

MERKEL MAN INVENTS LABOR SAVING MACHINE FOR HARVESTERS USE

W. A. Cozart a Former Merkel Farmer here With Maize Heading Machine he has Patented. Perfect Working Model will be Shown here next week on Teaff farm.

C. A. McAdams and W. A. Cozart, of Dallas, the latter a former resident of this place were here Saturday and Monday showing a small model of the Cozart Maize Header, a pronounced success by many who viewed the machine.

Owing to the unusual interest manifested by Merkel people in the new invention Mr. McAdams left for Dallas Monday night to have a working model shipped here for further demonstration work. Those wishing to see the header in actual operation can do so at an early date next week in the J. N. Teaff field two miles west of Merkel. Both Mr. McAdams and Mr. Cozart are highly elated over the success they have met with in this section of the state and a company is being organized in Dallas for the manufacture of the headers. The corporation will be capitalized for \$50,000, the control of which will remain with Mr. Cozart as his interest for the invention. It is expected that the sale of stock going forward as it has been during the past few weeks the company will be ready for operation in time to furnish a number of machines in time for next years harvest of maize.

Before leaving for Dallas Mr. McAdams called at our office and informed us that he expected to have the machine in operation Monday of next week.

SOME PUMPKIN THIS PUMPKIN

W. A. Thornton of Route 4 was in town Monday bringing with him an exceptionally large pumpkin.

This species of the gourd though somewhat rough in its external outlines managed to weigh eighty one pounds according to Mr. Thornton's statement and as we were forced to lift out of his wagon and bring it into our office we are free to take his statement as to its weight as absolutely correct.

The pumpkin has a waist measure of five feet and one inch around the largest way and is now on display together with two other pumpkins from the garden of J. H. Wicher of this city.

Claims to be Paid.

Parties who hold claims against Taylor county for Commissioners Precinct No. 2 will please file same by the second Monday in December. Have your former Commissioner J. L. Banner O. K. same before sending it in.

This is necessary that you give these claims immediate attention and in doing so you will also confer a favor upon the entire board of Commissioners.

T. R. Lassiter,

Commissioner Precinct No. 2

Moves to Abilene.

J. J. O'Malley, representative of the Kansas City Life Insurance Co., who with his wife made Merkel their home for several months this last spring and summer, have recently moved to Abilene where Mr. O'Malley will be stationed in the future.

HOLDUP MEN DO NOT GET MONEY

According to a statement of a negro cotton picker who is working north west of Merkel, he had been held up at the point of a pistol by two white men Sunday afternoon in an unsuccessful attempt to rob him of what loose change he had.

The negro told officers who went to the scene that the two men accosted him in a clump of bushes and commanded him to throw up his hands, which he did. One of the holdup men had searched only one pocket when a man was seen coming in a buggy. The holdup men got into cover of some near bushes and threatened the negro with death if he mentioned the incident. He stated that the coming of the uninterested party saved him of eight dollars which was in a pocket the white men had not searched.

Parties in Trent Sunday night saw suspicious characters board the east bound Texas and Pacific train, passenger train No. 2 and notified night watchman King of this place where they met the train. Two suspicious men were seen to alight from the wrong side of the train and make for cover. Watchman King called for them to halt but this only served to give them a good start, when a shot in the air from Mr. Kings pistol followed by another command for the fugitives to stop, made the desire of the runners all the more strong for a hurried departure and they escaped by sheer speed. They are now wanted on two charges; one for holdup and the other for exceeding the speed limit in this city.

Mistake in Advertisement

In reading the advertisement of R. L. Penick of Stamford in the Poultry News published at Dallas, our attention was attracted to the winnings listed by Mr. Penick of his Rhode Island Reds at the San Angelo Poultry Show, recently closed.

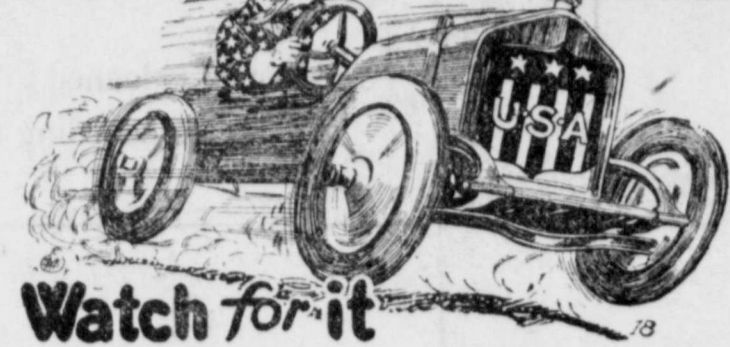
Mr. Penicks ad carried the winnings of first and third pullet at the San Angelo show in connection with other winnings listed and credited to his stock of chickens. Evidently there is a mistake some where. According to the list of winnings published of the San Angelo show in one of the San Angelo papers our townsman R. A. Ellis was given first and 3rd pullet in the Rhode Island Red class. We believe our information is correct and trust the Poultry News will see to the correction of same in their next issue.

Dewitt Haynes Better.

Dewitt Haynes, who has been very low with typhoid fever at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes is reported to be much better and now well on the road to recovery.

The many friends of Dewitt will be glad to know of his improvement.

COMING!!! MADE IN AMERICA PAGE



Watch for it

On or about December 11th in this paper

THE LOSEING SIDE OF MAIL ORDERS

Hans Gaobus, a German farmer or Iowa has discovered that the benefits which appear on the surface as attaching to the mail order plan sometimes spell disaster and has written a very interesting story of his views in a certain farm paper. Here is a part of his story:

"We farmers need awakening to the fact that we have unwittingly reached the period where we must think and plan. I am one of the slow German farmers that had to be shown and I am now giving my experiences that others may profit, for knowledge is more expensive now than ten years ago.

"Twenty-nine years ago I began my farm career. I had an old team and \$50. Our furniture is mostly home-made—chairs, cupboard and lounge made from dry goods boxes, neatly covered with ten cent cretonne by my girl wife. We rented 80 acres. Being a boy of good habits, I got all needed machinery and groceries of our home merchants on credit, until fall crops were sold. The first year was a wet season and I did not make enough to pay creditors. I went to each on date of promise and explained conditions, paying as much as possible, and they all carried the balance over another year. They continued to accommodate me until I was able to buy a forty acre place of my own.

As soon as I owned these few acres the mail order houses began sending me catalogues, and gradually I began sending my loose change to them, letting my accounts stand in my home where I had gotten my accommodation when I needed it.

We then had one of the thriftiest little villages in the state—good line of business in all the branches, merchants who were willing to help an honest fellow over a bad year and a town full of people who came twice a week to trade and visit. Our little country town supported a library high school, band, ball team and we had a big celebration every year.

"A farm near a live town soon doubles in value. I sold my 40 acres at a big advance an bought an 80, gradually adding to it until I had 200 acres of the best land in Iowa. I then felt no need of asking favors and found it easy to patronize the mail order agents that came almost weekly to our door. I regret to say that I was the first in the county to make up a neighborhood bill and send it to the mail order house. Though we got very once in a while, we got in the habit of sending

POPULAR LYCEUM NUMBER BOOKED

Manager Groene of the New Cozy Opera House has booked for next Monday night November 30 Victoria Ladies Quartette, featuring Misses Bernice Hixon, first soprano and pianist; Francis Smith, second soprano and violinist, Maude L. Humbert, first alto and Irma Jane Mallory, second alto.

This lyceum number is booked through the Affiliated Lyceum Bureaus and no doubt will prove one of the best attractions coming to our town this season. Advance reserve seats on sale Saturday at the Elite Confectionery. Prices 25, 35 and 50 cents.

One guess each week. Guess today how long the candle will burn at Grimes Drug Store.

Dr. O. F. McMaster Returns.

Dr. O. F. McMaster returned Tuesday night from Port Lavaca and Goliad where he has been for the past three months looking after business matters.

Dr. McMaster reports condition in that section of the country far behind those of our section and seemed very glad to get back to stay. His return home was expected some time ago but Port Lavaca and Goliad compelled him to make his visit there unusually long.

away for stuff.

"Gradually our merchants lessened their stock of goods—for lack of patronage. Finally we began to realize that when we needed a bolt quickly for machinery, or clothing for sickness or death we had to wait and send away for it which wasn't so pleasant. One by one our merchants moved to where they were appreciated, and men of less energy moved in. Gradually our town has gone down; our business houses are 'tacky' in appearance, a number are empty our schools, churches and walks are going down, we have no band no library, no ball team. There is no business done in town and therefore no taxes to keep things up. Hotel is closed for lack of travel. Go down to the depot when the train pulls in and you will see the sequel in mail order packages.

"Nine years ago my farm was worth \$195.00 per acre; today I would have a hard matter to sell it at \$167.00 an acre. It is 'too far from a live town'—so every farmer has said who wants to buy. He wants a place near churches and schools where his children can have advantages. I have awakened to the fact that in helping pull the town down it cost me \$5,600.00 in nine years.

POULTRY SHOW OPENS HERE NEXT WEEK—BEST SHOW EVENT OF YEAR

Entries from Various Sections of the State are Expected to be Here Thursday to Saturday of Next Week, December 3, 4 and 5th—Secretary Williams a Busy man.

96 CHICKENS TO STAMFORD SHOW

Merkel Chicken raisers are represented at Stamford this week with 96 prize winning birds from the best known poultry yards of our town and country.

Those making entries from here were: R. A. Ellis with 12 Rhode Island Reds, W. J. Teaff with 5 Rhode Island Reds, H. P. Wilkins with 20 Barred Plymouth Rocks, Joe K. Higgins with 3 Rhode Island Reds and 13 Barred Rocks, W. O. Williams with 17 White Orpingtons, Henry Rose with 13 White Wyandotts and A. J. Hartley with 13 Buff Orpingtons. Mr. Higgins accompanied the shipment but A. J. and H. P. Wilkins could not resist the temptation of seeing their birds win so departed Wednesday to look the Stamford show over. These same birds with many other from Merkel yards will be at home on exhibition December, 3, 4 and 5th. Make your preparations to be here.

Former Merkel Boy Promoted.

Stening P. Miller's many friends who have remembered him from the time he came from Dallas as a very small boy to make his home with his brother-in-law and his sister Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dickson will be glad to know of his steady advance. Seven years ago he started as a recruit in the Navy service today he is Captain of a boat in Canal Zone with a salary of \$165.00 per month with substantial allowance.

We hear lots of high prices down there but in letters received from Mr. and Mrs. Miller we are of the opinion that we would be willing to try it for awhile. Bananas are selling for half a cent each and other things in proportion. Some of the sights to be seen are very laughable. The natives are regular beasts of burden, a trunk with a big bag on top of it is a sight to see on a negro's head. When they go to the Post Office and get a letter after reading it they put it on their heads with a rock on top of the letter after which they stroll off. They only know two speeds, go slow and stop. The Canal is much a live with spiders, ants and roaches.

Presbyterian Announcement.

Sunday School at 10 A. M. Let everyone be present. We will decide the matter of a Xmas program.

Preaching services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. E. S. Tucker of Tye will preach at these services. Give him a hearing and he will give you a message.

E. P. McMillen, Supt.

Herbert E. Bullock, Pastor.

Cotton Pickers Wanted

Will furnish good house for family to pick cotton. G. F. Turner, Route 1 Box 20. 2tpd

All to win, nothing to lose. Guess how long the candle will burn at Grimes Drug Store.

The Merkel Poultry and Pet Stock Show opens without fail next Thursday morning December 3rd, with probably the largest list of entries of any West Texas Poultry show during the present year.

Secretary W. O. Williams has been very busy during the past few days answering inquiries and sending out catalogues and entry blanks to chicken fanciers in other parts of the state. The judge of the show will be Hon. H. B. Savage of Belton authority on chickens and one of the best known judges in the south, a legislator and newspaper man. With all these qualifications he should be able to give absolute satisfaction to all contestants. The towns to be represented at Merkel next week are as follows according to present listings: Abilene, Sweetwater, Stamford, San Angelo, Miles, Ballenger, Brownwood, Winters, Baird, Dallas, Cleburne, Gainesville, Waco, Leuders, Hamlin, Jayton, Plainview, El Paso, Coleman, Fort Worth and Midland Texas and New Orleans, La.

Dr. Britton Here Next Week.

Dr. Britton, specialist on the treatment of eyes will be at Merkel Wednesday evening December 2nd, and Thursday morning until 10:30 o'clock. While here he will have his office in connection with Dr. M. Armstrong.

AN ADVERTISEMENT EXTRAORDINARY

It appeared in the Abilene Daily Reporter Sunday and was over the signature of John G. Jackson an ex-editor and universally known real estate dealer formerly of this city.

We sincerely enjoyed the prelude spasm of what we believe will be a successful career of our former employer. In beginning an \$8.00 ad which Mr. Jackson claims cost him \$1.35 he describes his geographical location in Abilene as follows: The F. & M Bank is located just one door east of my office. He further stated that he was glad to accept his own invitation to return to Abilene and asks the citizenship to "scrounge" over a little bit and make room for him. He proposes to turn loose 1400 different caliber of advertising guns and from the way he started out we expect them all to be of the popular type used so extensively by the Germans.

He goes further and states he is a fat man with a most pleasing disposition and gives a list of references from various bankers in Abilene and Merkel with the liberty of revising his list of references should any of these men say anything detrimental to his ability and integrity.

Only the lack of space or we would duplicate the ad for the entertainment of our readers. Truly it was original and showed strong personality.

Mrs. W. A. Thornton left Wednesday for Putnam to visit her daughter Mrs. C. V. Martin for a short time.

The Farmers State Bank

OCTOBER 31, 1914

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts.....	\$131,266.46
Banking House.....	9,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,500.00
Interest in Guaranty Fund...	791.55
Cash and Exchange.....	42,292.42
	\$188,350.43

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	2,083.00
DEPOSITS.....	125,402.12
Bills Payable.....	25,514.65
Reserve for Taxes.....	350.00
	\$188,350.43

Our money is loaned to customers, as shown by above statement.
No hoarding here. We solicit your business.

NATION'S LABOR PROBLEM

Over a million and a half Women Work as Farm Hands in the United States.

By Peter Radford
Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

Our government never faced so tremendous a problem as that now lying dormant at the doors of Congress and the legislatures, and which, when aroused, will shake this nation from center to circumference, and make civilization hide its face in shame. That problem is—women in the field.

The last Federal census reports show we now have 1,514,000 women working in the field, most of them south of the Mason and Dixon line. There were approximately a million negro slaves working in the fields when liberated by the emancipation proclamation. We have freed our slaves and our women have taken their places in bondage. We have broken the shackles off the negroes and welded them upon our daughters.

The Chain-Gang of Civilization.

A million women in bondage in the southern fields form the chain-gang of civilization—the industrial tragedy of the age. There is no overseer quite so cruel as that of unrestrained greed, no whip that stings like the lash of suborned destiny, and no auctioneer's block quite so revolting as that of organized avarice.

The president of the United States was recently lauded by the press, and very properly so, for suggesting mediation between the engineers and railroad managers in adjusting their schedule of time and pay. The engineers threatened to strike if their wages were not increased from approximately ten to eleven dollars per day and service reduced from ten to eight hours and a similar readjustment of the overtime schedule. Our women are working in the field, many of them barefooted, for less than 50 cents per day, and their schedule is the rising sun and the evening star, and after the day's work is over they milk the cows, slop the hogs and rock the baby to sleep. Is anyone mediating over their problems, and to whom shall they threaten a strike?

Congress has listened approvingly to those who toil at the forge and behind the counter, and many of our statesmen have smiled at the threats and have fanned the flame of unrest among industrial laborers. But women are as surely the final victims of industrial warfare as they are the burden-bearers in the war between nations, and those who arbitrate and mediate the differences between capital and labor should not forget that when the expenses of any industry are unnecessarily increased, society foots the bill by drafting a new consignment of women from the home to the field.

Pinch No Crumb From Women's Crust of Bread.

No financial award can be made without some one footing the bill, and we commend to those who accept the responsibility of the distribution of industrial justice, the still small voice of the woman in the field as she pleads for

Victoria Ladies' Quartette AT THE COZY THEATRE MONDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER, 30.

A Repertoire of high class Lyceum work. A form of amusement that pleases the most critical. The evening's entertainment will include--vocal solo with piano accompaniment and violin obligato, violin solos, humorous readings, vocal duets, piano solos etc. etc.

The "MINUET" in Costume---a Guaranteed attraction
Prices 25, 35, and 50 cents. Reserve Seats on sale at the Elite Confectionery.

Show Opens at 7:30 P. M.

The Cozy Theatre

Curtain at 8:15 P. M.

mercy, and we beg that they pinch no crumb from her crust of bread or put another patch upon her ragged garments.

We beg that they listen to the scream of horror from the eagle on every American dollar that is wrung from the brow of toiling women and hear the Goddess of Justice hiss at a verdict that increases the want of woman to satisfy the greed of man.

The women behind the counter and in the factory cry aloud for sympathy and the press thunders out in their defense and the pulpit pleads for mercy, but how about the woman in the field? Will not these powerful exponents of human rights turn their talent, energy and influence to her relief? Will the Goddess of Liberty enthroned at Washing-

ton hold the calloused hand and soothe the feverish brow of her sex who sows and reaps the nation's harvest or will she permit the male of the species to shove women—weak and weary—from the bread-line of industry to the back alleys of poverty?

Women and Children First.

The census enumerators tell us that of the 1,514,000 women who work in the fields as farm hands 409,000 are sixteen years of age and under. What is the final destiny of a nation whose future mothers spend their girlhood days behind the plow, pitching hay and hauling manure, and what is to become of womanly culture and refinement that grace the home, charm society and enthrone man to leap to glory in noble achievements if our daughters are raised in the society of the ox and the companionship of the plow?

In that strata between the ages of sixteen and forty-five are 950,000 women working as farm hands and many of them with suckling babes tugging at their breast, as drenched in perspiration, they wield the scythe and guide the plow. What is to become of that nation where poverty breaks the crowns of the queens of the home; despair hurls a mother's love from its throne and hunger drives innocent children from the school-room to the hoe?

The census bureau shows that 155,000 of these women are forty-

five years of age and over. There is no more pitiful sight in civilization than these saintly mothers of Israel stooped with age, drudging in the field from sun until sun and at night drenching their dingy pillows with the tears of despair as their aching hearts take it all to God in prayer. Civilization strikes them a blow when it should give them a crown, and their only friend is He who broke bread with beggars and said: "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Texas, the home of Sam Houston and the adopted land of David Crockett! The Lone Star State!—baptized in the blood of martyrs and paid for by the lives of sainted heroes who, with the sword and the cross, slayed tyranny and conquered evil! Our Southland! the world's custodian of chivalry, the champion of human rights and the defender of the oppressed,—shall we permit our maidens fair to be torn from the hearthstone by the ruthless hand of destiny and chained to the plow? Shall we permit our faithful wives whom we covenanted with God to cherish and protect, to be hurled from the home to the harvest field and our mothers dear to be driven from the old arm chair to the cotton patch?

In rescuing our citizens from the forces of civilization can we not apply to our fair Dixie land the rule of the sea—women and

children first?

There must be a readjustment of the wage scale of industry so that the woman can be taken from the field or given a reasonable wage for her services. Perhaps the issue has never been fairly raised but the Farmers' Union, with a membership of ten millions, puts its organized forces squarely behind the issue and we now enter upon the docket of civilization the case of "The Woman in the Field" and demand an immediate trial.

Old men have visions, young men have dreams. Successful farmers plow deep while sluggards sleep.

Whatever change the tenant farmer makes, it is bound to be for the better—it couldn't be for the worse.

The soil is like a man's bank account. It can soon be exhausted by withdrawing and never depositing.

The growing of legumes will retard soil depletion and greatly add to its power to produce.

Education is a developing of the mind, not a stuffing of the memory. Digest what you read. The real problem of the farmer is how to sell his products.

A shoat in the pen is worth a ten dollar bill in the pocket.

THE Farmers & Merchants Natl. Bank OF MERKEL

Capital and Surplus \$50,000.00

Member Bank in Regional Reserve System

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren G. F. West C. P. Warren
Henry James Ed. S. Hughes
Ben T. Merritt Thos. Johnson

THE PATRIOTIC DOLLAR

War Revenue Tax of \$105,000,000
Levied—Beer Bears Brunt of Burden.

Congress has levied a war tax of \$105,000,000 to offset a similar amount of loss on import revenue due to the European disturbances and of this amount beer is the heaviest contributor, having been assessed approximately, \$50,000,000; a stamp tax on negotiable instruments, it is estimated, will yield \$31,000,000; a tax on the capital stock of banks of \$4,300,000, and a tax on tobacco, perfumes, theater tickets, etc., makes the remainder.

Congress has decreed that the brewer, the banker and the investor must shoulder the musket and march to the front; that midlady who would add to her beauty must first tip Uncle Sam, and a dollar that seeks pleasure must first salute the flag; that Pleasure and Profit—the twin heroes of many wars—shall fight the nation's battles and by an ingeniously arranged schedule of taxation Congress has shifted the war budget from the shoulders of Necessity to those of Choice and Gain, touching in its various ramifications, almost every line of business.

All hail the dollar that bleeds for its country; that bares its breast to the fortunes of war and risks its life to preserve the stability and integrity of the nation's credit.

The market place has always been a favorite stand for war revenue collectors. The trader is a great financial patriot. His dollar is the first to rally around the star-spangled banner and the last to hear the coo of the dove of peace. He is called upon to buy cannon; to feed and clothe the boys in blue and each month cheer their hearts with the coin of the realm. Men can neither be free nor brave without food and ammunition, and money is as important a factor in war as blood. Many monuments have been erected in honor of heroes slain in battle, none have been writ-

ten eulogizing their noble deeds and the nation honors its soldiers while they live and places a monument upon their graves when they die, but very little has been said of the dollar that bears the burdens of war.

Honor to the Dollar That Bears the Burdens of War.

All honor to the dollar that answers the call to arms and, when the battle is over, bandages the wounds of stricken soldiers, lays a wreath upon the graves of fallen heroes and cares for the widows and orphans.

All honor to the industries that bend their backs under the burdens of war; lift the weight from the shoulders of the poor and build a bulwark around the nation's credit.

All honor to those who contribute to the necessities and administer to the comforts of the boys who are marching; cool the fever of afflicted soldiers and kneel with the cross beside dying heroes.

A dollar may fight its competitor in business, industries may struggle for supremacy in trade and occupations may view each other with envy or suspicion, but when the bugle calls they bury strife and rally around the flag, companions and friends, mess mates and chums, all fighting for one flag, one cause and one country.

The luxuries in life have always been the great burden-bearers in government. We will mention a few of them giving the annual contributions to the nation's treasury: Liquor, \$250,000,000; tobacco, \$103,000,000; sugar, \$54,000,000; silks, \$15,500,000; diamonds, \$3,837,000; millinery, \$2,479,000; furs, \$2,024,000 and automobiles \$870,000.

Classic Features.

"From the way you are staring at me, madame, I conclude I look like some one you know." "So you do. You remind me so much of my dear old English bull terrier."—Baltimore American.

Daily Thought.
There's place and means for every man alive.—Shakespeare

What it Spells.
Work-spells genius, says an expert. It also spells honesty if it is done right.

If You Want

RESULTS

YOU can get them by advertising in this paper. It reaches the best class of people in this community.

Use this paper if you want some of their business.

Use This Paper



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Merritt-Welch.

The culmination of a pretty romance which had its origin about three years ago was the marriage Sunday at high noon at the M.E. parsonage in Dublin when the pastor Rev. S.J. Thompson spoke the magic words which united the lives of Ben T. Merritt of this city and Miss Eva Welch, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Welch a well-to-do farmer living near Dublin. This romance was incited through the friendship of Miss Kittie Pipes, a cousin of the bride, and the contracting parties first met when Ben called at the Welch home.

The bride was a '13 graduate from the Dublin high school and is very popular and much loved by all who know her. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt, the former being a well known newspaper man. The groom is connected with the Farmers & Merchants National Bank in the capacity of assistant cashier.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom, the bride's brother Mack Welch and a cousin Miss Jessie Welch re-entered the car and hurried to the depot having just forty minutes in which to be married, get over the excitement and catch the train.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt were supper guests of his parents and are now domiciled in the former bachelor den of Ben's. This wedding came as a complete surprise to the groom's many friends here. Ben is a young man of splendid character and integrity and has a host of friends in church, business and social circles who are now showering congratulations and best wishes for him and his winsome bride.

The social event of the season was the dancing party at the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson on Oak Street Saturday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Brown of Arlington. Cut flowers, ferns and potted plants were used in the reception rooms. The baby grand piano, Victrola and violin furnished music for the dancers and their friends. A lovely luncheon was served consisting of sandwiches, hot chocolate and olives. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. O. Sharp, Mrs. M. D. Angus, Mrs. J. C. Hamm, Misses Mabel Collins, Elma Sheppard, Genevieve Rust, Annie Burnett, Lena Roberts, Ona Hamblet, Miss Weir, Janie Lee Weir, Maude Martin, Messrs H. L. Easterwood, Eonnis and Emmett Grimes, Jno. Ralph Adams, Dee Grimes, Otis Barnett, Parker Sharp, Conna Adams, the host and hostess.

The Library association have in a number of new books among which will be found "The eyes of the World," "What Will People Say," "Saturday Child" and "Penrod—A Real Live boy." Come in and renew your library ticket and get your winter reading for the sum of one dollar. The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 4 to 5 o'clock. For further information see Eva Williams at the Post Office.

Mrs. W. A. Scott will entertain the XX Century Club Saturday afternoon at her home on South Locust Street.

Stops Rheumatic Pain Right Now

It is astonishing how quickly Hunt's Lightning Oil relieves pain. Rub it on and the hurting fades away almost instantly. That's why so many people keep it in their home for one never knows when they will need this excellent liniment. For neuralgia, headache and the like there is nothing better. Sold by all druggists in 25c and 50c bottles. adv

Monogram and all kinds of classy stationery—Burroughs.

The Breezy Corner!

DON'T CHASE TIME

Carry it in your pocket. We will sell you an A-1 watch for a very small price, or a better one for just a little more. We repair watches and all kinds of jewelry

SUBLETT, The Jeweler
at Mrs. E. M. Rust's Drug Store

GENERAL PROSPERITY

Wears Suits that are neatly cleaned and pressed

DO YOU ?

LADIES' WORK A SPECIALTY

The Star Store Tailor Shop
C. L. CASH, Proprietor

SEE LIFE FOR A NICKEL AND A DIME

The place where a little gets a lot.
Everybody goes.

THE ROYAL THEATRE

CLEAN CLOTHES YOU FEEL BETTER

Our Laundry taken up Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; returns on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Called for and delivered to your home.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Church Bros., In Hogue-Hamilton Stand
Representative of Abilene Steam Laundry

Our New Portrait Studio

Is open and ready for business. Send us your Kodak work. We develop for 10c cents per spool, prints 4 cents each. Post cards from any size film 5 cents each. Enlarging of all kinds. Give us a trial.

The Universal Studio
OLLIE CORDELL, Mgr.

IF IT IS SWEET We Have It

Everything in the Confectionery Line—pure, wholesome, delicious and not expensive. :: Your friends come here

Hot Drinks of All Kinds

The Elite Confectionery

Auto Users Specialties

Pensylvania Eord Type Auto Caseings and Inner Tubes. Gasoline & Auto Oils

Ladies convenient, Supreme Gasoline Sad Irons. Absolutely safe, easy to manipulate

H. M. ROSE

Crenshaw Block

JUST RECEIVED

An up-to-date line of Kodaks and an expensive amount of Films.

Let us serve you when in need of the above.

Burroughs Drug Store

League Program Nov. 29th.

Subject—Builders of Methodism.

Scripture—Matt. XXVIII 19-20

Leader—Mrs. Martin.

Song.

Prayer.

Discussion of the work of William Taylor—Leslie McNeese.

Debate:—Resolved that the missionary of Lambuth is greater than that of Livingston.

Affirmative—Ira Shaffer and Mammie McNeese. Negative Bob Hicks and Ezma Allday.

Instrumental music—Mable Laney.

Epworth visitor.

Song.

Repeating of Lord's Prayer in concert.

Miscellaneous.

Benediction.

Regulate the bowels when they fail to move properly. Herbine is an admirable bowel regulator. It helps the liver and stomach and restores a fine feeling of strength and buoyancy. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv

COTTON COTTON.

Now is the time to buy your pianos and sewing machines while you can get 10c for your cotton. See E. D. Coats.

Michigan Salt Coming

I am expecting a car of Michigan Salt in most any day. Wait and get some of it and you can save your pork. It is the best known salt for preserving meats.—Walter Clark

All to win, nothing to lose. Guess how long the candle will burn at Grines Drug Store.

"Wise Guy's" Dictionary

Rube.—A man who owns 240 acres of farm land valued at about \$200.00 an acre.

Jay.—A man who owns a 1915 automobile.

Country Jake.—A man whose home is equipped with gas lights hot and cold running water, bath rooms and hot water heating plant.

Yap.—A man whose son is leading his class at the University.

Hick.—A man whose signature is good for ten thousand dollars at any bank in the county.

Boob.—A man whose daughter finds she is worth \$5,000 when the will is read.

Simp.—A man, to corral his vote the congressman walks over forty acres of plowed land.

Wise Guy.—A city chap with 30 cents in his pocket, who uses the above terms.—Selected.

It is a positive pleasure to the editor to clip such articles as the above from other newspapers and give our readers the benefit of the solution.

Notice to Ginners Public.

We are better prepared than ever to give you good clean ginning as we have just sharpened our saws up in fine shape. We give you the best sample possible as we have the best cleaner in the market. We don't just run your cotton through in order to gin lots of cotton but we take time and gin each bale right. Give us a trial, we guarantee satisfaction or we will not charge you one cent.

Yours for satisfactory work,
Browning Gin Company.

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.

Cañon, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

Off to Stamford.

W. O. Williams and R. A. Ellis left Wednesday night for Stamford to attend the Poultry Show now in progress at that place.

Reports from there go to show that the Merkel entries will have stronger competition than they have ever before been pitted against yet we believe Merkel chickens will win their portion of the laurels.

We cater to everyone. Let us serve you when in need of drugs, drug sundries, paints or any thing afforded in a first class drug store—Burroughs.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. 7-6c

A TEXAS WONDER.

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

IT'S NEW DISCOVERY
O That Cough.

DIVERSIFICATION IS UP TO THE BANKER

MISSIONARY WORK NEEDED AMONG BANKERS AND MERCHANTS.

Co-Operation, Not Dictation
Need of Farmers.

At a meeting of the representatives of the Texas Bankers' Association and the Farmers' Union in Dallas recently, co-operative plans were adopted whereby the men who grow the cotton and the men who finance it will renew their efforts to hold the present crop for better prices and to diversify the planting next year. Mr. W. D. Lewis, President of the Farmers' Union, who represented that body at the meeting gave out the following interview:

"The Farmers' Union renews its entreaties to all farmers to hold cotton and recommends that the farmers who must have money avail themselves of the co-operation of the banker in securing cotton loans. The Union is sending out a large corps of lecturers to urge holding cotton and diversifying next year's crop.

Too Much Free Advice.

"The banker in lending money is giving practical co-operation to the farmer in holding his crop after it is harvested and I want to suggest that the banker and the credit merchant extend the same character of co-operation to the farmer in producing the crop and then the problem of diversification is solved. Let the banker and the money lender announce that they will lend as much money on corn, wheat, oats and other crops as they will advance on cotton at the time of planting and we will have an era of diversification that will astonish all of us. In Texas, according to the most reliable data obtainable, at least two-thirds of the crop is mortgaged before it is planted and the farmer must take dictation from the banker and the merchant as to what he plants. There is little use to send lecturers to tell the farmer what to plant when he has no control over the crop. The banker and the merchant need lecturers sent to them as badly as the farmer and we think the lecture force should be divided equally between the city man and the farmer. We suggest it is unfair for the banker to coerce the farmer to diversify by the power of a loan. Let him agree to finance the diversified crop while in process of production. It is co-operation, not dictation, the farmer needs. Agriculture is already bed-ridden with free advice and if the city man will come back to the soil and co-operate direct with the man who plows instead of basing his action upon typewritten reports of book farmers, we will understand each other better and the south will blossom like a rose."

Statement Issued.

The following statement was issued from the joint meeting and signed by Mr. Lewis, Peter Kaddford and J. A. Kemp, Chairman Bankers' Committee:

"The farmers and bankers of Texas, through their representatives, being united in the determination to work and stand together in the matter of holding this year's crop and reducing the acreage of the 1915 crop at least 50 per cent, urge all who have cotton to sell none for less than 8c a pound and we urge the co-operation of all farmers, bankers and business men in this campaign, with absolute confidence that the price of 10c a pound can and will be reached in the near future."

The Wonderful Magic Washing Stick

The magic Washing Stick, the greatest helper we ever had with the washing, and I have been singing its praise to my neighbor, writes Mrs. M. E. Martin, Route 3, Apache, Okla. Truly a wonderful article, saving a washboard labor on washday. Magic Washing Sticks for 25c, for fifteen big washings. Make white as snow. A. B. R. Co., Sherman, Texas

A Play Ground Unsurpassed

The whole bay region where the Panama Exposition will be held is a play ground unsurpassed. On graceful yatch, speeding motor boat and spacious steamer, there are fascinating trips over the smooth waters of the bay itself to the green clad islands, the Navy Yard, the Naval Training School, the fishing grounds and up the inland rivers. You can visit these scenes absolutely free of cost. A little energy and activity at the present time will enable you to secure the vacation of a life time at our expense.

The source of this opportunity lies in the votes which we are giving on all trade at our store. Every vote applies on the Free Trip to the Panama Exposition. Will you or your friend be there at our expense?

The winner will be given choice of the Free Trip to the Panama Exposition or a \$350 Piano.

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A newspaper published twice each week giving all the Foreign, National, State and Home News

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Your own home paper, which carries all the local news while it is news, the two to your address for one year for only

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When planning your Holiday Trip consult T. & P. Ry. Agents or write

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Made Immediate Success
The "Arabian Nights" did not become familiar to Europeans until 1704, when Galland translated them into French. Scholars cast doubt on the authenticity of some of Galland's tales, accusing him—like Fitzgerald of Omar Khayyam—of inventing rather than translating, but with the success of the tales was immense.

Natural Mistake.
Little Eunice was very fond of her mother's friend, Mrs. Clayton, who had stopped in for a few moments on her way to an afternoon party. She was wearing a beautiful new gown. Little Eunice gazed at her for several seconds speechless with admiration and then burst out delightedly, "Oh Mrs. Clayton, you look just like a fashion dish!"—Youth's Companion.

THE PROPER COURSE

Information of Priceless Value to Every Merkel Citizen.

How to act in an emergency is knowledge of inestimable worth, and this is particularly true of the diseases and ills of the human body. If you suffer with kidney backache, urinary disorders or any form of kidney trouble the advice contained in the following statement should add a valuable asset to your store of knowledge. What could be more convincing proof of the efficiency of Doan's Kidney Pills than the statement of a Merkel citizen who used them and who publicly tells of the benefit derived.

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

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

Lost.

October 16th white and brown spotted bull pup. One year old answers to the name "Mut." Notify Stith Gin Co. for reward. [1tpd]

Man Who Struck Oil First.

How many Americans recall the name of Edwin L. Drake? He was said to have been a conductor on the New Haven railroad 55 years ago. Then he was employed at Oil Creek, Pa., to drill a well for oil, and on August 27, 1859, his work was done and his well went down in history as the first ever drilled for oil in the United States.—Leslie's.

Best Cough Medicine for Children

"Three years ago when I was living in Pittsburgh one of my children had a hard cold and coughed dreadfully. Upon the advice of a druggist I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it benefited him at once. I find it the best cough medicine for children because it is pleasant to take. They do not object to taking it," writes Mrs. Lafayette Tuck, Homer City, Pa. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult. Sold by all dealers. adv

No Souvenir Desired.

A souvenir collector approached the manager of a famous restaurant and said: "Permit me, sir, to return this silver champagne bucket and this Sevres coffee set. I took the liberty, before I ordered my dinner of appropriating them as souvenirs. But after the meal you served me—well, really—some things are better forgotten than souvenirs."

Remarkable Cure for Croup

"Last winter when my little boy had croup I got him a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I honestly believe it saved his life," writes Mrs. J. B. Cook, Indiana, Pa. "It cut the phlegm and relieved his coughing spells. I am most grateful for what this remedy has done for me. For sale by all dealers."

Advertised Letters.

These can be redeemed upon payment of one cent.

Bessie Martin.
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J. C. Masm.
Asa McGehee.
Garland Parke.
Wilmer Palma.
A. C. Walker.
L. R. Ware.
L. R. Walker.
J. T. Wilson.
Mrs. C. D. Whitley.
J. G. Austin.
Mrs. Elvie Boykin.
Lawrence Cason.
Mrs. Bell Clark.
Frank Edwards.
Lewis Ervin.
L. A. Grider.
Willie Handy.
Dora Henderson.
Bill Hughes.
J. J. Hamilton.
Tennie Preston.
Willie Pleasant.
Luther Washington.
M. J. Williams.

These will be sent to the dead letter office December 5th.

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

Despondency Due to Indigestion

It is not at all surprising that persons who have indigestion become discouraged and despondent. Here are a few words of hope and cheer for them by Mrs. Blanche Bowers, Indiana, Pa. "For years my digestion was so poor that I could only eat the lightest foods. I tried everything that I heard of to get relief, but not until about a year ago when I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and got a bottle of them, did I find the right treatment. I soon began to improve, and since taking a few bottles of them my digestion is fine." For sale by all dealers. adv

Valuable in Surgical Work.

The sinews of the kangaroo are especially desirable for use in surgery, for sewing wounds and binding broken bones together.

DARKEN GRAY HAIR, LOOK YOUNG, PRETTY

Grandma's recipe of Sage Tea and Sulphur darkens so naturally that nobody can tell.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome. Nowadays, by asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," you will get a large bottle of this famous old recipe for about 50 cents.

Don't stay gray! Try it! No one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy.

RHEUMATISM IS SLOW POISONING

because the entire system becomes permeated with injurious acids.

To relieve rheumatism Scott's Emulsion is a double help; it is rich in blood-food; it imparts strength to the functions and supplies the very oil-food that rheumatic conditions always need.

Scott's Emulsion has helped countless thousands when other remedies failed. No Alcohol. Refuse Substitutes.

SCOTT & BOWNE, BLOOMFIELD, N. Y.

Why Animals Change Color.

As has long been known, the chameleon and several other cold-blooded creatures are able to change color at will. Science ascribes this ability to minute cells situated in the cutis and called chromatophores. They are filled with the pigments of the various colors, and capable of contraction or enlargement while the process of color change is going on.

The Magic Washing Stick

I am perfectly delighted with the Magic Washing Stick. It makes the clothes so pretty and white and it saves time and labor. I would give it for nothing I have ever used. I can recommend it highly as a labor saver as you don't have to rub the clothes at all writes Mrs. M. A. Graham, Dustin, Okla. Guaranteed to contain no lye, acid, alkali or any injurious ingredient. A truly wonderful article. Three Magic Washing Sticks for 25c. Sold by grocers and druggists or sent by mail. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas. adv

Ants That Make Bread.

Ants have been found in Dalmatia that actually make bread by chewing seeds into pulp, forming it in loaves, baking them in the sun and then storing them away for future use.

Sick Headache

This distressing disease results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by taking Chamberlain's. For sale by all dealers. adv

Remedy for Croup.

Beat the white of an egg to a stiff froth, then sweeten a little and add a little pulverized alum. Give a teaspoonful every ten or fifteen minutes until relief comes.

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The Old Standby general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out malaria, enriches the blood, builds up the system. True Tonic for adults and children. 50c.

CLASSIFIED ADS

LOST—Rocking bowlster from wagon between Merkel and Bitter Creek. No. 2 is painted on same. Reward for return of same to Mail Office.

J. D. Beasley

WANTED Stock to pasture.—S.H.L. Swafford, Route 1. 1tpd

Our first shipment of cut glass and silverware has been received. We will be glad to show you any time. Burroughs.

W. O. W.

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

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

Good Cane For Sale

Good cane for sale, close in to Merkel, 2 1-2 cents per bundle in the field.

S. L. Penny, Rt. 5. 1312pd

To Wash Varnished Paper.

To wash varnished wall paper use two tablespoonfuls of liquid ammonia to about half a pailful of warm water, applied with a soft flannel or sponge. Then wipe the wall down with a chamois leather, wrung out of clean water to which has been added two tablespoonfuls of turpentine. The turpentine gives a polish to the paper.

Four Inch Rain in November.

The slow drizzling rain of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week has increased the rainfall for the present month over 4 inch and run the total for this year to over thirty one inches.

Up to noon Thursday the rainfall for the present week amounted to 1.25 inches.

Rub a sore throat with Ballard's Snow Liniment. One or two applications will cure it completely. Price 25c, 50c and \$1 per bottle. Sold by Burroughs. adv

A Circular Tour.

Mary had a little ring, 'twas given her by Joe, and everywhere that Mary went that ring was sure to go. She took the ring with her one day, when she went out to tea, where she might show it to the girls, who numbered twenty-three. And when the girls all saw the ring they made a great ado, exclaiming with one voice: "Has it at last got round to you?"

Only One "BROMO QUININE"

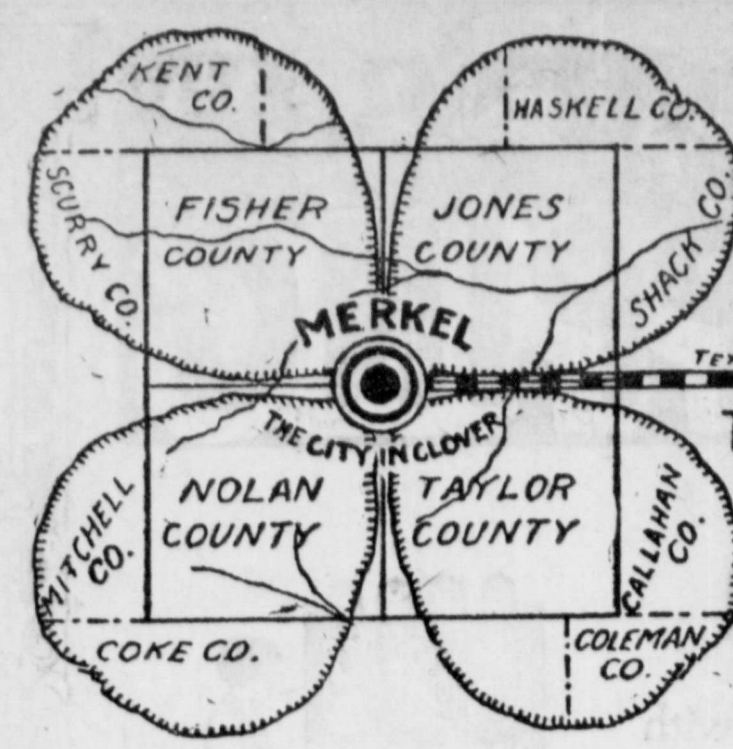
To get the genuine, call for full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. Stops cough and headache, and works off cold. 50c.

Still Human.

Bureaus of municipal research are supposed to know just how to make things run smoothly, but it seems that they are not all endowed with facilities for producing perfect peace and efficiency among themselves.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

WILSON vs ROOSEVELT

Within the last few months numerous contrasts have been shown between our present National Executive and some of his predecessors—more especially that gentleman who has acquired the De-Lighted title of showing his teeth.

The first contrast of these two gentlemen was at the outbreak of the Mexican trouble when Wilson with all the good council he has received from his able cabinet handled the situation in a masterly way, keeping the United States from being drawn into a war. So far the same general ship has been shown in all grave matters effecting the European situation and our future as a peace loving country is credited by the excellent work of our President. At last but not least he has shown his absolute disregard for political prestige in dismissing the negro delegation sent him a few days ago to protest the segregation of whites and blacks at various department desks at Washington. Wilson dismissed the spokesman, Trotter by name, almost as quickly as it took the leader to trot into the Presidents private office and start an argument. In explanation of the action President Wilson stated he positively did not care for the votes in question from the negro race but was acting upon his own judgement of what was best regardless of the consequences.

The question with us is: What would have been our predicament had Roosevelt been at the head of our government at the present. A man pugilistically inclined and a grandstand politician would have done these things up in reverse order.

HAMLIN HAS FIRE TRUCK

We would suggest that the editor of the Hamlin Herald admonish his home boys that an auto fire engine is not a Christmas toy and cannot be played with to any successful extent.

Last week Hamlin added to their fire fighting apparatus a new fire truck, the only one in the county, and about the first practice trial made with the demon, saw the Chief of the department laid up in bed for over a week with various bruises, broken bones in one hand and generally "bumped up." We hope the chief is well on the road to recovery by this time.

SOME DOG FIGHT

A dog fight attracted a lot of attention and broke up conversation at the Hog Ford Moonshine still house the other day. One of the dogs belonged to Pope Eazly and the other to Jefferson Potlocks and the difficulty came up over some misunderstanding of the owners.—Whitewright Sun.

We have often been informed of fights between men whose dogs were fighting, but never before did we hear of dogs fighting over some misunderstanding their owners had had. This is the limit and an explanation is in order from the Sun.

"General Prosperity is at hand," says some of the wise ones. Well the old boy will receive a hearty welcome down here, whether he be General Prosperity, Colonel Prosperity or just plain old Pros.

The situation in Mexico and Europe at the time of going to press. "...??\$--?'.!+~ etc. (Subject to change without notice)

Seriously, we have not the slightest objection to the return of prosperity.

Pasted Paragraphs

A NICKLE OUT

A child sat in a movie tent
And missed most every scene
The man in front was corpulent
And cut off half the screen.

—Baltimore Sun.

A man sat in the self same tent,
And missed it altogether;
A girl in front kept on her hat
And in it had a feather.

—Houston Post

A little girl spent her dime to go
To one of these movie shows;
But the view was spoiled by a man with ears,
And a great big Roman nose.

—Commercial Appeal

Disappointedly we spent our dime
In a movie show one day;
We sat far back and could not hear
What the actors had to say.

THANKSGIVING

We are so used to food and drink,
Oh God,
So used to raiment, that we count
These of small moment when time comes to take
Of all our gifts the whole amount.

Through sense of justice these seem ours,
Oh God,
The wages of our daily care
We plowed and reaped and sowed, and hence
The harvest seems our rightful share.

But these fill not the measure up,
Oh God,
Or even half recount the score
Of all the free-gift-blessings which is love
Into our lifted hands you pour.

But for one thing, more than all else,
Oh God,
We render thanks—our heads bowed low—
For PEACE! That in our homes or 'nesth our
far flung-flags
No death-toned martial bugles blow.

For blessed PFACE; and that our men,
Oh God,
Feed not the cannon's glutton maw,
And that our tender women, scourged and bent
Weep not beside the pyres of war.

SARA BEAUMONT KENNEDY.

Statisticians have calculated that 64,000 laws have been passed in the United States in the last five years. And the ten commandments would about cover the ground.—Commercial Appeal.

Wonder if those statisticians alluded in any way to the Texas legislators?

That dollar you're carrying around in your pocket will get 52 issues of this paper and in return you will get over 100 per cent on your investment besides learning what we know about things.

Reports are that Merkel is to have a "Jay Walking" ordinance. Further particulars as soon as we can find out what it really means.

The United States may be deficient in armament, but when its time for the cannon to roar the Republicans can come to the rescue and trot out Uncle Joe.

Even neutrality comes high. Last week we were charged one cent war tax on a telegraph message.

The greatest grave. Six feet wide and six miles long containing 40,000 corpses. And the dance goes on in Europe.

The reports come that Switzerland has a woman who digs for wealth in the ground. Over here it would be in her husbands pockets.

Good advice. Do your Christmas shopping early.

Diaz, Madero, Huerta, Carranza and the fight goes on.

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GLASS OF SALTS IF YOUR KIDNEYS HURT

Eat less meat if you feel Backachy or
have Bladder trouble—Salts
fine for Kidneys.

Meat forms uric acid which excites and overworks the kidneys in their efforts to filter it from the system. Regular eaters of meat must flush the kidneys occasionally. You must relieve them like you relieve your bowels; removing all the acids, waste and poison, else you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sour, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment; the channels often get irritated, obliging you to get up two or three times during the night. To neutralize these irritating acids and flush off the body's urinous waste get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine and bladder disorders disappear. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys and stop bladder irritation. Jad Salts is inexpensive; harmless and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which millions of men and women take now and then, thus avoiding serious kidney and bladder diseases.

IF HAIR'S YOUR PRIDE, USE HERPICIDE

A feeling of uncertainty, a dread of possible disappointment always goes with an "off brand" hair preparation. That is part of the purchase, just as much so as the label on the bottle. You don't get this with a bottle of Newbro's Herpicide. It is not an experiment. You number among your acquaintances and friends hundreds who have used Herpicide with satisfaction, and you know that you can do the same. The results are always positive.

For the removal of dandruff and to check falling hair Newbro's Herpicide is reliable and often producing results that are little short of marvelous. Newbro's Herpicide in 50c and \$1.00 sizes is sold by all dealers who guarantee it to do all that is claimed. If you are not satisfied your money will be refunded.

H. C. BURROUGHS, Druggist

How To Give Quinine To Children.
FEBRILINE is the trade-name given to an improved Quinine. It is a syrup, pleasant to take and does not irritate the stomach. Children take it and also especially old take ordinary Quinine cause nervousness if the next time you pose. Ask for Feb name FEBRILINE.



SEARCH the town over or
Search the World over and
you can not find **Better Clothes**
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OFFICE AT FARMERS STATE BANK

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Horses digest their feed less thoroughly than other farm animals. In order to insure thorough digestion of all the food eaten, and to make your horses readier for next day's work, add to their evening feed a teaspoonful of—

Bee Dee STOCK MEDICINE

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I am using Bee Dee STOCK MEDICINE with my horses regularly and find it a saving proposition on feed. It also makes them healthy, thriving and clean.

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Come to us for your Xmas presents, our showing is so complete with useful Gifts for the whole family--presents that are useful every day in the year. Buying here you can get some useful presents. Come in early and make your selection, if you do not care to pay for it now just make a payment on it and we will set it away for you until Xmas time.

MAKE YOUR SELECTION NOW WHILE OUR STOCK IS COMPLETE



MR. HUSBAND--

Did you know that Mack heard your good lady say what she wanted for her Xmas present? Well, he hears her wishes most every day, saying what she would like to have, so if you will just come in he will tell you her wishes. She won't care.

Ladies--A word to the wise is sufficient.



Dearie--Won't you buy my present of "Mack"

DEAR MADAM--

Have you told your husband your wants for Xmas? If not, why not? Tell him to see Mack for that article. He has most anything to make the home comfortable and happy

See to this now.

Everything to Make the Home Comfortable

Belmont & Miller Co.
Mack

Everything to Make the Home Beautiful

UGH! CALOMEL MAKES YOU SICK. DON'T STAY BILIOUS, CONSTIPATED

"Dodson's Liver Tone" Will Clean Your Sluggish Liver Better Than Calomel and Can Not Salivate.

Calomel makes you sick; you lose a day's work. Calomel is quicksilver and it salivates; calomel injures your liver. If you are bilious; feel lazy, sluggish and all knocked out, if your bowels are constipated and your head aches or stomach is sour, just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone instead of using sickening, salivating calomel. Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working, your headache and dizziness gone, your stomach will be sweet and bowels regular. You will feel like working. You'll be cheerful, full of energy, vigor and ambition.

Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal guarantee that it will clean your sluggish liver better than nasty calomel; it won't make you sick and you can eat anything you want without being salivated. Your druggist guarantees that each spoonful will start your liver, clean your bowels and straighten you up by morning or you get your money back. Children gladly take Dodson's Liver Tone because it is pleasant tasting and doesn't gripe or cramp or make them sick. I am selling millions of bottles of Dodson's Liver Tone to people who have found that this pleasant, vegetable, liver medicine takes the place of dangerous calomel. Buy one bottle on my sound, reliable guarantee. Ask your druggist about me.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Just received 100 sheets of new music--Grimes Drug Store.

Mr. Ernest Kelley is in Putnam this week visiting her sister Mrs. Chas. Orr.

Everybody guesses this week. Men, women and children at Grimes Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Patterson are reported the proud parents of a baby girl born on the 23rd.

Everybody guesses this week. Men, women and children at Grimes Drug Store.

Mrs. W. E. Davis of Winters returned to her home Tuesday after a short visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church of this place.

Our toilet article line is so extensive that you can always procure anything you need--Burroughs.

D. C. Epps of Gainesville a former resident of the Merkel country in 1902 returned here this week for a short visit with J. L. Banner.

Look, look and watch the candle burn at Grimes beginning December, 19th.

Mrs. L. Brown who visited Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Walker returned to her home at Arlington Wednesday noon. Mr. Brown who was also a visitor in Merkel Sunday met Mrs. Brown at Mingus and accompanied her home.

Guess today. At what? The big candle at Grimes Drug Store.

Complimentary. The bishop of London, speaking recently, said that churches did not drop down from heaven any more than bishops, though a little girl in his congregation, under that delusion, had said to her mother during a service, "I am tired now, mother, I wish to go back to heaven."

Guess big what? The Drug Store.



"Bell" Connection Valuable to You

From seed time to harvest and all the year through, every farmer occasionally has business to transact in distant towns. Letters go slow and traveling is expensive. Why not let the Long Distance Bell Telephone lines carry your message? Have you a Telephone connected to the Bell System?

THE SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE COMPANY. 12-R-14

BIG SURPRISE TO MANY IN THIS TOWN

Local people are surprised at the QUICK results received from simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler's, the German remedy which became famous by curing appendicitis. This simple remedy draws off such a surprising amount of old foul matter from the body that A SINGLE DOSE relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation INSTANTLY. It is the best remedy we have ever sold.

H. C. BURROUGHS, Druggist

Rev. B. F. Dixon of Lillian, Johnson county was here from Sunday to Tuesday visiting his cousin T. R. Lassiter and family. Rev. Dixon filled the pulpit at the Baptist Church Sunday and preached to a large audience.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Just received 100 sheets of new Music--Grimes Drug Store.

Little Miss Velma King is in Abilene this week visiting her sister Mrs. R. A. McClain.

A suitable gift for father mother, brother or sister--a kodak bought at Burroughs.

Mrs. A. E. Glenn of Fort Worth who was here last week visiting Mrs. C. T. Marshon returned to her home Tuesday.

Look, look and watch the candle burn at Grimes beginning December, 19th.

Mrs. J. C. Chambers returned to her home at Abilene Wednesday after a short visit with relatives in this city.

One guess each week. Guess today how long the candle will burn at Grimes Drug Store.

Mrs. J. M. Fogleman of Anson was here from Thursday of last week until Tuesday of this week visiting her daughter Mrs. Bob Sadler and attending the Baptist Convention at Abilene.

J. R. Morrison of Walnut Springs and G. F. English of Glen Rose were here Saturday and Sunday visiting their old time friend J. V. West.

Miss Albertine Winter returned to Simmons College at Abilene Monday after a short visit with her father Terrell Winter of Route 2.

Mrs. B. F. Teague of Brenham returned to her home Monday after a short visit with her parents Rev. and Mrs. Gaddy.

Mrs. E. Hall received a letter from her daughters Mrs. Clifton of Waco and Miss Agnes Hall who has been visiting in Waco for the past month to the effect that they would leave in a short time for California to join Mr. Clifton who is in that State for his health.



You May Talk to One Man

But an advertisement in this paper talks to the whole community. Catch the Idea?

Physiological Facts. Several recently discovered facts about the body's growth are surprising. One is that the height increases more during the warm months, while the reverse is the case with the weight. Another is that women continue to grow tall long after men have stopped. A man's height rarely increases after he is twenty-five years old, but a woman, when she becomes a mother or under other conditions may add as much as an inch to her stature up to the age of thirty or even beyond.

Recognized Word at Once.

A little nine-year-old boy was laboriously looking up his spelling words in the dictionary when he came upon one whose meaning was perfectly apparent to him. He dashed off a sentence containing the word "capsize" and passed to the next. Imagine the teacher's amusement when he recited glibly, "My cap size is No. 6."--Delinsator.

Our Center of Area.

The center of area of the continents United States (excluding Alaska, Hawaii and other recent accessions) is in northern Kansas, about ten miles north of a place called Smith Center county seat of Smith county, in latitude 39:55 longitude 98:50. The center of population is 51 miles south and about 657 miles east of the center of area.

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

Daily Optimistic Thought. He gains enough who is rid of sorrow.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund your money if the treatment fails to cure any case of Piles, Bleeding or Protruding Pile. The first application gives ease.



Jewelry

The Greatest and Best Appreciated Gift for Christmas

Announcement Extraordinary

Never before in our jewelry career has our stock been so complete with practical and inexpensive gifts for the Holidays.

Advance shipments now on display.

Visitors given a hearty welcome at

Mrs. E. M. Rusts Drug Store

EUROPEAN WAR SHATTERS KING COTTON'S THRONE

FLEECY STAPLE MUST PAY RANSOM INTO THE COFFERS OF WAR.

Nation Rings With Cries of Stricken Industry.

By Peter Radford.
Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

King Cotton has suffered more from the European war than any other agricultural product on the American continent. The shells of the belligerents have burst over his throne, frightening his subjects and shattering his markets, and, panic-stricken, the nation cries out "God save the king."

People from every walk of life have contributed their mite toward rescue work. Society has danced before the king; milady has decreed that the family wardrobe shall contain only cotton goods; the press has plead with the public to "buy a bale"; bankers have been formulating holding plans; congress and legislative bodies have deliberated over relief measures; statesmen and writers have grown eloquent expounding the inalienable rights of "His Majesty" and presenting schemes for preserving the financial integrity of the stricken staple, but the sword of Europe has proved mightier than the pen of America in fixing value upon this product of the sunny south. Prices have been bayoneted, values riddled and markets decimated by the battling hosts of the eastern hemisphere until the American farmer has suffered a war loss of \$400,000,000, and a bale of cotton brave enough to enter an European port must pay a ransom of half its value or go to prison until the war is over.

Hope of the Future Lies in Co-operation.

The Farmers' Union, through the columns of the press, wants to thank the American people for the friendship, sympathy and assistance given the cotton farmers in the hour of distress and to direct attention to co-operative methods necessary to permanently assist the marketing of all farm products.

The present emergency presents as grave a situation as ever confronted the American farmer and from the viewpoint of the producer, would seem to justify extraordinary relief measures, even to the point of bending the constitution and straining business rules in order to lift a portion of the burden off the backs of the farmer, for unless something is done to check the invasion of the war forces upon the cotton fields, the pathway of the European pestilence on this continent will be strewn with mortgaged homes and famine and poverty will stalk over the southland, filling the highways of industry with refugees and the bankruptcy court with prisoners.

All calamities teach us lessons and the present crisis serves to illuminate the frailties of our marketing methods and the weakness of our credit system, and out of the financial anguish and travail of the cotton farmer will come a volume of discussion and a mass of suggestions and finally a solution of this, the biggest problem in the economic life of America, if, indeed, we have not already laid the foundation for at least temporary relief.

More Pharaohs Needed in Agriculture.

Farm products have no credit and perhaps can never have on a permanent and satisfactory basis unless we build warehouses, cold storage plants, elevators, etc., for without storage and credit facilities, the south is compelled to dump its crop on the market at harvest time. The Farmers' Union in the cotton producing states have for the past ten years persistently advocated the construction of storage facilities. We have built during this period 2,000 warehouses with a capacity of approximately 4,000,000 bales and looking backward the results would seem encouraging, but looking forward, we are able to house less than one-third of the crop and warehouses without a credit system lose 90 per cent of their usefulness. The problem is a gigantic one—too great for a farmer to solve unaided, but we have the assistance of the merchant and the banker.

In production we have the high water mark of the world's history

marketing methods are most primitive. In the dawn of history we find agriculture plowing with a forked stick but with a system of warehouses under governmental supervision that made the Egyptians the marvel of civilization, for who has not admired the vision of Joseph and applauded the wisdom of Pharaoh for storing the surplus until demanded by the consumer, but in this age we have too many Josephs who dream and not enough Pharaohs who build.

RAILROADS APPEAL TO PRESIDENT

The Common Carriers Ask for Relief—President Wilson Directs Attention of Public to Their Needs.

The committee of railroad executives, headed by Mr. Frank Trumbull, representing thirty-five of the leading railroad systems of the nation, recently presented to President Wilson a memorandum briefly reviewing the difficulties now confronting the railroads of the country and asking for the co-operation of the governmental authorities and the public in supporting railroad credits and recognizing an emergency which requires that the railroads be given additional revenues.

The memorandum recites that the European war has resulted in general depression of business on the American continent and in the dislocation of credits at home and abroad. With revenues decreasing and interest rates increasing the transportation systems of the country face a most serious crisis and the memorandum is a strong presentation of the candle burning at both ends and the perils that must ultimately attend such a conflagration when the flames meet is apparent to all. In their general discussion the railroad representatives say in part: "By reason of legislation and regulation by the Federal Government and the forty-eight states acting independently of each other, as well as through the action of a strong public opinion, railroad expenses in recent years have vastly increased. No criticism is here made of the general theory of governmental regulation, but on the other hand, no ingenuity can relieve the carriers of expenses created thereby."

President Wilson, in transmitting the memorandum of the railroad presidents to the public, characterizes it as "a lucid statement of plain truth." The President recognizing the emergency as extraordinary, continuing, said in part:

"You ask me to call the attention of the country to the imperative need that railway credits be sustained and the railroads helped in every possible way, whether by private co-operative effort or by the action, wherever feasible of governmental agencies and I am glad to do so because I think the need very real."

The conference was certainly a fortunate one for the nation and the President is to be congratulated for opening the gate to a new world of effort in which everyone may co-operate.

There are many important problems in our complex civilization that will yield to co-operation which will not lend themselves to arbitrary rulings of commissions and financing railroads is one of them. The man with the money is a factor that cannot be eliminated from any business transaction, and the public is an interested party that should always be consulted and happily the President has invited all to participate in the solution of our railroad problems.

"TIZ" GLADDENS SORE, TIRED FEET

"TIZ" makes sore, burning, tired feet fairly dance with delight. Away go the aches and pains, the corns, callouses, blisters and bunions.

"TIZ" draws out the acids and poisons that puff up your feet. No matter how hard you work, how long you dance, how far you walk, or how long you remain on your feet, "TIZ" brings restful foot comfort. "TIZ" is wonderful for tired, aching, swollen, smarting feet. Your feet just tingle for joy; shoes never hurt or seem tight.

Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" now from your druggist or department store. End torture forever—wear smaller shoes, your feet fresh, sweet and happy.

MARKETING WORLD'S GREATEST PROBLEM

We Are Long on Production, Short on Distribution.

By Peter Radford.
Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The economic distribution of farm products is today the world's greatest problem and the war, while it has brought its hardships, has clearly emphasized the importance of distribution as a factor in American agriculture and promises to give the farmers the co-operation of the government and the business men the solution of their marketing problem.

This result will, in a measure, compensate us for our war losses, for the business interests and government have been in the main assisting almost exclusively on the production side of agriculture. While the department of agriculture has been dumping tons of literature on the farmer telling him how to produce, the farmer has been dumping tons of products in the nation's garbage can for want of a market.

The World Will Never Starve.

At no time since Adam and Eve were driven from the Garden of Eden have the inhabitants of this world suffered from lack of production, but some people have gone hungry from the day of creation to this good hour for the lack of proper distribution. Slight variations in production have forced a change in diet and one locality has felt the pinch of want, while another surfeited, but the world as a whole has ever been a land of plenty.

We now have less than one-tenth of the tillable land of the earth's surface under cultivation and we not only have this surplus area to draw on but it is safe to estimate that in case of dire necessity one-half of the earth's population could at the present time knock their living out of the trees of the forests gather it from wild vines and draw it from streams. No one should become alarmed; the world will never starve.

The consumer has always feared that the producer would not supply him and his fright has found expression on the statute books of our states and nations, and the farmer has been urged to produce recklessly and without reference to a market, and regardless of the demands of the consumer.

Back to the Soil.

The city people have been urging each other to move back to the farm, but very few of them have moved. We welcome our city cousins back to the soil and this earth's surface contains 16,092,160,000 idle acres of tillable land where they can make a living by tickling the earth with a forked stick, but we do not need them so far as increasing production is concerned; we now have all the producers we can use. The city man has very erroneous ideas of agricultural conditions. The commonly accepted theory that we are short on production is all wrong. Our annual increase in production far exceeds our increase in population.

The World as a Farm.

Taking the world as one big farm, we find two billion acres of land in cultivation. Of this amount there is approximately 750,000,000 acres on the western and 1,260,000,000 acres on the eastern hemisphere, in cultivation. This estimate, of course, does not include grazing lands, forests, etc., where large quantities of meat are produced.

The world's annual crop approximates fifteen billion bushels of cereals, thirteen billion pounds of fibre and sixty-five million tons of meat.

The world shows an average increase in cereal production of 13 per cent during the past decade, compared with the previous five years, while the world's population shows an increase of only 3 per cent.

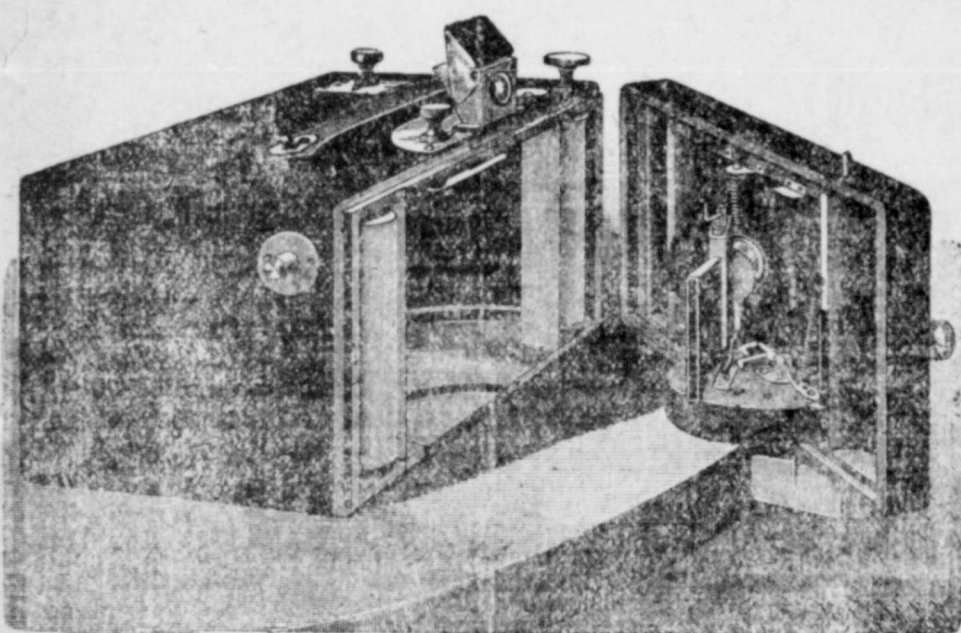
The gain in production far exceeds that of our increase in population, and it is safe to estimate that the farmer can easily increase production 25 per cent if a remunerative market can be found for the products.

Sisterly Thought.

Grandma was taking care of two little girls one evening and in passing the cake made a serious mistake by giving Martha the smallest piece and Elva the one intended for her big sister. Martha look puzzled and then the little diplom. said: "Well, grandma, I do hope Elva won't be sick tomorrow."

Dr. King's New Life Pills
The best in the world.

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We have a complete line of Kodaks at prices to fit any purse and will be glad to pack one in a neat Christmas box and send it for you.

Prices \$1.25 to \$75.00

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Say, You!



HOW about that printing job you're in need of?

Come in and see us about it at your first opportunity. Don't wait until the very last moment but give us a little time and we'll show you what high grade work we can turn out.

Somewhat Misunderstood.

In announcing that a certain Connecticut town intended to increase its water supply the local weekly contained the information that it would build a watershed covering 50 acres. One of the town officials, a building contractor, who naturally favored the shed, was severely criticized by a fellow townsman thusly: "Twill be aarnation shame, by heck, ef Ezekial Hillin's gits the job of puttin' a shed over 50 acres of water. I'm ag'in it, ooth an' nall. Zeke's got sufficient outen the town already."

To Test Suspected Coin.

There is a very simple means of testing a suspected coin, which can be applied in any circumstances. Take a good coin and vigorously rub its milled edge against that of the suspect. If the coin on trial is a "wrong 'un" it will peel off, or at least show signs of flaking. If the edge bears the test the coin may safely be accepted. This advice was given by an officer of the criminal investigation department of England, who declared it to be a certain test.

CROUP

stopped in 20 minutes sure with Dr. Shoop's Croup Remedy. One test will surely prove. No vomiting, no diarrhea. A safe and pleasing syrup—50c. Druggists.

Parten's November Stock-Reducing Sale

IS EASILY MERKEL'S MONEY SAVING EVENT

GREAT COAT AND SHOE SALE CAPS THE CLIMAX

Ladies' fine kid Button Shoes . . . \$1.75
Ladies' fine kid Lace Shoes . . . 1.50

Ladies' fine \$3 patent cloth top button shoes \$2.50
Ladies' fine 4 patent cloth top button shoes 3.25

These few prices will give you a hint of the reason we are always so busy. Fall in line and save money.

LADIES' COATS, CHILDREN'S AND MISSES' COATS---They are selling at Half their Real Value. Don't Delay



\$12.00

All Wool
All Colors
Best Style
only

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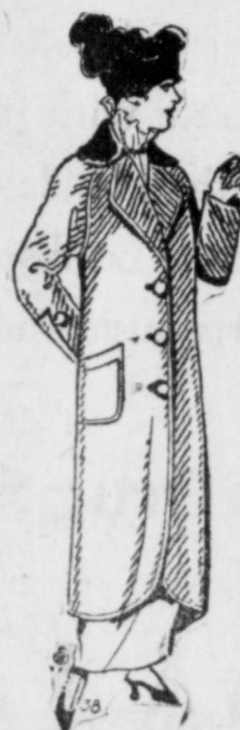
Black Fur
Coats
only

\$3.85

\$10.00

Coat

\$4.95



\$18.00

New Style
All-Wool
Coats
only

\$10.00



PARTEN DRY GOODS CO.

MERKEL'S BIG BUSY SPOT CASH STORE

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Salt Branch.

Health of the community is very good at this writing.

James Wood of Loraine is visiting relatives here.

W. W. Wheeler and wife of Merkel were visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Higgins Sunday.

Mrs. Watson of Loraine is visiting S. W. Taylor and family this week.

Miss Velma Hogg of the Warren community spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. H. Robertson.

Mrs. Ada Higgins spent Friday with Mrs. Della Allen of Merkel.

Messrs. W. Taylor and H. Robertson attended singing at Mulberry Sunday afternoon.

Several attended the Baptist State Convention at Abilene the past week.

Quite a number attended the Jones county Singing Convention at Noodle Sunday.

Butman.

It persists in raining.

Quite a singular accident occurred at Butman gin last week. Mr. McCoys team became frightened and ran into one of the guy ropes supporting the smoke stack tearing it loose thus causing the stack to fall. Lovis the engineer said he thought the thing was going to burst.

Mack Cordell gave a picture show at Cross Roads Saturday night. He will show at Blair Nov. 27th and Nubia November 28th.

Miss Lottie Butman who has been attending high school at Abilene came home Saturday night and will stay till the Institute is over.

Mr. Latimer returned home last Thursday from Greenville where he attended his mother in sickness. He reports her better.

The writer childishly wishes it would desist raining and come a rain.



THE WORLD SMILES

On the man with exquisitely clean linen He smiles on himself too with the consciousness of absolute cleanliness. Send your things to this laundry and you'll know the feeling. Once you experience our way of laundering, nothing less good will ever satisfy you again.

Guarantee The Magic Washing Stick

The Magic Washing Stick is guaranteed to save all washboard labor on wash day, and to make the clothes white as snow. Contains no acid, alkali, lye or poison of any character and can be used with perfect safety on the most delicate fabric. Lifts the burden of work from the women-folks. Price 25c per box, containing three Magic Washing Sticks, enough for fifteen big snowy white washings. Ask grocer or druggist. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Goat's Milk for Children.

In the Russian and German hospitals goat's milk is much used for children as being more nourishing than cow's milk and free from tuberculosis.

In damp, chilly weather there is always a large demand for Ballard's Snow Liniment because many people who know by experience its great relieving power in rheumatic aches and pains, prepare to apply it at the first twinge. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs, adv

Nothing to Worry About.

Holty-toity is another word that has gone out of use, and there is no occasion to worry about it.—Atchison Globe.

Irregular bowel movements lead to chronic constipation and a constipated habit fills the system with impurities. Herbine is a great bowel regulator purifies the system, vitalizes the and puts the digestive organs vigorous condition. 50c. H. C. Burroughs

Blair

Rev. Bullock preached Sunday evening at the school house.

Quite a number of young people from nubia attended the Singing at the school house Sunday night.

S. E. Adeock and Ira Boyd made a trip to Abilene Friday.

Tom Purden had the misfortune to loose about 500 pounds of seed cotton Saturday as he was driving to the gin accompanied by one of his cotton pickers who struck a match to take a smoke while on the wagon and the cotton caught on fire. They succeeded in saving the rest by throwing out about five hundred pounds of cotton and fire.

T. D. Hannah surprised his friends by bringing in a bride Saturday. He married Miss Lula Taylor of Albany.

Mrs. Wilson who has been sick for some time is reported better but is still confined to her room.

The Blair School will begin Monday, Nov. 30th.

Returns From Dallas

Mrs. E. M. Rust has returned from Dallas where she has been buying a supply of nice Jewelry and beautiful presents for Christmas gifts. Her line of Jewelry is complete, anything from a collar button to a \$200. diamond La Vallier.

Her many friends and customers are given a cordial invitation to visit the store and view the magnificent purchases she has made. (Adv)

A tight feeling in the chest accompanied by a short, dry cough, indicates a bad condition in the lungs. To buy the dollar size Ballard's Syrup; you get with each a Herick's Red Pepper Powder for the chest. The syrup tightness and the plaster the inflammation. It is an innovation for curing colds setting lungs. Sold by H. C. Burroughs

THE MILLION DOLLAR MYSTERY

The first installment appeared last Tuesday-

The next one will be shown Tuesday, December, 1st., at Matinee

and night show entitled "THE FALSE FRIEND"



Ask Those Who Witnessed the First Episode

Royal Theatre

Showing The Million Dollar Mystery

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Shiloh.

Damp weather again in this community.

Several from here attended singing at Noodle Sunday.

W. Faulkner and Geo. Callahan left for their homes in Dallas County Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago returned one day last week from Snyder with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grayson.

Several Shilohites were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Charlie Williams of Anson visited home folks in this community Sunday.

M. E. Bockman and W. B. Beavers were Trent visitors Tuesday.

The gin men have received new repairs for the Shiloh gin. They will soon be ready for ginning cotton again.

Miss Lyda Beavers visited Mrs. N. Roberts in Merkel Saturday.

The Xmas edition of the Merkel Mail will be appreciated and the management is to be congratulated on the effort they have undertaken.

What Would You Do?

In case of a burn or scald what would you do to relieve the pain? Such injuries are liable to occur in any family and everyone should be prepared for them. Chamberlain's Salve applied on a soft cloth will relieve the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a very severe one, will cause the parts to heal without leaving a scar. For sale by all dealers. adv

Uncle Eben.

"Sufferin' in silence is admirable," said Uncle Eben. "But de chicken dat won't squawk when he's bein' lifted off'n de roost carries it to an extreme."

Important

Bear in mind that Chamberlain's Tablets not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. For sale by all dealers. adv