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PRAYER TO THE WIND

The shadow of trees is the toss of the wind's wide garment. The river-foam is the wake of his naked stride. He will pluck the sun from the sky to crumble and shatter. For the magic night to discover and snatch and hide. His hands are strong to shake the seas or the jungle. He leads the wild goose home, stamps aircraft under his feet. He brings the lion to kill, he cheats the bee of honey; He wipes the sour smell of poverty out of the street. O wind, whose lips can whistle the snow from the mountains, Who clashes the leaves like brass when summer is high and bright, Who treads the autumn fires whose voice is the surf of heaven, Will you not save us at last, and lift us above delight? Can you not strike at our shames as you strike death from the forests, Nor fill the spirit of many as you fill his thousand sails? You know with the hands of the blind his cairns and his cities; If your touch avail not to move him, what shall he feel that avails? -Babette Deutsch in April Yale Review. Poverty has compensations. The fewer spare bedrooms, the fewer relatives you can entertain. Still, a law might be constitutional and yet be idiotic.



GRAND OPERA SINGER

Lending an ear to the call of her own, May Peterson, Texas opera singer, and member of the Metropolitan Grand Opera Company, is planning a tour of West Texas cities in the near future. She is here shown as she appeared in Austin at Mrs. Ferguson's inauguration. With her, besides Mrs. Ferguson, are little Richard Nalle, grandson of the Governor, and Wright

A STRANGE CASE

Chicago's latest murder case starts out with a lively determination to solve the mystery of the deaths that have attended possession of the so-called "McClintock millions." If the state manages to convict upon charges made against two prisoners now in jail it will have brought to public attention as strange and baffling crime as ever appeared in American court records. The confession of one of the principals in the case reveals, if his word is to be believed, a killing that was done with persistent cunning and cruelty almost beyond belief. The nation will be glad that this remarkable affair is going to receive judicial scrutiny, as it has already had that of the capable detective force whose intelligence and ability were not outwitted by the equally mysterious Loeb-Leopold case. In the latter case, wealth and its unsettling effect upon juveniles who possessed too great an abundance of it, were the factors that influenced an atrocious murder. In the case now receiving attention avarice joined with wealth were the apparent motives. In the light of these shocking revelations some of the poor boys

of Chicago, who may imagine that life is unkind to them, should look upon these things and be thankful that a fate which denies them the enjoyment of means, indulgence and luxury has the advantage of not menacing their right to life. The hardest lap on the journey to fame is that from Page 7 to Page 1. American reaction to law: Howling about it; accepting it; forgetting it. About all a bookkeeper gets for long and faithful service is bent. Very rich men who prefer shabby clothes always live in some distant town. Life becomes more humane, anyway. Once girls pinched their cheeks to get that glow. Freedom is a state of mind, the reward of reconciling yourself to tyranny.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

J. W. Henley to C. H. Blair, \$499.10 lot 10, Blk. 5, Bradford Add. Sweetwater. G. B. O'Dell to J. H. Moore, \$2,250, W 1-2 Lot 2, Blk. 57, Orig. Sweetwater. W. H. Bray to J. H. Withers, \$250, Lot 5, Blk. 1, Orig. Pyramid. Bolin & Carlisle to C. S. Boyles, \$5,000, Lts. 7, 8, 9, Blk. 11, Original Sweetwater. R. B. Kirk to W. C. Taylor, \$6,400, Sar. 249, Blk. 1-A, H. & T. C. M. H. Stevenson to R. L. Coleman, \$4,000, Lt. 2, Blk. 102, Orig. Sweetwater. City National Bank to T. L. Booth, \$5,750, NW 1-4 Sec. 49, Blk. 5, T&P. John Burton to W. J. Crump, \$3,000 Lts. 9, 10, 11, 12, Blk. 103, Orient Add. Sweetwater. W. H. Stamps to Jeff Still, \$10, Lt. 4, Blk. 81, Orig. Sweetwater. Jeff Still to W. H. Stamps, \$360, Lt. 4, Blk. 81, Orig. Sweetwater. J. W. Millap et al to J. M. Gibson, \$1,200, Lt. 1, Blk. 96, Orig. Sweetwater. Fred W. Turner to I. H. Thannisch, \$100, Lt. 12, Blk. 26, Bradford Add. Sweetwater. G. W. Rathjens to W. H. Bray, \$70 Lt. 5, Blk. 1, Orig. Pyramid. H. D. Humphrey to C. F. Elliott, \$300, Lt. 3, Blk. 4, Whitworth Sweetwater. J. H. Freeze to C. F. Elliott, \$1,000.

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st. Sec. 35, Blk. 22, T&P. V. Skinner to L. C. Harris, \$500, same property as above. J. W. Crouch to O. S. McQuagge, \$500, same property as above. M. H. Hearne to H. D. Hearne, \$500, Blk. 49, Lts. 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, Blk. 29 of Orient; Lts. 7, 8, 9, Blk. 30, Lts. 13 to 24 incl. in Blk. 49; Lts. 19 to 24 incl. Blk. 56, Lts. 7, 8, 9, Blk. 55, Lts. 10, 11, 12, Blk. 121, Lts. 7 to 12 incl. Blk. 64 all of Orient add. Sweetwater.

Mortimer Johnson of Ft. Worth left this morning on a business trip to Post City, after being a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Childress. Mr. Johnson was the husband of Supt. M. B. Johnson's daughter, Ethel, who died last summer. She was reared in Sweetwater.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Cloth that has become mildewed can be restored by putting lemon juice on spots and exposing to strong sunshine.

Baked Omelet 1tbsp. melted butter, 4 tbsp. water, 4 eggs, 1-2 tsp. cornstarch, 4 tbsp. evaporated milk diluted in 4 tbsp. water.

eggs well beaten and flour. Beat well, cover and let rise until light. Oil muffin pans and pour half full with muffin mixture. Let rise for 15 minutes; cook slowly until well risen, then increase heat and cook until a golden brown. Before squeezing the juice out of a lemon, warm it in the oven and you will get much more juice from it.

Cheese and Potato Puff

One cup rice potatoes, 1-2 cup ric-ed cheese. Beat up well one egg, add potatoes and cheese, 1-2 tsp. salt, dash of paprika and slowly all 1-2 cup evaporated milk diluted with 1-2 cup water. Blend all together thoroughly and bake in a slow oven 45 minutes or until puffed up and firm. Test with a knife as for custard.

Potatoes can be baked successfully on top of any stove if covered closely with an iron kettle or cold agate basin. If done on a gas range or a common oil stove it is better to use an asbestos mat to prevent burning. A piece of sheet iron or an old iron spider or frying pan makes a good cover. The potatoes must be turned two or three times to insure even baking.

Muffins 1-2 cup evaporated milk diluted with 1-2 cup water scalded, 1-4 cup sugar, 2 tbsp. lard 1 1-2 tsp. salt, 1-2 yeast cake 1 egg, 4 cups flour.

Adel lard, salt and half of sugar to milk and water; when lukewarm add yeast mixed with remaining sugar.

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crease heat and cook until a golden brown. Before squeezing the juice out of a lemon, warm it in the oven and you will get much more juice from it.

Phone 615-700

REA'S RED BALL BUS LINE

Table with bus schedules for West Bound and East Bound routes. Includes times for Sweetwater, Roscoe, Loraine, Colorado, Westrock, Coahoma, and Big Spring.

Arrival at Sweetwater 2:25 p. m. from the west gives six connections: Abilene, Rotan, San Angelo, Snyder, Lubbock, the Santa Fe southbound and the Orient northbound.

Abilene Stage connects with Northbound Wichita Valley. Rotan Stage connects with eastbound Katy.

TELL 'EM YOU SAW IT IN THE REPORTER

SERV-EL

An Indispensable Household Help

What would you think of a cake of ice that would never melt, vary, or diminish in cooling virtue—that would not impart excess moisture to foods—would never fail to preserve foodstuffs in the refrigerator—and do this without one bit of supervision on your part?

The automatic nature of Serv-el will interest you first. No ice man tramps through the kitchen smearing up your clean floor.

Would it not save a thousand worries—eliminate ice bills—save in food bills and promote the health of the family?

Serv-el manufactures cold, and does it all alone, and unaided. Its operation is automatic. The motor starts or stops with the rise or fall of the temperature inside the refrigerator. It is a quiet and noiseless transition.

Most assuredly it would; and while there is no such miraculous cake of ice as such, an invention does exist which makes this ideal condition of refrigeration possible.

The economical side of Serv-el will interest you next. Ice bills are entirely eliminated. The only expense is the electrical current consumed, which will figure 50 per cent less than present ice bills. To this saving add all the advantages of perfect and cleanly refrigeration, the saving in foods that are perfectly preserved and you will realize the economic value of Serv-el.

This invention is the Serv-el, a reliable automatic electric refrigerating mechanism, which lasts indefinitely; which never melts or diminishes in cooling virtue; which imparts no damaging moisture to foods; and which maintains at all times the most perfect and desirable temperature for the preservation of the contents of the ice box.

Serv-el is easily within the reach of every American home. It is made in two styles—one in which the Serv-el mechanism is built into its own box; the other a machine which can be installed in your present refrigerator.

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RED BALL LINE SCHEDULE

SWEETWATER-LUBBOCK

NORTHBOUND:

Leave Wright Hotel 7:30 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. Leave Snyder 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. Leave Post 10:45 a. m. and 6:45 p. m. Arrive Lubbock 12:00 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.

SOUTHBOUND:

Leave Lubbock 8 a. m. and 3 p. m. Leave Post 9:45 a. m. and 4:45 p. m. Arrive Snyder 12 m. Leave Snyder 1 p. m. and 7 p. m. Arrive Sweetwater 2:30 p. m. and 8:30 p. m.

HEADQUARTERS:

Sweetwater: Motor Inn, Phone 700. Snyder: Manhattan Hotel. Post: Algireta Hotel. Lubbock: Maxwell Hotel.

Stage meets T. & P. No. 5 (westbound) at 5:45 a. m. Sweetwater and leaves for Lubbock 7 a. m., so buy your ticket to Sweetwater and take stage to Lubbock and intermediate points to save time.

3:30 p. m. car to Lubbock makes connection at Sweetwater with Stages from Rotan, Hamlin, Colorado and Abilene.

E. G. ABBOT—phone residence Snyder, 443.

There's Drought In Juarez

EL PASO, March 24.—A brunette athletically formed and Kiwanis-featured young man, who might pass for a Y. M. C. A. director anywhere in the states, sits in the chief immigration inspector's office of the Mexican immigration department across the Rio Grande from El Paso, Texas, in Ciudad Juarez. He serves a little better than any other landscape object on the border just at present to tell the world that the Mexican genius for obtaining subtle and cruel revenge has not weakened since the late lamented, Lansing and Carranza, used to entertain each other with schoolboy correspondence.

His name is Nicolas Perez. He has practically complete say, barring costly intercessions at Mexico City, as to what foreigners may enter Mexico at the Port of Juarez and which foreigners must stay out. Now, of the thousands of foreigners, including chiefly more or less surreptitious citizens of El Paso, who visit Juarez weekly, hardly more than one-half of one per cent finds any other reason for going there than to get a drink. And this Perez is a fundamentalist an uplifter, a prohibitionist and apparently incorruptible.

From this train of facts is proceeding a chapter of horrors for drinkers on the American side of the border, confirmed and occasioned, which is paralleled, if at all, only by the worst excesses of border guarding during the war. This Senor Perez is making it so hard for Americans to get to Juarez that most Americans can't get there at all, and consequently are thrown back entirely upon the resources of the local bootleggers.

As a result, the bootleggers are elated and so is the local ministerial alliance, with whom Senor Perez is all but officially cooperating.

A Subtle Vengeance.

For Senor Perez is proceeding upon the principle that, although it is legal to buy a drink in Mexico, any techni-

cal barrier that he can interpose between a thirst and its gratification is a service to religion, the public welfare and the individual American's soul. And the best of all barriers on an international boundary is the border identification passport.

Here the first principle of revenge enters. Three years ago last winter the diplomatic passport restrictions of visiting back and forth across the Mexican boundary, hangovers from the war and from the Mexican revolutionary period, were lifted with some ceremony and much fervid oratory about "neighborliness". Next day the American immigration authorities began requiring Mexican kitchen help, coming from Juarez to El Paso, to acquire border identification cards of American issue. In time this requirement has been raised to a fine art of red tape and expensiveness, so that in consular visas and head tax it now costs a Mexican citizen who sleeps in Juarez every night \$18 a year for the privilege of earning \$5 a week in an El Paso lower class scullery.

For most of the three years however the Mexican authorities lived up to the nonpassport agreement literally. On a few occasions of severe tension between the two communities identification cards were required of Americans, but seldom for more than two weeks running. Most of the time any American could come to Juarez without more than a casual going-over from the Mexican immigration guard and had at least to insult a policeman or kick over the stand of petty or tamale vender before being deported.

But with the coming of Senor Perez in December all this changed. Border passports were instantly demanded as rigorously as between Jugo-Slavia and Austria, and whole parties of motorists panting for legitimate liquor began to be turned back at the promising end of the international bridge because he baby had no passport. True, a Mexican identification card cost 30

cents instead of \$18, but that is not the important distinction to a gentleman or a lady who wants a drink when he or she wants it. At any rate, El Paso's kitchen help from Mexico were beginning to be avenged.

More Restrictions

Even so, the dawn of the new year saw the screws tightened. From the opening of the bridge on New Year's morning 1924 passports were not good. And when the long lines of the persistent waited their turn outside Senor Perez's door, the hard news was passed back that passports were a whole lot harder to get than any previous kind. More poll tax receipts or mail addressed to one's El Paso residence no longer served as a sufficient recommendation. One must have a letter from one's employer; or from one's bank; or, strange portent in Mexico, from one's pastor.

From the first, the effects were ruinous. Could a youthful school teacher, fond of playing the devilish young thing in her hours of secret relaxation, behind the booth curtains at one of the various sin palaces, approach the superintendent or her principal for a letter making these excursions internationally valid? Could a shop girl approach the floorwalker without having her intentions misunderstood? Could El Paso's up-and-coming young clerks and shoe salesmen, with all their knowledge gained from the success systems of how standing in with the boss advances one in life, suggest to the head of the shop, who like as not was a deacon, that he officially endorse their wish to travel the alcoholic road to hell habitually?

And the end is not yet for Senor Perez grows stronger in well-doing as the year advances. Early in February he launched his edict—and enforced it with an active vice squad—that any Americans caught in the red light district or detected anywhere in the most harmless form of intoxication would lose their passports forthwith. Late in

February he gave Juarez authorities a month to eliminate the red-light precincts and to enforce a very dead Mexican statute requiring saloons to be at least seventy meters apart—a restriction that would ruin the Juarez business district architecturally—with the ultimatum that if it was not done in hat time Americans will be forbidden the city absolutely.

Meanwhile, what of the effect on El Paso? The city has a brand new slogan, dedicated to the usual betterness and bigness—"Where sunshine spends the winter." But not so much else spends the winter there, and the sunshine also most potently stays all summer. In brief, cattle have practically vanished from the desert ranges; copper is slow in coming back and not so effective as it used to be on El Paso business anyway; there have been two bank failures in the last year; evidence is at present in plenty that the town has not yet liquidated its boom of war prosperity, when one hundred thousand troops were stationed hereabouts to prevent Villa and Ludendorff from crossing the Rio Grande on the way to Hollywood. Now sunshine aside, the town's last hope revival as a city of—or at least the neighbor of a "city of splendid vice" has been taken away by a Mexican educated at the expense of El Paso Methodists at Palmore college. And the more this upright city gloats over the situation, the less hope it sees of a real boom.

But this, as has been said, is a chronicle of subtle vengeance. Nor is the tale of Mexico's resentment over passports the half of it. For two and a half years righteous El Paso has petitioned Washington and Mexico City by thousands, praying for restrictions that will keep the international boundary closed as soon as the dark makes it interesting, and closed all the time to anyone who wishes to cross it for any purpose more vicious than to see the old mission church or to oversell a Mexican on American produce.

Now they'll get what they want if Senor Perez can give it to them. But travelers from inner circles in Mexico City say that the Latin-Aztec sense of humor is hugely enjoying itself.

COLLINS NEWS

Special to the Reporter.
Mr. George Alderman and family were among those that visited Lake Trammel Wednesday. They brought back a nice string of fish.

The play Friday night was enjoyed by all. A large crowd attended.

Mrs. J. E. Hipp is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Tubb's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jamerson from Silver are visiting her this week.

Warnack Hipp made a hurried trip to Winters last week.

J. E. Hipp and George Alderman are attending court this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Blair spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Gaston.

Several of the young folks from Maryneal attended Sunday school Sunday.

The little Sunday school that was organized here about two weeks ago is growing fast. There are about sixty enrolled. It is a Union Sunday school. All the neighborhood is invited to help. Singing is held at the school house every Sunday night unless otherwise announced. A large crowd was present Sunday night.

Miss Peal Daniel, Misses Lydia and Francis Blair, Austin Daniel from Antelope, also Jake Glasgow attended the singing.

Miss Artie Parson from Snyder is visiting friends and relatives here.

Mrs. J. K. Stevens visited her sister Mrs. Austin Oden at Maryneal last week. While there they visited Mrs. Lillie Thomas who has a new boy.

A number of the young folks from Hylton visited J. E. Hipp Sunday.

Among them were their son, John, Miss Vivian Armstrong, Miss Jannie Ben Franks, Miss Lottie Blair, Joe Wash, Miss Louise and Miss Luchy.

Mr. Warnick returned with them to attend singing at Valley Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Curry from Shep visited Mrs. Curry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Moore.

Mrs. Vialo Burns from Hylton is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Y. McClendon this week.

The primary room honor roll: Jessie Tubb, Elbert Hunt, John Hunt, Aubrey Musick, Lena Kennedy, Jerry Reed, Jannie Blair.

Mrs. Kirschbaum and little son Robert Nelson of Colorado have returned to their home following a week end visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Berman. She was formerly Miss Ida Berman.

MARY JANE'S MERRY JOURNEYS IN THE ENCHANTED FOREST

The Beautiful Lepidoptera Fascinates Mary Jane



"And Mary Jane turned around and saw the most wonderful and beautiful butterfly."

"Oh, what shall I do this afternoon?" said Mary Jane to herself as she was leaving school. "Come to the Enchanted Forest," said a fairy voice in her ear. So Mary said "Alright," and picked up her little heels and ran toward the Forest. Just as she entered she again heard the fairy voice which said, "I want to introduce you to my friend, Mr. Lepidoptera."

Well, Mary Jane couldn't help laughing. "Oh! what a funny name!" she laughed again. So the fairy voice introduced Mary Jane to Mr. Lepidoptera, who said "I don't blame you for laughing, for I don't like that name either. Please call me *Butterfly*, for that is my real name."

And Mary Jane turned around and saw the most wonderful and beautiful butterfly with gorgeous wings of deep purple, with

golden spots and silver along the edges. His eyes were rich, blue-white diamonds.

"You're so lovely," said Mary Jane, "Oh, how I wish I were a butterfly."

"And I," said the Butterfly, "wish I were a little girl, so then I could eat all the delicious MARY JANE SYRUP spread on bread that I wanted."

"That's true," said Mary Jane, "and when I grow up I'll eat lots of MARY JANE SYRUP on hot pancakes like papa and mama do."

Then she poured out some of her MARY JANE SYRUP and gave it to Mr. Lepidoptera whose eyes just sparkled with happiness over such a wonderful treat.

WATCH FOR the next story about "Mary Jane has an Argument with the Tachypetes."

FREE For all children. The complete set of 20 NEW Mary Jane Fairy Tales, beautifully illustrated, sent free on receipt of one Mary Jane label taken from a can of Mary Jane Syrup. Write the Corn Products Refining Company, Dept. A, Argo, Ill.

Make a Wish

WHEN next you are at the grocer's. Just say Mary Jane Syrup and see how quickly he fills your wish. Mary Jane Syrup is delicious in fudge and taffy, and see how much more corn pone you can eat with Mary Jane Syrup poured over it.

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the **SYRUP** with
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SLAUGHTER
HOUSE
FOR
SWEETWATER

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Prize Ballots To Be Awarded Workers

TO GET IN THE LEAD IN THE DAILY AND WEEKLY Sweetwater Reporter's Big Circulation Drive

In addition to all the other 30 prizes including Chevrolet Sedan and two Chevrolet Touring Cars

EXTRA! - - - Seventy-Five Prize Ballots - - - EXTRA!

TWENTY-FIVE FOR EACH OF THE THREE DISTRICTS

To the 25 Workers who secure the 25 largest amounts in Paid Subscriptions for the next two weeks, prize ballots will be given according to the schedule below. This offer closes Monday, March 30.

THE PRIZE BALLOTS

DISTRICT ONE

The following is the list of prize ballots for District One to be awarded workers who turn the largest amounts in paid in subscriptions up to Monday, March 30. Turn in subscriptions as you get them. Accurate count will be kept.

1st Prize Ballot	2,500,000
2nd Prize Ballot	2,400,000
3rd Prize Ballot	2,300,000
4th Prize Ballot	2,200,000
5th Prize Ballot	2,100,000
6th Prize Ballot	2,000,000
7th Prize Ballot	1,900,000
8th Prize Ballot	1,800,000
9th Prize Ballot	1,700,000
10th Prize Ballot	1,600,000
11th Prize Ballot	1,500,000
12th Prize Ballot	1,400,000
13th Prize Ballot	1,300,000
14th Prize Ballot	1,200,000
15th Prize Ballot	1,100,000
16th Prize Ballot	1,000,000
17th Prize Ballot	900,000
18th Prize Ballot	800,000
19th Prize Ballot	700,000
20th Prize Ballot	600,000
21st Prize Ballot	500,000
22nd Prize Ballot	400,000
23rd Prize Ballot	300,000
24th Prize Ballot	200,000
25th Prize Ballot	100,000

DISTRICT TWO

The following is the list of prize ballots for District Two to be awarded workers who turn the largest amounts in paid in subscriptions up to Monday, March 30. Turn in subscriptions as you get them. Accurate count will be kept.

1st Prize Ballot	2,500,000
2nd Prize Ballot	2,400,000
3rd Prize Ballot	2,300,000
4th Prize Ballot	2,200,000
5th Prize Ballot	2,100,000
6th Prize Ballot	2,000,000
7th Prize Ballot	1,900,000
8th Prize Ballot	1,800,000
9th Prize Ballot	1,700,000
10th Prize Ballot	1,600,000
11th Prize Ballot	1,500,000
12th Prize Ballot	1,400,000
13th Prize Ballot	1,300,000
14th Prize Ballot	1,200,000
15th Prize Ballot	1,100,000
16th Prize Ballot	1,000,000
17th Prize Ballot	900,000
18th Prize Ballot	800,000
19th Prize Ballot	700,000
20th Prize Ballot	600,000
21st Prize Ballot	500,000
22nd Prize Ballot	400,000
23rd Prize Ballot	300,000
24th Prize Ballot	200,000
25th Prize Ballot	100,000

DISTRICT THREE

The following is the list of prize ballots for District Three to be awarded workers who turn the largest amounts in paid in subscriptions up to Monday, March 30. Turn in subscriptions as you get them. Accurate count will be kept.

1st Prize Ballot	2,500,000
2nd Prize Ballot	2,400,000
3rd Prize Ballot	2,300,000
4th Prize Ballot	2,200,000
5th Prize Ballot	2,100,000
6th Prize Ballot	2,000,000
7th Prize Ballot	1,900,000
8th Prize Ballot	1,800,000
9th Prize Ballot	1,700,000
10th Prize Ballot	1,600,000
11th Prize Ballot	1,500,000
12th Prize Ballot	1,400,000
13th Prize Ballot	1,300,000
14th Prize Ballot	1,200,000
15th Prize Ballot	1,100,000
16th Prize Ballot	1,000,000
17th Prize Ballot	900,000
18th Prize Ballot	800,000
19th Prize Ballot	700,000
20th Prize Ballot	600,000
21st Prize Ballot	500,000
22nd Prize Ballot	400,000
23rd Prize Ballot	300,000
24th Prize Ballot	200,000
25th Prize Ballot	100,000

MERKEL NOTES

The banks of Merkel will close at 3 o'clock each afternoon after April 1. Bud Sears and family have returned to their home at Midland, after a pleasant visit with relatives. Rev. Chas. H. Little of Houston, preached at the Grace Presbyterian church here Sunday. There is a probability of Rev. Little being called to the pastorate of this church. Harry Barnett and family have moved back from Lamesa, where he has been holding a position with the Higginbotham-Bartlett Company since last fall and takes his old position as salesman with the West Company in this city. Mrs. P. B. Middleton's condition is unchanged. She has been seriously ill for three weeks and little hope is entertained for her recovery. Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Carson have as their guest a new son who came into their home a few days ago. Mrs. W. P. Browning, a highly esteemed pioneer citizen of Merkel and who has been confined to her room for two weeks is still quite sick. Mrs. R. L. Ferguson and daughter, Flora Frances, are here from Waco visiting in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes. C. A. Higgins, T. D. Compton, L. L. Murray and J. M. Jones are back from Wichita Falls where they had been attending the meeting of the I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge. They report an interesting meeting. Miss Dota Garrott was among those who attended the meeting of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs at Wichita Falls last week. B. F. Cox, an erstwhile citizen of Merkel, but now of Abilene, was here on business this week. Parker Hendrix came in from the plains country and remained over Sunday. Patterson, Baker and Brooks shipped a car of cattle to Fort Worth Friday morning. Archie Rose, a Merkel raised boy, and who has been in the sheet metal and plumbing business in Merkel practically all his life is now opening a shop on Kent Street. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Jones were over from Truby Friday visiting their son, Perry and family, and daughter, Mrs. T. J. Darsey and family. Miss Evarie Clark, who underwent an operation at an Abilene hospital a short time ago, is now at home under the care of home physicians and is doing nicely. Mrs. J. W. Dowdy of Trent, was a guest in the home of her mother, Mrs. Milton Pribble, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Duke of Waco were here the guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Rufus Adcock, Sunday. Elder W. G. Cypert occupied the pulpit at the Church of Christ Sunday morning and evening. Rev. W. P. Sibley of Jester, Oklahoma preached at the Nazarine church Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. He has been represented as a "live wire." Judge N. D. Cobb has announced as a candidate for mayor of the city of Merkel. Mrs. W. H. Warren is here from Greenville. She came in to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. D. C. Hutchinson. James English and family were here the first of the week visiting relatives. Mrs. Walter Cox of Stephenville was a guest in the D. C. Hutcheson home this week. Mrs. John Willingham of Breckenridge, was in the city the first of the week visiting relatives and friends. Rev. Ledger pastor of the Methodist church at Trent, was in the city Monday attending the funeral of Mrs. Hutcheson. Mr. and Mrs. Shirley King are here from Vaughn, N. M. visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Ms. Tom King on Kent street. George Brown was here from Abilene Monday. We are authorized to announce there will be a singing at the Church of Christ in this city Sunday night, some noted singers will be present on this occasion and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend this song service. W. T. Neele and B. C. Beckham were down from Trent Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. D. C. Hutcheson. "Uncle Jimmie" Jones is here on a week's visit from McGregor, in the home of his nephew, Percy Jones. Mrs. J. R. Baze returned Saturday night from a visit with relatives at Fort Worth. Dr. Chas. Williams and better-half were here Sunday from Abilene visiting the former's mother. Mrs. W. B. Alsbrook and sons, Joe and Paul, returned Sunday from Cisco where they had been visiting relatives. Elder W. G. Cypert visited in Trent Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Vantreese visited relatives and friends at Hope Jones county, Sunday. Mr. M. Neese, a former citizen of Merkel, but now of Abilene, was a visitor to Merkel Monday. Work on the W. T. Daniel new brick business house on Front street, is progressing nicely. Mrs. D. A. Myers is enjoying a visit from her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. E. Myers of Ft. Worth.

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DISPLAY NEW HATS

Sweetwater Drygoods Co. Shows Copies of Originals Displayed At New York Fashion Show. Sweetwater Drygoods Co. are displaying copies of the models shown at the Spring and Summer Fashion Show of the Retail Millinery Association of America in their windows. From an inspection of these models it seems that the vogue for trimming has come in stronger than ever, and that the small hat, for Summer wear particularly, is not so favored as in previous years. It is said that the models now being shown created a sensation at the show, and the audience, which was composed of 4000 of the leading milliners of the country, were aroused to tremendous enthusiasm by the styles. More and more is the American style becoming recognized as an authoritative source for authentic fashion, and at the private sale where the originals were purchased, it is said the Fashion Hat Company of New York paid a record price. The lure of eternal spring is in a wild orchid garden hat by Arnold. There is a slight suggestion of the peak in the perfectly formed new crown of hair, the hair being sewed in a most original way to give a soft undulating effect. The brim is made of transparent frize in wild orchid and is held together with bands of ombred ribbon that blends softly into the ensemble. The same effect is carried out into the bow that knots in the front and encircles the crown base. Two different roses, one cerise, the other old rose, are placed on the top brim to complete an original hat that is most attractive. Sunshine days are on the way, breathes a most interesting model by Lucile. This large hat is of black hair, and to soften the sun's rays a gold facing covers the entire brim. Soft black maline covers the top brim and gives the piquant air. Placed with that careful carelessness on the top brim maline is an interesting gold wreath, small leaves of gold, medium sized leaves of gold, large leaves of gold, and the crowning glory is an immense rose of black with gold dust gleaming through. This is truly a wonder hat. Bruck Weiss makes a strong claim to recognition with a transparent hat of purple hair braid. There is a militant line down the crown center that brings strongly to mind a Roman warrior's helmet, but that is the only thing about this model that is masculine, for wonder of wonders, a small part of the right side of the brim is cunningly left open and can you imagine the havoc a beautiful pair of sparkling eyes will cause when they gleam upward unveiled through this most novel effect. The side trim of purple that blends into fuschia is of soft flatter willow ostrich and most interestingly inserted into the softness is a fuschia rose. This hat is millinery. Joseph says milan straw and satin. And how this famous Fifth Avenue creator says it is most stunning. A gold peaked crown of the very finest quality milan, the brim of glistening satin that is soft and can be shaped at the wearer's will. The soft brim is supported by a smaller brim. Gracing the top brim are two gold flowers that are most unusual, the under brim has a flower that will nestle gracefully in the hair, and folds of soft maline fasten to this hat that will make a

charming scarf.

Tappe evidently likes multi-colored feathers and places lots of small ones on a manila garden hat. As a front trim a butterfly made wholly of feathers and striped with gold is perched daintly on the edge of the crown. There is no other way to describe this hat except that it is a remarkably clever idea. Rolle believes Spring-time is wheat-time, but the wheat this creator likes so well and uses in such abundance never grow in the fields because it is of gold and silver. Bluette manila makes a most unusual crown, and the top and bottom facing is wholly covered with silver cloth of such fine texture that the bluette manila, shows through to a pleasing contrast. A woman's hat par excellence. Jay Thorpe is of the satin opinion, and then proves conclusively that a large satin hat can be cummy and effective. A soft brim and crown wholly unrelieved except for the entire side crown being nearly covered with many colored ostrich feathers that blend into each other. This hat says simplicity can be smart.

spring weather.

Powell Thadate from near Midland is a visitor here. HOUSEHOLD HINTS Before washing cotton stockings put a handful of common salt in the washing water. This will set the dye. Candles will burn better and more slowly if they are stored in a dry place before they are to be used. To remove axle grease apply lard to spot, and wash in warm, soapy water. If in silk, place a pad underneath spot and sponge with chloroform until soil is removed. To improve the flavor of currants and raisins in puddings and cakes, place them in a bowl, pouring boiling water over them and leave to soak over night. Drain and dry in over before adding to other ingredients.

near. Bro. Tooley reports an excellent service at both places.

Mrs. Aleene Terry, who is attending the Sylvester High School, spent the week end with her parents at Longworth. Miss Vernon B. Coleman entertained a few friends at her home Friday night with a farewell party in honor of Miss Faye Williams. Those who enjoyed the entertainment were: Faye Williams, Lucille Barnes, Aleene Terry, Maude Sexton, Ina Brown, Ina Brown, Mabel Hill, Floyd Jones, Hugh Wood, Fia's Sexton, Raymond Young, Ernest Smith, Clarence Parsons, Harold Williams, Joe Myers and Turner May. The time was spent in miscellaneous games after which Mrs. H. C. Cabaness and Miss Jessie Carothers served marshmallow cake and punch to the guests. Every one is reported as having had an excellent time. Chapel exercises of the High School and the grammar school were held in the auditorium of the high school. A short program was given by the students of the grammar school. The following Sylvester young people attended the candy breaking at the home of Mrs. Roland in the Pledger community Saturday night: Lucille Barnes, Vernon B. Cabaness, Faye Williams, Floyd Jones, Milo Grey, Morris McCarty, Virgil Reed, Leo Creggins, Gus Kiser, Cecil Williams, and Blanche Johnson. POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS The following announce their candidacy for election to the various city offices for the ensuing two year terms, subject to the action of voters at the city election to be held April 7, 1925: For Mayor: James Henry Beall, Jr. John J. Ford For Street Commissioner: M. C. Manroe Walter Trammell (re-election) For Water Commissioner: L. E. Musgrove (re-election) Horace Wade Roy Bardwell For City Secretary: W. H. Bartlett (re-election) S. H. Shook Mrs. Jim Trammell For Chief of Police: W. R. (Buck) Johnson (re-election) L. G. (Gordon) Headrick School Trustee: (Election April 4) B. C. McCall A. S. Kendrick S. I. Edwards E. E. Roy W. S. Chennault

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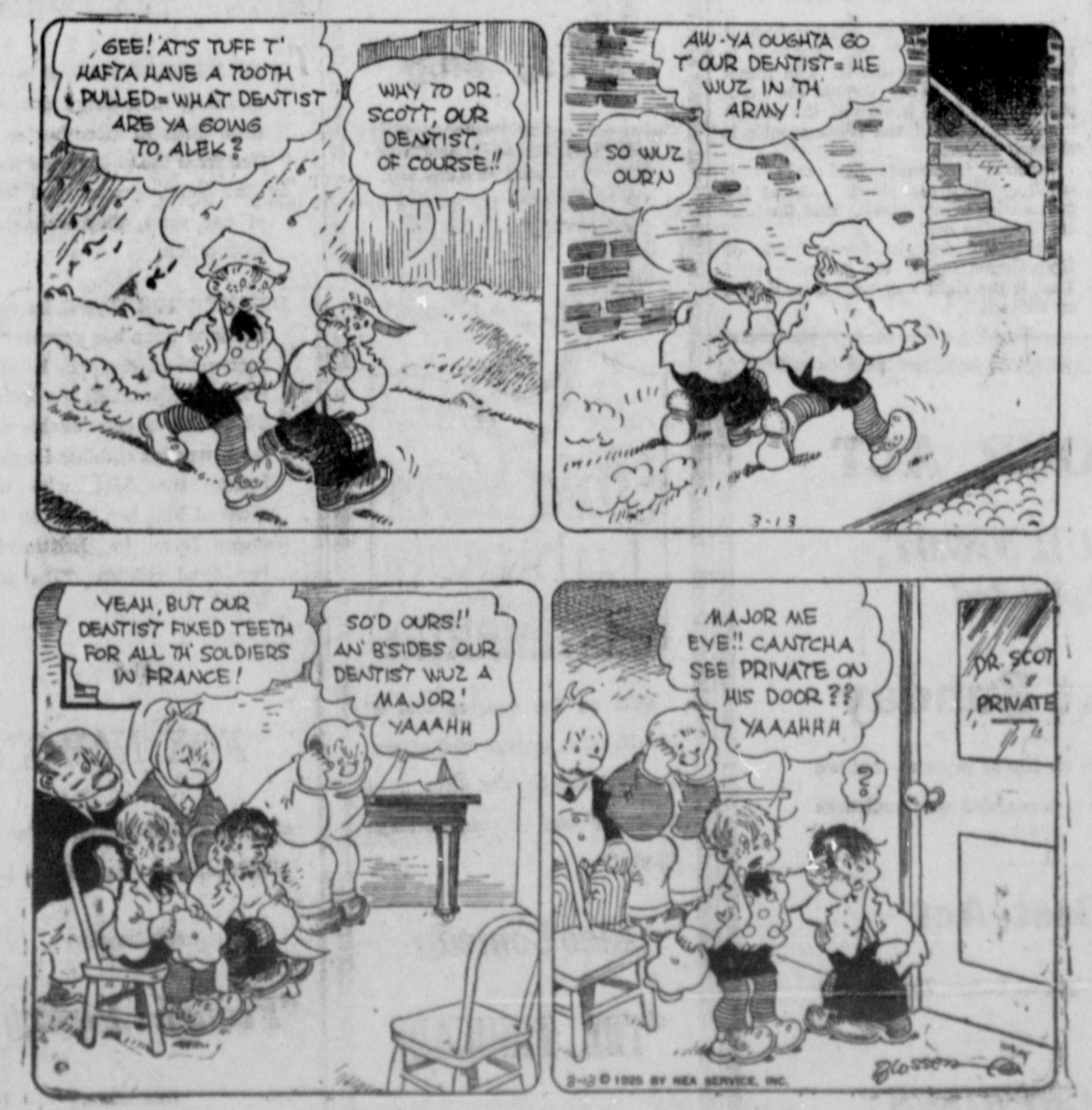
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