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BIG TIME EXPECTED THE DISCT. LEAGUE JUDGE ELY SCORES SEWER SYSTEM NINE INDICTMENTS BROADCASTINGS FROM STATION W-W-C-E AT NEXT LUNCHEON MEETS HERE TODAY *World's Worst Country Editor* THE GAMBLERS IS WORKING WELL ARE RETURNED * * * * * * * * * * * * * * DOWN in Texas where we

treat our convict rough-use the

bat on them. Now folks this bat uster use in the wood shed. We thing that is worth doing at all, itors to the convention will be around 15 or 20 cases that have noticed that the mains were Ely. gers who came into the posses- meeting may expect something about a year ago, will be held. thoroughly investigate the vice about sixty days mains were run-sion of the law for using it on really worth while, for Mr. Las- Songs by a quartette, talks and in this city. TEXAS-BUT DON'T GET IN for many years and knows the program.

PRISON.

ceipt of a letter from Asey Bow- the discussion of the things our program is as follows: er, who lives in the Plumb Jelly town needs most, go and secure 11:00-Who's here? neighborhood. The letter was your ticket and come out. pass it on.

To the Broadcasting Stations to every citizen in and about the of the Earth: This is to make city. Its purpose is to help fosformal application for a job as ter the town and its people's best trict officers meeting. announcer. interest. Every town needs such

I am a young man of excellent an organization, so if you are inhabits, 6 ft. 2 inches tall, and po- terested in this town-your town ssessed of good morals, weighing -come out and help this orga-196 lbs. My education is some- nization to make the old town a what limited in the matter of better town. book learning, but the good school of experience has taught me much.

My voice is well trained from ANUIHER calling the hogs up out of the North pasture, and will assume any pitch from a shrill whistle tenor to a deep whooping cough bass.

Congenial surroundings are neand I don't aim to work for any pany, will leave this week for the by McMurry College Quartette. class C shop. Asey Bower.

P. S.-KFKB need not apply for complete line of spring and sumtirm.

THE Country Editor is in re- not a ticket and want to enjoy at 10:30. The remainder of the in ris charge. "They are a bunch fact rumor was frequent made "We have examined 35 wit-

not for the few, but wide open President.

12:00-Interior Decorations.

trict and Chapter Officers.

2:30-Business.

Hamilton, Anson.

Leaguers at work. How about stuskey venders Missions? Dressing up the League Programs-Bulletin Boards,

Friday Night

7:00 Song Service, led by Dis-8:00-To be arranged.

Saturday

my services, as I want to locate mer dry goods for this popular conducted by Norman Hookland, He 1. 'd stress on colorcement of the sewer bonds every citizen taining in excess of one per cent

of blood-suckers and leeches.

at a no property. They have untrue.

and d sgrace" freech practices Hall, drove out to the disposal "We wish to recommend that to be permitted the court a red plant where we could see very our city and county officers cothe grand jury to urge and as- plainly that the mains were operate and diligently enforce 3:00-How to Know When you sist the officers in the work of emptying into same.

law. Though the gamblers was stated that the city did not have we believe it will be of great as-

Can Be Stupped.

te cuit."

For the next regular meeting The annual meeting of the Gambling, which it was charg- When the Merkel sewer sys- Nine indictments, eight felonis not a baseball bat, or an ab- of the Merkel Luncheon Club, Abilene District of the Epworth ed is being engaged in promis- tem was installed and the dis- ies and one misdemeanor, were breviated wagon tongue - it's which is next Tuesday night, at League will open Friday morning cously in Abilene, was roundly posal plant completed and the returned by the grand jury in just a thick slice of leather, Ed's Cafe, Mr. Earl Lassiter has in Merkel and continue through scored by District Judge W. R. system turned over to the city district curt here Wednesday. somewhat thicker, and somewhat been named Toastmaster, and as Sunday morning church services. Ely in his charge to the grand for use, those installing the sys- The grand jury made its final wider and somewhat longer than he is a real booster, one who be-the family razor strop that "pa" lieves in that old saying "Any-istration of all delegates and vis-Monday morning to investigate about 60 days before it would be excused by District Judge W. R.

MAIL

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understand that one of these dis- is worth doing right," a dandy made. A Memorial Service for come up since the body adjourn- emptying into the disposal plant, Enforcement of the vagrancy carded bats came into the pos- good meeting is assured. So Joe Reidenbach, former official ed early in January. The court which is located about a mile laws against gamblers was urgsession of one of our Texas nig- those holding tickets to the next of the Epworth League who died requested the grand jurors to northeast of the city. And within ed by the grand jury as a means

a stubborn mule. COME TO siter has been a citizen of Merkel resolutions will make up this "A bunch of garbiers can do mention this for the reason that charge Monday morning, declarmore harm than all the petty it was promiscously rumored on ed was being engaged in protown and its people, and he also Rev. W. E. Lyon, presiding forgers and burg'ars that come the streets that the sewer sys- miscuously. The report of the knows our needs. If you have elder, will address the meeting to town," Judge W. R. Ely said tem was already a "failure." In grand jury is a follows:

that certain homes had already nesses and have returned into "There are in Ati'ene fellows abandoned the use of same, hav- court nine bills of indictment, 11:15-"The Road Before us," that do nothing but gamble, ing had much trouble with their 8 felonies and one misdemeanor. somewhat of a surprise but we The Merkel Luncheon Club is by A. G. Waugh, Conference They do not work, they have no toilet and bath connections. "We have examined thoroughvisible means of support and These reports are undoubtedly ly and carefully all violations of

> the law which have been brought 1:00 Committee Meetings, Dis-been pointed ou. to me and I As to the sewer mains not to our attention and we wish to think the officers can tell you flowing into the disposal plant, thank the various officers for the writer, in company with our their ready cooperation and as-Adding that it was a "shore splendid city marshal, Mr. W. N. sistance in our work.

our vagrancy laws, wherever it have a good League."-W. E. storping these violations of the And it has been frequently is possible, against gamblers, as

3:30-Square Table-How to silly are not always hootlegenes sufficient water for the proper sistance in stopping gambling." Organize a League. How to keep they work hand-in hand with the operation of sewer system, but The report is signed by Geo. Mr. Hall stated that the big city L. Minter, foreman, and A. S.

reservoir, holding 50,000 gallons Payton, secretary. 'If they don't seli whistey of water, was kept full to the Three of the indictments were they have it there for those who top every day now, and that he returned Wednesday morning p'ny with them," Judge Ely said. felt sure that the citizens could and the defendants arraigned be-"If the sheriff a cifice and po feel assured of plenty of water, fore Judge Ely. The two arrests Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, trict Song Leader; Chalk Talk lice set behind it usey can stop not only for the sewer, but plen- on the indictments returned cessary to secure my services, of the Brown Dry Goods Com- by Miss Verna Smith; Program the gambling, the court said. ty for fire protection as well. Mr. Wednesday afternoon were Ed-"If they can't then they ought Hall says he never goes home at ker Burch, burglary, and J. L. night without knowing that the Huddleston, charged with poss-. dge Ely also charged the big reservoir is full to the top. ession of intexicating liquors and 7:30 a.m.-Sunrise Devotional grand jury as to other violacions. In the campaign for voting possession of a preparation con-

all laws and the cooperation of and property tax payer had a of alcohol.-Abilene Reporter.



eastern markets where they will select and purchase a large and

OPENS FEBRUARY 28TH

We regret that it will be im-

1:30-Joint meeting of Dis- who a lot of them are." 2:00-Buried Treasure. 2:15-Games, songs, yells.

Mosse Vokel is one of them would buy some new and modern trict Song Leader. kick of sunshine out of most any- while away, which when added mittees. the membership of the "I will patrons. Listen Club" was looking to hear

Mose read the riot act to her. He JONES DRY GOODS CO. stopped in to hear what the country editor was capturing out of the ether. Since big sunshine and sawed wood, Kildee Atwood possible for us to have our opensaid nothing and simply smiled liked his wife's boyish bob? 'Well 28th, but will be glad to have you Texas. the radio earphones sure fit bet- remember that we will be open of her extra upholstering" he said.

dry goods. Hurshie Hurst, the only member of our club who can qualify as a real desciple of Jazz, got con- Dry Goods Company. siderable consolation from a statement recently made by a MISS EVORIE CLARK OPlearned music professor via rato. The statement was to the effect that Jazz was worth while, and represented America's greatest contribution to the world of to the sanitarium at Abilene on music, Clabber Henshaw allowed Wednesday for an operation. mediate League, and other prothat this must have been one Word from her bedside states grams from over the district. gift that was refused, since he that the operation was successhadn't missed any of the Jazz ful and that the patient was Leagues of the district. resting well under present conout of America.

ditions. Judge Fuson, whose profession and the volume of which allows of gas which when it cooled off Program: Mrs. J. Frank Potts, McMurry College. some of the boys meeting around tory of mankind from the time kel; Mrs. Ben Russell, Baird. the country editor's loud speak- he was a jelly fish without a District Policy: Mrs. Roy Har- Stuckey, Abilene; Mrs. Dr. Baier.

tists and educators and states- der and had a jaw like a donkey. mer, Baird. men, has been endured with a He had just left the Pliocene Stunts: Mrs. W. E. Hamilton, District Finance: John Dix, Hall Monday evening, Feb. 23, at Parson Education, the dignified degree of patience for some time, age when we tuned into Mexican Anson; Miss Elizabeth Hunt, Abilene; O. B. Lindea, Baird; 7:15. A good program has been minister, Billie Lloyd Smith. Old however the straw that broke the Guard Opera. The judge paused Abilene; Miss Clifford Frye, Mc- Adrian Rea, Merkel; Walter O'- arranged. Come. Committee. 1t Farmer, Ehnor Mae Hamilton. camel's back was dusted into the to compliment the classical music Murry College. air Tuesday evening when the when every body present knew Songs and Yells: Jack Thomp- son; John Clark, Abilene; John-Judge became dissatisfied with he couldn't understand it. Hub son, McMurry College; Tom All- nie Mathiss, Cross Plains. the way the Almighty created Botts spoke up with the comment day, Merkel; Paul Voight, Al- Assembly: Jack Stewart, Abi-Heaven and earth and fell in "Yep, you are right judge, it bany; Miss Ruth Crowder, Abi- lene; Murphy Thomas, Merkel; THE WORTH of Merkel is not Fairies who picture the good with a fellow named H. G. Wells, sure sounds fine, just like a dy-lene; Cryus Pee, Merkel. who figured the earth wasn't ing pup, just like that apple Resolutions: Howard Farmer, Baker, Caps; Cecil Briggs, Po-'lic buildings but by the number Policeman. Earl Watts. Other created in no seven days, but sauce you have been putting out. Baird: Frank Williams, Moran: tosi.

McMurry College. Mr. Brown also stated that he 9:30-Song service, led by Dis-

cheerful individuals that gets a fixtures and store furniture 9:45-Appointment of com-

Flayton, had her hair bobbed and store, as well as comfort for their Junior League and others from over the District.

11:00-Address, by Rev. J. W Hunt of McMurry College. 12:00-Lunch.

1:00-Committee meetings. 1:20-Songs and Yells.

ing day earlier than February Church," Mrs. T. J. Rea, Merkel, numerous and varied things hap-

2:00-"The Challenge of the many friends of John Eoff were ter since mother got rid of some and ready for business on this Intermediate Years," Rev. W. J. surprised and deeply grieved to day, with a full and complete Mayhew, Baird, Texas.

line of everything in up-to-date Church from the District Sec- home in Winters. Watch this paper for our an- retary's point of view," by Jesse nouncement next week. Jones Stelle, McMurry.

2:55-Intermission.

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3:00-"Entertaining the Little Church of Christ, and no better Folk," by Mrs. W. E. Hamilton, man ever resided in any com-Anson.

ERATED ON AT ABILENE Lewis N. Stuckey. Miss Evorie Clark was carried

Saturday Night 6:30Pageant by St. Paul Inter- ed by all.

Sunday Morning

League Service at 11 o'clock.

The committees in charge of Miss Grace Terry, Avoca; Nolan purchased a fine farm just at the Recreation," or "The Interruptdemands he be well informed, uster be a ball of fire and a whiff the Convention! are as follows: Lambreth, Hamby; J. M. Moody, edge of the town of Slaton, and ed Wedding."

sufficient time for more than the several million years became Abilene; Miss Gladys Millican, District Plans for Intermediate growing cities on the Plains, he Labor, who believes in all work ordinary course of home reading, Africa, which aint cooled off yet. Merkel: Miss Dagma Rollins, Work: Russell Pike, Anson; Mrs. has no doubt made a good in- and no play. Nadine Tippett. has incurred the disfavor of Well the judge traced the his- Trent; Miss Mabel McRee, Mer- W. E. Hamilton, Anson; W. J. vestment. Mayhew, Baird; Mrs. L. N.

single brain cell or no verberto rell, Merkel; Mrs. C. C. Cheno- ley, Clyde; R. L. Watkins, Al-He talks about poets and ar- until he had developed one cylin- weth, Abilene; Mrs. Howard Far- bany; Mrs. T. J. Rea, Merkel: Mrs. W. M. Pearce, Abilene.

Kelley, Abilene: Mr. Brooks, An-

all e tizens in this enforcement. . perfect right to oppose the issu-

been held by Justice of "o the bonds were voted and the Learn J. B. Ford since the grane system installed and many thing. Last weekk, Mose's wife will lend attractiveness to this 10:00-Program by Merkel in adjourned early in January, homes and business concerns The law violations charged in have already connected up with Diltz, Jr., of the Farmers State these are to be investigated same, it seems unfair and hard- Bank, and Messrs. L. R. Thompalong with any other violations ly necessary that same be con- son, Booth Warren and Owen that might be brough up.

> JOHN EOFF, FORMER MERcondemnation. KEL CITIZEN IS DEAD

1:30-"The Junior Life of the In the course of human events pen, and Wednesday morning the Merkel today. It would be better there.

learn of his death by pneumonia 2:30-"The Junior Life of the on the night previous at his

> in which to live. For many years Mr. Eoff was

a citizen of Merkel, an official and leading member in the TWO FAMILIES MOVE

Messrs J. R. Lamar and S. L. ers. munity than John Eoff. A good 3:30-Sermon Story, by Mrs. man has gone to his reward and Owen, with their families, left JUNIOR LEAGUERS TO GIVE no higher tribute can be paid to last week for Slaton, where they any one than that he was belov- will reside in the future. They

The funeral services were con- paper, with their many friends a social service play to be given ducted at Winters Wednesday regret very much that they have by the Junior Leaguers or the 7:30-Stunts!! Open to all afternoon by Elder W. G. Cypert left our city, but wish for them Merkel Methodist Church during of this city and Minister Clark happiness and prosperity in their the conference which convenes new home. of Winters.

ATTENTION MASONS

vice will be held at the Masonic object seriously to the wedding.

Lloyd Campbell, Clyde; Berry measured by the size of our pub- that will result from the union. lof public spirited citizens.

Fifteen examining trials in e ance of the bonds. But now since LOCAL BANKERS WILL ATTEND CONVENTION

Messrs. R. O. Anderson, W. L. demned by any one, especially Ellis, of the Farmers and Merwhen there is no ground for the chants National Bank of this city will leave the last of the In fact, no well informed per- week for Fort Worth, where on

son can really find just ground Monday they will be present at to condemn a good sanitary sew- the Seventh District Bankers' er system, such as we have in Convention which will convene

that all who can connect up their Among those appearing on the homes and business houses, and program as published in the daily thereby help to make our city a press we noticed the name of cleaner and more healthy town Mr. L. R. Thompson, of this city. whose subject for discussion will be "The Automobile, Its Effect on Prosperity." We feel sure TO SALTON, TEXAS that he will have something to say that will interest his hear-

PLAY AT LEAGUE MEET

are all splendid people, and this The following is the cast for here this week.

Mr. Lamar stated that he had | Title-"Mr. Labor weds Miss

since that is one of the fast Cast-Five Farm boys. Mr. Miss Recreation, who believes in a mixture. Thelma Leach. Don't

know much. B. P. Middleton. Hard Times, Lynn McSpadden. A Washington Memorial Ser- Two huskey young fellows who Lawyer Facts, Nell Durham, Progress, Ethel Hamilton. Spectator, Imogene Middleton, Second Spectator, Dahlia Watkins. Ten

Spectators.

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DALLAS NEWS MEETS NEED BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE AT SIX P. M. IN THE TEXAS ALMANAC

We, the undersigned, agree to September 1, 1925: W. W. Campbell, Wm. O'Briant, great potentialities of their own L. A. Mangham, Darsey Furni- state. ture Company, McDonald and Collum, E. L. Ash, Jno. B. Bell, to enumerate in a short discus-L. J. Renfro, T. J. R. Swafford (as nearly as convenient), Hamilton & Case, W. D. Ramsey.

Truck Farm to be Opened

wells drilled on some vacant Government officeholders. lots near his residence in north Merkel. Mr. Moore contemplates launching in the truck growing business as soon as arrangements are completed. Vegetables and melons of all kinds will be grown for the local market and also for shipping purposes. This is the first enterprise of its kind started in Merkel and the outcome is watched with keen interest.

Elder Cyprt Preaches Sunday

Elder W. G. Cypert will occu- schools, roads, railways, utilities, py the pulpit at the Church of ports, finances, industries, com-Christ Sunday morning and even- merce, irrigation and reclamation ng. A hearty welcome, will be projects, and there are many given everyone. Come and bring smaller chapters dealing with some one with you.

If your battery needs attention One of the most attractive featake it to the Corner Garage. We can give you first class Battery service.

Sam Swann.

One of the really great needs close our places of business at of Texas has been met in the 6:00 o'clock p.m., except on Sat- publication by the Dallas News urdays, from March 1st, 1925, to of the Texas Almanac and State Industrial Guide, which has just West Company, Liberty Hard- come from the press. Describware Company, Crown Hardware ing it briefly, it is a volume of Company, G. M. Sharp, W. F. facts about Texas-agricultural, Hamblet, J. M. Garrett, F. A. political, industrial, social, educa-Polley, Max Mellinger, Mrs. J. M. tional and otherwise. It is not a Dry, Mrs. J. F. Hodo, Merkel "booster" edition, but its re-Mail, Barrow Furniture Com- markable exposition of Texas repany, Jones Dry Goods Company sources through authoritative J. T. Dennis, Bragg Dry Goods statistics will do much to attract Company, Brown Dry Goeds the outside homeseekers and in-Company, Bob Martin Grocery vestors to Texas, as well as Company, A. C. Rose Dry Goods, awaken Texans themselves to the

There is too much in the book sion, but as an example there is a complete tabular account of last year's strenuous political campaigns, giving vote by counties on State-wide races. Names of officials are given, together J. W. Moore is having two with names of principal Federal

Crops and live stock are covered completely with records of production, acreage and values for a number of years past, together with statistics upon farm property, mortgages, tenure and population for the State as a whole and by counties.

There is also a complete recapitulation of all mineral production and values by kinds of minerals, with an extended chapter upon petroleum. Detailed figures are given also upon Texas miscellaneous phases of Texas resources and development.

tures of the book is the large 1t folded map of Texas in colors, showing counties, towns, rail-Corn and maize for sale. See roads, rivers and highways, with tf the highways designated by of-

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Never Missed a Dividend Never Assessed a Shareholder

ficial number and name. beautiful and serviceable gifts. The title page of The Texas The "last Church Night" was Almanac aptly describes the vol- pleasant and will ever be ume as "A textbook of Texas, a with hallowed memories. handbook, reference book and Fred S. Rogers. guide" to commercial, industrial, financial, educational, political, BAPTIST CHURCH governmental and social Texas. And such it is—a cyclopedia of Next Sunday morning will be the great State of Texas in compact form for farmer, business the last of the series of sermons and professional man club wo- on the Ten Commandments. The man, school and college student subject for the morning sermon and any other who would know will be "Covetousness." The subabout Texas. Published by A. H. ject for the evening sermon will Belo & Co., Dallas, who also pub- be "Broadcasting the greatest lish The Dallas News, The Semi- Message." One week from next, Sunday Weekly Farm News and The we begin our revival. Are you

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. How many letters went to the United States dead letter office last year?

A. 22,000,000.

Q. How much revenue does the United States derive from income taxes?

A. During 1922, we cllected \$1,644,833,576 from this source; there were 67 persons with net incomes of over \$1,000,000.

Q. Is there any town or city in the United States furnished with running hot and cold water?

A. Yes. Mackey, a small town in Idaho, has two water systems: one furnishes cold spring water in the summer; the other piping hot water in the winter from a volcanic hot water stream.

Q. Why do some of the smaller coins used on the Gold Coast of Africa and elsewhere have holes thru them?

A. Because the natives who use them have few clothes and no pockets and their only means of carrying money is by stringing it and hanging it about their necks.

LAUNDRY SERVICE

Send to the Laundry and be convinced. Regular family wash ing. Everything included except stiff collars, silk and woolen goods at ten pounds for one dollar. Phone 218. Alfred H. Ligtf on

Senior B.Y.P.U. Program

February 22, 1925. Leader, Lewis Giles. 1st part, Delbert Polly. 2nd part, Fred Giles. 3rd part, Lola Dennis. 4th part, Bill Haynes. 5th part, Susie Belle Weedon. 6th part, Lucille Guitar.

W. O. Boney represents the San Antonio Joint Stock and I --- Bank. See him for 6% money



There are three kinds of dirt in your rugs, viz.: surface dirt clinging litter and embedded grit-of these the latter, which is hidden from the eye, not only is the most difficult of removal but actually grinds off the soft nap under shoe pressure and the rocking of chairs.

While the air suction of any electric cleaner collects surface dirt, it fails to dislodge destructive grit caught in the depth of the nap.

Only a beating can shake out such nap-wearing, hidden grit. And only The Hoover beats rugs on floors, electrically, dustlessly.

To have thoroughly clean rugs we advise you to use a Hoover because it is one electric cleaner guaranteed to get all the dirt and so prolong the life of your rugs.

> The HOOVER It BEATS... as it Sweeps as it Cleans Use a Hoover 3 days free! We will gladly lend you a Hoover for free trial. If satisfactory, easy terms can be arranged.

West Texas Utilities Co.

Dallas Journal. praying now and planning to come then? The Business Men's Bible Class WITH THE CHURCHES * will have charge of the opening exercises next Sunday morning. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Every member of this class is

present. The past four years in

Merkel have indeed been pleas-

ant, both in church and commun-

urged to be on hand at ten. Sunday School at 10 a.m. Sunday, February 22, will be Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 the last Sunday the present pas- p.m. All B.Y.P.U.'S meet at 6:30. tor will fill the pulpit. It is hop- Sunbeams meet at 4:15 p.m. Fried that every member of Sun- day W. H Albertson. day School and church will be

Baptist Sunday School Notes

ity and we will take with us The business Men's Bible class will have charge of the opening

many pleasant memories. Next Sunday morning: Sun- service Sunday morning and I'm day School and church at usual sure we will all want to be on hour. Mr. H. C. West, the effi- time so we will not miss any of cient Superintendent of the Sun- the splendid program they are day School, will be glad to have arranging.

ent. It always adds to the Sun- was good last Sunday, but I day School, when you are pres- know we all want to make each ent.

ways appreciate having these ex. being is based on the teaching of cellent singers with us.

the basement and everybody had a delightful time.

At the end of the program, Mr. The many friends of Mr. J. N. James West, as only he can do Shelton will be glad to learn that it, presented on behalf of the he is up and about again after church to the noter and his an illness of several days fears

every teacher and officer pres-| The program and attendance service just a little better. Let At the Vesper services at 4:00 us give the best that we have p.m. the High School Choral Club to the Lord's work while life and and Glee Club will sing. We al- opportunity is ours. Our whole

the Bible so let us study together The S. S. Institute closed Wed- that we may learn God's dealings nesday night. Dr. Hodge brought with and his will toward man, an inspiring message each night. All members are urged to attend After the closnig service, our Everyone is cordially invited. S. regular church night was held in S. starts promptly at 10 o'clock. Bill Haynes, Supt.

Comfort and Elegance in Revolutionary Days

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Those who are under the impression that our Revolutionary ancestors spent their daily lives without the comfort which helps to make life more worth while are in error. The articles of household ware, for instance, used by he is not as we have seen. them were abundant, various and serv-Iceable.

The bed and all that appertained to it were the pride of the mistress of of sweet, soft and downy feathers; its all that the progress of scientific dissheets were of fine "homespun," the blankets and rugs of "spotted woolen" and flannel; and the towering posts at either corner of the bed were garnished with snowy curtains of dimity. For table use they had napkins of linen and tablecloths of diaper; "diaper-wove huckaback," kersey and "damask plain and flowered."

The household goods and furniture of those simple times were in strong contrast with those now in use. China was as rare as gold and as highly prized, most commonly three china cups and saucers comprising the entire outfit of a respectable family, though the numbers rose sometimes to six, but seldom to a dozen.

Pewter and copper were the ornamental, and iron, then as now, the serviceable metal. Of the two former were made basins, ewers, mugs, porringers, ladies and tea and coffee kettles

There was little glassware in use, and the few "jelly glasses, half pint and gill glasses," salt cellars, punch goblets and tumblers of glass were considered unusual elegancies.

Clocks and "looking glasses" embellished the houses of the wealthy, and the size of the "looking glasses" corresponded with the degree of its owner's social standing.

Stoves were not in general use, and coal was unknown except for blacksmithing purposes; wood, charcoal and turf were the only fuel. Wood was just beginning to be burned in "franklins," but generally was used in fireplaces, which were provided with dogs and andirons, and in kitchens were huge saverns garnished with a forest of chains, pothooks and trammels, swinging on iron cranes or "smoke jacks" over fires that were fed by great logs.

Civilizations Compared

"Nations and individuals are judged by two factors-their virtues and their vices," writes Achmed Abdullah, distinguished novelist and playwright from the Orient, comparing the East and West, in Hearst's International. He savs:

"I asked myself: Did the Europeans live up more to the altruistic teachto those o

Youth Is No Longer "Seen But Not Heard"

The baby of today seems to be born with wireless phones over his ears. And as we watch him through the stages by which he reaches manhood we hold our breath and marvel. For

He has no time for the childish pleasures once so satisfying, now but a pleasant memory. His whole life, writes Richard Carol in the Edinthe house. It was almost invariably burgh Scotsman, takes advantage of covery has made possible, eliminating that which does not help toward the grand ambition. Science it is which, at an early age, seizes hold of him and, enthralling him with its mystery, soon adds him to its list of victims. His very toys are marvels of scientific endeavor. But he is not content, as we were, to remain in simple wonderment at their efficiency or pull them to pieces to see how it worked. He examines them as scientifically as they were put together and lays bare their mystery. And so he talks in technicalities and leaves his fond parent tongue-tied and amazed at his wonderful progeny.

With a confidence and assurance that rouses the jealousy of the older man, whose more intimate knowledge of the world has brought a discretion in argument, he launches out into discussions on subjects voted deadly dull and boring by the schoolboy of the previous generation, and even by us now, who were those schoolboys. No longer does the modern young-

ster call his father and mother pater and mater, respectively. Now it is Jim and Jean. He is on equal terms. Respect for elders is obsolete. In fact, he almost despises, or perhaps pities is the kinder word, his parents who are so frightfully behind the times with their ideas. Sometimes he even condescends to undertake their

further education. Where will it all end? Are we now he beholders of a race of coming supermen who, with thoughts at fifteen similar to ours at thirty, will go leaping forward to a state of mental effidency hitherto undreamed of?

I should like to think it so. Yet, in all other matters Nature seems averse to this missing out of steps. And then there comes back to my mind the case of a professor who deyoured Greek while his coevals played with bricks; soon after he had passed his sixtieth year he was discovered in his study playing with bricks and I wonder.

When Dads Used the Whip

I once tried smoking Aunt Mahala's pipe after she had laid it aside, and became very sick. While in this machine of later date than that with condition someone reported the inci-

FATAL TO CRIMINAL

THE MERKEL MAIL

Identification by Typewriting Not Uncommon.

Every day science is performing feats that overshadow those of the famous detectives of fiction. Take, for example, the seemingly impossible task of identifying a man by his typewriting-running down a machine-made clue.

"SCRAP OF PAPER"

That a criminal can be traced, captured and convicted through a scrap of typed paper, which apparently is just like any other piece of typing in the world, almost challenges credence; yet to the expert on "questioned documents" such accomplishments are merely in the day's work.

Typewriting is almost as personal as penmanship sometimes, due to certain peculiarites or mannerisms that the typist has developed, says Loren C. Horton, typewriting expert of New York, in Popular Science Monthly. Such clues may be found in spacing, spelling or punctuation.

Some time ago an office of the Department of Justice was astonished to find a confidential letter from its files printed in a magazine. The letter that had been sold to the magazine was obtained, and was found to be a typewritten copy of the original, the latter having been in longhand. This typewritten copy had so many individual characteristics that the copyist might almost as well have signed his name to it. In breaking a word at the end of a line, for example, he invariably inserted a second dash at the beginning of the next line. Also he had a habit of following each semicolon with a dash.

With such personal characteristics as a guide, finding the seller of the letter was a matter merely of elimination among those who had access to the copied letter.

A very slight difference in the length of the cross bars of the "t's" once helped expose as a forgery an alleged will offered for probate in an estate involving many hundred thousands of dollars. The company that made the typewriter on which this document was written only recently had lengthened the cross bars of its "t's," while the "will" was typed on a machine with short cross bars. An attempt apparently had been made to remedy this discrepancy by penciling over the typewriting, but there were so many suspleious points connected with the document that it was not admitted to probate. In a somewhat similar case a man who tried to alter a document with a machine of later date than that with which the original typing was done at-



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Mohammed, Confucius, Buddha and Moses? Were the teachings of Jesus more ant to lead His followers in the golden path than those of the other great Prophets? Did the Europeans have finer loyalty than the Arabs, finer fillal plety than the Chinese, finer family cohesion than the Jews, finer sex morality than the Jews, finer charity than the Parsees?

"My answer was-still is-'No!' and I challenge anybody above the level of asinine bigotry to show me where I am wrong.

"Looking at the other side of the medal: were the unwashed of Calcutta dirtier than those of Liverpool? Were the perverts of Bokhara more degenerate than those of Naples? Were the murderers of Canton more blood-thirsty than those of Paris? Were the saber-rattlers of Constant Sople more arrogant than those of Berlin? "Again my answer was-still is-

'No !'

Boys Chief Stutterers

For every girl who stutters there are five or six stuttering boys.

Dr. James Sonnett Greene of New York, medical director of the National hospital for speech disorders, explains this curious fact in writing for Hygeia, health magazine, published by the American Medical association.

Girls, as a rule, talk more than boys and, therefore, get more practice in speech production, Doctor Greene states. Although it is generally conceded that girls are more nervous than boys, yet the girl is more capable of maintaining her co-ordination under emotional strain because she is naturally more graceful and her co-ordination more complete.

For that reason it requires an exceptionally severe shock to cause her to lose her standard, hesitate and stutter.

Sure to Succeed

Original men are not content to be governed by tradition; they think for themselves, and the result is that they succeed where others fail.

Now, a certain photographer never says to a woman customer, "Look pleasant, madam, if you please." He knows a formula infinitely better than that.

In the most natural manner in the world he remarks: "It is unnecessary to ask you to look pleasant; I am sure you could not look otherwise."

Then click goes the camera and the result is never in doubt .- Philadelphia Ledger.

Blind Ex-Athlete Elected

Perry T. W. Hale, a Yale football star twenty years ago, and an All-American center at the time, but now totally blind, has been elected tax collector of Portland. Conn., getting the support of all parties and factions practically. He lost his sight in an explosion about fifteen years ago. He will keep his records in the Braille system of raised letters and figures.

dent to my father, who came after whaling. I saw him coming, trimming a switch, and understood what it meant, for whipping children was very common in that day.

The first compliment ever paid me was from my mother, who said I was bravely over it. The second came plainly the marks of the abrasive. from my Aunt Beckie, who said I was smart: that when my father hit me the first lick I fell and screamed so loud he thought he was murdering me and soon quit, whereas my brother Jim sullenly took punishment, which

caused the whip to be laid on all the harder. We never made camp in our trip to

the West by covered wagon, that some of the children were not whipped; frequently fathers and mothers led their children off, the children screaming, 'I'll be good! I'll be good!"

In this modern day I have not seen child whipped in many years. Whether the old custom was better than the new I do not know, but I good children .- E. W. Howe in the Saturday Evening Post.

Camel Flesh as Delicacy

notor factory in Egypt spells the Soil Products exposition in Kansas toom of the camel as the "ship of City. the desert," other uses may be found for that most stubborn of beasts. By some epicures, for instance, remarks the Manchester Guardian, it is highly esteemed as a table delicacy. The hump, when roasted, is said to be delicious, while the head, served with Of this amount 11,300,000,000 lire sauce piquante, is also described as a noble dish.

Apparently, however, camel flesh is not to everyone's taste. Some years ago several large consignments of it were imported from Algiers into France, and "Chambeau Mozabite" figured in the bill of fage of certain Parisian restaurants. After a brief vogue it fell rapidly and completely from favor, and the restaurant keepers ceased to supply it.

Portable X-Ray a Boon

Dr. W. D. Coolidge, formerly a professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has invented a portable X-ray machine, which will be a boon to rural residents besides being valuable in commercial life. The machine may be carried around like a small hand grip. It will enable plumbers to see pipes hidden in walls, gem buyers to detect fake gems, and will enable the country doctor to carry modern curative science into the inland home.

Faked Birth Certificates

Charged with issuing false birth certificates supposedly copied from the church register, and selling them so that applicants could receive oldage pensions ahead of time, the sesston clerk of the Free church of Lewis, Scotland, was arrested re-

tempted to change the length of the me and gave me what we called a cross bar on the "t" by grinding it down with an emery wheel. He succeeded, but only partly, for in doing the work he accidentally shaved the little curl at the bottom of the letter. The odd appearance of the resultant letter aroused suspicion, and magnia good-looking baby but had gotten | Sed photographs of the type showed

> Rust-Proof Wheat Found? A new variety of wheat which will resist all attacks of rust, a species of marquis which is said to yield from four to six hushels to the acre more than the ordinary variety, has been developed by Samuel Larcombe, a prominent grain grower of Birtle, Man. The new wheat, says a Winnipeg dispatch to the New York World, has been tried out in areas in western Canada infested with rust and came through without

damage, according to Larcombe. Larcombe has been a Manitoba farmer for 30 years and in that time has won 3,000 prizes on wheat at Canadian have never whipped my own, and have and American expositions. He won the world's championship for wheat at the Peoria International fair in 1917 and in 1918, the sweepstakes for the best individual farmer's exhibit as well as sweepstakes for wheat in the dry If, as predicted, the erection of a farming section of the International

Thrift in Italy

Savings deposits in Italy, according to the last report available, show a total of 21,500,000,000 lire. were in savings banks, 9,400,000,-000 in postal savings and 750,000,-000 in the pawn institutions called the Monti di Pieta. This total compares with a total of savings deposits of 500,000,000 lire in June, 1914. The increase in deposits at the popular postal savings office has been 342 per cent, which is vastly greater than the depreciation of the currency and is taken to show how greatly the lower classes have improved their standard of living .- From Thrift Magazine.

Such Is Life

"Mother," said the fair young thing, with a simper, "Mr. Giggub has proposed." "I'm not surprised at that." "Would you accept him?"

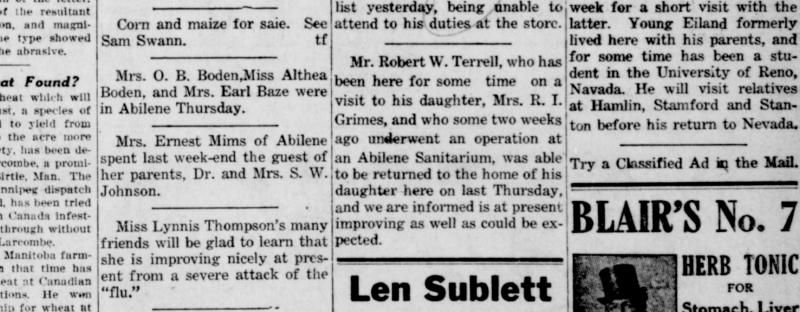
"Why not?" "But, mother, I've only known him

wo weeks." "We must all take a chance, dearie.

've been married to your father for thirty years and I don't half know him."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

Embezzled to Help Firm

Pleading guilty to a charge of embezzlement made by her employers, an eighteen-year-old girl in Scotland recently showed that she ran the shop, waited on customers and kept the books, all for \$3.50 a week, and took the money to make herself more presentable to customera.



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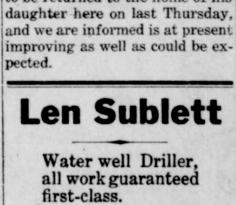
Mrs. Sie Hamm is recovering this week from a severe attack from Influenza, which kept her confined in her room for more than a week.

J. C. Mason, a prominent business man of Merkel, who has been seriously ill and who was carried to Abilene for treatment. has sufficiently recovered to be brought home. This will be good news to his many friends throughout this section.



A remarkable new and simple method for treating a cough gives relief with the first doses and usual-ly breaks a severe cough in 24

ly breaks a severe cough in 24 hours. The treatment is based on the prescription known as Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs. You take just one teaspoonful and hold it in your throat for 15 or 20 see-onds before swallowing, without following with water. The prescrip-tion has a double action. It not only soothes and heals soreness and irritation, but it quickly loosens and removes the phlegm and con-gestion which are the direct case of the coughing. People have been astonished how quickly the cough-ing stopped with this new treat-ment, and the whole cough condi-tion goes in a very short time. The prescription is for coughs, chest colds, hoarseness, bronchitis, spasmodic croup, etc. It is excellent for children as well as grownups-no harmful drugs. Economical, too, as the dose is only one teaspoonful.



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Mr. Robert W. Terrell, who has for some time has been a stuvisit to his daughter, Mrs. R. I.

THE MERKEL MAIL Neeeeeeeeeeeee * United States, we govern our- AMNESTY FOR J. E. In a republic, such as the The Merkel Mail EDITORIALS FEGUSON VOTED BY SENATE selves. The government, nation-Published on Friday Morning by al, state and local, is just what The Merkel Mail Printing Co. Be tolerant in all things-es- we have made it. Before criti-GOVERNOR AND HUSBAND Thos. Durham, Editor-Mgr. cizing, we should each ask ourpecially in matters of religion. HALL WHEN POLL IS SUBSCRIPTION \$1.50 YEAR. selves the question, "What have TAKEN. In Advance Grow a vine beside the kitchen I done to help remedy the situ-MONDAY and TUESDAY, Feb. 23-24 TELEPHONE No. 61 door. It will add beauty and ation?" Austin. Texas .- By a vote of 21 th 6 the Senate passed finally a gen-POLA NEGRI comfort to the home. Entered at the postoffice at Mereral amnesty bill to restore to forin Perhaps the idea is a little mer Gov. James E. Ferguson his kel. Texas as second class mail. Never repeat an idle tale-us- old-fashioned, but we believe that political rights. "THE SPANISH DANCER" ually it is based on mere suspi- if the old time literary society **A** Paramount Picture With Mr. Ferguson and his wife, Ŵ/ If you do not like the way cion, sometimes jealousy of the with its study of classics and Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson, seated on With Vitagraph Comedy the floor of the same chamber where history, its debates, declamations he was impeached in 1917, the Senthings are run, and think you talebearer. Ŭ have a better idea of the way and orations, should again be- ate first voted 19 to 9 to adopt the WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, Feb. 25-26 Greet your neighbor with a come generally popular, it would majority report recommending the they should be governed, then take a hand and show the bal- smile; grip his hand in hearty have an everlasting influence up- amnesty bill be adopted, restoring WILLIAM FAIRBANKS and EVA NOVAK rights to the ex-Governor. The action ance of the citizens that you have welcome; say a word of cheer; on the cuntry. in followed immediately a 2 to 9 adop-"WOMEN FIRST" better ideas. That's what the ma- it will brighten his days and tion of a motion to table the n inor-Alsoity committee report which would jority of the citizens want to yours. Parents sometimes forget that have submitted the question to a **A Paramount Comedy** know. the education of their children vote of the people as an amendment We must keep our back yards is principally their job-that the to the Constitution. FRIDAY and SATURDAY, Feb. 27-28 neat and clean anyway, so why The bill came to a vote following been so eficiently and systemat- not plant a small garden, grow The general clean up that has state thru its system of schools and teachers, has to a certain ex- in the Senate chamber over the two **Progress Pictures Present** ically done throughout the busi- a few well selected vegetables, EDMUND COBB tent relieved them of the task- plans proposed for removing Ferness section of our city has be- get some health building exercise in but that the parents owe un-guson's impeachment disqualificacome pleasingly noticeable to not and live a little better this sumswerving loyalty. Never say an tions-legislative act through bill of "THE LONE HORSEMAN" unkind word of your child's ment. mer. Also— Educational Comedy only our own citizens, but the "Good Morning" strangers within our gates are teacher. The rules requiring the reading of also making favorable comment We know of no picture more bills on separate days before final ******** upon same. This splendid work beautiful than that of the mother passage were suspended. The vote Our opinions sometimes differ on final passage of the amnesty bill is being supervised by our very seated by the fireside reading as to just what move will add was as follows: zealous and efficient City Mar- stories to the children before she For-Berkeley, Davis, Fairchild most to the growth of our city. Of course you may not like Listen Mr. Business man! If shal, Mr. W. N. Hall, and this tucks them away for the night. But we all agree that each can Kaufman, Holbrook, Miller, Moore, Floyd, Hardin of Erath, Hardin of "old so and so," but did you ever you are not patronizing your paper hastens to join every good do work towards the general im- of Cooke, Murphy, Parnell, Parr. stop to think that you do not next door neighbor in business, citizen, who is interested in a The shotgun for birds and provement by making his own Pollard. Real Russek, Smith, Strong. have a monoply on hating folks. why kick because he goes elsecleaner and more sanitary town rabbit-the rifle for big game. home and its surroundings just Ward, Wirtz, Witt, Woodward-21. There may be plenty of folks where to buy what you have to in which to live, in commending If we scatter our efforts, our re- as neat and beautiful as possi-Against-Bledsoe, Moore of Hunt, who have as little use for you as sell. It's a poor rule that won't him for this good work. Let ward will be small-Great suc- ble. Price, Reid, Stuart, Wood-6. you do for "old so and so." Present and Not Voting-Bailey every man and woman in the city cess comes only to those who limits cooperate with Mr. Hall concentrate. work both ways. and Triplett. Paired-Lewis, who would vote no Everything in its place. Auto- with Powers, absent, who would vote A Card of Thanks in this laudable effort, and it MEMBER TEXAS QUALIFIED DRUGGISTS' LEAGUE mobiles for those who can afford aye. will not be long until we can There is nothing more annoy- them; flivvers for others. To boast of one of the cleanest and Words will not express our best residence towns in all the ing to the average housewife those who remain comes the con- TO PROVIDE AUDIT IN thanks and appreciation for the west. A visit through the alleys than for her husband to be late soling news that there is no loving kindness shown us during HANDLING OF FUNDS of the business section will con- at meals-there is nothing more more healthful exercise for the the sickness and death of our vince any decent, self respect. annoying to the husband than human body than walking-esloving wife and mother. Al-Legally ing man of the wonderful change the remarks that she makes on pecially when the walks are long Will Enable Legislature to Have Rethough we can never repay, our liable Figures on that has been brought about by these occasions. Registered and rapid. Heavenly Father will repay such Revenues. the clean-up of the last few kind deeds. May God's richest Pharmacist weeks. And when every business There is nothing more import- In the usual way in which the Austin, Texas .-- To enable the blessings rest on each and every house within the business dis- ant today than bringing home to financial affairs of family are Committee especially, to have relione. H. R. Grayson and childtrict has had sewer connections the youth of the country, the handled, saving is next to im- able figures on the revenues of the ren. 1t made there will be even greater realization that success in any possible. But if we will but "get State for the next two years, a certisigns of cleanliness. Let's lay line can be accomplished only at out of the rut," have home fix- fied accountant will be employed by If your battery needs attention Merkel Drug aside our prejudices and help the price of great effort-that ed object to work for, and save partments handling State funds.

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Blount, chairman of the Appropria-The farmer, to realize the There is one remarkable thing tions Committee and author of the most from his products should about mail order goods-it al- resolution, explained briefly the purdo as the successful manufact- ways looks better in the cata- pose of the audit.

"This is purely a business propourer-study the marketing situ- logue than when it arrives-and sition and casts no reflections on ation with respect to the supply after the carriage charges have any department," said Mr. Plount. and demand of the various pro- been added, the same quality of "We won't want to flounder around ducts which are suited to his soil wares have been purchased just in the dark in striking a balance I want partner who wishes to and then make up his planting as cheaply at home. Patronize not an investigation in any sense. build 5-room bungalow from car program in line with the mar- the merchants of Merkel. They No other business in the world the

size of Texas exists where every phase of it would not be audited.

Plans for Caring for the Insane. Austin .--- The state system of caring for insane would be completey reorganized by the Wallace and rwin bill which was engrossed and passed in the house. The bill enacts he major recommendations of the Texas eleemosynary commission ap pointed by the Thirty-eighth legislature.

The house also passed the eleenosynary appropriations bill carrying a total of \$7.787,910 for the next biennium, an increase of \$898.419 over the appropriations for the present biennium, but \$100,350 less than the board of control recommendations. The bill includes \$139,520 for the girls' training school at Gainesville, an item stricken from the senate appropriations bill. Opposition is expected when the house bill reaches the senate.

The house passed the Dale and Donnell bill raising the tax on gasoline from one cent to two and a half cents a gallon, and refused to reconsider votes by which bills permitting counties to vote bonds for park purposes and authorizing a commission to a national conference on uniform laws failed of engrossment.

Fish Law Amended. Austin .--- There was passed finally in the house the Wells-Baker of Orange house bill designed to strengthen the present fish law passed at the last session of the legislature. The bill as passed makes it unlawful to catch or sell any red fish or channel bass of greater length than 32 inches and 14 inches, respectively; ny salt water or speckled sea trout of less than 12 inches; pompano of less than 9 inches; mackerel of less than 14 inches.

Schools Get \$500,000 Check. Austin, Texas .-- A check for \$500, 000 has been handed the Department of Education by the State Treasurer to apply on the available school fund. The money is paid from the general revenue on appropriation by the Legislature. It is one of the largest amounts ever paid by the Treasurer on a single warrant. This leaves the general revenue with about \$100,000. Within a few days the general revenue will have several hundred thousand dollars and will be out of the deficit.

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A Washington Memorial Ser-| The Womans Missionary Socivice will be held at the Masonic ety of the Methodist Church met Hall Monday evening, Feb. 23, at at their usual time Monday, Feb-7:15. A good program has been ruary 15. The lesson was on the arranged, Come. Committee. 1t fifth, sixth and seventh chapters of "the Negro from Africa to

2:00 p.m.

America." We enjoyed the les-CITY FURNITURE Co. buys, sells and exchanges new and mission studies so interesting. second-hand furniture. Large We will have the last three chapshipment of dishes, rugs and ters of this book for next Monarmy goods. Joe Garland, Prop. day. We were glad to have Rev. Across from Post Office. Ledger with us. The society

THE MERKEL MAIL

ALLEGE SHORTAGES IN VARIOUS FUNDS

AUDITOR SAYS HE CALLED MAT. TER TO ATTENTION OF GOV-ERNOR NEFF.

Austin, Texas .-- Legislative prison investigators have centered the spotlight on alleged "irregularities" involving Col. J. A. Herring, chairman of the board of prison commissionand two managers of prison farms. The name of former Gov. Pat M. Neff, as one who had received both verbal and written reports of certain alleged "irregularities." was mentioned frequently. M. E. Bogle, employed by the Comptroller, the State Treasurer and the Attorney General to be "auditor of facts as well as figures of the prison system operation." was the single witness examined here in the final session of the committee before leaving for Huntsville. He testified regarding "various irregularities," which he alleged were found by him, and said that after taking one matter before the Walker County Grand jury he was assaulted by R. E. McAdams, manager of the Ferguson State Farm; by a son of Col. A. Herring, chairman of the board of prison commissioners, and by three other men who were unilentified.

"I caught McAdams stealing." Mr. Bogle said in his testimony brought out under questioning by Represen-Irwin, who, by general conthe committee has taken the in examining witnesse

"I made McAdams pay back some to the State." the witness ontinued. "I caught him short on attle, short on ferry funds and and duplications of expense funds. Adams has been manager of the erguson Farm since October, 1921. 'McAdams ought to have been red over any of several matters I ported to Col. J. A. Herring, chairan of the board

Testimony of the witness next conerned his idea of the law regarding nitations on prison commissioners. "The law says," he answered Repsentative Irwin, "that prison comnissioners and officials shall not enare in any other business and that hey must not be interested personally in any contracts for supplies son very much and find these for the system."

"Then was Mr. McAdams engaged n any other business than tending o his duties as farm manager?' isked Representative Irwin.

"Yes," replied the witness, "Mc Adams was engaged in other business. He had three leased pastures meet every Monday afternoon at near the farm and he sold cattle to the prison system. Under cover he is in partnership with J. A. Hering, chairman of the board of prison pard, T. G. ommissioners.

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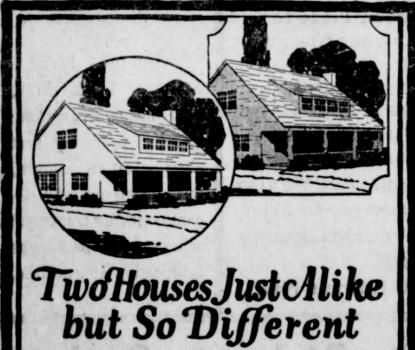
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"Do you mean to say," interrupted Representative Irwin, "that Col. Hering is engaged in another busiless?

"Col. Herring is half owner of he Herring-Turner Hardware Comvany at Madisonville," responded he witness, "and the prison system ought from Herring's own store a umber of items used around the arms. I examined accounts, various nes of which were incorrect. In ome instances the bills were paid wo or three times. These were items ought by Mr. McAdams for the arm."



OPINION ON LEGALITY ADOPTED.

Austin .- A resolution calling for an opinion from the attorney general on legality of the Ferguson amnesty measure, passed by the senate, was unanimously adopted by he house of representatives. The resolution children, Lamesa, Texas. was introduced by Representative Dinkle of Greenville.

James E. Ferguson is filled with a huge content.

He was riding toward restoration of his full rights of citizenship by virtue of an anmesty bill passed by the senate, which seven years ago took them away from him.

It was the next to the last lap of his goal. It was accomplished after three hours of oratory and that Mr. and Mrs. Thurmond when that was finished the senate by a decisive vote placed itself on record in favor of granting him amnesty rather than submitting a deceased was a sister-in-law of constitutional amendment to tae people.

Report on Vets' Home.

Austin .- Conditions at the Confederate Veterans Home are not as will be accompanied to Decature bad as rumors indicated, it was an by her sister, Mrs. Courtney nounced by Representatives J. H. Boggs of San Angelo, chairman of special investigating committee. More than fifty witnesses were examined, mostly veterans.

Steine Diary Presented.

Austin .- The diary of Captain Adolphus Steine, one of the founders of the Republic of Texas and later a state senator, was presented to the time. It is thought that he will state for preservation in the state continue to improve rapidly now, library at a joint sssion. The presentation speech was made by A. G. and will soon regan his former good health. Greenwood of Palestine in behalf of Charles A. Sterne of that city. a son of the pioneer. Representative Nor-man G. Kittrell of Houston delivered the speech of acceptance.

A Card of Thanks To my many friends and neighbors, I wish to take the pleasure to thank each and every one who so kindly assisted us during the sickness of my Darl- have enough home-grown fruit. ing wife. May Heaven's blessings forever rest with each of you. My heart alone can express the joy it brings to me to know we have friends who were so willing to help. At night when I lay down to rest, the way seems dark and lonely. I look back to her sweet twenty or thirty miles to pick * smiles and loving kindness-the their own fruit and pay more * one we love is gone, but yet she than if you took it to them. forever will bring sweet remembrances to me and the children who love her so dearly. For we

know without a doubt she is resting in Heaven where we all hope to meet our darling wife and Catalogue Free-We pay expense * mother. H. R. Grayson and 1tp

Thursday, stating that at 11:00

o'clock on this day, Mrs. W. P.

Thurmond, of Decature, Texas,

had passed to her reward, and

would be buried on Friday at

Decature. It will be remembered

formerly lived here, he being in

business along about 1902. The

Mr. Comegys. Mrs. R. O. Ander-

son left Thursday afternoon via

Haskell, from which place she

The many friends of Uncle

Tom (T. J.) Toombs will be glad

to larn that he was able to re-

turn to his home in this city

ilene sanitarium, where he has

been for treatment for some

Mrs. Eli Case was reported as being quite sick this week

from influenza.

yesterday afternoon from an Ab-

Hunt.

Postmaster G. E. Comegys is Austin, Texas. in receipt of a message today.

AND OTHER FRUITS

eties and the old standards. We will trade trees for land.

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NOTICE

ator repairing and any kind of

CHAS. HODGES. Proprietor.

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And Until last of March. I have a complete vulcanizing Liberal premiums with cash equipment for doing Casing Vulorders. canizing. Also welding and radi-

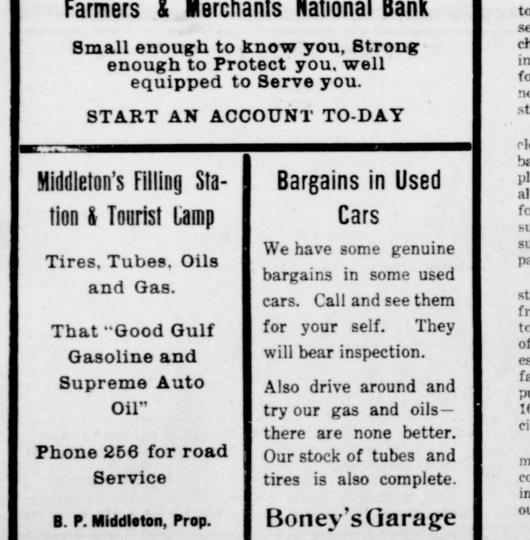
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CANS, JUJUBES, BERRIES.

We have new sure-bearing vari-

Information Gladly Given

THE MERKEL MAIL									
SPEC Swelve baby fountains given "Jersey" Incu in Feb SUBERTY HAR	chick water free with each bator we sell ruary.	JUST RECEIVED "The Fashions Latest" Boby Combs, Barretts, Spanish Boby Combs, Colored Pearls. BEE OUR WINDOW. WE SELL MAGAZINES. HAMM DRUG COMPANY The Rexall Store CARSON & SON It is the height of our ambition to serve you Satisfactorily and economically. The basis of our business is: FAIRNESS - SQUARENESS - QUALITY - ECONOMY Satisfaction tells the story of our Service. COME IN A bargain for you in Syrups, Lard and Meat, Sat. and Mon. CARSON & SON GROCERIES	Buy Your Merchanba dise at Home buy your merchandise at home from a well established firm, it is the best that money can buy.It is the same with our line of high grade Electric Merchandise.West Texas Utilities Company						
The Quality Bakery Bakery Can furnish you at all times with— Fresh Bread, Cakes and Pies. Also, nice fresh, pure home-made candies Buy at home and help your home town.	Your Business Is Always Appreciated when you deal with us. And we are sure you can not find better prices any where than here. Come to see us. W. D. Ransey Grocery Company Phone 265	<text><text><text><text></text></text></text></text>	FULL LINE Flower Seed Garden Seed White, Red and yellow onion sets. Triumph and Cob- bler seed potatoes. Full line of groceries. Come to see us.	All SCHOOL CHILDREN Will Receive 25 per cent discount on all Portraits This Month Only. RODDEN STUDIO					
	Reliable ants National Rank	weakening the spielulu force which you could other- wise be lending to our city's progress. This is plain talk founded on plain facts. Getting "right down to brass tacks" we would like	Reduction of 5%	on Tailored Suits					



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to ask you what sort of an excuse you can offer for sending or spending your money elsewhere? The Merchandise, prices and service offered the Merkel purchasing public, eliminates any excuse that might be offered for trading elsewhere. Nine times out of ten there is nothing to justify such action and you can't do it and still b known as a loyal home town citizen.

For instance, the furniture stocks of our city, the clothing, drug, hardware, men's furnishing, millinery, bakery, jewelry, building supplies, electrical, auto, plumbing, tailoring, grocery, and shoe stocks, in fact almost every class of mrchandise of service to be found elsewhere, is here in such varied grades and sufficiency as to make Merkel a trading center able to supply your every want and at prices which will compare favorably with any other point.

We want every reader to realize the truth of this statement. Remember that to withhold your patronage from the business men of your Home Town means only to place a hardship upon thm and to the benefit of outof-town institutions whose ownrs are not in the slightest degree concerned about you or your personal welfare. Think of this every time you decide to make a purchase and resolve, deep down in your heart, to be a 100 percent loyal Merkel citizen, loyal to her commercial, professional and manufacturing interests.

Do you know what this spells? It spells prosperity. It means civic advancement, and all brought about by a community that is standing solidly together and bucking against anything that, in anw way, tends to retard our civic progress. C. P. Steven's Filling Station A good Place to

buy your Gas and Oils. A place where your business is appreciated Located next door to my Black Smith Shop. And we also invite you to bring us your Blacksmith work. Watkins Vaughn Meat Market

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One can antisqueak spring oil, one can of high grade pressure lubricant, one can of Menz Hand Soap and one tube of Rubber Cement all for \$1.00

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FOR SALE

residence. Also some good vacant Proctor. residence lots in Merkel. See T L. Grimes.

FOR SALE-1925 model touring with balloon tires. See Homer Patterson.

FOR SALE-Second-hand Phaeton Buggy and harness, cheap. Mrs. J. R. Barnett, 2nd. house bargains for Cash. City Furniwest of School.

two tube set, brand new, at half customers. Can furnish sweet what it is worth. Also Under- milk, butter and butter milk. R wood typewriter. Address Clar. E. Cole, phone 9034-F3. ence C. Day, principal Compere school, Merkel, Texas. 1tp WANTED-To trade 160 acres

Columbian Wyandotte Eggs, thing near Merkel. See me. L. B. from exhibition stock, \$3.00 for Scott at Merkel Motor Co. 15. \$5.00 for 30 eggs. John R. West, at West Co. 20t4pd

FOR SALE-One big spaulding crop. See Joe Gunn. 2-horse buggy and leather, widetug harness. Cushion, curtains and everything in good condition. Price attractive. Merkel HOUSE FOR RENT-Have a Motor Company.

Cow, full-blood jersey. See Bill number 24. Haynes at OASIS Filling Station.

tons of Maize left. This Maize Texas. is last year's crop and is not wevil eaten. See Bill Haynes at the OASIS Filling Station. 1t

kel, Texas.

A. Campbell, Rt. 5.

THE MERKEL MAIL

FOR SALE-A few Rhode Island Advance Made During Span of Four Lives

In the eleventh month of his ninetywrote a letter to the secretary of the Yale Alumni fund on March 26 last, which contains a statement well worth Baldwin said: "I have argued cases before Chief

morning customers prefered. FOR SALE-A good east front Milk delivered. See Mrs. R. L. Justice Lemuel Shaw of Massachu-13t2| setts, who died at the age of eightyfive. He once said in my presence and WANTED-Some hands to do

who was born on the Mayflower in 1620." These four lives span the history of

America from the landing of the pilgrims to the present. Peregrine White's WANTED-Four or five room father died in that first terrible winbungalow, or cottage. Would ter at Plymouth; his mother's subse quent marriage to Governor Winslow was the first wedding of Europeans in Tree myth. New England. Peregrine himself lived 1t ture Co., Joe Garland, prop. 1t to be eighty-four, remaining "vigorous and of comely aspect to the last," as one of his contemporaries delightfully RADIO SET for sale or trade; WANTED-A few more milk described the original Mayflower de by the ladder of deceit, dishon-

Between the death of Peregrine White at Marshfield, Mass., in 1704, and the birth of Lemuel Shaw at Barnand seventy-seven years. It is a pity that the chief justice did not identify the octogenarian who as a small child talked to the still comely Peregrine at Marshfield about 1703, and who in 1785 out his life he employed none come citizens here. or thereabouts, himself nearing ninety. but the most honorable of methpassed word of that meeting along to ods. He did not deceive the pub-

that ancient worthy is unidentified, the incident is entirely credible.

that cross in two days an ocean upon which the weary pilgrims were tossed r seventy-five days. The beginnings and always of his political for- he having been troubled from an of America are thus brought intimate tunes.

Yet it is even more significant to reflect that only the last of these four ves covers the transition from sail and horse to railroad, motorcar, air- and while founding a new govplane and dirigible. Chief Justice ernment as its first executive, Shaw traveled no more swiftly in his youth than did Peregrine White. The ompetent industrialism of our day that seems almost amazing. yould be almost as foreign to one as o the other. The acceleration of civilzation, as measured in human riumphs over time and space is selom to be visualized so sharply as in this contrast.

Molasses as Fertilizer Molasses is being used with rather THE CHERRY THEE

Noodle community was in the "Do you believe that stuff?" city recently and dropped in and third year G. W. Baldwin, Yate, '53, the writer heard a small boy ask had us send him the Mail for the another after having been told next year. Mr. Williams, with his Writer Demands Justice of the story of George Washing- parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wilreflection, says the Independent. Mr. ton and the Cherry Tree. And liams, have recently moved to the other lad agreeably said 'No.' the Noodle community from But boys you were both wrong. Waco, and will probably make in- anything else that men wear. The You made the mistake of taking vestments here. They are related that story too literally. Truth to our friend and excellent citi- names and shapes hearing that he had talked with a man is often best expressed in myth zen, Mr. Lee D. Williams, also who had talked with Peregrine White, or fiction. Though Santa Claus of the Noodle community.

may never have been seen com-

ing down your chimney, there is Mrs. C. H. Service and little a Santa Claus, as one great edit- son, S. V., of Crosbyton, are here in its figuring? or once said, "to gladden the this week guests of Mr. and Mrs. heart of childhood." And like- Thos. Durham. Mrs. Service is wise there is truth in the Cherry also spending the week end with width may change fifty times. her daughter, Miss Ruby Lee, When you get older you will who is a student in Simmons Col-

meet men in high places who lege. climbed to their lofty positions

We are informd that Mr. B. E. thing else. esty, and hypocrisy. You will also Dalton has sold his farm a short read of prominent men in his- distance northwest of the city tory who had little regard for and has purchased the Fuel resstable in 1781 stretch some forty miles the truth when their popularity idence in the south part of the ers of fine cheese would hang anybody city, to which he and his family who meddled with their formulas. But this was never true of the lately moved. We are glad to Father of our country. Through- have Mr. and Mrs. Dalton be- celain.

> Corn and maize for sale. See lic for the sake of raising him-

the Mayflower and the giant dirigibles the popular side merely because las, where Mr. Holloway went to it was popular, think first, last consult with an Eye Specialist, just that way,

> While in the service of his many friends trust that he may King as a youth, when leading receive permanent and immedi-

Mr. D. O. Huddleston made a he served truth with a devotion visit out to his farms in the hope to have affection for collars Noodle community first of the which differ every morning. Time and again throughout his week and stated to the writer public career he took the unpop- that the land was plowing fine. ular side, because he could un- and that in two more weeks of derstand better than the mob fair weather he believes that gum go on forever in the same old what would be best for the new most of the land would be turn- way-vanilla being as familiar as the nation. Old newspaper files will ed and ready for the spring rains.

ident has ever been. But he ad- MANKIN BILL ON MASKERS MODIFIED MATERIALLY

duced to Imprisonment for Life.

Austin, Texas .- The Mankin bill, placing drastic penalties for assault

Mr. C. B. Williams of the PROTESTS AT YOKE IMPOSED BY COLLAR

Makers of Neckwear.

Styles change faster in collars than collar trust evidently figures that sales can be increased by rapid alteration in

Many men find this a nuisance, an they often cannot buy ready to order the collars which they like best, Girard remarks in the Philadelphia Inquirer. I wonder if the collar trust is right

Some things which are deemed most essential change once where a silly collar name or eighth of an inch in

Take cigars and cigarettes. A man will smoke one brand ten years and never desire a change.

Only a simpleton would try to improve a beefsteak by calling it some

Leading bakers may hold to a certain recipe for bread for a generation. Your favorite salad dressing may be forty years old, and I suspect the mak-

The highbrows in art crave only old styles in pictures, furniture, rugs, por-

Collar-trust ethics would have it Chippendale today, Reginald tomorrow and John Smith the day after if it tf made furniture after the collar pattern.

Snuff is a big industry and there are self to a position of power. He Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Holloway snuffmakers in Pennsylvania whose A chain of only four lives connects did not falsify issues, flop to left first of the week for Dal- formula has been a family secret for a century. Not a change in all that time. Yet the snuff users evidently want it

> Men who swear at all, doubtless infection for several days. His swear oftener at their collars than anything else in the world.

> > There is no such thing as getting on familiar terms with collars. They change too often. Men who in olden times stepped up to the same bar and ordered an identical brand of liquor every day for 20 years can scarcely

> > The trust won't let us get used to a collar before it is outlawed off the merchant's shelves

Candy and ice cream and chewing tax collector-but people also like them in that same old way

Old styles and famous names are most valuable assets in almost every trade except collars. There it was Artie yesterday, Bertie today and Gertle tomorrow, with changes just enough to make the wearer rave.

Once in a while a galley slave escaped, but there seems no way to throw off this dreadful yoke around every man's neck.

Modern Literature We may as well confess that our literature by and large is increasing petty affairs of daily life, observes the New York Times. Our novelists do like Victor Hugo, at mighty themes. No deep rhythms sweep through our stories, as in those of Thomas Hardy. tossing the mere details of craft like

1tp

street. Merkel. For particulars, FOR SALE-I have about ten address L. B. Howard, Hamlin.

LOST

with crystal broken, a black band FOR SALE-A player piano, in Lost either in Merkel or between fine condition. Would sell or Anson and Merkel. Finder please trade. See W. A. Howard, Mer- return to this office and receive 20t2pd reward. 1tpd

'OR SALE-Have some good LOST-In the post office or in gin-run Kasch Cotton Seed for the business section of Merkel, planting at \$1.00 per bushel. W. a \$10.00 bill. Finder please re-13t4 turn to Merkel Mail. 1tp

1tp FOR RENT

Red Cockrells of G. F. Holland

strain at \$1.00. G. L. Baker,

WANTED

WANTED-- Milk coustomers,

some grubbing. See Sam But-

consider acreage or lots. Must be

land near Brownfield for some-

WANTED-Man with family to

farm with me for part of the

man for particulars.

1tp

Route one.

It 4-room house close in for rent, or 1y near, would sell on terms almost like

LOST-A white gold wrist watch

1tp

1t

FOR SALE -- A dandy good young rent. S. F. Haynes, or phone

1t FOR RENT-My home on Oak

20t2

sensational results as a fertilizer for sugar cane fields in the British Island of Mauritius in the Indian ocean. Inations. The colonial department of plied the molasses partly sterilizes the the greatest nation in the world. oll organisms are, for a time, greatly educed in numbers while other organisms, notably molds, are stimulated. and nitrates already in the soil disuppear. When the effects of the mosses treatment wear off, nitrification s resumed at an enhanced rate, and apparently leads to an accumulation of nitrates at a time when they can est be utilized by the growing plant. mmonia and nitrates are said to have marked tendency to revert to insolute forms in the soil of the island. folasses does not increase the rate of itrogen fixation in the soil.

the Continental Army as a man, ate relief.

was at stake.

show that he was more bitterly denounced than any recent Pres-

hered firmly to his belief in what reases in yield of about nine tons an was true, what was right, and cre are recorded after molasses appli- by the force of his sincerity and Death Penalty as Maximum is Rehonesty he helped the people of priculture has made a close study of honesty he helped the people of he experiments and has arrived at a his new country, inexperienced entative explanation. When first ap- in governing themselves, found

scendant.

A.Campbell.

FOR SALE-Cheapest place in Merkel, cash or credit. Would LOST-A two-year old white-29t4p. son.

INCUBATOR-Have an "Old LOST-A key ring and three Trusty" 120 egg capacity Incu- keys, last Sunday near the depot. bator to sell at \$6.00. Mrs. W. Finder please return to S. L. The nitrification of the soil is suspend-13t2 Grayson, at Grayson's Filling Station one mile west of town.1tp

accept rental property in Abi- faced Steer, branded V-cross on lene. Also 320 acres well improv- left side. Last seen in Sam Buted land near Trent. Terms to man pasture. If you know of the suit. See owner H. D. Simp- steer notify Jasper McCoy. 1tp

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Half and half Cotton Seed. Pure. first year seed from originator FOUND-A car number plate on in Georgia. Write for circular the streets of Merkel Tuesday of and price list. I guarantee 1,100 this week, the number is 685-131 pounds seed cotton to make 500 owner can get it at the Maii ofpound bale. Address ED TAY- fice by paying for this notice. 1t LOR, Queen City, Texas. 1Apr

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Dull, Sluggish Feeling

"B LACK-DRAUGHT headache, and the ills is our household that come with constipastand-by," says Mrs. Thomas H. Kell, who lives near Ellijay, Ga. felt dull and sluggish, my

"We have been using it head would ache and I years and years. My had to make a great efmother's family used it fort to do my work. A and we do here and my little dose of Black-four sisters do, too. Draught would correct "I could not run my this feeling. We always house without Black-braught I give it to the shalf"

Draught. I give it to the shelf. children whenever they need a purgative, and both Mr. Kell and myself reliable Black-Draught take it. As a medicine powdered herb liver medfor sluggish liver and icine. At all dealers'.



Banana Fibre Pencils

Banana fibre is being experimented with by European pencil manufacturrs as a substitute for the ordinary retorts, crushed and then mixed with year. what is technically known as "bindng" to give it a gluey consistency and to improve its marking qualities. The whole is then worked up into pulp by nachinery, and when partly dry, is rushed again and forced through molds under considerable pressure. The rolls are then baked, cut into engths and packed with great care in ast-iron crucibles and kept at red neat or two hours. After cooling gently, the "leads" are ready for the wood.

Quite Likely

"Ab! What picturesque scenery you have here!" rhapsodized a motorist who had stopped for a drink of water. "How sublime are those hills! How-Great Scott! Look at that little boy playing with a revolver! Is it loaded?"

"I reckon so," replied Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge.

"My heavens! Don't you know that child of that age hasn't sense enough to handle a loaded revolver, and-" "Aw, he's got as much sense about handling a weepin as I-yaw-w-wn !have."-Kansas City Star.

"Sleepy" Schools

The establishment of a school for sleepy children who seem unable to keep awake in their classrooms is be ing discussed by the London county council education committee. The school would be given special ventilation and the lessons would be taught in a way to "awaken" interest in the somnolent children.

Soldiers Carry Umbrellas About 8,500 Chinese umbrellas were shipped from Peking for the use of the Kiangsu soldiers in the fighting in the Shanghai district. Witnesses say that one soldier digs trenches while another holds an umbrella over him, and marching soldiers, in couples, take turns at carrying umbrollas.

truthful men who ever lived, and, prudence. therefore, one of the greatest.

Holmes, Jr., returned first of committee members indicated. the week from a trip to Clovis, Lessening of the maximum penalty

scription of Mr. R. T. Canon of graphite. The fiber is first burned in the Stith community for another demeanor to appear at a public place

Bill Sheppard left Wednesday

Corn and maize for sale. See Sam Swann.

PROFESSION AI

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Utice over Crown Hardware Us I to the Legislature.

No, boys, there is a great deal by masked or disguised persons has in the Cherry Tree story. George been modified materially by the Washington was one of the most House Committee on Criminal Juris- a pretty affair, concerned with the

The penalty for assault was reduced from death as the maximum not stretch broad canvases nor rush, penalty to life sentence, with the minimum at ten years penal service. Messrs V. N. Ellis and Joe It will be reported favorably, the

New Mexico, where they had ment as originally set by the author been to visit Roy Holmes, who would be too severe to obtain conhas been in ill health for some viction. Judge Ed R. Sinks of Gidtime. They reported him improv- dings said that if the death penalty was provided, special venires would ing some when they were there. be required to try offenders and that a death penalty could hardly be ob-We are glad to have the sub- tained for an assault, even if made by persons masked or disguised. The bill also makes it a mismasked or in disguise. Representative Farrar of Waxabachie suggested an amendment including a definition of a public place. He was directed for a business trip to Littlefield. to draft the change. The bill makes it a felony, punishable from two to five years in the penitentiary, to disturb public worship or enter a private residence, masked or disguised.

Changes in the bill recommended by the committee were accepted by Representative Mankin.

Action was deferred on the Irwin bill abolishing the "bat" as a means of punishment in the State prisons. Representative Gray of Higgins wanted the committee to wait until the prison probe ordered by the House Wednesday is completed. Mr. Irwin said the investigation probably would take two months or more. He asked of about seventy degrees .-- Youth's the committee to act on the bill in time to permit the Legislature to consider it at the regular session.

Hours 10 to 12 a.m 2 to 5 p.m tax collections from Sept. 1, 1923, to expensive to preserve, according to Jan. 17, 1925, totaled \$727.757, ac- the pastor of the Presbyterian church \$155.071.

Investigate Prison Charges. Austin, Texas .- Charges of graft labor, concrete and cables in the penitentiary system and al-Over West Company-Front St. legd brutal treatment of prisoners will be investigated by a legislative committee from the House, the lower body of the Thirty-Ninth Legislature has decided by a vote of 126 to 4. The investigation resolution. presented by Representative T. K. Irwin of Dallas, was adopted only a short time after Governor Miriam A. Ferguson had sent ber first men

cockleshells. Our humorists get no farther than manners: Dickens dug up the whole foundation of London. Comparisons might be copied out to fill an agate column, all showing that our standardgauge literature has become narrowgauge, and that we are drawing in rather than spreading out. To many readers this may sound catastrophic. but it need not be so unless the current era, too, is catastrophic. For routine literature can be no greater than the age it serves and only a Shakespeare can tower above his time like the Colossus of Rhodes.

Proper Care of Goldfish

Owners of goldfish may be interested in the following advice that an employee of the New York aquarium gives: "When a goldfish begins to 'cluck'-that is, to come to the surface and make strange sounds-it is suffering. The best thing to do is

to dip some of the water from the bowl and let it drip back into the aquarium slowly. In that way the water gets a new supply of oxygen, which is what the fish need. Never change the water too rapidly. If you do, the fish may die of chills or a cold. The water should be kept at a temperature Companion.

Preserving a Tree

The oldest oak tree in New Jersey. Austin. Texas .- State inheritance if not in the United States, is very cording to a report from the State at Basking Ridge. In his financial re-Comptroller's office. Commissions to port at the celebration of the two hun-County Judges, attorneys, Tax Col- dred and fourth anniversary of the lectors and fees for appraisers total- founding of the church he said that ing \$12,003 were deducted as ex- the tree is 93 feet high and 23 feet. penses. Assessments for the same in circumference and is 400 years old. period and yet uncollected totaled It is decaying fast, and during the year three tons of concrete were needed to fill the cavities. Thirty-five cables were required to brace it. The \$3.393.08.

Safety in Railway Travel

Safety in railway travel depends very largely on microscopic research. which has made possible a nu of vital changes in the making steel rails. The result is that, w as accidents due to broken ralls w once fairly frequent

THE MERKEL MAIL

SAILORS HAVE FIRM BELIEF IN OMENS

Deep Sea Seems to Breed Quaint Superstitions.

There is no place in the world where superstition is so powerful as on the sea, R. Barry O'Brien, writing in the Washington Post, asserts. Let an absent-minded sailor whistle on board ship and his mates will curse him for bringing on a stiff

breeze when it is not wanted, But for a sailor to whistle when the ship is enveloped in dense fog is permissible, since the occult wind may

disperse the very material fog. Until comparatively recently, under no circumstances, was a young steamship-trained helmsman allowed to mount the "weather side of the bridge.'

This privilege was reserved for old shellbacks who had been seven times. round Cape Horn. But as few seamen can claim such distinction in these days of "iron ships and wooden men" the "leeside" is now universally used.

Parsons are never popular afloat. They are supposed to bring bad luck, and are therefore blamed by the crew for any misfortune that occurs.

Seamen no longer believe that rats leave an ill-fated ship before she sails. But they still regard the arrival of a corpse for shipment as a very bad omen, and I have known them to desert sooner than sail with it.

Strangely enough, the extent of their apprehension on this account varies with the social standing of the deceased, the remains of a celebrity being more unlucky than those of a humble citizen.

So strong was this superstition in bygone days that the packing case containing the casket had to be labeled and stowed as ordinary cargo.

The luck of black cats is proverbial. But what is not so well known is the reason why seamen are so over-indulgent in them. This is to prevent their bringing ill-luck to the ship by running away.

During the war black cats were at a premium. With so much extra tonmage afloat there was not enough to go around.

Sometimes a young midshipman would be sent ashore in search of one. And a certain youth, sooner than return empty-handed, dyed the white patches of a black and white "stray" with ink.

Those Smart Children

"My three-year-old nephew Anaximander, hurried breathlessly into the living room where we were entertaining the minister and his wife.

"Mamma !" he cried without regard for consequences, "Bruvver's gone and torn his rubber rompers and now you'll have to vulcanize them.'

Little Willie, my eighte



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much time practicing for our

basket ball games, but they beat

Blair 32 to 6. That means more

BAZE-BODEN WEDDING LAST SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday morning, January the fifteenth, about the hour of eight quietly solemnized when Miss Ruth Boden became the bride of, healthy, appreciative of the good and Albertson, in his own way, read the beautiful betrothal ceremony couple. Only the bride's sister, Miss Althea Boden, and brother, O. B., Jr., were present during the ceremony.

Immediately afterwards the bride and groom left in thir car for Snyder, where they visited Street.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Baze are well known here, and are very rarity, French marriage succeeds. much loved and esteemed by the Very few French couples seek divorce people of Merkel. Mr. Baze is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baze, divorce in Paris, and applauded the and is at present employed at the ministry of justice for somewhat abat-Merkel Motor Co. Mrs. Baze is ing the scandal. the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Boden, and until a short time ago was employed at socially dutiful inclinations of the the A. C. Rose Dry Goods Com- French, who arrange marriages for pany as saleslady.

A future of much happiness. the Merkel Mail also wishes to extend congratulations and best wishes with the rest of their admirers.

Business Men's Bible Class

Next Sunday morning, February 22, the Business Men's Bible Class will have charge of the opening exercises of the Baptist men. Will have some special music. We urge that every member Sunday morning. Visitors and of protection and reforestation is sure new members always welcome. If to progress faster as it acquires me you are not a memi er of some American.

Marriage in France Regarded as a Duty

A few months ago, girl students at the University of Minnesota replied to a questionnaire asking their notion of thirty o'clock, a marriage of in- an ideal husband. According to the retrest to the people of Merkel was plies, he must be "moderately goodlooking, athletically inclined, morally Mr. William Earl Baze. The cer- beautiful in life, well trained socially, emony was carried out at the chivalrous, optimistic and good-nastudy of the Rev. W. H. Albert- tured"; but such qualities as patience, son at the Baptist Church. It love of children and an infinite cacourage, industry, sound judgment, was a simple ring ceremony yet pacity for self-sacrifice-these they it was quite impressive, and Rev. falled to emphasize. In other words, each young woman was seeking an agreeable mate. He must be "charming." Then the young woman in her that bound in holy wedlock this turn would be "happy." Whereas, no one is ever "happy," and those who marry in order to win "happiness" meet with disillusionment. They ought to.

In France, where marriages are arranged by the old folks, no one thinks of marriage as bringing "happiness." No one thinks of marriage as a personal indulgence. In France, marriage friends that day. They are now is a duty. Such prerequisites as paat home at their apartment at tience, courage, industry, sound judgthe L. B. Howard place on Oak ment, love of children and an infinite capacity for self-sacrifice are not un-

derrated. Except in rare cases, interesting to the novelist because of their -so few, indeed, that France was shocked when Americans began to seek

Inasmuch as we are not Latins and have neither the background nor the shrewd, calculating, businesslike and their children as deliberately as they finance those marriages, we shall never adopt the French system. Instead of joy and prosperity is wished arranging marriages for our children, them by their many friends and we are much more likely to find our children arranging divorces for us.---Rollin Lynde Hartt in World's Work.

Reforestation Goes On

A traveler through New England, if observant, may have noted in recent years the springing up of little patches of new forest here and there. He may notice also that old forests, perfectly ready to cut under temptation, are left standing. He may notice also that the ground under the trees is in many cases cleaned up so that inflammable material for quick fires has been re-Sunday School. Come and see the moved. Small as these evidences are seats on the Rostrum filled with in the country as a whole, they are numerous enough in some places to show that the forestry propaganda is beginning to accomplish results. It is meet in the class room at 9:55 sure to grow in strength and the work

Men's Class in Merkel, we give The dedication of a people's forest

cousin, was earnestly watching his father (my uncle) repair his automobfle.

finally asked his dad.

"The atraid the differential's gone but and y at the eleven be with I.X.L. on our court. The he asks that we call attention "The alraid the differential's gone grease off his forehead with his \$8 silk o'clock hour, at Blair for the date to be announced later. Every of all parties here who wish to

low's got to understand calculus to again at the evening hour. The run a car these days!"

for that reason her parents temporize with her.

At the dinner table the other night always brings a message worthy Sunday. she brusquely asked her mother to of our time and attention. pass the mustard.

Mother smiled wearily and said expectantly, "If you-?"

know what's good for you!"-Roswell J. Powers in Judge.

Dead Spots at Sea

spots" on land, there is another form ularly. of "dead spot" to be found right in mid-ocean, hundreds of miles from land, for which no adequate explanation has yet been given, according to A. Dinsdale, member of the Radio Society of Great Britain. Some scientists maintain that they are caused by It seems that this is quite en- the Laundryman. large mineral deposits on the ocean floor, but this explanation hardly seems satisfactory, though it is true that such dead spots can also be overcome by increasing the wavelength for communication. There are several such spots in the different oceans, and they cause quite an amount of inconvenience to ships at times, although the study of them is interesting .- Scientific American.

Something New in History

She was proud of her kindergarten class and was anxious to show off the little ones to a number of visiting mothers.

"Who discovered America?" the teacher asked.

"Columbia," shouted a little girl, easily beating her classmates to the answer.

Overlooking the error, the teacher went on:

"And what was his first name?" "Hail," was the quick reply that sent teacher and mother into spasms of laughter.

Stars in Pairs

There are many stars that are double, says Nature Magazine-that is, they are made up of stars revolving around one another. Most of these pairs are of contrasting color, one blue and the other gold, or one red and the other green .- Albireo is considered to be one of the finest of the pairs that are visible in sn elescopes

"What seems to be the matter?" he Bro. Stutts was in our midst Saturday night and Sunday, from now on. Our next game will the State Legislature, in which

afternoon services, and here body come. attendance was good as it should

Sunday School is still in progress but the attendance is not near Merkel Sunday. Imagine our embarrassment when alays as it should be. I'm sure

> when the weather becomes month. The date is to be announ- appointed. warmer. Mr. Harrison is a faith- ced in next week's issue of the

Our school is going strong.

ful leader and I think we should Merkel Mail. While we have come to accept "dead all make an effort to attend reg-

Mrs. Byrd Hughes and child-

Last Friday a number of our If it is cleaning and pressing the sad news of the death of expect to make some improve- unlighted part of the same green did patrons were there to see how you want, that is one of our John Eoff of that city. the work was being carried out. specialities. Phone 218. Ligon,

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date.

to our class, where we have an

The Mail is in receipt of a excellent teacher and good class communication from Hon. E. S. fellowship, and we hope that you to the system of parks which the state enthusiasm in their practices Cummings, our representative in will like us well enough to join. has provided, is one small but signifi-Reporter.

The Mail is in receipt of a letbecome Notary Publics, will have ter from Mrs. J. J. Stallings, of Edna and Tommy Patterson to get their applications to him Fort Worth, in which she enclos-Ermyntrude is a trifle precocious and always be when he is with us. with their little sister were visit- before March 1, as no appoint- ed the price of another year's For he is sincere in his work and ors from the Blair community ments will be made after that subscription to the Mail, saying she appreciated the paper very He also states that unless much and could not do without

ren visited Mrs. George Reeves otherwise notified, all applicants it. Mrs. Stallings, with her husand all notaries heretofore ap- band, the late J. J. Stallings, for It is reported that there will pointed or who have qualified many years were citizens of the little darling retorted, "If you though that more will attend be a cemetery working next and are now Notaries will be re- Merkel, Mr. Stallings having four inches in three weeks, while grass been mayor of the city for several years, and a good one.

> Elder W. G. Cypert, accompanied by Mrs. Eoff of Noodle, left Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott are WE ARE IN THAT BUSINESS for Winters Wednesday morning spending the week on thier farm ments in the way of new buildings, and went out to make in-

you a special invitation to come on the banks of the Farmington river. where several hundred acres of forest land were placed in the hands of the state as a memorial and an addition cant item in such work.

As the habit grows much Connecticut land now running to waste, but suitable for forest growth, will be covered with trees, and the next generation will see quite a different face on the state of Connecticut.

Grass Growing by Electricity

Electric lights have been used sucessfully at the Jumping Brook golf lub, in New Jersey, to grew grass on the greens at night, and thus shorton the delay in putting the course into on the unlighted portion of the green grew but one inch in the same period. Twenty-four thousand-watt globes with special reflectors were hung four feet from the ground to give a continuous, even spread of light. On the in response to a message bearing in the Dora vcommunity. They in five days, while seed sown on the lighted portion the seed came through not germinate until two days later .--Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Still Worse

"Great guns, Gap !" ejaculated an acquaintance. "What 'pears to be the matter? Has yore wife had a backset, or something that a-way?"

"Worse than that," sadly replied Gar Johnson of Rumpus Ridge. "The doctor says she mustn't do a lick of work for two months, anyhow. And I don't know who in the nation is going to get the winter's wood in-the children say they won't, and I'm all down in the back till I can't turn a tap. 'Pears like we've got to freeze and starve whilst we're adoing it."--Kansas City Star.

Name Like Fire Alarm

An Indian chief visited Muskogee, Okla., recently and stayed over night at the hotel. Going to his room that night he decided to call his wife, who lived at Dewar, a few miles away. He took down the phone receiver and started in: "This is Big Fire Chief Fire-" but the telephone op erator let him get no further. She sounded the general fire alarm, and when the department arrived the Indian was still trying to get in his call and verbally losing his temper through the phone.

Fan Becomes Historic

When the duchess of Atholl entered the house of commons with a fan just sefore the close of the last set friends said that it was the first fan appear there, so had it sent to the Perthshire museum for preservation.

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