# MERKEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN

Monday morning at nine o'clock, Sept. 12, the Merkel Public Schools opened with a record attendance for the first day. The records show a 15 per cent increase in the grammar and Primary grades over last year, while the High School shows an increase of grades. 20 per cent. New pupils are enrolling every day at both buildings and if the usual custom is observed the schools will be crowded to capacity within a few more weeks. Usually we enroll fifty or more in Grammar school the second week and a corresponding number in High School. Our present enrollment is only a little short of our Maximum attendance of last year. This condition is going to cause some congestion in several grades. We are anxious to have every pupil of school age enrolled as soon as possible.

Prosperous conditions are responsible for a great deal of this increase. The great amount of work going on in and around Merkel is reflected in our school attendance. This applies especially to the Grammar School.

In high school our increased enrollment is due to the same cause, plus the appreciation of the new free High School Tuition law recently passed, whereby the students who have completed the rural school may go to an affiliated high school without having told him of our Walter Leach. The Fair at Dallas. to pay tuition. We have an increase of about 100 per cent in this class of students. Many rural schools are dropping one subject from their course of study just to make it possible for their boys and girls to have that opportunity. They can do that and send the students to us for the work. It is an excellent idea for these schools to do that. We are glad for them. We welcome them to Merkel High School.

It should be only another step for

these rural schools to drop their high school work altogether, and provide trucks to carry the students to us. bunch. Here is hoping they have a The state department offers aid, financially to schools doing so. Why should not the rural schools who employ three teachers and teach through Mrs. Joe Bailey Toombs He 10th grade, drop their 10th grade because they have so few pupils and send them to us. If these schools have as many as five pupils in the 10th grade, it will cost only \$225.00 to send them here for 9 months, where as if they maintain a seven months school out there it will cost them around \$875.00. It is economy to take advantage of the new law. We can take care of thirty in one grade as easily as we can ten. Our classes are so large we have to divide them rather than do what the rural schools do-that is combine two grades. Our work is standard and accepted everywhere. Think it over-figure it out. We can give more for your money you can at home. We would like to deed a Christian. see more people take advantage of this opportunity.

To the people who were at the opening exercises Monday we offer an apology for taking care of you in a better way, but as you know our facilities are too inadequate. Come again next year, and we hope to have an auditorium that will comfortably care for the crowd. To the people who did not come we will say-you should have been there to see the crowded condition. You probably ratt, and a brother, Mr. H. R. Surknew how it would be, otherwise you would have been there. We must not let it happen again-that the patrons have to stay away for lack of room. We sure want the pupils there and as it is now we cannot have an assembly in the very bloom of life but we are where all the pupils can attend. We are neglecting a very important phase of school work.

To the patrons: The parent Teachers Association is the most vital factor in a community to keep the public informed on school policies. There is an unusual opportunity for service in that club this year. The club did so much noble work last year. They only launched a program that we must continue or back down on. Be out to every meeting. Line up for a better school in Merkel. I'm for you and know you can put over any program you undertake. We need 150 active members in the P. T. A. Let us count on you to be one. Visit the school any time. We welcome you. We are immune to adverse criticism but very susceptible to cooperation.

Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert were attend the funeral of the former's uncle, Mr. Tom Cypert, one of the well-to-do and substantial citizens of that community.

Irvin L. Jackson.

#### HIGHER CRUDE PRICE POSTED BY MAGNOLIA

DALLAS, Sept. 14 .- The Magnolia Petroleum Company today announced new prices on crude oil in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas effective today

For oil of 30 to 30.9 degrees Baume the increase is nine cents; for 31 to 31.9 degrees 13 cents, for 32 to 32.9 and 52 degrees and above 15 cents.

The new scale of prices ranges from \$1.60 per barrel for 52 degrees and above gravity downward to \$1.05 for oil under 30 degrees.

The new price list was said at the Magnolia office merely to make the amount offered by that company the same as what other companies were already paying. Although it increases previous quotations by the Magnolia it was not above those of others buy-

#### **How Many Men Are** Named Walter Leach?

Walter Leach, one of the very clev-Western Union in this city, recently cow and grandchampion steer. received a letter from Walter Leach at Brownwood, stating that while visiting the Carlsbad Cavern recent- State Fair at Hutchison, Kansas, and able way. We are proud of the T. & ly he met some Merkel people who then back to our own Texas State P. and every officer and servant of Brownwood Walter Leach stated in his letter of inquiry that he thought he was the only and original Walter Leach, but that he had now found that besides our own Walter, he had recently found that there was a Walter Leach besides himself in his own home town and one at Cisco, making four of a "kind." And now the Brownwood Walter proposes a "get-to-

gether meeting of the four. The writer happens to know two of the Walters and will say that if the other two are as fine men as the two we know they are indeed a fine fine get acquainted meeting.

Mrs. Joe Bailey Toombs, one of the best loved and most popular young women in the community succumbed to an attack of fever. For five weeks she fought bravely to stay with her mother, father, husband and child, but in the end she went on ahead of them. Mrs. Toombs was born July 12, 1910 at Linden, Texas, where she spent her entire life till she moved with her father and mother to Merkel. At the age of ten she was converted and joined the Baptist church at Linden and since that time she had led a sweet Christian life proving to and better work, accepted work, than all who knew her that she was in-

> On November 11, 1926, she was married to Mr. Joe Bailey Toombs and the Lord had blessed their home by giving them a sweet little babe, Billie Joe.

But on the morning of September 12th she answered the call to go meet her Maker and Saviour in a better world than this.

She leaves to mourn her going besides her husband and son, her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Surhost of friends for to know her was to love her and every one who knew her became a friend.

We do not know why she was taken glad to feel that she will retain her beauty and youth throughout all eternity. We think of the home going of our older people as the harvesting of the fully ripened corn. Why not then think of the going of one of our loved ones in the full vigor of youth as the gathering of the full blown rose that is to shed a fragrance in Heaven, yonder throughout all eternity. Heaven has greater attractions to us when we think of all the lovely and lovable ones that have

gone over there to live. The host of friends in and about Merkel join with the older friends of the family living in and about Linden in extending to the bereaved family

their hearty sympathy. After a service conducted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Surratt, the body was shipped back to Linden, where it was buried in the old family burying ground. The floral offering was large and beautiful and the great called to Knox City last Sunday to throng of friends that gathered at the home for the service was an evidence of the fact that she had many

> Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Merkel Baptist church.

## Farm Bureau Gin To Open Monday

Mr. A. J. Canon, well known cition next Monday.

one that same is among the very best the Texas & Pacific. and most modern plants in this section of the country.

Mr. Canon announces that the new ion by the general public. We call your attention to the new gin's an- proportionate number of cars of cotnouncement found elsewhere in this

# **Largent Herd Wins**

A message to Mr. C. M. Largent on Wednesday from his son, Willie Joe, who is in charge of their prize-winevery first prize but one. Won the

From the Amarillo fair the famous Largent herd will go to the Kansas

# John B. Bell, Pioneer, pot will look mightily out of place at the foot of the prettiest and busiest

Departs This Life eral services were conducted by Rev. assured of our good will and of our byterian Church, Merkel.

> For 40 years Mr. Bell had made his home in this city having been in-terested in various enterprises since coming to the city.

Following the services from the home the body was laid to rest in the Rose Hill cemetery.

Mr. Bell is survived by nine children, three boys and six girls. They are Alven Bell; Bernard Bell, Trent; and C. Bell, Clint, Texas; Mrs. Burkhead, Eastland; Mrs. Snow Frost, Eastland: Mrs. Joe Shelton, Abilene; Miss Venice Bell, Merkel; Mrs. J. Hendrix, El Paso; Mrs. Alvin Lay, were present for the funeral.

Mr. Bell is also survived by two isters, Mrs. James Taylor and Mrs. Harvey Smith, and one brother, Z. T. Bell, all of Abilene.

Mrs. A. M. Jones and family left this week for Abilene, where they will make their home, and where her dauour midst.

## Merkel Needs A New R. R. Station

zen, who will have charge of the pearance in a wonderful way. Paved Kinsolving Field on Lindbergh Day, management of the new \$40,000 Farm streets, extended water system, gas, and it will not be necessary, Mayor Bureau Gin in this city, states that and a white way are compliments that Thos. E. Hayden, Jr. says, for anyone which represent increases ranging the new plant is about finished and cannot be paid many towns of the to pay for a place in which to leave than a year, the entire community is expected to be ready for operation same size of Merkel. Each of these their machines. improvements has greatly added to A visit to and an inspection of the incoming freight tonnage and automobiles has been secured by J. this new gin plant will convince any will always be a source of profit to

Before these improvements were plant is open for a visit and inspect- ship from fifteen to twenty-two thouston seed. We are shipping more dairy products and poultry each month. products increase so do the revenues of the T. & P. railroad. The T. & P. has been good to us in the matter of ning herd now exhibiting at Amarillo service. The Division officers know and can call them by name. The local er and popular operators for the grand champion bull, grandchampion employees from section foreman to the local agent and including all between are fine men serving the railroad and the public in a most acceptit whom it has been our pleasure to meet. By November first the old depot will look mightily out of place at business street in the town. It has Is Called By Death served its day well—but it has served its day. We know the T. & P. officials its day. We know the T. & P. officials and we know they are as interested The citizenship of this community in the welfare of Merkel as any other was again grieved and shocked Sun- property holder and we believe that day afternoon when it was learned they will be willing to erect a new that death had claimed as its victim and modern station that will not only John B. Bell, another well known and be in keeping with our other improvepioneer citizen of Merkel, which oc- ments, but will be an evidence of the curred in the early afternoon of that road's appreciation of Merkel as one of the profitable feeders of the sys-Funeral services were held from tem. When we celebrate the complethe family home Monday afternoon tion of the improvements already by artists in a beautiful setting of at 3 o'clock for John B. Bell, 64, who started let us have a feast and invite old colonial costumes at Twilight. died at his home here Supday after- Mr. J. L. Lancaster, and other ofnoon, Sept. 11, at 2:10 Cclock. Fun- ficials here, that they may become R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Pres- confidence, in their willingness to to his friends and relatives for until this and before another year is usherground for a new station.

#### Celebrates 75th Birthday

and relatives as follows:

Mrs. R. D. Tyler, of Abilene, Mr. and ment. Mrs. Howard Colling, Mrs. Lena Champion, also of Abilene. And Messers Max and Rex Roberts, of Merkel.

Mr. Sid Criswell returned first of ghter, Miss Edna Marie, will attend the week from a trip to Lubbock, ratt, of Linden, Texas. Also a great Simmons University. We regret very where he visited his son, Lee. Mr. much to lose this fine family from Criswell stated that his son would at- last were rich in harmony, appealing make a better resolution than to meet tend Tech College the coming term.

# Plenty of Room to Park Lindburgh Day, Sep. 26 T. J. TOOMBS,

ABILENE, Texas, Sept. 15 .- Plenty of free space will be available for Merkel will soon improve her ap- the parking of all vehicles out at

Space sufficient to park 19,960 McAlister Stevenson, a member of the local Lindbergh committee. This space, the property of the West Texas contemplated, Merkel was one of the Utilities Company, is just across the lowing only a few hours serious illprofitable stations of the system. We highway south of the airport and has ness. been furnished to the committee free and bales of cotton per year with a of charge and Stevenson has had it plotted and marked. A large number noon, in this city, conducted by Elder of attendants will be on duty there Showalter, of Abilene Christian Colduring the morning of September 26, lege, assisted by Rev. Ira L. Parrack Merkel through her chamber of com- the day of Lindy's visit to Abilene, pastor of the First Baptist church of merce, has been doing her best to in- and they will direct the movement of this city with member s of the crease and to vary the products of traffic on the field. A system, wherefarms in her territory and as farm by the work can be carried on quickly and efficiently has been worked out by Mr. Stevenson.

No cars will be allowed on the landing field. All that space will be kept 11th, 1880, and died at his home in Tri-State Fair, stated that they won practically all of our business men clear. Pedestrians will be allowed on Merkel, Sept. the 10th, 1927, aged parts of the field but a large area will 67 years 4 months and 7 days. T. J. be roped off for the landing of the Toombs was a man of outstanding

## Fine Arts Recital

The recital of fine arts given by and Mrs. Ann Wall Brown, on Thurs-The program was appealing and perfected every phase of the Arts. The Finale, a groupe of old melodies, was easily the favorite of the evening. Climaxing an evening of classical achievements, the audience relaxed and heard their old favorites given

appeared to best advantage in her lord he turned away but one of his costumed number, "One Fine Day," tenants. He was constant and loyal from Madam Butterfly-gripping in in his friendships march with us in the improvement its dramatic interpretation, but the Mr. Bell's death came unexpectedly and beautification of our town. Do more lyric numbers, little Grey Blue this county told the writer that T. J. Dove," and "Cunning Little Thing." Toombs was as loyal to his friends as recently he had been in good health. ed in the material will be on the were especially colorful and pleasing any man he had ever known. while the last melody, "Believe Me if He fought his own battles and carvall those Endearing young Charms," ed his own future and went to his was most appealing.

Mr. S. J. Roberts, one of this com- throughout the evening, portraying strongly fortified he was in the afmunity's most excellent and well her characterizations with vivid and fections of those who knew him. known citizens, celebrated his 75th sustained imagination. Her first numbirthday recently at the home of his ber, a story, was very appealing and eleven children: H. H. Toombs, Mrs. daughter, Mrs. B. T. Sublett, having held the audience's interest intact. A Sallie Angus, Mrs. Walter Boden, with him to enjoy the happy birth group of modern poems were select- Mrs. Eron Walton, Mrs. Jewell Conthday dinner event a number of friends ed as a second appearance, showing ren of Almagorda, New Mexico; Mrs. the style of the modern writer, which Nat Anderson, Abilene J. J. Toombs; Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Roberts, Mr. and brought instant response from the W. W. Toombs; Leon Toombs; L. T. Mrs. B. T. Sublett, and children, of audience. In the humorous one act Toombs and Joe Bailey Toombs, all of Coahoma, Texas. All of the children Merkel; Mrs. Mary Harvey, Mr. Rob- play each character was true and dif- whom were present at his funeral. erts' sister, of Fort Worth; Mr. and ferentiated. Miss Tracy's last scene Mrs. R. H. Denton, Abilene, Mr. and was "Home," beautiful in its senti- ATTENTION METHODIST

Mrs. Brown, pianist, was marvel-Morrow, a niece, of Abilene; and Alex ous in her solo interpretations as well as a sympathetic accompanist for Miss Collins. Her first number was thrilling in its gay abandon yet sym- bers are earnestly urged to be in the bolic of perfect technique. Mana Zuc- class Sunday as a complete organizaca's "Valse Brillante," was entirely tion will be perfected and a teacher classical, yet Brilliant and perfect in selected for the coming year. If you tone production. The melodies at the and beautiful.

#### TRENT CHURCH of CHRIST

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Bible Study Sunday at 10 a.m. subject: "God's oFolishness vs Man's of the work for the past year. Wisdom."

Abilene, and we are looking forward gress during the coming year. to the largest and best singing held in Trent in many a day. There will be room for you and you are wel-

her many friends in predicting for her a successful career in this, one of They will make their home Texas' finest schools.

# PIONEER CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

Notwithstanding the fact that his was shocked and grieved when the news spread Sunday morning, Sept. 11 that at a late hour the previous evening Mr. T. J. Toombs, pioneer and one of the city's staunchest citizens, had passed to his reward, fol-

Funeral services were held from the family residence Sunday after-Odd Fellows Lodge in charge at the interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

T. J. Toombs was born in Tennessee May 3, 1860, was married to Henrietta Eulala Moore, November the "Spirit of St. Louis" and its pilot character and ability. Coming from Tennessee in 1882 he settled twelve miles from Dallas at a little towns called Farmers Branch, where he remained until 1888. Believing that the west presented greater opportunities? to a young man, he came to Taylor Misses Christine Collins, Lucy Tracy, County and settled in Mulberry Canyon about eleven miles southwest of day evening, of last week was not Merkel. He traded a team of pories only a splendid success from an ar- and gave eighty dollars to boot for tistic standpoint, but an evening's his first tract of land which started entertainment creditable to teachers him toward the ownership of a large employed by much larger schools, land estate and stamped him as the leading citizen of his community. His influence grew with the years and his neighbors and his tenants turned to him for counsel and advice and implicitly relied on his judgement.

One of his outstanding characteristics was his invariable kindness. He had a horror of gossip and kept silent when he could not speak well of any Miss Collins' lovely soprano voice one. In all of his experience as a land-

One of the prominent lawyers of

grave followed by friends from all Miss Tracy, Reader, and always parts of the country who bore wita favorite, was perfect in poise ness to his worth and attested how

He is survived by his widow and by

# BUSINESS MEN'S CLASS

Every member of the Business Men's class of the Methodist Sunday School and all who should be memhave not been attending, you could not regularly with the class. Join us in surprising the teacher with the largest attendance in the history of the

#### REV. MONTANDON CALLED FOR ANOTHER YEAR

We are informed that the Nazerine Sermon at 11 a.m. by Bro. Carl A. Church of this city has unanimously Collins, subject: "The Book." Com- called to its pastorate Rev. C. C. munion 12 M. Sermon 7:45 p.m., Montandon, who has been in charge

Under his leadership we are inform-At 2:30 p.m. there will be a song ed that the church has made wonderservice in our new tabernacle in the ful progress and growth and that the churchyard. Singers are expected prospects are indeed flattering for from Blair, Cross Roads, Merkel, and even more rapid and extensive pro-

#### MERKEL COUPLE WEDS

On Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock Judge W. W. Wheeler, at his resi-Mrs. R. O. Anderson left Wednes- dence, united in marriage Mr. Cullen day for Fort Worth, where she went Toombs and Miss Clebia McLean in to place her daughter. Miss Flora the presence of a few friends of the Frances, in school at Texas Christian contracting parties. Mr. Toombs is University. Miss Flora Frances is one the son of Mr. H. H. Toombs of this of Merkel's most charming and popu- city, while Miss McLean is the charmlar young ladies, and this paper joins ing daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McLean of the Nubia community, and is very popular in that community.





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#### 0000000000000000000000000000 For Meditation By LEONARD A. BARRETT

#### NOT BREAD ALONE

TOHN RUSKIN, in the fifth volume of his "Modern Painters," in the chapter on Peace, writes: "No amount of pay ever made a good soldier, a good artist or a good workman. Examine your writers and artists; for ten pounds you shall have a 'Paradise Lost,' and for a plate of figs, a Durer drawing. For love of country, or their duty, men will fight steadily; but for massacre and plunder, feebly."

Three motives may control one's actions in life. Pleasure, power and service. "Let us eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die," is the spirit of the first. The testimony of many of those who have made this their life's motive is that there is nothing in it. The peril of the secend motive, self-preservation first, is that it inevitably ends in failure. Success in life cannot be inspired by a motive which subjects higher spiritual ends to material needs. The deepest satisfactions and most enduring successes are realized only as we give

requires possession

Bread acquired for the purpose of "Being merry today for tomorrow we die," is an epicurean philosophy of life, which, it has been demonstrated many times, brings only tragedy and failure. Bread acquired for the mere sake of solitary possession, which is power, also ends in failure. John Holland in his little volume, "Katherina," writes: "Of all dead, dull weights man ever bore, sure none can haunt the soul with discontent like the consciousness of power unused." Service means that we acquire that we may give-succeed that we may help others to succeed-make such an investment of character that the world shall be enriched by the contribution which we shall have made.

(@. 1927, Western Newspaper Union.)

#### Too Bad

Restaurant Owner-Doesn't it seem too bad that this little lamb had to die for us. Customer-Yeah; mighty tough!

HE YOUNG LADY



The young lady across the way says eugenic marriages are undoubtedly the wisest, though some young people get married without a cent and get along

#### Curative Power Long Ascribed to Flowers

The forget-me-not was formerly known as scorpion grass, because the flower buds were thought to resemble the coiled-up serpent, and our forefathers, believing in the doctrine of signatures, supposed this to indicate that they would cure venomous stings. Vying with the forget-me-not in its sentimental associations is the lily of the valley, which also blooms in May, and is indeed sometimes called the May-lily. In the old herbalist's heydey it seems also to have vied with the forget-me-not in curative properties. In the world of legend, however, the forget-me-not seems to have a distinct advantage, for whereas an angel scattered them for us, the lily of the valley sprang from the tears of a mere mortal, Eve, as she left the Garden of Eden .- Chicago Journal.

#### God's Greatest Gift

The Pall-Mall restaurant is a famous establishment in the Hay Market ection of London. All prominent men and women go there at least once, it it be only to inscribe their ames in the "Album of the House." Patti was there once and wrote beneath her name: "A beautiful voice is one of God's highest gifts." Some time after Yvette Gullbert was there, and having read Patti's inscription wrote down: "An ugly, but expressive voice, is also one of God's highest gifts." She thought, no doubt, to have the last word. Chance would have it that Sir Rider Haggard dropped in one day at the Pall-Mall and started leafing the album. He smiled and in turn wrote something beneath his name. This was it. "Silence is God's greatest gift!"-Pierre Van Paassen, in Altanta Constitution.

#### Philosogrin

There is no peace in hymns of hate, nor in the road that isn't straight; there is no joy in lifting fobs nor perpetrating hold up jobs; there is no gain in drilling holes in men and letthing out their souls. The good-forevil stunt is great! Heap burning coals upon the pate of the guy who has done you dirt, and then stand back and watch it hurt! There may be profit in red gold, in robbing men but when you're old, and you've lost even self-respect, you know indeed your life is wrecked, and all the schemes you've put across have brought you nothing else but dross. The good will of your fellow men and love are better than much yen, and peace, when life's noon turns to shade, beats all the kopecks ever made .-Judd Mortimer Lewis in the Houston Post-Dispatch.

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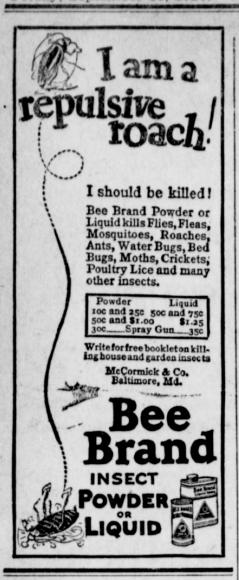
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# How It Started

"CAT O' NINE TAILS"

THE whole idea of corporal punishment is fast going into the discard. Yet we still hear children threatened, on occasions, with the "cat o' nine tails," for centuries the accepted medium of punishment wherever whipping was the order of the day. As late as the first half of the Nineteenth century, we are told, in our own navy, delinquent sailors were lashed to a gun and whipped with the cat o' nine tails. In the parlance of the sea, this form of chastisement was jocularly known as "Marrying the gunner's daughter." It was only in 1850, when congress abolished corporal punishment, that this practice

For the origin of the form of the "cat o' nine tails" itself, we must go back further to the days of the inquisition, that prolific progenitor of methods of torture and abuse. In those days it was the conventional weapon of the jailer and the executioner, its strands numbering nine, because the number nine was credited with having supernatural powers in bringing about confessions and repentence of offenders! (Copyright.)

Did Without Music

The choir at the Swedish mission at

Muskegon, Mich., did not sing during a revival campaign. Because the members were dressed in fashion, with short skirts, rouge and bobbed hair, they were forbidden by the evangelist to take part in his services. Indian-





# Quick Meal Gas Ranges

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#### THE WHY of SUPERSTITIONS By H. IRVING KING

DIVINING BY BOOKS

A RATHER common practice with those who "seek for a sign" is to open the Bible at random and find their answer in the passage upon which their thumb rests as they part the leaves. In pagan times this divination was accomplished by placing the finger at random on a passage of Homer, Virgil or some other great author. Virgil was an especial favorite in this connection and the practice of consulting him continued down to modern times, though the Bible is the book generally used.

During the Middle ages the historic Virgil became so enveloped in a mist of tradition and superstition that he was alluded to by the uneducated as "Virgil the Wizard"; and in the unpopular estimation the chief value of the Aeneid was as an oracle. As late as the time of Charles I the Bible had not entirely supplanted the Aeneid for purposes of divination, as is evidenced by the well-known story of how that monarch learned his fates by the "Sortes Virgilianae," as it was called.

This practice of divination by books is said to have "originated in the respect and veneration of certain books arising from their wisdom and reputation"; and it is easy to comprehend the psychology which induced the people of the Middle ages to consult "Virgil the Wizard" and leads men of a superstitious trend of mind today to turn the Bible into an oracle. But the incipiency of the idea dates back to the first introduction of letters when, to the common mind, there was something supernatural in the power of a few marks made in a certain way to convey from one person to another not merely ideas but whole speeches, word for word; a feeling which is displayed today by remote tribes of savages when they see, for the first time, the use of the printed or written word in communications.

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Court Backs Satan

Protection to Satan is now legally given in Poland. A priest was tried in a Bromberg court for preaching an trreligious sermon, in which he "denied the existence of the devil." He was sent to prison for 80 days. It is believed to be the first occasion for many centuries on which the devil has been recognized by a European law court and protected against scoffers.

Try a Classified adv in the Mail

ELKO GLEE CLUB

The Elko Glee Club, colored entertainers to be in Merkel next Tuesday evening and possibly another date, under the auspices of the High School Library committee. The troupe is widely known and have entertained the best audiences in schools and churches in the biggest cities in the United States. The people of Merkel are fortunate to be able to hear them.

Read what some of the other people have to say about them: "We have been favored with singers and entertainers from different parts of the world, but the Elko Glee Club gave us the best entertainment last Friday evening that we ever heard," signed Ray Nesbit, president Citizens National Bank; President Board of Elders First Presbyterian church, Dallas, Texas.

"I believe they are the greatest company of their age," Wm. Rosebrought, pastor First Baptist church, Bedford, Va.

And a number of other testimonials These people are juveniles and orphans, yet this does not keep them from being real negro entertainers. If you enjoy this kind of entertainment come out and hear them. They will give short programs at the school building at 10:30 Tuesday morning and one on the streets Tuesday afternoon. Hear these and then decide.



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THE MERKEL MAIL Thos. Durham, Editor-Mgr.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES IN ADVANCE

TELEPHONE No. 61

Did you ever see a fellow whose life and keep all you get?" His species is gradually becoming less numerous. and, in the providence of God, may some day become extinct. He is usually a self satisfied wise-acre, who such progress as originates with himself. If he differs from you, the chances are that he hates you. There will be no book written on how to preserve his kind.

The State Highway Commissioners Published on Friday Morning by ing Highway Number one from The Merkel Mail Printing Co. Sweetwater to the Taylor county line, New Testament. and are ready and anxious to let the contract for hard surfacing from the Nolan County line to Mulberry as Taylor and Jones counties \$1.50 soon as sufficient funds are voted to Anywhere else ......\$2.00 take care of the expense. When bonds are voted the contract will be let with out waiting for the bonds to be sold. It would appear to be the Entered at the postoffice at Mer- part of good business sense and wiskel, Texas as second class mail. dom to vote the bonds as speedily as before January the first. The commissioners court and the State Highmotto seemed to be "Get all you can way Commission are working harmoniously together and for what we bemember of the State Highway Com- good number present. Please each womission, Taylor County has the best man remember that on each Tuesday admits, by influence at least, that he opportunity to secure good roads that the women meet. On the first Tuesis the wisest and best man in his it has ever had or will have for many day the women will sew for Buckner community. He is in favor of only years to come. It will only be a few Orphans Home. years until the county will be compelled to raise half of the cost of roads rather than one third as now required.

Try a Classified Ad for Results the year.

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Senior League Program

Subject: Two educated men of the Leader, Anna Lou Russell.

Hymn 178. Prayer. Hymn 225. Talk, Can an educated man be a devout christian? Cora Lee Hulsey. Talk: What are the values of an education, Imogene Hayes.

College life, Mrs. Tom Allday. Business; Benediction.

Talk: Dangers of High School and Every one is invited to attend the possible and have the roads completed | Epworth League at 7 Sunday evening.

#### Baptist Missionary Society

The Baptist Women's Missionary lieve to be for the very best interests Society met in Bible study at the of the county. With Judge Ely as a church on Tuesday, Sept. 13, with a

> C. A. Collins and family left Thursday for a few days visit at Thorp Springs Christian College, where his son Glenn will be placed in school for

#### Mt. Pleasant Items

The farmers of Mount Pleasant are all very busy with their cotton.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Roland is improving nicely after several months of illness.

Mrs. Tom Wood of Hawley visited her son this last week-end, Mr. John Wood.

Mr. F. T. Hogan and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Saturday

Mrs. Wilburn Keesee and little son E. W. of Nugent are with her parents this week, Mr. and Mrs. F. G.

Sedberry. Mrs. C. R. Roland visited Mrs. John

Wood Monday evening. The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Belon Sedberry, is staying this week with

his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Sedberry.

Mrs. Price and family visited near Merkel Sunday. Mr. Foy Hill of Abilene and Mr.

Davis of Wilcox, Arizona, and the Misses Sedberry, Oddie Mae and Lennie Attended a party near Abilene Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wood are announcing the arrival of their little son, Buddie. The mother and baby are

Bro. Parden failed to fill his appointment at the Mount Pleasant Baptist church Sunday.

Had a good Sunday school, every one come to Sunday School at 10:30 and be on time. "Bobbie."

#### Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject, The kind of Union I like. 1. Introduction, by J. R. Lassiter. 2. A union 100 per cent in attendance, by J. E. Lassiter.

3. A union of daily Bible readers, by J. W. Adcock.

4. A union of Reverent members. by Ruth Davis.

5. A union that keeps Good records, by Thelma Matthews.

6. A union that renders good programs, by Gerald Derrick.

7. A union that backs the pastor, by D. O. Huddleston.

8. A union that makes others hapby, by Garnette Robins.

9. An A-1 Union, by Vernon Davis.

Married.

Lloyd Perry and Lela Bush, of the Canyon community, were married on Sunday, September 4, the Rev. R. A. Walker, Presbyterian pastor, performing the ceremony at the Manse.

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# RODDEN STUDIO

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. (Hugh) Mc Ree who have been visiting their children and Mrs. Luella Conway of parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee, have gone to make their home in Lubbock where Mr. McRee will be Mrs. Ida Robbins of the Tourist hotel. Adjunct Professor in Civil Engineering at Texas Technological College.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Judkins and Walnut Springs, Texas, are visiting

Mrs. S. J. Mullins of Sagerton, is visiting her son, H. A. Mullins and Try a Classified Ad in The Mail. family of the Hebron community.

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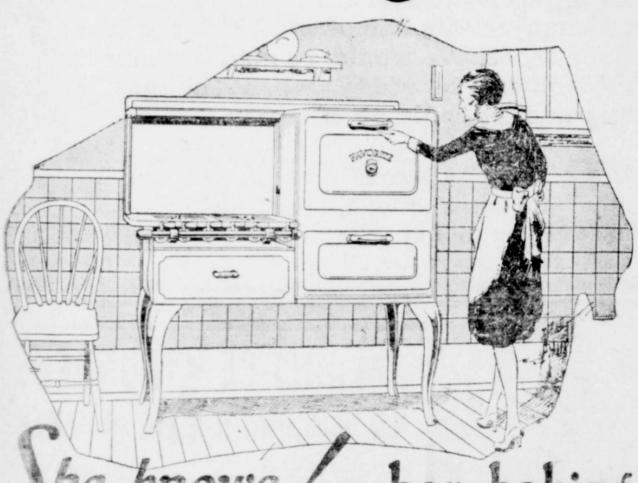
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Mrs. J. B. Bell and children.

Antonio Joint Stock and Land Bank. Saturday, Sept. 10, by Rev. R. A. See him for 6% money.

#### Intermediate League Program

Leader, Ethel Hamilton. Song No. 144. Scripture: Acts 22;

Can an educated man be a devout 1t Christian, Beryl Hunter. Business; Benediction.

Mr. Pat Christmas and Miss Bess V. O. Boney represents the San Jones were united in marriage last tf | Walker, Presbyterian pastor.



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The pastor will speak at both hours 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Morning subject, "The Gospel, what it is and what it does." Evening subject, 'Love's Prodigality."

All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 6:30 with pening exercises all together.

Come and visit in one of the unions Sunday evening.

A cordial invitation is extended to every one to come to any or all these services. Especially do we invite the strangers and new comers to the services, but no matter how long you have lived in Merkel if you have no church home you are urged to come worship with us.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

#### **Presbyterian Church**

Sunday School at 10 a.m. The attendance last Sunday was good How many who were there can get somebody who is not in Sunday School to attend with you next Sunday. W. M. Elliott, Supt.

Preaching at 11 o'clock. Ordination of S. L. Russell and Harry Barnett as deacons at that hour.

C. E. at 7 p.m. Preaching at 8. Glad to have all members of the church present at all the services. Visitors welcome. If you are a stranger at work in town come worship with us.

R. A. Walker, pastor.

#### Methodist Missionary Society

Mrs. McCarter taught a very interesting lesson from the new study book last Monday at the Missionary Society meeting, using the first chapter for a text. The second chapter will be used for a lesson next Monday. The Missionary ladies will have a market Saturday at the Hamilton and Case Grocery. They will have cakes, pies and live chickens for sale.



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By EVELYN GAGE BROWNE

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Who boasts how he'd have done it, And criticizes the way, The Doer of Deeds is working-

Who counts in the world today. It's the man who's in the struggle, Whose face is grimed and worn, Who keeps on fighting bravely,

Though battle-scarred and torn. He may fall-but gets up gamely, And, striving, never heeds, The ones who sneer and slander,

He gives himself, unsparing, And never counts the cost; But knows the joy of fighting, Although his cause is lost.

But dares to do the deeds.

To him belongs the credit, And the victor's laurels, too; For the world today is needing The man who dares to do! (Copyright.)

#### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT By F. A. WALKER

#### THE LOGICAL SEX

A BOUT the oldest tradition in the war world is the one that describes just quit and went home. the "race of men" as the logical sex. The masculine human being is con-

reasoning with himself about them. On the other hand, he is convinced ready to go home. that the female of the species is simply guided by instinct.

This is in spite of the fact that all over the world, from China to Peru. eral proposition and then proceed to Church Cemetery. evade it.

In a word, women and men are "equal." But man's prejudices must not be interfered with. He still reserves to himself the right to protect and regulate the other half of humanity.

Women have the right to vote at elections all over the continent of North America. They may be admitted to the bar and plead before the courts. But the question whether or not they should be allowed to sit on juries is not yet settled in most of the states.

Various reasons are given by those who oppose the change. When it is examined the opposition is found to be based on the theory that the gentle sex must be regu-

lated as it has been in the past.

An interesting example of masculine logic is supplied by the German republic.

In the constitution of that state it is provided explicitly that men and women have the same rights and. apart from fighting, must perform the same duties.

Yet when the proposal to make women eligible for jury duty came up before the federal council in the form of the proposed draft of a law, it was negatived.

The explanation given by Herr Von Preger, the Bavarian representative, ought to be framed and hung up in every woman's club in the world as an example of how not to reason.

"The Bavarian government," he said, "maintains the principal standpoint that women are not suited to judicial office. The admission of women would result in a softening of justice, which is most undesirable just at this time.'

So it all comes to this: Women may elect those who make the laws; they may expound the same laws, but they are not fit to decide simple questions of fact arising in connection with the administration of the

When Mrs. Poyser made the tart generalization that the women were made fools "to match the men" she was really unnecessarily severe on the long suffering sisterhood. (© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

What Does Your Child Want to Know Answered by BARBARA BOURJAILY



WHY DOES A CAT'S FUR STAND UP WHEN SHE IS FRIGHTENED? To make the cat seem larger And scare away its foes,

humps its back and says,

#### ELMORE FUNERAL

Friends and relatives were called upon to pay last respects to James C. Elmore of White Church Community, in Malberry Canyon, on Sept. 2.

Bro. Elmore was born in Hopkins County, Texas, Feb. 5, 1844. He departed this life Sept. 2, 1927. Being eighty-three years, six months and 27 days of age. He is survived by a wife, two daughters, Mrs. E. L. Frazier, of White Church community, Mrs. C. M. Galbreath, of Wichita Falls, and one son, George Elmore, of Wichita Falls.

James Elmore spent his childhood on the farm in Hopkins County. At the age of sixteen he volunteered to don the Gray uniform, shoulder the muskett, and fight for his beloved Southland. The story is best given in his own words, as he told it to the writer just eight days prior to his death.

It was during the first year of the War, I volunteered. I never wanted to be a Conscript, but preacher what I want to tell you now is that we had a Methodist preacher in our company. He hadn't much education but my how he could preach. One day as he stood on an old stump he called for those who would "put on the whole armour of God, and fight in the good fight, for which the reward is a crown of righteousness, that shall be given unto us in that last day, by the Lord, that Righteous Judge, and not unto uso only, but unto all those that love his appearing." Again I

I made a good Soldier for my states; I never retreated and never surrendered. When the war was over

I have fought just as bravely for my Heavenly Captain; never retreatvinced that he solves his problems by ed, and never surrendered, but now life's last battle is fought, and I'm

In just eight days he went to that long home, to rest from all his labors. Funeral services were conducted by when it comes to the question of his pastor, the writer, at White feminism, the men lay down a gen. Church. Interment was in the White

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ter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Scott of Syl- end guest of friends in Abilene. vester, is a patient at the Merkel Sanitarium, having had her toncils removed. She is doing nicely.

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#### CARD OF THANKS

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#### **Methodist Church**

All regular services Sunday at the Methodist Church.

Sunday School at 9:45 with classes and teachers for all. We hope every member of the school may be present, on time, Sunday. We want to bring the average attendance up to a high mark for the year, and in order to do so, it will be necessary to increase the attendance for the next two months.

congregation. We have a program of doing a splendid piece of work.

We hope that all Methodists in Merkel vicinity not members of our school will join and give to the work tha support and cooperation it justly deserves. We invite people without Gas with us. church preference to attend our services Sunday.

Worship at 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m Special music at both services. All Epworth Leagues meet at 7:00 W. R. McCARTER.

#### THURSDAY CLUB

ing hostess on Sept. 8th to the Thurs- ties Company. day Club members, entertaining in her lovely home on Oak street. Cut Try a Classified Ad for Results flowers graced the house in massed profussion, providing a beautiful setting for the tables arranged for 42 games. Many guests made the games progress happily for the Club mempers and at their culmination Mrs. Grimes delighted her guests with a most delicious salad plate. The guest list included Mrs. L. R. Thompson, S. W. Johnson, Len Sublett, Emmet Grimes, Kirby Beckett, H. B. Cookston, Miss Mary Cleo Booth and Club members were Mrs. R. O. Anderson, T. E. Collins, Ross Ferrier, S. D. Gamble, 'Dee Grimes, T. L. Grimes, Charlie Jones, F. C. McFarland, L. B. Scott, John West, Jim West.

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#### TO HOLDERS OF SECOND LIBERTY LOAN 41 PER CENT BONDS

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Second Liberty Loan bonds have been called for payment on November 15th next, and no interest will be paid after that date.

Notice is given of a new offering of United States Trensury notes, in exchange for Second Liberty Loan Converted 4½ per cent bonds. The new notes will be dated September 15, 1927, and will bear interest from that date at the rate of 3½ per cent. The notes will mature in five years but may be called for redemption after three years. ree years.
Interest on Second Liberty Loan Converted in

Interest on Second Liberty Loan Converted 4½ per cent bonds surrendered and accepted in exchange will be paid to November 15, 1927. The price of the new issue of notes, is 100 ½. Holders surrendering Second Liberty Loan Converted 4½ per cent bonds in exchange will receive, at the time of delivery of the new notes, interest on such Second Liberty Loan Converted 4½ per cent bonds from May 15, 1927, to November 15, 1927, less the premium on the new notes issued Holders of Second Liberty Loan Converted 4½ per cent bonds who desire to take advantage of this opportunity to obtain Treasury notes of the new issue, should arrange with their bank for such exchange at the earliest possible date, as this offer will remain open only for a limited period after September 15th.

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A. W. MELLON,

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Arizona, was secured as a location. "The Poor Nut," is the story of a young collegian who suffers from an "inferiority" complex until a sweet girl student snaps him out of it and he becomes the idol of the college. It is characterized by good, clean fun. "The Poor Nut" is slated to be

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njoyed by those present. Mrs. Virgil

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go one by one." "Because they are middle-aged and old is the very reason for their optimism," said another. "They have learned by the time they reach mature years that nothing is so bad as it seems and that this is a pretty good old world after all."-Springfield Union.

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#### STATE FAIR MAY SHOW BRONZE STATUES OF THE PIONEER WOMAN



of Texas, de cendants of pioneer others, may have a s of "The Pio-Woman," the rigantic bronze staue, which is to be pirited oil man, of Ponca City,

Mr. Marland, noting that statutes and memorials had been erected to such pioneer heroes as Sam Houston, Davy Crockett, Dan'l Boone, Kit Carson and others, but that no one had thought of a fitting memorial to the brave women who labored, fought, prayed and conquered at the side of their husbands during the winning of the West, decided to crect such a tribute to the heroic mothers of pioneer

He set aside \$400,000.00 to be used in the erection of a bronze statute, about 60 feat high, to be placed near a national highway running through the plains of the Cherokee Strip, the hast public lands opened to settlement. He commissioned 12 of America's most eminent sculptors to make, each a model of his idea of a statute typifying his conception. These 12 models are now finished and, through the kindness of Mr. Marland, are being shown in several of the large Eastern cities. Those who view them are asked to vote upon which one he or she believes to be the best design.

President Harry Olmsted, of the State Fair of Texas, which opens at Dallas October 8, has requested Mr. Marland to send the statutes to the State Fair, where a million of the descendants of the same type of pioneer mothers may have a chance to see them and vote upon them.

Mr. Marland, who wishes the choice to be a popular rather than a purely artistic one, at once saw the point of Mr. Olmsted's request and promised to try and rearrange the route of the models so that Texas may have them for at least two weeks. It is hoped that definite announcement may be

#### THE FARMER AND HIS WIFE GET THE MOST GOOD OUT OF THE STATE FAIR



the man and woman from the small town are the only persons who really see the State Fair of Texis the rather startling statement made by one of the

official is right. The man or woman from Dallas jumps in his auto and goes out to one of the big football games or to the New York show in the Auditorium. After the game or thinks he has seen the State Fair!

"It is no wonder that some of such people say that they can find little or from the cities and towns surrounding Dallas, comes to the fair to make a

tural building, always finding something new and always learning, learning, learning. They go on to the live stock buildings and they see everything, absorbing valuable knowledge at every stop.

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Be it resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the lodge, a copy be sent to the Merkel Mail for publication, and a copy given to the family of the deceased.

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Dr. George L. Miller, for many years a popular practicing physician of this city, now residing in San Diego California, is here this week looking after his property interest and other business metters.

Mrs. O. R. Rodden and son Robert r., returned this week from a two nonths very pleasant visit with friends and relatives in Detroit, Mich

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