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BELIEVES IN THE MERKEL COUNTRY

Mr. Luke Caroway of Weatherford was among the visitors to our little city this week, a guest at the home of Mr. Joel Counts. He was a pleasant caller at our office and talked of conditions over the western part of the state. He has just finished a trip visiting a number of points from Corpus Christi to the plains country at Hereford. In talking about our section he said:

"I have been in Texas 52 years and know the history of all parts of our state. What I am going to say about the Merkel country may seem impractical and impossible to you, but nevertheless it is my opinion. I believe that your country is but in its infancy and the greatest thing that will help your people will be irrigation. I believe in the next generation there will be small and large irrigation plants all over your country. You have some of the best land and richest soil in the state and your only drawback is when the dry years come. In 1886 and 1887 you suffered the same as you have the past two or three years. I have been interested in Mr. Counts' irrigated orchard and other little irrigation patches. They are all inexperienced men and a man of experience would do better. The Lord did his part when he made your land and gave you the abundance of water underground and it is up to man to do the rest. It will take study and work and time but I believe the time is coming."

DR. REEVES WILL COME TO MERKEL

Dr. H. Verner Reeves of Canyon City is to establish a practice here in connection with the Burroughs Drug Store. For some time Dr. Reeves and Mr. Burroughs have been making arrangements for the practice here and last Tuesday a letter came from Dr. Reeves telling of his being about ready to close his practice on the plains and come to Merkel and that he expected to be here by August 15 if not before.

Dr. Reeves comes to Merlel well recommended by the people of the plains country both as a professional man and a citizen.

The offices of the practitioner will be over the Southern National Bank with the practice connected with the Burroughs Drug Store. We welcome the Doctor to our town and trust that his stay and practice here will be satisfactory both to the people and the Doctor himself.

Mrs. W. M. Scarborough, nee Miss Willie Hamblet, of White Springs, Fla., came in Saturday to visit her parents. Mrs. Scarborough hopes to make Merkel her home in the future but until the arrival of Mr. Scarborough she does not know just what part of Texas they will locate in.

SOCIETY EVENTS IN THE CITY IN CLOVER

MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Announcement Party.

Miss Dorothy Lee Potter entertained Friday evening in honor of Miss Mary Jane Brown of Temple. The reception rooms were beautifully decorated with bunches of the stately sunflower. Music and progressive 42 were the diversions planned for the evening. Misses Potter and Brown gave several vocal selections.

Delicious punch was served during the reception hours to Messrs. Ollie Cordell, Roy Bradley, James and John West, Emmett and Ennis Grimes, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Raymond Touchstone, Robert Hicks, Ben Merritt, Choc Jones, Virgil Touchstone, Jesse Ferguson, Parker Sharp, Lowe and Otis Barnett, Jack Walker, Olly Dye, Dennis McDonald, Ollie and Ira Shaffer, Lytton Howard, Taylor Jennings, Lester Ellis, Carl Evans, James Brown, Misses Zora West, Roxie Moon, Clara, Mertice and Margie Saffle, Tommy Louise Coggin, Faye Allen, Eva Walters, Isla McDonald, Carrol and Gena Rister, Mary Reed of Hillsboro, Mary Jane Brown, Ruth Merritt, Aileen Sanders of Tennessee, Frances Burroughs, Mattie Paylor, Virginia and Venona Hamblet, Inice Moon, Pet Sears, Winnie Warren, Elma Sheppard, Alice Maye Boyce of Abilene, Mary and Jackie Jennings, Lillian Jennings of Abilene, Genevieve Rust, Leno Largent, Nicie and Roxie Morrow of Lamesa, Eva Calvert, Geneva Warnick, Edith Mackey of Durant, Okla., Jessie Sutphen and the hostess.

Miss Zora West was at home Saturday evening to a number of friends. Tables were arranged for 42 and Bunco, each had its devotees and were greatly enjoyed. At the conclusion ham sandwiches and grape juice sherbet were served to Misses Gene and Carrol Rister, Edith Mackey, Jessie Sutphen, Aileen Sanders, Ruth Merritt, Alyce Mae Boyce an honoree, Elma Sheppard, Clara, Mertice and Margie Saffle, Tommie Louise Coggin, Bessie Touchstone, Faye Allen, Fannie Burroughs, Messrs. James West, Robert Hicks, John West, Homer Easterwood, Ben Merritt, Ennis Grimes, Otis Barnett, Jesse Ferguson, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Choc Jones, Emmett Grimes, Olly Sharp, Raymond Touchstone, Parker Sharp, Roy Bradley. This party was in the nature of a surprise and was given complimentary to Miss Alyce Mae Boyce of Abilene, the guest of Miss Elma Sheppard, and Miss Mary Jane Brown of Temple, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Brown.

Misses Elma Sheppard and Isla McDonald were joint hostesses in a surprise party and slumber party honoring Miss Alyce Mae Boyce of Abilene Friday evening. At Miss McDonald's after a delightful evening in which the hostess served banana cream to Misses Virginia and Venona Hamblet, Elma Sheppard, Alyce Mae Boyce, Fannie Burroughs, Grace Counts and Mary Jane Brown, Messrs. Lowe Barnett, Parker Sharp, Jesse Ferguson, Otis Barnett, Roger Haynes, Roy Bradley and H. C. Burroughs, Jr. The crowd then went to Miss Sheppard's for a water melon feast. The boys then came back to town. The girls were left to enjoy a slumber party. It is an open secret that two of the party had a chicken feast at 2:30 a. m., leaving nothing but the bones for the unfortunate sleepers. Once more we are reminded to be watchful. Saturday a. m. was spent in taking kodak pictures.

The ladies of the Library Association are planning to give a carnival the last of the month. Don't forget the library stands for a good share of your thoughts. At present there are over 750 volumes of popular fiction, historical works, standard novels, etc., in the library, the result of patient and faithful work by the various members of the XX Century Club.

Miss Leno Largent was a charming hostess Wednesday August 7 when she served a six o'clock dinner in honor of the house guests of the Misses Swafford, Misses Elizabeth and Eula Hasken of Stamford. Covers were also laid for Misses Laverna, Elizabeth and Martha Swafford and the hostess.

Miss Ruth Mims was a most fascinating hostess Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 7, naming her house guest Miss Ina Gilliland of Fort Worth as guest of honor.

The Mims home on Oak street was beautiful. Just a touch of red was used, with white in the decorations. Tables were arranged for progressive herats, only the name Gilliland with the "il" omitted, had been substituted. Table cards, white hearts edged with red, marked the score, while progression was marked by tiny red hearts attached to the beautiful score cards. These souvenirs were suspended from an english walnut and gave out a hint that there would be something to solve. After six games it was found that three had tied for high honors, Mrs. W. A. Scott winning the silver punch lade in a cut with Mrs. Gilliland and Miss Wooten. Mrs. Scott presented the favor to the honoree.

Miss Fannie Burroughs cracked the nut for consolation.

Miss Mims assisted by her mother Mrs. C. D. Mims, Mrs. Wesley Edwards and Miss Maude Martin served a dainty ice course, lovely red cherries gave the necessary color to carry out the color scheme. The guests were then assembled in the reception hall and were captivated by the sweet voice of Miss Gilliland, Miss Mims playing her accompaniment. The first selection was The Heart of My Rose, followed by What the Little Birdies Say. As the last words were sung the shades were lowered and in the semi-darkness the guests were attracted by the light coming in over the transomes—a wonderful light, for there appeared a secret to be shared by Ruth's many friends—Mims-Gilliland, Sept. 4, 1912.

Every one present showered love and best wishes on her. There were about forty present.

The needle work circle of busy workers were royally entertained Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. J. Coggin. As John Duskin Gaither, Jr., said: "You can't just take any kind of work, a napkin, table cloth or button holes," but you must bring your work or the hostess will give you something to do. After we had each completed our task for the afternoon Misses Gladys and Tommie Louise Coggin served grape sherbet and angel food to Misses Willie Bigham, Annie T. Daniel, Lizzie Harris of Mexia, Mesdames Claud Bigham, Lanier Brown, John D. Gaither, O. W. Williams, W. H. Dickson and the hostess.

Much to the delight of little Miss Louise Warren and her little girl friends the 12th day of August was on Monday and a beautiful day, just the right kind of a day in which to celebrate Louise's eleventh birthday. Those present to enjoy the afternoon were Misses Ruby and Evelyn Hamm, Katie Ross of Dallas, Lucy Tracy, Mildred Hogue, Lillie Pratt Sears, Elizabeth Barker, Hazel Harkrider, Louise Warren and little cousin, Mary Cleo Booth of Hawley, Julia Martin. After many games were played the guest were served with cake and punch.

Miss Gladys Christopher was hostess to a number of her young friends last Sunday at her home on Oak street. A delicious dinner was served. The afternoon was spent in playing, singing and kodaking. Late in the afternoon the guests were invited to the peach orchard where every one enjoyed the fine peaches. Those present were Misses Bertha and Minnie Harris, Laverna McNeese and Annie Smith, Messrs Rufus and Leslie McNeese, Ira Shaffer, Ernest Duckett and John Moore.

The high school class of '10-11 met at Mrs. J. T. Dennis' home Wednesday morning and tendered a warm reception to Miss Inice and Roxie Moon on their departure for Cisco. Those attending were Misses Willie Wheeler, Pet Sears, Annie Smith, Inice and Roxie Moon and the hostess.

Miss Dorothy Lee Potter gave a daintly appointed party Tuesday morning in honor of Miss Roxie Moon who left Wednesday morning for Cisco where she will attend school at the Britton Training school. Kodak pictures were made, songs were sung, school days were talked over, after which the doors of the dining room were opened revealing a vision of loveliness. Pink was chosen as the color scheme in the decoration.

Mrs. W. T. Potter and her daughter Mrs. Doss Sheppard served a dainty salad course to Misses Roxie Moon, Zora West, Faye Allen, Genevieve Rust, Carrol Rister, Eva Walters, Tommie Louise Coggin, Isla McDonald, Grace Counts, Mary Reed, Mary Jane Brown and the hostess.

Miss Moon was then blindfolded and led into the living room where a seat of honor had been prepared all decorated with sunflowers. Her young friends showered her with lovely gifts in token of happy days gone by as the hostess in a few tender words told of the high esteem in which she was held by her circle of young friends. Toasts were pledged as the circle was gathered 'round the punch bowl, the sincere wish of each being that the separation be only a brief one.

Miss Isla McDonald honored Miss Roxie Moon with a slumber party Tuesday evening. A well appointed six o'clock dinner was served to Misses Mary Reed, Dorothy Lee Potter, Faye Allen, Tommy Louise Coggin, Elma Sheppard the honored guest and the hostess. The following boys came out late in the evening: Raymond Touchstone, Ennis and Emmett Grimef, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., John King. After enjoying games and the telling of stories the boys bade the girls good night hoping that the goblins would not disturb them in their slumbers. The next morning the crowd accompanied Miss Moon to the station where a tearful good-bye was said as they pledged to write often and never to forget the friendship in dear old Merkel. Miss Roxie will attend school at the Britton Training School in Cisco.

The Needlework Circle met Thursday afternoon with Miss Mabel Collins out on Bettes Heights. An hour or more was devoted to the pleasure of work after which a portion of the time was given over to the discussion of a "sure enough" name for the circle, its membership, etc. The out of town guests were Miss Ina Gilliland of Fort Worth, guest of Miss Ruth Mims, and Miss Imogene Norton of Hico, guest of Miss Collins. Members and guests present were Mesdames Fred Bigham, J. D. Gaither, Twyman Collins, W. A. Scott, W. M. Jenkins, W. H. Dickson, R. H. Collins, Misses Imogene Norton, Ina Gilliland, Annie T. Daniel, Willie Bigham, Mabel and Christine Collins. An ice course was served.

Mrs. Pickerill was charming Tuesday afternoon as she smiled a cherry welcome to about 20 boys and girls she was entertaining in honor of her grand children Pearl and Lloyd Gilliland of El Paso at the home of her daughter Mrs. O. F. McMaster. After a number of delightful games on the lawn Mrs. McMaster played a march as the little guests lined up and marched into the reception rooms. They were seated in a circle after which a musical program interspersed by recitations was enjoyed. The decorations were in pink and white. Tables were arranged on the lawn where refreshments were served, pink and white being very much in evidence.

League Program.

Subject—Renunciation of Spectular Methods.

Leadear—Leslie McNeese.

Scripture reading, Matt. 4:5-7; Sam. 17:38-40.

Instrumental voluntary—Miss Gladys Christopher.

Talk by leader.

Discussion of lesser topic No. 1—Frank Smith.

Discussion of lesser topic No. 2—Miss Bertha Harris.

Reading Epworth Visitor.

Quartette.

ABILENE IS HAVING THREE DAYS SHOOT

Abilene has this week brought into her midst some of the best trap shooters in the state if not in the United States. Many of local gun club men are taking a part in the shoot and are staging themselves as amateurs but are piling up scores that make them look like professionals. The following, a clipping from the Abilene Reporter of Tuesday, shows what some of the entries did:

The shooting of L. I. Wade, representing the Peters Cartridge Company, was the most interesting feature of yesterday's events. Mr. Wade broke ninety nine out of one hundred targets, thereby leading all the records of the other contestants. Mr. Wade is a professional, as his score shows, and comes from Dallas. Guy Harrison of Waco and the Winchester Co., was second high score more man among the professionals; breaking ninety-four out of one hundred targets.

Among the amateurs J. H. Bosley of Dallas was the leader, getting ninety-seven out of a possible one hundred targets. Other shooters who scored high were: Nick Arie, Houston, breaking ninety-five out of one hundred; W. D. Girard, Abilene, eight-seven; J. H. Bentley, Dallas, eighty-six; Dan O'Connell, San Antonio, eighty-six; W. W. Winniford, Abilene, eighty-five.

Mrs. W. G. Allen of Dallas the only lady contestant proved to be a skillful shot breaking eight-two out of one hundred targets.

MINIATURE WATER FALL IN WINDOW

The passers-by on Edwards Street when passing the furniture store of Behrens-McMillen are caused to stop by the nice arrangement of a hand made waterfall, water wheel, sail boat, fish, ferns, fountain and fish pool all made into one that takes the shape of one of the old time waterfalls.

The display is the work of Mr. McMillen and was made only to attract the attention of the western person who has never seen such and is intended to convey the idea to the average westerner of what such mythical places really are like. The unique part of the fall is that you cannot see where the water is coming from, as it emits from the supposed top of the rocks, then near the center of the pool there is a fountain spraying water over the miniature pool in away that gives the place an appearance of real life and luxury.

Miss Gilmer Bowler who has been here for several days with her sister Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler left for Abilene to visit a few days before returning to her home at Terrell.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Crowley of Dennison returned to their home Monday after a visit with Mrs. Crowley's father J. P. Hamm.

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Fishing parties are in profusion this week. The second crowd for the day left Thursday on a fishing trip near Albany. Those going were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bigham, Misses Willie Bigham, and Annie T. Daniel, Messrs. John Daniel, Ralph Bigham, Olly Sharp and Tony the cook. They will spend several days on the river and expect to return Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. French and daughter Miss Jewell of Alvin left Thursday for their home. They were accompanied by Mrs. French's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Provine who will spend some time in the coast country after which they will return by the way of Meridian and visit their daughter Mrs. V. M. Sutphen.

Several Merkel girls attended a party given at the home of G. W. Brady north of town Tuesday night. Those going were Misses Margie, Clara and Mertice Saffle, Zora West, Eugenia and Carrol Rister.

Mrs. L. E. Cauthen returned to Abilene Thursday after a visit here with relatives. She was accompanied by her grandson Bruce Cauthen.

Misses Cornelia Warnick and Lillie Ritter of Dallas arrived Wednesday to visit the families of W. W. Russell and J. B. Warnick.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Paylor of Big Springs passed through here Thursday enroute to Galveston where they will spend a few days vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Sutphen left Thursday for their home at Meridian after spending several days here visiting relatives.

Phone No. 80 Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for fresh vegetables and water melons. The Cash Grocery.

Mrs. W. B. Rooden of Abilene returned home Thursday after a few days visit with her sister Mrs. J. D. Southworth.

Mrs. M. E. Tippet came up from Abilene Wednesday to visit her daughter Mrs. W. L. Harkrider.

Miss Mamie Rister left Brownwood Wednesday night for St. Louis when she will assist Mr. Gaither in purchasing the fall stock of goods for the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Comer of DeLeon arrived last Saturday and are visiting friends and relatives in our little city.

A fishing party bound for the south to the Concho or Colorado river left here Thursday.

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Mrs. Pearl Bishop of Abilene visited Mrs. T. H. Christopher one day last week. She was accompanied home by Miss Mattie Christopher.

Mrs. J. C. Moore of Trent and daughter Mrs. Jones of El Paso left for Abilene Wednesday for a short stay before going on to Gainesville to visit relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Barnett returned to their home Wednesday after a short visit to the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Barnett.

W. P. Sherrell of the Stith community returned home Wednesday from Fort Worth, College Station and other points in east Texas.

Miss Leona Dyess returned to her home at Colorado Sunday after several days visit with Miss Ether Williams.

Will Warren attended the Cotton Carnival in Galveston last week. He also visited his brother E. Q. Warren of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Whitley and Miss Nola Whitley went to Trent Tuesday afternoon to visit Mrs. Whitley's parents.

Miss Simmons formerly of this place stopped here Wednesday on her way east to visit the family of W. M. O'Briant.

W. R. Russell left for Fort Worth Wednesday with a shipment of cattle.

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W. B. Gentry of Fort Worth is here this week the guest of W. R. Walker.

Miss Ina Dale Wooten of Abilene is the guest of Miss Leno Largent this week.

L. E. Adams of Abilene came up Thursday morning on a business trip.

G. B. Tittle was in Abilene Thursday on business.

REVIVAL MEETING STARTED SUNDAY

The Presbyterian revival which started Sunday at the Presbyterian church is being well attended and progressing nicely under the preaching of Rev. Graham of Greenville.

Contrary to the rule used in the other meetings this one is not being held under the tabernacle in order to have the benefit of the outer air but in the church which is by far a more comfortable place for the congregations to gather. Rev. G. L. Hamilton extends an invitation to every person to attend these services and take part in them.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth of Hawley came in Tuesday to visit Mr. Booth's sister Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Simpson Christopher left last Wednesday for Big Springs where he has a position.

E. B. Barnett of Galveston is here visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Barnett.

Misses Inice and Roxie Moon left Wednesday for Cisco where they will enter school soon.

Dr. and Mrs. Williams attended the preaching at Trent Monday night.

S. W. Cooper of Bosque county was here the first of the week on business.

Miss Mattie Christopher visited in Abilene the first of the week.

Horaée Leeper is in Childress visiting his brother Paul Leeper.

T. B. Robertson left for Dallas Wednesday on a business trip.

Holland Teaff was in Abilene Thursday on business.

Mrs. G. B. Moss of Eskota was in town Tuesday shopping.

J. L. Harris was in Clyde Wednesday on business.

Removal Notice.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Comegys, Mrs. G. E. Comegys, Miss Olga Sheppard, Roscoe Sharp and George Ferrier returned Tuesday from their week's outing on the Clear Fork and a combination visit to the Socialist encampment at Leuders. The fishing they report very good but the encampment did not come up to their expectations. Claud Sears one of the crowd decided he had enough of the picnic so returned the first of the week.

A two days' fishing crowd left for the river Thursday. Those going were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs, Misses France Burroughs, Mattie Paylor, Jessie Sutphen, Elma Sheppard, and Messrs. Charlie Jones, Jesse Fergusson, Roy Bradley. The crowd is to spend two days on the river and return here late Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Britain of Weldon, Houston county came in Tuesday afternoon to visit the former's brother W. E. Britain, before returning to their home they will go to the plains where they will visit Mr. Britain's parents.

The Mail is in receipt of a card from Dr. Geo. L. Miller post-marked at Champaign, Ill., on which the Dr. states that he and his wife will visit in Tennessee for a short time and reach their Merkel home August 21st

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.

Mrs. W. B. Alsbrook and sister Mrs. W. L. Harrell who has been here visiting spent the first part of the week in Eskota and Sweetwater visiting relatives.

Miss Imogene Norton of Hico who has been here visiting Miss Mabel Collins left for Galveston last week where she will visit before returning to her home.

Judge W. T. Potter is in San Antonio this week playing a party of the first part in the Colquitt party and no doubt has a hand in oiling the bearings of the steam roller.

Mr. W. S. Gunsalus, a farmer living near Fleming, Pa., says he has used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in his family for fourteen years, and that he has found it to be an excellent remedy, and takes pleasure in recommending it. For sale by all dealers.

Miss Lillian Jennings returned to her home at Abilene Wednesday. She was accompanied home by Misses Jackie and Mary Jennings of this place.

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In This Paper

PILES get immediate relief from Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment.

Mrs. Austin Fitts returned Monday from a trip to the Pacific coast where she has been on an outing for the last few weeks. While away Mrs. Fitts visited in Los Angeles most of the time and on returning came back by the way of Salt Lake City, Boulder, Manitou and other noted resorts. One of the greatest wonders Mrs. Fitts saw while away was the submarine garden off the coast of California.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns and B. F. Cox spent the latter part of last week in Hamlin attending the Log Rolling held there under the direction of the West Texas Log Rolling Association. Mr. Burns and Mr. Cox were sent from here as delegates from this camp and Mrs. Burns was sent as a delegate from the Woodmen Circle. They report a fine time and the attendance good.

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.

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Mrs. Henry Ellis of El Paso is here visiting the family of E. V. Ellis. Mrs. Ellis is on her way home from some of the eastern states where she has been visiting relatives for the past month.

"Were all medicines as meritorious as Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy the world would be better off and the percentage of suffering greatly decreased," writes Lindsay Scott, of Temple, Ind. For sale by all dealers.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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Mr. and Mrs. John Coggin are in Sweetwater this week visiting relatives.

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

Mrs. R. P. Penny of Winters came in last week to visit the family of Ely Case.

B. L. Elliott of Trent was a social caller in our city Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Chas. Bankhead visited Mrs. J. I. Leamon of Trent the first of the week.

Miss Winnie Warren left for Abilene Wednesday where she will visit Miss Mary Paxton.

Mrs. Powell of Abilene returned to her home Saturday after spending several days here visiting Mr. W. L. Meeks.

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

Mrs. Riney of Abilene and Miss Kate Harkrider of Gonzales came up from Abilene last week to visit Mrs. Asa Sheppard.

Mrs. R. E. Counts and mother Mrs. Larner came in Tuesday from Lubbock where they have been visiting relatives.

Mrs. T. E. Goode of Noodle left for Abilene Saturday to visit her sister and mother Mrs. E. J. Newsom and Mrs. J. E. Horn.

"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.

Mrs. C. W. Holcomb and children left last week for Comanche where they will reside in the future. They joined Mr. Holcomb at that point.

Mrs. J. N. Laboone of Waxahachie who has been here visiting the family of J. N. Bland left Saturday for Cisco where she will visit for a while before returning to her home.

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.

Messrs. C. E. Whitaker, John Sears, J. E. Faucett, Ross Ferrier and Mr. Martin of Robert Lee made a trip from here to Mr. Martin's home at Robert Lee Sunday. All of the party returned Sunday night with the exception of Mr. Martin.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

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.

WHAT PEOPLE CAN AFFORD

Mr. Kern of Illinois told the teachers of Texas who gathered at the State University in July to study for a week the problems of rural education about a neighborhood in his section of the country that became interested in procuring a better grade of horses. After much consultation, all the farmers of a district clubbed together and bought for \$3,500 a splendid pedigreed animal to improve the local strain. Next, they feared to entrust such a valuable investment to ignorant hands, and a groom was employed at a salary of seventy-five dollars a month to have the horse in his sole charge. It then becoming time to elect the teacher for the district school, it was thought best to vote a monthly salary of thirty-five dollars. And they got what they paid for—a \$35 grade of teaching. Also they paid willingly for the thing they wanted—a first-class grade of horse.

Building his argument up farther, that people do what seems to them really important, pay the price for what seems to them really worth while—Mr. Kern showed in another of his talks a photograph taken in his own home county a country road intersected by a lane. At the junction stood two milk cans waiting for the wagon that passed each morning, Saturdays and Sundays included, along the pike collecting the milk of a large section of country, and carrying it to the local creamery—a consolidated community enterprise, fitted with the best and most approved equipment. A half hour later the same photographer snapped a group of children coming out of the same lane and walking down the same road, not, however, to a consolidated community school house furnished with the latest and best equipment. They were on their way to a little, forlorn one-room house, where one teacher tried to do the work of several. The people of the neighborhood had decided that they couldn't afford the expense of sending their children the greater distance to a consolidated school. But it paid to send the milk.

TALENT IN DEMAND.

According to a recognized financial authority the price of financial and business immorality has gone up. Laws cannot make men honest, but they can inspire them with fear, and the high-salaried managers of big corporations are coming to fear a term in the penitentiary if they persist in violating the law. Hence it is that many large concerns which operate in violation of the anti-trust law are finding it increasingly difficult to employ men with enough brains to handle big affairs who are willing to take the risk of exposure and disgrace.

There is, too, an unsatisfied demand for big men by corporations whose affairs are honestly conducted. "New York, and indeed, the United States, is suffering from a dearth of \$50,000-a-year man," remarked a financier of national repute recently.

This is not surprising, for men whose ability is worth \$50,000 to others are worth more than that sum to themselves, and such men engaged in business on their own account. This fact, of itself, operates in some measure as a restraint upon the size of corporations. There are but few men available who can manage a million-dollar business successfully; there are still fewer competent to manage a billion-dollar concern. A little incompetency in the head of a billion-dollar business will wipe out much of the economy resulting from its size.

However, the sign "\$50,000 Men Wanted" still hangs out in New York. The applicants are few and the number accepted is smaller still.—Commercial Appeal.

POOR LOSERS.

It is amusing to read the comments of the English newspapers and magazines on the recent Olympian games at Stockholm. It is a frank confession that the British are poor losers. The humiliating display the English contestants made is responsible for this. They sulk in their tents, and instead of accepting defeat gracefully devote page after page and column after column in abusing the tactics of Americans.

The chief cause of complaint in what is termed "rooting." It is an Americanism. It is a term commonly expressed by all enthusiastic lovers of sport. It is a common characteristic of the American people. They champion their cause either on the track, in the roped arena, on the diamond or in the field of politics by exhausting the lungs in an encouraging appeal to win.

The English have the same right and privilege, but the English are a phlegmatic race. If they feel enthusiasm they seek to conceal it.

They were honestly defeated in the Olympian games. They were defeated four years ago in London. They can not match or equal Americans.

This is a bitter pill for the English to swallow. They claim to be the athletic race of the world. They may be, but England has forgotten that there are other Anglo-Saxons who are just a little better.

It is charged that the United States sent over to contest in the games only professionals. The same privilege was given England. They were not professionals that represented the United States. A number of the American team were schoolboys, one an Indian from the state of Maine, whose brother was a famous ball player. Sockalexis is by no means a professional. He has the swiftness of foot of his tribal ancestors. He is only a college youth of today. Another world record breaker is a policeman employed by New York. He is no professional and does not claim to be, although he holds the world's record for hammer-throwing.

The English lacked training. They were in no condition to match the brawn of the Americans. Every other of the fourteen nations who had representatives in the games not only applauded, but approved of the Americans. The king of Sweden was warm in his welcome and was warmer in his congratulations of the American team. Only England has declined to extend the congratulatory hand. This shows that the British know they were honestly defeated and that they are poor losers.—Commercial Appeal.

The steam roller seems to be working nicely at San Antonio, and S. P. Hardwicke, of Abilene, one of the engineers in charge, is proving himself well qualified for his job.—Abilene Reporter.

The innocent bystander occasionally escapes but the subpoenaed witness gets it in the character.

Co-operation of interests is a good recommendation to any city.

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.

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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.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Use Golden Star polish when dusting.

C. L. Barker was in Dallas on business the first of the week.

For clean ginning with up-to-date machinery try R.E. Bowles.

Dem Rust was in Abilene Tuesday attending the state shoot.

Mrs. R. A. Reagan went to Winters Saturday to visit relatives.

Mrs. Oscar Adams of Harrold is here visiting the family of G. H. Adams.

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

Lester Ellis spent Sunday in Weatherford and Fort Worth visiting friends.

Mrs. Rufus Grisham came in Saturday from Hamlin to visit relatives and friends here.

Be sure to bring your cotton to the Independent Gin owned by R. E. Bowles. 16t2

Fred Bigham came in Tuesday morning for a short stay with home folks.

Messrs Roy Dozier and A. D. Miller of Colorado spent Sunday in Merkel visiting friends.

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

Miss Opal Askin of Tye spent a few days here last week visiting the family of W. C. Ayers.

Cary Touchtone returned to Merkel Saturday after spending several weeks visiting different places.

Mrs. M. R. Hale, son Guy and daughter Mrs. A. P. Campbell of Hood county are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hale.

NOTICE TO BOYS:—We have just received the best stock of Boys Bloomers, Hip Knee Pants that we have ever shown.

W. L. Harkrider.

Miss Paxton of Abilene was the guest of Miss Leno Largent at the Largent home north of Merkel the first of this week.

W. L. Harkrider left Tuesday night for St. Louis to attend the fall market of new goods. He will be away about ten days.

The Methodist Boys and Girls want to see you at Clark's Grocery Store Saturday. They will give you a good meal for 25 cents.

Miss Ether Williams left Tuesday night for Abilene where she will go to school this year. She will make her home with her sister Mrs. Jno. M. Rice.

Mrs. J. L. Harris left Wednesday for Dallas to visit T. A. Harris and family. While there Mrs. Harris will get to be with a sister she has not seen in some time.

John Tipton came in Wednesday from Calvert to visit his parents and other relatives here. Mr. Tipton is manager of the McCrary Dry Goods Co., at Calvert.

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. Hamblet & Rogers.

Mrs. W. P. Sandlin of Palestine came in this week to visit Misses Lila, Winnie Sandlin and their mother.

NEW MERCHANDISE AT W. D. WOODROOF & CO.

The new goods purchased by our buyer while in the Eastern Markets for early autumn and fall wear are arriving daily, most of which have already been placed on our shelves. Great care was used in the selection of these goods, both as to style and quality, and the values are the best we have ever been fortunate enough to secure. This will be an interesting place to trade this season and it will be a pleasure for us to show you through.

Don't fail to drop into W. D. Woodroof & Co's. Store and see these New, Snappy, Stylish Goods.

Since returning from market many of the various lines which we purchased have advanced in price considerably and we find that we have saved quite a sum, which we in turn can offer to our customers. By being among the early buyers we also got the pick of the nicest things to be had, and these MUST BE SEEN TO BE APPRECIATED.

A Few of the New Things to be Found at W. D. Woodroof & Co's. Store

Beautiful new stripe Silks, per yard.....	\$1.00
Messaline Silks, all shades, per yard.....	85c
Changeable Silks, suitable for draped dresses, per yard.....	65c
Fancy Kimona Silks, 36 inches wide, per yard.....	50c
Kimona Crepe, in all beautiful patterns, per yard.....	25c

We have just received a new lot of Robespierre Collars in all colors, Maclama Sets of Collars and Cuffs, lace Peplums and new Belts & Ties for Norfolk Suits. Ask to see these

Rhinestone Set back Combs.	New Bowknot Barrettes.
New fall Gingham in all beautiful varieties of patterns and all popular prices.	
Blazzer Coat Flannel, per yard.....	\$1.00

In addition to the above named items you will find at our store many new fabrics in our dress goods section, new Ribbons, Dress Trimmings, and in every department in our store will be found new attractive offerings. We have secured the agency for the Tilt Shoes for men and the Hamilton-Brown Shoes for everybody, comprising the American Lady line for the ladies and the American Gentleman Shoes for men and others. We have also secured the exclusive agency for the famous Hart, Shafner & Marx line of Clothing for men. Our whole aim has been to secure the most dependable lines to be had, and we can give you extra good honest value for your money.

W. D. WOODROOF & COMPANY

TO THE PUBLIC

There is no longer any question as to the instructiveness of the motion picture. It is given up by the severest critics to be one of the best if not the best possible instructor for both old and young.

Our intentions are to operate our moving picture house, "The Airdome" on a basis both instructive, beneficial and entertaining to the public and a success as a business. If you are in town during the evening spend your leisure moments at the Airdome. It is absolutely one of the best ways to get business worries out of your mind and you then come out feeling much rested.

We have secured a film service second to none. A complete change of three reels each evening. We have one of the best moving picture machines on the market and continuous music. Our program will be carried out in a way to please you. Come out and spend the evening at the new amusement house, "The Airdome," opposite the postoffice. We will appreciate your patronage.

H. F. GROENE, Manager.

Show each night in the week except Wednesday nights.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Use Golden Star polish when dusting.

R. J. Adcock visited in Abilene the first of the week.

R. E. Bowles will appreciate your ginning. 16t2

J. S. Barnes was in Abilene Tuesday on business.

Fresh car Peacemaker flour at Hogue-Hamilton's.

S. F. Haynes was a passenger to Abilene Saturday.

Miss Nell Gibson visited relatives in Abilene Tuesday.

Fresh car of Gold Medal flour at Kent Street Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrain of Trent were in the city Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Thornton visited friends in Abilene Tuesday.

R. E. Bowles will take care of your cotton and seed and give you the best work. 16t2

W. R. Walker attended the meet of Nimrods at Abilene Tuesday.

J. T. Toombs and Mr. Costephens were visitors in Abilene Tuesday.

Eat at Clark's Grocery Store on Saturday. The Methodist Boys and Girls.

Mrs. Jeffie Hibbits visited friends in Abilene Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. W. L. Harrell of Cisco who has been here visiting her sister Mrs. W. B. Alsbrook returned to her home Tuesday.

Eight and ten ounce duck, also ready-made cotton sacks in six and nine foot lengths.

Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. J. W. Copeland of Winters returned to her home Tuesday after several days visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Eoff.

Mrs. Gus King of Abilene returned to her home Tuesday after spending several days with the family of C. Bradley of the Stith community.

The Methodist Boys and Girls will serve one of the best dinners you ever sat down to at the Clark Grocery Store on Saturday. Meals 25 cents.

Jno. D. Gaither left Saturday night for eastern markets where he will purchase new goods for the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Willis Powell of Sweetwater stopped off here Sunday enroute home from Cisco where he has been visiting his father Dr. Powell.

NOTICE TO GIRLS:—We have received our first shipment of new styles in School Shoes and will be pleased to have you look them over. W.L.Harkrider.

Miss Willie Valentine came in last week from Waco where she has been during the summer. On her way here she stopped in Stevens county for a visit with relatives.

E. M. Ware and family of Palestine stopped here Monday to visit Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Barbee. They continued on their way home Tuesday. Mrs. Ware and Mrs. Barbee are sisters.

O. S. Adams of Harrold came in Monday to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Adams. His wife who has been here for several days visiting accompanied him home as two weeks was too long for Oscar to batch.

BANNER PRAISES AGENT F. A. PEEL

In speaking of the farm demonstration work being done in this county under the direction of the U. S. government through Mr. F. A. Peel, County Commissioner J. L. Banner of Merkel said to a reporter this morning that it was doing a good work and he has become a convert to the system of farm demonstration work after giving it a trial this year.

He planted two pieces of milo maize side by side, one under directions of Mr. Peel and the other the old way commonly employed in this country and the patch planted, grown and cultivated under government direction is far superior to the other, in fact the difference can be told a mile away from the field, so marked is the difference in the two patches.

That worked under Mr. Peel's directions is as high as his shoulder, has fine large heads and looks green and healthy and the heads are still filling out while the other is not so high, has small heads and is dried up and looks dead.

"Then," Mr. Banner said. "I got a late start and didn't get to prepare my land early by deep ploughing in order to catch and hold the rains as should have been done and will be done another year."

Robert Talley Dead.

We in our last week's issue much to our regret omitted to mention the sad death of Robert Talley son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Talley of the Trent community.

The death of the young man came while he was under treatment in an eleemosynary institution at San Antonio. The body was brought here for interment on Friday August 2 and on arrival was taken to the residence of Mrs. N. D. Cobb, a sister of deceased, and from there to the Methodist church where the funeral services were held, Rev. Clements conducting services over the body at the same place where only a few months past the young man gave his remaining part of life here on earth to a more noble cause. After the services the body was taken in charge by the Woodmen of the World who then conducted the services in Rose Hill cemetery.

The Mail joins the many friends of the bereaved family and extends sympathy to all members.

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.

C. E. Simpson of Lubbock visited his mother Mrs. C. D. Simpson last week.

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Dodson's Liver-Tone has given such perfect satisfaction to every person to whom Rust & McCauley has sold a bottle that this store will give the money back to any person who buys a bottle and does not find it a perfect substitute for calomel. It is worth something to you to try a medicine with a guarantee like that.

Two Hanged Friday.

Sherman, Aug 9—A double negro hanging took place here at two o'clock this afternoon. They were Sellars Vines, who murdered Constable Fred Munger here a year ago, while resisting arrest. The other to die was Wood Maxey, the murderer of a young white man named Ernest Johnson, here over a year ago.

Maxey went to the trap first. Last night's heavy electrical storm caused the negroes to become awe-inspired with the fact that it was their last night on earth. Both of them knelt, praying that the storm would wreck the jail and kill them both so that they would not need to hang today. Maxey was awakened so he could pray once ever hour all night.

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.

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Yes, we can supply you with money on your land at 8 per cent. We will have many applications this year, so we want to begin early. See us now. Bring your land papers with you when you come down. Bynum & McDavid, Abilene, Texas.

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.

Show House is Open.

The Airdome. Merkel's new picture house opened to the public Monday night, playing to a full house. Owing to the new machine not having been tried out there was some flickering to the pictures but after the show was over that trouble was fixed and an almost perfect picture was made by the machine. The manager, Mr. Groene, has also established an electrical piano in connection with his picture house.

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.

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ALL GRIST FOR THE BRIDE

Other Women in the House Have Small Chance of Receiving Bundles That Are Sent Home.

An uptown woman who nearly got stalled in a Ninth street car with a bundle of merchandise gave this reason for carrying home her own parcels, according to the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

"There is a prospective bride in our boarding-house," she said. "Everything in the dry-goods line is grist to the mill of the woman about to be married. Other women who have the misfortune to live in the same house shop under difficulties. The only way they can insure the enjoyment of their own purchases is to carry them home."

"If the things are delivered the bride snaps them up. Possibly she has no real shoplifting propensities, but circumstances combine to make her a thief. Servants bring to her room all parcels of whatever size and shape that come to that front door. So many of the things do belong to her that to read the label or listen to what the delivery boy says is considered superfluous exertion. And the bride is equally disdainful of a preliminary examination. Egotistically she rips off wrappers and digs into contents."

"Yesterday I heard her raising the roof because a certain shop had sent her six pairs of black silk stockings, instead of the pink, blue and tan she had ordered. After she had sent the stockings back and had the money refunded I discovered the stockings were mine. I cannot afford to contribute these parcels to the bride's wardrobe, so I am carrying them home."

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.

KITES TO CARRY AIR CRAFTS

French Military Man Has Devised a Scheme Which Authorities View With Favor.

While the enthusiastic airmen have succeeded in putting France far ahead of all other countries in the way of military aeronautics, one captain, Saconney by name, has been doggedly working over man-carrying kites, of which so much was once expected, but which have been put in the shade by the more showily performing aeroplanes.

A short time ago he made an ascension out at sea, carried up by a series of kites that were towed by a man of war. He claims that it is a simple matter to make observations and that it is much easier to regain the ship than if he tried to come down from an excursion by aeroplane.

His latest adaptation, and one that has made military authorities take notice, is a combination of automobile and kite.

His outfit consists of an automobile with a windlass that is operated by the motor, a trailing truck carrying the kites folded up and a squad of 20 men. The train can attain a speed of about 16 miles an hour.

The speed of the motor to some extent makes up for lack of wind, and ascensions are safe where they would be dangerous under ordinary conditions. The big kites make reconnoitering easier than from an aeroplane, and the apparatus is much handier to put together.



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IS DEMAND FOR ORANGEWOOD

Trees Sacrificed for Building Sites in San Gabriel Valley in California.

The sale of orangewood is a new and profitable industry, which is being developed by the owners of Michillinda tract in the San Gabriel valley. The wood is being cleared from building sites in the subdivisions and it is being sold for \$22 a cord. It is said to be used in the manufacture of manure implements.

The orangewood harvest is something new in real estate tracts. Usually wherever an orange tree grows it is something to be cherished and protected, but at Michillinda there are whole groves and some of them must be sacrificed to allow space for building.

Through a remarkable orchard system established by the former owners of the Michillinda site many of the choicest building lots now afford a selection of orange, lemon and tangerines. Thus the builder may establish his home in a grove of semi-tropical trees, where he may select his breakfast grapefruit or orange as it hangs on the trees outside his dining room window.

Already the orangewood which has been sold from this suburb has netted more than \$2,000 and this from trees cut for the drives and streets through the residential park.—Los Angeles Express.

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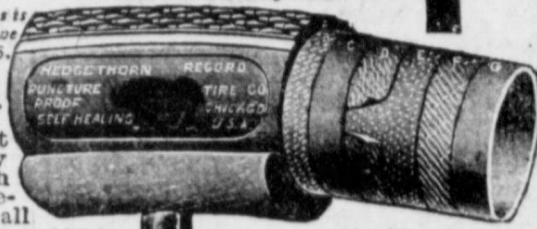
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Saturday noon as Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Phillips were preparing to catch the train for the east, Mrs. Phillips took \$75.00 of surplus money they then had with them and rolled it in a handkerchief after placing it in an envelope, what was then done with it Mrs. Phillips did not seem to know. The loss was not discovered until they reached the depot and a search was promptly started, the ground about the depot was searched and friends returned to the home in the north part of town to see if it had been left there but it was of no use, the money seemed lost beyond hopes. Even up to the time of going away on their visit Mrs. Phillips could not think where she had last had the money but was under the impression she had it with her until it was discovered otherwise.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips will not return to Merkel until next spring as they will spend the remaining part of the summer and the winter with their sons and daughters in different parts of east Texas.

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.

HIS PREFERENCE FOR HOME

Oliver Wendell Holmes Unable to Get Any Real Pleasure in the Vaunted "Tavern."

Don't talk to me about taverns! There is just one genuine, clean, decent, palatable thing occasionally to be had in them—namely, a boiled egg. The soups taste pretty good sometimes, but their sources are involved in a darker mystery than that of the Nile. Omelettes taste as if they had been carried in the waiter's hat, or fried in an old boot. I ordered scrambled eggs one day. It must be that they had been scrambled for by somebody, but who—who in the possession of a sound reason could have scrambled for what I had set before me under that name? Butter! I am wondering why the taverns always keep it until it is old. Fool that I am! As if the taverns did not know that if it was good it would be eaten, which is not what they want. Then the waiters, with their napkins—what don't they do with those napkins! Mention any one thing of which you think you can say with truth, "That they do not do."

Every six months a tavern should burn to the ground, with all its traps, its "properties," its beds and pots and kettles and start afresh from its ashes like John Phoenix-Squibb.

No; give me home, or a home like mine, where all is clean and sweet, where coffee has pre-existed in the berry and tea has still faint recollections of the pigtails that dangled about the plant from which it was picked, where butter has not the prevailing character which Pope assigned to Denham, where soup could look you in the face if it had "eyes" (which it has not), and where the comely Anne or the gracious Margaret takes the place of these napkin bearing animals.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

DISSOLVE BONE IN THROAT

Use of Lemon-Juice at Critical Time Is a Thing Worth Keeping in Mind.

Sitting at a planked shad dinner in Yonkers, a laughing guest drew a bone into his throat and he began to strangle. Some one suggested that the sufferer swallow a fragment of dry bread.

"Oh, no," exclaimed an Ossining man. "Don't give him bread. It might catch the bone and it might not. Give him something that is sure to give relief." Beckoning to a waiter, he said: "Bring me a lemon, cut in two." And it was brought without delay. Taking one section, he offered it to the choking guest and told him to suck the juice and to swallow it slowly. Directions were faithfully followed, and in about a quarter of a minute the afflicted one placed the half lemon on his plate, looked into the anxious faces around the table and smiled.

"Well, Joe," said one, "how about it?"

"It's gone," was the reply, "the bone has slipped down."

"Not exactly that," said the Ossining man. "The bone slipped down, all right, but it was melted first by the citric acid. I never knew it to fail to dissolve a fishbone. You can test the power of lemon juice by dropping some on the fishbones you may have lying on your plate."

Several diners tried the experiment. In each case the acid reduced the bone to liquid gelatine.

Aid to the Unlovely.

"I try to be an efficient city directory," said the hotel clerk, "but balk at recommending a beauty doctor to women guests."

"That is one of the first things they want to know. Churches, theaters, even dressmakers can wait a few days, but the beauty doctor is an immediate necessity. Unfortunately, they do not get much satisfaction out of me. Any number of beauty specialists leave cards for distribution, but so many of them have been mixed up in lawsuits that I feel squeamish about delivering their cards. To satisfy my own conscience and the women at the same time I hand out a bunch of advertisements with the remark that I guess they are about all alike."

"Then they can pay their money and take their choice, and if they lose their hair and complexion, they can't come back on me for damages."

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.

COTTON COMING ON MARKET FAST

The early cotton is fast maturing and will soon be open to the pickers. Already there has been brought to Merkel about 100 bales of the fleecy staple and at the present rate of the coming in the first 1000 mark will be reached in about a month's time if not before.

The reports from different parts of the country show that with a rain in the next ten days that the young cotton will have time to put on and make a good yield but the old cotton has about stopped its fruiting and will have finished its yield when the present crop is picked off. Small portions of the country that were visited by local showers some three weeks ago greatly increase their prospects and the places that received no rain during the last showers are the ones that are at the present furnishing the early crop.

Church Party.

Sunday afternoon quite a jolly crowd attended the Christian meeting at Trent, taking advantage of the early twilight services and returned on the ten o'clock east-bound train. Those going from here were Mesdames I. S. Allen and E. N. Kellow, Misses Letha Burns, Hollice and Eufie Cypert, Maud and Minnie Ferguson, Inez Sharp, Fannie Pearl Moore, Isla McDonald, Vada Holden, Messrs. Ollie Cordell, Parker Sharp, Ennis and Emmett Grimes, Raymond Touchstone, Jim Brown, J. G. Hale, Guy Hale, Minor Burns, Chas. Williams, Olly Dye, John and Henry King, Alva McClain.

Tarver Will Fight

Articles have been signed under date of August 5 for a ten round fight between Cass Tarver, the Anson giant, and Frank Beverly of Dallas. The fight will take place at Clovis, N. M., on the 29th day of this month. The many admirers of these two young fighters offer to bring a large crowd together on the day of the fight. Tarver will weigh in at the ring side 246 pounds which in our estimation is enough to knock most any man out if a well planted blow was landed.

First Bale Cotton for Trent

The first bale of cotton to be brought to Trent for this season was brought into that town last week by W. E. Hamner. Mr. Hamner raised the cotton on his place north of Trent and sold the fleecy staple for 12.75 besides getting a premium for having the first bale of cotton. The premium brought the owner \$26.75 and the bale which weighed close on to 500 netted the raiser about \$90.00 as a total for his work.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending Aug. 17, 1912:

Boyd, Fred
Clark, Mrs. Merttie
Harris, P. W.
Shanks, J. W.
Williams, Tom
Arillano, Sr. Jose
Baldis, Sr. Cruz
Carian, Sr. Anatalia
Hernandez, Sr. Felis
Lopes, Paroual

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Aug. 31, 1912.
H. W. Derstine, p. m.

Facts

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Write for valuable book: "Success with Stock and Poultry." Sent free for a postal. Address Black-Draught Stock Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

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 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 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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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.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Inkum Items.

Aug. 12—Ben Harrison of View made a business trip to Inkum Monday.

Ben Payne and family of Shep were visiting relatives here Saturday.

Physicians from Ovalo, Tuscola and Buffalo Gap were called in for consultation on the case of Mrs. Martin who is very low.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Oran Sandell was buried Wednesday.

Misses Emma and Viola White who have been visiting at Blackwell for several weeks have returned home.

Messrs. Oliver Wilson and John Collins made a business trip to Blair Monday.

Messrs. Willis White and O. D. Mitchell with their families left for Stith Tuesday.

W. C. Perry and wife are visiting relatives at Buffalo Gap and Cedar Gap this week.

Arthur Wilson and Marvin Cox were visiting at R. P. B. Fain's at Caps Sunday.

A Methodist protracted meeting at Elm Grove conducted by pastor Chas. Annis who is assisted by his brother O. B. Annis is now in progress.

Messrs. Lamb and Evans of Abilene, former students of Simmons college attended the meeting here Sunday.

John Hallmark and family of Guion visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hallmark last week.

Road Overseer Ernest Perry had a large force at work on the roads this week.

Mrs. O. H. Wilson visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brookerson of Buffalo Gap Friday.

Our Mr. Martin received the premium Stetson hat for the best six ears of corn at the corn show at Buffalo Gap Saturday.

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.

Butman Community.

Aug 10— Since our last writing we have had some light showers that have helped the country around here a great deal. On the evening of July 31st the rain was accompanied by much wind and some hail. The wind moved Mr. Pealy West's house out of position by the length of the house. Mr. Pannel's house was also wrecked by the wind and the hail almost completely destroyed the cotton on Mr. Costephen's place.

The rent house of J. T. Toombs which was occupied by Jim Milam was burned Friday August 2. The occupant lost all his household goods.

There were nine persons baptized at Butman's Tank Sunday evening by Bro. Jeff Pritchard who has been holding a protracted meeting at the Lone Oak Baptist church.

The Methodist protracted meeting is in progress at White Church. It began Saturday August 3.

Several farmers are starting their work of picking cotton this week.

Mrs. Eva Perkins of Merkel visited friends in this community this week.

Mr. and Mrs. White Matthews and the latter's mother and sister have been visiting friends and relatives in our community this week.

About two dozen Rough Riders were engaged last Sunday in catching Harry Watford's horse which had started home without the owner.

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.

Salt Branch News.

Aug. 7—Several from here attended the singing at Hodges Sunday.

The singing school that was conducted by Prof. Stevens of Abilene closed last Saturday afternoon.

Jim Ingram and wife of Mt. Pleasant were visiting relatives here Sunday.

There was a singing at J. W. Teaff's Saturday night.

Charlie West and wife of Merkel were guests of W. M. Hays Sunday.

Mrs. Floyd and daughter Miss Essie were visiting Mrs. Beavers and daughter one evening last week.

Mrs. Ada Higgins was real sick a few days last week but is able to be up some at present.

Miss Eunice Higgins of Warren spent a few days last week with her cousins Misses Lulu and Gardie Higgins.

W. M. Hays was on the sick list Sunday.

W. B. Beavers and wife were visiting at the home of Joe McMurray Sunday afternoon.

Oscar Mobley and family spent Sunday with Joe McMurray and family.

Miss Lillie Wheat was the guest of Misses Lillie and Lois Smith Sunday.

Well the order of the day out this way now is heading maize, picking cotton and eating water melons.

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. 12—Sam Provine, Robert and Roland Goens attended the cotton carnival at Galveston last week.

Mrs. S. E. Powell has been on the sick list but is now much improved.

James Mayfield attended church at White Church Sunday.

Robert Goens returned to Hamby Sunday after visiting here for several days.

Bert Chambless and family attended church at White Church Sunday.

Ruth, Clarice and William Moore of Comper are here visiting relatives.

Kiah Spears attended to business in Jones county last week.

Mr. Hopper of Grand Prairie is here the guest of his uncle W. A. Holland.

Sam Butman of Butman was at Blair on business Monday.

N. Harrison says he is tired of keeping back so he writes for Mrs. Harrison to return from her trip to Illinois in a few days.

Blamed A Good Worker.

"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.

Heir to Millions.

New York, Aug. 14.—Mrs. Madeline Force Astor, whose husband John Jacob Astor, went down with the ill-fated Titanic, gave birth to a son early this morning. The baby is an heir to three millions.

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.

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

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

PROBLEM THAT PUZZLED HIM

Bobby Didn't Understand How He Could Get Candy for Three With "One Money."

It was a charming summer morning Bobby, aged five; Seth, aged four, and Jennie, aged three, were escorting their father, Doctor Jackson, on his daily visit to the village postoffice. He had promised them candy, and they straggled along in great content. Opposite the telephone office the procession was suddenly brought to a stop by the operator, who appeared in the door and beckoned the doctor imperatively.

"Hey, doc! You're wanted over a Clifton right away!" he cried. "I tried to get you at the house, and your wife said you were on your way downtown. You've got to hurry!"

The doctor turned about hurriedly but the three pleading faces made him hesitate. He thrust his hand into his pocket, found no pennies. So he selected a nickel, and placed it in Bobby's hand.

"Now, Bobby, papa must hurry. You take this and get the candy. Get some for Seth and Jennie, too, you know. And be sure to go right back home after you get it."

Bobby, who had not yet learned that there were coins of larger value than the penny, took the nickel with out much enthusiasm, and the children proceeded to the candy shop. Here Bobby took his seat upon an upturned box and let his chin fall upon his breast. A telltale sob betrayed his state of mind to the clerk.

"Why, Bob," exclaimed the sympathetic clerk, "I never knew you to cry! What's the matter?"

Bobby showed the nickel that had been shut tight in his warm little fist.

"Papa told me to get candy for all of us," he gulped, "and I can't! Seth and I can't have any. I've only got"—another sob—"one money!"—Youth's Companion.

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.

Good Excuse.

It was on the sleeping-car. "Say, mister," said the man in the upper berth to the occupant of the lower, "quit that music, will you? What do you think this is, a concert-hall? The rest of us want to sleep."

"Why, the car is so stuffy," said the warbler, "I was only humming a little air."

It was then that he was hit with a Pullman pillow, remaining unconscious for seven hours.—Harper's Weekly.

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25 and 50 cent bottles.

Honesty Increasing.

On her return from marketing, the young matron of the upper West side said to a caller: "I believe the sense of honesty is increasing in New York, at least in this locality. This morning I called the attention of a salesman to a small mistake he had made in giving me change, the mistake being in my favor. The proprietor, who was standing near, said to me: 'You're honest. You'll get along all right.' Not so many years ago the thought that seemed far too prevalent in this country was that only some clever form of dishonesty could 'get along all right.' The merchant who could trick a customer was supposed to be the smart fellow, and it was assumed an honest person was sure to get the little end of everything. I am delighted to find even one man who realizes that honesty is actually indispensable to success, and it is especially pleasing to find him in a place where I can deal with him regularly."—New York Press.

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.

Why We Have No Paris.

There can never be in the United States a real Paris of America until we shall get ranks and orders of nobility, and that will only be when our republic shall develop into a grand imperial nation. Under a newly acquired emperor a titled class would follow as a matter of course, and the easiest way to get it would be to sell the titles. Ten million dollars would buy a dukedom, \$5,000,000 the title of count, and \$1,000,000 that of baron. In the beginning of old world nobility titles were granted by the sovereign for eminent services, but when such a system is started in a great country like ours the simplest way would be to establish an aristocracy of wealth.

Until then our great metropolitan cities will never be more than mere centers of business and capital.—New Orleans Picayune.

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.

Pigeon Brought Luck.

It is one of the pet beliefs of the fishing fleet folk that when a white bird flies aboard a ship at sea good luck is bound to follow. And if a white bird happens to fly aboard a brand-new craft it insures the vessel with all kinds of joy forever. Out on Georges, recently, a little pigeon fluttered down on the deck of the good ship Mary, perching on the wheel box. Result, good luck. Although Captain Whalen's boat struck mighty hard weather it came through without a scratch and landed 130,000 pounds of fish, mostly hake and cusk, which is pretty nearly the record catch for a maiden trip. The pigeon looked as if it had had some pretty hard luck itself before it fell in with the Mary, however. One of its wings was badly torn, as if a gull or a hawk had taken a piece out of it. The men aboard took good care of the pigeon, giving it plenty of food, although they made no attempt to confine it to any one part of the vessel. The bird made friends with every one, especially the cook, and refused to eat except out of the men's hands. As the Mary came up the harbor the bird was adeck. Abreast of Governor's Island he suddenly took wing and flew away. The men said it looked to them as if the bird had recognized his surroundings in the inner harbor and had flown for home.

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.

REMINDED HER OF OLD DAYS

Real Old-Fashioned House Cleaning in the City Interesting Because of its Novelty.

"There's a real old-fashioned house cleaning going on next door," said the girl who lives on the top floor, "and it's so long since I saw anything approaching it that it seems mighty interesting. People move so much in New York that there doesn't appear to be any more reason for housecleaning. They have rugs instead of carpets and they hang pictures on tacks and leave their curtains up all summer, which no self-respecting woman would do in the old days.

"But next door they are beating carpets and painting shutters and they've hung all the winter clothes out on the lines and washed the blankets and whitewashed the cellar and put the window screens out and played the hose on them, and you can just imagine how clean and cool and shining the house will be when it's all over with. Of course it is not so easy as the new way of hiring housecleaning companies that bring their air brooms and other apparatus that do the job up in twenty-four hours or so, but you cannot convince an old housekeeper that the machine way of cleaning house is better than the old way any more than you could make her believe pure food pickles are equal to the homemade kind."—Press York Press.

A vast amount of ill health is due to impaired digestion. When the stomach fails to perform its functions properly the whole system becomes deranged. A few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets is all you need. They will strengthen your digestion, invigorate your liver, and regulate your bowels, entirely doing away with that miserable feeling due to faulty digestion. Try it. Many others have been permanently cured—why not you? For sale by all dealers.

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 baggage-gatherer, 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 baggage-gatherer 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 baggage-gatherer as above defined without having first paid the license tax aforesaid, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor or 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 the carriage of said goods.

From the fact that this city has now no ordinance regulating draymen, expressmen and baggage-men, 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.

(923) 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.

CROUP stopped in 30 minutes sure with Dr. Shoop's Croup Remedy. One test will surely prove. No vomiting, no distress. A safe and pleasing syrup—50c. Druggists.