

WIFE BRUTALLY BEATEN BY HUSBAND AND CANNOT RECOVER FROM INJURIES

LEAMON STORY GUIDE

The following is taken from the columns of the Fort Worth Record of Thursday morning and brings a special feeling of horror to many of our readers who know of the family connections of the parties:

FT. WORTH, Oct. 22.—With her ribs crushed and her spine twisted by blows and kicks from her drunken husband, Mrs. May Leeman, 811 West Belknap street, is lying in agony, her life despaired of, at the Medical College hospital. W. B. Leeman, her husband, a printer with the Texas Printing Company, who beat her after a debauch Saturday night, has left the city and the police are looking for him.

Without food or water the injured woman lay where she fell, on her bed of suffering, unattended for thirty-eight hours, from seven o'clock Saturday night until nine o'clock Monday morning. Her husband had fled and she was too weak from pain to call help from the next door. And Monday when she finally managed to summon Mrs. Gertrude Wallace, wife of a bartender, who lives on Belknap street, Mrs. Leeman was so weakened that her chances for recovery, already precarious, were much lessened.

Mrs. Leeman's story of her beating, told Wednesday as she writhed on her cot in the female ward of the Medical College Hospital, is a tale of horror unequalled in Fort Worth criminal records.

"Saturday night," she gasped, and the words came with obvious effort, "he—my husband—came home drunk. It was the third time. Bills were not paid. He had no money."

A paroxysm of vomiting contorted the injured woman's face.

"This makes two weeks you've done this," I told him. "The collectors—after me. 'I get—no peace.' Then he hit me. He struck me in the face first, I fell—to the floor. Then he kicked me—until I got up." Breath came hoarsely. "Oh, my God," she moaned, "if they'd only give me something to stop—this awful vomiting."

Mrs. Leeman stroked her wan face with thin hands. She is a rather pretty woman with large gray eyes. She paused a moment for a rest.

"And when I got up—he hit me again—and I fell with my back across the bed. It seemed like something tore loose of me inside—and I swooned with pain. My husband said—I heard him before I fainted—'get up, d— you, everything's paid.' And then—I didn't know anything—till morning."

"Sunday morning I couldn't move. I couldn't scream. I just lay there and suffered. All day I lay without a drink of water—or a bite to eat. And I couldn't sleep Sunday night. That awful pain inside—the face of the suffering woman became drawn at the recollection—"that awful pain. I didn't sleep, but I couldn't wake."

"And then Monday morning I was a little better. When light came I could talk. I could take a breath. I called Mrs. Wallace, who lives next door, heard me. She came in and—gave me a drink."

W. B. Leeman is well known in Abilene. He lived in Merkel some time, and recently edited the Sweet-water Record. He went to Fort Worth some six weeks ago.

Pallid with her suffering, which never relaxes, Mrs. Leeman rested from her pitiful narrative. The only way she can rest is to groan. Her lips are blue under her teeth as she clinches her jaws in a vain attempt to stifle her suffering.

"There wasn't a soul to give me a drink," she continued. Her thought was not continuous, her mind returned to the ordeal she endured before her neighbor came.

"I couldn't get up. I had to crawl on my hands and knees. Monday night Mrs. Wallace was asleep. I went to the kitchen for a drink. Then I fainted by the sink. I lay there two hours, until a little boy—came to the door to collect a bill. I told him to tell Mrs. Wallace. She called a doctor."

Taken to a Hospital

The physician called was Dr. Webb Walker. He treated Mrs. Leeman two days and then turned the case over to the city physician, Dr. A. R. Hays. Then Mrs. Louise Gabard, field worker for the relief association, called and Mrs. Leeman was taken to the Medical College hospital Wednesday morning.

Dr. Walker said Wednesday that Mrs. Leeman was suffering from three broken ribs on the right side and an apparent injury to the spine, which affected the stomach, causing constant retching and intense pain. It is pos-

sible that she is injured internally.

Leeman is a tall, powerful man. There is no clue to his whereabouts, and Mrs. Leeman says she cannot guess where he has gone. Police of other cities have been instructed to look for him.

"The case of Mrs. Leeman was called to the attention of the relief association Wednesday morning by telephone call," said Secretary Rawlings of the association Wednesday night. "We know nothing of the case before that Mrs. Louise Gabard, our field worker, investigated at once, and the situation was brought to my attention. There was a dispute as to whether Dr. O. D. Rumph, the county physician, or Dr. A. R. Hays, the city physician, should handle the case. I decided that the woman was a city patient and had her taken to the Medical College hospital."

JOHNSON TO DEFEND HIS TITLE IN A PARIS RING

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Not having made much money out of his theatrical engagements in France and England, Jack Johnson the heavyweight champion, has decided to engage in a limited round bout, and has been signed up by Fight Promoter Yenne to meet some heavyweight, as yet to be selected, in a fifteen round battle at Luna Park, Paris, the latter part of November. Al Lippe, who is responsible for this information, says that Johnson's opponent will be a colored fighter, nor will it be Frank Moran. Judging from this, Johnson probably means to take on some third rate English heavyweight.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—William Sulzer, who has been nominated by the Progressive Party as their candidate for the New York Assembly from the sixth district, opened his headquarters at one of the Broadway Hotels here today for his campaign to re-establish himself at the state capitol.

He has planned that from today on he will conduct a bitter fight against the regular Democratic organization candidates.

Mr. Sulzer recently issued this statement upon his race for the assembly: "In view of the urgent pleadings from lifelong friends and the request in writing from more than half of the registered voters of the Sixth assembly district, regardless of party affiliations, begging me to accept the nomination for member of the assembly to further the honest government, I have consented to come back to Albany as a member of the assembly for the good that I can do."

"I shall be a non-partisan candidate, having no ax to grind and no motive or purpose other than to do what I can for the cause of good government—the struggle for which accomplishment brought about my removal from the governorship by an arrogant boss whose dictates to do wrong I defied."

MONROE, La., Oct. 22.—Because he made an insulting remark to a white woman here Monday, Warren Eaton, a negro, was taken from the county jail here this morning and lynched by a mob of citizens.

VERA CRUZ, Mex., Oct. 22.—As the result of the display of rural guards, only a few partisans of General Felix Diaz gathered to meet him today when he arrived here on the steamer Corcovado.

The Diaz vessel and German cruiser, Hetha, arrived here at almost the same time.

The German warship immediately sent two officers aboard the Corcovado, which is also a German vessel, the commander of the Hetha intending to see that Diaz was not molested as long as he remained on board.

GREAT WHITE WAY SHOWS AT MERKEL

The little city in clover is this week dressed up in gala attire as the result of the visit of the Great White Way carnival shows and it is unnecessary for our citizens to spend their money with the Texas & Pacific in order to get to Dallas for excitement.

The shows are working on a contract with our local fire department whereby the fire boys will receive considerable financial assistance out of the receipts of the carnival company. The show will be here but this week and the festivities will close Saturday night.

GREAT STATE FAIR NOW ON AT DALLAS

The biggest and best state fair in the history of Texas and the acknowledged best state fair of the best state in the union is now on at Dallas and there are special rates for the benefits of our citizens, who wish to see and know the resources of our big state.

The present event is the first the writer has attended in many years and the growth and success of this annual enterprise was even beyond our imagination. The Mail editor and lady were guests of the fair association on press day and in company with several hundred newspaper men from all parts of the state we saw all that we could see and ate all that we could eat. Everything was free and President Eckford gave the newspaper men no-limit privileges.

It was with special pride that we visited the stock exhibits for there as usual our townsman, C. M. Largent, with his Blue Ribbon herd was showing the best animals on the ground and will make a clean sweep of blue ribbons and premiums.

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Thirty thousand voices—What a grand chorus! And that's the number of American men and women who are publicly praising Doan's Kidney Pills for relief from backache, kidney and bladder ills. They say it to friends. They tell it in the home papers. Merkel people are in this chorus. Here's a Merkel case.

Mrs. J. W. West, Merkel, Texas, says: "An attack of La Grippe several years ago left my kidneys disordered causing severe pains. As Doan's Kidney Pills had been taken with good results in my family, I used one box and they completely cured me. I have had no return of the trouble."

If your back aches—if your kidneys bother you don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mrs. West had—the remedy backed by home testimony. 50c all stores. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. Adv.

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Rust & McCauley sell Dodson's Liver Tone and give it a strong personal guarantee. They say, "A large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone sells for 50 cents, and we will hand any person back his 50 cents if he tries a bottle and doesn't say that it does it pleasantly. Get the genuine Dodson's Liver Tone and if you are not pleased with it we will give your money back with a smile."

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The four principal reasons for crop failure when our seasons are normal, are as follows:

1st. Improper or careless preparation of the seed bed.

2nd Failure to store the natural precipitation into the soil.

3rd The application of such poor cultural methods that all moisture is lost before the growing crop has a chance to use it.

4th Allowing the crop to stand too thick on the land for the available supply of moisture.

Now then, as to practical remedies, I suggest 1st, that we can, if we will only take the time and pains, prepare a deep and well pulverized seed bed.

2nd; we can aid nature in storing more moisture in the soil by breaking deep or subsoiling, terracing where necessary, or running the rows on the contour of sloping land, which will check so much of the run off. 3rd, we can cultivate so as to keep the necessary mulch that will conserve the moisture until needed by the growing crop. 4th we can so space our rows and plants in the drill that a much less amount of moisture is required to tide a crop over a dry period than if left very thick.

Drouth is just simply a condition under which crops fail to mature because of an insufficient amount of moisture at the proper time, and this shortage of moisture is often charged to providence when it should rightly be charged to man.

Brother Farmer, are not these thoughts worth your consideration.

F. A. Peel, Agent
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Shiloh.

Oct. 21—There was Sunday school at Shiloh Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grayson entertained Saturday night in honor of their daughter May fifteenth birthday. The large parlor and dining room was beautifully lighted. Music was rendered by Miss Abertine Winters and games were played. The honoree's mother served whip cream and cake assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Pearl Dupree. The out of county guests were the Misses Winters of Noodle, Messers Richards and Jones of Noodle and Ben Douglass of Kale. Every one enjoyed themselves and went away wishing Miss May many more such happy birthdays.

Mrs. Bryan called on her daughter, Mrs. Myra Sellers, Tuesday.

Misses Agness James and Lela Promry spent Saturday night with their friend Miss May Grayson.

Ben Douglass and Miss Pearl Faubian ate dinner with the Misses Hail and Reece Hail Sunday.

R. B. Bryan and step-daughter Miss Pearl Faubian made a business trip to Merkel Saturday.

Mr. Peek and Richard Shields called on Mr. Bryan Sunday and ate dinner with he and wife.

Walter Phillips is still on crutches but hope he will be better next writing.

Cotton picking is still the order of the day here.

OUR MERCHANTS GIVE PREMIUMS

Your attention is directed to the advertisement in this issue of our paper telling of the premiums to be given away by Merkel merchants for the benefit of their customers and trade. There will be two lists of premiums given away absolutely free, the first list to be awarded Nov. 17th, and the second list of premiums will be announced at that time. The first premiums to be given away include a good buggy, sewing machine and beautiful art square. The selection and awarding of the premiums is in the hands of a special committee and plans will be devised satisfactory and fair to all.

ABILENE HIGH DEFEATS MERKEL

Abilene High School defeated Merkel High School in a game of foot ball Monday at Abilene 51 to 0. Owing to the lack of experience our boys were not in the match for the Abilene "HUSKIES". This is our first year in High School Football and with six or seven men who have never played the game before the team work was right to the point. The Abilene team outweighed Merkel four pounds to every man. The light back field of M. H. S. did some brilliant work but the odds were against them. The team was crippled in the first quarter with Howard and Wills having to leave the field. Wills returned but could not work as well as at first.

The following are the line-ups:

Abilene High, Wills, left end; Jennings, left tackle; Shaw, left guard; Weir, center; Lyons, right guard; Tandy, right tackle; Ingle, right end; Bowyer, quarterback; Tate, left half; Payne, fullback; Nesbit, right half. Merkel High: Jobe, center; L. Adams, right guard; Wills, left guard; Howard, left tackle; R. Adams, right tackle; S. King, left end; S. King, right end; Moore, fullback; Grimes, right half; Shaffer, left half; Boring, quarterback; Harrell, left guard; Sharp, right guard.

Officials: Giddens, referee; Sharp, umpire; Head Linesman, Burroughs, Merkel; Timekeeper, Coach Robinson, Abilene High; Prof. Rogers, Merkel.

Time of quarters; fifteen minutes.

NEGRO LYNCHED AT MONROE

Warren Eaton Taken From Jail This Morning and Strung up by Mob of Citizens.

MOHONK LAKE, N. Y., Oct. 22.—The American Indians need schools more than any other form of government aid, said John B. Brown of Muskogee, Oklahoma, today in an address at the Lake Mohonk Conference of Friends of the Indians and Other Dependent People. Mr. Brown is a supervisor of the United States Indian Service, in charge of Indian schools among the five "Civilized Tribes."

"There are twelve boarding schools in the Five Tribes," said Mr. Brown, "with a total capacity of about 1000 pupils. We have contracts with mission schools for 600 additional. There is but one small school in the Cherokee Nation, with a capacity of 65 pupils."

"Special stress has been laid in our school rooms on the teaching of land values and uses. Inquiries were made of all older pupils as to the acreage, location, value, adaptability and present use of their allotments. The information at first was almost nil, the ignorance of the pupils being startling. This led to systematic inquiry and some astonishing disclosures. Instruction on these lines followed, valuable assistance being given our schools by this field officials of Union Agency. The fighting of land grafters and dishonest guardians is not the work of the schools, yet the schools is seeking to teach pupils as to their lands have unearthed many cases so pitiful that the Superintendent simply had to turn them over to the Agency officials and strive to forget them in order to continue the work of preparing the children to resist future onslaughts.

"Our young state, of which the old Indian Territory is a part, is not ready to take up the burden of educating its full-blooded Indians. In Eastern Oklahoma, outside our progressive towns and cities, the compulsory education law is not enforced with white children, much less with Indians. Neither State constitution, statute nor decisions of the Supreme Court will put into our schools the real Indian who needs it most, in the face of a local indifference upon which such law must depend for enforcement.

"It should not be understood that no Indian in eastern Oklahoma attends public schools. Of the 12,000 enrolled Indians who attended public schools sometimes during the year 1912-13, nearly one-half were of this restricted class. Our estimate is that during the same year there were approximately 1600 Indian children of school age who attended no school. There were some hundreds, probably thousands, of others whose attendance was so short and so irregular as to be negligible.



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Jno. Vaughn of Arizona who has been visiting friends and relatives in our city returned to his home Saturday.

Bring your tickets to the free drawing Saturday Oct. 25th. Anchor Hardware Company.

Eat Pure Food Bakery bread. We want every good egg you can find on your premises. We pay the highest market price for same. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

Mr. T. M. Robinson, R. A. Rogers and Prof. B. D. Black were all passengers to Abilene Monday where they will attend the Institute this week.

Lest you forget. We give away the Studebaker wagon Oct. 25th. Come with your tickets. Anchor hardware Co.

Smoke our cigars, they are fresh. Grimes Drug Store.

Picture Show Friday and Saturday night.

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Dr. Miller Going to Chicago.

Dr. Miller will leave for Chicago Saturday night to be gone for a week. He is making this trip especially to attend some lectures to be delivered by Professor Von Cushman, a noted german specialist upon a subject in which the local physician is deeply interested.

During his absence his practice and collections will be cared for by his associate Dr. J. A. Adkisson.

Don't forget to be on hand Saturday the 25th with your tickets for the Studebaker wagon. Anchor Hardware Co.

Miss Jettie Davis of Falls who has been here for the past few days visiting Miss Ruby Jones and other friends, left for Dallas and other points east before returning to her home.

Pumpkin yam sweet potatoes for \$1.25 per bushel at O. F. Rogers.

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Card of Thanks.

To our many friends who assisted us during the illness and death of our father A. J. Coggin we wish to offer thanks. It being the wish of our father as well as our wishes that the blessings of God rest upon you.

T. J. Coggin, Mrs. Lee Caruth, Mrs. W. L. Barbee, Mrs. Georgia Easterwood.

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Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Oct. 25, 1913:

- Jones, E. B.
- Yates, J. H.
- Tapia, Manel

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Nov. 8, 1913.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

An Apology

The management realizes and appreciates the duty of a newspaper to its readers and we would not perpetrate an issue on our friends without the usual amount of news and reading matter but for one thing, we need the money. That's our only excuse for this paper which from an advertising standpoint looks like a special edition of the London Thundrerer.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Dora.

OCT. 20-- I will try and tell what has been happening at Dora for the last week or two as I was duck hunting and forgot when time came to write.

There was another fine rain fell Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

The oat and wheat fields are looking fine after all these fine rains.

G. W. Whitaker has bought up a nice bunch of mules in the last two weeks.

Jasper McCoy started to market with a car of cattle Tuesday.

Miss Velma Dennis is visiting the family of J. W. Rhodes this week.

Pat Powers and wife spent Sunday with T. C. Jenkins.

J. M. Bryson spent Tuesday with homefolks.

The Sunday School is progressing nicely. They have a good attendance.

T. C. Jenkins left Saturday for Fort Worth where he will spend several days.

There was several of the Bitter Creek singing class attended the singing Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Center are entertaining a new girl at their home this week.

Ted Clark was a pleasant caller at Mrs. Hanks Sunday afternoon.

Uncle Tim Bloxam sold a fine bunch of mules last week.

R. H. Collins of Merkel was in our community last week buying young mules.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Rhodes of Merkel are visiting in our community this week.

Albert Robbins sold his fine Percheon horse to Fred Slater last week.

There was a singing at Mr. Brownfields Sunday night all report a fine time.

Mr. Lim from Hylton was at Dora Sunday.

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.

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Noodle.

Oct. 20th--We had another rain Wednesday night which delayed the game of cotton picking for the remainder of the week, although it was a help to the grain that was sowed. This weather meant death to a good many wild ducks.

The show at Merkel last Monday night was attended by a good many of the Noodle people. They all seemed to have enjoyed it fine.

Mrs. F. E. Church, from near Merkel, is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. U. Beene.

The singing at Brother Elys Saturday night was enjoyed by a good many of the young people.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ely visited home-folks here Sunday.

Brother Scott filled Brother Horn's appointment here Sunday morning and preached a fine sermon.

This cold weather is stirring up the school interest. We are all anxious to get back in school for we are sure of a good school. We regret to give up two of our old teachers, but we will soon get acquainted with the new ones and go on with our work.

Salt Branch News.

OCT. 21--There wasn't a very large crowd at Sunday School Sunday on account of the weather being so cool.

W. M. Hays and family spent Sunday with S. W. Taylor and family.

Frank Golightly of Dudley is visiting his brother Ralph Golightly at this writing.

Cartha Lyles and wife left last Friday for the Plains which they will make their future home. They were accompanied by Auston and Hobson Robertson and Edd Shipley.

Grandma Hays is spending this week in Merkel.

Clint Allen and family visited Will Barker and family near Abilene Saturday.

There was a good many young people took dinner with Annie and Ollie Higgins Sunday.

Mr. Butler and wife, Ben Campbell and wife, and Mr. Bowles and wife spent Sunday with Mr. Barker and wife.

Burley Taylor has returned home from Loraine where he has been picking cotton for sometime.

There was a large crowd at the fruit supper at Mr. Pettys Wednesday night of last week.

Arrested.

Further arrests are being made daily--not of persons, but of pain. Its Hunt's Lightning Oil that so many people are talking about because it arrests and stops pain, and affords almost instant relief in cases of Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Headaches, Burns, etc. Just try it if you want pain to quit you. Adv.

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The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 2c, 5c, 9c.

ATTACK FRANCHISE TAX

Atlas Powder Co., Alleges Texas Law Is a Tax on Interstate Commerce

AUSTIN, Texas, Oct. 20.--An attack on the legality of the state franchise tax, required of foreign corporations, has been made by the Atlas Powder Company, which today filed proceedings against the Secretary of State. The company alleges that the state tax is a tax on interstate commerce.

Still Killing.

It still keeps on killing pain, does Hunt's Lightning Oil. For many years it has been used with wonderful success for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, cuts, burns and other hurts. All Druggist sell it in 25c and 50c bottles.

Petition Congress To Remit Payments

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.--Hundreds of settlers on the Cheyenne and Standing Rock Indian reservations in South Dakota petitioned congress through Senator Sterling for relief from further payments on their lands. Four years of drouth and poor crops, they said, had put them on the verge of ruin and that they would be compelled to leave their lands and lose their homestead rights unless relieved. The cases will be taken up by the public land committee.

Avoid Sedative Cough Medicines.

If you want to contribute directly to the occurrence of capillary bronchitis and pneumonia use cough medicines that contain codine, morphine, heroin and other sedatives when you have a cough or cold. An expectorant like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is what is needed. That cleans out the culture beds or breeding places for the germs of pneumonia and other germ diseases. That is why pneumonia never results from a cold when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is used. It has a world wide reputation for its cures. It contains no morphine or other sedative. For sale by All Dealers. Adv.

RECOGNITION TOO HASTY.

London Papers Awakening to Possibility of Embroilment Between U. S. and England Over Mexico.

LONDON, Eng., Oct. 22.--The London papers are just awakening to the possibility of an embroilment between the United States and England over the Mexican situation.

The Globe today declared that the British foreign office made a mistake in an over-hasty recognition of Provisional President Huerta.

Huerta Recaptured Torreon

LAREDO, Texas, Oct. 22.--An unconfirmed federal report today said that the Huerta forces have recaptured Torreon.

Denies Foreigners Are Held

EAGLE PASS, Oct. 22.--In a message to the Associated Press General Jesus Cafranza denied that foreigners are being held as hostages by the rebels in Torreon.

HOUSTON, Texas, Oct. 20.--Attorney Thomas B. Lewis has made the announcement that he has been retained to bring suit against the Prison Commission of Texas to force it to pay convicts the per diem.

In all he says about \$200,000 is involved. At the present time, he plans to mandamus the Commission. He will begin the fight at once.

He says that he has been retained by "the convicts of the Huntsville prison" through a man who has just been released.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Blair.

OCT. 12--The cotton crop with us is about all gathered a few more remnants and small bales, and by the way Mr. Editor we look to you to keep us posted on that small bale proposition that the Merkel buyers are fining the farmers \$1.00 on. Is it a law, if not who has the right to assess it and say how much it shall be and who gets the money. I ask for myself and a number of other.

The farmers are beginning to turn their land preparing for another crop. We now have the best season in the ground that we have had for a long time at this season of the year. But my experience is, plow early or late, shallow or deep it takes water to make a crop.

I believe it advisable for every farmer that can to grow a few good colts, calves and pigs to help out his short cotton crop for if this is a farming country it must be stock farming.

Rev. Russel preached here Sunday at eleven.

Rev. Young preached Sunday night which closes his work here for this year. Here is hoping that he will be sent to us again.

Mose Brown and Mattian Noel went on the Santa Fe excursion Saturday to the Dallas Fair.

S. E. Adcock made a visit last week to Buffalo Gap.

Jack Provine and wife visited S. F. Provine Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Mayfield has been very sick but is reported better at this time.

James Tipton is at home again after four years service as a soldier for Uncle Sam.

J. W. Jones and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Addison Sunday.

The bad weather has started. They are at work on the new school building, but it is nearing completion now. It will be a good building of which we are all proud.

County Court is grinding slowly. Little business of a judicial nature was transacted Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. The case of the State against J. P. Butler, charged with aggravated assault, was called and a jury impaneled. At the conclusion of the evidence and arguments the jury rendered a decision acquitting defendant. The state was represented by County Attorney Keeble and the defendant by Hon. W. J. Cunningham. The case of the State against J. C. Henslee, charged with unlawful breaking down the fence of another, was passed subject to call.

Several important cases, heretofore announced, will come up for adjudication before Judge E. M. Overshiner at the Thursday session.

In the case of the estate of S. J. Cotton, deceased, a probate case, the will was admitted to probate and E. E. Holt, George L. Paxton and R. A. The petition was filed Oct. 8, 1913, and Mrs. Addie E. Cotton appointed independent executor without bond.

Causes Further Talk.

Because so many people are telling their experience with Hunt's Lightning Oil for Headaches, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, etc., others are lead to give it a trial, and are convinced immediately of its merits as a pain killer. Are you yet to be convinced? Ask the Druggist. Adv.

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Your friends will delight in your pride. Our prices are lower than you can get anywhere else. Our goods are of a uniform high quality. Our service is at your door. Prompt and satisfactory in every way you pay no freight, no waiting, all goods ready for your inspection and set up ready to be placed in your home. How many times have you said, I could have done that well at home or wished I had figured with "Mack" first and then if its not just what I want I will not have to keep it.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Hot coffee and cakes free Saturday at Hamblet & Rogers.

Rufus Adcock made a business trip to McCauley the latter part of last week.

Elder G. W. Cypert returned Friday from Holdenville, Okla., where he has been preaching for the past ten days.

G. M. Sharp has moved his Grain Business to the Roach stand just North of the Crown Hardware.

Try Seymour's best flour.

Mrs. J. C. Bickley spent Friday in Abilene visiting friends.

W. B. Farmer went to Clyde Friday to spend a few days visiting.

G. W. Cypert left Wednesday night for Temple where he will visit his daughter Mrs. C. Raughton.

Seymour Best is made from choicest soft Wheat.

J. L. Hunter made a business trip to Abilene Friday.

Miss Madge Hale who is here attending High School is spending the week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Hale of Trent.

Expected by Saturday car of Seymour's best flour, Bran and Shorts.

A. Sears spent Tuesday in Abilene.

Will Compton of Los Angeles, Cal., is the guest of W. A. Hall and family.

Mrs. Georgia Easterwood returned to her home at Midland Friday after spending several days with T. J. Coggin and family.

Go to G. M. Sharps Whole Sale and Retail flour, meal and hay.

Bill Bogar passed through Merkel Sunday night enroute to Trent.

Miss Dota Garrouthe is in Abilene this week attending the Normal.

Seymour's Best flour costs no more than other flour.

Mrs. Tom Compton and son, Delma, left Saturday for Fort Worth and Dallas.

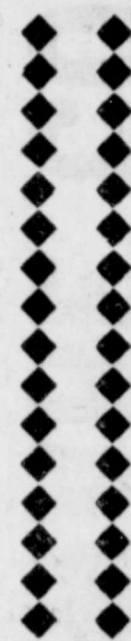
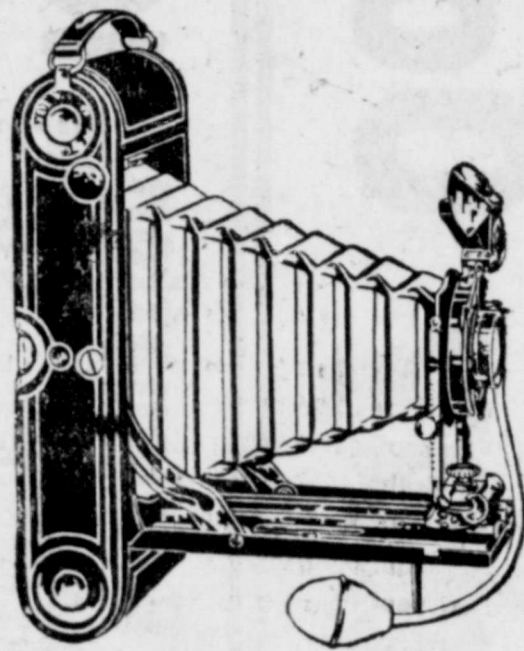
Rotan Cypert is here from Abilene visiting his parents Eld. G. W. Cypert and family.

No Flour better than Seymour's Best.

Roscoe Sharp returned Saturday from the coast where he has been for the past six weeks.

Let THE CHILDREN Kodak

For the next 30 days we will give on each \$1 purchase 1000 votes on KODAK and KODAK SUPPLIES ONLY



PHONE 43—RUST & McCAULEY DRUG CO.—PHONE 43

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Misses Altie and Annie Moore returned to their home at Abilene after spending a few days with their sister Mrs. Jno. Banner.

H. C. Burroughs, Sr. left Thursday night for Dallas.

G. E. Comegy made a business trip to Clyde Tuesday.

Meet the crowd at Anchor Hardware Co., Oct. 25th.

E. L. McMaster of Garden City has been here for the past few days visiting his brother Dr. O. F. McMaster of our city.

Mrs. Jennie McGehee of Gateville is the guest of Capt. and Mrs. Oliver this week.

Mrs. R. E. Kunze of Fort Worth is here visiting her father R. J. Adcock and other relatives.

Miss Clara Will McNatt of Abilene is the guest of Miss Fannie Burroughs.

Meet your friends at Anchor Hardware Company Oct. 25th and draw the wagon.

Beautiful Servicable Premiums given free with your purchase at Parten Dry Goods Company.

Dr. J. A. Adkisson was called to El Paso last Thursday to the bedside of Dent Cozart, who was reported to be very low with typhoid fever. Mr. Cozart is a well known citizen of this country, and it is hoped for a speedy recovery. Dr. Adkisson returned home Sunday morning and reports Mr. Cozart improving.

Toilet articles, at Grimes.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Redding of Mt. Pleasant a fine boy. The mother and baby are reported to be doing nicely.

Our cigars are just right. Burroughs.

Jno. D. Gaither was in Sweetwater Tuesday attending to business matters.

Picture Show Friday and Saturday nights.

Classy hot drinks in due season at Burroughs' Drug Store.

Misses Eula, Mossie and Pet Sears and Mrs. A. C. Sears were visiting in Abilene Monday.

H. C. Williams spent Wednesday in Abilene.

Mrs. F. A. Poly left Wednesday for Dallas to visit her mother Mrs. J. B. Young.

See N. Roberts for fruits, vegetables, cold drink etc., first door west of Farmers State Bank.

Picture Show Friday and Saturday nights.

Miss Bernice Rainbolt is visiting her sister Mrs. Chas. Fryar of Abilene.

Remember we give the \$90 Studecaker wagon away Oct. 25th. Anchor Hardware Co.

Blacklegoids Vaccine at Grimes Drug Store.

Barney Garrett returned home Monday from Mart where he has been for the past two months.

Picture Show Friday and Saturday nights.

It is our wish that every farmer in this territory get one of our pocket books, free. Farmers State Bank.

Miss Carry Session of Abilene has been the guest of Miss Lorena Dryer for the past few days.

All sizes of drawing tablets at Burroughs' Drug Store.

The highest market price paid for your eggs. W. P. Duckett.

Shoes, at a big discount for cash. Star Store.

E. W. Dennis made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Dr. J. A. Adkisson returned Sunday from El Paso where he has been attending to business matters.

Trade your old furniture to Mack for new Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

For all kinds and sizes of window glass see Burroughs.

Make our bank your headquarters when in town and use our accommodations. Farmers State Bank.

Cecil Humphrey, Parker Hendrix and Marian Watson of Abilene were social callers in Merkel Sunday.

Everybody praises Seymour's Best flour that has used it.

WANTED—Stock to pasture. S. H. L. Swafford route 1. 24-2t.

A fresh supply of fancy box candy just received at Grimes Drug Store.

You can save money by buying your suit, shoes and furnishings of us now—a big discount for cash. Star Store.

We have plenty of wheat and rye seed for sale at the right price. Call and get our prices. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

Mrs. L. I. Valentine left Thursday for Arnett, Okla., to visit her daughter Mrs. Chris Fletcher.

The Elite has for sale plenty of fresh bulk Blanke-Wenneker chocolates. Call and get some of them before they are gone.

Tennie Pope and Lula Armstrong spent Thursday in Cisco.

Wall paper, price 9 cents double roll up to best. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co. 17-2t.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harris of Woodson returned to their home Thursday after an extended visit with Mrs. Harris' mother, Mrs. L. I. Valentine.

See J. A. Collins on Front Street in the Crenshaw building for all kinds of fresh fruit.

Mrs. W. N. Staas left for her home in Abilene after spending a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Smith.

New picture frames and molding at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co. 17-2t.

Ed Green of Oklahoma City is here visiting friends.

Mrs. G. F. West left Thursday for Dallas to attend the fair.

Fancy box stationery at Burroughs.

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DUCKETT-HARRIS.

Miss Bertha Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris, became the bride of Mr. Walter Duckett Thursday evening of last week at the family residence, Rev. R. A. Clements performing the ceremony at 8:30 o'clock.

The decorations for the wedding were very attractive in the reception suite, especially in the parlor, where the ceremony occurred. The altar of white flowers was festooned with streamers, caught at the center of the arch, from which the wedding bells were suspended.

In the dining room, where a dainty ice course was served after the marriage, the color scheme was much in evidence. Blue streamers and white roses were festooned from the ceiling to the corners of the table. Three hearts of evergreens and roses were suspended from the center of this canopy, while graceful garlands of roses bordered the table, a wreath of roses formed the center piece which was centered by a vase of lovely roses.

Miss Zula Huffaker is attending the Institute in Abilene this week. Mrs. Holden and children moved to Tye Monday. Miss Vada will teach school there this winter.

Miss Mary Gunn, Miss Una Hull, Miss Maude Jenkins, and Miss Annie Hall, are in Abilene this week attending the Institute.

Many friends of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hamilton are receiving greetings from Rome. Mr. Hamilton prefers the West Texas sandstorms to the Atlantic waters. He seemed to have a strenuous life on board the ship.

Mrs. E. M. Rust is home from Dallas and other Eastern points. Mrs. R. A. Miller of Lindale, en route to her home from Big Spring, visited Catpain and Mrs. J. T. Tucker Saturday.

Mrs. M. J. Lowe is at home from Baird, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. A. Grounds.

Miss Lucile Peek is visiting home folks in Abilene, and attending the Teachers' Institute.

Misses Mamie Ellis and Jessie Sutphen are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis this week in Abilene. Miss Sutphen is attending the Teachers' Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Adams and baby, who have been visiting the family of G. H. Adams, returned to their home in Texarkana Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Harris returned to her home in Abilene Friday, after visiting her cousin, Mrs. J. D. Gaither.

Mrs. J. D. Gaither and Miss Kathleen Stephens were in Abilene Friday. Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Davis were in Abilene Sunday.

Miss Etta Fergusson is visiting home folks in Abilene this week. Miss Leverna McNeas is attending the Teachers' Institute this week.

Mrs. C. M. Largent left Wednesday for Dallas to visit her daughter Mrs. Luther Swafford.

The mysterious wedding will take place next Thursday. We are expecting a church wedding as quite a noted singer will be here.

Sterling P. Miller left Saturday for Dallas. Mrs. Miller will go the latter part of this week to join her husband before he goes to Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Will Joe Largent is in Dallas visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jackson are in Dallas this week.

Misses Willie and Mae Valentine are in Abilene attending the Institute. Mrs. R. E. Kunze of Fort Worth is here visiting her father R. J. Adcock.

Miss Charlie Mae Largent has returned to her home in McKinney after visiting her uncle C. M. Largent.

Miss Kathleen Stephens of Coleman returned home after a visit with her cousin Mrs. John D. Gaither.

Questions for Twentieth Century Club.

Nov. 1, 1913.

Explain the reason for the scene between Venice and Belmont in the second Act. What is the dramatic purpose of the scene between the prince Morrocco and Portia?

What is the Episodic value of scene 2 as concerns Lancelot and old Gobbs? By leaving the service of Shylock for that of Bassanio what functions does Lancelot play in the development of the plot?

What engagement does Gratiano enter into with Bassanio? What is Jessica's feeling toward her father?

How does Shakespeare furnish justification for this feeling? How is Lancelot the agent whereby the complication is assisted in two particulars? For what is Lorenzo speech at the end of scene IV a preparation?

How does Shylock show his malignity in accepting Bassanio's invitation to supper?

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T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND Train No. 2, leaves Merkel... 10:01 p.m. Train No. 4 " " " " 10:57 a.m. Train No. 6 " " " " 11:54 p.m.

WEST BOUND Train No. 1, leaves Merkel... 4:00 a.m. Train No. 3 " " " " 5:44 p.m. Train No. 5 " " " " 5:13 a.m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read.

Notice.

The Southern National Bank located at Merkel in the State of Texas is closing its affairs. All note holders and other creditors of the association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment. Dated August 8th, 1913. J. E. Faucett, Cashier.

Church Directory

METHODIST CHURCH—Preaching each Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; Junior League at 3 p. m.; Senior League at 6:45 p. m.; Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:45; Womens Missionary Society each Monday at 4 p. m. R. A. Clements, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST—Preaching each 4th Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school each Sunday at 10 o'clock. Regular church services at 3 p.m. each Sunday. W. G. Cypert.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Preaching each Sunday 11 A. M. and 8.15 P.M. Sunday school 9.45 A. M. Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening. Rev. W. M. Gaddy, pastor.

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STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headache so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die. I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good. I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I would die. He advised me to try Thedford's Black-Draught, and quit

taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it.

I have now been taking Black-Draught for three months, and it has cured me—haven't had those awful sick headaches since I began using it.

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(Signed) Jno. G. Jackson, Manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of October, 1913.

R. O. Anderson, Notary Public.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—England's attitude in Mexican affairs has led Washington officials to make plain their position that they do not desire that any European party should be injected into the situation.

The United States does not wish that it should be impeded in its efforts to deal with the problem, and believes that it does not need the assistance of any foreign power.

Many diplomats today predicted that England's attitude would influence American policy towards Great Britain in other questions pending.

B-FLAT CLUB.

Last Wednesday afternoon the B-Flat Music Club was organized at the home of Miss Evelyn Williams, on North Front Street. The officers are: President, Miss Bessie Touchstone; Vice-President, Miss Tommie Lou Coggins; Treasurer and Secretary, Miss Lula Sharp. The members are Misses Madalyn Adkisson, Vera Jinkens, Lulu and Elsie Sharp, Velma Dennis, Bessie Touchstone, Gladys and Tommie Lou Coggins, Gladys Walters, Lucile Sutphen, Ina May Adams, Julia Martin and Ruby Cauthen.

League Program.

Oct. 26, 1913. Subject: Christ and the Modern Social impulse.

Leader: Miss Georgia Moore.

Song: A Mighty Ground Swell; Homer Laveney.

Song: The Magnitude and value of the Social Impulse; Math. XXIII, 9-12; Miss Charlie Bell Thomas.

The Relation of Prayer to Social Service; Luke XI-2; Eunice Russell.

The Obligation of Power of Wealth and Authority; Luke XVIII, 24, 25; Meril Christopher.

Prayer.

The joy of mixing with God's people; Lavenia McNeas.

Miscellaneous.

Song.

Benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and children, Master Jack Trent and little Flora Frances, went to Haskell Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt.

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KAFIR AS A GRAIN CROP

The U. S. Department of Agriculture Gives Latest Information About Production of This Crop

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—With a view to assisting farmers in the dry section to raise kafir as a feed grain and bundle feed and also as a food for man, the United States Department of Agriculture has issued a nineteen-page illustrated bulletin in which complete details as to the successful production of this crop are given.

According to this bulletin (No. 552) there are now five fairly well marked varieties of kafir under cultivation. These different kinds can be distinguished by the following simple key, the glume being the hull or husks of the seed:

Seeds white, glumes white, White Kafir.

Seed White, glumes black, stalk 5 to 8 feet tall, Blackhull Kafir.

Seed white, glumes black, stalks 3 to 4½ feet tall, Dwarf Blackhull Kafir.

Seed pink, glumes white, Pink Kafir.

Seeds red, glumes black, Red Kafir.

Of these varieties the White Kafir has largely been replaced by the Blackhull kafir which is the most widely grown owing to its satisfactory habits and high grain yields although it is not as early as the White kafir. The Blackhullkafir requires from 115 to 140 days to mature, depending on the locality and seasonal conditions. It is not to be confused with the similar plant of little value, sold under the names of "African millet," and "branching dhoura." The bulletin also deals with the newly developed form of the Blackhull known as the Dwarf Blackhull kafir. The Dwarf Blackhull kafir matures from five to ten days earlier than the standard Blackhull strains and is much smaller in stature. The earliness and the dwarf stature permit the maturing of the crop of seed with the use of less water than otherwise would be necessary. Earliness also permits maturing under conditions of short season which are found in the high plains, where the first fall frosts sometimes occur in the last days of August.

Of the Pink kafir, two or three have been introduced as forage varieties but none has shown special value as a grain producer. Red kafir has largely been replaced by the Blackhull kafir in popularity. All of these varieties are so similar in habit that they do not require different cultural treatment. Differences in treatment are largely determined by the needs of different sections, the conditions in different seasons, and the nature of different soils.

Preparation of the Seed Bed

Fall plowing is preferable to spring plowing because it is better fitted to catch and absorb the moisture from rain or melting snow during the winter. Plowing should be deep and the land should then be well worked in the spring with a harrow or disk before planting. Time spent in preparing a fine, even seed bed is well worth while as it aids germination and insures a more uniform stand, and also destroys a large number of young weeds. Where soils are subject to blowing, listing is preferable to ordinary plowing. Listing differs from plowing in that the furrow is made from 2½ to 3½ feet away from the first. The land is thus left in alternate furrows and unbroken ridges, the loose soil from the adjacent furrows being piled on top of the ridges.

Since the prevailing winter winds are from the southwest or the northwest, the listing should be done east and west where possible. The winter snowfall is held to a large extent in the listed furrows. When the soil begins to drift under the influence of the spring winds the only effect is to move the soil from the ridges

into the adjacent furrows. Preparing the land for planting in the spring is done in two ways.

1 By relisting, which is done by breaking the ridges with the lister and thus partially filling the adjacent furrows; or,

2 By working down the lister ridges with the disk harrow. In the first case the crop will be planted with the lister planter in the new furrows opened, while in the second it will be surface-planted.

Good Seed

The importance of pure seed of a strong vitality or germinating power is very great. The best farm method of obtaining pure seed is to go thru the field before the crop is harvested and gather enough typical heads to furnish seed for the following season. As the kafirs cross readily with other sorghums, no heads for seed purposes should be selected from within 15 to 20 rods of a field of any other sorghum crop. These selected heads should be strung on a cord or wire, hung to the rafters or wall of a dry shed, and left unthrashed until spring. Before planting the seed should be tested for its germinating power between pieces of blotting paper or cloth placed between plates and kept moist. The seed should be set in a warm room and allowed to germinate for from four to six days. Well-selected and well-stored seed will show a germination of 99 to 100 per cent.

Planting

The time for planting kafir is from ten days to two weeks later than the average date for planting corn in any given locality. Like most other sorghums, kafir is a sub-tropical plant, and the seed will not germinate readily in cold soil. The seed may rot before germination takes place, or the slow growing young plants may be choked by weeds. The result will be a poor stand or, in extreme cases, no stand at all.

The rate of planting will depend somewhat upon whether the crop is grown principally for grain or as a combined grain and forage crop. When planted for grain production, the stand should be thinner than in the second case. It is believed that better results are obtained where seeds are dropped one at a time at intervals of 7 to 10 inches than where planted three or four kernels to a hill. On high plains of northwestern Texas one plant to each 8 or 9 inches of row space has given the best results. A slightly thicker seeding will be possible at lower elevations and under less severe conditions. The tendency, however, is to plant the crop too thick, which results in a total failure of grain in dry seasons. A thin stand will produce an excellent yield of grain in a wet season, a good yield in a normal season, and a fair yield in a dry season.

Method of Farming

Kafir may be surface planted with an ordinary corn planter or listed with either a single-row or two-row lister planter. Listing is preferable in soils subject to blowing, as the young plants at the bottom of the lister furrows are protected from the cutting action of blowing sand or soil grains. Local experience, however, suggests the best method.

Cultivating

The kafir plant makes a slow growth while young and is easily choked by weeds. The cultivation of the crop should start early in the season and should be frequent enough to destroy all weeds and retain a surface mulch for holding moisture in the soil.

The spike-tooth harrow run either lengthwise or crosswise the rows in surface-planted kafir will give satisfactory results for the first two cultivations. The first harrowing should be done about the time the plants are appearing above the surface of the

soil and the second one just before the plants are large enough to be satisfactorily worked with the row cultivator. The listed crop must be cultivated with the lister cultivator. For the first cultivation the disks are set to turn the soil away from the young plants, after which the disks are reversed to throw the soil toward the plants, thus filling the furrows and leveling the ridges as to the cultivations continue. This process gradually buries the first formed roots and the base of the plants and anchors the plants against overthrow by heavy winds when the ground is wet. It also places the root system deeper in the soil, where the moisture is more abundant and where it will be less easily injured by the cultivator. After the ridges have been leveled any ordinary cultivator may be used.

While the plants are young the cultivation should be deep and thorough, thus encouraging a deep root system. Later it should be shallow, to maintain a surface mulch and not damage or destroy the feeding roots.

Food For Man

For many years farmers here and there have had kafir made into meal at their local mills and have used the meal in making batter cakes and similar foods. More recently experiments conducted co-operatively by the Bureau of Plant Industry and the Kansas State Agricultural College have shown that the meal can be used in much the same way as corn meal. Mixed with wheat flour in suitable proportions it can be used very acceptably in a great variety of dishes. This meal is now regularly manufactured and sold by one firm in the Southwest. The kafir grain can also be used as pop corn.

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Chapped skin whether on the hands or the face may be cured in one night by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It

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FIRST LOT OF PREMIUMS AWARDED FREE MONDAY NOVEMBER 17TH SPECIAL TRADES DAY--THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

The following is a list of premiums to be awarded on above date:

One Regal Top Buggy---\$110.00, One Standard Sewing Machine---\$45.00, Ax-Minister, 9x12 Art Square ---\$22.50, Totaling \$177.50

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The best is always kept back until the last. The second lot of Premiums will be announced on day first lot is given away. Any article in either lot will be worth your consideration our awarding committee selecting all with a view of service.

A PERMANENT SPECIAL TRADES DAY FOR MERKEL

As a step towards more efficient service that may be rendered the people in and out of Merkel's immediate territory, Merkel's merchants and business men have decided on a special Trades Day, for every third Monday in each month of the year for all time. Extra Special Bargains and premiums will be attractive features of every trades day, making your dealings with your home merchants invaluable to the financial stability of everybody.

BE HERE EVERY THIRD MONDAY--TRADES DAY. WE WILL HAVE SOMETHING INTERESTING FOR YOU AND ALL THE REST

Remember that there is not a merchant or business man within the limits of Merkel but whose financial success hinges on his fair dealings with the general public and that the better merchandise we offer for the least price will minimize if not remove entirely every negative object in the way of home buying.

Come to Merkel every day between now and Xmas and you will get your money's worth in every line. Entire Merkel invites you and guarantees every deal you make to be not only as good but better than you can do elsewhere.

Coupons Given With Every Dollar Purchase at all Stores Barber Shops and Other Business in Their Class Will Give Coupons With Smaller Amounts.

DON'T FORGET THE DATES--SOMEBODY IS GOING TO GET THE PREMIUMS. COUPONS ARE NOW BEING GIVEN WITH EACH PURCHASE

MERKEL'S TRADE LEAGUE



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

A TOAST (Life)

To the stone age girl. Here's to the girl Who rose with the moon...

The following program is scheduled for the Twentieth Century Club Saturday afternoon.

- Roll Call, Autumn Quotations. Character Sketch of Portia, Mrs. G. F. West. The Jew of Shakespeare's time, Miss May Valentine.

Gamble-Sheppard.

The marriage of Mr. S. D. Gamble of near Weatherford and Miss Olga Sheppard of this city came as a complete surprise to their many friends...

On last Friday the Lord called another one home to live with him. Weep not dear brothers, sisters and mother, for dear Logan is only asleep in Jesus.

One that loves you all.

Dr. A. L. Leeman of Pecos was here Wednesday to visit his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Mann, and his sister, Mrs. Alice Templeton, also his mother, Mrs. M. J. Leeman.

League Program.

Nov. 2, 1913.

Subject: "Are we training ourselves to serve with scientific efficiency?"

- Leader: Miss Sallie Toombs. Song. Prayer. Scriptures to be assigned; Paul charges Timothy, 2 Tim. 2-15. The Preacher Exhorts, Eccles. 1, 10. Marks of Efficiency; Rom. XII, 11. Enthusiasm; Col. III, 23. The Source; 2 Cor. III 4-6. Power; 1 Cor. XV 10. Song. What Scientific Efficiency Involves, Mr. Jim Lawless. The Way to be Scientific, Miss Tennie Pope. Duet: Mr. Robert Hicks and Ira Armstrong. Why so many are not scientifically efficient; Ollie Shaffer. Epworth Visitor. Answer roll call with appropriate Bible Verse. Miscellaneous. Benediction. Miss Evelyn Gaddy will entertain her Baraca Class and invited friends with a spook and goblin party tomorrow evening from eight to eleven o'clock.

Wedding November 6th.

We will have a nice write up of the much talked of wedding next week. We will never listen to another secret over the 'phone. Secrets are too hard to keep.

Society Personals.

Mrs. E. Hall is at home from Stith where she visited her brother Rev. Y. L. Young. Mr. and Mrs. Jno. D. Gaither left Saturday night for Dallas.

Mrs. Sterling Miller left Sunday for Dallas.

Mrs. S. W. Sheppard is at home from Dallas where she visited her son Doss and family.

Mrs. J. M. Williams and daughter Alice of Abilene were here to attend the funeral of Miss Lucile Sutphen.

Dr. A. J. Leeman of Pecos passed through here Sunday enroute to Fort Worth.

Mrs. Burl Wheeler of Abilene came in to be with Mrs. J. P. Sutphen in her bereavement.

Mrs. C. M. Tandy of Abilene came in Monday to visit Mrs. Sutphen.

W. A. Parmely of Caps was here Sunday to attend the funeral of Lucile Sutphen.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our appreciation to our many friends and neighbors, both in Merkel and Abilene, who were so kind and considerate to us during the recent illness and death of our beloved daughter and sister.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen and Family.

Report comes from Bradshaw and Ovalo to the effect that a party of Cotton Belt Railway surveyors have passed through the Bradshaw section of the county making a survey for the proposed extension of the Cotton Belt Railway from Comanche to Sweetwater, via Oplin, Bradshaw, Moro and Shep.

A small survey party passed through that section some time ago and stated that they were intending to put in the line and desired assistance from the people in the matter of locating a survey for the line.

The proposed line under contemplation would cross the Abilene and Southern either at Bradshaw or Ovalo, and the Santa Fe at Lawn.

The Shep and Moro sections are among the most fertile in the country and have been for time immemorial the cynosure for railroads.

County Tax Collector D. T. Harkrider stated that he was down at Ovalo and other places in that section of the county, and reports that the railroad fever is high.

TRINIDAD, Colo., Oct. 28.—One mine guard and three strikers are reported to have been killed in a battle between twelve hundred strikers and three hundred guards in the coal districts today.

From Abilene Daily Reporter.

Deputy Sheriff Richardson, of Seymour, passed through Abilene Sunday night in charge of A. G. Fry, a real estate dealer, who lives at Seymour, and who is alleged by complaint of the County Attorney of Baylor county to have poisoned a child.

S. S. and D. B. Daugherty, of Baylor county nephews of Judge T. M. Daugherty, of Abilene, and brother-in-law of Fry, accompanied him to Fort Worth for the purpose of furnishing bond or rendering any assistance in their power. Fry emphatically denies guilt.

DAWSON, N. M., Oct. 27.—One hundred and thirty-two victims of the Stag Canon mine disaster had been buried today.

The conditions of the bodies now found is such that they cannot be held at the morgue or shipped. The rescuers, who bring out the bodies, are disinfected after each trip.

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of First State Bank, Trent, Texas

at the close of business on the 21st day of Oct. 1913, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 31st day of October, 1913.

RESOURCES table with columns for Loans and dis., personal or collateral, Loans, real estate, Overdrafts, etc.

State of Texas, County of Taylor: We, R. B. Johnson as vice president and L. E. Adrian as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

HOW TO WINTER CHICKENS THAT ARE BORN IN THE FALL

In the Poultry Raising Department of the current issue of Farm and Fireside appears a report of how a New Hampshire poultryman raised, without artificial heat, twelve chicks that were hatched last fall.

They were fed hard-boiled eggs when young, then Graham crackers then chick-feed and later the feed given other poultry.

For results—every one of the 12 chicks lived through the winter. Six of them proved to be pullets. Two began laying the middle of April, and the first of May all were laying.

They were safe from rats, and also escaped the lice and mites that threatened the life of spring-hatched chicks.

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

Table with columns for Train No., Direction (East/West Bound), and Time.

Notice.

The Southern National Bank located at Merkel in the State of Texas is closing its affairs. All note holders and other creditors of the association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment.

J. E. Fancett, Cashier.

Church Directory

METHODIST CHURCH—Preaching each Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; Junior League at 3 p. m.; Senior League at 6:45 p. m.; Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:45; Womens Missionary Society each Monday at 4 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST—Preaching each 4th Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school each Sunday at 10 o'clock. Regular church services at 3 p. m. each Sunday. W. G. Cypert.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Preaching each Sunday 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. Sunday school 9:45 A. M. Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening. Rev. W. M. Gaddy, pastor.

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You know what you are taking when you take Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic as the formula is printed on every label showing that it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic and is in Tasteless Form. It has no equal for Malaria, Chills and Fever, Weakness, general debility and loss of appetite. Gives life and vigor to Nursing Mothers and Pale, Sickly Children. Removes Biliousness without purging. Relieves nervous depression and low spirits. Arouses the liver to action and purifies the blood. A True Tonic and Sure Appetizer. A Complete Strengthenner. No family should be without it. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.

NO. 7481

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

THE
Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank
AT MERKEL

In the state of Texas, at the close of business October 31 1913:

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$68,751.43
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	3,758.97
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	6,350.00
U. S. Bonds to secure Postal Savings	1,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	300.00
Furniture, and fixtures	8,000.00
Other real estate owned	6,667.25
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agt)	6,488.01
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies, and saving banks	101.90
Due from approved reserve agents	\$6,905.22
Checks and other cash items	1,453.98
Cotton Bills of Exchange	13,481.04
Notes of other National Banks	5,800.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	858.90
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	17,497.25
Legal-tender notes	4,000.00—21,497.25
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (3 per cent of circulation)	319.50
Total	\$208,915.47

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	5,172.49
National Bank Notes outstanding	6,250.00
Due to other National Banks	1,519.22
Due to state and private banks and bankers	1,945.84
Individual Deposits subject check	132,729.23
Demand certificates of deposit	5,100.00
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	806.74
Postal Savings Deposit	491.95
Notes and bills rediscounted	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	None
Total	\$208,915.47

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Thos. JOHNSON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of Oct, 1913. G. W. Johnson
Notary Public

Correct—Attest:
J. T. Warren, } Directors
G. F. West, }
Ben T. Merritt }

Appreciation.

The dinner which was served Saturday last was a great success. We took in \$48.85 and could have served fifty dinners more if we had had more for them to eat.

The ladies who managed the dinner were: Mesdames J. T. Dennis, Jennings, Jno. Sears and R. E. Counts. They were assisted by the teachers and many of the pupils. The following business men and firms helped us by way of loans: Mac Angus, Jim Black, Behrens-McMillen, West Texas Hardware Co., Dr. Armstrong, T. L. Grimes, G. M. Sharp. The Baptist ladies loaned their chairs to us. We want all the above named to accept our sincere thanks for helping so cheerfully, and we hope that all will see great results come from their efforts to help the schools of our town. Of course this amount will not buy all we are in need of but it will add greatly to our collection of helpful equip-



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ments.

Our schools are progressing nicely. The pupils are at work as I have never seen them before, which means that the patrons are interested in the education of the youths of our town. Again we thank you one and all who helped us in any way.
B. D. Black, Supt.

Smothering Men to Death

One of the darkest spots in history was the driving of 146 English prisoners at the point of a bayonet into a room 20 feet square with only two small barred windows for light or ventilation. The next morning 25 only were taken out alive. The tragedy of the "Black Hole of Calcutta" was back in the eighteenth century, but the twentieth century has a story almost as bad. Considering indeed the advances made in treatment of prisoners as compared with the penal usages of 1756, this last case is more to be condemned than the former.

In the Harlem State Farm near Richmond, Texas, 12 negroes who had been "lazy in the cotton patch" were thrust in a dark cell 8x10 feet with

NO. 308

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of

The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of Oct. 1913, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 31st day of Oct., 1913

RESOURCES

Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$101,826.06
Loans, real estate	2,541.00
Overdrafts	1,947.01
Bonds and Stocks	600.00
Real Estate (banking house)	9,500.00
Other real estate	3,419.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents, subject to check, net	17,621.15
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	17,621.15
Cash items	6,705.60
Currency	10,672.00
Specie	3,983.46—21,401.05
Other Resources as follows:	
Int. dep. G. P. and Ass. Gty. Fund	500.00
Expenses, not	454.39
Bills of exchange, cotton	29,834.61
Total	\$191,956.19

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$35,000.00
Surplus Fund	406.87
Due to Banks and Bances, sub. to check	None
Individual Deposits subject to check	137,738.37
Cashier's checks	8,711.85
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	10,000.00
Total	\$191,956.19

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, J. S. Swann as president, and R. O. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
J. S. Swann, president.
R. O. Anderson, cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 30th day of Oct. A. D. 1913. WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
(SEAL) Jno. G. Jackson, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
B. C. Moore } Directors
Jno. Sears }
M. Arm-trong }

6 3-4 feet ceiling, having six vent pipes in the ceiling about 1 1-2 inches in diameter and 4 smaller ones in the corners of the room. Next morning four of the strongest negroes who had been able to keep their mouths to the holes in the floor were barely alive; eight were dead. The trials of the Sergeant and the guards brought out the testimony of three physicians. One of these considered the cell safe for four or five men, another thought it might be safe for three of four men and a third insisted that it was dangerous to use it unless equipped with an ill-ventilated cell.

The manager of the Harlem State Farm, the Sergeant and the guards were all acquitted. Judge Fenn intimated that the criminal negligence rested upon the State Penitentiary Commissioners who were responsible for construction of an improperly ventilated cell. The commissioners should not be allowed to escape criminal responsibility. But this should not excuse the manager of the State Farm at Harlem, for confining so large a number of men in such a death trap. Nor is there anything but blame resting upon the guards who heard the cries and groans of the suffocating prisoners without going to their relief.

Because more should be expected of the twentieth century than of the eighteenth century, this is even worse than the "Black Hole of Calcutta," and the State of Texas should not rest until every penal institution in the state is wiped clean of similar dark cells.—Leslies Weekly.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—Daniel G. Reid retired as president of the Rock Island railroad today in favor of Thos. Schumacher, vice president of the El Paso and Northwestern railroad.



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Mr. Husband:

Now is the time to let your "better-half" know what you want for Xmas so she can get her order in early
Be sure to see "Mack."



Madam:

Be sure to let your husband know what you want for Xmas so he can place his order early with "Mack"

Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Compere.

Oct. 28.—Health of this community is good generally, Miss Carrie Shannon on the sick list, but hope she will be up in a short time.

Brother Walker did not fill his appointment at this place last Sunday on account of the weather being so bad.

We failed to have Sunday School Sunday. Our Singing Society meets the first and third Sundays. Every body is invited to attend at 3:00 o'clock.

We had ice at Compere Saturday and those who have fat hogs can kill them.

Cotton is about all picked. This country has made a real short crop and will have to buy most of the feed to make another crop.

A good many people of this community are going west to pick cotton.

The small grain is looking fine, so much rain and such a good season in the ground.

Still Killing.

It still keeps on killing pain, does Hunt's Lightning Oil. For many years it has been used with wonderful success for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, cuts, burns and other hurts. All Druggist sell it in 25c and 50c bottles.

Shiloh.

Oct. 27—Quite a crowd represented Shiloh at the carnival Saturday afternoon and night.

Wess Derstine and Miss Dee Hail went to Trent Sunday afternoon.

Ernest Sellers and wife spent Friday and Friday night in Merkel with Mr. and Mrs. Sibly.

Several of our farmers are cutting their late feed.

We had a big killing frost last night, Oct. 26. It will soon be hog killing time again.

Marvin Douglass and wife and Ben Douglass are in Shiloh this week.

Walter Phillips is still on crutches.

Misses Noma and Miss Gertrude Helms were visiting in Shiloh community the past week.

Cotton picking is still the order of the day.

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The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities 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.

No Cause to Worry.

"My brushes are all worn out, signed the futurist painter," and I had no money to buy new ones." "Nonsense mind," his wife replied. "Take the broom."

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Salt Branch.

Oct. 28.—There was no Sunday School Sunday on account of the weather being so cool.

Byers Petty spent Saturday night with Owen Taylor.

Will Higgins and S. W. Taylor left Sunday morning for Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Perry left Friday night for Arkansas.

Miss Gardia Higgins spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Maxie Banner of Merkel.

Miss Ida Taylor left Saturday morning for Loraine where she will spend a few days visiting relatives.

Burley Taylor has returned to Loraine after a few days visit with his parents.

Grandpa Woods of Loraine has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. S. W. Taylor the past few days.

Westley Hardy and wife spent Saturday night with Emory Petty.

W. M. Hays spent Sunday evening with W. B. Robertson.

Jess Higgins and wife spent Sunday night with J. L. Barker and family.

Mrs. Charlie West, of Merkel visited Mrs. Hays Monday.

30,000 VOICES!

And Many Are The Voices of Merkel People.

Thirty thousand voices—What a grand chorus! And that's the number of American men and women who are publicly praising Doan's Kidney Pills for relief from backache, kidney and bladder ills. They say it to friends. They tell it in the home papers. Merkel people are in this chorus. Here's a Merkel case.

Mrs. J. W. West, Merkel, Texas, says: "An attack of La Grippe several years ago left my kidneys disordered causing severe pains. As Doan's Kidney Pills had been taken with good results in my family, I used one box and they completely cured me. I have had no return of the trouble."

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Frenchwoman a Cave Dweller.

A woman of forty-five has been found living in a cave in the forest of Fontainebleau. Snakes and rats were her co-tenants. She subsisted on raw vegetables, and was clad in rags. She was reluctant to leave the cave.—Paris Cable to the New York Times.

Arrested.

Further arrests are being made daily—not of persons, but of pain. Its Hunt's Lightning Oil that so many people are talking about because it arrests and stops pain, and affords almost instant relief in cases of Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Headaches, Burns, etc. Just try it if you want pain to quit for.

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Friend—"Why, Elvira, what's the matter?" Elvira—"Oh, I don't know only I'm worried to death! I've had the same girl six weeks, and she doesn't talk about leaving yet!" Friend—"She doesn't?" Elvira—"No not a word! She must be in love with my husband!"—London Opinion.

Causes Further Talk.

Because so many people are telling their experience with Hunt's Lightning Oil for Headaches, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, etc., others are lead to give it a trial, and are convinced immediately of its merits as a pain killer. Are you yet to be convinced? Ask the Druggist.

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.

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