

STRIKE IS CALLED FOR LABOR DAY

Washington, Aug. 29.—President Wilson laid the railway strike situation before congress at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon in an address to both houses in a joint session. The President told of his efforts to bring the railroad managers and the men into some sort of agreement and saying he was powerless to do more asked congress to enact certain specific legislation to deal with the situation now and in the future.

Pointing out the distress and hardship which a nation-wide strike would bring upon the country, the President asked congress to empower him to draft into the service of the United States the managers and men who have been unable to adjust their differences so that the government may operate the railroads in case of military necessity.

He proposed that congress first enlarge the membership of the interstate commerce commission to equip it to deal with larger situations; second, that an eight hour day be established for all trainmen in interstate commerce; that a commission investigating the effect of the eight hour day, but without recommendation; that the public may learn from a disinterested source of the merits of the question; that the interstate commerce commission consider the increased cost of the eight hour day in making rates, and, fifth, amend the mediation law to prevent strikes or lockouts while industrial disputes are being investigated.

The sixth proposal was that the President be empowered to operate the railways in case of military necessity. How these things are to be carried out, President Wilson left entirely in the hands of congress.

JONES COUNTY TO HAVE AN ELECTION

The Commissioners of Jones county have ordered a Tax Election to be held in the county for the purpose of determining whether or not an additional ad valorem tax of 15 cents on the hundred dollars shall be levied for the purpose of building and keeping in repair bridges throughout the county.

The election has been called for November 7th, in conjunction with the general election. If all parts of Jones county is in need of better bridges and bridges where they have pieces of bridges now, like those in the extreme southwestern part of the county, the issue no doubt will carry by a large majority. For some time the bridge over Bitter Creek has been in bad condition and only a few days ago when a truck with only a moderate load was crossing, the bridge sleepers broke, truck, its load and the driver all being jumbled into a mass and in what might have been a fatal accident only for the extreme good luck of Mr. Angus the owner and driver of the machine. Yes we believe Jones county needs some better bridges and also a little attention paid to their roads in the section bordering the Merkel country, a part that has been as uncared for as a wayward child without relatives or friends.

\$1.00 bucket of coffee for 75c at E. L. Rogers.

DIVIDE MAN KILLS SELF SUNDAY EVE

John Moore living near Dora, age about 30 years, was reported to have killed himself Sunday evening just after dark, by placing the muzzle of a target rifle against his head and pulling the trigger.

From information we were able to gather, the deceased is a man with a small family, and neighbors were at loss to know what reason to give for the man's act.

STRIKE BREAKERS TO BE USED IN TEX

Fort Worth, Aug. 29.—Texas railroads will be prepared by Monday morning to meet the strike of the four brotherhoods, according to information available in railroad official circles Tuesday.

The mobilization of men to take the place of strikers, and of armed guards has already begun on some roads it is learned.

All roads will make an attempt to operate trains it was learned.

The Santa Fe system is better prepared for the strike than any other road, it is said. This company has several thousand men on its system who are ready to take the places of the strikers, it is declared. These men were secured through ads placed in different newspapers, and the company will mobilize them at different division headquarters—Cleburne, Temple, Bellville, Galveston and other points.

President Ripley of the Santa Fe has issued a warning to employees, which in substance follows:

All employees who leave the company during the strike will lose their identity with the company. If taken back they will be required to stand the physical test and the rest of the examination required of new men. They will lose their seniority rights.

All other roads will follow this move it is understood. It is believed that under this order many of the older men in the service will be unable to regain employment because of their inability to stand the physical test.

The Santa Fe will call upon all of its employees, now out of the service on pensions, to re-enter the service during the strike. Those refusing to comply with the request will be dropped from the pension lists, it is said.

The larger roads have complete plans laid as to which trains they shall try to operate. For instance an armed guard will be employed to accompany every member of the train crew.

No attempt will be made to operate trains after dark, with the possible exception of mail trains.

To Move to Abilene

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Woodroof who have made Merkel their home for the past few years will soon move to Abilene where Mr. Woodroof will engage in the exclusive cotton business during the fall and winter months.

Baby Girl Dies

Daisy, the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Tucker of route 3 died at the family home Sunday evening and was buried here at Rose Hill Cemetery Sunday afternoon.

The child had been sick but a short time we are informed and failed to ascertain the cause of the death.

ELECTION MATTERS SETTLED NOW CULBERSON, SMITH, ROUTH & VANCE

Culberson Elected by Approximately 70,000; Vance Defeated Parmelly by 25 Votes, While Routh Who Was Second in the first Primary Went Ahead of Fuller

The Taylor county vote Saturday was little short of the entire strength of the county and in the election throughout the state it was foremost in giving the greatest number of votes as compared with the July primary. The number cast last Saturday was 2,576, while the qualified voters number 3,650.

The vote throughout the county on the four races including the Superintendent's race resulted as follows:

Chas. A. Culberson, Dallas County 1,494
O. B. Colquitt, Dallas County 1,082

For County Superintendent:

J. S. Smith 1,389
A. J. Jones 1,140

For Tax Assessor:

J. H. Vance 1,177
L. R. (Roy) Parmelly 1,252

For District Clerk:

J. N. Routh 1,347
J. Fuller 1,194

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:

A. A. Hay 539
H. E. Meyer 815

The Merkel vote on the various races was 200 for Culberson, 152 for Colquitt; Smith 129, Jones 225; Vance 155, Parmelly 199; Routh 252, Fuller 103. In Abilene and the Abilene precincts A. A. Hay defeated H. E. Meyer for Commissioner by 539 votes to 815.

ALL YOU DEMOCRATS KICK IN FOR EXP. SCHOOL WILL OPEN HERE SEPT. 18TH

An appeal has been sent out over the country by Mr. W. W. Marsh, treasurer of the Democratic National Committee asking that funds for the Democratic Campaign be sent in at the very earliest date.

J. S. Swann, C. D. Mims, H. C. Williams, H. L. Easterwood, Thos. Toombs, Thos. Johnson, and J. H. Oliver have been named as a committee to raise funds. In a meeting of the committee named above, J. S. Swann was elected chairman and H. L. Easterwood, Treasurer and each member will act as a solicitor of funds at Merkel for the Democratic Campaign fund for the re-election of President Wilson and Vice President Marshall. All parties who are interested in Democracy and desire to see the party continue in power for another four years are requested to lend some financial aid. The funds thus derived will be sent to the Democratic National Committee to be used by them for campaign purposes in the doubtful states.

The list started Wednesday morning found subscriptions as follows paid:

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| J. S. Swann | \$2.00 |
| C. D. Mims | 2.00 |
| H. C. Williams | 2.00 |
| H. L. Easterwood | 1.00 |
| J. C. Mason | .50 |
| W. W. Wheeler | .50 |
| Total to date | 8.00 |

We the committee being desirous of making an early remittance for this fund, ask the public to contribute at the earliest date possible to some of the above named members. Lend your name and financial assistance to a good cause.

J. S. Swann, Chairman,
H. L. Easterwood, Treas.

Good hay, feed, oats at Bob Martin's Grocery Co.

Superintendent R. M. Parker will be here soon to have everything in readiness for the opening of school on Monday, September 18th, two days over two weeks from now.

The date of opening was selected at a recent meeting of the board of trustees who with the able corps of teachers and the full co-operation of the people should give Merkel one of the best school terms this town has ever enjoyed. The new and spacious building with a longer and likely full term should be an incentive to all to talk and work for better schools.

Here to See His Mother

Dem Rust arrived Monday afternoon from Utah where he has been for the past four years and will pay an extended visit to his mother who has been in very bad health for the past few weeks. Mr. Rust is undecided whether he will return to the northwest and will probably make Merkel his home for some time.

While away he spent a great portion of his time in the mining business and saw much of the increased interest given the northwest in its mining interest that followed the outbreak of the European war.

Here From Paris

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Duff of Paris arrived here Tuesday morning and will make Merkel their home in the future. During the entire forenoon Mr. Duff was searching the town over for a home and was all but disappointed in his endeavors. He will be connected with the Woodroof store and is an experienced dry-goodsman.

Get your shorts and bran from the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

FARMERS INST. TO BE CALLED SEPT 9

A meeting of the Merkel Farmers Institute is hereby called for the second Saturday in September, the same being September 9th. All members and those interested in the work are requested to be present at the tabernacle at this place at 3 o'clock on the above mentioned day.

Signed J. A. Pike, Pres.
F. J. Smith, V. P.
Geo. Boyce, Sec.

NEW U. S. GUN TO BE POWERFUL UNIT

Washington, Aug. 28.—Designs for a 9.5 howitzer have been virtually completed and army officers believe the gun a more powerful and better weapon in every way than the 11-inch and 12-inch guns of similar type now in use abroad. It will have a range of nearly ten miles. The weapon is taken from its carriage for transportation and can be taken down, drawn over virtually any road or even over hard open ground and set up again in a short time. It is planned to create to new heavy artillery regiments next year, each to be equipped with twelve of the guns and eventually to have every army corps of two divisions supported by a regiment of two divisions supported by a regiment of 9.5-inch howitzers.

In the Fifth and Ninth regiments of artillery the army already has two heavy artillery commands, equipped with 4.7-inch rifles and six-inch howitzers.

The Ninth is a new regiment now in process of organization in Hawaii. Later, it is planned to create two additional regiments to take over the big field guns, leaving the Fifth and Ninth to deal exclusively with the light howitzers.

An idea of the power of the six-inch howitzer can be gained from the fact that in actual test it has hurled a projectile through eight feet of earth and concrete and several feet of wood back. The shell carries 20 percent of its weight in high explosive, making certain the destruction of every thing within many yards when it bursts.

EMBARGO PLACED ON ALL FREIGHTS

Wednesday afternoon an order was issued by the Texas & Pacific Co. to all its agents that they should receive no perishable freight or live stock that would not reach its destination prior to 7 o'clock tomorrow morning, and the same order also placed an embargo on all other classes of freight that would not reach its destination before 7 o'clock Sunday morning.

All railway tickets sold after today will be marked, "Subject to Delay" and the purchaser must accept those conditions before the sale is made. The roads seem to realize that it is impossible to avoid the strike and are being very careful.

Back From Louisiana

J. H. McDonald who has the Louisiana fever and goes back there to chill about once a year dropped in on home folks Saturday and was busy up until the middle of this week shaking hands with friends.

ABILENE FAIR IS TO BE IMPROVED

Abilene, Aug. 29.—Elaborate preparations are being made to make the third annual exhibition of the Central West Texas Fair which convenes here October 10 for a five days galafest the best of its kind in the entire state. Though only in its third year this fair has already made a record which might be spoken of with pride and pomp by larger cities.

Each day has been officially named so as to specifically designate the trade or particular feature for the occasion. Among the more interesting are Old Settlers and Old Soldiers days. Many of the old timers who have probably never met since the memorable days of 1861-65 will be here to go over together the stirring scenes which made interesting history and a more solid union. Press Day, Railroad men's Day, Traveling Men's Day, etc., will be replete with good things. The exhibition halls will be burdened with exhibits ranging from the smallest thing to the largest in the way of machinery, autos, etc., will be here. The aeroplane flights will be worth the attention and travel of all. This department will be far ahead of that of last season. The ladies are making special efforts to bring the culinary and woman's department to the greatest possible top notch of success. The agricultural department will not lag behind with any of the others. The dairying department will be the greatest ever seen in Texas.

Railroads will announce unusually attractive rates this season and the hotels of Abilene will be adequate to care for the mammoth crowds which are expected to attend. Why not meet your friend at Abilene this fall at the fair? He is expecting you. Make arrangements early.

NEWS ITEMS OF STATE & NATION

Decatur, Ill., August 29.—Safe blowers broke into three banks at Homer, Ill., this morning and escaped in an automobile with \$10,000.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 28.—Search was being continued tonight for an "automobile bandit" who this afternoon is said to have held up and robbed Harold Isbell, a contractor for the Standard Oil Company, of approximately \$3,000. Isbell was found bound and gagged behind a clump of bushes on the Reckner road near Dearborn, a suburb of Detroit, and declared he had been dragged there by the bandit who had driven his machine across the path of Isbell's car, forcing him to come to a stop.

Wichita Falls, Aug. 28.—Henry Norris, a farmer living near Jolly, Clay County, was shot through the neck and left arm with a pistol by a negro in an attempted holdup at 10 o'clock tonight.

The wounds are serious, but not fatal. Officers are searching for the negro.

Rev. Owen Coming Home

A card from Rev. L. B. Owen announces that he will be home for both the morning and evening services at the Baptist church. The postal was mailed at Brownfield and told of a good meeting in progress there which Rev. Owen is conducting.

FOR SALE—Good milk cow. See Dr. M. Armstrong.

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ELECTION DOPE & ETC. BY SLIVERS

A lots of boss' friends invited him to attend the Colquitt funeral services Monday, to which "Uncle" Tom Toombs and J. G. Sadler had also been given invitations. Not being present at the obsequies, we don't know how they acted, but are informed that Judge Mims and Capt. Oliver both led prayer and shouted until "Uncle" Tom mentioned the fact that they might just as well bury W. R. Smith at the same time, and "Capt" got vexed and refused to join the hilarious bunch in any more of their nonsense.

That man Routh took a lot of trainin' to learn how to run, but look at 'm now. Apologies for even suggesting that there is or ever will be another "Blue" Tittle.

Colquitt has figured it out sensibly. He just simply didn't get enuf votes.

If a man who can't see a lick beats three of the best men in the county, what would he do if he had good eyes?

Hark, hark, the dogs do bark, the beggars are coming to town. Some in rags, some in tags and some in velvet gowns. The last word of this original statement is intended to allude to the possibility of whether Merkel will have another '49 show. The chances air that the '49ers will stay right where they darned are now, and won't pay this place their resp'ts.

Just like we predicted about this Sen'torl race, the high man's name started with a C. That's one winner we picked.

With that good old wheel horse Culberson in the top story and Blanton on the ground floor, them yankees will sit up and watch Tex. mor'n they bin doin'.

Stale news. A lot of fellows met at Sweetwater Saturday and announced that Judge Blanton had been elected to congress.

An unloaded gun is the kind that always kills. For illustration a man nearly beat his wife to death with a ramrod.

See'n as how our judgement is on a vacation, we won't guess, further'n to say that it looks like Boston will win. 'Baseball talk.'

With all of our horses sold to Europe, it is difficult to see how we are going to give Mexico a stable government.

Every time some men look into a mirror they admire their wife's good taste.

Second-hand champagne corks are now quoted at \$3.00 per 1000. Another good way of starving to death.

According to eye witnesses the fire truck of Abilene made a good run to a recent conflagration scene, but the fire had gained too much headway to permit anything to be done to save it. "As usual."

We are not going to tire our readers by naming those who are sick, but will say that most all who were sick last week are some better. There are exceptions however, for the election is just over.

A gold tooth was found in one of the pies given at a recent public dinner. Owner can get same by describing and paying for this adv.

If you have lost anything from a child to a dollar Ingersol, these columns will help you to find the wayward one.

Every man thinks the finest people in the world are the ones of his old home town.—Claud Callan. You're right, Claud. They should all move back to Merkel.

W. S. Spotts of Bonham, editor of the Fannin County Favorite, after an exhaustive search and study, declares that "Thair ain't no sich thing as non-skidd whiskey."

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect. L-2-A-TIVE
BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary
Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor
ringing in head. Remember the full name and
look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

SETTINGS IN THE DISTRICT COURT

The district court got down to business proper Tuesday morning, and Judge Blanton disposed of several cases brought before him. The grand jury had made no report up to noon.

Following were the proceedings in the court up to noon Tuesday:

J. W. Campbell et al vs. D. M. Cogdell, suit on note and foreclosure of lien; judgment for plaintiffs.

Ed. S. Hughes Co. vs. W. A. Williams, et al, suit on note and foreclosure of lien; judgement for plaintiff.

First State Bank of Ovalo vs. D. F. Short, suit for debt and foreclosure of lien; judgment for plaintiff.

FIRST WEEK
Wednesday, August 30:

3645—W. A. Tool vs. J. K. Ayers et al.

3663—Miss Lemmie I. Scott vs. W. A. Shipley.

Friday, Sept. 1:

3576—C. F. Witherspoon et al vs. R. N. Liggett.

3555—Mrs. L. C. Dennis vs. N. M. Dudley et al.

3640—First State Bank of Abilene vs. E. M. Ewing et al.

3656—A. J. Freeman vs. Vamos Freeman et al.

3666—C. P. Warren vs. R. C. Laughlin.

Saturday, Sept. 2:

3570—A. H. Cott vs. J. P. Darden et al.

3564—C. C. Compere et al vs. J. W. Taylor et al.

3283—Societe Anonyme Le Caton vs. A. B. Webster et al.

3368—First State Bank of Abilene vs. C. H. Williford, et al.

3561—Henry Sayles et al, vs. Abilene Ind. Tel. & Tel. Co.

3562—Scarborough & Davidson vs. Abilene Ind. Tel. & Tel. Company.

SECOND WEEK
Monday, Sept. 4:

4019—State vs. Charlie Fowler.

4037—State vs. Ignacio Carroco.

4054—State vs. C. R. Thornton.

4098—State vs. Espia Vaughan.

4111—State vs. Martha Dickson.

4110—State vs. I. S. Dickson.

Tuesday, Sept. 5:

4092—State vs. Frank Walden.

Wednesday, Sept. 6:

4029—State vs. Dan Lane.

4108—State vs. F. E. Smih.

Thursday, Sept. 7:

3593—A. S. Clayton vs. H. E. Wallace.

3127—Canda et al vs. G. F. Tasker.

3367—S. P. Darnell, trustee, vs. Richard Ellis Carter et al.

Friday, Sept. 8:

3594—George L. Paxton vs. R. B. Caldwell, et al.

3597—Mrs. S. E. Knox vs. S. N. Morrison.

3380—F. S. Cox vs. J. D. Jameson et ux.

3642—Melvin Coleman vs. Neacy Coleman.

3670—L. F. Crowder et al vs. O. T. Wilkinson et al.

FOURTH WEEK
Monday Sept. 18:

3617—Ben Holmes vs. Abilene Gas Company.

3537—Joe Joiner vs. Citizens National Bank, et al.

3641—Mrs. Mattie Thomas vs. Abilene Gas & Electric Co.

3657—S. P. Darnell Trustee vs. G. A. Autrey et al.

3701—Mrs. Leona McGee vs. T. & P. Ry. Co.

3705—L. W. Hughes vs. W. F. Robinson.

Wednesday, Sept. 19:

3642—Ed. S. Hughes Co. vs. J. M. Crawford.

Friday, Sept. 21:

3613—Forest Campbell, receiver, vs. Continental Oil & Cotton Company.

3614—Forest Campbell, receiver, vs. Continental Oil & Cotton Company.

3628—J. E. Hollingsworth vs. Pearl Hollingsworth.

3678—Mrs. Annie L. Taber vs.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier J. T. WARREN, Pres.

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WHICH ONE OF YOUR FAMILY DESIRES A NEW WATCH?
ASK YOUR BOY.

GRIMES DRUG STORE

Eugene Wood et al.

FIFTH WEEK

Monday, Sept. 25:

3573—A. L. Houston vs. the Eastern Consolidated Oil Company, et al.

3667—E. Wilson vs T. & P. Ry. Co. Abilene Reporter.

Miss Fannie Moore who has been at a typewriter desk in the Mail office for over four years, has accepted a position with the Anchor Mercantile.

Notice Royal Arch Masons

Tonight, Friday Sept 1st, Royal Arch Mason's will hold a practice meeting at the Merkel lodge hall and all Royal Arch and Chapter men are urged to be present at 8:15. Important business is to come up.

Rev. Speck to Preach

Rev. W. M. Speck of Abilene will preach at the Church of Christ Sunday at 8:00 in the evening.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Evelyn House of Newbern, Tennessee, who has been the guest of Miss Adkisson for the past two weeks, returned to her home Wednesday evening. Miss House will visit with friends in Dallas before her return however.

Be it ever so rushing, you are given special attention. E. L. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mann of Clyde arrived here at the bedside of Mrs. Alice Templeton.

Special price on all grades of coffee, your patronage will be appreciated, highest price for eggs and butter. W. F. Hamblet.

Miss Agnes Hall who spends the greater part of her time in Waco has been called here by the serious illness of her father Capt. E. Hall.

Miss Lillie McLean of Fort Worth who is on a return journey from California is spending a few days with her aunt Mrs. Austin Fitts.

If you want good flour, call for New Century, Cream of Wheat. All good, every sack guaranteed. See me before you buy.

W. F. Hamblet.

Mrs. Harry Harris of Abilene is visiting her cousin Mrs. John D. Gaither and friends here this week.

Mrs. E. Loring Rogers and children returned Wednesday night from Water Valley, Mississippi, where they have been the past month. Mr. C. C. Bradley father of Mrs. Rogers accompanied her home.

Miss Leila Hill will begin her piano and violin class Monday September 4th, at the residence of Rev. H. E. Bullock.

Roger and Leslie Wells, sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wells of Rt. 4 will go to Abilene next week to enter the Abilene Christian College.

President and Mrs. Jesse P. Sewell of the Abilene Christian College were here the first of the week visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rose, while President Sewell worked in interest of the College.

Dr. and Mrs. George Howard of Dallas arrived Friday afternoon for a weeks visit with the formers father J. T. Howard and other relatives here. The trip was made overland in Dr. Howard's car.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Weir of Abilene Sunday guests in the home of F. J. Smith.



FALL'S A'COMING

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED FRESH FROM FASHION'S CENTER AND PLACED ON SALE, A SPLENDID LINE OF EVERYTHING MEN AND WOMEN LOVE TO WEAR.

THE NEW FALL STYLES AND SHADES HAVE BEEN DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED. THE GARMENTS WE ARE NOW SHOWING WILL BE CORRECT IN STYLE AND COLORS THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE SEASON.

EVERY ITEM WE SELL IS A BARGAIN; BECAUSE WE DO NOT PLACE FICTITIOUS VALUES ON MERCHANDISE.

FALL'S A-COMING AND YOU ARE COMING, ARE YOU NOT, TO OUR STORE TO BUY YOUR FALL OUTFIT,

Don't overlook our special shoe bargains. If you want something for every-day use, you will find it for an extremely low cost. \$2.50 to \$3.50 values for 98 cents

Let us assist you to equip the children for school in the selection of patterns and styles from our new stock dress fabrics.

Remember, we have a number ready-made dresses for children at very low prices. \$1.25 values for 90c

HIGH PRICED COTTON

GROCERIES

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| 4 packages best cocanut | 25c |
| 1 package best soda | 5c |
| 3 packages puffed wheat or rice | 25c |
| 14 cans best lye | \$1.00 |
| 1 3-lb. can good steel-cut coffee | 90c |
| 1 can No. 3 pie peaches | 10c |
| 1 can No. 3 pie apples | 10c |
| 10 pounds best comb honey | \$1.25 |

THE STAR STORE

Young men take notice. Our Florsheim shoes for fall and winter are now present. Don't take chances, you might get as good but impossible to get better. Wear Florsheim and avoid risk.

Men's and boys' hats in new fall styles. Your fashionable appearance is materially affected by a suitable and becoming style of headwear. Ours are newest-latest. \$3 to \$3.50 buys 'em

LOW PRICED MDSE.

Miss Vernona Hamblet and sister Vanie returned Saturday morning from Water Valley, Mississippi where they have visited their sister Mr. Eugene Tarver and other relatives. Part of the time while away Miss Vernona was in St. Louis markets where she assisted in buying the fall stock for the Anchor Mercantile Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed J. Leeman and children, enroute from Alpine to their home in Duncan, Oklahoma, spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Leslie McNeese returned last Friday from Huntsville where the former has been a summer student in the State Normal of that place.

Miss Brumley of Midland has recently visited her cousin Miss Bernice Rainbolt.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

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

Mrs. Culberson of Minden, Louisiana and Mrs. Hodges and daughter Louise of Sweetwater returned to Sweetwater Friday afternoon after having visited their cousin Mrs. Jno. W. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira F. Shaffer left last week for Snyder where they will visit for a time and probably locate.

Mrs. G. B. Brown and children drove to Abilene Thursday evening to be present at the wedding of the former's niece, Miss Aleta Garrison to Mr. M. W. Jessup, of Little Rock, Arkansas. These Merkel guests returned Friday morning.

The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak

Old people who are feeble, and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking regularly Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. 50c.

Miss Celina French of Beaumont and C. E. French of Dallas are visiting their sister, Mrs. Geo. Boyce.

Don't fail to see the display Miss Smith has for you. Whether or not you are in need of a hat you will enjoy inspecting the new ones. Woodroof's.

Miss Alice Williamson of Abilene, who has just returned from spending summer in Columbia University, N. Y., is visiting Miss Susie Penn.

Mrs. V. E. Browning of Bronte spent the past week with the family of J. T. Browning. She returned to her home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin and Miss Maud returned this week from a two months' stay at points in Colorado. They report a summer most pleasantly spent and no accidents worth mentioning to mar their pleasure, the trip being made in a car. They will be located at the G. W. Roach residence until a home can be built, replacing the one burned several months ago.

On Tuesday afternoon the family of J. R. Baze left for Denton, where they will make their home through the winter. The move is made that the children might have the advantages of the Industrial College of that place.

W. L. Diltz, Jr., has resigned as a member of the first trench guards at the Anchor Mercantile Company and will enter school at Waco within the next few days.

LOCAL NEWS

J. T. Threadgill of Deport is here this week visiting his sons Allan and Claude of Route 1.

Mrs. J. W. Childress is spending several days with relatives at Blue Ridge and Celina.

Miss Bernadine Freeman has returned home from a few weeks visit with relatives at Christoval and Blackwell.

Among early court visitors at Abilene, those accounted for from here were. W. M. Boden, W. T. and L. R. Cox, Austin Fitts, B. N. Billingsley, Elmer Lowe, Attorney C. D. Mims and others.

Mrs. H. C. Burroughs Sr, has as a guest at present, her sister Mrs. J. W. Coats of Roscoe and her aunt Mrs. Chas. Hood of Garland.

Master Charm Burroughs is in Fort Worth visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Rudmose and other relatives.

C. E. French of Dallas and Miss Percelia French of Beaumont are here visiting their sister Mrs. G. W. Boyce.

Mrs. Laura Boothe and two daughters of Fort Worth are guests of Mr. J. T. Warren and others.

Rev. Carey Touchstone, after having visited relatives here, left Saturday for Laredo where he will teach in a college the coming year.

Mrs. C. J. Sherrell of Bellevue is spending a few days with her sisters Mesdames E. L. and W. D. Woodroof.

Mr. J. H. Hunter and his niece, Miss Fanny Pearl Moore, drove in from Midland where the latter has been visiting in the Hunter home. On Mr. Hunter's return Monday he was accompanied by Mrs. Prentice Rice of Uvalde and R. J. Adcock who will make them a visit.

Mrs. Matt Fryar and brothers Will and Mitchell Leeman of Bonham arrived Wednesday morning in response to a telegram telling of the serious illness of their sister Mrs. Alice Templeton. They were accompanied by Miss Katherine Allen a niece also of Bonham.

Mildred "Templeton" Harrison the beautiful little girl who has made her home with Mrs. Alice Templeton, deceased, departed Wednesday night in company with the remains of her "Auntie Mother." Hereafter Mildred will make her home with Mr. and Mrs. John D. Terry of Clinton, Okla.

New Fall Merchandise

Our buyers have just returned from the northern markets and while there purchased the largest line of merchandise ever bought by a Merkel concern, and already every freight and express brings us shipments of new, bright, snappy merchandise, until our house is over running, all counters, shelves, and balcony filled to the brim. Our early purchases in the spring and foresight in buying ahead enables us to sell many articles today less than we could possibly buy them now. Our only aim in view was to buy goods that were standard brands, such as the manufacturers can stand behind, goods that we know are absolutely dependable as to style, workmanship and dyes. Already we have been complimented on having the largest and best shoe stock in the city, together with our ladies ready-to-wear department, which is being replenished daily. Our notion and staple department is complete and contains many bargaining that cannot possibly be replaced when these goods are all sold by us. Look for our prices in next week's issue of this paper.

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THE BASIS OF CRIME

According to Dr. Paul E. Bowers, one of the most eminent criminologists in the state of Indiana, whose work in the Indiana state penitentiary has been the subject of such general comment, the basis of habitual criminality is disease.

This is by no means a new theory. The crime doctor is no longer a figure of fiction. Neurologists have been predicting that some day institutions will be established for the medical and surgical treatment of criminals. Some may be cured. Some may be in a hopeless condition and beyond the aid of science. This is true of disease of all kinds.

The majority of criminals returned to the state institutions, according to Dr. Bowers, for the second and third time are below par mentally and physically. The stigmata of degeneracy are written all over them. Of the so-called unruly prisoners, who repeatedly violate the rules of the penitentiary, 85 per cent, according to the observations of this eminent authority, are mentally unbalanced.

Men of healthy minds and healthy bodies it is true sometimes commit crime. They are not criminals at heart. The best balanced man in the white heat of passion may kill. It is never, or very rarely, a premeditated murder that is committed. It is the result of a temporarily deranged mind the result of some great mental shock.

The doctor does not intend to imply that all prisoners and all criminals are degenerates, weak mentally and physically. His diagnosis applies to the veterans in vice, the habitual offender. The work of treating such subjects must begin naturally with the removal of the disease with which they suffer. Get at the correct source of the evil. More imprisonment does not relieve the cause of crime. The sensible doctor in treating a patient makes his diagnosis, finds the direct cause of the trouble and proceeds to start at the foundation of the sickness.

Dr. Bowers is undoubtedly right. If disease is the responsible cause of habitual criminality the cause should be treated and removed. After the physical defects have been corrected the patients should be put through a course of mental training to wean him from old habits. They

must be held in a correct environment until their character is reformed.

The conclusions reached by Dr. Bowers are similar to the conclusions of eminent English and German criminologists who have given the subject the closest and most consistent study. If the conclusions are true there is yet hope for the fallen.—Commercial Appeal.

THE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT

Papers all over the country are commenting on the Terrell Election Law and the present lengthy ballot in this state, and are charging the often late returns to the fact that the ticket is too long and to other reasons in connection.

Some time before this hub-dub appeared in daily papers in regard to slow and incomplete returns following an election the Mail advanced a solution but it was not to change the Terrell Election Law nor to change the lengthy ballot now being used. The Law seems to be all right, and beside we might get one worse, the ticket is not too long and can be counted with rapidity if the county executive Chairmen over the state will see that active and capable election judges are at the polls. With this and a compulsory feature, requiring every election judge to report certified returns to the county chairman within a certain number of hours after this polls close will stop the whole fault. But just as long as men are employed in election boxes who are absolutely unfamiliar with such work an have no ideal of clerical work and how it can be dispatched, the elections in this state will drag.

THE EFFECT OF THE STRIKE ON COTTON

When the strike comes, as it no doubt will a temporary drop in prices of cotton will no doubt be seen and these prices are not likely to regain normal figures until railway matters are adjusted.

If the striking condition does have this effect on the cotton market, it seems that it could be only for a short time, and the cotton growers should also strike on selling a pound of the fleecy staple for less than 15 cents. Its worth every cent of it. Stand up for it's worth.

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O. B. Colquitt was a sailor boy once,
 He took a cruise with his entire bunch,
 He captured to port of the R. R. Commission
 Followed it up with the Governor's position.

His boat and crew that he had in it,
 Then started a trip to the U. S. Senate.
 Public opinion blew up in a gale
 And ripped the rudder off the old ship's tail.

So he floated down the Old Salt River
 On his good ship Election Bet,
 He floated too far,
 He got stuck on a bar.

The old ship, she floundered
 As the many boats do,
 And "Rollins" swam ashore,
 With the Captain and Crew.

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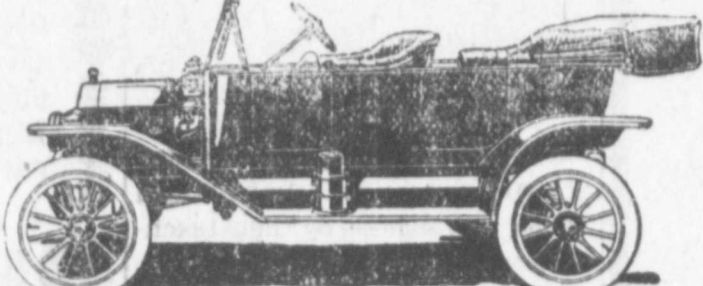
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SAN ANGELO GETS RECRUITING OFFICE

National Guard Recruiting Headquarters Moved From Sweetwater This Week

OFFICERS HERE MONDAY

Colonel Hoover, in Charge of Recruiting for Several States, and Captain Cash Were Here on Business

Abilene, Aug. 28.—Lieut.-Col. John S. Hoover, in charge of National Guard recruiting work in the states of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona, and Captain W. Auda Vee Cash, recruiting office in charge of this district were in Abilene Monday on official business.

Col. Hoover announced the removal of district headquarters from Sweetwater to San Angelo, and although he would not comment on the matter it is understood that Sweetwater was an unsatisfactory location as the center of the district, and recruiting has been very slow.

Captain Cash will be located henceforth at San Angelo, and will place men at Abilene and Stamford this week. The fact that San Angelo had a more direct rail communication with Fort Sam Houston was the principal reason the headquarters was moved there instead of to Abilene.

Col. Hoover has complete control of recruiting in the states above named, and is one of the highest ranking officers in the National Guard. Seen by a reporter at Hotel Grace, Monday noon, he explained the workings of his department and took occasion to compliment the Texas guards. His home is at Houston and he is ordinarily assigned to the Third Texas Infantry but was chosen to handle the recruiting work on account of his peculiar fitness for the place.

"We've got to have men," was the emphatic statement of Colonel Hoover. "The Texas guard has 5,500 men now on duty, and we need 1,400 more to bring it up to full war strength. This district will have stations at Abilene, Sweetwater, San Angelo, Brownwood, Stamford and Ballinger. Anyone who wishes to enlist will have his transportation paid to San Angelo, where his application will be passed upon. If he is accepted he will be sent to the rendezvous at Fort Sam Houston. In the event he is rejected, his fare will be paid back to his home station, and his board and lodging will also be paid for the time he loses. Thus it will be seen that the prospective recruit loses nothing. Anyone who desires to enlist can notify Captain Cash at San Angelo, and transportation will be sent him at once."

Kaptain Hoover stated that the sick rate in the Texas Guard for July was only 1.14 percent, which is considered remarkable. The subsistence department of the Guard is perfect, he said, and only the chronic kickers object to the fare. He has been designated the officer in charge of mustering out men under the dependent families and student acts, and declared that only 14 men out of 5,500 in the Texas Guard had asked to be relieved from duty. There has not been a death from natural causes in the Texas Guard since it was sent to the border.

Col. Hoover explained that under the new law guardsmen must serve six years, three with the colors and three in reserve. They get one-fourth pay while in the reserve and must drill 52 times a year. Every arm of the Texas service is full except infantry, and it is for infantry recruits that the present campaign is being waged.

Colonel Hoover and Captain Cash left Monday afternoon, having made the trip here in Captain Cash's automobile.

OUR NUBIA SCRIBE

The ethereal pluvius, whose abode is somewhere among the super-stratas of space is very determined that this special locality of earth shall continue to remain in the "dry column". He is either as stingy as Shylock, or else is assaying to put our forbearance to the acid test; one of the three

Miss Annie Collins of Merkel has been visiting at the home of Sam Butman.

Elder Price Bankhead of Merkel held a three nights meeting at Cross Roads during which time he received two members into the church, making seventeen

that have joined that congregation this summer.

Those whose financial condition was already good and whose prospect for a good yield of cotton this year is also good will naturally be in ideal circumstances this fall. A tip. Unless you are thoroughly able do not buy an auto, but send one of two of your children to some good college and they will rise up and call you blessed.

The singers of Cross Roads have organized a class and have elected their delegates to the convention which meets at Trent on the second Sunday in September.

Mr. Hoyt Horton and Miss Salie Blackburn were happily married at the home of the bride's

parents last Sunday. We give them our heartiest wishes.

Mr. George Crow and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Hurley Toombs.

Quite a number of young people spent a portion of Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Perry's.

Cotton picking is in full swing and expression of "My back is tired" is becoming hackneyed.

The second primary is now a fact in history and whether our choice was elected or not, we shall content ourselves with making votes for Wilson from now on until November.

Mr. Jim Moore and family of Blair, attended church at Cross Roads, Sunday.

Mr. Hughes has not agitated the country with his speech making. The people have only turned out to take a peep at him, guess what he is and take the prize. Wait till the "Peerless one" and the greatly admirable one begin their swing around the circle, then you'll see hats in the air and hear the people's yells of approval.

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To go to Eastland

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Perminter left Wednesday for Eastland where they will make their home during the fall and winter during the time which Mr. Perminter will engage in the cotton business at that place. They expect to return to Merkel next spring.

Harris Poy Hart

While the ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Harris of Stith was riding a calf Sunday, he lost his place amidship the youthful bovine, and was thrown with such force that he sustained internal injuries and up to Tuesday morning his exact condition could not be ascertained.

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At the home of the bride's parents of near Nubia, Mr. Hoyt Horton and Miss Sallie Blackburn were married Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. A. A. Baker the officiating minister.

These young people are well known in their community and have many friends interested in their future happiness and prosperity.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton will continue to reside in the Canyon.

Burkett-Howard Marriage

On Tuesday evening at seven o'clock, August 22, the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Burkett was the scene of a pretty wedding, when their charming daughter, Miss Beulah Burkett, became the bride of Mr. Lytton Howard of Merkel.

A profusion of Smilax, ferns, field flowers and other summer blossoms, bedecked the home and outlined the arch under which the wedding party stood.

Before the ceremony a quartette, the bridal chorus from "The Rose Maiden" was given by Messrs. Floyd Hardin, Olear Burkett, Ray Collins and Miss Jessie Hodges. The nuptial song "Elysium," was sung by Miss Jessie Hodges.

The bridal party entered to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Mrs. Rupert Harkrider of Sweetwater, accompanied by Misses Mildred Paxton and Mary Louise Sandefer on the violin. Rev. Burkett, father of the bride, and who performed the impressive ceremony led the party, descending from the stairway. He was followed by Miss Mae Burkett and Mr. Dee Grimes of Merkel, then the bride and groom. During the ceremony "Love and Flowers" was softly played by Mrs. Richardson, accompanied on the violin by Misses Mildred Paxton and Mary Louise Sandefer.

The bride wore a handsome dark blue suit, with accessories to match, and carried a shower bouquet of white asters and valley lillies. The maid of honor, Miss Mae Burkett, sister of the bride, carried pink carnations and ferns. She wore a dark blue taffeta suit.

The bride is a young lady of many charms, and loved by all who know her. She is an accomplished musician. Mr. Howard is a young business man of Merkel, and has a host of friends.

During the informal reception, Mesdames Olear Burkett and R. E. Rankin, received, and Mrs. Luther Woodroof of Merkel and Miss Grace Sandefer served refreshing punch and cake. Mrs. McCall presided over the lovely bride's cake.

Price-Browning

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Browning on last Sunday afternoon was the scene of another quiet wedding, when their daughter, Miss LaYonna and Mr. LeRoy Price of Bronte were mar-

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ried. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. E. Bullock, and the guests, outside of the immediate family, residing here, were V. E. Browning, brother of the bride, and family of Bronte, Miss Babel Browning of Sweetwater, cousin of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Shelton, M. M. Wiltshire and Rev. W. B. Fitzhugh, who is an old friend of the Browning family.

Immediately following the ceremony, refreshments of ice cream, angel food cake and punch were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Price accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Browning left immediately for Bronte where they will reside, the groom being associated with his father there in business.

At two different times the bride has made her home in our town, and by those who know her she is thought of as a beautiful and attractive personality.

Slumber Party

Honoring Miss Mary Bell Walker of Hawley, Miss Eunice Russel invited a few girl friends for a slumber party on Tuesday night. During the early evening a few boys also enjoyed the hospitality of the pleasant home and the girls were then left to pleasures of their own devising. Misses Mary Bell Walker, Beatrice Nidiver, Josie Smith, Charlie Bell Thomas and the hostess were the girls who spent the night together.

Birthday Party

In the country home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W F Patterson, their little daughter Juanita celebrated her eighth birthday Thursday, August twenty-fourth. This was an afternoon party and about twenty of Juanita's friends enjoyed the afternoon with her. Outdoor games

afforded much amusement for the children present. As refreshments, watermelon and cakes were served.

These little people had such a good time that they departed hoping that the little hostess could have many more birthdays which they might be permitted to enjoy with her.

Mrs. Shelton Entertains

The Buds of Promise Sunday School class was entertained Tuesday afternoon by their teacher Mrs. J J Shelton. The girls with their luncheon went picnicing in the Teaff pasture and here they spent the time delightfully until early evening drove them in. The girls going were Maurine Cobb, Murphy Thomas, Rosa Laney, Mary, Ethel and Elizabeth Williams, Hazel Harkrider, Leon Briggs, Maurine Angus and Lola Armstrong.

Mrs. M L Vickers of Pecos is visiting her sister Mrs. JWDaniel. Upon her return, Mrs. Vickers will be accompanied by her father Captain J T Tucker who will join his wife, already in Pecos, in making their home there. Capt Tucker and his wife have been residents of Merkel from pioneer times and they have a host of friends here who will regret to have them make this move which is necessary on account of Mrs Tucker's health.

Moves to Snyder

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Rogers departed Tuesday evening aboard the Sunshine Special on their way to Snyder where they will make their home. Mr. Rogers having purchased a one-half interest in the Buck Horn Tailor Shop of that place.



Almost Like a Face-to-Face Chat

Mr. Jones had gone to a distant city on business to be away for several days, and had left his wife on the farm with no companion, except a small child.

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J. Fuller Issues a Statement

To The Voters of Taylor County, and My Friends:

I desire to take this means of expressing the gratitude of a full heart to all my friends (and all the people are my friends) for their loyalty and many kind expressions of friendship and good will.

I shall never forget my friends who supported me so loyally. I also know that many who voted against me are my friends, but their judgement was that I have held the district clerk's office long enough and the voice of the people is law.

I accept the verdict of the people with good grace and good will to all.

Again thanking the people of Taylor county for the honor they bestowed upon me, and assuring you one and all that I have tried hard to serve you in an acceptable and efficient manner. I beg to remain,

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Recent Births Reported

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Rister, a boy on August 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brown, a boy on August 14.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown a boy on August 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Z. Hawkins, of Tye, twins August 9th. One a boy and one a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Monroe of Noodle, a boy on August 16.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Cook of Hodges, a boy on August 23.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Tucker of this place, a girl on August 22.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Avant, a girl on August 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ware, a boy on August 15.

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Mr. and Mrs. Horton will continue to reside in the Canyon.

Burkett-Howard Marriage

On Tuesday evening at seven o'clock, August 22, the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Burkett was the scene of a pretty wedding, when their charming daughter, Miss Beulah Burkett, became the bride of Mr. Lytton Howard of Merkel.

A profusion of Smilax, ferns, field flowers and other summer blossoms, bedecked the home and outlined the arch under which the wedding party stood.

Before the ceremony a quartette, the bridal chorus from "The Rose Maiden" was given by Messrs. Floyd Hardin, Olear Burkett, Ray Collins and Miss Jessie Hodges. The nuptial song "Elysium," was sung by Miss Jessie Hodges.

The bridal party entered to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Mrs. Rupert Harkrider of Sweetwater, accompanied by Misses Mildred Paxton and Mary Louise Sandefer on the violin. Rev. Burkett, father of the bride, and who performed the impressive ceremony led the party, descending from the stairway. He was followed by Miss Mae Burkett and Mr. Dee Grimes of Merkel, then the bride and groom. During the ceremony "Love and Flowers" was softly played by Mrs. Richardson, accompanied on the violin by Misses Mildred Paxton and Mary Louise Sandefer.

The bride wore a handsome dark blue suit, with accessories to match, and carried a shower bouquet of white asters and valley lilies. The maid of honor, Miss Mae Burkett, sister of the bride, carried pink carnations and ferns. She wore a dark blue taffeta suit.

The bride is a young lady of many charms, and loved by all who know her. She is an accomplished musician. Mr. Howard is a young business man of Merkel, and has a host of friends.

During the informal reception, Mesdames Olear Burkett and R. E. Rankin, received, and Mrs. Luther Woodroof of Merkel and Miss Grace Sandefer served refreshing punch and cake. Mrs. McCall presided over the lovely bride's cake.

Price-Browning

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Browning on last Sunday afternoon was the scene of another quiet wedding, when their daughter, Miss LaYonna and Mr. LeRoy Price of Bronte were mar-

A WORD FOR MOTHERS

It is a grave mistake for mothers to neglect their aches and pains and suffer in silence—this only leads to chronic sickness and often shortens life.

If your work is tiring; if your nerves are excitable; if you feel languid, weary or depressed, you should know that Scott's Emulsion overcomes just such conditions.

It possesses in concentrated form the very elements to invigorate the blood, strengthen the tissues, nourish the nerves and build strength.

Scott's is strengthening thousands of mothers—and will help you. No alcohol.

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AUTUMN OPENING

MILLINERY



**Tuesday & Wednesday
September 5th and 6th**

WOODROOF'S

MISS SMITH IN CHARGE

ried. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. E. Bullock, and the guests, outside of the immediate family, residing here, were V. E. Browning, brother of the bride, and family of Bronte, Miss Babel Browning of Sweetwater, cousin of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Shelton, M. M. Wiltshire and Rev. W. B. Fitzhugh, who is an old friend of the Browning family.

Immediately following the ceremony, refreshments of ice cream, angel food cake and punch were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Price accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Browning left immediately for Bronte where they will reside, the groom being associated with his father there in business.

At two different times the bride has made her home in our town, and by those who know her she is thought of as a beautiful and attractive personality.

Slumber Party

Honoring Miss Mary Bell Walker of Hawley, Miss Eunice Russel invited a few girl friends for a slumber party on Tuesday night. During the early evening a few boys also enjoyed the hospitality of the pleasant home and the girls were then left to pleasures of their own devising. Misses Mary Bell Walker, Beatrice Nidiver, Josie Smith, Charlie Bell Thomas and the hostess were the girls who spent the night together.

Birthday Party

In the country home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W F Patterson, their little daughter Juanita celebrated her eighth birthday Thursday, August twenty-fourth. This was an afternoon party and about twenty of Juanita's friends enjoyed the afternoon with her. Outdoor games

afforded much amusement for the children present. As refreshments, watermelon and cakes were served.

These little people had such a good time that they departed hoping that the little hostess could have many more birthdays which they might be permitted to enjoy with her.

Mrs. Shelton Entertains

The Buds of Promise Sunday School class was entertained Tuesday afternoon by their teacher Mrs. J J Shelton. The girls with their luncheon went picnicing in the Teaff pasture and here they spent the time delightfully until early evening drove them in. The girls going were Maurine Cobb, Murphy Thomas, Rosa Laney, Mary, Ethel and Elizabeth Williams, Hazel Harkrider, Leon Briggs, Maurine Angus and Lola Armstrong.

Mrs. M L Vickers of Pecos is visiting her sister Mrs. JWDaniel. Upon her return, Mrs. Vickers will be accompanied by her father Captain J T Tucker who will join his wife, already in Pecos, in making their home there. Capt Tucker and his wife have been residents of Merkel from pioneer times and they have a host of friends here who will regret to have them make this move which is necessary on account of Mrs Tucker's health.

Moves to Snyder

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Rogers departed Tuesday evening aboard the Sunshine Special on their way to Snyder where they will make their home. Mr. Rogers having purchased a one-half interest in the Buck Horn Tailor Shop of that place.



Almost Like a Face-to-Face Chat

Mr. Jones had gone to a distant city on business to be away for several days, and had left his wife on the farm with no companion, except a small child.

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

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

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J. Fuller Issues a Statement

To The Voters of Taylor County, and My Friends:

I desire to take this means of expressing the gratitude of a full heart to all my friends (and all the people are my friends) for their loyalty and many kind expressions of friendship and good will.

I shall never forget my friends who supported me so loyally. I also know that many who voted against me are my friends, but their judgement was that I have held the district clerk's office long enough and the voice of the people is law.

I accept the verdict of the people with good grace and good will to all.

Again thanking the people of Taylor county for the honor they bestowed upon me, and assuring you one and all that I have tried hard to serve you in an acceptable and efficient manner, I beg to remain,

Sincerely and gratefully,
J. FULLER.

For Sale

5 room house, 4 lots with windmill tank, hydrant in house, lot and garden all in good condition, close in. Price \$650.00. See J. E. Martin or phone 290. It

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Secured or Your Money Back if you take the Draught Training, the training that business men endorse. You can take it at college or by mail. Write to-day DRAUGHT'S PRACTICAL BUSINESS COLLEGE Box B Abilene, Texas



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In addition to other properties, Lax-Fos contains Cascara in acceptable form, a stimulating Laxative and Tonic. Lax-Fos acts effectively and does not grip nor disturb stomach. At the same time, it aids digestion, arouses the liver and secretions and restores the healthy functions. 50c.

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S. Hamilton, Clerk

Recent Births Reported

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Rister, a boy on August 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brown, a boy on August 14.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown a boy on August 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Z. Hawkins, of Tye, twins August 9th. One a boy and one a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Monroe of Noodle, a boy on August 16.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Cook of Hodges, a boy on August 23.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Tucker of this place, a girl on August 22.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Avant, a girl on August 21.

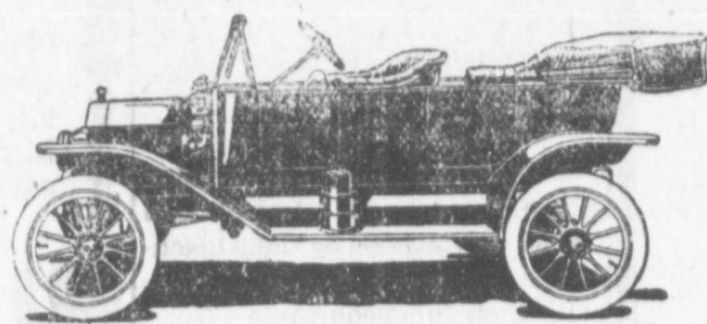
Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ware, a boy on August 15.

Good for Biliousness

I took two of Chamberlain's Tablets last night, and I feel fifty percent better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness. For sale by all dealers.

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Make your guess, write it on both ends of the guess coupon. Keep the stub for your own reference. Sign the coupon with your name and address, AND DEPOSIT SAME IN SEALED BOX just inside our store

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SAN ANGELO GETS RECRUITING OFFICE

National Guard Recruiting Headquarters Moved From Sweetwater This Week

OFFICERS HERE MONDAY

Colonel Hoover, in Charge of Recruiting for Several States, and Captain Cash Were Here on Business

Abilene, Aug. 28.—Lieut.-Col. John S. Hoover, in charge of National Guard recruiting work in the states of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona, and Captain W. Auda Vee Cash, recruiting office in charge of this district were in Abilene Monday on official business.

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Col. Hoover has complete control of recruiting in the states above named, and is one of the highest ranking officers in the National Guard. Seen by a reporter at Hotel Grace, Monday noon, he explained the workings of his department and took occasion to compliment the Texas guards. His home is at Houston and he is ordinarily assigned to the Third Texas Infantry but was chosen to handle the recruiting work on account of his peculiar fitness for the place.

"We've got to have men," was the emphatic statement of Colonel Hoover. "The Texas guard has 5,500 men now on duty, and we need 1,400 more to bring it up to full war strength. This district will have stations at Abilene, Sweetwater, San Angelo, Brownwood, Stamford and Ballinger. Anyone who wishes to enlist will have his transportation paid to San Angelo, where his application will be passed upon. If he is accepted he will be sent to the rendezvous at Fort Sam Houston. In the event he is rejected, his fare will be paid back to his home station, and his board and lodging will also be paid for the time he loses. Thus it will be seen that the prospective recruit loses nothing. Anyone who desires to enlist can notify Captain Cash at San Angelo, and transportation will be sent him at once."

Kaptain Hoover stated that the sick rate in the Texas Guard for July was only 1.14 percent, which is considered remarkable. The subsistence department of the Guard is perfect, he said, and only the chronic kickers object to the fare. He has been designated the officer in charge of mustering out men under the dependent families and student acts, and declared that only 14 men out of 5,500 in the Texas Guard had asked to be relieved from duty. There has not been a death from natural causes in the Texas Guard since it was sent to the border.

Col. Hoover explained that under the new law guardsmen must serve six years, three with the colors and three in reserve. They get one-fourth pay while in the reserve and must drill 52 times a year. Every arm of the Texas service is full except infantry, and it is for infantry recruits that the present campaign is being waged.

Colonel Hoover and Captain Cash left Monday afternoon, having made the trip here in Captain Cash's automobile.

OUR NUBIA SCRIBE

The ethereal pluvius, whose abode is somewhere among the super-stratas of space is very determined that this special locality of earth shall continue to remain in the "dry column". He is either as stingy as Shylock, or else is assaying to put our forbearance to the acid test; one of the three Miss Annie Collins of Merkel has been visiting at the home of Sam Butman. Elder Price Bankhead of Merkel held a three nights meeting at Cross Roads during which time he received two members into the church, making seventeen

that have joined that congregation this summer.

Those whose financial condition was already good and whose prospect for a good yield of cotton this year is also good will naturally be in ideal circumstances this fall. A tip. Unless you are thoroughly able do not buy an auto, but send one of two of your children to some good college and they will rise up and call you blessed.

The singers of Cross Roads have organized a class and have elected their delegates to the convention which meets at Trent on the second Sunday in September.

Mr. Hoyt Horton and Miss Sallie Blackburn were happily married at the home of the bride's

parents last Sunday. We give them our heartiest wishes.

Mr. George Crow and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Hurley Toombs.

Quite a number of young people spent a portion of Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Perry's.

Cotton picking is in full swing and expression of "My back is tired" is becoming hackneyed.

The second primary is now a fact in history and whether our choice was elected or not, we shall content ourselves with making votes for Wilson from now on until November.

Mr. Jim Moore and family of Blair, attended church at Cross Roads, Sunday.

Mr. Hughes has not agitated the country with his speech making. The people have only turned out to take a peep at him, guess what he is and take the prize. Wait till the "Peerless one" and the greatly admirable one begin their swing around the circle, then you'll see hats in the air and hear the people's yells of approval.

How to Give Good Advice

The best way to give good advice is to set a good example. When others see how quickly you get over your cold by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy they are likely to follow your example. This remedy has been in use for many years and enjoys an excellent reputation. Obtainable everywhere.

To go to Eastland

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Perminter left Wednesday for Eastland where they will make their home during the fall and winter during the time which Mr. Perminter will engage in the cotton business at that place. They expect to return to Merkel next spring.

Harris Pay Hart

While the ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Harris of Stith was riding a calf Sunday, he lost his place amidship the youthful bovine, and was thrown with such force that he sustained internal injuries and up to Tuesday morning his exact condition could not be ascertained.



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We find that we are over-stocked on hacks and surries, and in order to close them out quickly, for we intend to discontinue handling Hacks and Surries, we will offer for sale for strictly cash all these rigs we have in stock at ACTUAL WHOLESALE COST. Our stock of buggies will be kept complete in the future as in the past, and no buggies are to be offered in this cost sale. This is positively a great saving to any one who may need a Hack or Surry.

Our stock of Hardware is more complete today than ever before, and we will save you money on your purchases in anything you may need in the hardware line. Call and figure with us when you need hardware.

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Quality First

A LITTLE MORE QUALITY ALWAYS PAYS

A friend of mine bought a lawn mower. I forget what he paid, but it was the cheapest he could find.

He cut his lawn twice, then took the lawn mower to the repair shop.

Every time he finished mowing the grass the cheap machine had to go back to the repair shop to be sharpened or tuned.

"That's the most expensive lawn mower I ever owned" he told me one day.

He had learned the lesson I've been trying to teach people about motor cars. And that lesson is—the cheapest car is often the most expensive. It pays enormously to pay a little more.

By paying \$1090 for a Chalmers, for example, you get a five-year car. A car that will do everything you expect of it for at least five years.

And at the end of that time it will be in fair condition.

The motor—it's the famous 3400 r.p.m. It will never worry you. Never cause you to lose your temper.

For it has been tested in the hands of 30,000 owners and found 99.21 percent perfect.

Caution: Don't take the cheap-lawn-mower attitude in buying motor cars.

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IRA ARMSTRONG, Demonstrator

Mrs. Templeton Dead

After weeks of illness and suffering Mrs. Alice D. Templeton passed into another life Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock.

Mrs. Templeton's serious illness began four months ago when she was operated on for cancer of the breast, since that time her health has never been improved and the disease gradually spread to other parts of her body.

About ten days ago, in company with her sister Mrs. J. M. Terry who has nursed the patient during her illness, Mrs. Templeton returned here where the last few days of her life was spent in her own home surrounded by the many friends who have known and loved her for years. With the death of this honored woman the Templeton boarding house became a part of Merkel's past. One of the widest avenues of good doing in the life of the deceased was the interest she took in those coming and going from her home. She was "Ma" Templeton or "Aunt Alice" to the young and old alike.

The brothers and sisters present were Mesdames Matt Fryar and J. M. Terry, Charles, Will and Mitchell Leeman. Other relatives here were Mrs. John Mann of Clyde and Miss Katherine Allen of Honey Grove, nieces of the deceased and John D. Terry, nephew of Clinton, Okla.

Outside of her home influence which counted for so much she was faithful to her church and devoted to her friends.

The last two years of her life was brightened by having with her as her own child, little grand niece Mildred whose love for her Auntie Mother was to all who knew them a beautiful example of childish devotion.

At 9:30 Wednesday evening funeral services were held at the Templeton home, short talks being made by both Revs. Bullock and Garvin, while many close friends of the deceased were present to pay their respects before the body was sent away on the Texas & Pacific passenger No. 6 at 10:15 for Honey Grove where burial services were held this Thursday afternoon.

Are You Looking Old?

Old age comes quick enough without inviting it. Some look old at forty. That is because they neglect the liver and bowels. Keep your bowels regular and your liver healthy and you will not only feel younger but look younger. When troubled with constipation or biliousness take Chamberlain's Tablets. They are intended especially for these ailments and are excellent. Easy to take and most agreeable in effect. Obtainable everywhere.

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All other orders will remain the same price

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FOR SALE.—Some chairs, tables, refrigerator, bookcase, Dazey churn and other things. See M. H. Morris, at Mrs. Tipton's place. 25t2pd

WANTED.—Man with small family for farm work. S. H. L. Swafford. 1tpd

FOR RENT.—Six rooms, bath and sleeping porch at my home. See me quick. J. W. Daniel.

FOR RENT.—Nice six room cottage on north side in good neighborhood. Will be vacated by September 11. See W. Parten at Parten Dry Good Co.

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

LOST.—Pair of focal, gold rim glasses. Case had name Dr. Lee of Waxahachie. \$1 reward. Return to Mail office. L. G. Bullington. 1tpd.

FOR SALE.—Good phaeton and harness at a bargain. See Dr. Williams or G. F. West. 26t4

FOR TRADE.—Irrigated farm in south Texas will trade for Merkel property. J. C. Mason. 25t2pd

Much Oblige to All

The surprise of some of my friends treated me to Monday morning when they presented me with one of my obligations, in note form, marked paid by the bank that was holding it, certainly made me feel grateful to those who had taken my interest at heart. The obligation which amounted to nearly \$60.00 was not due until in October and to now feel free from that, by the good graces of those who lended their financial assistance, I am placed under an everlasting obligation to all who helped and I want to thank them from the bottom of my heart for what they did for me, for such surprises in life come few and far between, if ever.

Your friend,
Aaron Bryan.

His Poor Kinfolk

It all came about in a wet town in Kentucky, when a one "galloused" fellow named Hardscrabble met his friend in town one day, and said:

"Well, they say you are going to Texas."

"Yes, I'm just starting."
"Do you think you'll see my brother down there?"

"O, yes, I'll see your brother. I'm going to his town."

"Well," said the "galloused" party, "I wish you would tell him that if he is ever going to help me, to do it now. I haven't got a thing in the world."

"All right," said the friend.

"Let's go and have a drink." After a short talk, old one "galloused" said: "If you see my brother, tell him I— I'm doin' very well—I'm makin' money."

"All right," said the friend.

"Let's have another drink."

The train was coming, and the departing man shook hands with his old time friend. The erstwhile poor man staggered up to the platform and shouted: "Say, if you see my brother down in Texas, tell him if he needs anything, by gosh, to let me know."

—Apologies to Bob Taylor, deceased.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c.

Hamburger Season

Eat hamburgers at Aaron's stand, now open for the entire season. Will appreciate your trade. Aaron Bryan.

Card of Thanks

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the friends around Merkel for the kindness shown us through the illness and death of our little daughter, Daisy. May the blessing of the Eternal One abide with each and every one.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Tucker.

Advertised Letters.

Davis, Lewis
Dulaney, Chris
Homan, Mrs. J. W.
King, J. M.

Lobbin, Mrs. Chas P 3
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Sept. 13th, 1916.

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Merkel, Texas

Best Treatment for a Burn

If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in the treatment of burns. It allays the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a severe one, heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also unequalled for chapped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy

This is a medicine that every family should be provided with. Colic and diarrhoea often come on suddenly and it is of the greatest importance that they be treated promptly. Consider the suffering that must be endured until a physician arrives or medicine can be obtained. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has a reputation second to none for the quick relief which it affords. Obtainable everywhere.

Back From the Plains Country

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock have returned from the Plains country and have again left to finish their summer vacation with relatives in the eastern part of the state.

While out west they visited at Lubbock, Crosbyton, Plainview and other points and while east will visit at Comanche and go on east into Coryell county the scene of Mr. Adcock's old home.

BUSTER Brown School SHOES

We are prepared to shoe your boy and girl for school wear at the same old prices, as we bought unusually heavy before the fall advance on shoes came. We advise buying early while our stock is complete and you can get them at the same old price. All styles and sizes. LET US SHOE YOU

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SHILOH NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winters were guests of Mrs. Cade and daughter Miss Florence, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Higgins of Kent county are visiting the family of J. H. Grayson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett were in the Noodle community Sunday visiting friends.

J. W. Hardy of Clyde spent Wednesday with W. B. Beavers and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Barnes from Sweetwater Creek spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips.

Bud Brown and family, S. Mauberry and family and Misses Nina Beavers and Myrtle McDonald were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Bond.

Dr. Williams of Merkel was called out Saturday afternoon to see the baby of Mr. and Mrs. McCright who has been right sick for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp and children of Merkel motored out to this community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Grayson spent Thursday prospecting in Abilene.

Jess Tabor and Miss Albertine Winters attended the Singing Convention at Stith Sunday.

Misses Beulah Jones and Edith Mayberry were guests of Miss Lyda Beavers Sunday.

There were quite a number of relatives who spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson.

Furman Carter was hauling lumber from Trent the first of the week with which he will make improvements on his place near here.

NOODLE COMMUNITY

Radford Cook is suffering with blood poison and is improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Corder and family of Avoca, Friday and Saturday.

Quite a number from here attended singing at Stith Sunday.

Mrs. William Winter and children of Guthrie are the guests of their parents and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee.

Mrs. Hill and son of Hamilton visited their daughter and sister Mrs. L. W. Ely of this place.

Miss Ora Bryson returned

EVIDENCE THAT CONVINCES

A Twice-Told Tale Will Carry Conviction to Mail Readers.

Nearly eleven years ago Mr. Derstine publicly endorsed Doan's Kidney Pills; He then told of benefit he had received.

Later, with unshaken confidence, He confirms his statement—

Tells how passing years have strengthened his faith in doan's.

There's no better test than the test of time.

Can any Merkel reader ask for more convincing evidence?

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NEWS FROM TRENT

The Meeting Closed and Convention Date is Set

The Christian meeting which started here Sunday week has been one of the most successful ever held here from many standpoints. Elder W. A. Schultz did the preaching and to his strenuous and active work are accredited enlistment of twenty-five new members to the church all by baptism. The greatest number to make confessions at any service was on Friday night of last week when fourteen were received. The meeting was scheduled to end the middle of this week as many were being forced to stay away from the services on account of the early opening of cotton and hurried picking having started.

The Trent Schools have not yet had a date of opening selected by the trustees, but it is supposed that the work will begin at an early date in October. Professor L. T. Greene of Hawley has been elected superintendent, while Mrs. Greene has been employed as a grade teacher in the schools. The other teachers employed are Mr. and Mrs. Simpson Christopher and Miss Hill, the latter of Iowa Park.

The Taylor County Singing Convention is scheduled for this place and will be held the second Sunday in September. People from over the entire county are expected to be present as this place is popularly known for its success in the holding of these conventions. All are invited.

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Mrs. I. S. Adkisson Dies Here

Mrs. Ada Adkisson, wife of Rev. I. S. Adkisson of Decaturville, Tenn., died at the home of Dr. J. E. Adkisson in this city Friday of last week of Bright's disease.

The deceased who was sixty years of age, was Mrs. Geo. Boggan before her marriage to Rev. Adkisson in 1900. For some months the aged lady had been in very ill health and came here with her husband to the home of the latter's son, hoping that the change in climate and conditions would be a material benefit, and for nearly two weeks Mrs. Adkisson improved, the family being much elated, when suddenly she relapsed, and soon her condition grew serious and few changes were recorded until death came. The body was returned to the family home at Decaturville Saturday morning, leaving here on the Sunshine Special, and was accompanied by Rev. Adkisson. The funeral services will be conducted by the pastor of the M. E. Church at Decaturville under auspices of the Order of Eastern Star of which the deceased was a member Mrs. Adkisson was, at time of her death, Past Grand Matron of the O. E. S. and a member of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

Expresses Thanks

The good neighbors and others who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our wife and mother have our expression of thanks for their consideration.

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Miss Helen Thompson is spending this week with friends in Anson.

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