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CO. REPRESENTATIVE NOT IN RUN OFF

According to a ruling made by W. A. Keeling, assistant attorney general, county representative is a district office and the man who receives the highest number of votes in the primary should be declared the nominee. This in effect holds that the second primary is not necessary and for that reason Eugene DeBogory will not have to enter the second primary with J. T. Tucker as his opponent.

The case which brought forth the decision came from Fannin county, where the man who got the plurality and his next nearest opponent were preparing to make the run-off. The item added that the second man would institute legal action to force the county democratic committee to place his name on the ballot in the second primary, in spite of the ruling from the attorney general's department. There was a difference of only 37 votes between these two men in that county.

It is understood that the Taylor county executive committee will abide by the attorney general's decision, it having made a request for a ruling exactly like the one from Fannin.

Mr. DeBogory's plurality was 420 over Mr. Tucker.—Abilene Reporter.

B. W. HUDGINS IS KILLED BY TRAIN

Vernon, July 22.—B. W. Hudgins, 50, principal of the Dallas high school, was instantly killed near here early today when his automobile was struck by a heavy freight train at a crossing on the Denver road. Mrs. Hudgins and children who were also in the machine saved their lives by jumping.

Hudgins and family were enroute to Alpine to see his son who is on border duty at that point.

Vernon, July 31.—B. W. Hudgins of Dallas was killed and his wife and three children narrowly escaped today when northbound freight train No. 15 on the Denver Springs crossing, two miles west of Vernon, this morning at eight thirty.

The family had left Dallas Saturday morning. Upon approaching the railroad crossing Hudgins saw the train and tried to stop his car, but before he could stop he was on the track. His wife and four children jumped from the car, but owing to the baggage being on his side, he was unable to get out. A physician was summoned immediately after the accident, but arrived too late to be of any assistance.

Hudgins was principal of the John Henry school of Dallas, and recently had closed the summer school at the Y. M. C. A. at that place. He is survived by a wife and six sons, four of them being with him, one at Alpine and one at Snyder.

B. W. Hudgins who is mentioned in the above two articles lived in Merkel for several years, being widely and favorably known by nearly every resident of the town who deeply regretted to hear of the sad accident. For several years at two different times Prof. Hudgins was at the head of the Merkel High School and under his direction much good was done for the advance-

ment of educational work in this part of the state. Leaving here Monday evening were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams and Miss Dota Garroute, friends of the family to attend the burial in Snyder on the 3rd, inst. Many other warm friends of the deceased and his family were contemplating a trip across the country to Snyder where the family have lived for years and where interment was held.

ABOUT EL PASO'S PECULIAR VOTING

El Paso, August 1.—The mystery of the missing ballot box from precinct 26 has been solved.

When members of the democratic executive committee investigated the vaults of the county clerk's office Monday noon it was found that the box of precinct No. 26, at Sierra Blanca, was reposing there just where it had been laid by John T. Cain, deputy county clerk.

The only race affected by the votes of the 26th precinct was that between A. S. Albro and Forrest E. Baker for county surveyor. Albro is the winner by a majority of 17 when the votes of Sierra Blanca are included. Without the returns of the 26th precinct, Baker had received 2791 and Albro 2767. Sierra Blanca gave Baker 19 and Albro 60, making the grand total as follows: Albro 2827; Baker, 2810.

The adding up of the totals was begun at about 1 o'clock Monday afternoon, and the executive committee was adjourned until 3:30 p. m. to await the official count.

The missing box was the chief topic of discussion during the morning session.

R. M. Dudley created a slight sensation when the question of whether the key to the Sierra Blanca box was missing.

"Do you deny that you opened that box last Saturday?" he thundered at J. D. Williams, an associate judge.

Before Mr. Williams had time to make reply, Judge Falvey requested that a more moderate tone be used in the discussion.

After the ballot box was found W. B. Ware, campaign manager of the city and county democratic club, stated that he was satisfied with the count and he felt sure that his side had received a square deal.

"The Republicans put out a ticket here last Saturday," said Mr. Ware. "Let us all get together for the common purpose of defeating that ticket. Although I have opposed the selection of some of the men we have named on our ticket, henceforth I shall give them all my time and money—although I have little left now."

At the suggestion of R. M. Dudley, the chairman, Judge Falvey, was given a rousing vote of appreciation for the impartial way in which he has discharged the difficult duties of his office.

Unofficial returns considered reliable in the tax assessor's race

200 People Die From Heat

Heat killed 200 persons in last three days. Factories, department stores and offices forced to close when employees are unable to work. Employees at Belvidere, Ill., factory threaten strike unless let off from work when mercury hits 104. Boosted ice 10 cents per 100 pounds in Chicago; ice famine feared. 44 babies die in Chicago.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

J. S. Cullinan

ON TEXAS ECONOMIC LEAGUE.



In assisting in the organization of the Texas Economic League, my motive was to help form an association that could voice the sentiment and promote the interests of those engaged in producing and distributing the products of the earth. Having belonged to this class all my life and having occupied various positions in business from laborer to manager and owner, I have come in personal contact with most of the hardships encountered by those engaged in productive pursuits and I feel that much of the suffering we undergo is preventable and that improved conditions can be easily brought about through a more active and intelligent citizenship. I have resided in Texas for eighteen years and during that time have been actively identified with many lines of business, and in direct touch with industrial conditions of the state. It has been my aim to influence capital to Texas, to give employment to labor and to see Texas institutions spread over the globe.

I have faith in the people and in the future of the State and I want those who feel likewise and have a permanent interest in the State's welfare to join me in this work. The only qualification is that Citizenship, Federal, State and Community in the order named, be placed above class interest, and a more diligent study of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States be pursued.

The men engaged in productive pursuits should manage civilization. Much of the incompetency and inefficiency in our public affairs is the result of indifference and impatience of the producing classes in dealing with important public problems, leaving their solution to the non-producing classes, who should take orders from, and not give orders to, society. If business men, farmers, laborers and all factors in productive industry would discharge more fully the responsibilities of citizenship, many of the fundamental evils from which we suffer would automatically disappear, revealing a more capable and efficient commonwealth. I have unbounded faith in our system of government and believe that the serious difficulties which we encounter are due to incompetency and degeneracy of important branches of government and society over which the citizenship, as a whole, has neglected to exercise a proper supervision and has failed to demand a high order of efficiency and integrity.

We should look to the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States for guidance and apply their principles to the problems of the day. As citizens we enter into a contract with government as the "party of the first part" and unless we perform the services agreed, we have no right to share the benefits of government and certainly no cause for complaint against organized society for evils which the performance of our duty as citizens would easily correct. We want to invite the people of Texas to study and discuss citizenship, determining our rights and privileges under government with a view of enjoying more fully the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness set forth in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

GOAT ROAPING HERE AUGUST THE 12TH

On August 12, Robert Kelly of Sweetwater, formerly of this place will meet Childress of Abilene, in a goat roping contest for the supremacy of western Texas. Each man will rope and tie ten goats and in addition there will be a free-for-all roping.

Friends of Kelly from Maryneal who believe in his ability have made up a purse of \$250 and friends of Childress we understand have made up a like amount and the winner of the contest will be given the entire amount.

In last week's Mail the dates for the above was published as August 14th, which was an error. The roping is billed for Saturday week August 12th.

gave John T. Cain, 2916 votes and H. D. Camp 2869 votes, a majority of 47 for Cain.

Before adjournment at noon Judge Falvey submitted to the committee the resolution introduced last Saturday by Judge J. U. Sweeney, asking for a canvass of the votes. In view of the harmony that prevailed after the finding of the missing box, no action was taken on the resolution.

The proposition for the submission of an amendment for a state wide prohibition election lost by a vote of 2142 to 836.

The retention of the Robertson insurance law was voted by a poll of 1173 to 854.

Senator C. A. Culberson received the highest number of votes for renomination, 1664, against 1164 by his nearest opponent, O. B. Colquitt. The two will hold a "run off" primary contest on August 26.

Gov. James E. Ferguson swept the county for renomination, receiving 3290 votes, against H. C. Marshall's 277 and C. H. Morris' 240.

The election of Judge Thomas L. Blanton for congressman from the 16th district was made certain although he received but 675 votes in El Paso county, while congressman W. R. Smith polled 2545 and R. N. Grisham 558 votes.

DEMOCRATS HOLD COUNTY MEETING

The Taylor county democratic convention met Saturday afternoon at the court house and adopted ringing resolutions condemning what is termed "liquor influence in Texas politics," instructed state delegates to vote as a unit on all questions, and named the various delegations to the congressional, state, judicial, senatorial and representative conventions.

J. W. Moffet was elected temporary chairman and occupied the chair throughout the proceedings. Tom Johnson of Merkel was chosen temporary secretary.

Over one hundred delegates were in attendance and their credentials were examined and approved by a committee composed of Dallas Scarborough, Ben L. Cox, C. M. Hunt and J. E. Hurt. Committees on nominations, permanent organization and resolutions were named as follows:

Nominations—Jessie Cannon, J. H. Russell, G. R. Pain, Clyde Newberry, R. C. Lyons. Permanent organization—E. A. Pearce, T. N. Carswell, H. J. Bradshaw. Resolutions—T. N. Blaine, R. Wayne Lawler, Rev. C. W. Hearson, C. D. Mims, R. G. B. Fain. The reports of all these committees were adopted.

While the committees were out Judge Fred Cockrell entertained the delegates with some pat comments on politics generally. He said the democrats had to fight the "Whiskered Triumvirate", Hughes, Fairbanks and Carranza.

A hot discussion ensued when Ben L. Cox suggested that the name of Hon. J. F. Cunningham be added to the list of delegates to the state convention. On a vote by acclamation Mr. Cunningham's name was added, but discussion arose and the action was rescinded. J. H. Russell, R. Wayne Lawler, Ben Holly, R. C. Lyon and Dallas Scarborough were opposed to the addition of his name, while Messrs. Cox and H. B. Cook spoke in favor of it. Finally a vote by precincts was taken and resulted in a vote of 103 to 15 against the naming of Mr. Cunningham.

Trent, Bradshaw and Ovalo cast their votes favoring the motion.

The committee on delegations submitted the following reports, which were adopted. Considerable discussion centered around these reports but came to naught.

State Delegation

The state delegation follows: J. P. Sewell, Thomas L. Blanton, Fred Cockrell, J. M. Wagstaff, W. J. Bryan, Ben L. Cox, Dr. L. W. Hollis, H. B. Cook, R. G. B. Fain, R. Wayne Lawler, Minter Womack, Louis Montgomery, W. R. Ely of Baird, I. M. Bennett, Geo. L. Minter, T. J. R. Swafford, Alf Morrow, C. D. Mims, Tom Johnson, T. J. Williamson, Ben Holly, Ben Middleton, J. E. Kendall, W. H. Tucker, J. N. Anderson, J. W. Moffet, J. D. Sandefer, Dallas Scarborough.

Congressional Delegates

Theodore P. Bell, San Angelo; K. K. Legett, S. P. Hardwickie, J. F. Cunningham, H. L. Easterwood, W. A. Holford, C. A. Boulte, T. C. Campbell, J. M. Radford, R. W. Haynie, Henry James, W. R. Keable, Geo. L. Minter, Chas. Motz Jr., Dr. L. W. Hollis, Dolly Payne, D. L. Boyd, Jack Rees, H. M. Nesmith, J. T. Ross, B. A. Cox, M. R. Locke, Benno Schmidt, Z. N. Brown, A. B. Cox, L. B. Shook, Frank Grimes, Ben Holly, J. W. Glaze, E. A. Pearce, Dr. W. A. V. Cash, F. M. Smothers, O. P. Thomas, R. A. Humble, Fred Cockrell, Geo. S. Anderson, M. D. Jenkins, J. L. McDavid, Eugene Wood, W. P. Bounds, C. C. Chambers, H. A. Tillet, D. G. Hill, Louis Montgomery, C. G. Whitten, W. P. Head, J. B. Fagan, Clyde Newberry.

Senatorial

Ben L. Cox, C. D. Mims, Sam Butman, Tom Warren.

Judicial

H. N. Hickman, S. N. Edenborough, T. C. Weir, W. A. Parnelly, T. P. Davidson, W. J. Cunningham, W. P. Mahaffey.

Representative

Ben Wilkerson, D. M. Oldham, C. G. Whitten.

Resolutions Adopted

The report of the resolutions committee was read and with the addition of an amendment instructing the representative, senator and the state delegation to resist any change in the compulsory investment feature of the Robertson insurance law, were adopted in full. The resolutions instructed the state delegates to vote as a unit, and called on the democrats of the county to support Governor Ferguson in the general election, as this county had given him a majority. The saloons came in for some hard raps, occupying most of the resolutions. The activity of the liquor interests in Texas politics was declared "intolerable."

The state delegation was instructed to vote for a chairman of the state convention who is opposed to saloons and to vote for a member of the state committee from this senatorial district who is actively opposed to the saloons.

The steam roller was in evidence but the convention went off harmoniously enough. There were good sized delegations from practically every precinct in the county, with Abilene delegates predominating.—Abilene Reporter.

German Submarine Bremen

New Orleans, July 30.—The German submarine Bremen was Saturday night lying off the mouth of the Mississippi river, according to reports received from Port Eads and Pilot Town, the two lowest spots on the Mississippi river.

CAVALRY ENGAGE RAIDING BAND

El Paso, July 31.—Two Americans were killed and one wounded in a clash with Mexican bandits who had crossed the Rio Grande five miles below Fort Hancock, Texas, early this morning. There were five bandits in the party.

Private John Twoney, Troop F, Eighth United States cavalry, and Robert Woods, a United States customs inspector, were killed.

Sergeant Lewis Thompson, Troop F, Eighth cavalry, was seriously wounded. More than 200 shots were fired during the engagement, it is reported. The Mexicans, it is believed, had crossed the line in an attempt to steal horses.

Their presence was discovered by American outposts. The Mexicans were surprised and attacked by the cavalry patrol.

The Mexicans, mounted on good horses, attempted to flee. They were intercepted and forced to fight.

AMERICAN CHARGES INTERFERENCE TRADE

Washington, July 30.—Neutral trade has been injured to a far greater extent than German trade under the application of the provisions of the British trading with the enemy act, according to state department officials, who discussed the note to England and the hardships imposed on neutral commerce by the publication of blacklists of neutral firms by Great Britain. It is said this government had been aware for months of influences at work throughout the world, especially in the Orient and in South America, that were damaging American commerce, but that responsibility could not be placed, as the blacklists heretofore have been kept secret by the British government.

Tax Rate is Lowered

Austin, July 31.—The total tax rate for the state for 1916-17 will be 45, a reduction of 10c from last year's rate, the reduction being in the ad valorem rate, from 30c to 20c. The school tax remains at 20c, the maximum, and confederate pensions 5c, as fixed by the constitution.

The rate was fixed this morning at a meeting of the State Automatic Tax Board. All members of the board, Gov. Eerguson and Treasurer Edwards and Comptroller Terrell, were present and voted unanimously in fixing the rate.

The rate is based on an estimated assessed valuation of \$2,754,313,023, and will cover appropriations aggregating \$7,299,788, which become available September 1.

Killed by Diving

Waxahachie, Texas, July 31.—As a result of diving in shallow water in Grove Creek, Marion Brasher, aged 19, sustained a broken neck and died last night at 11 o'clock. He was the son of J. G. Brasher, a business man of this city. He was paralyzed from the shoulders down.

When the young man failed to come up after diving, other members of the party went to his rescue.

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How a Mother Saved Her Son

By EUNICE BLAKE

Ten or fifteen years ago we heard more of anarchists than we do today. Possibly the great war has produced a condition in Europe more terrible than anything the wildest anarchist had ever dreamed of. There was a time when the anarchists of the world were well organized, being in touch with one another all over the world, and the circle was more powerful with respect to its members than any of the tyrants it wished to eliminate.

Manuel Fernandez, a Spaniard, was in his youth converted to the theories of the anarchists, and when he was twenty-one years old he offered himself for any purpose by which he might serve the cause. He was informed that lots would be drawn by a number of devotees as to who should assassinate a sovereign. Manuel volunteered to be one of those to risk having to perform the work and drew the fatal black ball.

He was at once taken apart from the others and given the name of the sovereign he was to assassinate. He was also warned that any balking would result in his own death.

"If you do your duty like a man," said his instructor, "you will be honored; if you shrink from it you will be followed to the ends of the earth. No country is remote enough to shield you."

Manuel being face to face with the reality, the ideal faded away very quickly. He was horrified at the position in which he had placed himself. Going to his mother, he threw himself into her arms as he had done when a boy and told her all.

Senora Fernandez was a woman of great resource. She began at once to think out a plan for saving her son and when she had come to a decision said to him:

"My boy, you must find a way to convince your associates that you are dead. Appear to be making preparations for the crime you are expected to commit, and I will be making preparations for your pretended death."

Manuel at once began to appear to experiment with bombs in a little outhouse in the rear of his home. He applied to his anarchist associates for some one versed in chemistry to be sent him as an instructor. A man was detailed for the purpose, and Manuel appeared to be an attentive student. The two secretly worked together at such times as they could do so without running much risk of being discovered, and in time several bombs were made, any one of which was capable of killing a dozen men.

Manuel succeeded in impressing his instructor with the belief that he was really studying how to make bombs that he might do his duty by his anarchist comrades. He proved an apt pupil and as he progressed insisted on making the explosives himself. When he seemed competent to do so he told his instructor that he needed him no longer. The man went away, cautioning Manuel to be very careful lest he cause a premature explosion with himself for the victim.

One night, or rather, morning—for it was about 2 o'clock—those living near the Fernandez home were awakened by a terrific explosion. The police at once rushed there and found Senora Fernandez bending over a body which she said was her son. It was so mutilated that its features were not distinguishable, but the clothes on it were those worn by Manuel. The woman was loud in her grief, especially that her son should have died in such a cause, for there was plenty of evidence that he had been making bombs for an illegitimate purpose. The police made their notes, then told the mother that she might bury the body. She waited till she saw the man she had seen working with her son come to view the corpse.

"How do you know that this is the body of your son?" he asked. "The features are unrecognizable."

"Because of the clothes. Do you not remember that suit he wore?"

The man seemed satisfied and went away. The same afternoon there was a funeral at the Fernandez home, and the body was laid away.

The evening before the tragedy Manuel Fernandez, disguised as an old man, took a train for Gibraltar, where he waited for a ship to take him to America. He was fortunate in the fact that one from Genoa stopped there the day after his arrival. He at once took passage in the steerage and in due time reached New York.

While he had been learning how to make the bombs, his mother was arranging for the explosion. She went to a medical college and made a confidante of the man in charge of subjects provided for the use of students in anatomy. He agreed to furnish her with a corpse about the size of her son, and on the night of the explosion he had it secretly conveyed to her home. She dressed it in the suit of clothes her son was used to wearing and conveyed it to the outhouse where the bombs were made.

Manuel had run a wire from the outhouse to a point where his mother could easily make an electric circuit and explode a bomb. Placing the subject in the outhouse, she pressed the key and before any one had arrived on the scene removed the wire.

Senora Fernandez's plan worked successfully in every respect. But her son has never been known in America by his true name. None of his anarchist associates doubted that he met his death through carelessness.

A Singular Marriage

By DONALD CHAMBERLIN

When I walked the deck of the liner Arganda on the third day out and saw for the first time among the passengers who were recovering from mal de mer and getting out from the ship's smells to help them do so Helen Timerson I little thought that within five days she would be my wife and we would be married in a way such as no couple had been married before.

I was going abroad, to establish a wireless telegraph station, wireless telegraphy being my profession. I kept away from the wireless office on the ship, fearing to make known my interest in wireless matters, and I did not care to have what I might say reported. But a time came when this did not deter me.

We were steaming along through a thick fog one afternoon when suddenly I felt a shock. We had collided with a vessel, which passed out of sight, leaving us with a big hole in our ship's bottom. I ran to the wireless office, and from that time till the vessel went down I alternated with the operator calling for help. Meanwhile the ship had been put on a course toward the shore, and when we were left on the water we were not far from it.

I was picked up by a boat that had left the ship with but a few persons in her, and during the exposure that followed they all died. How I kept body and soul together I am at a loss to know. I have a hazy remembrance of the boat being overturned and I expecting to be drowned. But later I found myself lying on a beach. This seemed like life to me, and I made an effort. Sitting up, I looked about me and saw only bodies of those who had been washed ashore from the wreck. It was a grewsome sight, one that I shall never forget. And I was oppressed with the thought how narrowly I had escaped a like fate.

Presently I arose and staggered about on my feet. One of the first objects to confront me was the girl I had seen on the steamer's deck—Helen Timerson. I supposed she was dead. I approached her and saw that she breathed. I had a flask in my pocket with top well screwed on, and I had refrained from taking the last drink. This I gave to the girl, and it revived her.

Looking about me, I discerned at a distance the antennae of a wireless station. Expecting that there would be persons there, I took Miss Timerson in my arms and carried her there. What was my surprise to find the place deserted. Why no one was there is another story, too long to be given here. Leaving the young lady on a lounge, I went on the roof of the station building and saw that we were on an island, though the mainland was dimly visible. There were provisions in plenty, and I prepared something for Miss Timerson, feeding her carefully.

Well, to make a long story short, we were the only two persons on that island for a week. Others started to go there, but were turned from their course. Within a couple of days of our arrival the young lady and I had quite recovered our strength, and I noticed that she seemed concerned at the equivocal position in which she was placed being alone with a man. I told her that the circumstances in which we were placed would preserve us from scandal. She replied that they should preserve us, but they could not. There were always persons who would take advantage of such a situation to cast a slur.

I told her that if she felt that way about the matter there was but one recourse for us—to be married. After much pondering without reply to this she said that she did not see how we could be married, since there was no one to marry us and no witnesses. A plan occurred to me for a marriage ceremony that would be legal, but it seemed so wild that I said nothing to her about it at the time.

The next day I led Miss Timerson into the operating room and began to call for ships out at sea. I soon came in touch with a tramp steamer 500 miles distant and asked if there was a clergyman aboard. The reply being in the affirmative, I called for him and asked if he would marry a couple by wireless. He assented, and I then told Helen what I had done.

We were an hour talking the matter over, at the end of which time we agreed to be married. I called the ship I had called before, gave the parson our names and such other information as was required, and we went through a marriage ceremony by wireless telegraphy. The minister was requested to send the certificate to her address, duly witnessed by two persons on board the vessel.

The day after our union a boat arrived, bringing persons to take charge of the station, and the same boat took me and my bride to the mainland. On reaching it we learned of the great commotion excited by the loss of the Arganda and that we had both been reported among the missing.

Before going among our friends my wife requested that nothing be said about our marriage until she could ascertain how our being together on a deserted island would be received. She soon had cause to announce to the world that we were man and wife.

Although our marriage was for the purpose of avoiding a blemish, it turned out to be a very happy union. We have been blessed with a numerous progeny, and nothing has occurred to cause us to regret the step we took.

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Stock in Federal Bank	1,500.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real Estate	5,900.00
Cash and Sight Exchange	84,185.97
Total	\$324,140.99

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	42,767.86
Circulation	6,250.00
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The End of A Rivalry

By ESTHER VANDEVIER

Josephine Sommers was as a girl from ten to sixteen years an incorrigible tomboy. Everybody called her Joe, and everybody admitted that she was well named, for she might be considered either a boy or a girl. Her most intimate friends were boys, and they always spoke of her as "one of us."

When Joe was fifteen a change came over her—that is, she was passing from childhood to womanhood. This transition was in her case peculiar. A girl of fifteen knows that she can't do those things she did when a child. For instance, she can't climb trees with the same freedom; she can't ride on horseback straddle without apparel fitted for the purpose; there is not the same freedom in her friendships with boys.

Joe had not quite let go all these juvenile ways, and yet she was reaching for young ladyhood. One thing she had not yet grasped, and that was a proper appreciation of being made love to by a young man. Boys had never thought of making love to her. A boy would no more have made love to her than to another boy. For a boy to make love to her would have sounded ridiculous, and, ten to one, she would have laughed at him.

The first time that anything serious in the way of a love matter occurred to Joe Sommers was when she was fifteen and a half years old. Two boys, Bob Atherton and Johnnie Myers, laid longing eyes upon her. Neither of them made any mention of the fact to her. If one walked home with her from school the other kept out of the way. If one engaged her for a game of tennis the other amused himself in some other way. Joe did not see the rivalry, but the boys were conscious of it, and there was not a day that one did not try to get ahead of the other.

Of course this constant effort was bound in the end to make trouble between the two boys. Every time one saw the other enjoying Joe's society to the exclusion of the other the green monster flapped his wings. An explosion is sure to come in such cases, and this one was no exception.

All three of the parties to this triangular love affair—though the girl had no sentimental part in it at all—were in the same class in the Eflingham high school. When a certain baseball game was played between the Eflingham and the Waterton high schools Bob Atherton saw on the grand stand Joe Sommers sitting with a vacant place beside her. He joined her and asked if he might occupy it. She gave him permission, saying that she expected another boy to sit with her, but there was room for him on the other side.

Now, the other boy was Johnnie Myers. Before he reached the stand the place on the other side of Joe was occupied, and he saw Bob in his place. He didn't approach the two and make a scene, but there was consternation within him. He did not even claim his right to sit by the girl. He went off to another part of the field, nursing his wrath not against Joe, who was to be blamed if any one was, but against Bob.

When the game was finished and the multitude left the athletic grounds Johnnie saw his rival walking with Joe toward her home. His own route lay in this direction. Indeed, he lived not far from her, and she could look from her window into his back yard. When Bob left her Johnnie joined him and accused him of intentionally occupying his place at the baseball game. Bob was innocent of the charge, but certain words used by Johnnie filled him.

Joe had laid aside her belongings and was sitting by her window when she saw Bob climb the fence in the rear of Johnnie's home and approach Johnnie with apparent hostile intent. The next thing she saw was a battle. It did not take Joe long to discern the cause of this encounter. Realizing that she had not properly protected the boy she had promised to sit beside at the game, it was plain to her that this disgraceful fight between her two friends was her own fault. Running downstairs and out through a back door, she vaulted all fences that separated her from the combatants, finally alighting in the yard where they were fighting. But so engaged were they with each other that they did not see her.

What predominated in Joe's mind was this: Through her neglect these two boys had been brought to punch each other. She was angry with herself, but still more angry with them for making her fault more glaring. The fact of their rivalry for her did not enter her head. Indeed, she did not know that there was a rivalry.

It happened that the gardener had been using a hose to water some plants and had left it on the ground. Joe seized it, and the first intimation of her presence to the competitors for her favor was a stream of water poured over them. For a few moments, not discerning the cause of the interruption, they continued to maul each other. Then both turned and, seeing the object of their devotion directing the stream, they ceased to fight and stood apart, whereupon Joe dropped the hose and stood looking at them angrily. She was trying to find words to express what was within her, but, failing, she jumped the fence and ran away.

That was the end of the rivalry for Joe Sommers' favor on the part of these two boys. For she turned the cold shoulder on both of them.



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Graciousness of demeanor is a large part of the duty of any official person who comes in contact with the world. Where a man's business is, there is the ground for his religion to manifest itself.—Sir Arthur Helps.

B. D. Black Elected

B. D. Black, formerly of this city and connected with the public schools of this place, was elected county superintendent of Scurry county in the recent primary, winning his election by a very substantial vote.

The many friends of Mr. Black will be very glad to know of his continued success and will join the Mail in extending congratulations to him, the victor.

We Like Melons

If any truck grower in the Merkel country has some exceptional varieties of fruits, melons, or vegetables, the Mail will not be able to publicly give the fact out, unless we are given some of the evidence. Last week Thos. Smith, living in the south part of town, brought in a large juicy quill melon, a thing in the melon line new to us, but savory in every respect. Next!

Adelina Patti In 1852.

Little Adelina Patti sang Jenny Lind's "Echo Song" and "Ah, Non Giunge!"

She is only nine years old, but her cultivation is quite remarkable, and her voice, although pleasantly childlike in tone, is sweet and easily fills the great hall. It is a pity she is to sing in a theater. She will be stung by the frenzied desire of applause, which will do much to ruin her as an artist.

I never see a prodigy of this kind who is really interesting as little Patti is without remembering the young Mozart and that whom the gods love die young or grow old, faded and forgotten, which is worse.—From a New York Letter, May 22, 1852.

Not Quite Symmetrical.

"There are invariably two sides to an argument," remarked the parlor philosopher.

"Which is all the more remarkable when you consider that there is only one end," said the mere man.—Judge.

Preaching Notice

I was away from home last Sunday in a meeting, but will be at home next Sunday and will preach at the morning hour. Hope to have full attendance of the membership. Everbody cordially invited. L. B. Owen, Pastor.

R. A. Burgess, principal of our high school for the coming year, spent a few days in Merkel recently enroute from Austin to his home at Lubbock.

FOR RENT—Four-room house, known as the Counts place, on south side, two blocks south of the school building. Windmill, cistern and barn. J. R. Baze. 4t1p

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To the Voters of Taylor County

I wish to thank the voters of Taylor county for the very important part they took in my election as district judge. I assure you that I am grateful for your support and shall always strive to merit the confidence so generously reposed in me. It shall ever be my purpose to labor hard to make you as good a district judge as you ever had.

Yours Sincerely,
Joe Burkett.

Card of Thanks

I desire to thank the Merkel, Blair, Nubia and Trent people for the vote extended me in the recent election and hold no malice against those who voted against me. I believe in their right to vote according to their wishes and in doing so I feel that they held nothing against me whatever, it was purely a matter of choice which every man is entitled to. I appreciate very much the position the voters of the county have seen fit to place me in charge of and promise now to follow the law to the letter in the collection of Taxes in this county.

Yours respectfully,
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Arthur Sears Coming

Just when he will be here we cannot tell, but he has promised to drive over from his home near Abilene, and the interesting part of the visit he is intending to make is this: He has promised to bring a mess of fresh corn and a good sample of fruit from his orchard. We always did like Mr. Sears and now we are just beginning to know that he is certainly a friend of ours. If he fails to arrive we reserve the right to change this article in a future issue to suit our wrath and encompass our feelings.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Luline Long has recently visited her aunt, Mrs. W. Parten.

Mrs. Ell Angus has returned to her home in Fort Worth.

Plenty of flour sacks at 35 cents per dozen. Merkel Bakery.

Messrs. Ollie Dye and Owen Ellis returned Saturday from Fort Worth and Dallas.

Mrs. W. J. Ozeo of Fort Worth is spending a few days with friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniels have returned from an extended trip through the western part of the state.

Mrs. D. K. Moss has returned to Waco after making her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Hairston, an extended visit.

Miss Leila Hill left last week for her home at Grandview to visit for awhile. She plans to return to Merkel in September.

Dr. O. F. McMaster is making a business visit to Port Lavaca and other South Texas points.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen, Miss Jessie and Charles, are home from a several weeks' visit at Meridian with the family of Vernon Sutphen.

M. C. Shelton of Tipton, Okla. came in Saturday to visit his brother J. J. Shelton.

Mrs. Hugh Wallace of Arlington, formerly Miss Jackie Jennings, is the guest of her sister Mrs. W. Edwards.

J. N. Teaff with his entire family left Tuesday for a drive through to old haunts in Bell county and will be gone several weeks.

Mrs. Z. V. Lawrence of Arlington returned home Sunday after a three weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs.

Miss Annie Smith, after spending the past year at Georgetown University, is at home for a short stay. She was accompanied by her brother, Ed Smith, of Arlington.

T. H. Largent accompanied by his wife and father, C. M. Largent, left Monday night for Marlin Wells, where he goes to seek relief from inflammatory rheumatism.

Misses Amber Brown of Colorado City and Iris Hodge of Abilene were guests of Miss Cora Hodge Sunday and Monday.

M. C. Brackeen and family and Mrs. Tom Brackeen of Goodwell Okla. who have been here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Brackeen, returned to their home Sunday. They were accompanied home by Miss Mabel Brackeen who will visit in Goodwell, Altas and Dalhart.

Mrs. T. J. Evans with her daughters Gladys and Sybil left Saturday night for Fort Worth where the family will make their future home. Mr. Evans' son, Duke, left Tuesday in the car recently purchased of the Woodrum Brothers. In the deal the Woodrum Bros. become owners of the Evans residence in North Merkel. The Evans family have been residents of Merkel for a number of years and the best wishes of their friends here follow them to their new home.

FOR SALE—Five-room house on South Rose Street. Good terms. Robert Hicks. 23tf.

Morris Spent \$20,131

Dallas, July 31.—Charles H. Morris, defeated candidate for governor, spent \$20,131, according to his expense account filed today.

Notice

On Friday night the 11th "Breezy Point" a three-act comedy will be given in connection with music and readings at the School Auditorium instead of August 4th. Curtain will rise at 8:30. Admission 15 and 25 cents. Entire proceeds go for school piano.

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HUGHES HURLS A FEW CANNON SHOTS AT WILSON

"Justice" Charles E. Hughes, when accepting the nomination of the Republican party for the presidency of the United States the other day, declared in favor of woman suffrage, and said in the course of his speech, "The Mexico problem had been, under the Wilson administration, a series of humiliating blunders and unheard of mistakes." And after a few mild remarks like this, bitterly scored Wilson, his policies, his irresolute mind and his administration generally. President Wilson, under ordinary conditions, would have made a faultless chief executive, but it would afford us undisguised pleasure, akin almost to pain, to feast our optics on any gentleman representing the democracy of the Sunny South, who could seat his corporal system in that august chair and reign with any degree of satisfaction after the pollution of sixteen years' of Republicanism had smeared and almost disfigured, beyond recognition, that once stately and dignified chair, with its mire of degeneration. Yes, the gentleman that could overcome all this, that could, though applying and using profusely the strongest disinfectants obtainable, manage to get that good old, though much abused, chair in anything like a decent state of condition in four short years, would, if opportunity afforded, get one long and admiring stare from this constituent. The Mexican situation was one, among many, of the unwelcome inheritances thrust upon the present administration by the unsolving Republicans. Mr. Hughes, according to his speech, would solve all the baffling problems confronting the chief executive in a twinkling of the eye, but we guess as how he won't have an opportunity to demonstrate this fertile and mathematical mind for at least four years yet.

AFTER THE WAR

Germany and her allies for the past thirty days or more have been feeling the weight of their opponents' hands as never before. England and Russia are now supplied with German exterminators, and are pushing them back from every front. The leaders in Germany have admitted that they could not possibly hold out longer than March of next year. This is proof positive that the world war is practically over. Germany is ready and anxious for peace, but the allies are determined to crush her. When the war is over, when the war lords give their last command; when the shrill bugle call is dying away in the long trenches; when the last grave has been dug; when the last blood has been spilled; when the last giant cannon has sent its messenger of death speeding over the valley of gloom and the crescent waves of the mighty deep; when the last sharp and piercing cry from the wounded has echoed in the empty trenches; when the last death gurgle has been swallowed up by the lashing waters; when the last brave soldier has turned his pallid face and glassy eyes to the starry skies, the world will be wiser and sadder. But never as long as time lasts, and if time went on and on and on, as long as the earth would last if it were marble and every hundred years a dove would fly by and brush it with its wing, and when the marble had entirely been ground to dust, if time were to last so long, the wrongs and

injustices, the hate and spite, the strife and discension, the woes and suffering, the pains and heartaches will still live throughout the ceaseless ages.

MORE ABOUT ABILENE'S VOTE
 In reply to the complimentary article in the Mail last week for the good vote Abilene gave Merkel candidates, the Reporter has the following to say, and takes opportunity to join the Mail in wishing the differences of the two towns forever settled:

During a residence of twenty months in Abilene, this writer has never heard a genuine, thinking citizen of this town say aught against any man, candidate or otherwise, just because he lived in Merkel or any other part of the Abilene country. It is general practice to support the home man, but that does not imply a deliberate reflection on the community in which the home man's opponent lives. Merkel and Abilene are one, or should be, when it comes to building up this country, and the petty spirit of town jealousy is sadly out of place. We assure our Merkel contemporary that there never was any hatchet so far as Abilene is concerned, and it is certain that the backbiters of the two towns do not represent the true spirit of the citizenship. When Merkel grows, Abilene grows with her, and vice versa. Here's our hand on it.

Thomas Mitchell Campbell is one of those who went down in Saturday's contest. Hitherto, Plain Tom has been on the list of the invincibles, but we are not surprised at his defeat; in truth we told him he was headed for the shores of Defeat when he visited Honey Grove some weeks ago. In days gone by Tom chewed a world of natural leaf tobacco. His shirt front always showed the stain thereof and there was a groove at either side of his chin that was never free from the amber fluid. But a few months ago Tom Campbell quit tobacco and since that time his shirt front has been immaculate and his chin clean. This was too much for an untainted and unwashed Democracy. A pure and undefiled Democrat will not turn from his best friend and align himself with a clean-shirt aristocracy.—Honey Grove Signal.

Who'd a thunk it—that this was the reason for the downfall of the once mighty?

It is the consensus of opinion that it is only "a question of time" until it will rain again. The rain we had a few days ago helped things considerably, but was inadequate to the needs. We believe—not prophecying at all—that the rain of recent date was only a forerunner of a general precipitation of what in days gone by we termed "rain." The still, sultry weather is indicative of a good rain, and if the privilege of imparting a free and unofficial amount of advice to the populace were ours, we would say hold a stiff upper lip, and refrain from allowing that smile to disappear from your face, because we are sure it is only a question of days until the god of rain will open up his sanctum and allow a big portion of his supply of moisture to fall upon the part of this planet known as western Texas, cooling the atmosphere and making the cotton patches look like green banks or greenbacks.

Somehow, this world doesn't seem so friendly as in the old days—the days before the primary. People, from some cause, are not so glad to see us and handshaking is a forgotten art. The hand-writing on the wall Saturday night, July 22, has kept them guessing how it happened, hence they have had no time to worry about little things.

In Arkansas a get-rich-quick man, who has made millions out of munitions, has announced that he will build free of charge a piked road through his home county and the three counties adjoining. That's nice, somebody in Taylor county make a million and spend some of it at home.

The election brought many disappointments, sorrows and resentments. Some are joyful, thankful, and the world looks bright and rosy, they believe mankind is truthful and appreciative. Old "Blue Back" Webster was a great philosopher and hit the key note when he wrote that old a fage, "It makes a difference whose bull is gored."

REMEMBER

August 12

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The Woodshed Test.
 A city man, familiar with life in the country, uses the "woodshed test" to determine whether it is safe to lend a farmer money. If he finds a good stock of wood on hand, with plenty of it split and neatly piled and some split very fine, so that it will kindle easily, he concludes that the man is forehanded, looks out for his wife's comfort, does not spend his rainy days at the store and is a good risk. If the woodshed shows shiftlessness he refuses to lend.—Youth's Companion.

Cure for Cholera Morbus
 "When our little boy, now seven years old, was a baby he was cured of Cholera morbus by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes Mrs. Sidney Simmons, Fair Haven, N. Y. Since then other members of my family have used this valuable medicine for colic and bowel troubles with good satisfaction and I gladly endorse it as a remedy of exceptional merit." Obtainable everywhere.

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 "Cutting and fitting go together in dressmaking, but not necessarily in speechmaking."
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 "We asked Mrs. Flubdub to make some fitting remarks, and she made some cutting remarks."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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Spiteful.
 "I thought you told me Ella and Sophy were on good terms."
 "Well, aren't they?"
 "I heard Sophy ask Ella before the whole sociable to stretch a new pair of gloves for her."—Baltimore American.

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J. S. SMITH LEADS MR. JONES IN THE RURAL DISTRICTS BY 40 VOTES HE LEADS IN THE COUNTY BY 462

I returned from the County Superintendents' Associations, Austin, Texas, the first of this week. I have read the advertisement Mr. Jones has in some of the papers of Taylor county in which he makes some statements that need to be looked into carefully. I do not believe in newspaper controversy but I do believe that the facts should be put before the people in the right light.

Mr. Jones makes the statement that the County Superintendent has nothing to do with the schools of the Independent School Districts and that they pay none of his salary. Mr. Jones will do well to read up on the school law. The county superintendent has several duties to perform in connection with the independent districts and they pay a certain part of his salary. The people of the independent school districts, therefore, have every moral and legal right to help in the selection of their county superintendent.

Mr. Jones makes the further statement that he has carried the rural school districts of the county. A careful analysis of the vote will reveal some facts he did not take into consideration. There are 46 rural school districts in this county with a vote of 1498; the independent school districts of Abilene, Merkel and Trent had a vote of 1467. Thirty-eight rural districts voted in the rural precincts, 8 rural districts voted in conjunction with Abilene and Merkel independent districts. In the Abilene precinct I received 60 per cent of the vote; Mr. Jones received 20 per cent of the vote; Mr. Sims received nearly 20 per cent of the vote. In Merkel I received 33 per cent, Mr. Jones 31 per cent and Mr. Sims 36 per cent of the vote. Taking the ratio of the number of scholastics in the rural districts to the number in the independent district, a very close estimate can be made of the votes cast by the rural districts in Abilene and in Merkel. This estimate gives 317 votes in the rural districts voting in Abilene, and 77 votes in the rural districts voting in Merkel. Give each man the percentage he is entitled to and you have the following table giving the rural vote as nearly correct as it can be estimated:

	Smith	Jones	Sims
38 rural districts	404	490	210
5 rural districts, Abilene	190	65	62
3 rural districts, Merkel	25	24	28
Total rural vote, 46 districts	619	579	300
TOTAL votes 1498			
Independent District, Abilene	635	221	193
Independent District, Merkel	110	105	122
Independent District, Trent	18	15	68
Total Independent Districts	763	341	383
GRAND TOTAL	1382	920	683

Thus you can see I am in the lead of Mr. Jones by 40 votes in the rural districts. I have a majority over both in the independent districts. I feel I have a just claim to your vote; I received 46 per cent of the vote; Mr. Jones received not quite 31 per cent of the vote cast. I lacked only 111 votes of receiving a majority of all the votes in the county, Mr. Jones lacked 573.

Mr. Jones has challenged me to meet him in joint debate. I doubt the wisdom of the attempt, to get the people together for a series of debates; however, if the other candidates agree with us to arrange speaking dates, I shall be glad to join in.

TO THE VOTERS AND OTHER CITIZENS OF TAYLOR COUNTY

I appreciate the support you have given me. I have lived among you 19 years. The vote of my home people—the vote that Mr. Jones says I am not entitled to—is an indication that the people who know me best believe in me. Mr. Jones is saying to you in effect "I can't win this race unless you give me the advantage; give me 200 yards the start and I can win in the quarter stretch; give me 6 inches the advantage of the hand stick and I can put Mr. Smith's knuckles to the ground; give me four balls and I can get to first; penalize my opponent sufficiently and I can make a touch down." The people of Taylor county are one people; the attempt to array one section against another section, by petition or otherwise, has never been and never will be approved by a majority of the people. The people of every section of the county, independent and common school, are going to vote for the man of their choice, August 26. Give me your support and I shall guard carefully the school interest of Taylor county
Yours truly,
Political Adv.

J. S. SMITH

**Vote for J. Fuller for District Clerk
He led by 88 VOTES July 22
By past CUSTOM he is the NOMINEE
Don't fail to vote Aug. 26, 1916**

DOES BACKACHE WORRY YOU

Some Merkel People Have Learned How to Get Relief

How many people suffer from an aching back?
How few know the cause?
If it hurts to stoop or lift—
If you suffer sudden, darting pains—
If you are weak, lame and tired.
Suspect your kidneys.
Watch for nature's signal.
The first sign may be headache or dizziness.

Scanty, painful, or too frequent urination.
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A remedy especially for sick kidneys. Endorsed in Merkel by your friends and neighbors.

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

Didn't Like Them.

The Mistress—My last maid was too familiar with the policeman. I hope I can trust you? The Maid—Oh, yes, madam! I can't bear 'em. I've been brought up to 'ate the very sight of 'em. Pa's a burglar.—London Sketch.

Liver Trouble

"I am bothered with liver trouble about twice a year," writes Joe Dingman, Webster City, Iowa. "I have had pains in my side and back and an awful soreness in my stomach. I heard of Chamberlain's Tablets and tried them. By the time I had used half a bottle of them I was feeling fine and had no signs of pain." Obtainable everywhere.

Its Kind.

"Look at Jones moving out of the third house he has rented in two years. There is a picture of real unrest for you."
"Yes, a moving picture."—Baltimore American.

What is Best for Indigestion?

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

Ladies Free Rest Room

Ladies don't fail to take advantage of the Rest Room when in Merkel. It is free to you to use at any time you are in Merkel. Side entrance to Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Mistaken Observation.

"What graceful, free movements your daughter makes in her dancing. Mrs. Comeup."
"They ain't no free movements. We pay her teacher \$5 a lesson."—Baltimore American.

Granulated Sore Eyes Cured

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

Wisdom.

The wise man moves next door to a family whose income is less than his.—Chicago Herald.

MYER KAUFFMAN THE MAN FROM TEXAS



RENTFROW STOCK COMP'Y

Monday, August 7
One Week Under Canvas

Convict Makes 6th Escape

Chicago, July 31.—Clyde Stratton, noted convict, and two other prisoners escaped from the Illinois penitentiary at Joliet yesterday, according to a telegram received by the Chicago detective bureau today. It was the sixth time Stratton has broken out of some prison in a comparatively short criminal career.

Stratton is the convict who escaped from the Leavenworth prison by crawling a mile through a sewer. Four times before that he had proved the futility of prison bars. This time he was serving a fourteen-year sentence for the murder of a banker at Silvia, Ill.

William Hart and William McGlade, the others to escape, were serving life sentences for murder.

Attention

Beginning August 16 at the Tabernacle there will be given a series of Bible lectures on God's plan for the salvation of man by Elders R. P. Barton and Oscar Harris of Weatherford. Undenominational. All are cordially invited to come out and hear them. Seats free and no collection.

Escapes Robber

Chicago, Ill., July 31.—A daylight bandit was frustrated in an attempt to rob Albert Light, office manager for the Goodrich Tire Company, here today when the latter beat him off with one hand while he held a grip containing \$5,600 in the other until help arrived. The robber fled when Light's cries brought pedestrians.

WHY YOU ARE NERVOUS

The nervous system is the alarm system of the human body. In perfect health we hardly realize that we have a network of nerves, but when health is ebbing, when strength is declining, the same nervous system gives the alarm in headaches, tiredness, dreamful sleep, irritability and unless corrected, leads straight to a breakdown. To correct nervousness, Scott's Emulsion is exactly what you should take; its rich nutriment gets into the blood and rich blood feeds the tiny nerve-cells while the whole system responds to its refreshing tonic force. It is free from alcohol. © Scott & Bower, Bloomfield, N. J.

SOCIETY

MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

The Fidelis class held their regular meeting last Wednesday with Misses Sadie and Annie Collins. It was the pleasure of the class to have several visitors with us in the meeting. After a good social time refreshments of ice tea, cake and watermelon were served to Misses Selena and Olive Teff, Irene and Willie Swann, Carroll Rister, Nelle Tracy, Callie Owen, Erah Brady, Ola and Lula Sharp, Irene and Marion Hairston, Alama Simmon Sadie and Annie Collins. Mesdames Owens, Ferguson, Wilson, Shepard. The next meeting will be with Misses Irene and Willie Swann and each member is requested to be present.

Probably one of the jolliest camps of the season was the party of young people who went last week about twenty miles northeast of Abilene on Clear Fork. On Tuesday night the camp was enlivened by a Mexican orchestra who entertained the guests until the wee sma' hours. Those going were Messrs and Mesdames Davis Beasley, Roman Palmer, Misses Margie and Mertice Saffle, Mary and Amy Gunn, Mollie Shannon and Zoe West. Messrs. Clyde Sears, Jinks Winters, Tom Toombs, Rob Beasley, John and Urbin Shannon.

Fulwiler-Williams

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fulwiler, Messrs. Will and Howard Fulwiler of Abilene were early visitors in Merkel Monday morning, enroute to Sweetwater, where they attended at 9:30 of that same morning the wedding of Mr. Clarence Fulwiler of Abilene and Miss Eva Williams of Sweetwater. Mr. and Mrs. Fulwiler will reside in Abilene.

Married at Merkel

Chas. A. Huffman, salesman for Fulwiler Electric Co. and Aneta Williams of San Bernardino, Cal. were married at Merkel Friday evening by Rev. Hagg, minister for the Christain Church. Miss Williams was visiting relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Huffman will make their home in Abilene and their many friends extend them congratulations and good wishes for a long and happy life.—Abilene Reporter

This should have read Rev. H. E. Bullock as officiating minister. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom took refuge at the Collins house from a band of mischievous pursuers from Abilene, and there they remained until the following day.

B. Y. P. U. Program

Program for August 6th.
 Leader—R. L. Porter.
 Subject—Devotional Meeting.
 Winning others to Christ.
 Song—Rescue the Perishing.
 The character of the Soul Winner Personal Rightness with God—Mr. Deavenport.
 The Reputation of the Soul Winner Personal Rightness with men. Proverbs 11:30—Mrs. J. Jones
 Solo—Miss Lula Sharp.
 The soul Winners Knowledge making the way plain—Selena Teaff
 Plans for the Union—Dr. Pue. Prayer.

Advertised Letters.

Blackburn, J. T.
 Goode, Josephine
 Hance, R. C.
 McHandle, Jurie
 O'foos, J. W.
 Stone, M. F.
 Spurrell, Mrs. Lurla
 Warren, W. T.
 These letters will be sent to the dead letter office August 16 1916.
 H. C. Williams, P. M.
 Merkel, Texas.

The Colonel's Convalescence

By ALAN HINSDALE

In one of those battles between the French and Germans when the latter were endeavoring to reach the channel Colonel Latrobe, a man of forty, was wounded and instead of being sent to a hospital was left for want of transportation at a chateau by the way. The lady who owned the place directed that he be placed in one of her best rooms and at once assumed his care. Fortunately for both, the fighting did not come near the chateau, and the colonel was left to recover, his wants being supplied by the lady, a spinster named Remercier.
 Mile. Remercier was some five years younger than Latrobe, and spinsters usually preserve their youthful appearance longer than their married sisters. At any rate this is liable to be the case with unmarried women who have no cares or troubles. The colonel's nurse was still a handsome woman.
 There was a long period of convalescence, during which the colonel was unable to join his command. Mile. Remercier read to him, chatted with him, fed him, indeed made his convalescence delightful. Every morning she gathered flowers from her garden, carried them to his room and arranged them in a vase of Dresden china with her own hands. Many of the delicacies prepared for him to eat she cooked with her own hands. No matter what time of day he called for anything he needed the lady responded and always with a sympathetic smile.
 In time Latrobe spent a portion of the day in an easy chair; then nearly all the day there; then he was able to walk about his room and finally to go downstairs. He was chafing to get back to the front, though loath to leave his luxurious abode and especially his fair hostess.

One morning in June he was sitting on the terrace with Mile. Remercier. The sun shone brightly, and delicious perfume came from the roses growing beside the terrace. Conversation turned upon the school of St. Cyr, from which the colonel had been graduated a sublieutenant into the army.

"I visited St. Cyr when but seventeen years old," said mademoiselle. "I can conceive of no place so entralling to a girl of that age as a military academy. The young men in uniform are far more respectful than those in civilian dress. There are the martial music, the military ceremonies, everything to turn a girl's head."

"And I remember," added the colonel, "how we youngsters delighted in making love to the girls who visited St. Cyr. Lovemaking had not the meaning that it has for older men. It was what the Americans call flirting. We thought nothing of telling a girl we loved her, and the girl's thought nothing of pretending to reciprocate. We enjoyed the sentiment without having to fret about the responsibilities. When we had made love to one girl we were ready for another. And when they had gone we returned to our studies as free mentally as before they had come."

"Your picture may be true with respect to the young men," said the lady, "and in most cases perhaps with regard to the girls. In my case it was different. In one of these young military students I met that which was the most serious episode of my life. He made love to me simply for the temporary enjoyment of the sentiment. Alas, it was far more than that to me! That is why I have never married."

"The brute!" exclaimed the colonel.
 "No; he was simply young and did not realize the danger to me of what he was doing."
 "Perhaps he did realize it in time, to his cost. I confess that there was one of my affairs that stood by me for many years. I could not shake it off. Even today, after twenty years, I see in my dreams that young face and press again that soft hand."

"And why did you, after discovering that you really loved her, not seek her out?"
 "Ah, that would have served in America, where they marry for love, but not in France, where parents arrange marriages for their children."
 "Who was the girl?"
 "If I remember correctly she was the daughter of a gentleman of fortune, living in one of the provinces. Her name was Hortense"—He was stilled; he had forgotten her surname.
 "Would you know her again, do you suppose, after not seeing her for twenty years?"
 "That I could not say."

Mile. Remercier arose and went into the house. Presently she returned with a miniature painting, which she handed to the colonel. He looked at it for a few moments as though it brought back some vague memory; then suddenly he turned his eyes upon his companion in a sort of wonder.
 "Where did you get this?" he asked.
 "I have had it ever since the original visited St. Cyr twenty years ago."

The colonel's steady gaze gradually revealed to him that the miniature was a likeness of Mile. Remercier at seventeen.
 "Hortense!" he exclaimed.
 "Henri!" was the low reply.
 When the colonel went back to the front he returned a married man. Indeed, had not duty called him he would not have returned. He was very much pleased at receiving another wound, just severe enough to lay him up for a month. He returned to the chateau of his wife, and the month of recovery and his honeymoon were one and the same thing.

FASHIONS IN SUMMER FABRICS

Striped Linens, Homespun, Pongees, Tus-sahs and Flannels Favored. Figured and Plains Cottons Combined in Frocks

August 1.—Summer finds us very much inclined toward stripes, in linens, pongees, tus-sahs, voiles, crepes and the various imported and domestic novelty cottons. The ground of these materials is usually white, or the natural crash or linen color, and the stripe, either a vivid or a soft tone, according to the purpose of the frock, or the fancy of the wearer. These striped materials are usually combined with a plain fabric, corresponding with the color of the stripe, or the ground. On the Russian blouse

in the slip-on blouses, Russian, and numerous other smart pepulum designs. The flowered dimities are especially pretty for the very small girl, and many a tiny frock of rosebud and white dimity, trimmed with frills of Valenciennes lace and insertion, is being displayed in the smart shops, for the little miss of two or three summers.

The flowered, printed or embroidered crepes and voiles are very pretty used this way, and there are printed silks being combined with plain taffetas and satins, in the same way, for afternoon frocks.

Handkerchief Linen For Blouses

For blouses, both of the sports type and the more dressy models, the striped and figured handkerchief linens are modish. These have usually white grounds with colored stripe, flowered or conventionalized pattern. The stripes are much more in evidence than the figured linens. For the costume blouse Georgette crepe is the general favorite. In white or the soft tones of pink, blue, cafe au lait, Nile green, and the various other pastel shades, this material washes perfectly; the dark tones are excellent and are practical for the tailored suit, being selected to harmonize, or match the shade of the suit.



Plain and Blocked Voile Taffeta Trimmed

models, and the other designs, Norfolk, and the various pepulum models, now so well liked, the striped silk or linen is used for the coat, and the plain for the skirt, or vice versa.

Another Find in the Upholstery Department

Last summer we took cretonne from the upholstery department and transferred it in great quantities to the dress goods counter; still on the lookout for novelties, we discovered this season, that the plain and striped cotton and linen homespun, intended for summer cottage furnishings, were charmingly suited to sport suits and skirts, being especially practical for those which require a bit harder wear than the ordinary linen or silk garment will stand. These also have the natural crash and linen grounds, and are striped in the same tones barring the softer shades. The black and white combination is especially smart, and there are bright green, purple, orange, and a wide choice of the other bright shades which are so much in favor for sports wear. This material is wide and inexpensive. One especially effective suit developed in this homespun has a plain crash-color skirt, combined with a black and white striped coat. The pocket flaps on the skirt were of the striped material, and collar, cuffs, pocket flaps and belt of the Norfolk coat, of the plain.

Combinations of Figured and Plain Materials in Lingerie Frocks

As we combine stripes with plain materials in our sports costumes, so do we combine figured with plain fabrics in our lingerie and tub frocks, both for grown-ups and for small girls. There are sprigged and dotted dimities, embroidered and printed voiles, flowered organdies, embroidered muslins and batistes, each with its corresponding plain material, to be combined



Flowered Organdy With Georgette Collar

Linen and Georgette are often combined most effectively in the smart afternoon models for country club and like wear. One unusually attractive costume shows a Russian blouse of mauve linen; another imported model, made on Russian blouse lines, shows the novel combination of foulard and muslin; the blouse is of the muslin and the skirt of foulard.

Trimnings for Lingerie Dresses

Much narrow Valenciennes and filet lace edging and insertion is used to trim the dainty muslin and voile dresses this summer. It edges the frills of bodice and skirt, finishes the collar and cuffs, joins the seams, or is applied in any way that strikes the individual fancy. Embroidery is another strong trimming feature. Scarcely a blouse or tub-frock but shows a touch of white or colored handwork on collar, cuff, belt, or at the closing. Novelty buttons, embroidered or stenciled, lend a touch of effective color to the dark linen or serge frock, and light crystal buttons add a pretty finish to the voile and crepes.

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. Sylvia Woods, of Clifton Mill's, Ky.
 "It certainly has no equal for the 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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Announcement Column

For U. S. Senator
 C. A. Culberson
 O. B. Colquitt
 For District Clerk
 J. Fuller
 J. N. Routh
 For Tax Assessor
 Roy Parmelly
 John H. Vance
 For County Superintendent
 J. S. Smith
 Arthur Jones

Presbyterian Announcement

The new Presbyterian church which has been in process of construction since the beginning of the year is nearing completion. We desire to express our sincere thanks to the business men for their contribution and friends for their contribution and help, and to all who in any way helped to make this new building possible. We feel that we owe a debt of gratitude to you and we are going to do our best to pay it by serving the community in the most unselfish and helpful way.

Regular services will be held in the new church next Sunday Aug. 6th. Sunday School at 10 o'clock a. m., preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.
 The Methodist pastor asks me to announce that his people would worship with us at the evening hour. We appreciate the courtesy and all the more because it was voluntary for we had no right to ask it.

At this hour it is our purpose to speak on the subject "Community Interest" suggested in Neh. 4:6 looking at the subject from the three fold point of interest, commercial, educational and religious. I wish that we might have present a representative body of business men and school patrons as well as church folks. You are all welcome and the membership is expected.
 E. P. McMillen, S. S. Supt.
 Hubert E. Bullock, Pastor.

Amateur Work.
 He—You are the first girl I ever kissed! She—I knew it before you told me.—Judge.



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The Degeneracy of Modern War

By Captain F. A. MITCHEL

"I don't see how they're going to make stories about this big war in Europe," said the G. A. R. veteran, "when it's all over. What kind of a war is it, anyway? A hundred thousand men march up against a line of trenches defended by rapid fire guns, electric wires and grenades; 60,000 or 70,000 of them are either killed or wounded, while the rest capture a few yards of territory or are driven back without having accomplished anything. You might as well extract romance from the Chicago stockyards on killing day." The remark was made to a party of men sitting on chairs tilted against the outside of a country store.

"Where's the romance in the war you fit in?" asked an old farmer, taking his pipe out of his mouth and looking at the G. A. R. man doubtfully.

"Whar is it? Why, that war was brimful of it. It was spread over a big country; there were comparatively few battles; a small amount of takin' fortifications and all the rest was romance. I don't mean girl romance, though there was plenty of that. I mean adventure romance. I was concerned in one of 'em myself. We was layin' quiet in camp, down in Tennessee, one summer's evening, singin'." "When this cruel war is over," or "Lorena" or some other of the romantic war songs of that time, when my captain came along in a hurry, shoutin', "Any locomotive engineer amongst you boys?" I said I'd been a fireman on a locomotive and could run a machine real well. He yanked me off to the general who asked me a few questions, then he said that the bridge guard across the Tennessee river, twenty miles above us, had been attacked and unless he could get reinforcements there right off the bridge would be taken and burned. This would break our line of communications and we might have to give up a big stretch of country we occupied. He wanted an engineer to take a regiment through to the rescue. The officer commanding the guard had telegraphed that he couldn't hold out much longer, when the wire was cut.

"The train was made up and 400 men were hurrying into the cars. A locomotive was being fired up, and I jumped aboard and took the throttle."

"Well, now, mebbe there was nothin' adventurous in that ride! The colonel commanding the regiment and the adjutant were in the cab with me, and it wasn't long before they were made aware of the fact that we were running a gantlet. It was the people along the road who were trying to wreck us that made it amusing. Rounding a curve, I saw about half the length of the train ahead a tie wedged in under the rail. It was too late to stop, but I reversed and waited. There was a thump, but the engine stuck to the track. There were seven out of ten chances that we would have been ditched and most of us in the cab killed or maimed."

"The next amusing occurrence was the rattle of bullets against the cab. Nobody was hurt, but you'd better believe every man ducked, not excepting the colonel."

"But they didn't get the excitement out of it that I did. I was straining my eyes into the darkness ahead with my hand on the throttle, expecting every minute to run up against an obstruction. The shadow of a tree was log felled across the track; the shadow of a stump was a tie on the rails, and sometimes the obstructions were al. Once I pulled up within a few feet of a log that had been rolled square across the rails. Another time I slowed up before reaching a switch and found that it had been left open to run us up against a brick house. You see, if they hadn't really been cryin' to wreck us there wouldn't 'a' been any excitement."

"And if there hadn't been any necessity of goin' at a rapid gait there wouldn't 'a' been any fun neither. If we didn't get there in time to save the bridge it meant the retreat of the whole army. So you see I was obliged to let her out, danger or no danger, for if I didn't we wouldn't be in time, and we might as well be wrecked as to slow late. Besides, if I'd wanted to go too the colonel, who was at my elbow, wouldn't have allowed it."

"The last obstruction was a post put up, on end as a cattle guard only a few miles from the bridge. Seeing that I couldn't stop in time, I put on steam and snapped it off like a twig." "After passing this we heard firing and knew that the bridge was not yet lost. I blew a long blast on the whistle and heard a distant cheer. When we came near the bridge the colonel ordered me to stop the train in a gully. The men got out and, forming on one side of the cut on high ground, charged down on the attacking force and drove them off."

"Now, that's what I call the romance of war—the adventurous romance. When I got back to camp the general sent for me, and I thought he was going to hug me. I never saw a man look so tickled in my life. I'd saved hundreds of square miles of territory."

"What chance has any soldier to do anything like that in this big European slaughter business? I don't blame fellows for not volunteering in such a war. It's like volunteering for certain death without any of the excitement that was so fascinating in the racket we had from '61 to '65."

"How about them fellows fightin' in the sky?" asked a listener.

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SHILOH

Rev. Grover Tyner preached a fine sermon for us Sunday night.

Sunday School was well attended Sunday.

Terrell Winters, W. B. Beavers Lige Howell attended the fifth Sunday meeting at Tuxedo and reported a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winters and Miss Essie Hail went to the Shinery Sunday afternoon.

J. Winters is visiting relatives at Leuders this week.

Ubric Wheeler and family and Edgar Grayson visited relatives in Colorado and Jayton last week.

J. W. Tiner is having a new barn built on his place this week.

Mrs. Edgar Mays of Fort Worth is visiting relatives here.

Miss Lydia Beavers spent Sunday with Miss Florence Cade.

Miss Ella Bond spent the past week with Miss Brown.

There was a party at Robt. Conders Friday night.

Several from here have been attending the meeting at Golan.

Little Dorothy Boyd of Trent is visiting the family of Bud Brown.

Mrs. Andy Mayberry of Fort Worth is visiting relatives here.

Miss Edith Mayberry of Abilene is visiting homefolks.

The Baptist meeting begins at this place August 4th.

We had a fine rain Saturday morning which was fine on the crops.

The Shiloh singing class has bought some new song books.

Singing was well attended Sunday.

NOODLE

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson, Odell Herring and Leldon Goode returned from Austin Friday afternoon, having spent about two months in the State University.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee re-



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turned Monday to their home

Miss Minnie Parker of Anson who has been visiting friends returned home Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. K. Horn of Abilene are guests of relatives this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayless left Monday for their home in Hill county.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Green and Dellis, Clarence and Naylor Eff, Mrs. J. C. Paul, Misses Allyn, Evelyn and Ina Faye Barbee spent Monday afternoon

at Golan hunting peaches and watermelon, being very successful returned home with heavily loaded vehicles.

Eld. and Mrs. I. Simpson of Trent attended services here Sunday.

The Christain meeting closed Sunday with two baptisms and restoration. The preachers returned to their home Monday.

Sunshine. In a year 4,472 hours of sunshine are possible, but few places ever experience the maximum.

An Escape

By ELINOR MARSH

A young Russian named Ivan Ivanovitch, living at Kars, not many miles north of the boundary line between Russia and Turkey, found employment across the border and while there fell in love with a young Turkish girl. Her father refused her to him unless he would renounce the Christian religion and become a Mohammedan. Ivan was averse to doing so, but it is easy for one who is in love to find a salve for his conscience, and he finally consented. He professed adhesion to the prophet, and the two were married. This is a simple matter with the Turks, for the bride is conducted to the groom's house and left there with him. There is no such ceremony as among Christians.

Of course the young husband's conversion was a form, but he was obliged to go to prayers in the mosque like any Mohammedan and otherwise conform to that religion. After awhile he grew tired of this and, taking his wife with him, went back to the other side of the border.

Now, it was not long after the Ivanovitch family made this move that the Grand Duke Nicholas marched by, impressing men into his army as he advanced, taking Ivan among the number. When the latter found that they were marching on Erzerum he was much concerned, for it was heard that city that he had married his wife, and if he should be captured and recognized fighting in a Christian army against the followers of Mohammed he would suffer as dreadful fate as could be visited on a renegade.

Ivanovitch was on the flank of his army and ten miles to the northwest of Erzerum. There he was captured by the Turks and carried with them in their retreat before the Russians toward Trebizond.

Just before the Russian advance into Turkey, Mme. Ivanovitch went on a visit to her people and was there during the surrender of Erzerum by the Turks. One day while looking at some Russian prisoners who were being marched by, she saw her husband among them.

The good woman was seized with the same trepidation as Ivan, that he might be recognized as a Mohammedan renegade. Wishing to be near him to afford him such protection as she might be able, she followed the prisoners, their captors taking them along in retreat, and saw them go into bivouac for the night.

Now, there was no opportunity for a woman to mingle among men in Turkey, for Turkish women and men do not associate together as in other countries. The only way Mme. Ivanovitch could go among the soldiers and prisoners was by assuming man's attire. Entering the women's quarters of a house near by, she prevailed upon a wife to procure her a suit of her husband's, which she put on and, carrying her own clothes in a bundle under her arm, went to the place where the prisoners were. There she made friends with the guard and offered her services for any duty she might perform. She was told that she might take part in watching the prisoners, and, obtaining a gun, she stood guard with the rest.

Toward midnight she took position near her husband and dropped her bundle beside him, at the same time making signs to him to roll into some underbrush a few yards from him. Slowly edging in that direction, he came to the edge of the brush. Most of the guard were drowsy. One of them was near enough to observe Ivan, and Mme. Ivanovitch placed herself between the two. Then the prisoner rolled into the brush.

As soon as he examined the contents of the bundle he saw his wife's design. As a man in Russian uniform it would be impossible for him to make his way through the Turkish lines, but as a woman he would have every advantage, especially as the face of a Turkish woman is always hidden by a veil. Under cover of the darkness he took off his clothes and put on those of his wife, then made his way out of the bivouac of guards and prisoners.

Coming to the road over which he had been marched during the day, he walked along it till he came to a house. There he took refuge in an outhouse. The morning, when he rapped at the women's quarters. He was admitted, made up a story of having been to see an officer to whom she (he) was married, and was treated with kindness.

Here he was in double danger, for he was not only a renegade Mussulman, but a man in the women's quarters, a place where not even a husband may enter unless his wife is without visitors. However, he insisted on remaining veiled and got out as soon as he could without exciting suspicion.

Following the road back toward the Russians, he modestly withdrew to one side on meeting Turkish soldiers who were hurrying before their conquerors. At last he met the Russian advance and, lifting his veil, revealed himself as a man and a Russian.

The next meeting between Ivanovitch and his wife was in a hospital within the Russian lines. He had been taken ill and relegated to the quarters of the sick. Mme. Ivanovitch had made her way back toward Erzerum and had been hoping that he had made good his escape. She had gone with Red Cross nurses to help in the hospital, and one day as she was passing his cot the two met.

She was free to kneel beside him, and the two embraced with thanks, the one to God, the other to Allah.



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JONES REPLIES TO SMITH

In another part of this paper you will find a statement from Mr. Smith. He says I need to read the school law and that I have made some misleading statements. It is too late for me to get a full reply to his letter in this issue, but I will answer him fully next week. In the meantime I ask you to read the school law for yourself and see who is misleading the people. Also look at the returns from the election of July 22 and see if my statements that I made about the rural districts are not correct. Do not take any candidate's figures, read the returns of the election. I went into Abilene with seventy-six votes ahead of Mr. Smith. I shall speak at Merkel Saturday afternoon between 3 and 4 p. m. Will also speak at Trent that afternoon. I invite Mr. Smith to meet me and explain his statements made in this issue of the Merkel Mail. Give me a fair deal. Arthur J. Jones.

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AUTO MAKER SOUNDS WARNING TO RECKLESS MOTORISTS

Blame For Accidents Falls On Motorist, Although Pedestrians Are Responsible In Most Cases Says Hugh Chalmers

"With automobile accidents increasing daily in the larger cities of the country, and civic authorities at their wits' end in an effort to solve the traffic problem, it seems to me that the time has come for the motorists to take up the burden," said Hugh Chalmers yesterday.

"Although practically every record kept by a police department shows the pedestrian responsible in nine out of ten automobile accidents, we must recognize the fact that the general public is inclined to blame the toll of deaths and injuries on the driver of the car.

"Bearing this in mind, I believe that it rests almost entirely with motor car owners whether future accidents are to increase with each season's new crop of drivers. In the first place, there is undoubtedly a portion of the blame resting with certain types of drivers.

"The intoxicated joy rider and others of his ilk, who frequent city streets during the late hours of the night, are a menace to society. To this class, speed laws mean nothing. Heavy fines and imprisonment are about the only remedies that can be meted out to the joy riding fraternity. Unfortunately however, only a small portion of the big total of accidents in the past year can be laid at the door of the joy rider. Every day the papers contain reports of collisions on the open road and more especially in traffic.

"It is in traffic driving that the motorist has the greatest opportunity to reduce the number of accidents. Reports prepared by

the New York Police Department show that from January to July last year, the majority of accidents occurred from 11 a. m. to 12 noon and from 5 to 7 p. m. or during the so-called 'Rush Hours'. The same report carries the information that ninety per cent of the accidents were due to carelessness or other fault of the injured pedestrians. But if we are to be really conscientious about the matter, we must admit that just because the unfortunate man on foot is to blame, the motorist should not feel entirely absolved in the case. A little forethought on the part of the driver, slower speed in traffic, and less anxiety to beat the traffic policeman's whistle should work wonders in the way of cutting down accidents.

Congestion Increases Each Year

"With the hundreds of thousands of new motor cars marketed every year by American motor car makers traffic will undoubtedly grow more congested each season, and the necessity for extreme caution will increase. To prepare chauffeurs and owner drivers for their responsibilities, I believe a campaign of education should be started by the various auto clubs and motor trade papers along the lines of Safety First. The matter is not all one of speed limits or drastic legislation. Some drivers are more capable at thirty miles than others are at ten. I feel sure that the real remedy will be found in the loyal co-operation of every man at the wheel obeying traffic laws now in force and reporting violations to the higher authorities.

"As far as pedestrians are concerned it should just as much of an offence for the man on foot to disobey the traffic officer's signal as it is for the automobile driver to ignore it. Jay walking in the busy districts or metropolitan centers will have to be eliminated.

"Until persons on foot realize

that absolute safety lies only in crossing crowded thoroughfares at street intersections, there will always be a certain number of accidents caused by people walking around vehicles between blocks.

"Summing up matters, all drivers of motor cars should accept the fundamental fact that it is impossible to change human nature. Give the pedestrian the widest sort of margin, although you may feel you are being imposed upon at times, and believe that much harmful legislation against the motor car will be forestalled."

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Thos. Johnson Re Elected

Hon. Thos. Johnson, who has been precinct committeeman from here for the past two years, was re-elected by the Democratic Executive Committee at Abilene Saturday. As usual the election to this office was made in the regular democratic primary. At the last election two Merkel men were voted for the position, each one getting one vote, and as a result no election could be declared, and Mr. Johnson was selected to hold over for another two years.

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Waxahachie, Texas, July 31.—Mrs. Thomas M. Orange of this city is dead as the result of a spider bite. She was bitten on the forehead while in the country. Blood poison developed, resulting in death Sunday afternoon.