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THE MORMONS ARE VISITING MERKEL

Merkel has for visitors this week four elders of the Mormon church, Elder Stephenson Higginson, E. A. Slater, David R. Morris and William Leavitt all of Utah and working under the Utah "Mormon Church" or "Church of Jesus Christ or Latter Day Saints." They are in this country distributing literature and holding services where they can get houses for worship. They are working east, coming here from Sweetwater on a few days ago but will not likely hold any services here owing to not having a place for worship.

In a talk with our reporter these men denounce the practice of polygamy as was introduced into this country by Joseph Smith who carried his tribe to Utah when there remained no other part of the United States where the practice of polygamy could be carried on. In later years when Utah desired to become a state of the union it was necessary that they abolish the practice of polygamy. In order to comply with the constitution of the government this was done and under the direction and order of President Woodruff of the Mormon church in the year of 1890. The church complied with the order of the government and forbade the practice of polygamy.

The local representatives as before stated are distributing literature telling of the articles of faith of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and at the bottom of the literature is signed the name, Joseph Smith.

BETTER WALKWAYS TO CITY SCHOOLS

Heretofore the school children going to the south ward building have had some very bad streets to cross in the vicinity of the building and at many street crossings nearer to town.

City Marshal Hall is going about some work this week that will do away with many of the disagreeable muddy crossings in time of rainy weather. Concrete waterways are being placed at the many crossings and a walk way leading across the street is being made of the best of gravel and on a level with the concrete arch and in that way keeps the walk way above water that might stand in the gutter of the street. Not only the school children will be benefitted by the crossings but in many other places about town the street crossings are being fixed so as to help the general public.

Debate at Lawn.

T. D. Blake of lawn was in the city Saturday and requested this paper to announce that there would be a four days debate at the above named place, August 14 to 17. W. S. Nobles, a prominent Socialist debater of Rockdale, and Eugene Wilkinson, a Christian minister will be the speakers. At this time the hours of the debate have not been

fixed, but it is presumed that about four hours each day will be devoted to the discussion. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend, and an interesting time is assured by those in charge of the arrangements.—Abilene Reporter.

To Socialist Encampment

Several of the Merkel people went to Leuders Monday to attend the encampment of Socialists held there this week. Those going from here were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Comegys, Miss Olga Shepard and George Ferrier. They made the trip in Mr. Comegys car while Claud Sears and Roscoe Sharp made the trip through the country in a buggy. Messrs. Comegys, Sharp, Sears and Ferrier hope to furnish the encampment with amusements while they are there and during the time the men are grabbing the nickels the ladies will be spending their time on the river fishing.

Former Merkelites Lose Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Whitley of Navasota are here visiting Mr. Whitley's father, C. D. Whitley. They came in Monday from Trent where they have been visiting Mrs. Whitley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Erwin. They report the loss of their home and all the furnishings a week ago. It seems that a negro servant was cooking on an oil stove when a window curtain caught fire from the flashing of hot cooking oil and before anything could be saved the house was in ruins. There was no insurance.

Near Family Re-union

A. C. Moore and wife and son G. W. Moore and wife visited Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shelton and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott of this place Thursday and Friday of last week. Saturday they all visited D. I. Shelton of Bitter Creek and spent the day eating water melons, peaches and ice cream. Everyone attending had a fine time. It was something of a reunion as the families had not gathered together in 18 years, the last time being in the mountains of Arkansas, the red apple country.

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

REVIVAL MEETING SUCCESS IS GOOD

The revival meeting of the Church of Christ that has been going on at the tabernacle during the last two weeks under the leadership of Jessie P. Sewell of Abilene has met with good success, taking into consideration the weather that has broken into many of the services during the time.

There were received up to Wednesday night for baptism into the church thirteen persons. The interest manifested during the latter part of the meeting was very much better than that of the beginning and Eld. Sewell seemed very much pleased with the attendance that has been given during the last few days.

Mrs. Cora Curb left Monday for Sweetwater to visit relatives.

CONVENTION MET LAST SATURDAY

The Taylor county Democratic convention met in Abilene last Saturday with Hon C. D. Mims of this place as temporary chairman. Some little dissension was shown when the seating of delegates was taken up but it was soon righted and the business of the meeting progressed, though hoots and jeers were heard at times that would cause a person to think a steam roller was at work somewhere.

The chairman appointed the following on committee of platform and resolutions: W. L. Grogan, W. J. Bryan, H. C. Williams, S. Y. Rooce and H. L. Lackey.

Committee to select delegates to the various conventions were appointed as follows: B. A. Cox, E. B. Bynum, J. D. Hylton, D. M. White and J. H. Oliver.

Below we give the important part of the platform drawn up.

1. We endorse the platform and nominees of the Baltimore convention and commend them to the people of Texas as the splendid expression of progressive Democracy, progress within the lines of constitutional protection.

2. We favor a revision of the system of judicial procedure in this state, both civil and criminal, eliminating therefrom useless and antiquated technical rules and decisions of procedure, which delay and clog justice, and to this end we favor the enactment of the following laws:

A law providing that no case, civil or criminal, shall be reversed on appeal for error committed, especially error of procedure or practice, where such error can not from the record be reasonably said to have affected the result of the trial injuriously to the party complaining.

3. We favor the passage of a law requiring all places where intoxicating liquors are sold to be closed at night between the hours of 9 o'clock in the evening and 6 o'clock in the morning, and a law prohibiting the sale of whiskey by drink and only in package, the same not to be drunk on or about the premises where sold. With the passage and enforcement of these laws we deprecate any further agitation of state-wide prohibition for a reasonable number of years, giving to these measures a fair trial of their efficiency.

4. We favor the enactment of a law requiring full publicity of campaign contributions in all elections, both before and after the election, including the source from which such contributions are received, the amount thereof and the objects and purposes for which the same are used.

5. The enactment of a law limiting the expenditures of all candidates for office to a reasonable sum, whether spent by the candidate or others in his behalf, thus enabling the poor man and the man of moderate means to compete with the rich when offering for office, and preventing the danger to popular government from the profligate use of money in elections.

7. We believe in the rule of the majority, and demand an amendment to the election law providing for all nominations by the majority.

9. We pledge the Democracy to the adequate support and proper provision for all our eleemosynary and charitable institutions, believing that the afflicted and unfortunate are the wards of the state and entitled at its hands to adequate protection, care and maintenance; and to this end we favor a state Board of Charities and Correction, in order that all our eleemosynary institutions may be properly correlated and their administration taken out of the hands of partisan politics.

To the Chairman of the Taylor Co. Democratic Convention: We your committee, beg leave to submit the following delegates as to the several conventions.

To State Convention: J. M. Wagstaff, W. L. Grogan, W. J. Bryan, J. H. Parramore, C. D. Mims, Bruce Oliver, E. B. Bynum, J. S. Swann, H. C. Williams, Capt. Ben F. Jones, A. H. Kirby, Ben L. Cox, J. D. Hylton, Thos. L. Blanton, Dr. T. B. Bass, Capt. J. H. Oliver, John L. Stephenson.

Congressional: H. N. Hickman, W. H. Tucker, J. F. Tucker, D. M. White, R. G. B. Fain.

Senatorial Convention: O. P. Thomas, J. F. Cunningham, Capt. Oliver of Merkel; J. T. Warren, I. S. Allen, J. C. Rogers, J. E. Kendall.

Judicial, 42nd Dist: J. M. Wagstaff, D. M. White, J. W. Anderson, E. A. Pearce, R. G. B. Fain.

Representative: W. J. Cunningham, W. D. Scarborough, J. F. Cunningham, I. S. Allen.

To Second Supreme Judicial District Convention: A. H. Kirby, K. K. Legett, John Bowyer, Thos. L. Blanton, T. A. Bledsoe.

Respectfully submitted,

B. A. Cox,
D. M. White,
E. B. Bynum,
J. D. Hylton,
J. F. Shaffer

Mrs. A. Hamilton of Big Springs returned to her home Monday after spending several days here visiting her brother J. O. Hamilton.

DRUG BUSINESS CHANGES HANDS

The drug business of Dr. M. Armstrong is now under a new ownership that of T. L. Grimes who took over the stock of goods Tuesday of this week. This deal does not mark the departure of Dr. Armstrong from our midst but only changes drug store into new hands.

The management of the establishment will be the same as here-to-fore, that of J. M. Gillam assisted by T. V. Touchtone and the same genial clerkship that has always been an item in the store will not change in the least. In making the change it gives Dr. Armstrong more time to devote to his practice and places the store into the hands of a well known Merkel citizen and business man.

MERKEL BOY IN FROM OLD MEXICO

Otti Coggin came in Saturday from Old Mexico where he has been for the past months looking after the ranch and cattle of his father which are situated about 20 miles across the line in Mexico from Douglass, Ariz.

In a talk with a Mail reporter Mr. Coggin gave an account of the battle at Montevista a mining town in the State of Sonora, in which two Germans, John Hurling and Guido Shulbert were hanged. The two men were residents of Douglass and were well known in that place. Hurling had taken out original citizenship papers but was termed a subject of Germany. He was well-known by Mr. Coggin having been with him in Douglass.

This action taken by the rebels shows very plain that the foreigners have no protection in or about the country occupied by the rebels and the hanging is taken as a general warning for all foreigners to leave the country. This is one of the reasons why Otti has returned to Merkel. He seems to feel very safe here where he will stay until the situation improves.

Some time ago there appeared in the columns of the Mail an account of Mr. Coggin having contracted ptomaine poison but later gave an account of his recovery. The recovery was not complete for the trouble seemed to settle in his right eye and he goes to Dallas in a few days to have it treated.

MORE COTTON IS COMING TO MERKEL

Tuesday at noon the second bale of cotton was brought into Merkel to be ginned but it was the second by a very short time for while it was being brought into town a phone message from Stith told of a bale being ginned there at that time and that it would be here as soon as they could get here with it.

T. R. Lassiter who lives south of town was the man marketing the second bale here. It weighed 518 pounds and brought the grower 12½ per pound with a premium of \$21.80, making the bale net Mr. Lassiter \$85.15. The cotton was ginned by the Bowles Gin Company and sold to R. L. Bland of the Anchor Hardware Company.

W. E. Bradley of Stith brought the third bale into town about two hours after Mr. Lassiter brought his cotton in. His bale was also sold to the Anchor Hardware Company at a price of 10.1. The bale weighed 503 pounds and brought a premium of \$10.85, giving Mr. Bradley about \$75.00 for his product.

Elder W. A. Sewell of Abilene returned to his home Tuesday. He has been holding a meeting at Nubia during the past two weeks and came here Sunday to be with his son who is conducting the meeting here.

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MERKEL, TEXAS, AUG. 7, 1912.

TREASURER ELECT EXTENDS THANKS

I sincerely appreciate the strong vote and influence that the voters of Taylor county saw fit to give me in the Democratic primaries just past wherein I was successful in securing the nomination for the office of county treasurer of Taylor county.

It is by that action of the good people of this county that I am placed in a more lucrative position than I have ever here-tofore had and it now remains for me to show my appreciation to their actions by an honest discharge of the duties these voters have seen fit to place upon me. I would like very much to see my friends in person and extend thanks but will not be able to meet with them all at the present so use this medium of showing my appreciation to those I do not meet in person. I am your most sincere friend and servant,

G. B. (Blue) Tittle.

Mrs. J. C. Buford who has been here from Abilene visiting the family of J. A. Buford returned to her home Wednesday.

Golden Star polish is best. Use it when dusting. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Business Announcement.

Having bought the drug stock of Dr. M. Armstrong I solicit the patronage of his customers and earnestly ask for a share of your business whether you have been a patron of the store or not. It will be our endeavor to serve our customers in a clean and conscientious way. Mr. Gilliam the former manager will continue in charge of the prescription department and the management of this business in general. I hope that I will be awarded a share of your patronage if you are not a customer and that the old customers remain with us.
Yours most sincerely,
T. L. Grimes.

Notice to the Farmers.

I wish to thank you for the past favors you have tendered me as public cotton weigher and will do my best to give you absolute satisfaction on this year's business. The cotton yard will be at the same place as here-tofore, at the north end of Edwards street. I will always be on hand to look after your interests.
Yours respectfully,
H. H. Tittle, P. W.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen and daughter Miss Jessie returned from Abilene Friday where they have been making a temporary home while Miss Jessie attended the Simmons College Normal.

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Thanks to Merchants.

Merkel, Texas, Aug. 7, 1912.

To the Merkel Mail:—If you will be so kind as to publish this I wish to thank the merchants and all those who contributed to the premiums on the three first bales of cotton.

I was in with the second bale and sold it to the Anchor Hardware Company for 12½ cents, weighing 518 pounds which netted me \$63.35; premium \$21.80; total \$85.15.

\$21.80 was on the side. That means for the three lucky ones sugar in the coffee till it rains. Now if some easterner wants to live in the best state in the union and best spot in that state and the people any where, you come to Merkel and some of our real estate men will sell you a nice home cheaper now than they can when the land advances in price which I think it will do.

Now back to the premium. I

think I only voice the sentiment of the farmers of the Merkel country when I say we appreciate very much the premiums we received. Now if I had swiped this sooner I guess I would have taken in the Bull Moose convention at Chicago. Kindly,
T. R. Lassiter.

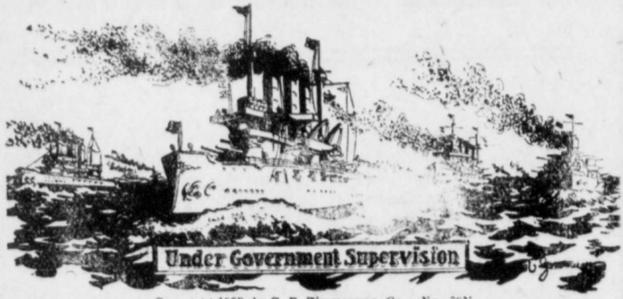
Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending Aug. 10, 1912:

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Hall, Thomas I
Silman, Albert
Stifler, Ed
Hernandez, Sr. Feliciano
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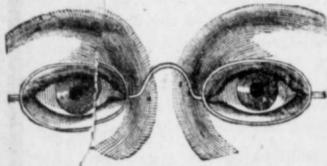
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Oak barrels at Armstrong's.

W. E. Hamner of Trent was here Tuesday on business.

Blazier Coat Flannel at Wood-roof's.

Miss Ina Gilliland of Fort Worth is here visiting Miss Ruth Mims.

Mrs. B. H. Moore left for Clyde Monday where she went to visit her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst visited the family of T. Shelton in Abilene Monday.

Mrs. J. W. Jennings and daughter Mrs. Wesley Edwards visited in Abilene Monday.

Rev. L. S. Knight of Snyder came in Wednesday to visit his niece Mrs. C. E. Whitaker.

Miss Mae Wilson who has been here visiting Mrs. W. A. Scott returned to her home in Abilene Wednesday.

Thos. Wingham formerly a druggist with Rust & McCauley Drug Co. was here Tuesday visiting friends.

Mrs. Fred Wood of Abilene spent the first of the week here visiting her sister Mrs. C. E. Whitaker.

Miss Leona Dyess of Colorado stopped Tuesday evening on her way home from Mingus to visit Miss Ether Williams.

Mrs. F. W. Harrell of Cisco is here visiting her sister Mrs. W. B. Alsbrook and to attend the Christian meeting.

I. S. Allen left Tuesday night for Denton and Dallas where he goes on a visit and for business. He will be away about ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rogers are the proud parents of a fine boy, the youngster making his appearance at the home in south Merkel Sunday night. Both the boy and mother are doing well.

Mrs. M. B. Bowles of Enid, Okla., is here visiting her son R. E. Bowles. Mrs. Bowles will spend the greater part of the summer with her son.

W. J. Keer and wife of Fort Smith, Ark., have been here for some time visiting C. E. Whitaker, Mrs. B. Jenkins, B. W. Hawkins and other relatives of the Merkel country. They returned to their home Wednesday.

W. Parten will leave Saturday for St. Louis, and New York where he will buy new goods for his company. Mr. Parten will be met in St. Louis by his partner and from there they will go on to New York together. He will be away about two weeks.

OUR CITIZEN'S DEMAND

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Mrs. J. M. Norris of Cisco came in Saturday to visit her father A. J. Tucker.

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In This Paper

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Just because John D. Rockefeller has made more money than he can count without the aid of nineteen clerks and forty adding machines, not to mention a well trained corps of coupon clippers, there are many people who come forward these days with stories to show that John, now famous for his wealth, wigs and wit, was once about the cutest person that ever happened when it came to financial strategy.

According to this latest narrative, Rockefeller told a close friend—and that "close" goes both ways—one morning that he wanted to borrow \$5,000 and that he must have it in order to save his business. The friend went down town in the course of his work, and pretty soon met a big banker.

"I wish," said the banker, "if you see Mr. Rockefeller this afternoon, you would tell him that I have found a place to put that \$10,000 which he asked me to loan out for him."

The friend gasped like a goldfish, and proceeded on his way, encountering another of the town's leading bankers.

"By the way," said the banker, "when you see Rockefeller this afternoon, please tell him that I have found a man who wants to borrow that \$10,000."

The friend staggered on, and met a third banker, who repeated what the other two captains of finance had said. Then he went back and found Rockefeller.

"John," he said, in astonishment, "when I left you this morning you told me you had to borrow \$5,000, and all day bankers have been telling me that you asked them to lend out \$10,000 for you."

"Well! well!" smiled Rockefeller, "that's fine! I suppose I may safely assume now that my credit is established in this town, I'll just step out and borrow that \$5,000 I need."—Popular Magazine.

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Miss Grace Perkins who has been here visiting Mrs. W. A. Scott returned from a short visit to Eskota Tuesday night. She did not finish her visit in that place for her mother Mrs. Rosa Perkins who is also visiting Mrs. Scott was taken with fever which demanded her attention.

Prof. Krigbaum and Black of the city schools came in last week from Austin where they have been during the summer attending the State Normal.

Miss Boyce of Abilene was the guest of Miss Elma Sheppard the first of the week.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Oak barrels at Armstrong's.

J. W. Saffle left Tuesday morning for points east.

Miss Ethel Carrol of Midland came in Thursday night to visit Miss Valrie Dye.

Mrs. A. B. Cranston who has been visiting relatives in Eastland returned home Saturday.

Roy Bradley who has been attending the Abilene Summer Normal returned home Friday.

Mrs. R. J. Reid of Abilene came up Tuesday afternoon to visit the family of M. D. Angus.

Miss Bessie Touchstone returned from Sweetwater Wednesday where she has been visiting.

W. L. Harkrider is in Stamford visiting his wife and children. They will return the latter part of the week.

Mrs. W. E. Britain came in Tuesday night from Matador and Floydada where she has been for the past month visiting relatives.

Mrs. H. R. Looney returned to her home at Dallas Wednesday. Mrs. Looney has been here visiting her mother Mrs. M. S. Wiman.

Mrs. Jesse P. Sewell came up from Abilene Tuesday to be with her husband during the remaining part of the meeting here in which he is connected.

Rufus A. McNeas returned from Austin Thursday of last week where he has been taking a summer course in the State Normal.

Mrs. Mary Rains left Wednesday for Boaz, Ala., where she was called to see one of her sons who is very low with dropsy.



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If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of The Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires, a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars

DRINKING OFF DUTY.

The order of the Lackakanna railroad management forbidding employees in the transportation department from drinking and playing cards while off or on duty may be regarded as an undue interference with the personal liberty of individual, but the facts warrant the order.

In the investigation of a disastrous wreck, when more than thirty people were killed, it was shown that before going out one of the engineers had been drinking. Investigators found that the engineer might not have been clear-headed and that his muddled brain resulted in neglect, and the wreck followed.

The man who drinks or "boozes" in the evening is in poor condition to work the next day. In the first hour of the morning he is usually stupid, crabbed and morose.

The business man who lives well and then drinks well and plays a little poker is not clear-headed the morning after.

What is true of a clerk or the employer is true of the mechanic.

A man in charge of a railroad train is not only responsible to his road, but he owes a duty to the people his train draws. When they see him in charge they have a right to expect that he is in top condition. They feel that his presence is a guarantee of their safety. They have a right to assume that he has made every preparation for his work.

In these days of fast travel, complicated machinery and of crowding always within three minutes or three feet of death, steady brains and steady hands are required—and liquor is not conducive to order in either brain or hand.

Too much liquor is not good for anybody. The only people that can afford to drink are those belonging to the leisure class, and in this country we are not supposed to have any leisure class.—Commercial Appeal.

MANY PROTESTS ON FIRE INSURANCE RATING LAW

News of the action of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce in adopting a resolution asking for the repeal of the Fire Rating Insurance Law, reached the Commissioners at Austin today and was commented on in official circles at the capital. Many stricken cities have appealed in vain to the Commissioners for relief and the Board now realizes that they are standing upon the crater of a volcano.

The principles of this law are so out of harmony with our anti-trust legislation and our accepted theories of government, that it has raised a continual disturbance ever since it entered the statute book. In fact, this law quarreled so viciously with its numerous neighbors, that Governor Campbell was compelled to call a special session of the legislature to quell the riot, but the legislature decided that these warring elements must dwell together in the same vessel, and the Fire Rating board has been compelled to sit on

the lid while the Fire Insurance Companies in many localities fry the fat out of the people.

The legislature appears to afford the only avenue of relief for the people, and the next session will undoubtedly deal with this difficult problem in a drastic manner.

FEWER SPEECHES AND BETTER SPEECHES.

Now that we are in a dead political calm, many of the leading newspapers of the state are advocating a law that will limit the number of campaign speeches in the hope of improving the quality by reducing the quantity. The flow of gas has been phenomenal during the past campaign and perhaps of as low grade as it is possible to find in its native state, but no cases of asphyxiation have been reported and while the politicians are making the meter spin they are not stirring the legislative caldron and the escape of gas is far better than drawing off a new batch of laws.

The purpose is a noble one but the suggested solution is too severe. It would, no doubt, require a century of silence for many of our politicians to assemble sufficient wisdom to warrant a single public statement and a law requiring a politician to say something when he speaks would close many political forums. The situation in many instances corroborates the position of the Commercial Secretaries that Texas Needs Great Men.

MARKETING COTTON.

The announcement that the financial interests of Texas would lend the farmers \$40,000,000 at six per cent to take care of distress cotton is by far the greatest event that has transpired in Texas in 1912. The plan is that of the Farmers Union, and the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's association has approved it and recommended it to the bankers who are providing the funds.

The bulls and bears have set many a trap for the farmer and the politicians with the flare of trumpets have issued proclamations in his behalf but this is perhaps the first instance on record where the business interests have come to his assistance by laying down the coin of the realm and it means starvation to the bears and the elimination of the politician and prosperity to the farmer. Business problems must be solved in a business way.

Politeness, courtesy, willingness to be helpful and accommodating, friendliness, are sometimes considered small things and a waste of time where a rush for money getting is the great problem. This is a mistake, for when all of the citizens of a town or city combine together to exhibit these traits, especially to strangers, it will be found one of the greatest drawing cards to business and investors. One of the strongest reasons why visitors and strangers will like such a place is because "everybody there seems so friendly and obliging."

The Hotel Corpus Beach of Corpus Christi which was formally opened July 4, is now comfortably filled with visitors. There are three thousand tourist now in that city and numerous cottages are going up on the beach to accommodate the travelers.

Cement your memory in the hearts of posterity by devoting a part your time to promoting the welfare of the city.

When you take your vacation this summer carry along a few facts that will interest outsiders in your city.

Our Motto: "Civic beauty in the town and home. Cleanliness the watchword and wholesomeness the result."

DO YOU WANT TO SELL OR TRADE

If you want to sell your land and your price is right I can help you. If you want to trade, let me know what you want and I will tell you when I've got it. I can sell your land for the cash if priced right or trade it for property anywhere. The following may be of interest to you:

A TOWN FOR A FARM: A good 5 stand, 60-saw gin, store building and \$3,000 stock of goods; blacksmith shop and tools; barber shop and tools; six acres of land and six rent houses. This is in the country, one of the best locations in the best part of the black land for a store and gin. One has made good money every year and you can do as well. Gin now ready and will gin 2,000 to 3,000 bales this season. Interurban now building by place; convenient to McKinney and Dallas. This property is worth \$12,500 for sale on terms or trade for land in Taylor or Jones county. It is a good deal for someone and you may be that one if you see me at once.

A TRUCK FARM FOR YOUR FARM: A little place 33 acres, 8 miles of Fort Worth; 23 acres in fruit and berries, balance corn and cotton; good improvements. Price \$3,300; also two good residence lots in Fort Worth worth \$1,000 to trade for a good farm, 100 to 160 acres, well located in the Merkel country.

ABOUT MY BARGAINS: If you want to buy a farm, no matter how big or little, all cash or small payment and long easy terms I can help you and save you money or we will not trade. I have the best propositions in this country and they are listed with me exclusively. Now is your chance to buy a home and get it right and quit the rent habit. Let me help you to be a homeowner. Now is the best time in the history of this country and our lands at present values are the best investments in the state.

MONEY TO LOAN: If you want to borrow some money on your improved land, sell or extend your vendor's lien notes I will give you the best contract and terms. Come to see me and give me your application.

JOHN G. JACKSON
LANDS AND LOANS

Notice, Farmers!

Our gin is in operation and ready for your cotton. We have a new plant, all of the latest and best improved machinery and will give you the best turn-out. We will give you the best service and will appreciate your business.

The Independent Gin

"THE NEW GIN"
McDonald & Dunagin, Managers

Physicians Advise

the use of a good laxative, to keep the bowels open and prevent the poisons of undigested food from getting into your system.

The latest product of science is VELVO Laxative Liver Syrup, purely vegetable, gentle, reliable and of a pleasant, aromatic taste. Velvo acts on the liver, as well as on the stomach and bowels, and is of the greatest possible efficacy in constipation, indigestion, biliousness, sick headache, feverishness, colic, flatulence, etc. Try

VELVO LAXATIVE LIVER SYRUP

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Carbon at Armstrong's.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowers of Trent were here Monday.

A new lot of ladies collars and ties at Woodroof's.

T. F. Compton transacted business in Abilene Monday.

Buy Abilene Bread at the City Meat Market.

W. O. Boney was in Abilene Monday on business.

New ties and belts for Norfolk suits at Woodroof's.

W. A. Scott transacted business in Abilene Tuesday.

The house that caters to your wants. Whitley, Son & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hutcherson of Trent were here Monday visiting relatives.

You can now get Abilene bread at the City Meat Market.

Miss Willie Casper of Shep is in Big Springs this week visiting relatives.

A new lot of ladies collars and ties at Woodroof's.

Miss Winnie Sandlin returned last week from visits to Wills Point and Arlington.

Try a loaf of Abilene bread at the City Meat Market. 10 cents or 3 for 25 cents.

G. E. Comegys went to Clyde Tuesday to look after the Star Store of that place.

Ladies New Lace Coat "COSAQUES" at Woodroof's. Price \$1.50 to \$3.50.

Dr. C. M. McCauley of Abilene was here Saturday looking after business matters.

Fall Gingham going at a big sacrifice. See us at once. The Clerks at Parten Dry Goods Co.

Mrs. L. A. Benbrook of Benbrook who has been here visiting her son Edgar Boaz left for her home Monday.

We have too many embroideries and will sell you what you want at what they cost us. W. D. Woodroof & Co.

Mrs. Will Calvert left Saturday night for Dallas where she met Mr. Calvert and from there they will go to Waxahachie to visit.

The most sensational sale of the season. The Clerks Clean Sweep Sale at Parten Dry Goods Company.

Vernon M. Sutphen, cashier of the Farmers Guarantee State Bank of Meridian came in Sunday to visit his mother Mrs. J. P. Sutphen.

"I was cured of diarrhoea by one dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes M. E. Gebhardt, Oriole, Pa. There is nothing better. For sale by all dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Goodwin of Plainview were here this week visiting the family of J. S. Swann. They returned home Tuesday.

Now is the time to buy that fall suit from the Clerks at Parten Dry Goods Company. We will sell 'em to you right while the Boss is gone.

Dr. A. M. Armstrong of Crawford is here visiting his nephew Dr. M. Armstrong his former partner in the medical profession.

Rev. C. W. Inn and wife who have been at Dora the past two weeks left for Ivan Tuesday. Rev. Inn has just finished holding a meeting at Dora.

Oak barrels at Armstrong's.

MEXICAN IS KILLED IN REEVES COUNTY

Jose Comez, a Mexican was found dead about thirty miles north of Pecos by Sam Means who was riding over the W ranch. Mr. Means at once notified Sheriff Brown who in company with Justice Krauskopf immediately left by auto for that place.

On arriving they found that the Mexican had been shot in the back and had been dragged into the bushes and his wagon driven some few hundred yards away and the teams turned loose or ridden away.

It appears that the man was very well to do and the verdict was that he had been murdered by unknown parties for the purpose of robbing him. He had papers on him showing that he had had considerable business with the Anson Mercantile Company, and letters that would indicate that he had some interesting family connections.—Reeves County Record.

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.

Farm Loans.

Merkel Country Farmers: If you need some money now or will want a loan this fall, give me your application for a loan on your land or for the sale of your first lien land notes. In the matter of quick and satisfactory service am confident I can please you and will give you as good a deal as you can get anywhere. My rates and fee reasonable.

Jno. G. Jackson, Merkel.

Recital Postponed.

Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler has informed us that the music recital which she was to give here August 15 has been indefinitely postponed. Miss Bowler is rapidly improving from the operation for appendicitis and will by September the first be able to take charge of her music class.

Money to Loan.

\$250,000.00 to loan at 8 per cent per annum, on improved Farms or ranches, or will buy first lien notes on this class of property. C. L. Barker, at Southern National Bank, Merkel, Texas.

Butter smokes at 329 degrees, Lard at 400 degrees. You can heat CRISCO to 455 and it will not smoke. This is the secret of the dry crisp fried foods that Crisco makes. For frying or shortening for cake making, you will find it at Whitley, Son & Co. Phone 252.

Pate & Rose shaving parlor. Barber work a specialty.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Carbon at Armstrong's.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Herring and daughter of Fort Worth were here Monday and Tuesday visiting Mrs. Judd Sheppard, Mr. Herring's sister. Mr. Herring is a conductor on the T. & B. V. between Fort Worth and Houston and is out in this country visiting relatives while taking a leave of absence. Before coming here he visited his brother Chas. Herring a lumberman of Sweetwater.

The Big Clerks Sensational Clean Sweep Sale at Parten Dry Goods Company begins Saturday August 10 and lasts until Saturday August 24. 24 brooms free Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 24 brooms free each of the above days. Come early. The Clerks at Parten Dry Goods Company.

Dr. O. F. McMaster left Friday for the coast country where he will look after business and visit during the next month. While away Dr. Green a former Merkel dentist and citizen will have care of Dr. McMaster's office and practice.

We are selling White Crest and White Billows flour to every person that comes and calls for flour. We have our store full and want to make room for our fall goods. We can meet all cut prices, come and see us before you buy. Hamblett & Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Black are the proud parents of a fine girl who made her arrival Sunday. "Papa Jim" is all smiles this week and he reports the mother and babe doing well.

The Boss has gone to market and has left the store with us. We are selling goods cheap. The Clerks at Parten Dry Goods Company.

Mrs. J. D. Black of Jarrell and her daughter Mrs. Foster of Miles Station were here last week visiting the family of S. F. Haynes. Mrs. Black and Mrs. Haynes are sisters.

G. B. and H. H. Tittle went down to Abilene Monday where they looked after the filing of their expense accounts of the past campaign.

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

Miss Iva Campbell went to Abilene Saturday to visit friends and relatives.

Your Printing

If it is worth doing at all, it's worth doing well.

First class work at all times is our motto.

Let us figure with you on your next job.

BAD BLOOD POISON FROM SPIDER BITE

W. D. Woodroof came in from St. Louise and other eastern points Wednesday afternoon suffering from blood poison as a result of a spider bite received a few days before he left here for market.

The last of last week his foot began to pain him and upon having the trouble looked after by a physician it was found that the bite had resulted in poison as above stated and that there was some danger of having his foot amputated but careful treatment with a slight operation seemed to help the poisoned foot and he was soon able to start for Merkel though he had very little use of his right foot which is not yet in condition that will bear neglect. Mr. Woodroof has been away to Eastern markets and the trouble has delayed him somewhat in his return.

Business Notice.

I have sold my entire drug business to T. L. Grimes who will take immediate charge of the affairs. I retain all the old drug accounts up to consummation of the deal and will look after the collections of the past business in person. While I will have no interest in the drug business, I will keep my offices as heretofore, in the rear of the drug store and invite you in Mr. Grimes' behalf to continue your patronage with him. Yours respectfully, Dr. M. Armstrong.

Don't You Owe Yourself Something?

For programmes and beautiful illustrated literature (free of cost) relating to the Great Colorado Chautauqua at Beautiful Boulder and numerous splendid, home-like and not unreasonably expensive resorts throughout Wonderful Colorado and the Pacific Coast, address A. A. Glisson, General Passenger Agent, "The Denver Road," Fort Worth, Texas. Little vacations in these directions are always worth more than they cost.

Money To Loan On Land.

We are now taking applications for loans on land. Every one knows our record in this line. We have been lending many years and know how to handle your business. The rate is still 8 per cent. See us early so that we may get your application accepted. Bynum & McDavid, Abilene, Texas.

Saved Him.

"It didn't kill me, but I think it would if it had not been for Hunt's Cure. I was tired, miserable and well nigh used up when I commenced using it for an old and severe case of Eczema. One application relieved and box cured me. I believe Hunt's Cure will cure any form of itching known to mankind." Clifton Lawrence, Helena, O.T.

Several Merkel and Merkel country citizens attended the county convention at Abilene Saturday. Some of those in attendance were J. S. Swann, J. H. Oliver, J. H. Shafier, H. M. Rainbolt, H. C. Williams, W. O. Boney, C. D. Mims, G. B. Tittle, J. T. Toombs, and T. J. Williamson.

If you don't believe we are selling 'em cheap come to see us while the Boss has gone to market. The Clerks at Parten Dry Goods Company.

Son Potter had the misfortune of getting his collar bone broken in a fall from a wagon this week.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Carbon at Armstrong's.

Miss Mae Derstine visited friends in Abilene Sunday.

Rhinestone and Brilliant set back combs at Woodroof's.

Miss Lila Sandlin visited friends in Abilene Monday.

Bar Pins, the latest styles at Woodroof's.

E. D. Massey of Trent was in town Monday on his way to Abilene.

Bow-knot hair barrettes at Woodroof's.

Miss Lulu Thornton visited friends in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

Bar Pins, the latest styles at Woodroof's.

Miss Wilson of Abilene was here the first of the week visiting Mrs. W. A. Scott.

Ladies new Lace Coat "COSAQUES" at Woodroof's. Price \$1.50 to \$3.50.

Mrs. H. C. Taack of Johnson county arrived Monday to visit her uncle John Bloxom.

Throw away your wash board and buy Clean Easy Soap, 10 minutes to the boiler full. Rinse that's all. Whitley, Son & Co.

Miss Edith Mackey came in from Durant, Okla., Friday to visit her sister Mrs. W. A. Scott.

Everything in the store going cheap while the Boss is away. The Clerks at Parten Dry Goods Company.

Elder W. G. Cypert returned Monday to spend a few days with his family. He has been out of town for some time holding meetings.

Mrs. Dick Barnett of Winters who has been here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Eoff returned to her home Saturday.

Misses Laverna Swafford and Elizabeth Haskins left for Stamford Saturday where they went to attend a week-end party.

We are going to give you 24 brooms every day for four days. Be here early Saturday morning Aug. 10. The Clerks at Parten Dry Goods Company.

Wesley Edwards and A. C. Sears returned from Fort Worth Friday where they have been looking after business affairs.

Miss Kate Harkrider of Gonzales who has been here visiting her sister Mrs. Asa Sheppard went to Abilene Friday to visit other relatives.

Constipation is the starting point for many serious diseases. To be healthy keep the bowels active and regular. Herbine will remove all accumulations in the bowels and put the system in prime condition. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Reed Alsbrook of Sweetwater was here Sunday visiting his parents. His wife who has been here visiting returned with him.

John Shannon returned from College Station where he went as a delegate from Taylor county to the Farmers Congress. While away he visited Galveston and other places in east Texas.

Willie Joe Largent returned from Amarillo Friday where he has been taking a course in Draughon's Business College.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Borah who have been here visiting G. P. Bradley of the Canyon country left for their home Monday.

New Robespierre collars at Woodroof's.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Saturday afternoon at her beautiful home on Zettes Heights Miss Mabel Collins received her friends in honor of her guest Miss Norton of Hico. The hearty welcome received made those who were fortunate enough to get there between showers forget that it was raining.

In the reception rooms Miss Collins had favored the graceful sunflower. Hand-painted sunflowers were used as table tallies. Gold and white pin cushions were passed as score cards while white headed pins marked the games of progressive 42. Mrs. W. A. Scott made high score and was presented with a dainty set of silver salt spoons. Mrs. Dickson was consoled with a pair of silk hose. After admiring the favors the ladies in a very gracious manner presented them to the charming honoree.

Miss Collins carried out the sunflower scheme in her ice course forming the sunflower covers on the cream by using the chocolate cream as a center and almonds as the petals. This was not only unique but delicious served with angel food with a sunflower favor at each plate.

Those present were Misses Annie T. Daniel, Edith Mackey of Durant, Okla., Maud Martin, Ruth Mims, Imogene Norton, Genevieve Rust, Mesdames Fred Bigham, T. J. Coggin, W. H. Dickson, Davenport Gaither, W. A. Scott, Twyman Collins, R. H. Collins and the hostess. More than a score of others who waited for the rain clouds to pass around were disappointed and missed an ideal afternoon.

The Five Hundred Club was entertained Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. G. Jackson. At the conclusion of the games Miss Annie T. Daniel, Miss Olga Sheppard and Mrs. W. H. Dickson held high score, Mrs. Dickson winning the handsome piece of cut glass in the cut. Mrs. Davenport Gaither was consoled with a lovely box of candy in a cut with Mrs. T. J. Coggin and Miss Mabel Collins.

Mrs. Jackson is always a charming hostess and its a pleasure to receive an invitation to her social affairs. An elaborate two course luncheon was served, chicken sandwiches, shrimp salad, potato chips, olives and iced tea, cream and cake.

Those present were Misses Elma and Olga Sheppard, Leno Largent, Ruth Mims, Mary Brown of Temple, Imogene Norton of Hico, Mabel Collins, Annie T. Daniel, Genevieve Rust, Mesdames Davenport Gaither, T. J. Coggin, Lanier Brown, W. H. Dickson and the hostess.

T. G. Bragg and Mrs. Bessie Reed of Hillsboro were married by Rev. G. M. Gibson at his residence, 3614 Gillespie street, at 6:30 p. m. Friday.

The above appeared in Dallas News social affairs Sunday and will be of interest to the bride's many friends here. Mrs. Bragg was formerly Miss Bessie Barnes, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes of this place. For the past two years she has made her home in Hillsboro. Mr. Bragg is one of the leading merchants of Hillsboro. They are spending their honeymoon at Niagra Falls. They will also visit a number of eastern cities while away. After September 1st they will be at home to their many friends in their beautiful home in Hillsboro.

Mrs. Lanier Brown tendered a slumber party to a few girl friends Thursday evening, naming her niece Miss Mary Brown of Temple as honoree. A luncheon was served after which the evening was given over to telling ghost stories, just the evening for such tales, for the thunder and lightning gave the necessary background to each weird tale. A midnight feast of watermelon was enjoyed by Misses Dorothy Lee Potter, Zora West, Elma Sheppard, Genevieve Rust, Roxie Moon, the honoree and hostess.

Thursday evening Mrs. J. G. Jackson tendered a joy ride to Miss Imogene Norton of Hico. The thunder shower marred the trip to Abilene but glowing accounts are given of a delightful drive out in the moon light away from the heat and dust. The joyriders were Misses Imogene Norton, Mabel Collins, Annie T. Daniel, little Miss Evelyn Jackson and Mrs. J. G. Jackson.

Saturday evening Miss Mabel Collins was hostess to a car full of joy riders chaperoned by Mrs. J. W. Daniel. Mr. Daniel took them to Abilene in his car. A visit to the picture shows and a lineup at Sides' rounded out the pleasures of a most enjoyable evening. Then came the drive home in the small wee hours just before sun up. (?) The personnel of the party: Misses Lula Thornton, Maud Martin, Annie T. Daniel, Imogene Norton the honoree, Mabel Collins, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel.

On Tuesday evening several of the Baracas met at Dr. and Mrs. O. F. McMaster's to organize a quartet. It so happened that some girls were there. Lots of good music and several games of 42 were enjoyed by all. Ice cream was served to Misses Pet Sears, Fanny Burroughs, Dorothy Lee Potter and Mollie Sears. Messrs. Ernest Duckett, Simpson Christopher, Dennis McDonald, Ollie Shaffer, John Moore, Leslie McNeese and Dr. Green. Mrs. Pickle, Mrs. Gilliland, little Miss Maudie Pearl Gilliland and Master Lloyd Gilliland.

Miss Annie T. Daniel entertained with a dinner party Sunday evening in honor of her Abilene friends. A beautifully appointed dinner was served to Messrs. Herman Pender, S. E. Adams, Ernest Reynolds, John Daniel, Misses Willie Bigham, Sallie Hemphill, Juanita Harris, Annie T. Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bigham.

If you sit in a cool draft when you are heated and get a stiff neck, or lame back, you will be looking for something that will ease the pain. Fix your mind on Ballard's Snow Liniment and don't be talked out of it because it is the best pain relieving liniment you can get anywhere. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

A Ranch Camping Party.

Monday afternoon Mrs. Twyman Collins chaperoned a crowd of girls to the Collins ranch where two days were spent in enjoying the art of fishing, boating and swimming. Then came the sport of the round-up, learning to use the lasso and to ride the horses. Duties were assigned to each girl so as to give each a chance to get acquainted with some form of ranch life. The boys, John Collins, Ralph Bigham and DeWitt Turner, went along to kill snakes, fish and keep off the bugaboo. Miss Imogene Norton was honoree, Miss Mabel Collins hostess Mrs. Twyman Collins chaperone. Misses Lulu Thornton and Martin were special friends. While the clouds caused a large crowd of visitors to give up a surprise party the campers had lots of fun.

If your child is pale and sickly, picks at the nose, starts in the sleep and grinds the teeth while sleeping, it is a sure sign of worms. A remedy for these parasites will be found in White's Cream Vermifuge. It not only clears out the worms, but it restores health and cheerfulness. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Unforeseen Complication.

Jimson, in London, had rung up a well known shop in Paris by telephone to communicate an order on behalf of Mrs. Jimson. After waiting two hours for the connection to be made, he entered the booth and began. Two minutes later he emerged.

"Say, mister," said he to the attendant, "can't you put me on a wire that'll translate what I have to say into French? I can't make that darned jackass on the other end of the line understand a word I say.—Harper's Weekly.

In every home where there is a baby there should also be a bottle of McGee's Baby Elixir. It may be needed at any time to correct sour stomach, wind colic, diarrhoea or summer complaint. It is a wholesome remedy, contains no opium, morphine or injurious drug of any kind. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Limit of the Borrowing Habit.

Little Margie was a frequent visitor at the Jones home, going there on errands of borrowing many times each day. On this occasion she asked the loan of a cooking utensil. But Mrs. Jones had become very much out of patience at the continual borrowing and sent word by Margie that she "had other fish to fry."

Imagine her surprise when in a few moments her neighbor's little Margie again appeared in her doorway, saying:

"Mozzer thaid pleathe to thend thome of the fith, pleathe."

Royally Welcomed.

Occupants of the Waves cottage shivered by large throngs of Lakesiders in company with the brass band Monday last. A large and enthusiastic crowd of jolly makers met at the cottage of Prof. Ralph Sloan to greet the arrival of Dr. George Miller and bride, the former, son of Mrs. Jno. Miller, of Campaign, Ill., and a Practitioner of Merkel, Texas, the latter a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Keeton, of Medina, Tenn.

They were married at Merkel, Texas, July 22nd, 10 a. m., Rev. Clements at M. E. church South officiating.

They spent several days in Chicago the doctor's old college town. The Dr. thinking that some joke might be played on him made it a point to land in Lakeside on Sunday. He was greeted by a shower of rice and thought things were quiet for the future when they found themselves suddenly surrounded by a throng of people beating old pans and other brockets, besides the excellent music by the Lakeside band made up of about eighteen pieces. The Dr. hardly knew what to make of the situation in which he found himself and bride. The word speech soon rang out and all the Dr. said was: "that they called a freak of this nature in Texas, of having one laid over on you." After the noise and music had ceased the crowd was served with refreshments by Mrs. Miller the doctor's mother.

The couple will remain at Lakeside about ten days then depart for Cleveland, Buffalo and other eastern points, from which places they will visit the home of Mrs. Miller's people in Tennessee, then returning to the doctor's home in Texas.—The Peninsula Press, Marblehead, Ohio.

SALIVATED BY DANGEROUS CALOMEL

If You Ever Saw a Man Salivated, You Don't Want Any More Calomel Yourself.

There's no real reason why a person should take calomel anyway, when fifty cents will buy a large bottle of Dodson's Liver-Tone—a perfect substitute for calomel. It is a pleasant tasting vegetable liquid which will start the liver just as surely as calomel, and which has absolutely no bad after-effects.

Children and grown people can take Dodson's Liver-Tone without any restriction of habit or diet. Rust & McCauley's drug store sells it and guarantees it to take the place of calomel and will refund your money if it fails in your case.

NEED OF FRESH FOOD SHOW!

Scientific Name Given to Disease Which Afflicted Members of Polar Exploration Party.

In an address lately given before the Zoological Society of France, Dr. Jacques Liouville, the physician and naturalist who accompanied the Pout quof-Pas on her antarctic expedition stated the chief physical troubles with which the crew had to contend were three in number, all, in his opinion springing from the lack of fresh food. He therefore terms this polar malady "the disease of conserved food." The malady comprised symptoms of scurvy, polar anaemia and several frost bites or chilblains, which frequently bled constantly. The underlying cause of all the affections is an alteration in the chemical composition of the blood—or "dyscrasia." The heart functioned badly, and the patients suffered from terrible shortness of breath, frequent drowsiness, and oedema of the lower extremities. They were easily exhausted and unable to march, while the slightest movement brought on intense palpitation. However, all these morbid symptoms disappeared within ten days when fresh meat was obtainable, and did not appear again after the fresh wild celery obtained at Tierra del Fuego had been enjoyed for some time. Dr. Liouville took a just pride in the fact that this was the first polar expedition which ever restored all its members to their homes in a state of perfect health. He had three surgical cases to handle. Recovery was highly satisfactory, which he ascribes partly to the entire absence of pathogenic bacteria and partly to the fact that there was not a trace of alcoholism in the patients.—Scientific American.

One of the most common ailments that hard working people are afflicted with is lame back. Apply Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day and massage the parts thoroughly at each application, and you will get quick relief. For sale by all dealers.

Merkel Mail \$1.00 per year

My Doctor Said

"Try Cardui," writes Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, N. C. "I was in a very low state of health, and was not able to be up and tend to my duties. I did try Cardui, and soon began to feel better. I got able to be up and help do my housework. I continued to take the medicine, and now I am able to do my housework and to care for my children, and I feel as though I could never praise Cardui enough for the benefits I have received."

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A farmer named Richter, of Millwood, in Westchester county, N. Y., sacrificed a load of milk the other day to save a new touring car, in which two women were riding, from being destroyed by fire. The engine of the car began to spit flames. Finally it took fire. The occupants then abandoned it for fear the gasoline tank might explode. Richter came driving along with several cans of milk. With him was his eighteen-year-old son. He alighted from the wagon, and seizing a ten-quart can filled with milk threw the contents over the flames. The floor of the car was afire and burning briskly. He saw he would have to waste several more cans of milk to save the auto. "Come, hand me those cans quickly," he said to his son. He emptied them over the auto as fast as he could. The flames were checked, but not until nearly one hundred and fifty quarts of milk had been sacrificed. The owner of the car asked him what the milk was worth. Richter fixed his loss at seven dollars, but the lady gave him twenty-five dollars, saying, "You deserve all this, if not more."

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OLD STRUCTURES IN DECAY

Condition of Famous Leaning Towers in Italy Excite Apprehension of Antiquarians.

Reports have been current for some time concerning the safety of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and the Italian papers announce a similar state of things with the Garisenda of Bologna and the Ghirlandina of Modena. The former dates from 1110, and the latter from 1224 to 1319. The Tower of Pisa, which is about 177 feet in height, is 14 feet 6 inches beyond the perpendicular. It is accentuated from the base, but diminishes half way up and onward. The inclination is said to be greater today than it was in 1817. This has been marked in later years. But there are other disquieting signs. Some of the stonework of the windows is giving way, and the steps are said to be cracking. The soil upon which Pisa's Tower was raised, a Paris contemporary points out, is "permeable and friable," and subsoil water is believed to be penetrating beyond the masonry. Architects and other experts are now engaged in a close observation. They fear that below the foundations there are some considerable voids, and they are of opinion that the inclination of the tower has increased since 1859. The commission appointed to deal with the matter concludes that there is no immediate danger, yet there must be no delay in remedying matters. The Garisenda is about 161 feet in height, with an inclination of just 14 feet. The Ghirlandina is said to be the highest of the towers, being 331 feet. It is slightly inclined toward the Cathedral, which itself is in a feeble state.

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CANTANKEROUS TO THE LAST

Not Even Praise of His Own Handwork Availled to Soften Old "Uncle Jake."

"Uncle Jake" was one of the characters of Bunbury. He was as deaf as a post—when he wanted to be—and as contrary as a bundle of sticks.

One of his neighbors came into his yard one day and said, "Uncle Jake, I'd like to borrow your wagon this morning; mine is having a spring mended."

"You'll have to speak louder," rejoined Uncle Jake. "I don't hear very well, and I don't like to lend my wagon, anyhow!"

The old man was an expert maker of axe helves—an occupation in which there is more art than the unskilled would suppose—and these helves he left at the village store to be sold on commission.

One snowy day as Uncle Jake came stamping up the steps of the store, another old fellow who was known as Uncle Horace remarked to the men lounging about the stove:

"I'll treat the crowd if I don't make Uncle Jake agree to the first thing I say to him when he comes in."

"Don't be rash, Uncle Horace!" called out the storekeeper. "That never happened yet, and it isn't likely to."

But Uncle Horace merely grinned and picked up one of Uncle Jake's axe-helves. The door opened and in came Uncle Jake.

"Jake," said Uncle Horace, running his fingers up and down the smooth wood, "this is a mighty good ax handle."

"No, it ain't," replied Uncle Jake at once. "I can't make good handles, but that one you've got is the kind people want. They don't know no better!"

And Uncle Horace treated the company to sardines, crackers and cheese.—Youth's Companion

She Knew.
The city girl, on her first vacation in the country, was sitting at the side of the first beau she had ever had, looking at the first full moon she had ever seen in a perfectly clear sky.

"Billy," she squealed ecstatically, "how perfectly delightfully dear, and yet how horribly sweetly sad is the music of those toadstools, out there in the woods!"

"Why, darling," breathed William, who had been in the country before, once—"you can't mean 'toadstools.' The noise you hear is being made by crickets."

"Of course," answered the city girl—"you know what I mean. I get the names mixed up. I knew it was something to sit on!"

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NOTICE TO OUR READERS

Notice the label on your paper and see when it expires. For example, if the figures "11Aug12" appear on the wrapper, your paper will be out the eleventh of August 1912. Watch this and renew before the time is out so as to avoid missing a copy.

F. A. Sanders one of the genial R.F.D. boys took advantage of his leave of absence last week and returned to his native land, that of Huntingdon, Tenn. This is the first time Mr. Sanders has returned to his old home since he came to this country several years ago and he made the trip in order to attend a birthday dinner given for his father who was 75 years old Wednesday.

S. P. Foster and family left last week for California where they will reside in the future. We regret to lose Mr. Foster very much and know that he will make the Sunflower state a good citizen.

Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler and sister Miss Gilmer Bowler of Terrell came in from Abilene Saturday. Miss Bowler has just about recovered from the effects of the operation for appendicitis.

S. C. Keith who was operated on for appendicitis at Abilene two weeks ago returned Sunday looking very little worse for his trip, only a radical change in his complexion.

Misses Flay Gunn, Eula Haskins, Elizabeth and Martha Swafford were members of a week-end party at Anson last week. They made the trip across-country returning the first of this week.

Miss Robbie Davis of Austin who has been here visiting the family of T. B. Garrouthe has accepted a position with the Parten Dry Goods Co., and will not return to the capital city just now.

Misses Tilroe and Opal Moon left yesterday for Cisco to visit their grandmother Mrs. Britton. From there they will go to Anderson where they will go to school during the next session.

Mrs. Ella Davis and daughter Miss Clara and Miss Ruby Booth of Knoxville, Tenn., are here visiting the family of W. M. O'Briant. Mrs. Davis is related to Mrs. O'Briant.

LIKES OLD-FASHIONED HOUSE

Belgian Consul at Boston Refuses to Make Changes in His Picturesque Abode.

E. S. Mansfield, the Belgian consul, has an old-fashioned house which has existed for at least a hundred years, and which he has refused to have fitted either with gas or electricity.

It is like a breath of another century, says the friends who visit it, but they admire even more the rare and ancient garden which leads from it. In itself the garden is complete and after the style of the early European gardens or America's colonial ones. The old paintings which hang in the house always evoke the most praise of all. They are Spanish, Dutch, Flemish, Italian, French and English works, and they add to the aged aspect of the home.

Whenever guests who know the modern activity of Mr. Mansfield first become acquainted with his house, they are surprised that it should appear so opposite to the owner. They ask Mr. Mansfield of it and he answers: "I like the contrast."—Boston Traveler.

Lords in the making.
Allan Dawson, a New York editor, says he was in London when the question of making 500 new lords was agitating England, and that he happened to be in the press gallery of the house of commons when the subject was under discussion.

"It was an exciting time," said Dawson. "A list of names was under consideration. I listened until the house had disposed of three and had elected their titles. The first man decided upon was General Booth of the Salvation army. It was set forth that his title was to be Lord Saveus. The next was Mr. Patterson, the big baggage and express man of London, and his title was to be Lord Dellverus. The third was Mr. Pink, who owns the largest jam factory in England. They fixed his title as Lord Preserves. Then I came away."—Saturday Evening Post.

Absolutely the coolest place in town. Where? At the Elite.

H. C. Burroughs, Jr., returned from Fort Worth Friday afternoon where he went to have his eyes treated. He returned home feeling much better from the treatment.

Dr. J. M. C. King has returned from Galveston where he has been for the last few weeks taking advantage of the coast country as a health resort. The doctor returned very much helped by the trip and looks at least ten years younger than he did upon leaving here.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Use Golden Star polish when dusting.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parmelly of Caps were here the first of the week visiting relatives.

When in town make our store your headquarters. The Elite.

Miss Lillian Jennings of Abilene is here visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. W. Jennings.

WANTED—Chickens, hens and fryers for a cash price at Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

Miss Agnes Hall came in Sunday from Waco and other points where she has been for the past few months.

Special prices on granite ware Saturday at the Nickel Store.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Crowley of Denison are here this week visiting Mrs. Crowley's father J. P. Hamm.

Eight and ten ounce cotton sacking duck at Hogue-Hamilton.

Joe Gibson of Duncan, Okla., was here this week prospecting. He was accompanied by M. C. Morrison of Lampasas.

New line Corded Silks. W. D. Woodroof & Co.

W. B. Franabarger who has been here visiting friends for some time left Thursday for points east.

Mrs. West Edwards came in Wednesday from Mineral Wells where she has been for the past few weeks.

Save money by buying granite ware Saturday at the Nickel Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robbins were making preparations Wednesday for their departure to Kentucky where they will make their home in the future.

J. L. Harris returned Wednesday from Roscoe and Snyder where he has been for the past week in the interest of the Oxapath Company.

Use Golden Star polish when dusting.

Mrs. J. G. Brown of Roscoe stopped here this week to visit the family of J. V. Tye. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are on their way to Oklahoma where they will reside in the future.

Make yourself at home to our music when at the Elite.

Otti Coggin left for Dallas Wednesday night where he goes for treatment under an oculist. Mr. Coggin is having considerable trouble with his eyes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bigham left Wednesday for Dallas and Fort Worth where Mrs. Bigham goes for a visit. Mr. Bigham will go on to Marlin for a short stay.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Inkum Items.

Aug. 5—Mart Morrow of Coke county has moved into the house bought by John Collins just recently.

The thrasher has been in our midst this week but the oats turned out rather light owing to the dry weather.

T. J. Jenkins and Mr. Hanks of Dora were in our midst this week.

Mrs. A. B. Crews of Big Springs came in Wednesday to visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Denton.

V. T. Tye and son Leonard of Weaver Springs were in our section Wednesday and Thursday.

Alec Williams and wife of Scurry county are visiting relatives in this community this week.

Walter Morrow a former resident of this neighborhood but recently of Coke county has returned to Elm Creek.

Mrs. Martin is very low with cancer of the stomach.

There were good showers of rain at Bethel and on the creek above Thursday, Saturday and Sunday but the rain was very light in a radius of a mile of Inkum.

Millard King and wife visited at J. P. Fuqua's Tuesday.

Wm. Hallmark and family visited relatives here Wednesday. On their return home to Shep Thursday they found that several houses had been blown down during the storm there that day.

Shocking Sounds

in the earth are sometimes heard before a terrible earthquake, that warn of the coming peril. Nature's warnings are kind. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the kidneys need attention if you would escape those dangerous maladies, Dropsy, Diabetes or Bright's disease. Take Electric Bitters at once and see backache fly and all your best feelings return. "My son received great benefit from their use for kidney and bladder trouble," writes Peter Bondy, of South Rockwood, Mich. "It is certainly a great kidney medicine. Try it. 50 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

Weaver Springs Dots.

Aug 5—Crops of this community are looking well.

Mrs. E. M. Bloxom is on the sick list this week.

W. J. Tyler made a business trip to Merkel last week.

Mrs. Adrain Campbell returned to Abilene last week after a week's visit with her parents in the Canyon.

Mr. McLain has returned from Oklahoma and his many friends welcome him back to our midst.

H. H. Tyler attended White Church Sunday.

Almost Lost His Life.

S. A. Stid, of Mason, Mich., will never forget his terrible exposure to a merciless storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, so it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several doses of Dr. King's New Discovery which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneumonia, but to continue with the Discovery. I did so and two bottles completely cured me." Use only this quick, safe, reliable medicine for coughs, colds or any throat or lung trouble. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

Blair Echoes.

Aug. 6—Robert Goens of Hamby is here visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Goens.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere attended church at White Church Sunday.

The gin here is being completed this week.

The rain last week filled the large tank.

Mr. Gibson is reported on the sick list.

A very small crowd attended prayer meeting Sunday night.

Jacob Reeves and Earnest Perrnell visited friends at Castle Peak Sunday.

Miss Sallie Hall of Merkel visited homefolks Sunday.

Mrs. Mae Horton has been on the sick list but has improved we are glad to learn.

Misses Jessie and Emma Clark attended church at Nubia Sunday.

O. W. Reed, wife and daughter Alice visited relatives here Monday.

S. E. Adcock and Leslie Powell were in Merkel on business Tuesday.

What is Best for Indigestion?

Mr. A. Robinson of Drumquin, Ontario, has been troubled for years with indigestion, and recommends Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets as "the best medicine I ever used." If troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial. They are certain to prove beneficial. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at all dealers.

Real Estate Transfers.

H. C. Floyd and wife and J. D. Gaither, lots 11 and 12 in block "L" of Boyce's addition to Merkel, \$1350.

J. F. Elliott and wife to Roy C. Elliott lot 2 in block 50, Merkel, also strip of land lying south of lot 2, above mentioned, \$450.

W. H. Young to J. D. and L. D. Gaither lot 2 in Story's subdivision lots 1, 2 and 3 in block 19, Merkel, \$2250.

W. H. Young and wife to W. D. Woodroof lots 11 and 12 in block "L" Boyce's second addition to Merkel \$1000.

Mrs. Willie Conaway and husband, R. W. Conaway to R. A. McClain lots 1, 2 and 3 in block 4 in town of Merkel, \$250.

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"I blamed my heart for severe distress in my left side for two years," writes W. Evans, Danville, Va., but I know now it was indigestion, as Dr. King's New Life Pills completely cured me." Best for stomach, liver and kidney troubles, constipation, headache or debility. 25 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

The Raw Recruit.

F. M. King enlisted in the Spanish-American war and was sent to Jefferson barracks. He was strolling through the company streets smoking a cigar when an officer approached. King saluted.

"Look here," said the officer, "don't you know better than to salute an officer when you have a cigar in your mouth? How long have you been here?"

"Three days," replied King. "You are excused this time," said the officer, "but don't let me catch you doing that again."

In a short time King met the same officer and walked by without saluting.

"Why didn't you salute?" demanded the officer, stopping him.

"Well, you just told me not to salute when I had a cigar in my mouth," replied the raw recruit.

But he spent three days in the kitchen peeling potatoes for this offense.—Atchison Champion.

Granulated Sore Eyes Cured.

"For twenty years I suffered from a bad case of granulated sore eyes, says Martin Boyd of Henrietta, Ky. "In February 1903, a gentleman asked me to try Chamberlain's Salve. I bought one box and used about two-thirds of it and my eyes have not given me any trouble since." This salve is for sale by all dealers.

Won't Have His Calling Insulted.

There is one sure way to insult a delicatessen storekeeper and turn the honey of his disposition into gall. It can be done by remarking carelessly as you buy his meat balls or fish cakes that you only want them for the cat, anyhow. No delicatessen man with an ounce of dignity can stand that.

"I lost a customer last week by refusing to sell a ring of liverwurst to a woman, who was buying it for her dog," said one man in the trade. "She was a good customer, but when she decided that she guessed that ring of wurst would do because she only wanted it for the dog, I said: 'Madam, human beings might feel honored to eat that wurst; it is not for dogs,' and I put it back in the case.

"Meat balls composed of the very best beef, veal, eggs, and cracker crumbs are likewise insulted. They will do for the cat. If women must buy these delicacies for their pets, let them, but let them refrain from insulting the storekeeper by telling him so."

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CHORUS GIRLS WANTED EGGS

Incessant Demand Caused Irritated Chef to Come Forward With Indignant Protest.

The hauling of a theatrical company was in charge of Agent Lindsey, says the New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times-Star. He contracted to take complete charge of a good-sized operatic company for three days, furnishing sleeper and meals en route. The contract was a good one, and Mr. Lindsey determined to make the occasion memorable. "I will set the best table you can find in the state," said he to the theatrical agent. "I will guarantee there will not be a single complaint."

So he bought all the steaks and chops and lobsters and shell fish and all that sort of thing that he could find in the market and planted them in an ice box and hired a relay of chefs and undertook to feed those chorus ladies out of slenderness. There were forty persons in the company. At the first luncheon thirty-six of them ordered eggs.

"Got to order moah algs by wire, Mr. Lindsey," reported the chef. "These heah chorus girls certainly do have the alg habit."

For dinner that night thirty-eight of the company ordered eggs in some style. The chef wired ahead for more eggs. At breakfast the next morning the entire company of forty wanted eggs, and not one of them wanted those eggs as any other one wanted them. At luncheon thirty-two demanded more eggs. That night the first pair to reach the dner asked for eggs. The chef walked right in and made the speech: "Nevah mine oderin' no moah algs," said he. "They ain't no moah algs. You-all must think we cabbies a hen on this car."

Severe Rheumatism.

Grover Hill, Ala; Hunt's Lightning Oil cured my wife of a severe case of Rheumatism and my friend of toothache. I surely believe it is good for all you claim for it.—A. R. Stringer, 25 and 50 cents a bottle. All dealers.

Intercity Meal Tickets.

Restaurants where the meal ticket system prevails adopt various devices to attract trade. A New York proprietor recently posted this sign above his desk:

"Meal tickets purchased here good in restaurants in Boston, Baltimore, Washington and Chicago."

Then followed the addresses of the restaurants where the meal tickets would be honored.

"No, I have no interest in those houses," the proprietor said, "but I know the owners, and we concluded that it would be a good plan to exchange tickets so that customers going from town to town could make sure of a square meal in case work was slack or they got extravagant and spent all their money."

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One of the Knox Knocks.

Philander C. Knox, the secretary of state, received one day in his office a bunch of high-browed newspaper correspondents. In the number was William Hoster, who stepped to the front with a copy of his paper in which was one of his dispatches under big, black headlines. The dispatch dealt with the affair of the department of state, and ran along glibly as if the writer had enjoyed the confidence of Mr. Knox regarding the whole matter.

"What do you think of this article?" asked Hoster, exhibiting no modesty as he handed the paper to the secretary of state.

"After looking this over," said Mr. Knox graciously, "I must say, Mr. Hoster, you are the nestor of Washington correspondents."

At this Hoster took on the aspect of a balloon and looked exceedingly pleased until Knox added softly:

"Mare's-nester."—Popular Magazine.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

National Bank of Commerce, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucuous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Libraries in Navy.

The navy department spends every year \$30,000 for libraries for its ships. Each "ship's" library includes 300 books, mostly technical and more or less expensive on that account. A "crew's" library is usually made up of about five hundred books on fiction and of such character suitable for entertainment.

About one-third of the books are replaced each year. The changes are made upon recommendation of those in charge of the ships, but it has developed that this is not a satisfactory method, as much depends upon the points of view on literature possessed by the responsible persons. So it is proposed to standardize the libraries by making the changes in Washington, applying them generally to all ships. It is further held that this plan would work for economy, effecting a saving of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year.

He Won't Limp Now,

No more limping for Tom Moore of Cochran, Ga. "I had a bad sore on my instep that nothing seem to help till I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve," he writes, "but this wonderful healer soon cured me." Heals old, running sores, ulcers, boils, burns, cuts, bruises, eczema or piles. Try it. Only 25 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

Died Cheering the Kaiser.

The bravery displayed by the musicians on the Titanic and the similar exhibition on the English ship Birkenhead recalls also the patriotic conduct of the band on board the German gunboat Itis, which went to the bottom of the Chinese sea on August 25, 1896. The scene was at that time described by one of the few survivors of the disaster, which claimed 118 of the Itis' crew. He said that the men stood at parade, the band played "Hell Dir Im Stegerkranz" with all the precision and force of which they were capable and swinging their caps, the officers and men went down cheering the kniser.

Stands Ahead.

There is something about Hunt's Lightning Oil that no other Liniment possesses. Others may be good, but it is surely the best. It does all you recommend it for and more. For Sprains it has no equal on earth. It stands head on my medicine shelf. Very truly yours, T. J. Brownlow, Livingston, Tenn.

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CROUP stopped in 20 minutes sure with Dr. Shoop's Croup Remedy. One test will surely prove. No vomiting, no distress. A safe and pleasing syrup—50c. Druggists.



FOR SALE—A good Jersey cow, fresh. S. H. L. Swafford, Merkel. It

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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 Mail 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.

City Ordinance.

An ordinance to regulate draymen and Baggage and Express Wagons, imposing a license tax thereon and providing a penalty.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Merkel, that from and after the passage of this ordinance there shall be levied and collected from each public drayman, expressman and baggageman, pursuing the occupation and calling of carrying goods, wares and merchandise for hire within the corporate limits of the city of Merkel an annual license tax of five (\$5.00) Dollars for each two horse vehicle and two and fifty one hundred (\$2.50) Dollars for each one horse vehicle. A person shall be deemed as pursuing the occupation of drayman or baggeman or expressman if he haul or offer to haul goods, wares and merchandise for the public, irrespective of the time he may be so engaged in said occupation.

If any person shall pursue said occupation of drayman, expressman or baggageman as above defined without having first paid the license tax aforesaid, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of Ten Dollars.

The city council hereby reserves the right to refuse to issue such license, or to cancel any license hereafter issued, where in their judgment the licensee or person applying therefor has been or shall be guilty of extortionate charges for goods, wares and merchandise hauled, or dishonest conduct in connection with the carriage of said goods.

From the fact that this city has now no ordinance regulating draymen, expressman and baggemen, and no license fee therefor, creates an emergency, and the rule requiring ordinances to be read at three several meetings of the council be dispensed with and that this act take effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

Passed this 5th day of Aug. 1912.

C. D. Mims, Mayor.

Approved this 5th day of Aug. 1912.

(9t3) C. D. Mims, Mayor.

Attest: R. A. McClain, City Sec.

There's the Rub.

"Why is it that you are so strongly opposed to extending to women the right to vote?"

"My wife has become a suffragette."

"Well, what of it? Do you find that she neglects the children or that she isn't paying enough attention to the business of running the house?"

"No, it's not that. She's become so blamed well informed on public matters that I have to keep busy reading all the time in order to prevent her from finding out my ignorance concerning such things."—Judge.

Sallow complexion comes from bilious impurities in the blood and the fault lies with the liver and bowels—they are torpid. The medicine that gives results in such cases is Herbine. It is a fine liver stimulant and bowel regulator. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Laugh Earned Reward.

"I can't for the life of me see what a brilliant fellow like Skribbs saw to admire in that woman he married."

"It wasn't what he saw so much as what he heard."

"What do you mean?"

"I guess you never heard that merry laugh of hers."

"Do you mean to say that a brainy man would marry a woman just because she had a merry laugh?"

"Well—yes. Didn't you know that Skribbs was a joke writer?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.