again at the big, honest boy and knew she liked him-liked him very, very much. "I wonder-I wonder if you would come out to see me some time and just take me out on a bus or up the river or-or, just any place away from theaters? I don't like dancing, but I have to earn my living some way. Could you?"

"Doris Deene," said Tommy, softly, with all his awkwardness gone, "I could do anything on the face of the earth that you ask. We'll have a picnic up the river Sunday-all to ourselves, and every day that you spare me we will lunch together. I am sailing for home on the 27th, and if I can manage to tell you heaps of things that I have wanted to tell you long before this-perhaps you will sail back

Tommy Webster had never expected to have his picture in the London papers, but when he sailed away with the famous little dancer-Doris Deene -as his wife it was no wonder that the newspaper photographers were busy while the happy couple stood on

Auction Sale

30 HEAD OF GOOD YOUNG

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Auctioneer: JOHN YOUNT

FORT WORTH.

TEXAS

chicks or Eggs for setting from formerly of Merkel, route two, Barred Rocks. Take off chicks to Potosi, from Abilene, he havevery Tuesday. We are agents ing traded his Abilene property for the Simplex Brooders Stove. Higgins Poultry Farm, Merkel, for a fine farm in the Potosi

Have your clothes made to Read the Classified Column. neasure by the Cash Tailor Shop, and get full value for the money you spend. It makes no difference what price you select, you get in return an all-wool fabric of a quality exceeding any ought elsewhere at a similar

We can furnish you with baby Mr. N. C. Joyner of Abilene, the following: White Leghorns, was here this week and had us S. C. Rhode Island Reds. Also change the address of his paper tf country.

ADVICE TO THE AGED



NOT only you—but all those around you are annoyed by the constant backing of a persistent cough. Dr. King's New Discovery breaks coughs quickly by stimulating the mucous membranes to throw off the clogging secretions. Has a pleasant taste. At all

DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY



Buy Your Ford Now

WITH spring almost here thousands of families, anticipating the demand that is certain to exist for Ford Cars and Trucks are placing their orders for immediate delivery.

Sales now are far ahead of sales at this time last year. Advance orders calling for delivery under the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan have already reached a total of 255,758 Cars and Trucks.

The prospect of securing prompt delivery is daily becoming more uncertain. We cannot urge too strongly, therefore, the necessity for placing your order immediately, if you are planning to drive a Ford Car this spring.

See the nearest Authorized Ford Dealer



It is not necessary to pay for your car in full in order to secure delivery. You can get on the preferred list for early delivery by making a small payment down. Or, if you wish, you can arrange for delivery under the terms of the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan.

NEW DODGE BROTHERS CAR

Below is a statement of facts and figures of the Most Popular cars of the Uuited States Texas. Down to Janruary 15th, 1924 we find that there are in use in the GREAT STATE OF TEXAS:

1st, FORDS	397,220
2nd, DODGE BROS	37,209
3rd, BUICKS,	33,685
4th, CHEVROLETTS.	31,172
5th, OVERLANDS,	23,023
6th, STUDEBAKER, -	14,561
7th, MAXWELL, -	9015

There are in use in TAYLOR COUNTY:

1st, FORDS,		3118
2nd, DODGE BROS		439
3rd, BUICKS	(3	332
4th, CHEVROLETTE		307
5th, OVERLAND		220
6th, STUDEBAKER.		199
7th MAXWELL, -	-	152

The Price of DODGE BROS. 1924 Model Touring Car is \$1039.00. For any further information Dodge Bros. Car and Parts, see us at the

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Boys, Girls and Women now is your opportunity Secure this large valuable "COURSE IN CANDY MAKIN AT HOME"

Its going to mean a real future for every person who will secure this "COURSE" and start working at once. All Articles, Degrees and Formulas are guaranteed to be given in plain English, and to be correct. It will teach you quickly to make over 30 different kinds of PURE and DELICIOUS CANDIES, and to make at a very large PROFIT for you. Just to get this Course advertised I am going to give away a limited number of this \$15.00 Course to every person who will sell only 10 minature courses in candy making at only 50c each and return the \$5.00 col-

ERNEST M. MIMS BOX 11

LUDERS, TEXAS

lected. Write for the 10

minature courses Today ...

NOW!

Jerome Hutcheson and sister Miss Mary, spent last Sunday in Lamesa visiting their brother, Mrs Bob Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hutche-

Classified ads get the result, and Bonnets.

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RUBBER COMPANY

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VACUUM CUP

Friendship Club Notes

On last Friday, February 15, Mrs. Vernon Sublett very hospitably entertained the Friendship Club. Eight members were present. Music, games and a Valentine content featured the was transacted, a delicious plate of fruit salad topped with whiping passed too swiftly as each guest began to depart, they expressed as having had a delight-

Our next meeting will be with his job, diggin' on High Top." Mrs. Jasper McCoy, February 29. Let every member be present as there is some important the witch one evening just as I was business to be put over.

Reporter.

W.M.S. Notes

The Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist church Murphy says. He gambled money and will meet on Monday evening at 2:30 when the following program will be given.

Hymn 41 "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee". Roll Call, answered with some item about Mexico. Bible Lesson: Luke XIV the ways of John Kirkwood's daugh-Chapter by Mrs. Sandefer. Hymn 408 "Lead On O King Eternal" Prayer by Mrs. Rainbolt. Mexico as it is today, by Bob Whitely. Mrs. Bailey. What Centenary

Hymn. Prayer by Mrs. Rea. The call of the forgotten man by Mrs. Butman. Stewardship by

has done for Mexico, by Mrs.

The women are planning an Easter Bazaar. It will be the place to get your Spring Aprons

creat engineering commission were dispensed with. When he sought out

guilty of the very fault you have apsubdue. You were an active gambler

indignant, Glen King spoke but one word. "Mistaken," he said brusquely, and went to pack his

Mr. Kirkwood lies 'bout you, Mr. King," Jim said, "Pretendin' to look Dressed up like you last night. Went to the whites' cabin. Got out so no detective believe it was yo'self. know it. An' it's Miss Monna Kirkwood that rascal wants, an' maybe'll get her, on account of his smooth

Mr. Kirkwood would disbelieve in

hood," she said and smiled.

She came to sit beside him. "After Angel was put to bed for the night I roamed the Top; really it was fun, but I had an object. Bob Whitely had whispered things about you-had insinuated to father. I had to know. So, I peeked in the cabin windows where games were played. How did I know where to go? I followed Mary Murphy's Tim one night, secretly. She had bewailed the fact of his nightly visits. And last night, Glen, I saw through a cabin door, left open but for a moment to admit a man-that man dressed as you might be dressed-but it was not you. I have told my father who the man was. And here I saw you, solitary, on your own doorstep-until you went in to bar for the night your cabin door. I have told my father that, too. Tomorrow it will be Bob Whitely who will leave the High Top commission—and not you, my Glen,

His longing arm was around the

HIGH TOP'S WITCH

By JANE GORDON

Last night when we's in the cabin social hour. After some business playing cayrds something brushed past the window. Sam, he says, 'I bet that's High Top's witch.' Which? I asks, and Sam tells us. She roams the mountains, and its bad luck for ped creamand cherries, and hot the man that sees or tries to catch chocolate was passed. The even- her. Joe, he once give chase, when the witch come prowlin' around the messhouse, and she throws a laugh at him and gets quick behind a tree, and when Joe looked all about she wasn't there; an' next day Joe lost

Glen King laughed, but the goldenhaired child on his knee warned:

"It is true what Jim says. I saw going off to sleep. Sister Monna had tucked me into bed and kissed me good-night. She threw a rose from the edge right through my window and into my bed-and first she kissed the rose-so I wasn't afraid at all. Maybe its only bad men that she punishes Mr. King; Joe was a bad nigger, Mary took all poor Tim Murphy had."

"Information bureau," Glen King remarked, and pinched the little girl's

are not afraid of her. Angel-and

ter. And the chief engineer was.

beyond a doubt. He saw a dark en-

his chief John Kirkwood received him

rascal call himself Bob Whitely, tell

"But to think," Glen murmured bro-

"Dat Bob," Jim confirmed, "is mighty smooth, Mr. King." Glen him a slender figure came. The negro flew. "The witch!" the disheartened man heard him cry. Glen raised his head. Monna stood before him. A dark cape wrapped about her, its lining showed scarlet. She held out to him a wide black ribbon. "The peaked

"I have been High Top witch, Glen."

slender figure in the dar'

All Set

Avery Week Starts

February 21st.

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The Avery men are here. The prizes have been selected and are on display at the store. The store force is on its toes ready to make you comfortable. The whole store is a display room for

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Sunday morning, Sunday

ESTIMATED WEALTH OF THE STATE OF TEXAS increases in the quantity of

Washington, D.C., Feb. 19-The Department of Commerce as, its preliminary estimate of vessels of the Navy, and private- Phone number 359. possibly grieve you," he said. "If I the value, December 31, 1922, ly owned waterworks will appear not find it possible to believe you the total amounting to \$9,850,- States. 896,000, as compared with \$6,-298,246,000 in 1912, an increase METHODISTS PLANNING A it last night's disgraceful meeting on of 56.4 per cent. Per capita values increased from \$1,541 to \$2,010, or 30.4 per cent.

creased in value from 1912 to At eleven the pastor will preach. 1922, except live stock, which decreased from \$394,904,000 to Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the \$5,564,437,000, or 68.6 per cent; with his message from God. exempt real property from \$307-667,000 to \$398,169,000, or 29.4 at 7:30. Be prompt and let us The play, "For The Old Flag" machinery from \$62,123,000 to our saviour. kenly, "that after all our association \$105,892,000, or 70.5 per cent; manufacturing machinery, tools, Read the Classified Column, tend the evening's entertainment and implements from \$109,869,-000 to \$208,339,000, or 89.6 per bowed his head in his head-toward cent; and railroads and their equipment from \$519,764,000 to \$640,968,000, or 23.3 per cent. Privately owned transportation and transmission enterprises, other than railroads, increased, in value from \$171,954,000 to \$385,085,000, or 123.9 per cent; and stocks of goods, vehicles other than motor, furniture, and clothing from \$1,431,568,000 to \$2,030,468,000, or 41.8 per cent No comparison is possible for the value of motor vehicles, which was estimated in 1922 at \$189,731,000, because no separate estimate was made in1912.

In making these estimates the Department followed the methods employed in making the estimates for 1912, though it is believed that in some respects the work in 1922 has been more thorough. It should be borne in mind that the increase in money values are to a larg extent due to the rise in prices which has taken place in recent years, and so far as that is the case they

Read the Classified Column.

do not represent corresponding PILES CURED

. No knife-No Pain-No De-The estimated values of gold tention from work. See Dr. E. announces for the state of Tex- and silver coin and builion, the E. Cockrell, Abilene, Texas.

Will be in your town at the had not undoubted authority, I would of the principal forms of wealth only in totals for the United office at Collins Hotel, Monday afternoon from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. for purpose of treating piles and skin diseases. Free Consul-BIG DAY AT UNION RIDGE

> All classes of property in- School at 10:00 a.m. promptly. PLAY AT KALE ON FRIDAY, FEB. 29TH.

Three-thirty in the afternoon, The Mail is requested to an-\$327,807,000, or 17.0 per cent. Methodist church at Merkel, will nounce that on Friday, Febru-The tstimated value of taxed bring us a message. Everyone ary the 29th, there will be a real estate and improvements in- is urged to be present at this Play and splendid program givcreased from \$3,300,397,00 to hour, and hear this good man en at the Kale School, the proceeds of same to be used for Services again in the evening the benefit of the school.

per cent; farm implements and rejoice through the day with is made up in three acts, and is said to be very interesting. The public is cordially invited to at-

Severe Pains in Side

M. R. Pike.

"T HAD had quite a bad | rested better. I kept takwrites Mrs. Emma
Patrick, of Caney, Ky.,

"and it was a seffect for "and it was an effort for ousness left me, the pain me to go about my home. in my side was less severe. in my left side that almost I eat anything, go anytook my breath at times. where and feel fine. I I lost my appetite. I grew weigh 160 pounds and am thin, pale and lifeless. I feel that I owe it fell off till I only weighed all to having used Cardui." about 115 pounds.

needed. I ate more and narcotic drugs, but-

spell and sickness," ing it and my skin and I had a very severe pain After taking nine bottles,

Pain, in certain parts of "Cardui was recom- the body, is a sure indicamended to me and by the tion of female complitime I had taken one bot- cations. The treatment tle I saw it was what I needed is not the use of

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE-White Wyandotte Route one, Merkel. Eggs \$1.50 per setting, Silver Barber Shop.

good wood see T. J. Amason, in G. H. Tucker. the French pasture, Merkel, Rt.

mating S. C. White legorn hatch thews, Box 583. ing eggs. \$1.50 for 15-\$9.00 for 100-\$44.00 for 500. J. S. Touchstone, Hawley, Rt. 2, 15t6

FOR SALE-Mebane Triumph how to become successful. You was a truly marvelous exploit at which Cotton Seed, first year here. need little capital and no experi- I am rather amazed myself. But I am From A. D. Mebane Sales Agen-ence. Opportunity open to any you marry me you will take a pennicy, Lockhart, Texas. \$1.50 per one with good character, who less husband." bushel. As to turn out from has initiative and ambition. Full "Oh, I knew all that some time these seed, ask Dave Hendricks, particulars free. Write E. B. ago." replied Clarissa. "I looked you ginner, Stith, Texas. E. F. Van- Barnes. trees, Hawley, Tex, rt. 2. 22t4p

FOR SALE-Single row Culti- McHenry, at C. P. Stevens' It. And I was so afraid that when I vator and Planter, in good con-home. dition. See S. F. Haynes. 1tp

FOR SALE-15 Silver Lace

Fifteen .. No a-, vmf wlhrin oth Dr. M. Armstrong.

place 8 miles Southeast of Mer- reward. kel, 4 miles North of View at Abilene, Texas. 1tp home.

rooms, also nice bod room, See herself and said in an even voice:
"Madison, before we go any further, Mrs. S. A. Huskey.

good condition. Will sell cheap on an allowance made me by my Aunt if taken at once. J. B. Foster, large income from the estate of her dalia, Mo.

Spangled Hamburg Eggs, \$2.00. FOR SALE—Good Sound, Dry me, you take a penniless bride." Bob McDonald, at Chas. West Ear Corn. See L. L. Murry, at

FOR SALE-Wood, If you want FOR SALE-Choice milk cows.

FOR SALE-Well improved dollar to my name. Ten years ago, Farm located six miles north of after being graduated from the school FOR SALE- M. Johnson sepial Merkel. See or write, Dan Mat- of mines, which I had entered after

HELP WANTED-We will put you in business and show you it would take too long to tell you. It 1t4pd

House painting Wanted-R. J.

Wyandette Cockrels. Eggs from LOST—On Wednesday February heavy laying Texas Strain, at 12th, between Merkel and Mt. \$4.00 for 15. \$7.50 for 30. W. Pleasant, a rim, inner tube and 1t casing for Ford car. Return to

FOR SALE—Two lots, corner LOST—On the streets of Merkel Rose and Baker streets. Admiral a twelve size, open face, white Benoni Lockwood asked me yesterday site for building. Abstracted gold case watch. 15 jewels, sil- to select a man for him to go down title. A. A. Annis, Merkel. It ver dial, Elgin make, with yel- and look after his mining interests in low gold chain and knife. Find-FOR SALE-About 15 tons of er please return to Patterson & do you say if we get married quietly goodbright Maize on Dodson Baker Meat Market and receive day after tomorrow and go for a wed-

\$30.00 per ton. Will be at the Miss Willie Stalls, of Cumby, place on the 27th and 28th of Texas, who spent some time here it Thursday and I will be all ready." Yeb. If you need Maize, come on the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. he above dates. R. G. B. Fain, L. Murry, left last week for her

FORTUNE HUNTERS

most suitable one. His comfortable little fortune, added to her comfortable little fortune, would be beneficial to both. The parties concerned in the case were Clarissa Maxwell and Madison James. James belonged to an exclusive, but rather inexpensive, club where he appeared regularly once a day. He accepted invitations to dinner and to take yachting trips.

Miss Maxwell was active in various charitable and "uplift" organizations, She called great society leaders by their first names and by them was called "Clarissa dear" in return.

That Madison James and Clarissa Maxwell should be brought together was inevitable. They moved in the same social orbit. That they should attract each other was considered

Clarissa was thirty and Madison was thirty-five. Not knowing the reason of their having remained single so long their friends invented reasons to suit themselves. Clarissa, it was decided, had remained unwed because of an early love affair. The young man had married somebody else or had died; the majority voted in favor of death. Madison had not married because if he did so without the approval of an extremely aged and extremely wealthy great-uncle he forfeited his chance to a large fortune. These reasons for celibacy were entirely satisfactory to their inventors but in point of fact were without the slightest foundation.

Clarissa had had no early love affair and Madison was possessed of no wealthy great-uncle of extreme age, or, in fact, of any great-uncle of any sort. But now, everybody said, the end of their bachelorhood and spinsterhood was approaching. Madison's antediluvian great-uncle had approved and Clarissa had locked up the memof forgetfulness.

The engagement was announced; It only remained to fix the wedding day. It was agreed by the parties most concerned that this should be done on Clarissa were to go out to dinner alone and talk it over. They went to a quiet restaurant and took possession of a quiet corner. For the first time since their engagement something inthem. Both were strangely silent and preoccupied. They got through dinner by talking forced platitudes with each

At last Madison leaned back in his chair and said: "Well, Clarissa, when is it to be?" She hesitated; her eyes re misty But she quickly recovered It I have a confession to make. You think that I am possessed of a comfortable fortune. As a matter of fact, 22t2p deceased husband. This income is only for her life, and she is now aged and in feeble health. If you marry

It was a full minute before he spoke and then without looking up he said: 1tp "I knew all that long ago. I looked you up before I proposed."

> "And yet you did propose!" gasped Clarissa eagerly.

"Yes," said he. "And I also have a confession to make. I have hardly a completing my college course, I found myself, by the sudden death of my lather, who had suffered large financial losses, possessed of an expensive and extensive wardrobe and \$10,000. I to string out that \$10,000 for ten years at the end of my rope now, and if

up before I accepted you."

"And yet you did accept me!" cried Madison. "Yes," said Clarissa, "I couldn't help

1t4p confessed you would—' "And," interrupted Madison, "I was so afraid that when I confessed you

> laughed Clarissa. "I guess the truth is that at first we both intended to marry for mon-

ey," said Madison. "And we both found that there was 1tp something better than money to marry for," added Clarissa.

"That's about it," said Madison, Mexico. I shall tell him tomorrow that I will take the job myself. What ding trip to the halls of the Monte

"Day after tomorrow will be Wednesday," mused Clarissa, "Make

No Evidence.

Gerald-Is this seat engaged? Geraldine-I don't see any ring on it

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In pagan times this divination was accomplished by placing the finger at random on a passage of Homer, Virgil, or some other great author. Virgil was a particular favorite, and the practice of consulting him continued down to modern times, though the Bible is the book now generally used.

. During the Middle ages Virgil became so enveloped in a mist of tradition and superstition that he was alluded to by the uneducated as "Virgil the Wizard"; and the popular estimation of the chief value of the "Aeneid" was as an oracle.

As late as the time of Charles I the Bible had not entirely supplanted the "Aeneid" for purposes of divination, as is evidenced by the well known story of how that monarch learned his fate by the "Sortes Virgilianae," as it was called.

This practice of divination by books is said to have "originated in the respect and veneration of certain books arising from their wisdom and reputation"; and it is easy to understand the psychology which induced people of the Middle ages to consult "Virgil the Wizard," and leads men of a superstitious trend of mind today to turn the Bible into an oracle.

The beginning of the idea dates back to the first introduction of letters, when, to the common mind, there was something supernatural in the power of a few marks made in a certain way to convey from one person to another not merely ideas but whole speeches

The feeling is displayed today by remote tribes of savages when they see for the first time the use of the printed or written word in communication.-London Tit-Bits.

Animal Is Native to the isle of Man -Jumps Forward Like a Rabbit.

The Manx cat, which is native to the Isle of Man, a British island in the Irish sea, is noted because of its absence of a tail, and a formation of body that distinguishes it from cats of other breeds. The origin of the Manx cat is attributed to the arrival on the Isle of Man of ships belonging to the Spanish armada that were wrecked there. It is said that these cats were most probably previously brought from Japan or other parts of eastern Asia.

In the true Manx cat the forelegs are short and the rump arises as abruptly er than the forelegs, so that the seems to jump forward like a rabbit and is therefore sometimes called a rabbit cat. The Manx cat may be of any of the recognized colors.

East, the Malay peninsula, Japan, those of Siam, seem to have curious formations of the tail, whether cut short, forked, kinked or otherwise. daughter at Clyde, Texas. But these cats are smaller than the Manx cat and there are differences in the call or language and ways and character .- Detroit News.

London Lawyers Hard Hit. "The worst legal year on record,"

is given as the London lawyer's opinion of the last twelvemenths and more barristers than ever are said to be looking for a livelihood elsewhere than in the courts. General hard times lead the potential plaintiffs and defendants to settle their differences without the assistance of wigs and gowns, or, if they cannot settle it, they let the difference lie.

In spite of a common and old opinion that money flies as naturally to a lawyer's pockets as steel filings do to a magnet, the "flowing fees" of the bar at all times direct themselves chiefly to certain larger and more notable pools,

The emoluments of the great majority of barristers would rouse no great envy even in normal times; when a slump comes (and the big pools must still be fed) the smaller receptacles are in danger of running dry, indeed .- Manchester Guardian.

Hard Times.

Montagu Collet Norman, governor of the Bank of England, was talking at a dinner in Washington, about hard

"I heard a story the other day," he said, "about a slum landlord who was going around one morning collecting his rents. At a certain house a boy handed him half a crown.

"'Half a crown!' said the landlord reproachfully. "Here you are, over five quid in arrears, and you only give me half a crown!'

"'Oh, go on about your business,' said the boy. 'You wouldn't have got that if the old man hadn't been and sold the kitchen door."

An Age of Specialists.

"'Tis an age of specialists," remarked Mr. Tenspot from his back porch. "Of concentration, so to speak. Even the vegetable kingdom seems to be aware of this tendency of the

His neighbors sent him an inquiring glance which he accepted as a signal to continue.

"At least my peach tree seems to be lavishing all its resourcefulness upon me peach."

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through faith that Angel Chorus Why should we grieve that rest has come with shadows of the evening?

Why should we mourn that she has found the meadow-lands of Heaven?

Oh how we miss her smiling

And yet our stricken hearts will mourn-wecannot stay the grieving,

We loved her so, we miss her so, so hard is the bereaving.

We know our Father planned t all, and sweetest consolation Comes with the thought that ne is near in all our desolation. This little journey on before

s but the end ofsorrow, The little shadowy way that leads to some glad, bright to-

From clouds cold and gray, tears in torrents were shed,

For they whispered so sadly so softly, she's dead. But we wandered away where

her feet used to stray, So gladly and golden gleamed the straight and narrow way.

Twas not weary worn, but a path clear and bright, For his yoke is ever easy and his burden is light.

Oh who'll bind our broken hearts? Why the same hand of love that was her guide

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SANDBURR NEWS

There has ben quite a bit of sickness in our community but we are glad to state that few cases have proved serious.

The people of Sandburr were saddened by the death of an old friend, an acquaintance, Mr. John Berry of Stith, who passed away Sunday night. We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family and loved

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jones and Mr. Clyde Jones were called to Spur last week to attend the funeral of an uncle, Mr. E. B. McLawlis.

Mrs. Williard West has been quite sick for the past two days but we are glad to learn that she is improving.

Mr. John Lightsy has been on the plains for the past ten days where he is improving his farms which he has recently purchased

Miss Ruth Wells attended the birthday dinner givne last Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Allen at their home near Salt Branch. Our school is progressing nicely even though both teachers and pupils are getting impatient with staying fixed up

waiting for the inspector.

Intermediate League Program

Subject: The Gospel in Korea. Song Service.

Leader: Anna Lou Russell. Scripture lesson, by leader, John 17:6-11.

Korean Christians, by Stella Wilson. Beginning of the work, by Orpah Patterson. Results last year, Marza Chaney. Epworth League in Korea, W. L. Harkrider. Prayer.

Working their way through the school, Gladys Milliken. The thought of the future, Mary Ellen Smith. Announcements League Benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bobo are the happy parents of twin boys, born on February 13th. Mr. Bobo is Principal of Blair school.