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BURGLARS SECURE SILKS AND MONEY

Two very bold burglaries occurred last week, one of which is still a mystery to the authorities, for the thieves saw fit to take nothing but money and cannot easily be tracked.

Abilene was visited Saturday night by a band of Mexicans and a quantity of silks and other goods taken from Campbell's Dry Good Store on Chestnut street. Some of the goods have been recovered from Mexicans in and about Abilene and the parties in possession of the stolen goods are under arrest. Other arrests in connection with the same robbery are expected at any time. The other work was done at Truby Friday night, the store of Jones & Son was entered by safe-blowers who took about \$150 in cash from the safe leaving many other valuable papers and things that could have been taken. Their escape seemed to have been complete and up to Monday morning Sheriff Tom McClure of Jones county had very little information in regard to who the yeggmen might be.

Some fun was created here Monday over the matter when the Sheriff visited our town to interview J. G. Jackson and Frank Ferrier who came through Truby Friday night about nine o'clock in Mr. Jackson's car on their way home from Anson, arriving here about ten o'clock. Both Mr. Jackson and Mr. Ferrier seemed to be a little uneasy for fear that they were mistaken for the yeggmen and were victims of the joke for a short time Monday morning, many of their friends offering to go their bond and help in any way possible. Neither of the local men noticed any suspicious characters around Truby when passing through the place, having stopped in front of the store to adjust some engine troubles. Personally we do not think Mr. Jackson would do such a thing and we offer as evidence, that he has had no unusual amount of money since making the stop at Truby, and his companion says he is not guilty.

Champion Cotton Pickers.

The Merkel country is producing champion boy cotton pickers by the bunch this year even though the young fellows are forced to pick from cotton that will not average over a quarter-bale to the acre.

We have received reports from the Canyon country this week that shows the people there to be ahead of any other part of Merkel's cotton area. On the farm of B. F. Snow, Carson Snow age 19 picked 502 pounds, J. L. Cargill age 18 passed Snow by five pounds on the wind up of the day and had 507 pounds to his credit while Eddie Davis age 14 was very close to Cargill with 503 pounds, Frank Snow age 12 gathered 425 pounds and his brother Claud two years younger and weighing only 65 pounds, picked 409 pounds.

All the above records were made in the field belonging to B. F. Snow on the Strickland farm

with the exception of Eddie Davis who made his record in the cotton field of W. P. Moore and last Friday was the record day for the boys. We believe these weights together with one published in the Mail in a late issue will hold good for all West Texas boys and do not believe they will be passed.

Merkel Boy Advanced.

The Mail editor in his rounds this week found at the teller's window of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank the face of our former devil-to-business manager of the Mail, Ben T. Merritt. Our readers know this young man's progress in life and with them we join congratulations for his promotion and know that he will make good.

GOOD RAIN OVER MERKEL COUNTRY

One of the most ideal fall seasons for picking cotton was broken Monday night in the Merkel country by a rain that ranged from an inch and a quarter to one and one-half inches.

While the rain will tend to reduce the cotton receipts a small bit, owing the winds of late blowing some cotton out on the ground but in return it will be of untold benefit to the farmers in general for many were getting short of stock water which they now have an abundance. The land will also be in fine condition for fall plowing and sowing of small grain.

Farmers from different sections of the country have already announced their intentions of getting their land in shape as soon as possible for winter crops and to take advantage of the winter rainfall.

Visits San Angelo.

J. S. Swann returned last week from San Angelo where he went purposely to see the sights of that place so we are informed. On returning here Mr. Swann seemed to be impressed with Merkel in her dryness more than he was with San Angelo in all her splendor and gave some very fundamental reasons for his belief.

He says we are far ahead of that country on the cotton crop and that our feed will by far surpass the crop of that country, and credits San Angelo with only two things; that of having lots of chickens at the Fair that were good ones and also made a statement to the effect that the dogs of that place were more numerous than at any other town he ever visited in all his life. He seemed to think the people there were raising dogs for a living as nothing else would grow there and that even the people had to lead a dogs life while there at the fair.

The above is as near the exact words of Mr. Swann as we can give but we fully believe he is correct in saying this is much the best country.

We have three of the best grades of flour—White Crest, White Billows and German Mills, Hamblet & Rogers.

YOAKUM BUILT 1200 MILES OF RAILROAD

Col. B. F. Yoakum has built more miles of railroad in Texas—1200—than any other living man during the past ten years.

Mr. Yoakum was born in Lime-stone county, Texas. Like nearly all big railroad men he mastered his profession from the bottom up. He begun his railroad



COL. B. F. YOAKUM

experience as a laborer on a construction gang of the International & Great Northern between Jacksonville and Palestine and reached the top round in railroad management in 1905 when he was elected chairman of the executive committee of the Rock Island and Frisco lines and directed the affairs of 17,000 miles of railroad—the greatest aggregate mileage under any single control in the world.

It was Mr. Yoakum's early ambition to span the prairies of Texas with railroads and in the beginning of his career mapped out a comprehensive system of 6,000 miles railroad needed in Texas, which he secretly determined to build, and has constructed over 1200 miles but at the close of the 32nd legislature announced that he had grown weary of the task and would soon retire from construction work. Legislation inimical to railroad investments and public sentiment hostile to the railroad industry are said to be the reasons assigned for his retirement from the field.

TAYLOR COUNTY BONDS APPROVED

Abilene, Tex., Oct., 5—Judge T. A. Bledsoe "killed two birds with one stone" the latter part of the week when he carried a little boy to the reformatory at Gatesville and went on to Austin and secured the approval of Attorney General Walthall of three sets of Taylor county school bonds.

One set was for the construction of a \$6,000 school building at Buffalo Gap, another was for the Potosi school building to cost \$1500 and the third was for the school building in Union Ridge school community.

These buildings will be built at once it is stated by those pushing the matter through to a final issue.

Judge Bledsoe says Taylor

county will soon have as good a lot of rural school buildings as any county in the state and a great deal better than those in many counties of the state.

And he says the class of school teachers of both sexes are up to the standard also.

Service at Baptist Church.

Rev. J. M. Harder will preach for the Baptist congregation at the Baptist church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and all are cordially invited to attend this service. Rev. Harder is among the strongest men in the Baptist denomination in the state, having lately been engaged in state missionary work on the plains, but is now arranging to locate in this part of the state.

CHAMPION CATTLE TO DALLAS FAIR

The Blue Ribbon Herd of cattle belonging to C. M. Largent, owner of The Blue Ribbon Stock Farm left Merkel yesterday for eight weeks showing in Dallas, Shreveport and Hot Springs where they will as usual take their position in the lead of all other contesting herds.

The prize winners that are to be placed on show at the above places this year are much superior to the bunch carried to the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth in March of this year and at that time they captured two Grand Championships and many first prizes only falling as low as second in one or two cases. The Grand Champion Steer, Bill carried his prize over all entries with a sweeping victory, so did the Grand Champion cow, Victoria.

In addition to the usual amount of champions Mr. Largent has a Northern Fairfax Bull purchased at the International Stock Show of Chicago this year, paying the handsome price of \$1000.00. This animal is the latest addition to the herd and is expected to capture every prize he is entered for.

Visiting Lady Hurt.

Mrs. J. D. Holmes of Chattanooga, Tenn., was very painfully hurt Saturday night as she was looking after some baggage she had stored in the Texas & Pacific depot at this place.

Mrs. Holmes and daughter had arrived on the last evening train Saturday to visit relatives, and on account of their people not having received the notice of their coming there was no one here to meet them. After getting supper Mrs. Holmes and daughter returned to the depot to look after the trunk which she supposed was on the platform and while making a search for it in the darkness, missed her footing and fell from the platform receiving very painful injuries. A physician was called and she was taken to the Walker Cottage for the night, in the mean time her nephew John Dunn of the Noodle community was notified of his aunt's arrival and of the accident. He came in and by morning Mrs. Holmes was able to accompany him to his home.

Pencils, tablets, ink, and books. Rust & McCauley Drug Company

MILLIONAIRE FROM OLD MEXICO HERE

During the latter part of last week Merkel was visited by Senior Franco S. Elias, wife and two children, millionaire Spanish people from Douglas, Arizona where they are making their home during the present war conditions of Mexico.

Senior Elias came here to look after the buying of some thoroughbred cattle to stock a small part of his 365,000 acres of ranch land just across the international line in Mexico from Arizona, and to look after some business matter he has in connection with our townsman T. J. Coggin who has in the last few months made extensive cattle deals with Elias.

In a talk of the revolutionary situation Senior Elias seemed to think that the conditions would within the next sixty days become more settled from the fact the government troops are gaining victories over the rebels in most every encounter. He also thinks the financial condition of the rebel forces will soon cause them to stop their fighting. He does not think there is any probability of the United States taking a hand in the affair saying that the Federals were well able to handle the situation and only in the mountainous country are the rebels doing much of their pillaging and even United States soldiers could not handle such situations as well as the Mexican army which is accustomed to the hilly country.

Personally Mr. Elias as he is known in this part of the country is a very interesting character, being highly educated in both English and Spanish languages, having graduated from one of the best colleges of this country. He and his wife are both of the aristocratic Castilian families whose ancestors come from Castile, Spain. Their two little boys, Pancheto and Manuel are very interesting little fellows as they rattle off the verbiage of their native country.

The family left here Sunday afternoon for El Paso where they will remain for a few days before returning to their home.

Your Eyes.

See me before having glasses fitted. Will do you work and do it cheap with guarantee. I will take chickens, eggs, ducks, geese, wood, mules, horses, jersey cows, black or sandy land or cash money. You will find me with S. S. Scheidler, opposite Post Office.

H. C. Floyd, Optician.

Notice to Taxpayers of Taylor County.

I will be at the following places and dates as given below for the purpose of collecting state and county taxes for the year 1912, to-wit:

Nubla, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1912.

Trent, Thursday, Oct. 17, 1912. Merkel, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18-19, 1912.

Very respectfully,
Baylor Crawford,
Tax Collector, Taylor Co., Tex.

FARMERS STATE BANK, Merkel, Tex.

We want your business and will appreciate same

"THE FARMERS FRIEND"

ONLY GUARANTY FUND BANK IN MERKEL

MERKEL HERALD IS NEW NEWSPAPER

The first issue Vol. 1, No. 1, of the Merkel Herald was born unto Merkel and the Merkel country last week.

The paper carries at its mast head the Herald Printing Company and with L. B. and J. T. Bond as president and manager, respectively, both recently of Mingus, Texas, where they were engaged in the same line of work. The plant of the new company consists of the Herald plant at Mingus and a large part of the Telegram plant, recently suspended here.

The new editor in his salutatory announces that he does not expect his advent into the field of journalism to be heralded by shouting multitudes or praised by serapeic songs but boldly and proudly the Herald was launched without apologies.

The Mail welcomes the Herald to our good town and country and our exchange table and wish them well. It is our wish that we all prosper and in abundance.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending Oct. 12, 1912:

Adams, Sill.
Carr, J. P.
Croce, John.
Davis, Miss Robin E.
Hale, Miss Madge.
Roe, Miss Alice.
Runyon, Mrs. A. M.
Robertson, Mrs. Ray.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Oct. 26, 1912.

W. W. Derstine, P.M.

Lillie Wheat Dead.

Lillie Wheat age fifteen, died at the home of her sister Mrs. J. K. Higgins of the Salt Branch community, Wednesday night at 9:35.

Reports of the death reached us Thursday of this week but we were unable to get the particulars at that time. A more lengthy account of the death will appear in next weeks issue.

NOTICE.

Having severed my connection with C. L. Cash I wish to announce that I am located in the Percy Jones Barber Shop in the West block and shall appreciate the patronage of old and new friends.

Respectfully,
Geo. C. Chatwin, Practical and Expert Tailor.

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Franklin & Renfro, Props

To The Merkel Trade.

I am now opening up in the concrete building west of the Anchor Hdw. Co., a new and up to date stock of groceries also grain, hay etc. which I propose to sell as cheap as is consistent with legitimate honest business. I have no bates to offer. Every thing is sold on its merits, marked in plain figures. Your child can buy here as cheap as yourself. Come in and price, make my house headquarters while in town. Let us get acquainted, I am a stranger in this country, but I have located in your town to stay and try in my humble way to help develop the resources of your good town and country. Mr. G. H. Adams who is well and favorably known among you is with me and will be pleased to wait upon you at any time. Try a sack of our Blue Ribbon Flour. Yours for business.

adv. W. H. Roach.

Pate & Son Barbers are in line for a share of your business.

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Oct. 12 to 27



Will Sell Excursion Tickets at Very Low Rates YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS IT

See Local Agent for Particulars

A. D. BELL GEO. D. HUNTER
Asst. Gen. Passr. Agt Gen. Passr. Agt
Dallas, Texas.



Home, Sweet Home.

I've bought goods at Glasgow, Belfast and Cork, London and Liverpool, and then in New York.

I've purchased in Paris, yes, even in Rome, But I say to you truly, there's no place like home.

Have sent to Chicago, I'm sorry to say.

I got what I ordered but first had to pay.

When the boxes were opened, I stood there alone

And said to myself, goods are better at home.

The stove that I sent for had only three legs.

What's the use of a stove if it hasn't its legs?

When I looked in the oven it was cracked in the dome,

Then I wished to old Mike I had bought it at home.

I'm now all filled up with this buying away,

I'll buy where I sell my good butter and hay.

If the Lord will forgive me, no more will I roam.

Hereafter I'll spend all my dollars at home.

-Ypsilanti (Mich.) Press.

The Michigan Stove Company For sale by West Texas Hardware Co.

Sanitary Dairy Notice.

I have bought the Dairy business of J. W. Jones and will deliver milk to all parts of town both morning and evening. My patrons need not feel uneasy as to the care taken with the milk for every precaution has been taken against any unsanitary methods and invite the inspection of my premises at any time.

The prices will drop from the recent prevailing prices as follows.

Sweet Milk, was 40c, now...35c
Sour Milk, was 15c, now...10c
Butter, per pound...25c

H. N. Mashburn, Phone 1-5-0

Small Farm For Sale.

53 1/2 acres all good valley land 3 room house, 37 acres in field, well and barn. \$25 per acre, \$733 down balance easy at 8 per cent. Would take team. Write or see Sam Grayson, Merkel, Texas, R. F. D. 2. 4tpd

COTTON RECEIPTS STILL GROWING

In spite of the heavy rains over the Merkel country cotton trade territory the cotton receipts had advanced to 7600 bales up to Thursday noon.

At the time the count was taken it was plain to be seen that the daily average was getting back to where it was before the rain and by Saturday night there will likely be 8000 bales. At the present some cotton is being held to await further advance in price and for that reason the count up to yesterday is not correct as to the amount already produced and ginned in the Merkel section and should the price advance in the next few days it would make a decided difference in the amount received here.

Poverty Party.

You are cordially invited to attend a "Poverty Social" to be given at the Methodist parsonage on Friday night, Oct. 11, at early candle lightin' time.

The following articles are forbidden upon fines:

Stiff Collar	\$.02
Cuffs	.03
Polished shoes	.05
Necktie	.02
Ring (finger)	.01
Ring (ear)	.05
Rat	.10
Hair ribbon	.05
Watch	.04
Looket	.03
Diamond	.12
Stick pin	.03
Brooch	.03
Bracelet	.03
Powder	.02
Paint	.03
Hair parted in middle (boys)	.10

Admission 10 cents, refreshments free. All are invited.

Mrs. Harden Dead.

Mrs. Mary C. Harden of Stith died at the home of her father Dr. Hendricks Saturday night of last week.

Mrs. Harden we understand had been sick only a short time and her death came as a great shock to her friends of that community. Burial was not given the body until Monday morning following to allow relatives from off to attend, funeral services being held at that place. Rev. Siblay of Abilene preaching the funeral.

Seed Rye and seed wheat at Kent Street Grain and Grocery Co.

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J. E. Faucett, Cashier.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF
THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK
At the Close of Business Wednesday, September 4, 1912

RESOURCES	
Loans.....	\$121,952.03
United States Bonds (at par).....	12,500.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures.....	14,000.00
CASH: Cotton Drafts.....	\$25,721.93
In Vault and other banks.....	53,126.30
Total	\$227,300.26
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits.....	7,435.94
Circulation.....	12,500.00
Bills Payable (not due).....	35,000.00
DEPOSITS: Of Other Banks.....	None
Cashiers' Checks.....	24.14
Certificates of Deposits.....	311.30
Individual Deposits.....	122,028.98
Total	\$227,300.26

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They will Please!
And they Should.



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JIM GILLIAM, MANAGER

THE BEST KEPT LINE OF CIGARS IN MERKEL.

Window Glass at Burroughs.

Mrs. L. I. Valentine is in Ranger this week visiting.

Chocolates in boxes. All fresh. The Elite.

G. A. Neill was in Abilene Thursday on business.

All kinds of feeds at the Kent Street Grain and Grocery Co.

Mrs. J. M. Gilliam left Wednesday for Italy to visit relatives for a short time.

See our bargains in odd lots of mens shoes. Star Store.

Mrs. J. A. Copeland and Miss Dona Bevins of Trent were in the city Wednesday shopping.

Mrs. Behrens of Abilene came up Wednesday to visit Mrs. E. P. McMillen.

150 pairs of MENS SHOES to close out at and below cost. Star Store.

Mr. A. Canon of Venus, Ellis county was here this week visiting friends.

Mrs. Mary Nelson and Miss Winnie Sandlin visited in Abilene Thursday.

Mrs. Fletcher Mashburn of the Warren School community presented her husband with a fine boy Wednesday morning of this week.

Wesley McDuff, Audria McDuff, John and Jim Brown left Merkel Thursday for Wichita Falls. They will be away for some time.

T. H. Christopher came in Wednesday night from Big Springs where he has been for some time doing contracting work with J. E. Paylor. Messrs Paylor and Christopher have been awarded the construction of the Union Ridge school house and will begin the work at once.

Window Glass at Burroughs.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED HOUSE IN MERKEL—I will exchange team of mares, wagon, buggy and farming implements for small house and two lots in Merkel. J. W. Tally, R. 1, Trent, Texas. 204pd

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One good second-hand single buggy and harness. B. M. Black, Merkel, Texas. 4t2pd

A number of people went to Abilene Thursday morning to attend the meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association. Among the ones seen by the reporter were Mesdames J. S. Swann, H. T. Merritt, J. P. Hamm, P. B. Causseaux and R. A. Ensminger, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Whitley, Misses Dollie Teaff and May Lassiter. Many of these going from here will remain over until Saturday.

Window Glass at Burroughs.

We made an error in stating the date Mrs. E. M. Rust was going to leave for buying holiday goods for her jewelry stock. The date is Oct. the 13th instead of the 15th, as we published in last week's issue. People wanting holiday presents from larger stocks will do well to see Mrs. Rust before she leaves.

Scholarship to Brantley-Draughtons Business College for sale cheap. Apply at Merkel Mail office.

A Clean-Up-Sale on odds and ends in mens shoes. The Star Store.

J. W. Jones, the dairyman has sold his business to H. N. Mashburn who is now making the rounds with the wagon. The deal was closed the first of the month Mr. Mashburn assuming the business.

E. D. Adams of Durant, Okla., came in last Thursday to visit his brother G. H. Adams of this place. Mr. Adams will be here for several days in quest of better health after which he will go on west to the mountains near Monohans to visit other relatives and to breathe the fresh air of that country.

One lady says how can you meet their prices, do you buy from them too? No, but we can buy the same goods from the same factories and sell them to you for less than priced in your catalogue. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Henderson and children of Talpa came in last week to make Merkel their home in the future. At the present they are renting a home but contemplate buying later if they like the town and it's people as they think they will.

Visit our grocery department and get prices. You will make a saving by giving us your grocery business. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. M. Sanders of Handley, West Virginia came in last week to visit her brother John E. Pike. Mrs. Sanders and Mr. Pike had not seen each other in 45 years. They went from here to Bradshaw Wednesday where they will visit other relatives for a few days.

1 box pop corn with every 10 cent purchase of school supplies. The Elite Confectionary.

Frank Cordell, Tom Bankhead, John Eoff, Jim Buford, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stevens and Mrs. Fannie Buford attended the Airhart-Bently discussion at Roscoe Tuesday night.

The Cash Grocery asks a continuance of the good patronage you have been giving them.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Window Glass at Burroughs.

New Vassar Chocolates. Get them from us. The Elite.

Miss Lulu Thornton was in the city Sunday from Sweetwater visiting friends.

New knit goods, sweaters, caps etc. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Latest novelties in Florsheim Shoes. Star Store.

Mrs. Lawrence Wall, nee Miss Emma Simms came in Tuesday afternoon to visit Mrs. H. C. West for a few days.

Tablets, Pencils, Erasers, Rules, anything and everything in the school line. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

We have just received a new lot of MENS SWEATERS. The Star Store.

Miss Cleo Wilson of Abilene, Messrs Owens and Morgan Covington were up Sunday afternoon visiting Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler.

Come to see us before you buy your groceries. We are meeting all cut prices. Highest prices paid for produce. Hamblet & Rogers.

Get your pumpkin yam potatoes from us. The Cash Grocery.

O. M. Sharp was in Abilene on business Wednesday. On returning he came through the country on his new Indian motorcycle.

If you want the right kind of groceries at the right price and at the right time, phone 8-0. The Cash Grocery.

New line of gingham just received. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

We sell Dry Goods at right prices. Come to see us. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. W. N. Hall left for Waco where she went representative from the local Elks Star Lodge to the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter held in that city.

Buy a new rug for that bare floor and make your home warmer and more comfortable. You won't miss the money. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

C. W. Smith of Cottonwood was here last week visiting J. H. Oliver. He went from here to Sweetwater to see his son. Mr. Smith was a Lieutenant of the 50th, Tenn., Regiment under which Mr. Oliver served.

We have the largest and best selected grocery store in west Texas, so the traveling men say. Hamblet & Rogers.

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The MERKEL MAIL

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT.

The following is a Statement of the Ownership and Management of Merkel Mail, Published Weekly at Merkel, Texas.

Required by Act of August, 24, 1912.
Managing Editor: Jno. G. Jackson, Merkel, Texas.
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Security Holders: American Type Founders Company, Dallas, Texas; J. G. Hale, Merkel, Texas.

(SIGNED) Homer L. Easterwood, Bus. Mgr.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 1st day of October, 1912.

(SEAL) Jno. G. Jackson, Notary Public,
Taylor County, Texas.

SUBSCRIPTION, \$1.00 PER YEAR, IN ADVANCE

Entered at the Postoffice at Merkel, Texas, as Second Class Mail Matter

Any erroneous reflection on the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Mail will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the management.

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.

TEXAS' FINANCIAL POLICY.

The old adage, "Make hay while the sun shines" is a good one. Now that the sun is shining upon Texas and times are prosperous within her borders, would it not be well for the commercial, legislative and financial interests of the state to "cinch" this condition as a permanent state asset, so that investment and expansion can go ahead in confidence without constant fear that from "out of the blue sky" of real, genuine, bubbling-over prosperity, as in 1907, there may stalk forth the black and financially despairing business panic.

"Banking Reform" said editorially in a recent number: "In times of peace in this country we frequently have panics. The disastrous panic of 1907 was simply a money panic. With no signs of war, industrial situation the best, mills and factories running full, and bountiful crops, our entire business fabric collapsed, millions of dollars lost and thousands of people ruined." The cause was simply one of the manipulations mentioned above.

The Louisville Times says that although "our banking conditions are the worst in the world, the United States besides its marvelous growth and prosperity, is favored in another way, it enjoys a monopoly of panics—currency panics—on paper, that England, Germany and France know not of."

Lexington, Ky., Herald says: "Such a monopoly as to the system of banking and the manipulation of money and commercial trusts, pools, syndicates and combinations exists only in this country which alone has a corner on financial panics."

SAVING BY GOOD ROADS.

The Commissioner of Agriculture of Tennessee in a recent report said that it cost the farmers of that state \$3,000,000 to haul to market their products, amounting to \$103,000,000, the hauling thus costing over one-thirteenth of the value. "Had we an improved system of highways this cost would have been reduced at least 50 per cent, and the farmers would have saved \$4,000,000, or enough money to have built 1800 miles of first-class macadamized road."

The Memphis Commercial Appeal cites as an example of the class of the Tennessee farmers

voting against good roads, one who remarked: "I'd ha' voted ag'in them road bonds, but the blame roads was so bad I could not get to town in time for the meetin'."

Let us hope that Texas has no such unprogressive farmers, and that they will profit, by the example of loss from bad roads in Tennessee, and get busy for a statewide co-operative movement for good roads in Texas. If they think the macadam too expensive for any but main-line roads, then the use of gravel and binder clay will produce a system of no mean highways at moderate expense, if properly constructed and crowned, and whole townships, districts or counties should unite their machinery and men and do the work at the same time, thus completing the construction much quicker and easier.

THE HOLD-UP MEN.

Everyone has heard of "hold-up" men. Is your city a "hold-up" town? We are not speaking of highwaymen, but of merchants who think it a wise or smart business method to get prices for their goods above real value—in other words who "hold-up" their customers. If they cannot sell right they do not buy in the right way. High prices asked for goods will kill any town. With right business methods, people in business can buy and sell at fair rates and make a fair living profit.

How are the business methods of the merchants of your town, and is there the right co-operative spirit to make your city a big trading and market center? We fully believe Merkel is free from such practices and at all times give our people their moneys worth in any article bought in our town.

BETTER CROP SEASONS.

As the larger part of rain in Texas comes in Fall, Winter and early Spring, and as at these times prices for products are generally highest, Texas farmers should insure themselves through crops that will come forward when there is sufficient moisture to make a crop without risk.

What about the winter vegetable crop in Texas that so much has been heard about anyway? Let Texas farmers "get busy and produce the goods," securing the handsome profits and at the same time giving lots more of free advertising to the state as a winter vegetable growers which is one of the best advertisements it could have in the north, where winters are long and cold, and where only one crop can be made, conveniently.

To our desk there comes from seventy-five to a hundred exchanges each week. From these we can judge very accurately the life and prosperity of a town. If the paper is full of good advertising, then that town is alive, people are spending their money at home, and the farmers drive in for miles around to do their trading. If the advertising is rather meager and the merchants are afraid to let the people know through the columns of the local paper what they charge for their goods and that town is dead, the farmers and town citizens as well, are sending away their cash money, every time to the mail order houses, while the merchants sit down and kick because the people are not loyal to them. People do read advertisements and no one knows better than the mail order houses. There is no way to meet them but on their own ground, if the cash expenditures are to be made at home.—Exchange.

If Texas industrial interests wish to insure continuous prosperity to the state, they can do so by making the finances of the state entirely safe and stable.

After all is said and done, it takes laboring men to build cities.

MEASURE OF MERIT

Merkel Citizens Should Weigh Well This Evidence.

Proof of merit lies in the evidence. Convincing evidence in Merkel is not the testimony of strangers, but the endorsement of Merkel people. That's the kind of proof given here—the statement of a Merkel citizen.

W. G. Cypert, preacher, Merkel, Texas, says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills in our family for some years and have always been benefited by them. For a long time I suffered from pains across the small of my back and in my sides and my kidneys were weak. Several boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills which I procured at Rust & McCauley Drug Co's. Store quickly cured me. Other members of my family have been cured of kidney complaint by this remedy. It gives me great pleasure to recommend Doan's Kidney Pills."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other. Adv

"Mother's" Name.

A deed was being drawn for a certain farmer to sign. All went smoothly until the lawyer asked him his wife's name.

"Oh, yes, of course. My wife's name. Very necessary, to be sure," said the farmer.

It was plain to be seen that he was not prepared to answer. The blood rushed to his face, he looked troubled, and finally turned his back and looked out of the window.

"What do you think of that!" he exclaimed, as he turned slowly round. "I simply cannot remember her name. You see, they used to call her Pet when she was a girl at home, and that was her name with me until two years after our marriage, when I began calling her 'mother.' I could not tell you her name if it were a capital offense not to do so. 'S'pose it wouldn't do to call her Pet in the deed?"

If would not do, so he hurried away, and in an hour came back with his wife's full name written on a slip of paper.—Youth's Companion.

The Danger After Grip

lies often in a run-down system. Weakness, nervousness, lack of appetite, energy and ambition, with disordered liver and kidneys often follow an attack of this wretched disease. The greatest need then is Electric Bitters, the glorious tonic, blood purifier and regulator of stomach, liver and kidneys. Thousands have proved that they wonderfully strengthen the nerves, build up the system and restore to health and good spirits after an attack of grip. If suffering, try them. Only 50 cents. Sold and perfect satisfaction guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs. Adv.

The Hat Question in 1790.

The Handel festival was originally given in Westminster Abbey, and the official notice of 1790 announced that "no ladies will be admitted with hats, and they are particularly requested to come without feathers and very small hoops, if any." As ecclesiastical law demands that female worshippers shall cover their heads in church, this regulation was curiously anomalous. A suggestion in regard to ladies' headgear was also made by Sir Frederic Cowen in 1906, when he gave it as his opinion that the ladies might discover in their wardrobe some "extremely fascinating flat hats" which would not obstruct the view. The "fascinating flat hats" were, however, chiefly conspicuous by their absence, owing presumably (we write subject to feminine correction) to the fact that the flat hat was not among the fashions of that year.—London Globe.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's family pills for constipation. Adv.

FOUND RIGHT MAN AT ONCE

Seedy and Unlikely Looking Individual Knew All About City's Street Railway Troubles.

A man once came to Newton D. Baker, mayor of Cleveland, and said: "My town is going to have a street railway fight. I want to know all about Cleveland's."

"I shall be only too glad to tell you all I know," said Mr. Baker, "but unfortunately I have appointments until one o'clock. Will you come back?"

"How can I most profitably put in the two hours here until that time?" asked the stranger.

The answer was: "Go out on the public square, sit down by the most unlikely man you can find—the one who looks most as if he didn't know the difference between a franchise and a double track. Ask that man to tell you about Cleveland's street railway fight, and when you come back I will tell you whatever you haven't been able to learn from him."

The man came back at the end of two hours. "I needn't keep my appointment here," he said. "I found an old chap whose feet were out of his shoes, whose elbows were out of his shirt sleeves, and who looked as if he had just sobered up for the first time in a month—in short, I found the unlikeliest looking individual at large. I put one question to him and he started right in at the beginning and filled in all the details and brought me down to date. There's nothing for you to tell me, unless you know what's going to happen. He hasn't been let in on that."—The Survey.

More Than Enough is Too Much.

To maintain health, a mature man or woman needs just enough food to repair the waste and supply energy and body heat. The habitual consumption of more food than is necessary for these purposes is the prime cause of stomach troubles, rheumatism and disorders of the kidneys. If troubled with indigestion, revise your diet, let reason and not appetite control and take a few poses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be all right again. For sale by dealers. Adv.

Song Bird as "A Noisy Animal."

William Smith of Upper Holloway was summoned to the North London police court a few days ago for "keeping a noisy animal" to the annoyance of his neighbors.

It appears that Smith owns an ill-regulated thrush which starts singing every morning at 3:30 o'clock. Smith weakly pleaded that it was a lovely songster with a nice mellow note.

In order to escape inflexible English justice he had to promise to bottle it up in a back room every morning until a respectable hour or the awakening of the neighborhood.

No Calomel Necessary.

The injurious effect and unpleasantness of taking calomel is done away with by Simmon's Liver Purifier, the mildest known liver medicine, yet the most thorough in action. Put up in yellow tin boxes only. Price 25c. Tried once used always. Adv.

Ventilation Test.

A single way to tell whether your room is properly ventilated is to place a wide-necked bottle of water into which you have put half an ounce of lime water, in the room, letting it remain uncovered over night. If in the morning the lime water is milk the ventilation is bad. If the lime water becomes milk on your covering the bottle mouth with your hand and shaking the vessel, the ventilation is not sufficiently good. If the lime water remains clear, the air of that room is pure.

Puts End to Bad Habit.

Things never look bright to one with "the blues." Ten to one the trouble is a sluggish liver, filling the system with bilious poison that Dr. King's New Life Pills would expel. Try them. Let the joy of better feelings end "the blues." Best for stomach, liver and kidneys. 25c. H. C. Burroughs. Adv.

Advanced.

Mrs. Willis—Is she advanced? Mrs. Willis—Frightfully so. She is the suffragette leader of a new religious sect in a Socialistic community, where they talk nothing but universal language.

A number of new books have been ordered for the library. Don't forget this library is a credit to the town and should have the support of all who are interested in the up building of their home town. Come and make the library a visit. Open every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 5 to 6. Phone 64 for further information.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Good work mule for sale at the Star Store.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen visited in Abilene Sunday.

Stoves of all sorts at Anchor Hardware Company.

Mrs. C. E. Whitaker was visiting in Abilene Monday.

Rust & McCauley Drug Co., for a good fresh smoke.

Mr. J. R. Curb came in Saturday afternoon from points east.

Box Wood Heaters at the Anchor Hardware Co.

Mrs. C. V. Bigham visited her parents in Eskota Sunday and Monday.

Your chickens and Eggs bring cash at the Kent Street Grocery Company.

J. C. Hamner and wife of Trent were in town Sunday visiting relatives.

Use Golden Star Polish when dusting. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Miss Ina Dale Wooten returned to her home Monday after a short visit with Miss Leno Largent.

King's and Hughes Candies in boxes from 5c to \$2.00 at Burroughs. All fresh.

T. J. Coggin was in San Angelo last week seeing the sights of that place during their illuminating Fair.

It came in Wednesday morning. Winter did. Get your heating stoves at the Anchor Hdw. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McDonald are in San Angelo this week visiting their son M. J. McDonald.

AT and BELOW COST

EVERYTHING IN MY HOUSE IS GOING

All Organs, Pianos, Buggies and anything you find in my house I will sell at or below cost. Absolutely going to quit business. I will make prices that will make Sears, Roebuck & Company look like 30 cents. Come in and investigate the goods. All high-class or the highest workmanship and quality.

E. D. COATS, Merkel, Texas

Miss Thelma Kennedy, trained nurse from Abilene was called up Monday to attend Miss Lillie Wheat of the Salt Branch community. Miss Wheat has been very low for some time with a fever and at several times within the last few days has not been expected to live. We trust that her condition will soon improve.

Do not wait until severe winter gets here. Get a stove now. The Anchor Hardware has them for sale.

Homer Patterson, Alec and Guss Neil left for Oklahoma Monday to engage in gathering cotton during the remaining part of the season.

Window Shades at Behrens-McMillen's. All colors and prices, as low as 25c for cloth shades.

500 Gold Fish to be given away at McClain's soon.

Watch the Merkel Mail for arrival of Gold Fish and how to get them free McClain's Drug Store.

Miss Ella Hobbs of Simmons College was up last week in interest of an art class she has here for Friday's and Saturday's. Miss Hobbs is said to be one of the best art teachers in the west and the local people are very proud to secure her services for the two days of each week.

Have you got a sweet tooth? Fill it with candies bought from Burroughs. The King and Hughes line are our leaders.

Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Diltz of Bonwier, came in last week to visit Mr. Diltz' parents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz of this place.

The best candies made, Chocolates, in fruit and nuts just received and very fresh. Burroughs.

A. "Jug" Browning stopped off here Tuesday to spend a few days with relatives and friends. Mr. Browning visits Merkel much more during the time from Oct. to May than at any other time of the year. He will offer an explanation.

Iron Beds reduced in prices for the next two weeks at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

M. C. Hendricks of Hill county returned to his home Tuesday after being called here to attend the funeral of his sister Miss Hendricks of Stith.

Rust & McCauley Drug Company, The Nyal and Rexall Store.

Mrs. M. Hyde of Greenville, Indiana, returned to her home Tuesday after a visit with relatives at Stith.

Gold Fish coming soon at McClain's.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Just in, new line Rubber Goods. Rust & McCauley Drug Company

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rider left for Clyde Tuesday to visit relatives.

Coal Stoves for cold times at the Anchor Hardware Company.

Mrs. J. M. Clemment of Proctor came in this week to visit the family of A. L. Clement.

Ever eat candy? King's and Hughes' in boxes are the best. Burroughs sells them.

B. F. Cox left Monday for Wichita Falls and points in Oklahoma on a business trip.

School supplies of all kinds Rust & McCauley Drug Company

Miss Bertha Nelson came in Sunday from Abilene for a visit with friends and relatives.

Window shade that will not crack, wrinkle or break at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Miss Winnie Warren has departed for Baylor University where she will enter school the year.

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

Mrs. E. Grouch of El Paso stopped off here last week to visit her sister Mrs. W. T. Potter, she was on her way to Indiana to visit her son.

Buggy and harness for sale. Price \$15. Call at Mail office.

Mrs. S. S. Harris and daughter, Miss Jaunita came up Sunday afternoon for a weeks visit with the family of J. D. Gaither.

P. C. Jones the barber invites your patronage.

SOCIETY

MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

The Needlework Circle met last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. W. A. Scott with Mrs. W. R. Walker and Mrs. Scott hostesses.

This was rather a unique affair as the members and a few of their friends came prepared to add linen gifts to the Love Chest of Mrs. Sterling P. Miller, nee Miss Annie T. Daniel. A number of beautiful and useful articles of house hold linen will carry messages of love to Mrs. Miller in her Dallas home.

Mrs. Miller called the first meeting of the Needlework Circle together in her home early in June and has always worked for its success and this tribute from the members and the hostesses only goes to prove a tender link will ever exist between the fair young bride and the Circle members.

At the conclusion of the business session the hostesses served hot chocolate and cake to those present followed by a fruit course.

Mrs. J. W. Daniel, the mother of the bride, thanked every one for their loving thoughtfulness, assuring them of the pleasure it would give her daughter to open their gifts of love in her new home. About 35 guests had been invited who shared in sending remembrances.

The meeting this week was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Hamm, with Miss Elma Sheppard hostess.

Saturday afternoon several members of the XX Century Club braved the sand storm and attended their first regular meeting of the season at the home of Mrs. G. H. Adams. Sickness prevented the president, Mrs. Geo. L. Hamilton from being present. By special request Mrs. W. H. Dickson presided over the meeting. The Club vacancies were filled, the new members being Miss Willie Bigham, Miss Louise Schmid, Mrs. Fred Bigham and Mrs. A. C. Rose.

The new Year Books were greatly admired, the year's work being outlined. The plays to be studied are King John and The Merry Wives of Windsor.

After the business period Mrs. Adams, assisted by her little daughter Ina May and little Miss Lenora Williams, served dainty refreshments to Mesdames Otho Williams, W. A. Scott, J. G. Hale, H. C. Williams, Fred Bigham and W. H. Dickson. Misses Orra Long, Lucy Bean, Louise Schmid and May Valentine.

Mrs. M. D. Angus will be the next hostess.

Merkel people received notice last week of the marriage of Lon Ozee a former Merkel boy. Mr. Ozee was married to Miss Pearl Holt of Arlington at the brides home Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

A Tribute of Love to Dollie.

It was in the early morning light that death's unseen angel came and with a fateful stroke of those snow white wings cut off the breath of air, and a soul we loved passed out and into that beautiful land on high. Oh! what a happy mission those Angels had, who bore her spirit to mansions in the sky, and today Heaven is brighter because of little Dollie Harrison.

Dollie was a good child. To know her was to love her. She was so obedient, so kind and so loving. She always ready to answer the call of parents and her friends and no matter what the task might be, she was ready to do, and whatever she was to do she did it well. Her Heavenly Father has called her and she was ready to answer with her presence and today we know she is happy in that beautiful home above. I have known her a long time and loved her from the first and today as I sit in sadness I can say I loved you living and still love you though you be dead.

But Dollie, my little friend I have one consolation. Far in the distant realms beyond the cloudless blue there are plains of life and light, and some sweet day when life's cares are over I will then understand that where you are is home and home is heaven.

Potsy.

For Chapped Hands.

Chapped skin whether on the hands or face may be cured in one night by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It is also unequalled for sore nipples, burns and scalds. For sale by dealers. Adv



More Economical Both in Use and Cost CALUMET BAKING POWDER

— And it does better work. Simply follow your customary method of preparation — add a little less of Calumet than when using ordinary baking powder. Then watch the result. Light, fluffy, and evenly raised — the baking comes from the oven more tempting, tastier, more wholesome.

Calumet insures the baking of an expert. Ask your grocer to-day.

RECEIVED HIGHEST AWARDS

World's Pure Food Exposition, Chicago, Ill.

Paris, Exposition, France, March, 1912.



You don't save money when you buy cheap or big-can baking powder. Don't be misled. Buy Calumet. It's more economical — more wholesome — gives best results. Calumet is far superior to sour milk and soda.

League Program.

Leader.—Mrs. Scarbrough.
Song.
Prayer.
Song.
Lesson, Mark 2, 1-12, 2nd Kings 2, 19-22.
Comment.—Leader.
Prayer—Chain.
Vocal Solo.—Miss Dorothy Lee Potter.
Prevention and cure.—Mrs. Victor Harris.
What is the greatest and best relief for the unfortunate?—Miss Bertha Harris.
Value of Independence.—Clyde Southworth.
True Stewardship.—Dr. McMaster.
Reference, Prov. 4, 7; Isa. 10, 13; Jer. 8, 9; Col. 1, 9; James 1, 5; James 3, 17; Jobe 22, 2; 1st Cor. 4, 10.
Epworth visitor.
Miscellaneous.
Benediction.

If you have young children you have perhaps noticed that disorders of the stomach are their most common ailment. To correct this you will find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets excellent. They are easy and pleasant to take, and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by all dealers. Adv

ELECTRIC BITTERS THE BEST FOR BILIOUSNESS AND KIDNEYS.

ROUGH MANNERS OF THE PAST

Drinking Trick in Which English Monarch Figured—The First Fingerless Gloves.

Drinking tricks figured in diplomacy in the time of Henry VIII. Mrs. Henry C. quotes the king's challenge to Hubertus, the representative of the Palsgrave Frederick. He sent for two huge goblets, filled with wine and beer respectively, and gave the envoy his choice for a "drinking out" test. In vain Hubertus pleaded that his master had actually instituted a company of the Golden Ring to put down such contests, any member who broke the prohibition to lose his ring and give \$1 to the poor. Henry, anxious to prove that the Englishman was the better man, promised to find the forfeits himself and drank his beer at a draft, while it took the German four gulps to account for the wine.

How early did mankind think of the convenience of the fingerless glove? Little was said of gloves in ancient times, but in most cases it is obvious that they had fingers. Those worn by the secretary of the younger Pliny, used when he visited Vesuvius, so that he might keep on jotting down notes in spite of the cold, must have been fingered, no less than those of the glutton in Anthenaeus, who wore gloves at table so that he might handle the meat while hot and get in advance of his bare handed fellow diners.

Here is a woman who speaks from personal knowledge and long experience, viz., Mrs. H. P. Brogan, of Wilson, Pa., who says: "I know from experience that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is far superior to any other. For croup there is nothing that excels it." For sale by all dealers. Adv

A Vivid Picture.

Of all "aptitudes," the mechanical is least likely to manifest itself in a feminine brain. The young woman whose visit to a locomotive works is described in Young's Magazine, was doubtless interested in what she saw, but her account of the processes observed leaves the reader to doubt her entire understanding of them.

"You pour," she told a friend, "a lot of sand into a lot of boxes, and you throw old stove lids and things into a furnace, and then you turn the red-hot stream into a hole in the sand, and everybody yells and shouts.

"Then you pour it out, let it cool and pound it, and then you put in it a thing that bores holes in it. Then you screw it together, and paint it, and put steam in it, and it goes splendidly, and they take it to a drafting-room and make a blue-print of it.

"But one thing I forgot—They have to make a boiler. One man gets inside and one gets outside, and they pound frightfully, and then they tie it to the other thing, and you ought to see it go!"—Youth's Companion.

When you have a bad cold you want the best medicine obtainable so as to cure it with as little delay as possible. Here is a druggist's opinion: "I have sold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for fifteen years," says Enos Lollar of Saratoga, Ind., "and consider it the best on the market." For sale by all dealers. Adv



The Telephone Road to Every Market

Are you up on current dairy prices during the scarce season?

The farmer with a Bell Telephone is "wise" and he sells at the market's height. Why not share your telephone-connected neighbors advantages.

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"You are welcome," says Mrs. Nora Guffey, of Broken Arrow, Okla., "to use my letter in any way you want to, if it will induce some suffering woman to try Cardui. I had pains all over, and suffered with an abscess. Three physicians failed to relieve me. Since taking Cardui, I am in better health than ever before, and that means much to me, because I suffered many years with womanly troubles, of different kinds. What other treatments I tried, helped me for a few days only."

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

Don't wait, until you are taken down sick, before taking care of yourself. The small aches and pains, and other symptoms of womanly weakness and disease, always mean worse to follow, unless given quick treatment.

You would always keep Cardui handy, if you knew what quick and permanent relief it gives, where weakness and disease of the womanly system makes life seem hard to bear. Cardui has helped over a million women. Try it.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. 151

SCHOOL DAYS

Stationery for School Children. Tablets, the big kind for a nickel. Pencils by the bunch.

To the first 200 School Children making 10 cent purchases of School Supplies from our store we will give a 5 cent package of popcorn free.

Make our place headquarters for your school materials. Send your children and let us wait on them.

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IMPARTING FRAGRANCE TO TEA

Species of Jasmine Flower Used by the Chinese to Give Beverage the Desired Aroma.

It is estimated that the Chinese consume annually five pounds of tea for each member of the population. It grows in small patches around the homesteads, plantations being practically unknown. The leaves are picked by members of the family and dried in the sun, being subsequently handed over to the middlemen, who subject them to the process of firing. In the case of green tea the leaves are roasted almost immediately after they are gathered, and dried off quickly after being rolled into balls by hand and squeezed. There are usually three pickings—early in April, when the leaves are covered with a whitish down (a limited output known as pekoe); toward the middle of May and again in August. Brick tea is made by pressing the damp tea in a mold in the form of a brick, 8 to 12 inches long and about one inch thick. The fragrance of all scented tea is not natural, but imparted by firing the leaf with a sort of jasmine flower, called by the Chinese "mok-lee." In inferior teas the scented flower is strewn over the top of the tea when packed and removed after a day or two. Flowery pekoes are white, velvety tipped teas with no fragrance and are unfermented.

Finding the Drowned.

Occasionally one reads that, when human bodies are thought to be in rivers and cannot be found, "a loaf of bread has been floated down the stream." But very few people have the least idea what connection there is between bread and the finding of bodies. When the river has been dragged without result, a loaf of bread is cut in two, a place hollowed out in the middle, and a quantity of quicksilver inserted. The two halves of the loaf are then fastened together again, and the bread is thrown into the water in the place where the body is supposed to be. Without fail the loaf floats along until it reaches the vicinity of the body, and then revolves quickly, hovering over the spot.

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WHEN THE STOMACH CALLS

Feeling Which Common Humanity Knows as Hunger Is Explained Fully by the Scientist.

The answer looks easy. Any small boy, schoolboy or other, would say, "Why, hunger is just wanting something to eat and wanting it bad." But the doctors find that it isn't so easy. It seems, according to an ex-cathedra utterance in the Journal of the American Medical Association, that emptiness of the stomach has nothing to do with hunger. It is not due to the secretion of any sort of acid in the stomach, nor to congestion of the gastric glands. Professor Cannon, in this article in the Journal aforesaid, attributes hunger to contractions of the stomach's muscular walls. In the doctor's words: "Hunger is normally the signal that the stomach is contracted for action; the unpleasantness of hunger leads to eating; eating starts gastric secretion, distends the contracted organ, initiates the movements of gastric digestion and abolishes the sensation." Here's to the abolition of the sensation; may there always be something with which to "start the gastric secretion!"

USE FOR SHOPPING GLOVES

Mr. Compton's Simpler Method at Bargain Counter Rejected With the Scorn It Deserved.

From his easy chair Mr. Compton watched his wife putting on a pair of tan gloves. "Aren't they too large for you?" he asked lazily.

"Oh, no, not for shopping gloves," said Mrs. Compton, and with her fingers off the table, she ran a scale up and down several times. "I have to be able to do that, you see," she explained.

"Do finger exercises? What for?" asked Mr. Compton.

"Those aren't finger exercises," Mrs. Compton's color deepened as, taking off the gloves, she began to smooth and stretch the fingers. "Those are—why, they're calculations, Henry. Don't you see, if I start downtown with ten dollars, and go to the silk counter and find two lovely remnants, one for three dollars and one for four and a half, I want to reckon up at once, underneath the counter, how much they'll come to, and how much I'll have left. And last week I missed a great bargain because I had on some tight gloves and I couldn't reckon. I hadn't expected to go to the sale."

"Ah," said Mr. Compton. "Why not ask the clerk to reckon it for you?"

"Henry!" cried his wife. "At a bargain counter! The clerk! Why, nobody but a man would ever think of such a thing for a minute!"—Youth's Companion.

Cook's Accidental Discovery.

One of the best ways of cooking potatoes was accidentally discovered through the unpunctuality of a train. When the line from Paris to St. Germain was opened the first train carried an official party for whom lunch was ordered.

The meal was fixed for noon, and shortly before that hour the potatoes were put on to fry. A few minutes afterward a message came that the train would probably be delayed for an hour, so the potatoes were taken off the fire, but left in the pan. Then came a second message. "Train just arriving," and the potatoes were hurriedly put back to fry again.

When the party sat down to lunch the potatoes were brought on with the steak. Each chip was then found to be blown out like a small, crisp, golden balloon, to the delight of the guests. The cook, without knowing it, had invented pommes de terre soufflées.

Mind and Muscle.

As the volume of controllable muscular and mechanical energy at his command has increased, man has found it necessary to use his own muscular energy for purposes of the control thereof, and even to supplement it for this purpose rather than to use it in the actual performance of the tasks themselves. Hence we have the large number of officials in the armies, organized both for warlike and peaceful purposes. In all of these, however, the dominating idea, so far, has been that of increasing the amount of muscular and mechanical energy controlled by one master mind. It is true that many individuals are employed in transmitting directions, in recording operations, etc.; but the central idea permeating everything is that the controlling individual is, or should be, able of himself to initiate every movement and make every decision relating thereto. It has always been a problem of supplementing muscle rather than of supplementing mind.—Cassier's Magazine.

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Sometimes we become restless and impatient because we do not immediately see the result of our generosity. We seem to think that what ever aid we are able to give should work miracles before our eyes, and we are not content to believe that somewhere and somehow somebody's burden has been lightened because of our faith and generosity.

Sooner or later, often when we least expect it, our deeds of kindness come back to us a thousandfold. They may not be repaid in substantial coin, they may not even bear the stamp of our generosity, but they pour their blessings into our lives with rich interest and help us to understand the readjustment of our natures. It is a fine thing to be in a position to give freely and generously of those riches which, after all, are only ours during our stewardship, but it is just as gratifying and just as ennobling to give proportionately of the more modest means which some of us command. We are not judged by what we give so much as by the manner in which we give it, and happy, indeed, is he who is not afraid to give generously even of his small means. Our charities may not sound around the world, but they are heard by some poor sufferer close at hand, and what greater blessing and what richer recompense can we ask?

Mule For Sale

at public auction, 14 hands, 8 or 9 years old. Black, round and fat. Full of ginger. Will be sold Saturday Oct. 5th near depot in Merkel.

It's a happy and comfortable home that has their floors covered with a nice rug. It will save half the fuel and doctor bill. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

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Field Instructions for Farmers Co-operative Demonstration Work.

In the Farmers Co-operative Demonstration Work great stress is laid upon a more thorough preparation of the soil in the autumn, because in our southern climate the soils do not freeze sufficiently deep to open them and admit air. We must therefore do by plowing in the fall and some winter cultivation what nature does in the colder north.

In the richest soils there is but little food ready prepared for the plant, and nature's plan is that this food shall be prepared more or less daily by the aid of the air, the moisture in the soil, and the sun and germ action.

These four active forces cause the food to be prepared so that the plant can be properly nourished. This cannot be done without plowing and cultivating to admit the air, and the earlier this work is commenced in the fall the greater the effect it will have upon the crop of the following season.

The effect of using good seed is not sufficiently appreciated nor perhaps is it understood just what makes good seed. It must be the best variety, carefully selected early in the fall and stored in a dry place.

Young plants require excellent cultivation just as young animals require the best food and care.

Emphasis is placed on the use of winter cover crop of oats, barley, rye, vetch, or crimson clover as may be best suited to local conditions and climate. Keeping the soil constantly occupied in the production of something valuable for food or fertilizer is better than to allow it to leach, wash, or sun bake.

The most important factor relating to the permanent fertility of the soil is the abundant and judicious use of all the animal and vegetable matter that may be found on every farm, such as barn yard manure, leaf mold, and green crops. For soil building we must largely depend on barn yard manure, the compost heat, and leguminous plants, such as cow peas, soy beans, vetches and the clovers.

The foregoing is an extract from "A" Circular No. 69 U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, presented by F. A. Peel Government Demonstration Agent.

Notice.

Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will serve dinner at the West building Saturday, October 12.

Peel Off to Fort Worth.

F. A. Peel, U. S. Farm Demonstration agent, left Tuesday for Ft. Worth to attend the meeting of District Agents, for West Texas, which begins Wednesday and ends Friday afternoon.

Capt. Ganzer and Hon. J. L. Quicksall, who have charge of the district, will be present and they will discuss among themselves the plans for the work in 1913, also the preparations necessary this fall in preparing the soil for a better showing in crops next year. Mr. Peel expects a great meeting and much good to come from it.—Abilene Reporter.

Grandma Rosson Dead.

Grandma Rosson of Noodle died at that place last Wednesday afternoon. Old age being the cause, having reached the age of 85 years. Burial was given the body Thursday afternoon at the Noodle Cemetery.

New Belt Pins at McClain's.

MAKES NIGHT CLERK N.

Weird Stories Told by Guests in Ear-Morning Hours Prove a Little Discouraging.

"Sometimes the night clerk's job has its drawbacks," remarked the tall, thin man behind the desk at the hotel. "These weird tales that guests will tell in the still night"—he went on, "they're one thing that makes a fellow wish there were more people around."

"One night about 2 o'clock, a guest came up to the desk and spent an hour telling me earnestly about the black cat that had been sitting on the foot of his bed. As he talked I noticed the fellow had a queer look in his eye."

"A black cat's nothing but a black cat, but somehow a fellow doesn't want to hear much about 'em in the middle of the night from a nervous man with a queer look in his eye. This man said that the cat came in when the waiter brought his dinner up to the room. Then the cat took a chair at the table opposite him, he said, and tucked a napkin under its chin."

"I asked it if it didn't want something to eat," the man added, "but it said it didn't—politest cat I ever saw."

"Great line of talk, wasn't it?" "Then he started in to direct a lot of men building a skyscraper there in the lobby. I couldn't see the skyscraper, but he did. He had a force of about 400 men hoisting stone and steel, and he bossed the job."

Paris, Tex., I, the undersigned, take pleasure in stating that I have used Cheatham's Chill Tonic, and a few doses broke a severe case of chills and fever on me about six weeks ago, and I have had none since. I consider it the best medicine for the purpose I ever used. Yours truly, J. E. Cay. Adv.

Premature Burial.

M. Thoinot, professor of forensic medicine to the Paris Academie de Medicine, has been lecturing upon premature burial, an accident the fear of which is, perhaps, not so prevalent as it was in the days of Edgar Poe. He gave an interesting description of the many inventions devised for the avoidance of this, including the insertion of a breathing tube in the mouth of the corpse, which is brought through the lid of the coffin and projected from the grave. But he declared that no precaution was so satisfactory as that of delaying the burial until the signs of putrefaction are apparent. The provisions of the code Napoleon, which ordain that no burial shall take place until twenty-four hours after death and inspection by the medical authority of the district, are, he said, entirely adequate on this point, and if they are carried out to the full, no one need have any fear of being buried alive.

J. W. Copeland, of Dayton, Ohio, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for his boy who had a cold, and before the bottle was all used the boy's cold was gone. Is that not better than to pay a five dollar doctor's bill. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Thoughtful John Chinaman.

"The virtues of a Chinese laundryman never have been half told," said the woman. "Not of my laundryman, anyhow. He is such a motherly old soul. The other day he brought my handkerchiefs home folded in two different ways, some squared, some cat-cornered."

"Why the different styles in ironing?" I asked.

"John pointed to the stack of cat-cornered handkerchiefs. 'These holey,' he said. Then to the square pile. 'These good. In big hully, not gettee mix and go out with holey hankchee.'

"Kind old John. His idea was all right, but doesn't keep me from getting mixed, for I can never remember which shape means holey or which means whole, so I am likely grace myself with a holey h chief after all."

Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach. Take Chamberlain's Tablets and correct this and the headache will disappear. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Illiteracy in Foreign Armies.

The returns showing the educational attainments in the Swiss army are less pleasing than those of Germany, the illiterates in the land of philosophy being only .02 per cent. In Switzerland a little more than one per thousand were unable to read, and one in a hundred read with such difficulty that they could not comprehend what they had read. Still this is better than investigations made in France show. The Temps concludes that the insufficiently instructed amounted to 16.5 per cent and the illiterates to 8.6, so roughly we have 25 per cent of the French army illiterate. But on the other hand 37.2 per cent held diplomas or certificates and those whose instruction was considered sufficient amounted to 32.7 per cent.

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YOUR BOY! Is he going to need a new school suit? If so you want something durable for the most economical price, you can get. We have what you want.

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MEN'S QUALITY SHOP

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Compere Items.

Oct. 8—Mr. W. N. Moore was in Anson on business the first of the week.

Miss Annabelle and Clairce Moore are visiting relatives in Winters this week. They will be away something like a month.

The cotton picking of this section is almost over and a few more good days will enable the farmers to gather the remainder.

A good many Compere people went to Anson for the first Mondays trading.

Compere, do not under any circumstances send an advertisement for any person, where the item solicits business unless money accompanies the ad, otherwise we will not publish it. For a copy follow the outline of the Inkum correspondent, it is good. — Editors Note.

Almost a Miracle

One of the most startling changes in any man, according to W. Claw, Clarendon, Tex., was effected years ago in his brother. "He such a dreadful cough," he writes, "that all our family thought he was going into consumption, but he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, and was completely cured by ten bottles. Now he is sound and well and weighs 218 pounds. For many years our family has used this wonderful remedy for Coughs and Colds with excellent results." It's quick, safe, reliable and guaranteed. Price 50 cents and \$1.00 Trial bottle free H. C. Burroughs. Adv.

Salt Branch News.

Oct. 8—Carl Dillingham, Oren Higgins and sister were visiting at Charles Higgins Sunday.

Grandma Hays who has been visiting relatives in and around Merkel, returned home Sunday.

S. W. Taylor is on the sick list this week.

Miss Lillie Wheat who has been dangerously ill with Typhoid Fever is said to have Pneumonia.

Miss Lois Smith was visiting M. Cora and Alma Hays Sunday.

Ellis Petty and family were visiting Joe McMurray and family Sunday.

J. W. Teaff and family were visiting Mr. Coats and family near Merkel Sunday.

George Roach and Fletcher Allen from Caps were visitors to R. D. Allen Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Owens and children and Miss Maxie Banner were visiting Mrs. Ida Higgins and daughter Sunday.

Mrs. Robertson visited her sister Mrs. Ida Petty Sunday.

Mrs. Beavers celebrated her baby Paul and daughter, Ninas, first and eleventh birthdays Sunday by asking several of their little friends to take dinner with them. There were fourteen in number and all present enjoyed themselves.

Mrs. Floyd and daughter, Essie were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. Beavers was shopping in the City in Clover Tuesday.

Several of the neighbors went in one day last week and picked about 3/4 bales of cotton for Clint Allen who has sick folks at his home.

Stand 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, cuts, bruises, burns, aches and pains it has no equal on earth. 25c and 50c bottles Very truly yours, T. J. Brownlow, Livingston, Tenn. Adv.

Inkum Items.

Oct. 7.—J. V. W. Holmes of Sweetwater and Brown of San Angelo, made an auto trip to this section Sunday.

Mrs. Downing of Potosi who has been visiting her niece, Mrs. G. W. Wilson for several weeks returned to her home Tuesday.

Edgar Phillips was taken seriously ill Thursday and Dr. Kendrick of Ovalo was called. He was removed to his home at Guion Friday.

Arthur Wilson and Marion Cox left Wednesday for Potosi.

Messrs B. F. Jones and Will Robinson of View were in this section Wednesday buying cattle.

Mrs. Puckett of Runningwater came in this week to visit her daughter Mrs. J. A. Wills.

L. A. Duckett formerly a citizen of this county but now of Plainview is visiting relatives in this community.

Roes Wetsel of Nubia attended preaching Sunday at Elm Grove.

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Dodson's Liver-Tone is a Safe Medicine to Take the Place of too Powerful Calomel.

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Rust & McCauley will sell you a bottle and guarantee it to give you perfect satisfaction. If it doesn't you can get your money back simply by asking for it. Adv.

Terrible Ordeal.

"It was perfectly frightful," said Chubbleigh. "There we ran at top speed around the corner, and the first thing I knew we dashed plumb into that grocer's wagon. I guess it must have held a hundred dozen eggs."

"Oh, well, that wasn't so bad, was it?" said Hicks. "You could afford to pay for 'em, couldn't you?"

"Oh, it wasn't that," said Chubbleigh, with a shudder. "But I don't believe there was a good egg in the whole lot." —Harper's Weekly.

It Looks Like a Crime

to separate a boy from a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. His pimples, boils, scratches, knocks, sprains and bruises demand it, and its quick relief for burns, scalds, or cuts is his right. Keep it handy for boys, also girls. Heals everything healable and does it quick. Unequaled for piles. Only 25 cents at H. C. Burroughs. Adv.

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