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FIREFOYS FEAST ON ROASTING EARS &

Wednesday at sunset nearly every member of the Merkel Fire-department assembled at the station for the chicken and roasting-ear feast.

Cake and lemonade was also a part of the menu. Mrs. J. T. King, wife of Night City Policeman honored the boys by baking the delicacies for the evening. According to those who were there, those who missed it, missed a major portion of their lives.

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM WAR ZONES

London, July 20, 3:19 a. m.—The Morning Post's Petrograd correspondent says Emperor William has sent his sister, the Queen of Greece, the following telegram:

"I have paralyzed the Russians for at least six months and am on the eve of delivering a coup on the western front that will make all Europe tremble."

Budapest, Hungary, July 19.—A message received here states that a truce has been declared on the Dniester front in order that both sides may bury their dead, the result of several days of sanguinary fighting, in which neither side has advanced because of unbreakable wire entanglements.

Brussels, July 19, via London, 1:20 p. m.—General von Bissing, Governor General of Belgium, today fixed as punishment for any Belgian between the ages of 16 and 40, who leaves the State to serve in any capacity for a country at war with Germany, a fine of 10,000 marks, or five years' imprisonment, or both.

WORK ON ELECTRIC LINE NEARING END

The task of putting down post holes for the transmission line from Abilene to this city has been completed and within a very few days this part of the work of line erection will be finished.

Other improvements such as a local transformer station and local wiring will be completed shortly after the transmission line is complete, according to Mr. McSpadden, and Merkel people should be basking in the cool breeze of electric fans within a very short time.

FERGUSON OPPOSES THREE AMENDMENTS

Austin, July 20.—Governor Jas. E. Ferguson announced today that he will vote in the constitutional election against the students' loan fund proposal, because the government has no "more right" to provide funds for worthy students than to loan money to the widow to feed her children.

He will oppose the increase in the supreme court and the separation of A. & M. College and the University of Texas.

Miss Leila Hill is soliciting pupils for the piano and violin. Six years' experience. Studio at Mrs. Bob Martin's. 1612pd

CUTTING OUR OWN THROATS

ASSISTED BY

SWEETWATER, TEXAS

Read the article in the heavy panel border. It is the heading of a circular from Sweetwater sent to Postmaster H. C. Williams with a request from the Sweetwater merchants that the circular be posted in and on the streets or about public places as the postmaster might see fit.

Postmaster Williams, with all due respect to his home town, did not post any of the circulars, however.

PLEASE POST THIS

YOU PEOPLE OF THE SWEETWATER Country

Come to see us on First and Third Tuesdays of every month. We have a list of premiums for you; they are open to anyone who grows or prepares them for exhibit and who reaches here with them over wagon roads; does not apply to shipments received by rail

The readers of the Mail will notice the Sweetwater merchants demand that you travel by wagon road if you exhibit articles or enter for any of the prizes. The circular offers some valuable premiums and the words **WAGON ROADS** is used to an advantage. We have placed the mourning border around it as an appropriate way of describing what a future for a town could be if continually sapped by adjacent territory.

MR. MERKEL STOREKEEPER
MR. TRENT STOREKEEPER
MR. MERKEL COUNTRY FARMER
MR. TRENT COUNTRY FARMER
MR. BLAIR COUNTRY FARMER
AND TO MR. FARMER OF ALL SECTIONS OF MERKEL PRECINCT:

You will notice this article is addressed primarily to Mr. Merkel Storekeeper with a reason. With a continuation of conditions such as justify **SWEETWATER MERCHANTS** sending such above circulars into the **MERKEL TERRITORY** it will only be a matter of time when the name **SWEETWATER MERCHANT AND MERKEL STOREKEEPER** would be synonymous in pointing out the two individuals.

With **SWEETWATER CONTINUING** to draw an immense amount of trade from the Merkel and Trent communities and the **UPPER CANYON COUNTRY**, it will tend to build up a powerful mercantile center at **SWEETWATER** while **MERKEL STOREKEEPERS** will continue to sit still in the boat and watch **MANY FORMER CUSTOMERS GO TO SWEETWATER BY WAGON ROADS.**

WHAT WILL BE THE OUTCOME?

Sweetwater property will advance.
Farm land close to Sweetwater will be in demand.

WHAT EFFECT WILL IT HAVE ON MERKEL AND TRENT COUNTRY PROPERTY AND MERKEL AND TRENT STOREKEEPERS?

To gradually take milk away from a baby the child will soon die.
To gradually take trade away from Merkel and Trent our towns will eventually succumb to the inevitable. They may be slow about coming to it but the ultimate end will be sure.

HOW ABOUT MERKEL AND TRENT COUNTRY PROPERTY?

This is a question to be answered by the home owner himself.
What effect do you, Mr. HOME OWNER, think that a continual drain of trade from the towns of Merkel and Trent will have on your property?

WILL YOUR HOME INCREASE IN VALUE? WILL YOUR FARM INCREASE IN VALUE?

Self preservation is the first law of nature.
By this law Merkel Precinct voters should be governed when they visit the polls Saturday

WILL GOOD ROADS HELP?

The Merkel Storekeeper, the Trent Storekeeper, the Merkel, Trent, Blair, Nubia Farmers or Farmers of the country in and near Caps who really live nearer Merkel than to any other town?

On Saturday the voters of Merkel, Trent, Blair, Nubia and of the Rock Crossing communities will say whether or not GOOD ROADS shall be built in this precinct. These voters will at that time say whether Sweetwater or Abilene shall continue to draw trade that rightfully belongs to this precinct.

This trade so derived has tended to build the Merkel country up to what it once was AND NOT TO WHAT IT NOW IS, for the writer is frank to say that it is NOT WHAT IT ONCE WAS, neither is the Merkel trade nor the Trent trade what it was before the good roads were built in the Sweetwater community.

THESE ARE ROCK BOTTOM FACTS AND SATURDAY IS THE TIME WHEN A HIGHLY IMPORTANT DECISION WILL AND SHALL BE MADE BY VOTERS IN PRECINCT NO. 2.

WORK STARTED ON SCHOOL WEDNESDAY

After quite a delay on account of a Casualty Bond not having been approved, work was started Wednesday morning of this week on the new Merkel school building.

Contractor Wafford, who has been here for some time, will now rush the work all possible. The delay in obtaining the Employers Liability Insurance was no doubt caused by new State regulations passed by the recent legislature.

GERMANY'S NEW NOTE IS STRONGER

Washington, July 21.—The United States has decided to inform Germany that further loss of American lives as the result of German submarine warfare in contravention of the principles of international law will be regarded as an "unfriendly act." The discussion of principles is virtually ended. The American government now will warn Germany of the interpretation it will place on future transgressions of American rights.

Secretary Lansing was today perfecting the note. The character and purpose of the communication had been agreed upon at yesterday's cabinet meeting and all that remained today was to put it in shape for transmission to Berlin.

Just when the communication will be dispatched to Germany is not known but it will not be delayed because of the German submarine attack on the British liner *Orduna*. Official information as to the circumstances of the attack still was awaited at the state department today.

PRES. SANDEFER ON RESOLUTION NO. 1

Tuesday afternoon President Sandefer of Simmons College passed through Merkel and at the request of the Mail, made known his views on the House Joint Resolution No. 1, proposing an amendment to Section 2, of Article 6 of the constitution of the state of Texas.

This amendment will authorize traveling men and other qualified voters of the state to vote in a precinct other than the precinct in which he lives. When advised that the Mail wanted an expression from him on this special amendment President Sandefer replied, "You can say that I am strongly in favor of this amendment permitting traveling men and others to vote in precincts other than the one in which they live and am lending my support in behalf of this proposed Constitutional Amendment and I hope it will carry by a large majority."

The voters of the Merkel country are acquainted with the conservative way in which Pres. Sandefer views all subjects and we feel that his above statement should have its proper influence upon those who have not acquainted themselves with the Amendment referred to.

Notice

All persons owning or keeping dogs within the city limits of the city of Merkel, Texas, are required to pay tax on same. Procure tags from City Marshal B. A. Walters. 1612

**If you want a Dependable Connection, where Safety is the
First Consideration, open an account with this Bank
Every member of our force wants to do some-
thing for you Call on us
GUARANTY FUND BANK**

Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas

SEEING A WORLD'S FAIR IN 18 DAYS

Eighteen days away from the Mail office made the writer remember our first trip to the county fair where we spent half a day seeing the greatest sights imaginable. On this trip eight and one-half days were used in San Francisco viewing the Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

On leaving Merkel Friday afternoon, July 2, the first person I chanced to meet was Larry Chittenden. "The Texas Ranch Poet." From then on Larry and I made the trip to Los Angeles seeing the sights. On parting with him he extended an invitation for me to visit him in his winter home at Bermuda. I told him I would be glad to do so as it never cost me anything to travel over the Texas & Pacific railroad.

In El Paso I stopped long enough to see the soldier boys re-arrest Senor Huerta and carry him off in an automobile. Also saw El Paso's finest hotel, the Paso Del Norte, catch on fire and the work those El Paso firemen did in saving that big building from destruction was as good as I ever saw in Merkel, in fact, it could be called heroic (ample apologies to S. L. Neely of Abilene.) I left El Paso at night and was awakened near Maricopa, Arizona. The people out that way have evidently had an awful dry spell and someone later told me the whole state was dry, but not having our local representative of Kent, Texas, fame along I could not prove out their assertions. At Yuma, Arizona, it was still warm and from the way it looked, there had recently been a sandstorm. Along here is where things begin to get high and you first notice it in prices. I saw a man pay 15 cents for a bottle of soda pop that you can buy here for a nickel any time.

We stopped about thirty minutes in the town of Yuma where the state penitentiary once was, but they have lately moved it to a cooler place. Convicts on being sentenced to lengthy terms of imprisonment at Yuma would beg to be hung in preference. A sanctimonious looking individual of that town informed me of the recent death of a soldier at Yuma and from the life the boy had been living he departed to torment of the lower regions. The spirit of the dead soldier finding it so much cooler in the new home than in Yuma, returned to camp one night and stole the deceased member's blankets and descended into torment again. It is still hot until you get near Colton, California, and desert-like country everywhere. In the Imperial Valley, where vegetation is so abundant from irrigation, the temperature often

reaches 120 in the shade and this is no fish story.

In Los Angeles where you begin to hear of the wonderful climate and beautiful scenery I was entertained for one day by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Faucett, formerly of this city. We visited all interesting points accessible to one days travel from the city and my stay in that place as their guest was highly enjoyed.

From this place on is where you can see more scenery and then after leaving San Francisco it becomes more evident. In that section of California the natives and people from other sections of the United States specialize in scenery and climate. It's about all they have and many people who are going that way and haven't any particular point in view will ride to Salt Lake, turn around and come back over the same route just to sit on the other side of the car and get another eyefull of the grandures of nature. I was later informed that this is not true however.

In approaching San Francisco all tourists get the fever and everybody is trying to see everything. Frequent expressions you hear are: "Lookey, marvelous, great, wonderful, superb," and some poor little boy who had been misinformed about that country stuck his head out of the car window and surveyed the surrounding country. He looked back at his mother with an air of disgust and said: "Ma, I wanna see some cowboys kill an Indian."

Arriving in San Francisco I hurried out to the fair grounds and from that moment until I departed my pass, issued by courtesy of the International Press Congress, was in active operation only when the Press Convention was not in session. In fact, I tried to see it all. Nothing worthy of attention escaped my eager optics and the price not affecting me I would always investigate to my hearts content. While making a wild-eyed view of the wonders of the Canada building I almost ran over my old friend the Hon. William Jennings Bryan. Thereafter I saw him more frequently as he seemed to enjoy the fair as much as anybody.

The daily flights of Art Smith, the youthful aviator, equal if not surpass the daring deeds of the late Lincoln Beachey who met his death at the Exposition while attempting a spectacular flight. Art Smith does all that Beachey ever did and probably more. I witnessed a remarkable flight by him one afternoon and on landing he took his mother up for a little spin. After the machine had reached a height of over 2,000 feet its engine stopped on account of a gas feed pipe becoming clogged and by the most wonderful manipulation this youthful aviator brought his mother to the ground safely but not without having smashed a wing of his machine and running over numerous obstructions. He

failed to reach his usual landing place and barely reached the exposition grounds. To have landed without the grounds would have meant death to both he and his mother.

A visit to the Panama-Pacific exposition would be incomplete without viewing the reproduction of the great Isthmian waterway, the completion of which is now being celebrated by the world at large through the medium of the present fair. The Panama Canal on the Zone at the San Francisco Fair is one of the most interesting shows. It is deemed the wonder of the exposition and everybody seems delighted with their visit to this exhibit which the Government officials have stamped with their approval.

At an expenditure of over one-half a million dollars the original canal and surrounding zone territory has been reproduced in miniature form so accurately one can almost imagine he is taking an aeroplane trip over the Isthmus of Panama. A bird's-eye view of the entire country is obtained as the moving platform slowly conveys one around the 5-acre tract of land upon which has been constructed this clever piece of engineering work.

The topography of the canal zone is laid out in accordance with the character of the soil and the panorama painting that borders the exhibit blends so completely with the ground itself and surrounding work one obtains a view that seems to absolutely familiarize themselves with the Isthmus country itself, even though you are only viewing a miniature reproduction of this world's greatest engineering feat.

In perfect comfort one can watch the entrance of a miniature ship at the Pacific side and see it glide, apparently under its own power, through the Miraflores and Pedro Miguel locks between the great mountains of dirt at Culebra Cut, through the Gatun lake and locks and out into the Atlantic ocean. It seems that these small ships are guided through the canal and locks by some unseen force as the work is so completely done and without accidents of any description. While one of these small boats is traversing from the Pacific to the Atlantic in this miniature plot another boat may be going from the Atlantic to the Pacific through the other side of the double locking system.

During the entire trip around this five-acre tract each point of interest is explained by a series of telephonic-graphophonic lecturers. A separate telephone being connected to each chair on the revolving platform every person viewing the exhibit is given the benefit of all explanations and facts relative to the completion of the world's greatest artificial waterway.

Actual scenes of the exposition to be described in words would take up as much space in the

Saturday Specials

JULY 24

All 35c Crepes, Lace Cloth, etc.....	20c
20c Dress Goods.....	12½c
15c Dress Goods.....	8½c
All Men's \$12.50 Suits.....	\$8.50
All Palm Beach Suits.....	5.00
All Panama Suits.....	4.50

J. P. SHARP, Merkel

Another Bryan-Wilson Splitz

GOOD NEWS, HOWEVER, THIS TIME

TRY OUR NEW DRINK

The Bryan-Wilson Splitz

T. L. GRIMES DRUG STORE

Mail as a Sunday supplement of the Dallas News and then would be incomplete. For a person to grasp the greatness of this huge American Fair they must see it with their own eyes.

I left San Francisco the first of last week and from there to Salt Lake the train runs over, under, through, beside, among and between vast quantities of high-grade scenery on its way. The road over which I traveled from the Fair to Salt Lake was 927 miles long and traversed 400 miles of country as the crow flies, but it would have to be a fat crow to make that trip and his flight would have to be of a non-stop class. Personally the man on the train does not object to this, for you can have too much fun sticking your head out of the window on a heavy curve and conversing with the engineer or fireman as they come by.

In traversing this country the train climbs mountains two miles high and wriggles through the Feather River canyon in places so narrow that only one coat of paint can be put on the cars, and crosses rivers that look like the Brazos in a case of hysterics. The highest point where it crosses on the continental divide is at Soldiers Summit, 10,970 feet

above the high water line. Going up this mountain about half a dozen engines are needed to pull an ordinary passenger train and if it has as many as three fat men aboard the firemen get time-and-a-half. Much of the road through that county was evidently built by aid of parachutes and rope ladders.

At Salt Lake I took a swim. This place would be a fine natorium for timid girls, and if United States ever goes to war I want to do my fighting aboard a battleship in Salt Lake—you just can't sink.

On leaving Merkel, I intended to stop and climb Pikes Peak but after eight days of climbing hills in San Francisco this lofty perch first discovered by Mr. Pike looked tame to me and I proceeded homeward substituting summer wearing apparel for winter duds after leaving there and arrived home Sunday.

We Texas people who are living in the best country in the world hear lots about the wonderful climate and beautiful scenery of the western country but we seldom hear anything of the part of that country which is absolutely devoid of climate—those places where you nearly smother and wish for a gasp of

free Taylor county air and look with disgust upon the vast expanse of country from which many a traveler never returns and on which the word scenery would be Chinese to a thick lipped Ethiopian. A description of these sections of the west can better be described by that old adage. "All is not gold that casts a reflection." Thanks.

H. L. E.

CHEER UP

That Tired Grouchy Feeling Means a Lazy Liver.

LIV-VER-LAX will clear you out, and make you feel fine and dandy again. It is just as effective as calomel, but has none of its well known disagreeable after effects.

LIV-VER-LAX eliminates poisons, cleanses the system, and relieves constipation in a thorough but pleasant manner. A little taken regularly, means consistent health and no doctor bills.

GUARANTEE. Every bottle bearing the likeness of L. K. Grigby, is guaranteed to give satisfaction or your money will be returned. For sale here in 50c and \$1 size bottles at Mrs. E. M. Rust's Drug Store. 16c3

If you want a case of lard compound or a box of soap see G. M. Sharp.

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To buy land without seeing it is poor
business, but to buy it with-
out an abstract is worse. You should
see your title as well as your land.

WE MAKE ABSTRACTS
AND KNOW HOW

Taylor County Abstract Co.
Abilene, Texas Geo. C. Bishop, Mgr.

When in Abilene

Mosart Cafe

Regular Lunch 25c
Short Orders

Service and Satisfaction

JACK GILSTRAP

Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of
Taylor County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to sum-
mon Maud Huddleston by making pub-
lication of this citation once in each
week for four successive weeks pre-
vious to the return day hereof, in some
newspaper published in your county, if
there be a newspaper published therein,
but if not, then in any newspaper pub-
lished in the 42nd Judicial District; but
if there be no newspaper published in
said Judicial District, then in a news-
paper published in the nearest District
to said 42nd Judicial District, to appear
at the next regular term of the Dis-
trict Court of Taylor county, to be
held at the Court House thereof, in
Abilene, on the 5th Monday in August
A. D. 1915, the same being the 30th
day of August A. D. 1915, then and
there to answer a petition filed in said
Court on the 14th day of July A. D.
1915, in a suit, numbered on the docket
of said Court No. 3480, wherein F. E.
Huddleston is plaintiff, and Maud Hud-
dleston is defendant, and said petition
alleging, Plaintiff F. E. Huddleston
sues for divorce on the grounds of
abandonment, alleging that more than
three years ago defendant left the bed
and board of this plaintiff with the in-
tention of permanently abandoning plain-
tiff, since which time they have not
lived together as man and wife.

Plaintiff asks for judgment of the
court dissolving the marriage relation
now existing between Plaintiff and De-
fendant and for general relief.

Hein fail not, but have before said
Court, at its aforesaid next regular
term, this writ with your return there-
on, showing how you have executed the
same.

Given under my hand and the seal of
said Court, at office in Abilene this,
the 15th day of July A. D. 1915.

J. Fuller, Clerk,
District Court Taylor County.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic

Take Grove's
The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless
chill Tonic is equally valuable as a
General Tonic because it contains the
well known tonic properties of QUININE
and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives
out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and
Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

John Moore left Thursday noon
for Abilene.

W. M. Jenkins of Dallas was
here the first of the week.

I expect to have wheat shorts
by Saturday. G. M. Sharp.

W. R. Walker of Abilene was
in the city a short time Tuesday

The price is the thing at J. A.
Duckett's Store.

W. Rountree of the Noodle
community was in town Monday.

Plenty bran and cow feed at
the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Mrs Abbie Sloan of Big Spring
is visiting the family of Sam
Butman.

Eat more Ice Cream, but be
sure that it is Alta Vista. Bur-
roughs.

C. H. Linebach, architect of
the new Merkel school building,
was here this week.

Free motor vote with cleaning
and pressing. Star Store Tailor
Shop.

Miss Sophie Howard is in Abi-
lene this week, the guest of
friends.

Diamond D. syrup at G. M.
Sharp's.

Mrs. Ollie Dye is spending a
few days in Abilene with relatives.

Read Parten's ad in this issue
about the extra votes you can ob-
tain.

Mrs. Mattie Smith is spending
a week in Abilene with her aunt
Mrs. King.

Miss Mae Green and mother,
Mrs. S. E. Tarlton, are visiting
in Stamford this week.

Just received another big lot of
Tennis Slippers only 50c at J. A.
Duckett's.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dalton of
Dora were Merkel visitors Satur-
day.

**GRANDMA USED SAGE
TEA TO DARKEN HAIR**

She made up a mixture of Sage Tea
and Sulphur to bring back color,
gloss, thickness.

Common garden sage brewed into a
heavy tea with sulphur and alcohol
added, will turn gray, streaked and faded
hair beautifully dark and luxuriant, re-
move every bit of dandruff, stop scalp
itching and falling hair. Just a few
applications will prove a revelation if
your hair is fading, gray or dry, scrag-
gly and thin. Mixing the Sage Tea and
Sulphur recipe at home, though, is
troublesome. An easier way is to get the
ready-to-use tonic, costing about 50 cents
a large bottle at drug stores, known as
"Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Rem-
edy," thus avoiding a lot of fuss.

While wispy, gray, faded hair is not
sinful, we all desire to retain our youth-
ful appearance and attractiveness. By
darkening your hair with Wyeth's Sage
and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it
does it so naturally, so evenly. You just
dampen a sponge or soft brush with it
and draw this through your hair, taking
one small strand at a time; by morning
all gray hairs have disappeared, and
after another application or two, your
hair becomes beautifully dark, glossy,
soft and luxuriant.

Is Typhoid Patient

H. C. Burroughs, Jr., has been
quite sick at his home on Oak
street during the past week or
more with typhoid fever. His
condition the first of this week
was regarded as favorable. His
position in charge of the drug
department of the Burroughs
Drug Store is being filled by Mr.
Graves of Galveston.

Drive to the right and head
your car to my station for gaso-
line and auto oils. H. M. Rose.
2313

Mrs. Del Price and daughter,
Maudie, of Midland are guests
of Dr. G. M. Williams and fam-
ily.

My gasoline equipments are
the best and latest that money
can buy. Try my goods and be
convinced. H. M. Rose. 2313

Misses Lottie and Gladys and
Lewis Butman of Nubia were
guests of Misses Garoutte the
first of the week.

The Price is The Thing.

FRIDAY, JULY 23

4-Reel Universal program. 5 and 10c

SATURDAY, JULY 24

"RIP VAN WINKLE"

A 5-part World Film

Also 1-part comedy and special music
You have all read or heard about "Old Rip"
Now is your opportunity to see the most
grotesque character of ancient or modern
fiction. 6 reels, 5 and 10c

PROGRAM FOR WEEK OF JULY 26 TO 31

Monday, July 26

"The Call of the Waves," Gold Seal 2-part
drama. "When the Mummy Cried for
Help," Nestor comedy, and "The
Deacon Swore," Nestor
comedy. 4 reels, 5 and 10c

Tuesday, July 27

"Blue Blood and Yellow," a Who Pays mas-
ter picture in 3 parts. Mary Fuller in
"My Lady High and Mighty," a 2-part
Victor comedy-drama. 5 reels, 5 and 10c

Wednesday, July 28

"The Measure of a Man," 2-part North-
western drama. "Merry Mary's Marriage,"
1-part Liko comedy. 3 reels, 5 and 10c

Thursday, July 29

"The Lure," a 5-part World Film, a modern
sociological drama. 5 reels, 5 and 10c

Friday, July 30

"Called Back," Anna Little and Herbert
Rawlinson in a 4-part Gold Seal drama.
4 reels, 5 and 10c

Saturday, July 31

"Mother," a 5-part World Film. Also 1-part
comedy. 6 reels, 5 and 10c
This program and 5c will admit you to the
Cozy on Monday night, August 2nd

Good Pictures **COZY** Good Music

Cotton seed for your cows at
G. M. Sharps.

Miss Stella Mosley of Haskell
is visiting her sister, Mrs. B. C.
Moore.

Have you seen those late Kew-
pie Pumps at J. A. Duckett's?
Special this week \$1.65.

Mrs. A. C. Rose is at home
from Sweetwater where she has
spent several weeks.

Fresh car of Peacemaker flour
expected to arrive today at the
Bob Martin Gro. Co.

T. E. Paylor of Big Springs
was here Friday shaking hands
with his many Merkel friends.

Cleanliness, Quality, and Ser-
vice are the essential builders of
our fountain trade. Burroughs.

U. B. and Edgar Wheeler of
the River country were in town
Wednesday.

Miss Ruth Mims is at home
from Nacogdoches where she
visited friends and relatives.

Filtered gasoline eliminates all
trouble. H. M. Rose. 2313

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Good milch cows.
Chas. Orr, two miles southeast of
Merkel, 1Augpd

LOST—Gentleman's gold band
ring on streets of Merkel near
Grimes Drug Store. Has initials
G. T. E. engraved inside. Re-
ward of \$1.00 will be paid for re-
turn to Merkel Mail Office.

FOR SALE—Five pigs. See
Lee Baker, City 1tpd

LOST—Silver opened face 15
jewel Elgin watch, has black
leather fob. Reward for return
to T. M. Robertson. 1tpd.

FOR SALE—Four residences,
all in Merkel and of various sizes.
All bargains. See W. A. Scott.

WANTED—A good gentle
buggy pony; safe for children to
drive. H. P. Wilkins, Route 1.
232pd

Eye and Throat Specialist.

Dr. J. M. Britton, eye, ear, nose
and throat specialist of Cisco will
be at Dr. Armstrong's office next
Wednesday evening and Thurs-
day morning.

Porch Furniture.

Special prices on porch and
lawn furniture for the next ten
days. Come in and investigate.
Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Wood for Sale.

Good mesquite cord wood at
\$1.50 per cord until September
1 only. On ground at my place
3 miles northeast of Stith. A. B.
Cranston. 2313pd

New Grocery Firm.

L. E. Martin will be glad to
see you at the Kent Street Gro-
cery Store and Wagon Yard. He
wants your chickens and eggs.
Will pay best prices.

Hogs, Pigs and Shoats

We have about 85 head of hogs,
pigs and shoats for sale. See us
for your porkers. Beasley Bros.,
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New Delivery Service

General baggage transfer work
and light hauling. Wagon ready
at all times. Phone 252 Ash Bros.
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To Drive Out Malaria
And Build Up The System
Take the Old Standard GROVE'S
TASTELESS chill TONIC. You know
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Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form.
The Quinine drives out malaria, the
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Plenty bran and cow feed at
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Miss Lois Stamper and Mrs.
Yarborough of Pecos are guests
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Good people want good service
Call at the Star Store Tailor
Shop.

Mrs. Chas. Fryar and little
daughter of Abilene came in
Wednesday afternoon to visit
the former's parents Mr. and
Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Misses Oma Link of Strawn
and Dorothy Clemens of near
Abilene were week-end guests
of Miss Elma Sheppard.

Miss Laura Beard is visiting
Miss Winnie Waldrop of Anson
who is the guest of Mrs. R. Sad-
ler.

Mr. and Mrs. William Elliott,
Tom and Jim Douglass and Rev.
Bullock motored to Anson Sun-
day.

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ON
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DIAMOND and
GOOD YEAR Tires
FILTERED GASOLINE
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HENRY M. ROSE

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic,
GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC, drives out
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STATEMENT

**Farmers & Merchants
NATIONAL BANK**

Of Merkel, Texas

JUNE 23, 1915

RESOURCES

Loans	\$113,860.67
Overdrafts	None
U. S. Bonds—Par	10,250.00
Stock in Federal Bank	1,500.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real Estate	6,500.00
Cash and Sight Exchange	101,024.51
Total	\$237,047.68

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits—Net	34,058.63
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	171,739.05
Total	\$237,047.68

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TELEPHONE No. 61

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

SLAUGHTER.

"A Jersey man got thirty days in jail for shooting at a bullfrog. Which shows that it is better to be a bullfrog in the United States than a human being in Europe." No, dear reader, this paragraph is not original, and we do not know what paper to credit it to, so many of them have run it of late as original matter.—Kemp News.

Who said it first is by no means as important as the truth of it. It is at least apparently true that it is cheaper in some States to kill a man in a public place than to slay his horse in a lonely pasture. The law allows that the killer was in fear of his life when he slew the man, but the law does not admit that a horse can make a threatening motion toward its hip pocket.—Dallas News.

Human life daily grows of less value, greatly augmented by the world's greatest war now in progress but if justice is to be dealt out you must violate a different law—one in which the penalty may be greater but the crime less.

A REUNION FOR MERKEL COUNTRY

In years gone by there have been given in Merkel, picnics and barbecues not surpassed in the west but for the past two years no activity along these lines has been evident.

Is it not time Merkel was having a jolly good reunion, picnic or barbecue and bringing the people of the entire Merkel country together. A handsome list of premiums might be arranged to add interest to the affair and two or three days so arranged as to be of much good and recreation to the Merkel country people in general. The Mail is herewith obligated to a proportionate part on helping to defray the expenses of a free-for-all picnic or barbecue. We would like to know the sentiment of the Merkel people in regard to such a move.

Mr. Bryan warns Americans that they incur a great risk in taking passage on ships flying belligerent flags, or on any ships that carry ammunition. As much they knew before; in fact, Germany has warned them, and all the world, of that danger with an extreme impressiveness that renders any warning by Mr. Bryan altogether superfluous. The likelihood is that very few if any Americans have taken passage aboard belligerent ships since the Lusitania was sunk, with the result that their capacity for carrying ammunition has been increased. Mr. Bryan thinks the Government "would be justified in separating passengers from ammunition," and that is what Germany thinks and has demanded. But the Government has no legal authority for doing that, and if, having authority, it did do that, it would be confessing either its unreadiness or its inability to protect them in the exercise of rights which belong to them according to law. It is not a solution of the controversy with Germany which Mr. Bryan suggests, but a surrender to the demands of Germany.—Dallas News.

The weather man in Abilene hung up a rain flag Monday afternoon and on Tuesday morning it was cloudy in Merkel, seventeen miles away, and yet the story goes about the man who prophesies in Texas.

If work does not progress fast on the Merkel school our school term will not be out in time next year to start over.

A few showers like ought to have come Tuesday and Wednesday would be acceptable.

MERKEL
 GOOD HOMES, GOOD SCHOOLS,
 GOOD CHURCHES, GOOD PEOPLE,
 THE CITY TO LIVE IN,
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 TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAIL ROAD
THE MERKEL COUNTRY,
 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,
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 EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR MAN,
 INVESTMENTS FOR THE RICH MAN,
 PROSPERITY FOR ALL.

INTERVIEW WITH W. J. BRYAN.

In San Francisco I saw
 William Jennings Bryan,
 And heard him talk
 On the one-man newspaper.
 And after that I
 Saw him again.
 It was Prune Day out there
 And somebody said that
 Everybody who wanted
 To shake Bryan's hand could
 If they'd wash their hands
 And by the time I got to him
 His hand was so sticky
 Mine nearly stuck.
 And now I'm afraid
 He won't remember me.
 Oh, Prunes!

SUITED OR UNSUITED MEN.

Railroad tickets good for transportation to any point on the map are on sale practically every hour of every day the year 'round. If you are not satisfied with Anson, and do not desire to see it become a better town, and not willing to assist progressive citizens in their efforts to make it such—buy a railroad ticket.—Anson Western Enterprise.

Thanks for the above. It also fits the columns of the Mail.

A cartoon of unusual strength has been issued in support of House Joint Resolution No. 1, amending Section 2, Article 6, of the constitution which will be voted upon Saturday, July 24. The cartoon pictures a traveling man, engineer, conductor, brakeman and fireman fenced away from the ballot box by absence from home; while the brewery politician is given free access to the ballot box to vote the illegal foreigner. The Reporter is in favor of the resolution simply because it believes that illegal votes, not all of them, but thousands of them, will be cut out and that people entitled to vote will be given the opportunity. Nobody wants to see Texas dry more than we do, but we don't want to see it dry unless a majority of the qualified voters of Texas so decree. In other words if we could make Texas dry and it had to be done by fraud we would not do it. It is for an honest ballot that we plead and it is our opinion that the adoption of the above resolution will cut out many thousands of dishonest votes in the border counties of Texas.—Abilene Reporter.

The cartoon you speak of certainly was significant and we believe this is one of the amendments which should carry.

If you can't keep your teeth clean, try to keep your mouth shut.—Dallas News.

The News paragrapher is to be lauded for the brevity of the above. It has more good advice to the square inch than any thing of its kind we have ever read.

Respectors of the law may be few and far between but we know one set who gives the strong arm of Merkel jurisprudence a certain amount of respect and that is the automobile club.

Railroad stock took an awful drop Monday when a train on the El Paso Southern near Dalhart dropped through a bridge for a fall of 200 feet.

Wilson, Lansing, Daniels, Edison and Wright. Three of a kind and a pair. Some hand for the American Navy to draw eh, and it sounds like a winner.

If the British would volunteer as eagerly as they subscribe to war loans the war would soon be over.

Becker's time on earth is numbered in minutes now unless he is Slatonized at the eleventh hour.

If, as many predict, the war will end in October, why not end it now and save time?

The easier it is to reform a man, according to Jerome, the less it amounts to.

Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are Herewith Commanded to summon G. F. Tasker by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 42nd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 42nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be held at the court house thereof, in Abilene on the 5th Monday in August, A.D. 1915, the same being the 30th day of August, A.D. 1915, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 10th day of July, A.D. 1915, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 3127, wherein Alphonse Kloh, Emil Baerwild and David Rumsey are plaintiffs, and G. F. Tasker is defendant, and said petition alleging

No. 3127
 Alphonse Kloh, et al., vs.
 G. F. Tasker.
 in the District Court of Taylor County, Texas—September Term, A.D. 1915
 To the Honorable Thomas L. Blanton, Judge of said Court:

1. Now comes Alphonse Kloh, Emil Baerwild and David Rumsey, hereinafter called plaintiffs, and files this their first Amended Original Petition, in lieu of and as a substitute for their original petition filed in this court on July 10th, 1913, leave of the court first being had, complaining of G. F. Tasker, whose residence to these plaintiffs is unknown, and for cause of action plaintiffs represent to the court that hereofore to-wit: On or about the 19th day of March, 1909, the defendant G. F. Tasker, executed and delivered to Chas. J. Canda, Simeon J. Drake and Sigmund Neustadt his certain promissory note, for the sum of \$40.00, bearing date on the day and year aforesaid, due one year after date, payable to the order of said Charles J. Canda, Simeon J. Drake and Sigmund Neustadt, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, and providing for an attorney's fee of ten per cent on the amount of principal and interest then due as attorney's fees in case suit is brought on same, or if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection.

2. That said note and lien as herein described is now owned and held by Alphonse Kloh, Emil Baerwild and David Rumsey.

3. That the said G. F. Tasker became liable and bound and promised to pay plaintiffs the sum of money speci-

fied in said note, together with all interest and attorney's fees due thereon according to the tenor and effect thereof, said note being in words and figures substantially as follows: Dated March 19th, 1909, due one year after date, being Note No. 12116, payable to order of Charles J. Canda, Simeon J. Drake and Sigmund Neustadt, at Dallas, Texas, with interest thereon from date at the rate of six per cent per annum, said note reciting that same is given in part payment of Lots Nos. 8 and 9, in Block 13, in the town of Tye, Taylor County, Texas, and recites that a vendor's lien is retained on said property to secure the payment of said note and interest thereon, and that said note and lien is described in grantor's deed of even date with said deed, and being No. 2815, and that if said note is placed in the hands of an attorney or if suit is brought thereon, the maker agrees to pay an additional amount of ten per cent on the amount of principal and interest, as attorney's fees, signed by G. F. Tasker.

4. That said property was heretofore to-wit: On the 19th day of March 1909, conveyed to the defendant G. F. Tasker by Charles J. Canda, Simeon J. Drake and Sigmund Neustadt, by their deed of that date, in consideration among other things of the described herein and that in said deed of conveyance a lien was retained and reserved to secure the payment of said note, that said note now due and unpaid, and defendant though often requested has failed and refused to pay same or any part thereof, but the same still remains due and unpaid.

5. That said note has been placed in the hands of an attorney for collection and plaintiffs have contracted to pay him the ten per cent attorney's fee stipulated in said note, the same being the usual and customary fee.

6. Notice is hereby given to the defendant G. F. Tasker to produce the original deed, same being deed No. 2815, bearing date of March 19th, 1909, on the trial of this cause, or secondary evidence of its contents will be used.

7. Wherefore plaintiffs pray the court that defendant be cited in terms of law to appear and answer this petition, that they have judgment for their debt, interest, attorney's fee and all costs of suit, and for the foreclosure of their lien on the above and foregoing described lots and premises, and the same be decreed to be sold according to law, that the Sheriff or other officer executing said order of sale, shall place the purchaser of said property sold under said order of sale in possession within sixty days after the day of sale, and for such other and further relief, special and general in law and equity that they may be justly entitled to, etc.

J. Rupert Jackson,
 Attorney for Plaintiffs.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Abilene this the 10th day of July, A.D. 1915.
 [Seal] J. Fuller, Clerk
 1914 District Court, Taylor Co.

EAT LESS AND TAKE SALTS FOR KIDNEYS

Take a glass of Salts before breakfast if your Back hurts or Bladder bothers you.

The American men and women must guard constantly against Kidney trouble, because we eat too much and all our food is rich. Our blood is filled with acid which the kidneys strive to filter out, they weaken from overwork, become sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and the result is kidney trouble, bladder weakness and a general decline in health.

When your kidneys feel like lumps of lead, your back hurts or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment or you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night, if you suffer with sick headache or dizzy, nervous spells, acid stomach, or you have rheumatism when the weather is bad, get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate clogged kidneys, to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water beverage, and belongs in every home, because nobody can make a mistake by having a good kidney flushing any time.

A TEXAS WONDER.

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, 2923 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure. The worst cases, no matter how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, and reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

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And You Are Elected

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Don't Fail to Vote on the Bond Issue, and Don't Fail to Visit

Woodroof Bros. for Merchandise

FORMER MERKEL MAN SHOTS SELF

At 8 o'clock Wednesday morning as she was ironing in the kitchen of the family home at 600 Boyce street, Mrs. S. J. Ramsey heard a pistol shot and rushed into the bedroom, finding her husband, Dr. S. J. Ramsey, lying across the bed breathing his last.

A bullet from a .38 caliber H. & R. pistol had entered the left nipple, penetrated the heart, emerged at a point about two inches to the left of the center of the shoulder blades and lodged in the wall of the room near the head of the bed.

The death-stricken man breathed a few straggling breaths and died in the arms of his wife.

An inquest was held a short while later by Justice of the Peace M. C. Lambeth, whose verdict was that Dr. Ramsey had died from a pistol wound self-inflicted with suicidal intent.

Neighbors who heard the report of the pistol and the screams of the wife rushed to the home just as the wounded man expired. He lived only a few moments after the shot was fired. From the position of the body it was evident that he was sitting on the bed when the deed was done, as the body fell back diagonally across the body. He was in his night clothes, having remained in bed after Mrs. Ramsey had got up to prepare breakfast and attend to her kitchen duties.

Dr. Ramsey was about 35 years of age and had come here only a few months ago from Cottonwood, Callahan county. He was a practicing dentist and had purchased the business of Dr. C. M. McCauley. He was successful in business and was regarded as a capable dentist, enjoying a good practice. Although he had been complaining a little of illness for a time past he was still able to attend to his dental practice.

There was no note nor word left behind to account for the deed. Dr. Ramsey was always cheerful and had been unusually so Tuesday night. His home life was of the happiest, according to neighbors, and there is no known reason to account for the tragedy. He was congenial, always smiling, with a kind word for everybody. He was a member of the First Methodist church and one of its most faithful workers, taking a great interest in church affairs. His death is deplored by many who had learned to respect and admire him during his short residence here.

Besides the widow, a three-year-old son survives. A brother lives at Baird and one at Tulia, but his parents are not living. The body was shipped to Cottonwood Thursday morning, where

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UNDERTAKING

MERKEL, TEXAS

interment was made in the afternoon.—Abilene Reporter.

Dr. Ramsey formerly lived in this city and his friends were no less than his many acquaintances and it was with much regret that his Merkel friends learned of the sad affair.

Severe Attack of Colic Cured.

E. E. Cross, who travels in Virginia and other Southern States, was taken suddenly and severely ill with colic. At the first store he came to the merchant recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Two doses of it cured him. No one should leave home on a journey without a bottle of this preparation. For sale by all dealers.

Advertised Letters.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office July 31.

Allen, Grady
Brown, Bill
Ormand, Mrs. Mary
Walker, Mrs. Nancy
Woodruff, Montie

H. C. Williams, P M
Merkel, Texas.

Help for Those Who Have Stomach Trouble

After doctoring for about twelve years for a bad stomach trouble, and spending nearly five hundred dollars for medicine and doctors fees, I purchased my wife one box of Chamberlain's Tablets, which did her so much good that she continued to use them and they have done her more good than all of the medicine I bought before. Samuel Boyer, Folsom, Iowa. This medicine is for sale by all dealers.

W. O. W.

Merkel Camp No. 719 meets second and fourth Friday nights of each month.

W. M. Elliott, C C
S. Hamilton, Clerk

"TIZ" FOR TIRED SORE, ACHING FEET

Ah! what relief. No more tired feet; no more burning feet, swollen, bad smelling, sweaty feet. No more pain in corns, callouses or bunions. No matter what

ails your feet or what under the sun you've tried without getting relief, just use "TIZ." "TIZ" draws out all the poisonous exudations which puff up the feet; "TIZ" is magical; "TIZ" is grand; "TIZ" will cure your foot troubles so you'll never limp or draw up your face in pain. Your shoes won't seem tight and your feet will never, never hurt or get sore, swollen or tired. Get a 25 cent box at any drug or department store, and get relief.



GOOD CLUBBING OFFER

During the month of July the special rate of \$1.50 brings the Fort Worth Star Telegram, daily, and the Merkel Mail to any address until December 1, 1915.

As all orders will be dated December 1 the sooner you subscribe just that much more time you will get for your money

Best Diarrhoea Remedy.

If you have ever used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy you know that it is a success. Sam F. Guin, Whatley, Ala., writes, "I had messles and got caught out in the rain, and it settled in my stomach and bowels I had an awful time and had it not been for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy, I could not possibly have lived but a few hours longer, but thanks to this remedy I am well and strong. For sale by all dealers

DOUBLY PROVEN

Merkel Readers Can No Longer Doubt the Evidence.

This Merkel citizen testified long ago. Told of quick relief—of undoubted benefit.

The facts are now confirmed. Such testimony is complete—the evidence conclusive.

It forms convincing proof of merit. H. W. Derstine, retired farmer, Kent St., Merkel, gave the following account of his experience on May 27th, 1905.

He said: "Doan's Kidney Pills relieved me of a dull backache which had troubled me for several years. I positively believe they will cure any ordinary case of kidney complaint, if taken as directed."

On April 16th, 1915, Mr. Derstine added to the above: "Doan's Kidney Pills are good. I always keep them on hand and use them occasionally with good results."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Derstine had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. 162



IT'S A HAPPY YOUNG COUPLE

that leaves the laundry question to us. They can always be absolutely certain of the daintiness of their shirtwaists, shirts, collars, handkerchiefs, underwear, etc. Why have your pretty home muddled up once a week when you can have the laundering done here so much better?

SWETWATER STEAM LAUNDRY
M. B. BELL, Agent, Merkel.
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Train Falls 200 Feet

Dalhart, Texas, July 20.—A 200-foot plunge into a gulch at Indianapolis, near here, today killed three men and smashed an engine and ten loaded freight cars to bits.

The freight was on the El Paso & Southwestern railroad. It ran through a bridge over the gulch.

The dead are Engineer Brickley, Fireman Pryor and Head Breakman Kirley, all of Tucumcari, N. M.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by druggists. Price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.—adv

Justice Court Proceedings.

W. D. Woodroof vs. J. E. Costephens was the style of a case tried in the Justice Court here Tuesday, the plaintiff obtaining judgment.

The case grew out of goods purchased of the W. D. Woodroof Co., last year by a tenant on one of Mr. Costephens' farms. An appeal has been taken to the County Court.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of H. W. GROVE, 25c.

MAN OF GRAHAM FAMESHOT MONDAY

Graham, Texas, July 19.—R. M. Todd, one of the defendants who was acquitted in the Fry case at Wichita Falls last April, was shot and dangerously wounded this morning by Mrs. Jim H. Henderson, proprietress of a rooming house. The shooting occurred just in front of the Graham National Bank, on the principal business street of this city, shortly after 7 o'clock.

Todd formerly lived in the rooming house and has known Mrs. Henderson for several years. She refused to discuss the affair, although it is understood she made a statement to County Attorney Charles F. Marshall. He declined to make public what she told him.

Mrs. Henderson came out of her rooming house, carrying her pistol, as Todd was passing. She fired four times at him, only two of the bullets taking effect. Both entered the back. One ranged upward and came out of his neck. The other passed through his left lung and emerged from the left breast.

Todd was hurried to his home, where Dr. W. M. Terrell took him in charge. It is declared that his chances for recovery are slim and Dr. Terrell refused to allow anyone to see him. Todd was not unconscious, however.

Todd was convicted of bootlegging in the county court last week. He was fined \$100 and sentenced to sixty days in the county jail. Two other similar cases are pending against in the county court.

Cured of Indigestion

Mrs. Sadie P. Clawson, Indiana, Pa., was bothered with indigestion. "My stomach pained me night and day", she writes. I would feel bloated and have headache and belching after eating. I also suffered from constipation. My daughter had used Chamberlain's Tablets and they did her so much good that she gave me a few doses of them and insisted upon my trying them. They have helped me as nothing else has done." For sale by all dealers.

Stole \$5,000, Pays \$10,000

Washington, July 20.—Ten thousand dollars in currency, the second largest contribution to the "conscience fund" ever received by the government reached the treasury department today in a plain envelope mailed yesterday at New York, accompanied by an unsigned letter saying:

"The sender has paid double to the United States the amount he stole and still conscience is not satisfied. Here is another payment."

Headaches and Nervousness Cured.

"Chamberlain's Tablets are entitled to all the praise I can give them," writes Mrs. Richard Olp, Spencerport, N. Y. They have cured me of headache and nervousness and me restored to my normal health." For sale by all dealers.

SOCIETY

MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Mr. and Mrs. John Bullock gave an entertainment at their home Friday evening in honor of their guest, Mr. Clyde Brohannon of Colorado. Various games furnished amusements for the evening. In the candy making contest Miss Josie Smith and Mr. Brohannon were the successful couple. Watermelon was served. All present reported the best time ever.

Last Thursday evening a bunch of the younger set motored out to Mulberry and enjoyed a few hours in the starlight. A lunch was temptingly spread. A number of comical acrobatic feats by one of the merry makers furnished a great deal of sport as he turned cartwheel while standing on his head. All went well until he walked into the creek. The latter was not on the program. Miss Ona Hamblet chaperoned the bunch who were Misses Dorothy and Virginia Duckett, Gladys Bell, Mae Green and Faye Allen. Messrs. Shirley King, Robert Dennis, Booth Warren, Jake Walters, Roger and Loring Hamblet and Dewey Brown.

Chicken Fry.

Friday evening Miss Pet Sears honored her guest, Miss Gladys Wall with a chicken fry. The usual pleasures which go to make up an outing were much in evidence out on Bettis Heights. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Leighty chaperoned the party. Those present were Misses Mossie Sears, Irene Swann Mabel Collins, France Burrough, Maude Martin. The out of town guests were Misses Wall of Mississippi, Mann of Dallas, Holland of Waxahachie, Harrington of Mart, Messrs Luke Woodroof, Clyde and Bud Sears, George Ferrier, Sam Swann, Dee Grimes. After all had enjoyed the elegant lunch, they motored to the Grimes Drug store and were guests of Dee Grimes who served cream and various drinks.

Miss Maude Jinkens entertained informally at her home Friday evening with a 42 party. Those present were Misses Jewel Pate, Wilna Smith, Beatrice Nidever and Vera Jinkens. Messrs. Stanley King, Roy Coats Wilbur Whitaker, Claude Jinkens and Royal Hargrove. The hostess served a dainty refreshment plate of cream and cake.

Mrs. J. M. Garrett delightfully entertained her class of Junior boys of the Baptist church Monday with an all day picnic at Mulberry Bridge. Miss Beulah Garrett assisted her mother in serving lemonade and other refreshments.

The lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Woodroof was the scene of a beautifully planned party Monday evening in honor of Miss Holland of Waxahachie. Progressive Bunco was greatly enjoyed. Punch was served during the party hours. At the conclusion of the games the hostess served an ice course. Those present were Misses Pet Sears, Gladys Walls, Europe, Miss., Tommye Lou Coggin, El Paso, Georgia Harrington, Mart; Mamie Mann, Dallas; France Burroughs, Evalyn Williams, Zora West, Jess Sutphen, Maud Martin, Maud Jinkens, Eva Walters, Carroll Rister, Bess Touchstone, Almada Harris, Ruth Mims, Miss Sprague and the honoree; Messrs. Sam Swann, Dee Grimes, Emmett Grimes, Parker Sharp, Jack Graves, Luther Woodroof, J. C. Mason, Choc Jones, Luther Grimes, Billie Woodroof, Forest Gaither, Robert Hicks, John Morgan, Lytton Howard, Ennis Grimes, Earnest Rogers, W. L. Diltz, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Woodroof and the host.



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Porch Furniture.

Special prices on porch and lawn furniture for the next ten days. Come in and investigate. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Meeting at Blair.

Rev. L. B. Owen who is holding a meeting at Blair this week will return to his pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cross came in from Austin Wednesday afternoon. On their return they stopped at Temple and Dallas to visit relatives.

Hurry and get your suit cleaned and pressed and get a motor vote. Star Store Tailor Shop.

Mrs. W. Parten visited her niece, Mrs. W. C. Calvert, in Sweetwater last week.

The accuracy and competence of our prescription department has gained its own fame. Want you place your next with us? Burroughs.

J. D. Jones of Nubia was in Merkel Tuesday and instructed the Mail force to change the address of his paper to Dora as the delivery of mail by that route was much speedier.

I have as complete line of groceries as you will find in Merkel. Prices guaranteed as cheap as you will find. W. F. Hamblet.

Mrs. J. T. Evans and daughters, Misses Gladys and Syble, are in Fort Worth the guest of relatives.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Fresh corn meal at G. M. Sharp's.

10-4 Brown Sheet only 22¢ at J. A. Duckett's.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno Woodrum are visiting Mrs. A. M. Woodrum and family.

Our line of Stationery is the most complete of any to be found in Merkel Burroughs.

Master Hicks Swafford is in Big Springs this week visiting his brother, Sam Swafford.

Fresh car of Peacemaker flour expected to arrive today at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brown of Abilene visited their grandson, Clayton Brown and wife Sunday.

Miss Alyce Mae Boyce of Abilene visited relatives here Friday.

Lots of New goods received this week at J. A. Duckett's.

Misses Vera and Mattie Carey of Maryneal visited their uncle, Wm. Carey and family, the past week.

Miss Jess Sutphen is at home from Fort Worth where she visited Miss Frances Womble.

Have you seen those \$5 Dresses that J. A. Duckett is selling for \$1.50.

Mrs. Carry Graham of Motley county came in the first of the week to visit the family of her uncle J. A. Pike.

Fresh by express, Nunnally's fine candies on ice at Burroughs' Drug Store.

Miss Eva Welch of Abilene returned to her home Wednesday after a short visit with her aunt Mrs. J. E. Ferrier.

Only a little over thirty days until Parten gives his Free Automobile away. Better hurry for your extra votes.

Mrs. Claudie Tidwell, after a visit with the family of J. W. Sibley, has returned to her home at Baird.

Car Seymore's best flour at G. M. Sharp's.

Mrs. E. M. Rust was called to Cottonwood Wednesday to attend the funeral services of Dr. Ramsey of that city.

Try a sack of Bumble-Bee flour. It never fails to please. Will appreciate your patronage. W. F. Hamblet.

Mrs. F. A. Polly is at home from Dallas where she visited relatives.

Our drinks hit the spot. Makes you wish you were a leopard. Burroughs.

Clyde Brohannon of Colorado spent Friday and Saturday visiting friends in this city.

Silk brand flour \$2.75 per hundred. G. M. Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bullock and children, Hazel and Alva, are at home from Winters where they visited the family of Rev. Garland Shell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs, Miss Mann of Dallas and Miss Frances Burroughs motored to Roscoe Sunday and visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Coats.

W. P. Duckett and daughter, Miss Dorothy, were called to Fort Worth Tuesday night to bedside of the former's daughter, Mrs. L. D. Smith, who is not expected to live.

Miss Bertha Boring who has been employed in the city schools of Fort Worth for the past few years is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Boring. Miss Boring will be here for sometime with her parents and visiting Merkel friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stevens motored to Hamlin Sunday and were accompanied home Monday by the latter's niece Miss Viola McCracken.

Only 19¢ for a good four strand Broom at J. A. Duckett's.

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W. R. Bigham, C. V. Bigham and Ralph Bigham came in Wednesday afternoon from Marlin, Lampasas and other points in south central Texas. They made the trip in the formers Ford and arrived here safely.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baker, after a two weeks' visit with relatives in Merkel left Tuesday for Mineral Wells to visit Mr. Baker's parents before returning to Canyon. Mrs. Baker's sister, little Miss Leola Merritt accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thomas are visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. Tom King, of Dallas.

Phone me when in need of anything to eat. All orders amounting to over \$1.00 will be delivered. Try a sack of Bumble-Bee flour. W. F. Hamblet.

W. A. Harris, representing the community of Rt 2 was in town Tuesday reporting on conditions out his way. The report was O. K'd by Mr. Arch.

Mrs. W. T. Johnson of Knott on the Plains country came in Tuesday to visit her sister, Mrs. N. Harrison of the Blair community.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ellis of Big Springs came in Tuesday to visit the former's brother, Will Ellis of this place.

Mrs. Carrigan was here the first of the week visiting her daughter Mrs. Homer Magness.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Dodd, Misses Louise and Edna May and Master Howard and Hayes May of Weatherford are visiting W. J. Hayes and family in the Comper country.

Mrs. J. C. Harrison of Trent was here the latter part of last week visiting the family of J. H. Reid.

Mrs. A. J. Couch of Eskota was here last week visiting the families of J. F. Miligan and F. E. Allyn.

Misses Marjorie and Mertice Saffle and Miss Josephine Goode, who have been here visiting Mrs. W. J. Largent, returned to their home at Plainview Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Counts of Stephenville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Counts are on their way to New Mexico where they intend to make their future home.

H. M. Warren was in Dallas Tuesday trying to obtain new Ford cars for his agency here, but owing to the heavy demand returned to Merkel without the cars.

W. Parten returned from a short trip to Dallas and other points in east Texas Wednesday morning.

Jack Provine who has been connected with the Wells Fargo Express Co., at this place has been transferred to the Cisco charge temporarily.

Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mill's, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

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Notice of Road Bond Election for Commissioners Precinct No. 2.

Pursuant to an order of the commissioners court of Taylor county, Texas, made and entered on the 19th day of June, A. D. 1915, notice is hereby given that an election will be held in and for Commissioners Precinct No. 2, said county on

Saturday, the 24th day of July, A. D. 1915,

at the regular voting places in said precinct as defined in the minutes of said commissioners court, Book G, pages 62 and 63, constituting a road district to be known as Road District No. 2, shall be issued in the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating of macadamized, graveled and paved roads and turnpikes, said bonds to be of the denomination of \$1,000.00 each bearing five per cent interest, payable semi-annually, said bonds being due forty years from their date, with the option of redeeming the whole or any part thereof ten years from date.

All resident property tax paying voters of said precinct shall be eligible to vote at said election, and those favoring the proposition shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the issuance of Bonds," and those opposed shall have printed upon their ballots the words "Against the issuance of Bonds."

Witness my hand officially seal this 21st day of July, A. D. 1915. E. M. Overshiner, county Judge, 2514 Taylor, County Texas.

C. E. Whitaker was in Fort Worth Saturday in the interest of his real estate business.

Mrs. E. V. White of Denton, accompanied by her children, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning of Albany visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Walters, Sunday.

The Voice of Now

It is the present, the today, the NOW in which we are interested. Shakespeare wisely says:

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On any living mortal rose or set."

It is the printed page which deals most intimately and with the greatest detail in the movements of the present. It is THE VOICE OF NOW proclaiming to the world the things that are happening today. The Government of the United States is NOW gravely concerned in certain aspects of the war in Europe and has had thrust on it several serious international problems, which are NOW in process of solution. The American farmer is NOW interested in this titanic struggle, for his his interests are being affected by it today and will be tomorrow, and he wants to keep in close touch with it NOW.

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T. L. Stevens of Trent was in the city Tuesday after an absence of many days from our streets.

ZUDORA

In the Twenty Million Dollar Mystery

By HAROLD MACGRATH

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SYNOPSIS.

Zudora is left an orphan at an early age. Her father is killed in a gold mine. Zudora and the fortune from the mine, which grows to be worth \$20,000,000, are left in the guardianship of Frank Keene.

for weeks. The color and music would be a great relief to her. She had been through so much that she had begun to crave a little pleasurable excitement.

On the night of the dance Mrs. Copeland decided to put on the new coronet, together with her collar and



This Gift Was a Handsome Coronet of Rubies.

bracelets of diamonds. She scintillated, as the saying goes. She kept her jewels in a small wall safe. She was giving her hair a few finishing pats when the maid entered to announce that guests were arriving.

Wu Chang prevents Zudora's elopement with John Storm by hypnotizing her, and he and Hassam Ali attempt to smuggle her out of the country. This plot is frustrated by Storm.

Baird, Hassam Ali's double, falls in love with Zudora. Baird and Mme. Du Val kidnap Zudora and the Van Wick child. Storm rescues them, and Hassam Ali dies.

With Hassam Ali dead Zudora is released from her pledge to solve twenty cases. She confronts, however, the greatest mystery of all, which is the mystery of her own life, and the ambition to secure the vast fortune of \$20,000,000 left to her.

CHAPTER XV.

The Robbery of the Ruby Coronet. HUNT and Baird had at least found out where the Zudora mine was, but the rightful ownership still hung in the air. Hunt also declared that the false claimants had been cognizant of their trip to Montana and had tried to push them off the board.



He Saw the Safe in the Wall and Examined It.

sight. I've an idea that he has placed me," said the diamond smuggler.

"What if he has placed you? He hasn't anything like proof."

"He saw me go into Dr. Mann's front door and out the rear. I'm certain of that."

"If he had been certain you'd heard from him long before this. Take my word for it. Now, come along. I'm going to take a quiet stroll up-

stairs. This house looks like good hunting one of these days."

"You would rob Copeland?" whispered Bruce.

"I would take the pennies off a dead man's eyes if I needed them. Come on."

The two worthies mounted the stairs casually, but once in the upper hall they became alert.

"I'll try this room here," said Radcliffe. "It looks as if it might be Mrs. Copeland's boudoir. Cough if any one comes in sight."

Radcliffe slipped into Mrs. Copeland's boudoir and glanced about with the skilled eye of a man who finds it necessary to observe all things. He saw the safe in the wall and examined it. That magnificent coronet and that collar of diamonds would repose in yonder safe. But it would be a hard nut to crack.

His glance swept over the top of the dresser and rested upon the little book. Such things were generally valuable. In a moment he was thumbing it. When he came across the combination he was delighted. He quickly transferred it to a slip of paper, stowed it away, and started for the door just as Bruce coughed his warning. He was safely in the hall by the time the maid came along.

"The gentlemen's coat room?" he asked.

"The door opposite, sir,"

"Thanks," said Radcliffe.

He and Bruce entered the coat room as a matter of precaution, then went downstairs again. Radcliffe would have been greatly astonished could he have glanced into Mrs. Copeland's boudoir ten minutes later. The butler, having ideas of his own, was at that moment copying down the combination of the wall safe from the little book the mistress had forgotten in her hurry.

Zudora and Storm, however, enjoyed themselves thoroughly. What with the music and the dancing and the pleasure they found in each other's company the rest of the world seemed very well lost. On the way home, however, Zudora expressed her dislike for Captain Radcliffe. "She was quite positive that she had seen him before under unfavorable circumstances. She wondered if Copeland knew anything about the man."

"Where do you think you have seen him?" asked Storm curiously.

"That's the baffling part of it. I know I've seen him, but beyond that



Zudora and Storm, However, Enjoyed Themselves Thoroughly.

things are hazy. I don't like him. I'm certain of that much."

"I wish you'd marry me straight off and let me take you away where you'd forget all these unhappy affairs."

"Ah, John, my father was a sportsman. He never gave up a fight, and neither shall I. It isn't the money, though, that's always handy. It's the thought of dishonest people getting the benefit of what is mine. Until I've won or lost I prefer to remain as I am. I've caused you enough trouble, John, as it is. No one has any enmity toward you. It is I."

"Well, I guess I'll hang around," said John pleasantly, though he did not experience any particular pleasure at that moment. "You might change your mind, you know, and when you do I want to be at hand."

"You're very good to me, John."

"Millions and millions of money," he murmured. "I'm beginning to hate money."

"So am I. So let's say no more about it."

The following day, at Mme. Du Val's, plans were completed for the robbing of the Copeland wall safe. Bruce and Radcliffe agreed that the attempt should be made that night, as the Copelands had spoken of going into the city for a night at the opera. They sent two lesser crooks to watch the premises.

And while they watched they saw shadows against the curtains of Mrs. Copeland's room. At first they believed that the Copelands had not gone into town, but a minute or two later one of the shades rolled up, revealing the butler and the maid.

Mr. Hook had been butler in the Copeland house for about six weeks. He had been highly recommended by Marie, the maid, who had served her mistress with apparent loyalty for two years. All for the purpose that was now being enacted. Hook was merely her partner in crime, and both were wanted by the police in other cities.

The butler went directly to the safe in the wall, turned the knob the spec-

ific number of times, and swung open the door.

"There they are, Marie. This is the last job. We'll hike across the pond and live in comfort for the rest of our days. I never could find out where the missis kept that little book, and we both fell on it last night. Some luck, eh? Thirty thousand dollars; as easy as turning over your hand. Give me the handbag."

He dumped the jewels into the bag, but the ruby coronet was too large for the receptacle.

"I'll have to carry that under my coat. Now, then, give me a kiss and



The Butler Went Directly to the Safe in the Wall.

I'll be off to Riddon's saloon to hide the stuff. We'll have to split the swag three ways, but we'll pull down a clear \$20,000, or I don't know our Uncle Isadore."

"Hurry! I'll follow just as soon as I can."

"Right-o! Now, to make it look real and lifelike, I'll drop out of the window here. I've a pair of the master's shoes on, and that'll bunk the bulls until we can make a safe getaway."

He dropped, almost into the hands of the two men watching him. But he was too agile and quick for them. He was off like a deer. They gave chase heartily enough, rather certain that Captain Radcliffe would miss his haul if they did not catch this shrewd butler. Hook, by dodging and doubling, succeeded in eluding them. He had in mind to hide the jewels and return some other night for them. He wasn't anxious to have them fall into the hands of absolute strangers. That they were in the same deal as himself he had no doubts.

He drew out his handkerchief to wrap around the receptacle, and in doing so the memorandum book and a card fell from his pocket. Mr. Hook was not wholly fortunate in his adventure this night. As he scaled the wall and dropped down the other side of it he dropped into Bruce's arms. Bruce had heard the tramping of feet and was ready. In the struggle the coronet fell to the ground. With a mighty jerk Hook managed to free himself, and he took to his heels, glad enough to have some of the booty.

Bruce had a keen ear, and during the struggle he heard something fall. Immediately he began searching, and finally came upon the coronet. On the other side of the wall somewhere lurked his amiable confederate, Captain Radcliffe. Should he hail him and make known his find? Indeed no. There was honor among thieves in books, but rarely in life. Bruce stole off the scene, perfectly satisfied with his share of the loot.

But Captain Radcliffe found something. It was the card the crooked butler had dropped during his struggle with Bruce. Did Captain Radcliffe call aloud for his friend, Bruce? No. He was stirred by the same sense. This saloon in Ramona avenue was doubtless some kind of a fence, and he at once decided to investigate.

On second thought the maid concluded not to fly at present, but to announce the robbery the moment the Copelands returned. For awhile at least they would not suspect her of complicity. Nor did they. The maid wept. The butler was evidently guilty. And she had trusted him. She had even promised to marry him. He was a thief. It was all so very well done that the Copelands believed her implicitly.

Meantime Bruce wended his way quickly to a house he knew of. It was a rendezvous of his own not known by his confederates. In the library over the mantel hung a fine pair of antlers. These covered a hole in the brick chimney, and into this hole Bruce deposited the ruby coronet. He would wait now until the whole affair had blown over. On one of his Egyptian trips he could dispose of it for far more than he could safely get in America. He was well satisfied with himself.

The next day Detective Hunt learned of the robbery, but as he had not yet been approached in regard to it merely made note of the salient features of the case. He busied himself with several photographs and selected

one of them. Later he would use this likeness as a disguise.

Baird came in breezily. "They've put me on the Copeland robbery," he announced. "What do you think about it?"

"I guess the butler is the boy."

"If I can land a scoop on this story my little old pay envelope will get a boost."

"You're a queer card, Baird. You've got the stuff in you. You once lived like a prince, and yet you're willing to work hard for an honest living. Well, if the Copelands come to me I'll take you in on it."

"Any news on the other business?"

"Nothing you can put your hand on. I have a lot of suspicions, but I'm not going to tell you what they are. I wish I'd been at the Copelands the other night. There might have been a face there I could have placed."

The clerk came in. "Lady and gentleman to see you, sir."

"Name?"

"Copeland."

"Send them in," said Hunt, smiling.

"I've an idea our friend Storm sent them here. Don't do any talking."

"All right," laughed Baird.

The upshot of the visit resulted in Hunt accepting the case. He went up to the house at once and went over the ground thoroughly. He quizzed the maid narrowly, but she was letter perfect in her part. She fooled and disarmed him apparently, but he took careful notice of her features and her height and color. There were tracks all over the lawn—so many, in fact, that he could learn nothing in this direction.

That afternoon Mr. Hook entered the grogshop of Mr. Riddon, greeted the barkeeper cordially, and proceeded upstairs to a room he had previously engaged. There he met the maid Marie and they laughed over the successful manner in which the detective had been fooled.

Downstairs Captain Radcliffe entered the bar, sat down by a window and ordered a drink, pretending to be interested in that morning's paper. Sooner or later he expected to encounter Mr. Hook. The captain had a good deal of patience when necessity required it.

Now, one thing Detective Hunt did find, and that was Hook's own memorandum book. In that book he learned that the butler's "hangout" was Riddon's saloon in Ramona avenue, Bronx. So at the same time that Radcliffe read his newspaper and Hook flirted with the maid upstairs, Hunt and Baird stopped on the opposite side of the street and eyed the name on the saloon windows.

"This is the shop, sure enough," declared Hunt. "Suppose we stroll over and see what's inside."

Radcliffe chanced to look out of a clear spot in the window and saw them. He was in a quandary for a moment. But he had his worry for nothing. The detective and the reporter immediately sought the stairs, and Captain Radcliffe, as he went out the rear door, cursed himself for not going up the stairs himself.

There's always a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip. If Marie hadn't wanted a certain brooch which she admired among the Copeland collection and if Hook hadn't strenuously refused to surrender it, they would not have quarreled, their voices would not have risen. The sound of their argument was music to Hunt's ears. Quickly he selected a key from his bunch of



He Dropped.

skeletons, whipped it into the lock, gave a twist, and shouldered into the room, followed by Baird.

Hook, without waiting to inquire his visitors' names and business, plunged toward a window and leaped. Baird followed him fearlessly.

Hunt turned upon the maid sardoniously.

"I thought I'd find you here." He scooped up the stolen jewels. "Where's the ruby coronet?"

"I don't know," whimpered Marie.

"He lost it in jumping the wall the night of the robbery."

Hunt did not doubt this. The tracks at the Copeland place had given evidence of a struggle.

"Where is his hangout?" he demanded.

"I don't know."

"All right." Hunt took out a pair of handcuffs. "Want to ride back to town with these on instead of diamonds?"

Marie reluctantly told him where he would doubtless find her lover. After all, if Hook hadn't made such a row over giving her what she wanted of the loot neither would have been in their predicament.

"It's the old Blaisdell house at Highwood."

"Go back to your mistress and stay there. I can't find your phiz anywhere, so I'm going to give you a chance. But if you've lied to me I'll put you over."

When Hunt reached the Blaisdell place he was met by Baird, more or less out of wind.

"Did you get them all?"

"All but the ruby piece. I've an idea that it's in this joint. Where's Hook?"

"He got by me somehow. I shouldn't wonder if that old house had a dozen



In That Book He Learned That the Butler's "Hangout" Was Riddon's Saloon.

or more secret passages, but I couldn't find any. Let's get back to town with the stuff. We can come back here later."

When they did get back they encountered many thrilling things, as surprising as they were thrilling. Zudora and John had gone out for a spin, and the machine had broken down near the Blaisdell place. Bruce, who had witnessed the accident, made up for the occasion and offered the hospitality of his home. This courtesy was readily accepted, with the result that the two young people found themselves prisoners. Zudora was tied to a chair in the library, while Storm was dragged down into the cellar.

Bruce was in high feather. He had not only the rubies, but the girl they had been after ever since she got away from Dr. Mann's private insane asylum. But eggs have to be hatched before you can count your chickens.

Hunt and Baird returned at once after they had given the bag of jewels to Mrs. Copeland. They found Zudora, to their amazement, struggling in the Morris chair.

"The ruby coronet is behind those antlers," she cried. "They took John downstairs. Go to him quickly!"

So all the jewels—and perhaps the most precious, Zudora—were returned. But Hunt was distinctly dissatisfied with the adventure. The crooks had slipped through his fingers.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Mosquito Catchers.

Keep a duck and so avoid mosquitoes is the lesson of some experiments conducted by the Pennsylvania commissioner of health. Mosquitoes breed in stagnant or quiet water, and the duck will greedily gobble the mosquito pupae and larvae. For breeding grounds some kinds of mosquitoes prefer the stagnant water in a clogged eaves trough or a tin can in the back yard, and of course the duck cannot be expected to attend to that breed. The duck, however, will attend to all the baby mosquitoes that appear in any pool of water near the house, which otherwise would make themselves a nuisance round the house. The experiments consisted of building two pools—one for ducks and one for fish—and finding out in which pond the mosquitoes would breed. Goldfish did not seem to interfere with the mosquito households at all in their pond, but twenty mallard ducks kept their pool free. Later, ten of the ducks were placed in the fish pond, and they cleaned up the swarms of pupae and larvae in a few hours. Other experimenters have found that some kinds of fish will eat the baby mosquitoes, so that fish have been recommended as a protection, but this test gives complete assurance that the mallard duck will do the work.—Saturday Evening Post.

What They Could Do.

"Don't you think you could do something with that orchestra to improve my song?" asked the lady soloist.

"What's the matter with it?" asked the orchestra leader.

"Why, they could hardly hear my song for that drum!"

"Well, we can put in a couple more drums!"—Chicago News.

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SHILOH

Several from this place attended services at Noodle Sunday. Floyd Barnes spent the week-end with relatives near Anson.

J. H. Grayson and family left Thursday for Kent county to visit relatives.

Chas. Seago and wife were Merkel visitors Saturday.

W. B. Beavers and family attended services at Golan Sunday.

Roger Grayson and wife, Wilner Grayson and family enjoyed ice cream at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Seago Saturday night.

Quite a number from here were fishing over on Sweetwater creek last week.

Ben Bond and Vernon Barclay of near Sweetwater creek spent Saturday night with Bud Brown and family of this place.

Ulric Wheeler had his grain thrashed last week.

Rev. G. N. Scott, who has been helping in the meeting at Amity the past week, returned home Sunday afternoon.

Several from here are attending the meeting which is now in progress at Noodle.

W. B. Beavers and family spent Friday afternoon on their farm near Sweetwater creek.

W. B. Beavers and wife were Merkel visitors Tuesday.

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Notice.

I will appreciate your votes in the piano contest now on at E. L. Rogers. 16t2 Mrs. Will Armstrong.

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Leaves for San Francisco

Misses Mary and Lizzie Keny departed Tuesday noon for San Francisco to attend the Panama International Exposition.

They go by the way of Fort Worth, stopping at Colorado Springs, Denver and Manitou and Salt Lake. While in San Francisco attending the Exposition they will be guests of their sister, Mrs. A. C. Williams. On returning home they will visit the Exposition at San Diego and spend a short time with their

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Condemned Negro Wants Melon

Fort Worth, July 21. — Clint Williams wants just watermelon till he dies.

That is scheduled to be Aug. 5, on a gallows in the Tarrant county jail. He was convicted of the murder of Oscar Scroggins, a messenger boy.

The negro does not show much concern about his execution.

"Huh," he grunts, as he turns his head to the gallows near his cell; "I been up there. Taint nothing. Once I got out, and run up to de top ob dem gallows. I thought I could git out, but seep I couldn't."

Every stranger who passes Clint's death cell is sure to catch some remark from him.

"Gimme a dime," says Clint.

"What for?" asks a visitor.

"Tuh git a watermillion, ob course," grins the negro.

Usually the dime is forthcoming.

The negro got serious the other night in talking to his night guard—the first time he has been that way since his sentence.

"In case de rope breaks, an' dey don't kill me, what do dey do den?" asked Clint.

"Hang you again," said the guard, cold-bloodedly.

"Dawg-gone! Fort Worth's a hell of a town, ain't it?" sighed the negro.

He thought he would get loose if the first attempt at hanging was not successful.

Leaves for New York

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leach are among those who are taking their vacation in other states having left here Tuesday for Escoc, Ky. where they will make a short stay and from there will go to New York.

Mr. Leach is connected with the Texas & Pacific Ry. Co. at this place as operator and asked for a leave-of-absence of thirty days to make the trip.

The Price is The Thing.