BUSINESS FEATURES LUNCHEON MEETING In this issue of the Mail will be found the announcement by

ing called away in a hurry to see on him. a sick patient, and turned the program as he had planned same Mr. L. R. Thompson, presi-of the Luncheon Club. However, Dr. Armstrong before he left brought out some mighty good thoughts and suggestions for a number of things which if carried out will prove of much help and benefit to our little city, and among which was the securing of the removal of the Railway stock pens, which for many years has been considered a nuisance, and a park and play ren. And Dr. Armstrong also southwest part of the city so as to drain the great amount of water that comes down through get to school. In this matter Sweetwater. Mayor H. C. West also made a few remarks and pledged the city's cooperation in the matter.

At this time Mr. Thompson, who had also been asked by the Toastmaster to make an address a very interesting talk.

gram was a reading by Miss Bell County. Lucy Tracy, who is the very efpreciated.

Following Miss Tracy, Mr. W. N. Hall, the newly appointed City Marshal, was introduced ary of at least \$7,500, but said cordial welcome is accorded each four boys. Each of these boys LOCAL POULTRY RAISand made a very fine report of \$10,000 would be better. Mem- and all to attend these services. gave a splendid short reading his work of cleaning up our city, bership of the House should be stating that he was receiving reduced to 100 or less, and memsplendid cooperation \from the citizens in general. Mr. Hall's re- ceive at least double their presmarks were appreciated very ent salary of \$5 a day while the much by all present, as they Legislature is in session. readily realized that he was interested in anything that will be for the upbuilding and betterment of Merkel.

Next those present were highly entertained by a violin solo, by Miss Lynnis Thompson, who always pleases her audiences and individual states. upon this occasion her selection was enjoyed by one and all.

Following this Mr. J. A. Buford, who has been one of the Club's staunchest and most en- of that is over advertised is the thusiastic members, was called fourflusher. And he has to do it on for a few words. He payed all without a good word from especial attention in his remarks anyone else. to the citizenship of the entire town giving their cooperation in clean up campaign go by start-cheaper there. ing in to clean up their own We need more like him.

that a committee be appointed pointed to ascertain just how our stores. whose duty it would be to take many would go to the meeting. and Emory McDonald.

The fact that the District the year 1925.

CHEVROLET COMPANY AN-NOUNCES NEW FEATURES

the Witt Chevrolet Company of Abilene, concerning the New The Luncheon Club meeting many new features and improve-Chevrolet car. They announce was held at Ed's Cafe on ments, and we call special atlast Tuesday evening, with Dr. tention of our readers to this an-M. Armstrong ably and interest- nouncement. The Witt Chevroingly acting as Toastmaster. let Company is represented in That is the Doctor was only Merkel by Mr. Dick Loving, who makes his headquarters at the present at the beginning of the Woodrum Filling Station, where entertainment and program, be- he will be glad to have you call

At the opening of the present session of the state legislature, Hon. E. S. Cummings, of Merkel, who is to represent Taylor county in that august body, made ground arranged for the child- the nominating speech for Hon. T. K. Irwin, of Dallas, for speakbrought up the matter of getting ly battle in which it took six ballots to elect, the Dallas man was beaten for that position by Hon. Lee Satterwhite of the the city by the school building Amarillo district. Mr. Satterwhich, in rainy, weather, makes white was nominated by Repreit hard for the school children to sentative R. M. Chitwood of

SAYS A NEW STATE CONSTITUTION NEEDED

Austin, Texas, Jan 13-A new State Constitution for Texas is on Athletics in the school, gave needed to care for the several amendments, declared Represen-The next number on the pro- tative J. R. Donnell of Rogers, Old Christian Church near the

ficient and popular expression of the state, Mr. Donnell favors Emma Jones, of Abilene, and teacher in the Merkel schools. substantial increases in salaries Rev J. M. Messer, of Durant, of her best and was highly ap- be done without increasing ex- meeting. penses if several departments are consolidated, he said.

bers of both houses should re-

A small annual salary would be better, he said.

He asserted that he would vote against the proposed twentieth amendment to the Constitution, regulating child labor, which should be regulated by the

OVER ADVERTISED

The only commodity we know

Mr. M. D. Smith of Buffalo the matters of making Merkel Gap was here one day this week to the number of cars parked where the former has a splendid to get more than 30 bales of cotone of the cleanest towns in all and while here drove around to along the curb early in the morn-traveling position, spent a few ton, and again one day this week it up. this section of the state, and W. F. Hamblet's Grocery Store ing, we are as careless as peo- days here last week with the lat- Mr. Miller was here and stated urged the members of the and loaded up with a nice lot of Luncheon Club to make the groceries because he found them 1tp

premises and then their neigh- meeting of the West Texas make a community more inviting Swafford, having become the At noon today, Thursday, we of that town, you can readily bors would follow. Mr. Buford Chamber of Commerce is to be to outside shoppers, and more bride of Mr. Davis during the are informed that Mr. J. S. realize that there is a live set of is a booster for his home town, held at Big Spring on February pleasing to travelers from far holidays. She has many friends Burns, who a short time ago suf- business men in that city, and and is willing to spend his time 5th, was brought to the atten- away places. and money to make the old town tion of the club, and since a But if we are to have clean extending to her and her hus- sis, is indeed very low and not count on that town receiving its

under advisement any plans and Notwithstanding the fact that suggestions that might come up the attendance at this meeting of the Noodle community have and Miss Annie Jones, on last suffering considerably from in- are going to do their trading from any citizen, and help to was small, it was without doubt recently moved to Merkel. We Wednesday afternoon. properly arrange them for pres- one of the best and most inter- are glad to welcome them among entation to the club, which re- esting meetings that has been our splendid citizenship. sulted in the appointment of held for some time, and those Messrs. J. T. Warren, T. G. present pledged their efforts to Bragg, H. C. West, W. O. Boney press on and lay plans for many week from his home at Gates- to do so. good things for Merkel during ville visiting among friends and

LEGISLATOR OPPOSE "PA" NOT CURTAIL

Austin, Texas, Jan. 14.—A John H. Veatch's hand appeared clear sky which has recently por- state Sighway Department, actended an early exoneration of James E. Ferguson.

"I am not in favor of the Legislature passing a bill to exoner-"the gentleman from Joshua," who served in the memorable Thirty-Fifth Legislature which impeached the former Governor.

"All I am willing to agree to," he added, "is submission of a people empowering the Legislature to pass on the Ferguson case. I do not think this Legislature or the present Senate can, by their own acts, nullify the decree of the court of impeachment of a former Senate. The only way is by a vote of the people and this is the only way I will consider it."

Mr. Veatch is a veteran legislator, having served in every Legislature since the Thirty-Fourth, with the exception of the Thirty-Eighth.

NAZERINE REVIVAL GOING ON HERI

Last night, Thursday, at the New High School building, a re- PARENT-TEACHERS CLUB In reshaping the organization vival meeting began with Rev.

For Governor he favors a sal- interest all who hear them. A mention, was a group reading by

KEEP STREETS CLEAN

the business men drive to work, P. T. A. sweep the rubbish and dirt out Theatre. into the street."

up our streets.

a better place in which to live. special invitation is extended the streets, we must all be as care- band congratulations and good expected to live but a short share of patronage from the members, including our excellent ful of the appearance of our wishes. Mayor H. C. West suggested orchestra, a committee was ap- town as we are of our homes or

Austin, Texas, Jan. 13.-Pa Wednesday in the otherwise curtailing the finances of the cording to W. E. Lea of Orange, had considerable experience in wholesome fun and clean humor, president of the Texas Highway this capacity, and with his nat- laughter and tears. A combina-Association. Mr. Lea made the ural turn as a peace officer, will tion of thrills, suspense and irannouncement at a meeting of most assuredly make a most able resistable comedy. The cast conate Jim Ferguson or declare him directors of the association who deputy. not guilty," said Mr. Veatch, assembled here Monday to outline a highway legislative program to be presented to the Legislature.

Mr. Lea said he put the question squarely up to Mr. Ferguson who unequivocally asserted, constitutional amendment to the he told the meeting, that he had nothing of that kind in mind in his previously announced economy program.

Barry Miller.

A committee headed by Mrs. Claude De Van Watts of Austin Chicago. called on Mr. Miller Monday and asked him to give the women lobbyists a convenient place for their headquarters.

The Parent-Teachers Club met They are said to be able and of the meeting. One number on connections outside the state, forceful talkers and will no doubt the program, worthy of special Mr. Stell said. containing a good lesson or moral. Those in the group were "The public could have finer, mie Durham, and a discussion in their respective breeds. street cleaner to get on the job There will be a school circus at early in the morning," said one the High School building on

park their machines along the The next Lyceum will be Jan. a good town to do his trading, this week, for from that space curb, open their stores, and 20 and will be given at the Cozy was in the city one day early in last week we received mighty

While we may have no seri- Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis, on hail had damaged his crop along firm had always received good ous problem here in Merkel due their way to Portland, Oregon, in the summer, he did not expect results from advertisements in ple everywhere about littering ter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.H. that he had already gathered 40 L. Swafford, as well as other bales and would get about five published in the average small Clean streets are usually evi- friends and relatives. Mrs. Davis more. dence of a clean town. They was, formerly Miss Virginia

Company's advertisement in this Jack Britain was here this issue of the Mail. It will pay you

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail., Merkel their future home.

W. H. LANEY APPOINTED DEPUTY SHERIFF HERE

Sheriff H. T. O'Bar, who took charge of the office of Sheriff of Taylor county on January 1, has undoubtedly made a wise and excellent selection in his appointand this part of the county.

highest honor and integrity, has sentially a love story, full of

Austin, Texas, Jan. 14.—Dealing in cotton and grain futures will be permitted in Texas thru any brokerage concern which belongs to a legal exchange, under the provisions of a bill introduced in the House Wednesday by Representatives Henry E. Webb and James W. Stell of Paris.

Under the present law governing dealings in futures only Austin, Texas, Jan. 13.-A brokerage houses which have room adjoining the Senate has connections with stock exchanbeen turned over to the legisla- ges outside of the state can tive council of Texas Women's legally operate in Texas. Firms Clubs, an organization of women in Dallas, Houston, and Fort will be every Monday night. lobbyists, by Lieut. Gov.-Elect Worth deal in futures through connections with exchanges in body to attend, the price for any New Orleans, New York and single family regardless of num-

Mr. Stell explained that his proposed law will permit firms to operate if they have connoct- family, and it makes no differions with a Texas stock ex- ence how many actual members change. The bill meets the provisions of the Federal statute there are just two, man and IN REGULAR MEETING governing dealings in futures, he

"The dealings in futures are teacher in the Merkel schools. Substantial increases in salaries always interests her hearers, and her reading at this time was one of her best and was highly apost and was high

ERS WIN AT ABILENE

At the West Texas Poultry Ross Ferrier, A. C. Toombs, Show at Abilene last week, Mess-the Gem and the Cozy, and the A national association of Harold Boney and E. L. Turner. ers John West, Bob McDonald, managers of each are striving street commissioners held a Other numbers on the program Booth Warren, Joe Higgins, and hard to give the people as good meeting in Chicago and made a were a piano solo by Miss Hazel possibly others of this city and as the best in motion pictures, Lee Rainbolt, reading by Tom- immediate section were winners and since they are home con-

consider the street as something Mrs. Fred Rogers. During the some lovely birds and take great their patronage. besides a community refuse box. business session, the supt. of pride in bringing them up to the "The great number of cars room mothers reported Miss highest possible standards, and park'ed along the curbing these Hearn's room as receiving the are really showing that it pays week soliciting advertising from days, makes it necessary for the picture offered by the P. T. A. to raise the best of any breed. | the business men we were pleas-

with whom this paper joins in fered a severe stroke of paraly- further more you can generally time.

Rev. O. B. Tatum of this city We are informed that Mr. J. automobiles, and the farmer and pronounced the words that bound E. Costephens fell from a wagon other citizens are readers of both Mr. W. U. Beene and family in holy wedlock Mr. C. P. Hodges some few days ago and has been daily and local papers, and they juries sustained. We, with his where the business men make friends, trust that he may re- the best offer. Then it's up to

> 1tp have been residing at Winters, there never has been a time came in this week and will make when advertising pays more than

TUES. NIGHT

Vincent Lawrence's much disment of Mr. W. H. Laney of this cussed "broadway hit" will be cloud the size of Representative Ferguson has no intention of city as Deputy Sheriff at Merkel given at the Cozy Theatre January 20th, Tuesday night.

Mr. Laney is a man of the "The Ghost Between" is essists of the Doctor, the Doctor's Wife, the Doctor's friend and the Nurse. These players are the "Carlyle Players," personally chosen and coached by Richard Carlyle.

You will also enjoy the picture which features Tom Meighan. This double attraction will only cost 50c for adults, 35c for all school children, or present your season Lyceum Ticket at the en-

FAMILY NIGHT" FOR ALL THEATRE GOERS

Mr. Clyde Foster, the genial manager of the Cozy Theatre, in order that he might create more interest in theatre attendance in Merkel, and at the same time accommodate his patrons, has established what he calls "Family Night" at the Cozy, which

As an inducement for everyber, that is the parents and their children, on "Family Night" will be only 50 cents for the whole of the family there may be. If wife, they get in a only 50 cents, which is ten cents less han the regular admission price for two are several in the family there will be quite a saving.

"Family Night" should prove quite a success, and this paper feels sure that the people will take advantage of same.

Merkel has 2 excellent shows cerns theatre goers in Merkel cleaner streets if people would of one of the loan papers by All these gentlemen have and vicinity should give them

In making our rounds this antly greeted by one of our best Our good friend D. M. Miller and most constant advertisers speaker. "Then by eight o'clock February 6, sponsored by the who resides beyond the river in who readily remarked, "Yes, we Jones county, but who comes to want that \$10.00 space again the fall and stated to this writer good results." Then this same that owing to the fact that a advertiser also stated that the

> When you see a newspaper town, that is well filled with advertising from the business men surrounding country. Of course. this is the day of good roads and Read J. N. Carson Grocery cover from the painful accident. the business men of the small town to pay close attention to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Owen who advertising his business. In fact lit does at this time.

STATEMENT FARMERS STATE BANK

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Merkel, Texas December 31, 1924

RESOURCES

Loans & Discounts\$	185,248.22
Overdrafts	521.40
Banking House & Fixtures	13,902.50
Stocks & Bonds	4,430.40
Warrants	915.57
Liberty Bonds Held in Trust	8,950.00
Other Resources	12,108.27
Other Real Estate	22,314.40
Due from State Gty. Fund	31,611.80
CASH, EXCHANGE & COTTON	340,416.30
Total\$6	620,418.86

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock \$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Profits 12,166.43
Liberty Bonds held for customers 8,950.00
Bills Payable NONE
Rediscounts NONE
Borrowed Money NONE
DEPOSITS 549,302.43
Total\$620,418.86

The above statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.

TRENT SCHOOL NOTES

We are glad to report that the Senior class is one hundred per cent to the good in deportment. Whisper the words--there is only one senior.

lowing discussion:

Miss Ellison: "Bring it here, J. P., and I will see if I can find the owner."

Ruby: "It looks like Mary Nalley's ring"

Estelle: "Take it to Floyd Martin, he can tell. He gave it to her."

Homer McLeod has returned to school after a spell of the

The Trent Basket ball girls played the Sweetwater girls on the local court last Friday afterfavor of the visitors.

Edward Rogers, Velma Rogers and Loney Bright entered school last Monday. The seventh grade now boasts of twelve pupils.

We have been having very interesting chapel exercises since Christmas. Mr. McAdams has promised a special program.

school this week. She moved to bers. Miss Hanks gave another Trent from Ablene.

Oscar Pennell was out of school Tuesday and Wednesday. Carmen Walker and Ruby Johnson were sitting together studying history and trying to be good. Ruby started to cough and received five demerits. She's glad she didn't finish the cough.

Miss Martin is reported very out Mr. Whitmire. She has such a bad cold.

only a visitor."

of the season.

T. E. L. Class Members Enjoy Luncheon at San Angelo, Tex.

A luncheon of exquisite appointment was given Friday at one o'clock by Mrs. Victor Tippet of San Angelo, who enter-J. P. Stevens found a ring on tained a few members of the T. the floor and held it up to find E. L. Class of the First Baptist the owner. This caused the fol- Church of Merkel who drove over for the day with Mrs. Tippet. The beautiful and handsome new brick home on 241 South Adams Street, in the Heights. was artistically adorned with cut and potted flowers, especially the sun room where flowers were in profusion and a singing bird gave exquisite beauty.

Unique hand - painted place cards and pretty candy baskets marked each guest's plate where a two-course luncheon was served. After the luncheon a social noon. The score was 12 to 20 in hour proceeded which time was spent in meeting the officers and teachers of the class of the First Church of San Angelo. An interesting program was listened to. First Mrs. L. B. Howard of Merkel sang a beautiful solo. A violin solo by Miss Wanda Hanks, accompanied by Mrs. Howard at been reading a love story from the piano. Mrs. Thos. Head gave the Bible. Next Tuesday we are an interesting reading. Again Mrs. Howard favored the group Millie Lee Chapman entered with a selection of vocal numviolin solo. At the conclusion of the program the hostess assisted by little Miss Joy Tippet passed an appetizing refreshment plate of sandwiches, olives, potato chips, cream and cake. Just here Mrs. Thos. Head gave a toast to the Merkel ladies: To the folks whose visit was the occasion for the invitation extended us. Merkel may be just a ill and cannot speak to anyone, small place on the map, but what it lacks in size, I'm sure we agree, is made up in the qual-J. T. Bright, while visiting St. ity of its people that's a fact, Paul's Methodist church last whose good taste in many things Sunday, was asked if he were a we can see, music and long tress-Christian. J. T. replied, "No, I'm es, leaves no room for guesses as to the substantiability. Of Save your money and see Merkel's fine quality we like you 'Safety First". It's the best play fine and wish you could stay, and hope you'll come to see Mrs

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

THE OLD RELIABLE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business December 31, 1924

RESOURCES

Loans, Cotton	169,000.00
Overdrafts	
U. S. Bonds and Treas	ure
Certificates	64,850.00
Other Bonds and Warran	nts. 9,490.62
Stock in Fed. Reserve B	ank. 1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. (Do 900.00
Furniture and Fixtures.	3,735.0
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
Cash and Sight	niat spen
Exchange	242,229,95
Total	\$707.016.79

apital Stock\$	50,000.00
urplus Fund	15,000.00
Individed Profits	6,360.04
irculation Acet.	6,250.00
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
anneits 629	406.75

Total\$707,016.79

J. T. Warren, Pres. L. R. Thompson, Cash. Booth Warren, Ass't Cash Owen Ellis, Ass't Cashler

DIRECTORS

Henry James G. F. West J. T. Warren L. R. Thompson Sam Butman

Never Missed a Dividend Never Assessed a Shareholder



Letters Of Acknowledgement

Have you acknowledged all your Christmas gifts yet? If so you have done better than many folks who let this recognition drag along, and very likely omit

it altogether. It is one mark of true ladies and gentlemen, that they are usually careful to write suitable notes of acknowledgement, not merely for holiday gifts, but whenever courtesies or kindly things have been done for them.

The gift that you receive does not always mean much effort or sacrifice. The pleasant thing done for you may not have cost one a particle of trouble. But when some friend steps in the midst of busy days, and takes the pains and thought to write a graceful message of appreciation it shows that whatever you have done is valuable.

There are many people who never seem to have this spirit of appreciation. Such people find it hard to keep friends. Those who show that they value things done for them manifest a spirit that promotes warm regard.

MAGIC FIGURE

France suggests one-half of one per cent as interest on the war debt to this country. Evidently French statesmen think that the Volstead act has made that number a magic figure in this country.

WONDER

The editor of the Merkel Mail often wonders if some people here who like to have their paper say scurrulous things about others, would be willing to have a real hot communication published over their own names,

SOLVES ITSELF

From what we see in the papers it seems that unless some of our cities solve their crime problems before long, there will not be many decent people in them left to worry about.

Be Sure to See The New Chevrolet Cars

Now on display at our salesroom at 325 Cypress Street, Abilene, Texas.

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Open Friday, Saturday, and all next week until nine o'clock each evening.

New Bodies - New Finish NEW Chassis -

New Values New Quality In fact a complete NEW CAR and the

9006 0000 0000

Best Car you ever saw for the money.

Witt Chevrolet Co.

ABILENE, TEXAS

325 Oypress St.

Phone 231

Tippet again some day.

enjoying Mrs. Tippet's hospital- twelve miles south, who some ity were: Mesdames Ewing Ave- time ago suffered a broken limb ra, A. L. Montgomery, Gus as the result of a runaway team, Jones, W. E. Morton, Taylor was brought to town first of the Rowe, A. J. Cleary, Chas. Shef- week and the limb placed in field, Burt Whaley, E. M. Steele, plaster paris. We join many R. J. Kenney, Frank Wood, Thos. friends in the sincere hope that

San Angelo women, the Merkel and suffering. Women were soon off for home, each declaring Mrs. Tippet to be | Car Dawson Fancy Egg Coal a wonderful hostess and having now on track. Swafford, phone the best time ever, and feeling 44, south side. it had been an enjoyable and delightful day spent. The Merkel I now have a complete line of women were: Miss Willie Swann, Rawleigh's goods at W. D. Ram-Mesdames Henry Coit of Renner, sey store. When in need of same Sam Swann, Earl Lassiter, A. R. call at this place or phone 147 or Booth, L. B. Howard and Mr. 265. I will give a good house E. Yates Brown.

LAUNDRY SERVICE

Send to the Laundry and be Sam Swann. convinced. Regular family wash ing. Everything included except PROFESSION AL stiff collars, silk and woolen goods at ten pounds for one dollar. Phone 218. Alfred H. Lig-

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Jones eft first of the week for South Texas, where they will visit their daughter, Miss Mona Margaret, who is attending school at Omaha, Texas.

Merkel but now residing near Phones 105-163 Stanton, in Martin county, was here first of the week. Mr. Martin reports having had a very prosperous year out there and is well pleased with his new home.

Leonard Wills returned first of the week from a trip to the plains, where he had been to look after improvements on some Over West Company-Front St. farm lands they have out there.

People recognize "Our Specials" as something worth while. Brown Dry Goods Co.

It's mighty easy to say a mean dirty thing about your neighbor or competitor, but does it pay?

Mr. W. C. Neil, one of the Members of the class there splendid citizens residing some Head, and Miss Wanda Hanks. this good man may soon recover After adieus were said to the from the unfortunate accident

broom with \$12.00 worth of the goods bought. E.B. Barnes. 16t3

Corn and maize for sale. See

THOS. C. WILSON The Jeweler Watches, Clocks and Jewelry Repaired All Work Guaranteed Located at Merkel Drug Co.

> DR. R. I. GRIMES Physician and Surgeon

Finley Martin, formerly of Hours 10 to 12 a.m 2 to 5 p.m.

DR. S W. JOHNSON. Surgeon Dentist

Office over Farmers State Bank Office Phone 306

G. W. JOHNSON Insurance-Notary Public

Merkel -:- Texas

W. W. WHEELER

Real Estate, Fire, Accident and Tornado Insurance Agent. Notary Public.

Office over Crown Hardware Co.

Mr. Cash Customer

You don't get what you pay for when you trade at a "charge it" store.

A part of every dollar of the money you pend at such stores is prorated to cover cost of a credit service which is being extended to the other fellow.

Spend your money at a cash store and save the cost of credit men, bookkeepers, collectors, bad accounts, etc., etc.

> PAYING CASH PAYS

Carson & Son Groceries

SOME FACTS

Texas was a republic in 1835 destrians. and Sam Houston was the first the Congressmen, and some ad- real Universe. was a candidate as a Whig for water. state of the Union in 1845.

wealths of the Nation.

agriculture is the basic industry records. of our Southland. She claims to lead any state of the Union in chopped off would look like a agriculture. There are about three legged Boston Terrier. nine-tenths of the citizenship of Texans are so proud of Texas lands in Texas were the same as Texas that have no idea of the they cannot sleep at night. If a in Illinois, the value of Texas magnitude of our state, nor the Texan's head should be opened, crops would equal that of forty great agricultural products, so the map of Texas would be phofor the benefit of those who tographed on his brain, this is have a vague conception of the also true of his heart. size of Texas and its agricul- Unless your front gate is Texas and he is not a citizen of ciety as constituted in Texas. often and noticed its products dred and fifty miles from his abreast. and the geography of same, and front door, and he is thinking of as nead as I recall his words, viz: moving his house back so he will

tinent of North America except Never Sorry That He a small part set aside for the United States, Mexico and Canada, Texas owns all of the Rio Grande, the only dusty river in the world with the possible exception of the Trinity, which is navigable for mud cats and pe-

Texas is bounded on the North was not acknowledged a repub- states, on the East by all the often said to myself, I shall have noth-1837, and other nations later. In Pacific and on the South by the 1837 Texas made application as Gulf of South America, and on looked like a duty to abandon dewas great opposition by some of the milky way, and by the side-

vocates of its admittance as a If Texas was chopped off from state, but Congress passed a bill the rest of the United States and and while waiting for ratifica- out in the Ocean as it rests upon tion by the states, Henry Clay a vast subteranean sea of fresh

opposed to anexation, and was of Brownsville call the people of sert a man who was humbly trying to opposed by Jas. K. Polk, a dem- Dallas Yankees, and the people ocrat, who was in favor of ad- of El Paso sneer at the citizens mitting Texas into the Union, of Texarkana, Texas, as being money, even at the worst of times, to and was overwhelmingly elected snobs from the effete East. It pay my bills and meet my obligations over Clay, and Texas became a is one hundred and fifty miles farther from El Paso, Texas to the first of the next month came round Since Texas was admitted in- Texarkana, Texas, than it is the empty purse filled up again. Many to the Union it has been going from Chicago to New York. Fort a time I was reminded, and I am reforward at a rapid rate of de- Worth is nearer St. Paul, Minn., velopment, and while yet in her than it is to Brownsville, Texas.

infancy she has become one of The chief occupation of the not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, the most progressive common-people of Texas is trying to keep according to the word of the Lord."from making all the money in Texas raises about one third of the world. The chief pursuit of the cotton crop of the whole the people of Texas was former- automobiles and pedlers. Other United States. She is one of the ly Mexicans, but now it is land- Texans have whole mountain leading agricultural states, and buyers, steers and Texas crop ranges and rivers on their farms

The United States with Texas

tural advancement, we will quote eighteen miles from your front in the world a tract five feet by what good authorities say about door, you do not belong to so- twenty and have enough left

Texas occupies all of the con- not be annoyed with passing it wild reach the Pearly Gates.

Stuck to Dependents

take care of those unable to take care of themselves. We generally consider gladly see the end. But once we begin to help, the objects of our benevolence have a way of hanging on for-

Here once more I had been obliged President of the republic, but by possibly twenty five or thirty principle. If I go on like this, I had lic by the United States until Oceans in the world except the ing saved. Later I had to express it in terms that applied to old age and the future of my family. At times it a state of the Union, and there the west by the Pacific Ocean, pendents now, so that I myself might be secured in the years to come,

But here I reasoned that I could not be that having done what I could admitting the Lone Star State, the Panhandle, it would float for them I should be left with nothing heart: I was doing what I did only be-President of the U.S. He was Texas is so big that the people the Giver of All Things would not de-

Basil King, in Hearst's International,

One farmer has forty miles of navigable river on his farm.

If the proportion of cultivated seven other states.

Texas has enough land to supply every man woman and child over for the armies of the world our state, but has visited Texas One Texan's gate is one hun- to march around the border five

If all the alfalfa in Texas was baled and built into a stairway. If all the hogs in Texas were one big hog, he would be able to dig up the Panama Canal at 3

If all the steers in Texas were one big steer, he could stand with his front feet in the Gulf of Mexico, one hind foot in the Hudson Bay and the other one in the Arctic Ocean, and with his tail he could brush the mist

from the Aurora Boreallis. Some State.

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Hate and jealousy among business interests in any town, if kept up, will eventually kill that at this time show much dispo- tory, writes Dr. Ellwood Hendrick, town. It takes cooperation in any sition to regard the system by noted chemist, in the Popular Science town to make that town and the which they receive wages as bebusiness men of same succeed.

any time published anything losses of the firms with which that would in any way prove they are connected, would pre- have been through the process of life. detrimental or reflect in the fer the present fixed wage so of things that have grown on the farm least upon any person or firm in they could know what they were this city, and there are but few getting. who have not at some time, and some of them many times, re- become somewhat common in coal or water power or fuel oil, while ceived a boost that has been business firms during recent the plants and trees use the power of helpful in a personal or business years, particularly among those way. We always buy our needs that are exceptionally prosperin Merkel. Can you say the same ous. But even prosperous com- this respect. for and of the Merkel Mail?

body seems to take a delight in would be worse off than they are would collapse and the whole world helping to kick him on down the now. hill. But when he happens to get another holt, and makes a start own tools and getting what they ence have to do so. But don't be disback up the hill, then in some produce, they have the chance appointed. Science, working along instances the very fellow who to do that now, by starting in practical lines, already is accomplishhelped kick him the hardest for business for themselves. But when he was down is now among production is done with such the first to pat him on the back great effciency nowadays, that and compliment him upon his unless people have special ability. ascendancy again. Oh the hypoc- they can not usually make satisracy of some people!

Merkel has always been recognized as one of the best towns of its size in all the west. It has always been one of the best cotton towns along the T. & P. railway, for several years receiving tools belonging to their employmore cotton each year than any other town along the T. & P. from Fort Worth to El Paso. This year there has been weighed in the local cotton yard more ing to persuade young people to than 13,000 bales of cotton. It "own their own tools" and end who recently sent her little girl to the has the same large trade terri- the "wage slave" system, they store with instruction to stay there tory it has had for many years. are attempting to put the world der. After the child had been there there are just as good business back to the poverty and degramen here as are to be found any- dation that prevailed before said she had forgotten all about sendwhere, and they can hold this modern business had developed ing her. trade for this city, but the ques- its present high efficiency of tion is-will they do it? It's up service. to you, Mr. Business man.

agrees with their sentiments. casts.

ENDING "WAGE SLAVERY"

The fourth annual convention of the Young People's Socialist League was held a few days ago in New York. Progress was reported by that organization in spreading its propaganda. As stated by one of their leaders, the purpose of this movement is to put an end to so-called "wage slavery" and permit workers and producers to be the "masters of shall nibble. their own tools".

ing of the nature of slavery. The great majority, if offered a poses. The Merkel Mail has never at chance to share both profits and

Profit sharing schemes have panies have bad years. If the workers had to share losses as And when a man's down every well as gains, many of them rougaage or coarseness of food they

> As for workers owning their factory wages for themselves in competition with the efficient service rendered by avisting business. A great many of them have found themselves better off to balance our diet according to the to accept the wages of the pres-

> ent time, and work with the ers, than to attempt to own their hard, slow work, with here and there own tools and produce on their a happy reward.

It is to be feared that in try-

The croakers should not pre-Much advice is being given to dict business disaster so persisyoung lovers, and they will prob- tently that they are unhappy unably be governed by it when it less it comes to verify their fore-

SAYS NOTHING CAN SUPPLANT THE FARM

Synthetic Foods Not Practicable, Chemist Declares.

Predictions often are made that some day we shall have all our food made in chemical factories, out of air and water and carbonic-acid gas; that even farming soon is to be a thing of the past, and that chemically prepared being of very high value. food will come to us in tablets that we

These notions are mere guesses, unsound economically. The farm is not The workers, however, do not to be supplanted by the chemical fac-Monthly, although the farm already is beginning to draft the chemical and biological laboratories for its own pur-

Even if we chemists could make tasty and nutritious foods of inanimate matter, instead of things that -and its a fact that we don't know how to do it-there isn't power enough available to make the food for the world in factories. We should require light direct from the sun for their growth. We cannot use light for power. Every green leaf has us beaten in

Again, our internal organs are so constructed that if we undertook to live on tablets without the necessary soon would come down with an international bowel complaint. Let's keep our feet on the ground. Men of sciing amazing things in solving our food problems. It has learned to extract elements necessary to plant growth from the air, from the sewage of cities, from the smoke of factory through the development of the canning industry. It has taught the bakbread. It has helped crops by destroying insect pests. It has studied foods in the laboratory and taught us how requirements of our bodies.

Science does not move ahead with brass band, with trumpets and drums; its progress results from

Absent-Mindedness Plus

A Beech Grove merchant was laugh-

"It reminds me," said the merchant, of the time when I was a boy. We lived about a quarter of a mile from the town. It was our custom to walk to the village in the evening to get the mail and loaf a while at the general store. One evening dad was very tired and instead of walking, hitched up the old mare and drove into town. About nine o'clock just as I had taken off my shoes to go to bed, dad came histling up the front walk.

"Why, dad." I said, "didn't you drive

o town this evening?" e and in a tone of great authority said. 'Co right down there and get horse.' Then I wished I had still."-Indianapolis News.

Dust Used as Evidence

The French police are making a nicroscopic examination of dirt found upon the clothing of suspected criminals. After cross-examination the suspects are stripped of their clothing. whose surface dust is first examined under a strong miscroscope. A vacuum cleaner is next applied to draw out other dirt into a pan. In some instances heating is used to separate foreign matter. From the dirt thus secured the detectives determine whether the suspect has been telling the truth. One murderer tried to prove an alibi y saying that he had slept in an open field the night of the crime. Microscopic examination of his clothing showed that he had slept in a quarry. a carpenter was connected with a murder by means of sawdust found on a piece of overall which the victim had torn from his assailant and which was found at the scene of the crime. The value of the plan has been in breaking down the bravado of criminals. They frequently confess when shown that their first stories were lies.

Origin of Paved Roads

Our modern dustless concrete roads may be said to have originated in a dusty limestone highway of England, says Popular Science Monthly. Just 100 years ago Joseph Aspdin, a mason of Leeds, England, discovered that if the dust of limestone roads was mixed with clay and burned at a high temperature the resulting mass when ground would produce a material that hardened when mixed with mortar. This substance looked like building stone quarried at Portland, so he called

Riches for University

it Portland cement.

The University of Texas may beome one of the wealthlest institutions of learning in the world as a result of the recent discovery of oil on its lands. Under contract with the oil companies the university will receive

Perfume's Many Uses Throughout the Agei

Perfume, which we define as a sweet fragrance, was one of the most useful and interesting of ancient commodities. It was used for innumerable things, but mostly for religious and medicinal purposes

The queen of Sheba is said to have given to King Solomon an abundance of spices and wood of which perfume was made. These were reported as

In the ruins of Pompeli were found large, costly bottles of perfume. Oriental ladies also used great quantitles of costly perfume to preserve their personal charm. When the knights came home from the crusades, they brought their sweethearts expensive bottles of perfume from the East, During the reign of Charles II the

'merry monarch," hair powder was introduced and continued to be fashionable for over 200 years.

Perfume was so popular during the reign of Louis XV that a different perfume was used each day in certain bouseholds.

Alcoholic perfumes were first introduced during the Fourteenth century when Elizabeth, queen of Hungary, invented the celebrated Hungary water, with which she is said to have retained her beauty until she was past seventy vears of age.

Perfumes were often used for other than their sweet, fragrant odor. Splcy perfumes were used by the ancient Hebrews for fumigating their beds and embalming dead bodies. People were executed on piles of burning aromatic wood. In India perfumes were used in the form of incense. They were offered as sacrifices in their temples and upon their altars. It was the custom for priests to color their faces with ointment of saffron.

The use of perfume for medicinal urposes was very widely practiced. Rose water formed the basis for many remedies, while during plagues perfume was used extensively as a pre-

The savage and barbarous nations, as well as the civilized and refined, used perfume extravagantly. African hiefs anointed their bodies with Itperhaps as a sunburn protection.

Oldest Known Pen Among the recent discoveries at

Kish is a great treasure in the shape of the oldest known pen. Professor Langdon, the director of the Weld-Blundell and Field museum archeological expedition, who was delighted at finding this bone stylus for writing cuneiform, says that many scholars had vainly tried to reconstruct the instrument. This stylus is a triumph of simplicity. It is a bone, six inches and pared ends. After a little practice Professor Langdon was able to nake cuneiform inscriptions on clay with fair rapidity. Professor Langdon considers that the mound 20 miles southeast of Nippur may be identified is the site of the city of Isin. Isin was the capital of a dynasty which ruled over a great part of Babylonia after that of Ur from about 2280 B. C. to

Improves Value of Pelts

about 2050 B. C.

Going contrariwise to manufacturers f preparations that make human hair ie close and sleekly to the head, a hemical concern which makes a specialty of things for the fur trade has brought out a preparation to make the nair of certain short-haired pelts stand up. It is meant for use particularly on natural muskrat, marmot and Hudson In addition to making the hair stand up, the preparation is said to add to the luster of the pelt without affecting the color. The same concern has brought out a preparation for glossing such furs as Persian lamb, caracul and broadtail. It is claimed for this preparation that it imparts a ine gloss to the pelt without disturbng the curl, and also that it dries juickly.

Appropriate

"What a sublime scene!" rhapsodized feminine tourist from the North. The frowning grandeur of yonder forest-clad hills stretching away for miles fills me with reverential awe. For ages that great mount over there has stood indifferent to tempest and sunshine alike. Ah, how weak is man; how mighty nature! But language fails me. Cannot you think of something appropriate to say, Mr. John-

"Well, I reckon 'You bet!' is just about the proper remark, mom," replied Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge, who was showing off the region .-Kansas City Star.

Oil From Locusts

A plague of locusts brought a new ndustry to Bocholt, Germany. The nsects have been gathered by the ton and oil extracted from their bodies. The oil is intended for airplane motors and is said to be particularly adapted for winter flying because it loes not congeal in low temperatures. Good, fat locusts retailed at about one-fourth of a cent for a pound, After the insects passed through the oil extraction process the refuse was used for fertilizer.

Coconut Just Missed

My narrowest escape, as far as know, occurred last winter when I was at West Palm Beach, Fla. I was passing under a coconut palm tree, when one of the nuts fell immediately behind me. Coconuts weigh about seven pounds and one falling from a height of 25 feet and striking one on the top of the head n. ... mean serious injury .- Chicago Journal.

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city well known to the readers officers in most cases will have of The Merkel Mail, when he ad- no difficulty in finding things mits new members, asks them all that these folks can do that will to volunteer their services for promote the usefulness of these some form of church work. organizations. Thereby he hits at one fault of

When people move into a community and join some church, they sometimes feel hurt because people do not call on then ganization. If this willingness to or invite them to join one of the cooperate was shown, the offichurch's activities. They think cers could readily think of things people are cold to newcomers. This had a tendency to make community and the purposes for them retire into the background. From this cause and other reasons, the majority of people in many churches are inactive. About all they do is to come out now on track. Swafford, phone to church more or less regularly, but they do not take hold of any form of work.

for public purposes. A few are Company. left to do the bulk of the work

accomplish certain definite re- Sam Swann. sults. Those results are accomplished much more thoroughly, if ing hold to work for them.

any church for every member to the OASIS Filling Station. tf

do. Insted o fwaiting to be asked, people should volunteer their The pastor of a church in a services. The pastor and church

The same idea applies to chamchurch organizations in the past. bers of commerce, boards of trade, improvement societies. etc. People should expect to do some work when they join an orthat could be done to advance the which the organization was

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The college students who get married before graduation, will have to take courses of instruct. BLAIR & SON MEDICINE CO. on at home as well as in the

MORE THAN A TREE

On the shores of one of the peautiful lakes of the timber land of Northern Wisconsin stood a famous old pine. Back many years ago it was struck by lightning. The wound healed but FOR SALE—Team work mules, left its scar. Towering high aalso second hand cultivator and bove the surrounding country 9t2p "Old Scar Top," as the tree was called, has stood for years with KASCH COTTON SEED-For his great limbs swaying in the wind like the gaunt arms of some

Not long ago lumbermen came int the region by "Old Scar Top" Their axes, saws, and jammers became busy, and steadily the beautiful pines of the region dis-Merkel, route two, phone No. appeared. Then just a short time 1tp ago the axe of a half breed brought old scar top low. He fell and sprawled over the frozen surface of the lake like the last grizzly warrier of an old guard.

Old Scar Top, of course, was only a tree, but to those who love virgin forests and sorrow to see them disappearing stead-FOR SALE-A good work mare, ily before the onrush of the logger, he seems almost personal. are making a last stand and los- ing contests in the history of the terviews in answer to this quesing rapidly in the battle for ex-

> Only twenty-five years more. say forestry experts, and our timber supply will be exhausted. Others not quite so pessimistic place the figure at forty years. But all agree that we must start now if we are to grow a timber crop in time to replace timber stands that are now steadily dis-

uals to engage in forestry.

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But Laydon alone could never have accomplished these seem-Something is already being ingly super-human feats. The done by the government, but not moment he got the ball each enough. The problem is not be- time, ten other men on the Notre life by means of crime, and the ing tackled with an intelligent Dame eleven formed a running other in spite of it. view to economics. Taxes on wall of interference. Each man, standing timber, and taxes on trained to function as a unit in criminal is being somewhat exyoung, growing timber, make it o smooth running machine, did aggerated. People are not all inunprofitable for private individ- his part toward winning the sane or vicious. But figures are great vctory.

But the crowds cheered the one sensational figure carrying While we are going forward in vate owners in growing forests the ball. That is all most of us 8,950.00 SORGHUM—Have some good for future profit—a system of can see in athletics, in business, Sorghum for sale at six cents lightening tax burdens on tim-in work of any kind. We always NONE delivered or five cents at the ber land so that the owners will cheer the man carrying the ball. not rush to get their lumber on We frogt the conscientious, valuseast. Also good wagon for sale. the market to escape taxation; able work of others that makes possible the sensational achieve-

When some accomplishment in the way of community improveto one or two men who figured prominently in the spotlight. We tion for price asked. This is no old pine in Northern Wisconsin forget all the careful devising fake, try it out. See Jack Dur- and millions of other grizzly that goes on behind the scenes. ham at Merkel Mail office. tf giants in other parts of the world But helpers may be, it is none

perhaps proper to cheer the man as able an attorney as the concarrying the ball, but it is also cul for the defense-if justice wise not to forget the work of and punishment were swift and his team mates who made pos- sure-there would be fewer sensible his sensational perform- sational murder trials, less in the

Many congressmen said to be the general public. interested in cross word puzzles, but it is doubtful if they get so interested that they will forget idlers in this country, but the to spend the money in the treas- idlers say it is dangerous to ury of the nation.

CRIME

"What is the great problem of

One metropolitan paper reifornia in one of the most excit- cently published a series of ingridiron sport. And Laydon, one tion, and most of the people inof the famous "Four Horsemen" terviewed said: "It is the crime

During the past month sevown territory and raced the eral books have appeared deallength of the field for a touch- ing with the same subject,-one down. During the past week his by the famous criminal lawyer, name has appeared on the sports Clarence Darrow. And from the page of every newspaper in the volume of discussion and the United States. To him go most amount of newspaper space devoted to crime, a stranger to this country might reasonably come to the conclusion that our society is divided up into two classes-one seeking to get through

> Probably the menace of the alarming. Lawlessness is increasing along with the advance of our much vaunted civilization. most ways, we are slipping backward in others.

> But to solve the problem is the rub. Some authors assert that the foult lies in the incometence of public prosecutors. The man in trouble will spend all he possesses to retain an able attorney to keep him out of prison. The public on the other hand will offer only a paltry salary to the attorneys it elects to look after its interests.

Alienists, psychiatrists, and faddists who are chiefly interested in abnormal human minds, talk much about complexes and fantasies. But if the prosecu-Of course it is but natural and tion were always conducted by papers about gangsters and hijackers, and greater safety for

> Claimed there are too many hustle and get out of breath.

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WITH THE CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH

The District meeting of the Pastors and Laymen held here Monday and Tuesday, which had been called by our Presiding Elder, W. E. Lyon, was splendidly attended and pronounced by all as an excellent success. We feel that same will not only prove a blessing and a help to our church, but that the inspiration and blessings will likewise be extended to other churches of the district through the delegates attending.

On last Sunday the attendance at both the Sunday School and church services was splendid, but we trust that each and every one will take it upon themselves to help to bring out others at the services next Sunday. At the morning hour I shall use for my subject, "The Problems of the Church." while at the evening hour my theme will be "The Problems of Ambition". These are both timely subjects, and I sincerely trust that the entire membership will avail themselves of the opportunity of being present.

And while our church is progressing nicely so far this year, time is floating by and if we are to make the progress that we can and should, it behooves every member, every one who loves the Lord, to be up and doing. Will we do it? We say yes, what do you say? T. J. Rea, pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 6 p.m.

Sunday morning the sermon subject will be "Breaking up the fallow ground." Sunday evening, the fifth commandment, "Thou Shalt not commit adultery". This is a sin against the home, against society, and against God. It precludes divorce, the modern dance, mixed swimming of the modern type, midnight petting parties, etc. Hear this sermon.

The men's Bible Class that has been meeting in the Gem Theatre | Senior Epworth League Program | will meet in its former room at the church, the room in the floor. All members are urged to the church." be present. The room will seat Leader, Marie Williamson. a hundred men, it ought to be Song. Scripture: (Romans 12:3- of salt, by Lynn McSpadden. full. The class expresses its ap- 13; I Cor. 12:1-6, 13-28) preciation to Mr. Acuff for the Prayer. Special Music. use of the theatre for these two Talk by Leader. years. W. H. Albertson.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Janutary 18, we hope to see the largest crowd of the new year present at all our serplans which it is expected will result in much good.

During February some time, we plan to hold a Sunday School institute. One or possibly two of our state leaders will be present to conduct this work. Then the month of March will be devoted to Evangelism, and a great Try a Classified Ad in the Mail. Company. begin to prepare now, to carry out these plans.

May we not have the pleasure of welcoming all of our Sunday School next Sunday at 10 o'clock and feel sure your presence will add to the general interest.

Preaching service at 11 a.m. and four p.m. Visitors and strangers made to feel at home. Fred S. Rogers.

Senior B.Y.P.U. Program

Bible teaching about a church, Leader, Miss Hearn. Introduction, Miss Hearn. Part 1, Floyd Dowell. Part 2, Gyrlie Howard. Part 3, Mr. Stevens.

Part 4, Willie Swann. Part 5, Bro. Albertson.

Part 6, Stella Wilson. Part 7, Miss Harrson.

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Messrs. R. H. Phillips and R. Corn and maize for sale. See T. Williams, of Rotan, were here tf last Sunday on business.

WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES

The Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist church had a very interesting meeting at the church on last Monday afternoon. The meeting was planned as a "pledge" service, and a pledge program had been arranged. Every one on program responded heartily to the parts assigned them, making the program both impressive and enjoyable. We had as visitors Bro. Stutts of Abilene and our pastor Bro. Rea. On invitation by the president, Mrs. Largent, they both made talks, praising the work the women have done in the past and encouraging us to press forward to even greater things in the future. At the close of the program, the president asked that we, as a society, make a pledge for the coming year. A motion was made and seconded to make it \$100.00 but during the discussion of the question it seemed the opinion of most of those present that we should make it more, so this motion was tabled and another made and carried to make it \$125.00. This pledge is raised by free will offering and is over and above the dues which usually amounts to about \$110.00 or \$115.00. Both of these amounts are sent away to be used in the cause of missions. Our local needs are supplied by other means. Only a few pledge cards were on hand for this meeting, these being readily signed, many of the ladies doubling their pledge of last year. At the close of the meeting the president attended to a few items of business, one being the oppaintment of a committee to arrange for the serving of the Baraca and Philathea banquet on the 23rd of January. The new study books were also given out and the first chapter assigned as the lesson for next Monday afternoon. The meeting begins promptly at 2.30. Publicity Supt.

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