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BIG CROWD HEARS MORRIS SHEPPARD

Hon. Morris Sheppard delivered a lecture to the Merkel people last Saturday night that is unsurpassed in eloquence and forcefulness of talks made to our people during the present campaign.

Thos. A. Johnson introduced the candidate in a well drawn-out speech at the end of which applause greeted the retiring speaker and the candidate for United States senator.

Jake Wolters the Houston candidate came in for his dues as the heaviest contender against Sheppard. Mr. Sheppard severely arraigned Wolters for his actions during the past few years on the grounds of Wolters taking so strong a hand in the monopolistic interests of the Pullman Sleeping Car Co., and the liquor interests of the country for which he played the figure head during the recent campaign against the liquor traffic in this state. One of the most pointed criticisms was brought out in Sheppard's criticism of Wolters action in refusing to answer to the interrogatories propounded him in the recent investigation as to the source of the "slush" fund that helped the anti's win in the state fight against them. Mr. Sheppard stated that his reason for taking such a stand was from the fact that the individual was compelled by the law to give the exact amount of his expenditure in making a campaign and the source of said funds and that the same rule ought to apply to any organization that was making a fight for its interests and having its fight centered in one man.

Hon. Choice B. Randell did not come in for so much of the centure but his position was credited with being practically the same as Mr. Wolters and that in case Wolters should drop out of the fight for any reason that Randell would be ready to take up the fight where Wolters left off.

Before closing Mr. Sheppard took a few minutes in explaining his position on the tariff question which is no doubt a correct position but as Mr. Sheppard said there are so many different ways of looking at the tariff question it is hard to explain. He stated that he was in favor of the election of United States Senators by a direct vote and explained how he stood in regard to the Initiative and Referendum, all of which he favored.

Mr. Sheppard's speech throughout was marked with witty criticisms that brought laughter and applause from everyone. He also at times changed his style of speaking and would hold the crowd in rapture by his tributes to women, home and things of material interest to the American home. His address without a doubt was the most glowing one of the present year. He spoke for an hour and forty-five minutes

Wesley Edwards returned from Mineral Wells Friday afternoon where he has been visiting his mother. Mr. Edwards was called there to see his mother by a message stating that she was very sick.

MERKEL COUNTRY GETS SOAKING

The Merkel country is without a doubt in the midst of a banner year and the rains that started early Monday morning practically insure the Merkel country as well as all of west Texas of a good crop year. To start with the seasons were ideal for a small grain crop but this was cut just a little short owing to the fact that the rain did not fall at just the time to make that crop what it first promised to be, while on the Divide country the small grain conditions were not damaged to any marked extent and the immediate Merkel country was not dependent on such a crop and it is in this district that the small grain is the shortest. Other feed crops are in condition to place Merkel on the shipping list and the cotton conditions are now unexcelled in this section of the state. The rain that averaged from one and one-half inches to above two inches is commonly declared to have fallen at the best time possible in order to insure the feed and cotton crop of our country.

The present condition of this country after going through some very hard years is so far ahead of the average dry sections and our now bright prospects makes every Merkel country citizen feel that he is placing his lot in a country that will stand the dry times so well and will so far surpass much of Texas in times that favor the farmer at all.

The Nubia country as a whole is well watered with this week's rains and one of the farmers of that community stated that it was his belief that the rain was even better there than here while north toward the Noodle country the second days rain made up for what was not done on Monday and telephone messages from the river state that the conditions there are perfect.

To start with every farmer of the Merkel territory had his land in shape for the rain for over a week. The harvest of the small grain crop was well under way and at many places the work was completed. It will, of course, be of delay to the people in getting their wheat and oats looked after but it is not thought that the rain was heavy enough to beat down or destroy the standing grain. The fact is that Merkel is in the face of one of the best years that ever visited it and unless an awful calamity strikes us the Merkel country will be a blue ribbon winner of statewide reputation and it takes something more than an ordinary calamity to down the Merkel people now.

We are indeed thankful for the rain and if the west Texas rainmakers in any way were instrumental in causing it we are just as thankful to them, at least we will give some one credit with doing a good job of rain-making.



REV. C. A. WESTERBROOK
Rev. Westerbrook will lead the song service during the Baptist meeting.

Ladies of The White House.

The Ladies of the White House will entertain on the porch and lawn at Dr. McMaster's Tuesday night, June 25, for benefit of the parsonage. Splendid programme of about 30 people. Excellent music by orchestra. Hear Master George Leeman of Oklahoma, 5 years old, the wonderful musical prodigy. He is a master pianist. See the nigger minstrel and hear the pretty girls sing. Many other interesting features. Everybody invited. Admission children 15c. adults 25c. Cake and ice cream free. Moonlight night. Don't miss the fun.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell are the proud parents of a fine boy born last Saturday and the stork not satisfied with his work of one day in the Merkel country presented Mr. and Mrs. W. Patterson with a fine boy on the following day. Each of the newcomers are reported to be doing fine.

BAPTIST MEETING TO BEGIN SUNDAY

The annual protracted services of the Baptist church will be conducted at the tabernacle in Merkel beginning with the first service Sunday 11 a.m. June 23 and continuing two weeks. Services during the week will be from 10 to 11 a.m. and at 8:30 p.m.

During the meeting our Sunday school will be conducted each Sunday morning at the tabernacle beginning at 9:30.

Rev. D. B. Clapp, pastor at Vernon, has been engaged to do the preaching. Rev. C. A. Westerbrook from Minden, La., is to lead the singing.

We cordially invite all citizens of our town and community, whether of our faith, or of other faiths, or of no faith, to attend our services. Let all christian people of whatever name be constant in praying for a great revival of God's people and for the salvation of many of the unsaved this summer in our town.
Pastor Joseph Jacob.

Mrs. A. G. Crouch of Oklaeoma City came in Sunday afternoon in answer to a telegram telling her of the serious condition of her baby sister. At the time the telegram was sent to Mrs. Crouch one was sent to Mr. Coggin in Mexico telling him that his child was not expected to live but he was so far away from the railroad that he could not leave there until Monday morning. Later the child was thought to be some better and is perhaps out of danger now.



REV. D. B. CLAPP
Rev. Clapp will conduct a Baptist meeting at the tabernacle starting June 23.

Picnic Postponed.

The date of the picnic at Bland's tank has been changed as Mr. Roscoe Bland's condition will not permit his looking after the matters that will interest him but he hopes to be fully recovered from the fever in time to allow the picnic to take place on July 19 and 20. All persons will please take notice of the change and see Robert Kelly for any matter pertaining to the grounds.

Woodmen Day July 4.

The Merkel W. O. W. Lodge has decided to make July 4 their day of general meeting and have invited all the surrounding lodges to take a part in the program to be delivered at Cozarts Tank during the picnic there July 2, 3 and 4. The members of the local lodge are contemplating making the day one of the best they ever had.

Dr. J. A. Adkisson was an attendant at the District Medical institution Tuesday.

TWO ABILENE GIRLS BURNED TO DEATH

Both of the little girls of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Miller which were horribly burned Friday afternoon just as this paper went to press died during the day. The five year old one dying at 4 o'clock and the eleven year old one at 8 o'clock in the afternoon.

The remains were forwarded on the 3:50 T. & P. trains to Colorado City for burial by the Laughter Undertaking Co., of this city.

The father, Newton Smith, was working on the Hamby road as engineer and in an afternoon nap dreamed that the two little girls lost their lives just in this way and talked to the men on the works about it when he awoke, and felt greatly depressed in spirit over it.

Mrs. Smith says she was in the yard when the explosion occurred and ran quickly to the frightened children and extinguished the flames and also arrested the fire in the house which was fast spreading, but in doing so she was considerably burned herself as she discovered after it was all over. The children were pouring oil in a stove which exploded and the flames enveloped them in an instant.

One of the physicians in a conversation with the reporter said he had never seen such a frightful sight in his life as when they reached the place.

All the clothes were burned from the little bodies of the victims and one of them was sitting on the side of the bed, her body so charred that a place could not be found in which to inject the hypodermic needle other than a blistered and burned spot.

This was the case with both of them and they were suffering a dozen deaths no doubt.

The deadly flames had done the awful work, however, and nothing except to alleviate the pains could be done and with tears in their eyes the three physicians returned to the city.—Abilene Reporter.

B. O. O. M. Meeting.

Friday night the B. O. O. M. will meet in its regular semi-monthly session. The boys of the B. O. O. M. are planning some great things for the future. Among the things that they have planned is the debate that will be held at the tabernacle August 17. The question to be debated is: Resolved, that Texas should adopt the system of legislation, known as the initiative, referendum and recall. The B. O. O. M. will be represented by Simpson Christopher and John Moore who will have the negative side of the question while the affirmative side will be taken by representatives of Stamford college, Frank E. Smith and Percy L. Mitchell. There is a large crowd expected to be present on this occasion as the boys are preparing diligently to make it a success.

Miss Ova Teaff returned from Sweetwater last Friday where she has been visiting Miss Aline Geldert.

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RESOURCES

Loans	\$ 98,269.04
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	7,450.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,800.00
Real Estate	6,437.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Cash and Sight Exchange	51,450.10
Total	\$166,718.89

LIABILITIES

Capital paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	29,998.67
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	105,470.22
Total	\$166,718.89

The above statement is correct.
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LABORATORY FOR THE CITY SCHOOLS

The dinners given the last two Saturdays have netted the workers what they started to get and \$11.10 besides which will pay the freight on the laboratory equipment to Merkel and then have enough left over to buy some tables for the equipment. The amount wanted and secured for the work was \$100.00 which will place the Merkel schools on an equal footing with the better high schools of this country. It will make the experiment work more perfect and will be of untold benefit to the ones who will in later years become students of the high school.

The cost of giving the dinners was comparatively small for most every person in town gave something to the ladies and Mr. Gaither was very liberal with his building, having in mind so good a purpose that he was in position to show the ladies who gave their time for the success of the undertaking. Mrs. J. T. Dennis can be thanked by the school board for being instrumental in getting them \$111.10.

Auto for Sale or Trade.

My high wheel auto, good running shape, will sell cheap for cash, or trade for horse and pay difference if any. Going to get a new machine. First reasonable offer will be accepted as I wish to dispose of it before going north. Dr. Geo. L. Miller.

Merkel Mail \$1.00 per year.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. C. Hamner of Trent was in town Monday.

Geo. Moore reports the rain at his place some heavier than here though we had a good one.

G. M. Sharp is making his home more comfortable with new improvements in general.

J. P. Sharp is having good success with his sale and asks that you come and examine the remarkable low prices.

Mrs. John G. Jackson is in Galveston for a few days. Her cousin Mrs. M. B. Hanks of Abilene accompanied her.

A sprained ankle may as a rule be cured in from three to four days by applying Chamberlain's Liniment and observing the directions with each bottle. For sale by all dealers.

Mr. Childers who lives out east of town has a bunch of hound dogs that are dealing the coyotemistry and the report comes in that he has been successful in ridding his part of the country with about twenty of them this year.

Candidate day July 2, Cozart's tank. 26 of the 29 candidates in Taylor county say they will be there. W. J. Cunningham and J. M. Wagstaff, candidates for Representative will speak, also other prominent speakers.

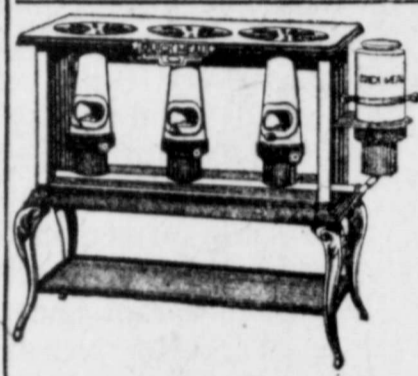
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Mrs. Minnie Bowles, Miss Ada Vantrees, and Miss Manthy West left Thursday morning for Limestone county where they will visit. They will then go to Mart and on to Waxahache to conclude their visits before returning home.

When your child has whooping cough be careful to keep the cough loose and expectoration easy by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as may be required. This remedy will also liquify the tough mucus and make it easier to expectorate. It has been used successfully in many epidemics and is safe and is safe and sure. For sale by all dealers.

The Nubia country was well represented in Abilene Monday at the opening of county court and at the school meetings that were held there Monday. Those going were J. S. Blair, A. H. Barnes, Jno. Davenport, G. W. Cox, J. W. Mayfield, J. L. Tucker, Geo. Moore, J. B. Lilly, G. P. Bradley and J. T. Toombs. Those going from here were B. C. Gaither, W. T. Potter, C. D. Mims, H. C. Williams, N. D. Cobb, R. D. Allen, G. B. Tittle.

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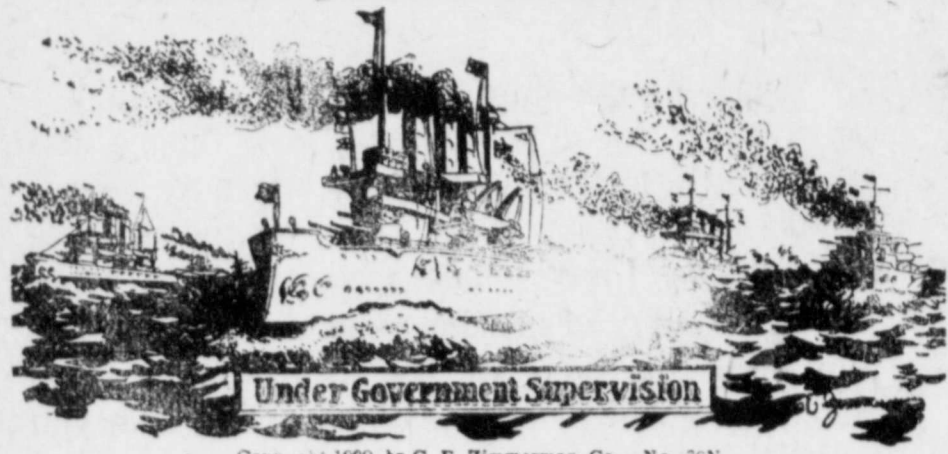
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Mrs. Bertha Smith of Fort Worth stopped off here this week enroute home from San Angelo to visit her friend Mrs. John D. Gaither. Mrs. Smith will spend a day or two here before returning to her home. Master Alton Johnson left Sunday for El Paso to spend his vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson. He will return to Merkel in September to enter school for the next term.

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A. B. Rains and sister Miss Pearl paid the Mail office a pleasant call Wednesday afternoon. They report the rain in the Comper community as the best that ever visited the country at this time of the year.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Jim Guitar was in Abilene on business Monday.

July 3 at Cozart, a tank the Old Soldiers will meet and talk over old times.

The B. Y. P. U. will serve dinner at the Gaither building Sat. June 22.

Miss Bess Hall of Sweetwater was the guest of Miss France Burroughs the first of the week.

Miss Jessie Sutphen who is spending the summer in Abilene spent Sunday here visiting friends

Remember we buy everything you have to sell--in return buy from us. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Mrs. R. A. Rollins returned Saturday morning from Trent where she has been visiting relatives the past week.

Baby Show. A fine bracelet or necklace or ring will be given to the finest baby boy or girl under one year at 4 p. m. July 4

Master Reese Thomas Harris and sister Jestine are the guests of their cousin Miss Duncan Browning this week.

We want to buy your wheat and oats. Will pay the highest market price. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

J. A. Hamner came in Monday from New Caney where he has been spending the winter with his daughter Mrs. E. A. Oualline.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott left for Sweetwater Thursday to visit friends. They will then go to Hamlin on a visit to the former's parents.

It is now well known that not more than one case of rheumatism in ten requires an internal treatment whatever. All that is needed is a free application of Chamberlain's Liniment and massaging the parts at each application. Try it and see how quickly it will relieve the pain and soreness. Sold by all dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. Britain left for Snyder last Friday where they will make their home. Mr. Britain has accepted a position with the Light & Power Company of that place.

July 4 Woodmen Day, Cozart's tank. Nine W. O. W. Camps will take part in making this a big day. Rev. W. M. Green and Judge H. Rob Keeble will deliver addresses to Woodmen.

If you have the itch, don't scratch. It does not cure the trouble and makes the skin bleed. Apply Ballard's Snow Liniment. Rub it in gently on the affected parts. It relieves itching instantly and a few applications removes the cause thus performing a permanent cure. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.



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No. 1. 640 acres 8 miles of Big Springs, all level and red sandy loam; 80 acres in cultivation and 4-room house. Owned by bank and offered for only \$15 per acre.

No. 2. Ten section ideal ranch (one-fourth tillable) all good grass, everlasting water; improved for farming and ranching. Price \$8.00 per acre. \$15,000 cash and terms.

No. 3. 400 acres 10 miles southeast of Merkel; 225 in cultivation and every foot first-class and level. Price, \$30 per acre; \$5,000 cash and terms.

No. 4. An ideal country home, within 3 miles of Merkel, 320 acres known as best farm in our country (never made a crop failure) 225 in cultivation; big fine house. Owner wants a ranch and offers at best investment in country. Price, \$12,800; one-half cash and balance 1 to 10 years.

No. 5. 160 acres of good land, 3 miles of Merkel; 80 in cultivation and average improvements. Bargain at \$25.00 per acre. 1/2 cash and terms.

No. 6. 160 acres, 3 miles of Merkel; 100 in cultivation, balance good grass; pretty good improvements and good home. Price, \$25.00 per acre; \$1,500 cash and terms.

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Hayne Hughes left Wednesday for Blend Springs, Tuscaloosa and Birmingham, Ala., where he will look after business and visit relatives. This is the first time Mr. Hughes has been to his home state in the last 16 years and he intends to see all the country and old stamping grounds where he grew up as a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Roberts and daughter Mrs. Tiry Sublett went to Tye Tuesday morning to attend the funeral of Mrs. S. J. Towensen Mr. Roberts received the message of Mrs. Towensen's death Tuesday morning. Her home was at Tye but burial was given the body at Caps.

Would like to trade a good solid old work pony for young horse, four to seven years old, eight hundred to a thousand pounds. Will pay whatever difference there might be in value. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Miss Annie Fulton of Bells is here this week visiting Mrs. Templeton. Miss Fulton formerly made Merkel her home while in the millinery business with the Star Store. For the past year she has been making her home at Knox City.

Next Tuesday night at 9 o'clock the big entertainment begins at Dr. McMaster's for the benefit of parsonage. Admission, children 15c, adults 25c. Cake and ice cream free.

Miss Bettie Baird returned to her home at Winters Wednesday after spending a few days with her sister Mrs. Ely Case.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

C. L. Barker was in Abilene Wednesday on business.

J. W. Powell made a business trip to Sweetwater Wednesday.

Don't forget to eat dinner with the B. Y. P. U. Sat. June 22. They will appreciate it.

W. L. Woodroof and Willie Trabue left Tuesday for points west to look after business.

Go to the City Barber Shop for first-class work. West & Evans, Proprietors.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dickson are at home from a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Henry Sayles.

See the moving picture show at the opera house on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Dr. M. Armstrong attended the District Medical Association in Abilene Tuesday.

Trade with those who buy what you have to sell. We do that. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

E. D. Martin went to Putnam Wednesday to look after business matters.

Eat dinner with the B. Y. P. U. Saturday, June 22, and help them for a good cause.

Miss Maurine Cobb left last Thursday for Hearne to spend the summer with her grandmother.

We want to buy your wheat and oats. Will pay the highest market price. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

James West came in last week from College Station where he has been a student in the A. & M. college the past year.

Get your money's worth at the entertainment, given by Ladies of the White House next Tuesday night, June 25, at Dr. McMaster's.

F. A. Sanders and Gene Nix spent Sunday in Putnam. They made the trip on motorcycles and returned the same evening.

T. J. Coggin came in from Mexico Tuesday to find his child very little better than reported to him by telegraph last Saturday

All persons wanting rights, concessions or stands for the picnic July 2, 3 and 4 may see R. A. McClain and secure same not later than June 15.

Teething babies always have a hard time of it when this process occurs in hot weather. They not only have to contend with painful gums but the stomach is disordered, bowels loose and the body uncomfortable. The best help you can give the little sufferer is McGee's Baby Elixir. It corrects sour stomach, cools and quiet the bowels and helps digestion. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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TALKING ABOUT TEXAS.

The Detroit Times is one of the great newspapers of the country and James Schermerhorn, its editor, is one of the great editors of the country. Besides this, James Schermerhorn is a writer of literature with the flavor of pleasing imagery and clever metaphor. And even this does not complete the list of his accomplishments, for he is an after-dinner speaker of rare quality. All who attended the Coliseum banquet in honor of the visiting Ad Men's Association, on the occasion of that association's recent capture of Fort Worth, will bear cheerful witness to the truth of the statement that Schermerhorn is one of the best after-dinner speakers of the times. But it is not that which we come to talk about.

Mr. Schermerhorn is writing some short chapters on what he saw in Texas and of his impressions on what he saw, in the Detroit Times. The articles, says the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, are good, thoughtful and sensibly complimentary, as becomes a practical observer who does not slop over in his work. Here is the first of these articles on Texas and Texas cities:

The seeing-Texas itinerary of the four special Pullman trains that carried the Associated Advertising Clubs of America took the form of a huge scythe, with Dallas and Fort Worth perched proudly upon the tip of the blade and San Antonio marking the point of junction of snath and tang. (You just cannot help using agricultural figures and terms if you tarry long in a state that snatches \$625,000,000 every year from the soil.)

They were heaping high the golden grain—oat and wheat crop No. 1, series of 1912—as the specials swept down the graceful curve of the scythe handle, looking out upon gently undulating fields that seemed to sweep away to where the sun goes down, and the "sunburned sicklemon" of the advertising harvest cut a glorious swath of Texan hospitality and inspiration as they swung from city to city.

We will use here the labor-saving device of the school girl who for a writing exercise turned in "The Old Oaken Bucket" decorated at intervals with inky dots, and explained to the puzzled preceptress that they represented every fond spot which her infancy knew.

We interpolate therefore all the admiration every pilgrim must feel for the amazing modernity of the six cities of Texas—Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco, San Antonio, Houston and Galveston—and we want to be understood as compressing into this paragraph the fervent acknowledgments of a northerner for the delightful quality of the southern's greeting and good fellowship. In being good and looking good to their guests these cities of the scythe are unsurpassable. All the social and cultural graces are there, and all the showy aspects of material progress—skyscraping office buildings, luxurious hotels, palatial homes set in parklike grounds, country clubs, great stores and bustling shopping districts and boulevards glis-

tening with motor cars made in Detroit.

All these familiar features of American communities being common to Texas, let us take up a few things peculiar to Texas and to the great conclave of publicity men who were overwhelmed with Texan heartiness and fellowship.

Beginning at the top of the scythe: Dallas turned all of its pulpits over to the advertising men on Sunday morning, and on Wednesday evening Dallas society greeted its 2,500 guests in a great coliseum at the state fair grounds, transformed through a most pretentious decorative scheme into a magnificent ballroom, with an electric fountain in the center and immense paintings on either side telling the story of "yesterday" and "today" in Dallas. The beauty and brilliancy of the scene would have befitted a royal court.

HOW TO PREVENT TYPHOID FEVER.

When one is compelled to live in a house or in a neighborhood where typhoid fever prevails he should make it his infallible rule to eat and drink only such foods as have been recently heated to above the scalding temperature. Salads should be avoided, and water and milk should always be scalded before use. Fruits should be pared. The typhoid fever organism is very susceptible to heat and slight boiling or even a good strong scalding is sufficient to destroy it. So far as possible the house fly should be screened out of the house, while any that gain access should be diligently pursued and destroyed. A bit of wire netting attached to a wooden handle is a convenient weapon. If these measures were consistently practiced a large part of the now generally prevalent typhoid fever could be prevented, especially if in conjunction with these measures the discharges of the sick were consistently and thoroughly disinfected before being thrown out.—Ex.

The cotton farmer had a hard year in 1911 according to reports recently issued by Uncle Sam. The boll weevil levied a toll equivalent to seven cents on the dollar. Jupiter Pluvius, by bad behavior deducted seventeen cents more, and according to market reports the bears romped all over the cotton fields during the entire year. Yet King Cotton still reigns supreme, moving a half billion dollars of gold from the European vaults to America and routing its strongest competitors in value of staple products per acre by \$11.60. Cotton produced a farm value of \$24.97 per acre and corn, its nearest rival, \$13.37.

The prospects for a bumper cotton crop should not cause the Texas farmers to despair, for the users of cotton are increasing far more rapidly than production. Press reports from Manila announce that Uncle Sam is putting trousers on the Filipinos and when our fellow citizens on the islands take a full dress it will open up a new market for cotton goods. Likewise the awakening in China will call for more clothing. The stars and stripes and christianity are the two best friends of the cotton farmer and while the bulls and bears are tearing at the fleecy staple, the flag and the cross light the way to prosperity.

Reports from pecan growers state that this season's crop will far exceed any previous yield. Already the young nuts are so numerous as to cause the trees to bend under the burden of their weight.

The "back to the farm movement" will receive a great impetus if you improve the public highway.

The good road is always the "easiest way" going and coming.

1912 - \$250,000 - 1912

At the beginning of the year, you know I set my peg for a \$250,000 business during the year of 1912 and the first half, which of course is not the best part of the year for the real estate business I have made good.

On the day of my departure on an excursion tour of other parts of the state I closed two deals aggregating close to \$15,000. Of course you know that they were bargains for that is what the man with the money is looking for these days, here as well as elsewhere. I have bargains for buyers and buyers for bargains and if you have a bargain or want one I am your huckleberry. I am going to tell of the opportunities in the Merkel country on my trip and am going to have some buyers and want a few more real genuine bargains. Get right on your end of the line and list your land with me and I will get busy. The people are mighty good to me and I am going to try to do some good for them and our country. I do not keep any of the money I make but spend it advertising our town and country—just to get some more to spend. It pays to advertise.

In my absence my little business will be in the hand of Mr. T. E. Collins who is acquainted with my list and special propositions and if you have land to sell he will list it for me.

JOHN G. JACKSON

EXCLUSIVE LAND MAN
 Merkel, Texas

FRESH VEGETABLES

Radishes, Turnips, Turnip Greens, Mustard Lettuce, new Onions, Celery and fruits for the table. We also give the highest market price for all kind of farm produce.

HOWELL PRODUCE CO., Merkel, Texas

YOU WANT A BETTER JOB?

That question will be asked you almost daily by business men seeking your services, if you qualify—take the Draughon Training—and show ambition to rise. More BANKERS indorse DRAUGHON'S Colleges than indorse all other business colleges COMBINED. 48 Colleges in 18 States. International reputation.

Banking, Typewriting, Penmanship, English, Spelling, Arithmetic, Letter Writing, Business Law—FREE auxiliary branches. Good POSITIONS GUARANTEED under reasonable conditions.

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Shorthand. Practically all U. S. official court reporters write the System of Shorthand Draughon Colleges teach. Why? Because they know it is the best.

DRAUGHON'S PRACTICAL BUSINESS COLLEGE
 Dallas, Houston, Austin, Galveston, San Antonio, Abilene, Denison, Amarillo, Texarkana, or El Paso, Texas.

Something Extraordinary.
 A personally conducted first-class Special Train Excursion through the Rocky Mountains to the famous Yellowstone National Park and return, under the auspices of "THE CAMPUS," the new monthly magazine of the Southern Methodist University, at low rates and consuming about 15 days, (tickets will be good until October 31st for returning and allowing stop-overs enroute) will leave Dallas and Fort Worth August 12th. For complete itinerary, expense particulars and photographic literature illustrative of the journey's superb attractions, free of cost, address Frank Reedy, Bursar, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

New Plumber.
 Mr. Frank L. Turner has opened up a plumbing shop in his place of business. Will be with Mr. Wm O'Briant. Mr. Turner has been in the business for 25 years and is prepared to do plumbing and all kinds of repairs in his line. Leave your orders at Tin Shop. Windmills, pumps, bath tub, lavatories, hot and cold water put in and repairs made. Your work will be promptly attended to. Yours for business, Frank L. Turner. 1414
 We want you to eat Alta Vista cream. Will keep open to serve after entertainments at night. Burroughs Drug Store.

OUR MIGHTY ECLIPSE SALE Of New, Seasonable Dry Goods

Is the kind of competition that is fraught with its perils for the incompetent who sits dormant for 12 long years amidst decaying accumulations of merchandise and in the end is forced to import a Russian gentleman from Dallas via Chicago with an alias seemingly suited to the situation but whose profile and underhandedness accredited to his race would suggest Ronosky, Goldberg, Lipensky, Crooksky or some other similar and more suited appellation, to carry out his idea that "all the people can't be fooled all the time" but only once in 12 years. To this we would say that the practice of fooling the people was abandoned by reputable merchants along in the middle ages, the PEOPLE becoming too enlightened for the success of such practices. They prefer to deal with wide-a-wake, hustling merchants who will keep apace with their demands. Our stock is still loaded with the thousands of High-Class, Seasonable Bargains that gives our store a distinction that can not obtain where there are twelve years of mossy accumulations.

OUR SALE IS NOW IN FULL SWAY. ONLY ONE MORE WEEK OF THIS SALE

**\$25 Art Square
Given Away
Monday, July 1
At 3:30**

DON'T FORGET YOUR COUPON TO THE \$25 ART SQUARE

**\$25 Art Square
Given Away
Monday, July 1
At 3:30**

Don't buy till You Have seen Our Goods and Prices

PRICES THAT KNOW NO EQUAL

Best grade Calicoes, only 10 yards to customer **3 1/2c**
36-inch Brown Sheeting, 20 yards to customer **5c**
7 Spools Best Thread **25c**
50c 27-inch Embroidery Flouncing **25c**
10c Embroideries, this sale **5c**
6 papers Pins **5c**
Best grade bleached Muslin **9 1/2c**
10c plain white Lawn, this sale **5c**
\$1 Silk Mossaline, this sale **75c**
20c to 25c Embroideries, this sale **10c**
Round Thread Cotton Checks **4c**
10c Dress Gingham, this sale **7 1/2c**
50c and 75c Wool Goods, this sale **39c**
All 12 1/2c and 15c Dress Gingham **10c**
All white goods at greater reductions.
Lack of space will not permit further quoting of prices, but you may come assured that prices will be lower than the lowest.

GREAT SALE OF MEN'S SUITS

\$20.00 all-wool Blue Serge Suits, latest makes, this sale **\$12.50**

MIGHTY SHIRT & UNDERWEAR SALE

Porosknit Underwear **25c**
B.V.D. Union Suits, this sale **89c**
Porosknit Union Suits for men **89c**
Porosknit Union Suits for boys **43c**
Elastic Seam Drawers **43c**
White Balbriggan short sleeve Under-shirts, this sale **25c**

REDUCTION IN MEN'S HATS

Regular \$1.50 Hats, this sale **98c**
Men's \$3.00 Hats, this sale **\$2.20**
\$2.00 Hats, this sale **1.50**
\$2.50 Hats, this sale **1.95**
\$5.00 Stetson Hats, this sale **3.98**
\$1.25 Dress Shirts, this sale **75c**
75c and \$2.00 Dress Shirts **48c**

SHOES AND SLIPPER SACRIFICE

\$3.00 White Buck Pumps **\$2.38**
2 25 Lace vici pat. tip Oxfords **1.48**
2.00 Ladies White Pumps **1.35**
Mens \$4 Packard shoes & slippers **2.98**
Mens \$5 Packard shoes & slippers **3.85**
\$1.50 Rubber side, rubber heel old lady's Comfort Slippers **98c**
2 50 Ladies white button Oxfords **1.98**
3 50 Satin Pumps, this sale **2.50**
2 50 Black Crav Pumps **1.65**
2 50 Pat. leather cloth top button **1.78**
3 50 White Buck Pumps **2.85**
3 00 White Canvas Shoes **2.38**
Every other shoe in our store reduced likewi-e. Don't miss it.

GREAT SALE OF MEN'S PANTS

\$2.00 Dress Pants, this sale **\$1.28**
2 50 Dress Pants, this sale **2.18**
3 50 Dress Pants, this sale **2.50**
4 50 and \$5 Dress Pants **3.45**
Men's Carhart Overalls, this sale **89c**

BOY'S SUITS, 8 TO 18 YEARS

200 Boys Knickerbocker full peg Pant Suits at almost **ONE HALF**

FREE! FREE! FREE!

**\$25.00 9X12 ART SQUARE FREE
ON DISPLAY IN STORE**

A coupon will be given with every Dollar purchase. The successful holder of the number drawn from the box Monday, July 1, will get the Rug FREE. It will pay you to concentrate your buying.

It is impossible to quote all prices. Rest assured, however, that this sale will eclipse them all. Our entire store turned into a mighty heap of bargains

**REMEMBER TO GET YOUR COUPONS FOR THE \$25 RUG
SALE CLOSSES SATURDAY JUNE 29TH**

**PARTEN DRY GOODS COMPANY MERKEL
TEXAS**

"THE STORE THAT HOLDS OUT FASCINATING BARGAINS"

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Three days picnic July 2, 3 and 4th.

J. I. Leamon of Trent was in the city Monday on business.

R. A. McClain was in Abilene Wednesday on business.

Pate & Rose shaving parlor. Barber work a specialty.

Miss Corna Trent was down from Eskota shopping Monday.

Don't miss the porch and lawn entertainment at Dr. McMaster's June 25th.

Mrs. Eugene Hargrove is here from Mesquite visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Alta Vista ice cream and cold drinks after all meetings and shows. Burroughs Drug Store.

Roscoe Bland who has been very sick with fever for the past two weeks is thought to be out of danger.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wiman, and two babies of Dallas came in Monday afternoon on a visit to the former's sister Mrs. G. F. West and his parents Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Wiman. They will spend some two weeks visiting in Merkel before returning to their home.

Miss Flossie Cypert is fourth in the Fort Worth Record prize contest. She is sure to win one of the six prizes. Votes will be given by Hamblet & Rogers.

Cary Touchstone came in Tuesday from Georgetown where he has been in school the past year. He is here visiting his mother.

Remember that the Old Reliable Peace maker flour is to be found only at Hogue-Hamilton Company.

J. J. Pribble returned to his home at Clyde Monday after a short visit to his parents here.

Three big days picnic July 2, 3 and 4th at Cozart's tank.

IMPORTANT NEWS TO CALOMEL USERS

Dodson's Liver-Tone Is a Perfect Vegetable Substitute for Calomel and is Guaranteed Absolutely Harmless.

If you have trouble with constipation or biliousness, be careful how you take calomel, because calomel is a form of mercury, and if mercury remains in the system very long, it will salivate and seriously injure the strongest person that ever lived.

If you need something to start the liver to working take Dodson's Liver-Tone. It is a harmless vegetable liquid which will live on the liver better than calomel does and without any bad after effects. No restriction of habit or diet is necessary. Dodson's Liver-Tone is as safe for children as it is for grown people and everybody likes its taste.

Buy a bottle for fifty cents from Rust & McCauley's drug store, and if you do not find that it absolutely takes the place of calomel, this drug store will give you your money back if you ask for it.

Misses Ruth Mims and Clara Hoya visited in Abilene last week. They were guests of a dinner party given in honor of Miss Virginia Guitar Saturday.

T. A. Harris of Dallas came in Saturday morning to visit relatives and to see Mrs. Harris and the baby who have been here visiting Mrs. Harris's mother, Mrs. Touchstone. Mr. and Mrs. Harris left for Dallas Sunday night.

Remember we buy everything you have to sell—in return buy from us. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Mrs. J. L. Gilliland of El Paso is here visiting her sister Mrs. O. F. McMaster. Mrs. Gilliland will spend the summer with Mrs. McMaster.

Don't forget to trade at Hamblet & Rogers where you get votes in the Fort Worth Record contest.

H. H. Hamm returned to Merkel for a visit to relatives. Mr. Hamm has been in the Pecos Valley country for some time.

Three days picnic July 2, 3 and 4th at Cozart's tank.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

July 2, 3 and 4th.

Mrs. W. J. Behrens was a visitor in Abilene Friday.

Jno. Davenport and family left Wednesday for points east.

Mrs. M. E. Bernard returned to Abilene Friday after a short visit to relatives here.

Trade with those who buy what you have to sell. We do that. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Merle Alsbrook of Sweetwater spent Sunday here visiting his parents.

At Burroughs Drug Store Alta Vista cream and cold drinks after all night entertainments.

F. M. Richards and wife of Dallas, Ga., are here visiting Mr. Richards brother H. C. Richards of the Noodle country. They were accompanied by their son H. C. Richards who hopes to make the Merkel country his home.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

B. Y. P. U. Entertains.

Friday evening June 14 was real red letter day in the social history of the local B. Y. P. U's.

After the serving of a delicious lunch picnic style a musical program was given which included a duet or mock wedding by Miss Opal Moon and Master Woody Hodson.

These are lovely meetings. May many more follow and be the means of creating a closer fellowship.

Apron Party.

To honor her sister-in-law Mrs. T. A. Harris of Dallas Miss Bertha Harris gave an apron party Thursday evening June 13.

Tables had been arranged for progression. At table No. 1 telegrams were written, each of the ten words used beginning with the same letter.

The ouija board was quite popular and told of many happy events for the future. The guests were Miss Effie Hutson, Laura Cary, Fannie and Willie Swann, Ruth Merritt, Ezma Allday, Annie Smith, Ona and Virginia Hamblet, Geneva Warnick, Fannie Pearle Moore, Mamie Ellis, Bessie Touchstone, Almeda and Minnie Harris, Mesdames Bishop Hunter, Victor Harris and J. L. Harris.

The Three Ts.

Misses Virginia and Ona Hamblet entertained The Three Ts Wednesday afternoon of last week from 5 to 6.30 o'clock.

The little 4-year-old boy of Mrs. Lee-man gave some sweet musical selections which were enjoyed by all hearers.

After some time had been spent in pleasant conversation apricot sherbet and cakes were served to Misses Smith, Rister, Burroughs, Sheppard, O'Brian, Johnson, Walters, Mary and Flay Gunn, Margie and Clara Saffle, Inice Moon and hostess.

Class Meeting.

Mrs. W. A. Scott was hostess to the Philathea class of the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon of last week at 4 o'clock.

A regular morning operation of the bowels puts you in fine shape for the day's work. If you miss it you feel uncomfortable and cannot put vim into your movements.



Keep Your Eye on that Can

When Buying Baking Powder

For this is the baking powder that makes the baking better.

It leavens the food evenly throughout; puffs it up to airy lightness, makes it delightfully appetizing and wholesome.

Remember, Calumet is moderate in price—highest in quality.

Ask your grocer for Calumet. Don't take a substitute.



Pretty Wedding is Solemnized.

The culmination of a very pretty romance occurred Wednesday morning at seven o'clock, when Miss Blanche Rensler was married to Mr. Guy Bonta Smith at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Rensler, on Carmelita street.

After the ceremony, the guests, only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom, sat down to a delicious wedding breakfast of three courses.

The breakfast over the bride and groom left by machine for Riverside whence they will go to Los Angeles and Catalina for two weeks, after a day or two at the Glenwood. They were accompanied as far as Riverside by the bride's sisters, Misses Alice and Willie Rensler.

Mr. Smith is one of Hemet's promising young business men, being the junior member of the firm of Smith & Son Grocery Co., and has a bright future before him.

lady. The News joins their numerous friends and admirers in congratulations.—The Hemet News, Hemet, Cal.

Miss Rensler was well-known to the Merkel people having been connected with the city schools of the south ward and was one of the most popular young ladies of our city.

Fools a Foul Plot.

When a shameful plot exists between liver and bowels to cause distress by refusing to act, take Dr. King's New Life Pills and end such abuse of your system.

League Program.

Leader—Homer Laney. Subject—How Persecution has Extended the Knowledge of God.

Song. Prayer. Song. Scripture lesson. Dan. 6:25-27; Acts 2:19-26.

Persecution and Propagation—Adam Sibley.

The most eloquent tribute of truth—Miss Cary.

Persecution spells education—Jim Lawless.

Persecution under the guiding hand of God—Miss Annie Smith.

Special music—Miss Fannie Burroughs.

Collection. Miscellaneous. Benediction.

Stomach Troubles.

Many remarkable cures of stomach troubles have been effected by Chamberlains Stomach and Liver Tablets. One man who had spent over two thousand dollars for medicine and treatment was cured by a few boxes of these tablets.

Program W. M. and A. S.

The following program has been arranged by the Woman's Missionary and Aid Society for June 24, 1912.

Leader—Mrs. Boyd. Song, Trust and Obey.

Psalms 95 in concert. Prayer—Mrs. Hamm.

Report of Woman's Annual Meeting—Miss Fannie Swann.

Quartet—Girls. Talk from Mission Field—Miss Sophia Howard.

Our mountain women—Miss May Lassiter.

Intrumental music—Miss Mary Gunn. Power houses in the highlands—Dolly Teaff.

Reading—Miss Mary Lee Hicks. Closing prayer—Mrs. Causseaux.

A POOR APPETITE

If You Have One This Tells You How To Change It For a Good One.

A poor appetite means more than the loss of pleasure in eating. It means that you are not getting enough nutrition—that you are out of condition—that some organ of your body is unable to perform its work—that you are ill—that you may be seriously ill very soon unless you take immediate steps to correct the trouble.

Nature is making an appeal for help. Don't you hear her call?

You are probably run down. The change from cold to warm weather has discouraged your blood and nerve force, and one of the indications is a loss of appetite. Neglect may mean nervous prostration, a long spell of sickness, perhaps a ruined constitution.

It is up to you right now to do something. Every day makes the trouble more pronounced. There is a remedy that you should try, for it is calculated to give you excellent service. It is Rexall Celery and Iron Tonic. We know what it is made of. We know that it has relieved other cases. We know users who say it has been just the thing for them.

At all times I will feel under obligations to these friends and shall do all in my power to help them in anything or anyway so

Merkel Mail One Dollar Per Year.

Don't Suffer!

"I had been troubled, a little, for nearly 7 years," writes Mrs. L. Fincher, in a letter from Peavy, Ala., "but I was not taken down, until March, when I went to bed and had to have a doctor. He did all he could for me, but I got no better. I hurt all over, and I could not rest. At last, I tried Cardui, and soon I began to improve. Now I am in very good health, and able to do all my housework."

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

You may wonder why Cardui is so successful, after other remedies have failed. The answer is that Cardui is successful, because it is composed of scientific ingredients, that act curatively on the womanly system. It is a medicine for women, and for women only. It builds, strengthens, and restores weak and ailing women, to health and happiness.

If you suffer like Mrs. Fincher did, take Cardui. It will surely do for you, what it did for her. At all druggists.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. 160

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Franklin & Renfro, Props

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is always the cheapest. Good service from good Tailors. Try me for the best.

C. L. Cash The Tailor

Letter to the Voters.

I take this method of reaching many of the Merkel people who during the past few weeks have so faithfully pledged their support in behalf of my candidacy for the race for sheriff of this county. I take it that it is now my duty to release all my friends and acquaintances from all obligations due me in the race for as I promised when making the race that if the trouble which I am so unfortunately in at the present did not turn out in my favor and I should be acquitted of the charges of which I am innocent, that I would withdraw from the race and in that way release my friends from their promise, at the same time make my promise good.

At all times I will feel under obligations to these friends and shall do all in my power to help them in anything or anyway so

long as that service be an honorable one. Thanking you for your support, I remain your true friend, Felix R. Jones.

State of Ohio, City of } Toledo, Lucas Co. } ss

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. Frank J. Cheney.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. Gleason, (Seal) Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Merkel Mail \$1.00 per Year.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HAND WANTED—To work on farm by the month. Sam Butman, Nubia, Texas. tf

FOR SALE—Some fine milch cows. Fresh. See or phone R. D. Allen. 7td

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Wagner motor-cycle in good condition. Will trade for good pony. See or write W. H. Craddock, Trent, Texas.

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND	
Train No. 2, leaves Merkel	10:04 p. m.
Train No. 4 " "	11:38 a. m.
Train No. 6 " "	12:19 a. m.
Train No. 8 " "	9:02 a. m.

WEST BOUND	
Train No. 1, leaves Merkel	4:02 a. m.
Train No. 3 " "	4:48 p. m.
Train No. 5 " "	4:28 a. m.
Train No. 7 " "	4:20 p. m.

The Mall Is the Paper the People Read
Nos. 3 and 5, 4 and 6 stop at Sweetwater, Eskota, Merkel, Abilene, Clyde, Baird, Cisco, Eastland, Mingus, Weatherford and Fort Worth. West of Sweetwater all trains are locals except 3 and 4; they do not stop at Itan.

Silos and Dairies for Farmer

Mr. F. A. Peel, special agent for Taylor county, hands in the following interesting item from Washington headquarters concerning building silos and dairying, which is gladly published:

I have recently sent you a letter about tick eradication and our co-operation with the Bureau of Animal Industry in that work. Similar arrangements have been perfected with regard to the Dairy Division of the Bureau of Animal Industry. I send you enclosed a list giving the names, post office addresses and territory of each of the agents of the Dairy Division in the South.

These men will be ready and willing at all times to give you and farmers in your county all the information they have on the subject of dairying. Should farmers in your county be interested in building silos and in filling them, in feeding from silos, in the purchase of dairy cows, handling of dairy herds, testing of cows, handling of milk, organization of co-operative creameries, or anything that relates to the dairy industry, you may feel at perfect liberty to apply to the proper officer whose name you will find on this list, and whose territory corresponds with your own, and he will give you the information necessary, and if possible will visit your county. If he should come to your county you are authorized to meet him and conduct him to the farmer or farmers interested and co-operate with him in getting the information to the farmer. Very truly yours,
Bradford Knapp,
Special Agent in Charge.

Caromel is Bad.

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JOKE ON POLICE SERGEANT

Thought He Had Officer Trapped in Undertaker's Shop When Pinocle Game Was On.

"Here's the best joke I ever heard on a sergeant," said a high official in the police department. "He was going the rounds when he saw a policeman whom we'll call Mullaney go into an undertaker's shop where there is generally a pinocle game in the back room. He knew there was no back way out for Mullaney, so 'rounds' planted himself at the door and waited.

"After a time he saw in word by one of the men working in the shop that he knew Mullaney was in there and that he had better come back on post, because the longer he waited the worse the complaint against him would read.

"There was much commotion in the back room, and as there were a number of coffins being loaded on a wagon outside they put Mullaney in a coffin and loaded him on the wagon. They drove him down the street a couple of blocks and Mullaney climbed out. He strolled back up to where the sergeant was doggedly watching the door and saluted.

"Hello, rounds, pleasant evening, isn't it?" he said, and the sergeant stared for a moment and then stamped away too mad to speak!"—New York Sun.

Prohibition Election Called in This County.

In accordance with the election laws, a prohibition election cannot be held sooner than two years after the last election was called. This time restriction is not recognized, however, by the people in recommending Hunt's Lightning Oil for neuralgia, rheumatism, headaches, etc. For thirty odd years it has been acknowledged to be the best. Sold everywhere in 50c and 25c bottles.

Wild Silk Worms.

The world is indebted to the Chinese for the discovery of the virtues of the silk worm. Its product was unknown in Rome until the time of Julius Caesar, and so costly was the material that even the Emperor Aurelian refused a dress of this lustrous fabric to his empress. Now it is nurtured in almost every country, and its products are within the reach of all.

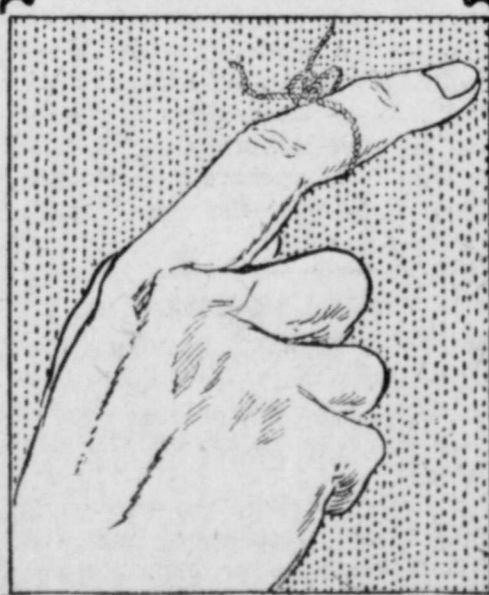
Besides the several domesticated species there is a wild silk worm found in Central America, which weaves a baglike structure two feet in depth, that hangs from the trees. At a distance the nest resembles a huge matted cobweb. The insect makes no cocoon, but weaves the silk in layers and skeins around the inside of the nest. From Tegucigalpa there were sent to England some years ago six pounds of this silk. There it was made into handkerchiefs not easily detected from common silk of equal strength and delicate texture.

There is a curious silk-producing spider in Central America, the arana de seda, which may be seen hurrying along with a load of fine silk on its back, from which trail numerous delicate filaments.—Harper's Weekly.

Sore Nipples.

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Away on Vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Walker, Miss Lucy Bean, Jack Walker and Lytton Howard left yesterday for a month's vacation of camping out at fishing, hunting and to find rest from the hotel work. They will first go to Abilene and then down the Clear Fork until they strike a good place for camping. While away the Walker Cottage will be under the care of Mrs. Woodrum and her daughters. Mr. Walker says that if when a month is out they have not had enough outing the time may be extended another month.

New T. & P. Agent.

A change went into effect Thursday in which A. J. Leighty took the position of Agent of the Texas & Pacific Railroad at this place. The former agent Mr. O. C. Abel will go to West Baden Springs, Ind., where he will take the same line of work he is now engaged in. The new agent is well known to many of the Merkel people having had duties with the road that called him here during the past.

June 22. B. Y. P. U. Dinner.

Dinner will be served by the B. Y. P. U. Sat. June 22. The proceeds to help pay for their piano. In Gaither building.

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WHY THEY LOVE THE LIBRARY

Such a Nice Place to Sit, Especially if One Has Agreeable Company.

While pleasant weather lingered the stone benches in front of the New York public library were occupied by couples whose presence could not be attributed wholly to their interest in the architectural scheme. They remained too long and their eyes spoke of other things.

Since rain and chill winds have made marble benches out of doors uncomfortable even for ardent sweethearts, they are to be found on similar seats which are placed for decorative purposes in the long corridors inside the building.

"Don't you love the new library?" one girl said to another.

"No; it takes too long to get the books."

"Well, I don't know about that. I haven't drawn any books yet."

"What do you go there for, then?"

"Oh, it is so lovely just to sit there."

"Alone?"

"No, not alone."

Fell From Scaffolding.

Oklahoma City, Okla.: Oscar A. Anderson of 2401 South Walker street fell from a scaffold and, though considerably sprained and bruised, is able to be about. He says Hunt's Lightning Oil took all the soreness away. It is also good for headaches, neuralgia, rheumatism. All dealers sell in 25c and 50c bottles.

The Word Raid in Italian.

A correspondent seems to be amused because the Italians, borrowing the English word ride, in a special sense, choose to spell it phonetically in accordance with their own sound system.

But this surely is neither absurd nor unusual. In French, for example, we have rosif, raout, bouledogue, and other words which illustrate the same principle; and in English there is breeze, from the French brise (or Spanish briza); junket, from the Italian giuncata; coracle, from the Welsh cwrwgl; reel, from the Gaelic righil, in all of which and in many other words an attempt has been made to represent the foreign sound by a more or less phonetic English spelling.

The word raid is not quite new, however, in Italian. I find it several times in an Italian newspaper of more than four years ago which I happen to have at hand, e. g., "il raid Pekino Parigi."—From a Letter in the Spectator.

This Is So.

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BEST ATTITUDE FOR SLEEP

French Physician Says Position Which One Finds Most Comfortable Is Best.

As practically everyone is more or less addicted to the habit of sleeping, the question of the best and most healthful attitude during slumber is of general importance. There is an ancient and widespread idea that to sleep on the left side interferes with the heart action and is consequently injurious and that to sleep on the back develops the inclination to snore. Modern authorities are not at all agreed on the matter, however, one of the greatest heart specialists declaring that it is quite immaterial whether a person sleeps on the right or left side, while another equally famous doctor asserts emphatically that one should always lie on the right side if heart trouble and indigestion is to be avoided. Eliminating the question of snoring—a habit quite possible to break one's self of—there is little doubt that the most restful position, when once a person has become accustomed to it, is flat u. n the back, using no pillow, and with the arms above the head. This straightens drooping shoulders and gives the lungs full play.

However, this is a matter in which one may do as one pleases, and have good authority therefor, as a very distinguished French physician has dismissed the subject by saying that the best position for sleeping is that which a person finds most comfortable.

HOW HISTORY IS DISTORTED

Russian Text-Book Shows Curious Instance of Tampering With French History.

Reasons of church, state or other policy have frequently caused the scholars of one country to tamper with the history of another with which it has been intimately connected. A curious instance of such a distortion of French history was that found in a Russian textbook, used in all Russian public schools, and edited by a great Russian scholar, Ilovaidski. The following may be cited as an illustration:

"Louis XVI. was a good and peaceful king. After a long and famous reign, in which he was most happy in his choice of minister of finance, he died quietly in Paris, beloved by all his people. His death was caused by a hemorrhage."

"The successor of Louis XVI. was his son, Louis XVII. During his reign the brave royal army, commanded by General Napoleon Bonaparte, captured the larger part of the European continent for the French crown. But the faithless Napoleon showed tendencies toward misusing his power, and was suspected of harboring dishonest schemes against the legitimate ruler. With the help of his majesty the emperor and autocrat of all the Russias, his plans were frustrated, and he was deprived of all his possessions, honors, and rights to a pension. He was then exiled to the island of St. Helena, where he died."—The Sunday Magazine.

Mason and His Precious Gold Pieces.

John Mason, the player, has carried three \$20 gold pieces in his change pocket ever since the new issue of that specie, the two new coins, St. Gaudens' with and without "In God We Trust," and the old piece with "Liberty's" head. At the stage door of the Thirty-ninth Street theater in New York recently an old man begged the actor to help him secure a night's lodging. John tossed the beggar supposedly two silver half dollars, but in reality two of his favorite gold coins. The old man, noting the denominations, actually ran after his benefactor and pulled at his coat, intending to inquire if the gold were really given him in earnest. Before he could open his mouth, however, Mason pushed him back, exclaiming, "Not twice in one night, old man." "But do you mean it?" asked the beggar. "Certainly," answered Mason. "Forty dollars, mister," cried the man. "Not on your life," called Mason, as his cab moved away, and then to his companion, "Think of that—because I give him more than he asked for he thinks I'm easy—demands \$40."

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COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

Dora News.

June 17—The people of our community enjoying good health and a good rain which we received last night.

The people in this community are about through cutting oats and the thrashers will start up their machines this week.

A large crowd attended church at Dora Sunday morning but the night services were put off on account of the rain.

The singing at Allen Cook's Sunday evening was greatly enjoyed by those who attended.

We are glad to learn that Miss Ula Elliott is improving.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rhodes has been quite sick but is better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Rogers visited on Bitter Creek Sunday.

There was a good singing at J. W. Montgomery's Sunday.

There was a dance given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown Friday night which was an enjoyable affair for those who attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Braswell are the proud parents of a fine girl since last Sunday.

Lee McGee had the misfortune to lose one of his fine horses by lightning this week.

June 19—General health of our community is good at this writing.

Beulah Elliott has been quite sick but is improving now. It was thought she had appendicitis but we hope not.

The ice cream supper given by Mr. and Mrs. Jack English Saturday night was attended by a large crowd and all report a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bardwell and Mr. and Mrs. B. Bardwell of Bitter Creek attended the ice cream supper at Mr. English's Saturday night.

The W. O. W. gave an ice cream supper in the hall Saturday afternoon which was an enjoyable affair. We had several visitors from Nolan. They reported a good time.

Prayer meeting at Dora every Sunday night. We invite everybody to come and bring some one with you.

Bro. Sullivan will preach at Dora Sunday.

Famous Stage Beauties

Look with horror on skin eruptions, blotches, sores or pimples. They don't have them nor will any one who uses Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It glorifies the face. Eczema or salt rheum vanish before it. It cures sore lips, chapped hands; heals burns, cuts and bruises. Unequaled for piles. Only 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

Mulberry News.

June 18—Rev. Rister filled his regular appointment here Sunday morning and evening. A good crowd out.

D. F. Rogers conducted prayer meeting last Saturday night.

Miss Roenia Allen of Merkel visited the Misses Watts Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. Daniels was the guest of Mrs. Will Bird Sunday.

Misses Lula and Linna Ayers were the guests of the Misses Owens Sunday.

Oly Brown and Miss Nora Harrison visited at the home of Bazel Bislings Sunday.

The farmers are all smiles since the good rain.

Mr. Chadwick happened to an accident Saturday morning while fixing his windmill. Some part of the mill fell and struck him on the head and he was rendered unconscious for some 25 or 30 minutes but at last report he was getting along nicely.

Charley Rogers of Warren visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Arthur McMurry of Salt Branch visited the family of D. F. Rogers Monday.

Arthur Rogers of Hebron spent from Friday to Sunday with Robert Britton.

Miss Ollie Rogers and J. D. Rainer visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ayers.

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Inkum Items.

June 17—Mr. Fuller from San Marcos came out with Mr. Triplett from View Monday to see our part of the country. Key Wilson and sister Mae made a trip to Guion Tuesday.

Mr. Baker of Cooke county is visiting his brother-in-law C. W. Keen here this week.

Mr. Blackwell of Wichita Falls came in Tuesday on a prospecting trip.

Mr. Martin and family of near View visited relatives in this section Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Cora Pruitt of Haskell came in Wednesday to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Reynolds.

Jeff Self and family visited relatives near Shep Saturday and Sunday.

T. J. Bursleson and the infant daughter of J. E. Hallmark who have been sick for several days are improving.

Mr. Keen's mother and father came in Saturday to visit their son and his family. Mr. Keen had not seen his mother in many years.

O. H. Wilson and wife visited the latter's parents, John Brookreson and wife near Buffalo Gap Saturday and Sunday.

Earnest Perry made a trip to Abilene Tuesday returning Wednesday.

The sound of the mower and binder are still heard in our midst but oats are light owing to dry weather.

Misses Effie and Bertha Reynolds made a trip to Abilene Tuesday.

Frank Whisenbunt and wife of White Church visited the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Atkins Saturday.

Mr. Milam and family of White Church made a fishing trip to Elm Creek near the school house Saturday.

Bob Williams, wife and sisters Misses Vina and Louise Williams are visiting in Sweetwater this week.

Mrs. J. E. Hallmark and Miss Ima Fuqua were visitors to Merkel Saturday.

Mr. Tittle of Merkel was in our country last week in the interest of his candidacy.

Boone Bush and John Atkins of the Canyon attended preaching at Elm Grove Sunday.

O. W. Phillips and family visited at Nubia Saturday and Sunday.

We had an inch fall of rain Monday morning for which we are thankful as cotton and milo maize were beginning to need rain.

Could Shout for Joy.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. B. Rader of Lewisburg, W. Va., "for the wonderful double benefit I got from Electric Bitters in curing me of both a severe case of stomach trouble and of rheumatism, from which I had been an almost helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me." For dyspepsia, indigestion, jaundice and to rid the system of kidney poisons that cause rheumatism Electric Bitters have no equal. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50c at H. C. Burroughs.

Butman Community.

June 17—Our community was visited by a nice little shower which will later prove to be a great help to the suffering crops.

Harvesting small grain has been the program for the past two weeks.

W. E. Perkins and Sam Butman, Jr., made a trip to Merkel Thursday night.

Dan Matthews and family of our community are visiting at Buffalo Gap this week.

Wood Turner and family went fishing Saturday.

A singing class met and organized Friday night at Butman school house was well attended for the first time.

A large crowd attended the singing and prayer service Sunday afternoon at Butman school house.

The Baptist people of this community are preparing for children's day at Butman school house for Sunday July 6.

Sam Butman made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

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Salt Branch News.

June 19—The farmers of our community are rejoicing over the fine rain that came Monday morning and night.

Rev. Saffle filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Wesley Hardy and family were visiting J. W. Teaff Sunday.

Will Teaff of Tye was visiting Holland Teaff Sunday.

Misses Ruth Allen and Mae Rainer were visiting Miss Osee Teaff Sunday. Dr. Cranford was called out to see Mrs. Floyd Monday.

W. B. Beavers and wife carried their baby to the doctor Monday.

Several from this place attended the speaking at Merkel Saturday night.

Mesdames Butler and Barker were visiting Mrs. Floyd Saturday.

Mrs. Beavers was visiting Mesdames Jobe and Turner of Merkel last week.

Mrs. Minnie Higgins and sister Miss Lula were visiting Mrs. Barker Monday.

Several men were out hunting Tuesday.

Mrs. Fannie Hays was shopping in Merkel Monday.

Clint Allen has a very sick boy.

Miss Cora Hays is improving fast.

Drives Off a Terror.

The chief executioner of death in the winter and spring months is pneumonia. Its advance agents are colds and grip. In any attack by one of these maladies no time should be lost in taking the best medicine obtainable to drive it off. Countless thousands have found this to be Dr. King's New Discovery. "My husband believes it has kept him from having pneumonia three or four times," writes Mrs. George W. Pierce, Rawsonville, Vt., "and for coughs, colds and croup we have never found its equal." Guaranteed for all bronchial affections. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free at H. C. Burroughs.

Blair Echoes.

June 18—Mrs. S. E. Adcock is on the sick list.

Jacob Reeves attended to business in Fisher county Saturday and Sunday.

Kiah Spears attended church at White Church Sunday afternoon.

S. E. Adcock, W. A. Tittle and F. D. Addison went to Merkel Saturday night to hear Morris Sheppard speak.

There will be an all day singing at Center Point the fifth Sunday. Everybody is invited to come and bring a well filled basket. Prof. Stephens and Haley two good singers of Abilene are expected to be there. The program will be announced next week.

E. M. Sherman and family visited relatives in Merkel Saturday and Sunday.

Bro. Baker filled his regular appointment at the school house Sunday.

This community was visited by a nice rain Monday and Tuesday night.

James and Orle Eayfield were Merkel visitors Tuesday.

Miss Velma Clark writes that she has accepted a position with a telephone company and is well pleased with Abilene as her home.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Walker is reported very sick.

The candy breaking at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill was enjoyed by those present.

Pat Addison was a Merkel visitor Saturday.

S. E. Adcock and J. W. Gowens were trading in Merkel Saturday.

Billy Addison and Bob Remo of Valera are visiting F. D. Addison.

Misses Alda and Hester Snow of Mulberry Canyon were Blair visitors Saturday.

Mrs. J. W. Mayfield and Mrs. L. H. Spears attended the cheap sale at Merkel Saturday. Mrs. Spears was among the lucky ones getting there early and received one of the dresses free.

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Shiloh Clippings.

June 18—Everything is looking fine hereabouts and after the rains we believe there will be good crops made. We had fine rains Sunday and Monday nights.

Rev. Nall preached for us Sunday morning and in the evening preached for the Mexicans on the John Wheeler place.

The E. Y. P. U. met Sunday evening at the regular hour.

Quite a number of Shiloh people attended the singing at Noodle Sunday.

The Shiloh singing class meets next Sunday at 3:30. Everyone invited to be present.

There was a large crowd present at the cream supper given by Bill Winter last Friday night. Everyone enjoyed the hospitality very much.

A few of our young people attended the picnic on Sweetwater creek given by the Methodist Sunday school of Trent last Friday, all having a nice time.

A crowd made a rabbit drive last Monday, having very good success. They killed 25 or 30 in a short time.

Noodle Doings.

June 17—We had a nice rain Sunday night that did not come too soon for everything was needing rain in this part of the world.

Sunday school and singing was well attended Sunday. Some of the Shiloh people came over to the singing.

Miss Bertha Ely was the guest of Miss Hattie Herring Sunday.

Miss Lucile Beene visited Miss Letty Jones Sunday.

Miss Lois Tweedy is on the sick list this week.

Will Reynolds and family visited relatives in Callahan county last week.

Mrs. Carl Horton of Rotan visited relatives at this place last week.

There was singing at Mr. Ely's Tuesday night of last week.

The singing at O. Sosebee's Saturday night was enjoyed by all present.

Abb Sosebee the mail carrier on the Noodle route has purchased a motorcycle. Guess the mail will be earlier.

Hubert Sango of Merkel visited his mother at this place Sunday.

Quite a number of Noodle people went to Merkel Saturday night to hear Hon. Morris Sheppard speak.

Charley Ball and wife of Truby visited the family of Jack Hurd Saturday.

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