

FORGES 4 CHECKS IS ARRESTED HERE

Merkel merchants on Monday of this week were again the victims of a forgery and swindling scheme, by a man with several aliases, and who is said to be a young man whose home is in Abilene, by the name of Luther Collins.

Among the merchants upon whom the man passed the checks were J. T. Dennis, for 12.00; giving him a check payable to J. D. Moore, to which the name of Tom Lackey was signed, and Mr. Dennis knowing that a check with Mr. Lackey's name signed to it would be perfectly good, sold the man some goods and gave him the difference in cash. The next victim was at the Rose Barber Shop, where he had \$1.60 worth of work done and in payment presented a check from Mr. Lackey for \$6.00, payable to C. J. Mitchell, and right here is where the gentleman's crooked

work was brought to a standstill, for it dawned upon Mr. Rose that the signature was false, and the fact that the check given was drawn upon a bank other than the one Mr. Lackey usually did business with, caused him to feel confident that it was a forgery, so as soon as the man left the shop Mr. Rose proceeded over to the bank and presented the check and as expected, was told that the man had no funds there, so he went to the other bank, and there was told that the signature was not genuine. Then he proceeded to hunt the gentleman up, and after going through the evening west bound train, which had arrived just at this time, found the fellow going toward the train. He told him the check was not worth the paper it was written on, at which the gentleman seemed very much surprised, but very promptly refunded the full amount of same, and started away saying he was going to get his money for same. About this time a member of the firm of the L. & G. Store, came on the scene with an \$8.00 check which his firm had also taken in, and upon presentation of same to the man his money was also refunded. But Constable W. H. Laney had learned of the matter by this time and apprehended the man as he was fixing to make his get-away. And after his arrest Mr. Dennis found that he had

been "fleece" by a stranger to whom he had been nice and accommodating to. So after considerable questioning the young man acknowledged to his game of "get-rich-quick," and was placed in the city lock-up over night awaiting the arrival of a deputy from the Sheriff's force at Abilene.

The man kept his real identity from the local officers until Tuesday morning, when he told Constable Laney that he had just as well come clean with him, as when he arrived at Abilene Sheriff John Bond would know him, and stated that his real name was Luther Collins, of Abilene. It is alleged that he just completed a term in the state prison last June for burglary.

We also learn that Mr. A. L. Jobe has one of these checks for the sum of \$6.00

DRY GOODS STORE IS ROBBED HERE

On Tuesday night of this week the dry goods store of Woodroof Bragg Company, one of the leading business concerns in this city, was broken into and several hundred dollars worth of goods stolen. Entrance into the building was made through a back door, by the removal of a panel and owing to the fact that the panel was replaced the robbery was not detected until about 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, when some one slammed the door causing the panel to fall out. Then it was that an investigation showed that quite a lot of the very finest goods in the house had been taken, including leather coats, fine silk underwear, suits etc. And it may be that the total loss will run up to \$1,000 or more.

So far as we can learn no trace or clue to the robbers had been learned whatever, up to this time.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT CHURCH

We are requested to announce that there will be special Thanksgiving services at the Methodist Church tonight (Thursday) and that Rev. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist Church will deliver the Thanksgiving sermon.

Members of all churches are cordially invited as well as the general public.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Baptist church met Monday afternoon of this week to quilt for the O. H. There were 30 ladies present and spent a very pleasant afternoon quilting and talking. Some four quilts were finished. Tuesday the regular meeting day; 23 were present. Two quilts were finished, making nine quilts for the box. The ladies of the Salt Branch Church have sent two boxes to the O. H. Noble work for this newly organized society. Hope all of our ladies will continue to respond as nobly to all the work of the Society as they have to the packing of the box for the Orphans Home. Let us not forget those who need our help. There is always work for willing workers. Press Repr.

Wall street is coming into it's own again, within a short time all the money that should have been in the pockets of the southern farmers will be safely held by the above money Kings. But a great many people voted for a change, and they as well as the rest of us, are getting it.

NEWSPAPER BARGAINS NOW ON

Although we have paid 300 percent more for the blank paper used to print the Merkel Mail for this month, than was paid a year ago, we have made clubbing arrangements with the following splendid dailies, whereby we can save those desiring to take either, any or all, in connection with the Merkel Mail, a nice sum of money.

ABILENE DAILY REPORTER

With Merkel Mail One Year-----\$5.15
The Reporter's special cut price from now until January first, is \$4.65. The Merkel Mail is \$1.50. By renewing or subscribing for both, you get them for \$5.15 for the year.

FORT WORTH STAR TELEGRAM

The Star Telegram Daily for one year, is now being offered during their bargain days at the sum of \$7.85. And will be \$10.00 after December 15. We will send you for one year, both the Daily and Sunday Star-Telegram and Merkel Mail, for only \$8.35.

FORT WORTH RECORD

The Merkel Mail and Fort Worth Daily & Sunday Record, will also be sent for the sum of \$8.35. The Record for a limited time, has announced special bargain days and has cut the price from \$10.00 down to \$7.85, and the Merkel Mail at \$1.50, would make the two cost you \$9.35. But we will send them both to you for one year at the sum of \$8.35. In other words you save a big dollar on either of the above propositions, by subscribing or renewing for same in connection with the MERKEL MAIL.

I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 355 will have 1st. Degree work Tuesday night, November 30. Every member is requested to be on hand. W. M. Elliott, Secy.

MERKEL BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENT

All regular services Sunday except B. Y. P. U. Our young people will attend a meeting for all the young people in our association to be held with the College Heights Church in Abilene

beginning at 2 p. m. Sunday.

Let all the Sunday School remember that we are in a contest with Abilene First Church and San Angelo First Church and we will have to do our best to win out. If you are not regular in your attendance you will make it harder for your Sunday School to win.

Last Sunday marked the beginning of the second year of pastor Parrack with the church. The years just closed was a year of work and was crowned with

NO. 7481 Report of the Condition of THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on Nov. 15 1920	
RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts	\$369,289.20
Overdrafts, secured, \$2,184.20; Unsecured, \$1,268.93	3,453.13
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)	\$6,250.00
Pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value)	3,500.00
Owned and unpledged	6,146.49
Total bonds, Securities etc., other than U. S.	10,344.86
Stock of Federal Reserve bank (50 per cent of Subscription)	1,950.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	3,000.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	52,233.37
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	201,741.76
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	1,836.11
Total of Items 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16	\$203,577.87
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	2,435.77
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
Interest earned but not collected—on Notes and Bills Receivable not past due	453.69
Other assets, if any; this is cash collection mailed direct	299.50
Total	\$667,746.38
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits	\$21,149.98
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	9,011.76
Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate)	5,000.00
Circulating notes outstanding	6,200.00
Cashiers checks on own bank outstanding	7,182.91
Total of Items 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32	\$7,182.91
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	518,066.24
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	10,880.00
Dividends unpaid	
Total demand deposits subject to Reserve, Items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38	\$528,946.24
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	22,559.00
Postal savings deposits	1,081.09
Other time Deposits	19,135.23
Total of time dep. sub. to Res. Items 39, 40, 41, and 42	\$42,775.32
Liabilities other than those above stated	453.69
Total	\$667,746.38

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:

I, L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23th day of Nov., 1920.

Correct—Attest:—G. F. WEST,
J. T. WARREN
BOOTH WARREN, Directors

blessings from Him who is the giver of all good gifts. During the year 129 new members had been added to the church. More than \$20,000.00 in actual cash had been paid into the church treasury during the year, and one preacher had been licensed and ordained also one young lady had surrendered her life to missionary work.

Two more joined the church Sunday night and we are starting the new year with hopes that the Lord may bless us more abundantly than in the past year. The pastor expects to preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Training Class Monday 7 p. m. Ladies meeting Tuesday 2:30 Prayermeeting Wednesday at 7 p. m.

Come and find a welcome in any or all the above services. Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

LOCAL BANK IN COTTON CORPORATION

At a recent meeting of the farmers, bankers and merchants of the south, to take up the question of organizing a move the purpose of which was to aid the farmers of the south in holding and marketing their cotton, the American Cotton Export Corporation was organized, with \$6,000,000 capital stock and the banks throughout the entire south requested to subscribe for stock of the corporation, and in fact each bank was given a quota, according to its ability and location, that the organization might be completed.

And we are informed that the Farmers State Bank, of Merkel, has subscribed for it's full quota of \$3,000, and is one of the first banks in this part of the country to subscribe to it's full quota

BIG OIL WELL FOR XMAS GIFT

Drilling on the C. H. Oil & Development Company's Stith test is said to be progressing nicely and we are informed that several of the Company's stockholders from Georgia have been here this week, and that each and every one, along with the managers, drillers and all who are in a position to know, feel that within less than 30 days the story will be told, and that this test will be a real producing well. Infact our friend Hollingsworth has promised us as a Christmas gift, a paying oil well of the Stith test.

HUNTERS RETURN WITH PLENTY OF DEER MEAT

Messrs. Sears, Ed Teaff, Geo. Ferrier and Bill Sheppard returned recently from their deer hunt in the mountains in the western part of the state, and report a fine trip with the good luck of killing a number of large fat black tail deer. Mr. Sheppard returned, a week previous to the other gentlemen, but brought in a fine buck.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. We had a fine attendance last Sunday, let's keep it up. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Rev. J. W. Hunt of Abilene. Come and hear one of the leading preachers of the West. Especially should the young people hear him. Everybody invited. W. M. Murrell, Pastor.

J. C. Mason returned Tuesday from an extended trip to Lubbock and other Plains points, where he had been to look after his land interests.

The Brown Dry Goods Co. is offering some Big reductions on Blanket's and Comforts.

GOVERNOR ASKS REDUCED CROPS

Austin, Nov. 22.—Governor Hobby has designated Dec. 11 as Cotton Reduction day in Texas. He issued the following proclamation today:

"In order that all these concerned may have the fullest possible knowledge of the best procedure in the matter and in line with the suggestion of the American Cotton Association, I, W. P. Hobby, governor of Texas, do hereby designate Saturday, Dec. 11, as Cotton deduction day in Texas, and invite the attention of those engaged in the growing of cotton to the reasons that may be set forth for the limiting of the acreage to be planted in cotton next year.

"I recommend that the county judge and commissioners' court of each county take charge of the matter; that they bring it before their citizens in such manner and take steps as are deemed necessary to meet the situation that confronts the cotton growing industry.

"I invite all farmers and all others concerned to acquaint themselves in the most thorough manner possible with the circumstances involved in order that their action may be toward not only their personal advantages, but for the common good of all Texas."

RETURNS FROM KANSAS CITY SELLS FINE CATTLE

C. M. Largent returned first of the week from Kansas City where he had been with his fine Cattle for exhibit, and which were awarded many premiums. He shipped them to Chicago before leaving where they will also compete for other laurels.

On his return home Mr. Largent was accompanied by a gentleman who is one of the northern breeders of fine cattle, and to whom Mr. Largent sold ten head of his fine young heifers at a fancy price.

A LITTLE EARLY

We are putting the paper out a little early this week in order that those connected with the publication may have the day off for a little rest, and that they may participate in the usual holiday and Thanksgiving festivities.

We also take occasion to extend our deepest gratitude of thanks and appreciation of the liberal patronage extended the Merkel Mail during the year.

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

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$94,235.23
Loans, real estate	18,000.00
Overdrafts	1,492.15
Bonds and Stocks	9,250.00
Real Estate (banking house)	7,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,375.00
Due from other banks and bankers and cash on hand	94,869.16
Interest in Dep. City Fund	1,347.68
Assessment Dep. City Fund	25.44
Acceptances and Bills of Ex.	46,068.06
Total	\$292,450.70

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$30,000.00
Surplus Fund	6,300.00
Undivided profits, net	2,299.20
Individual Deposits Sub. to Check	217,771.22
Time Certificates of Deposit	1,325.00
Demand Certificates of Deposits	
Cashier's Checks	5,817.28
Total	\$292,450.70

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, E. Kegans as president, and Homer Easterwood as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
E. Kegans President,
Homer Easterwood, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of Nov. A. D. 1920.
L. E. ADRIAN
(SEAL)
Notary Public Taylor County, Texas.
Correct—Attest:—W. E. Hamner
J. S. Swann
H. O. Anderson {Directors

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of The Farmers State Bank	
at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 15th day of Nov. 1920, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 26th day of Nov. 1920.	
RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$55,147.44
Loans, real estate	18,500.00
Bonds and Stocks W. S. Stamps	8,306.11
Real Estate (banking house)	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	
Furniture and Fixtures	5,200.00
Due from Approved Res. Agts. net	
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	101,260.69
Cash Items	
Specie	
Interest in Depositors' City Fund	3,969.37
Asst. Depositors, City Fund	29.42
Acceptances and Bills of Ex.	156,178.54
Other Resources	
Total	\$881,432.27
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	50,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	17,502.75
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	21,654.06
Individual Deposits sub. to check	667,705.59
Time Certificates of Deposit	45,381.24
Cashier's checks	5,957.18
Bills Payable and R-discounts	25,000.00
Other liabilities, Reserved for taxes	1,363.46
Total	\$881,432.27

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, T. J. Toombs, as president, and R. O. Anderson, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
T. J. Toombs, president,
R. O. Anderson, cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of Nov. A. D. 1920.
W. O. Honey
(SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas
Correct—Attest:—John Sears
R. L. Stand
H. L. Propst {Directors



THE ORGANIZED EFFORT

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THE FARMERS STATE BANK

T. J. TOOMBS President
JOHN SEARS Vice President
R. L. BLAND Vice President
R. O. ANDERSON Cashier
F. Y. GAITHER Asst. Cashier

"Now Wade watch the board carefully while I run through it for you."

Lives of great men all remind us, we can make our lives sublime and by asking foolish questions take up all the teachers time.

The Senior girls Basketball team will play the town girls on Thursday, November, the 25th, at the High School grounds at 2:30. If you want to see a real holiday game come.

Our delayed Red Cross drive was begun Monday morning after an enthusiastic talk by our Superintendent. We are sure that every boy and girl will do his or her part.

The Lyceum on Monday night was given to one of the largest crowds, and was one of the best numbers we have had. We know now that the people of Merkel are beginning to appreciate the Lyceum course.

Rusty nail woundds, festering sores, burns and scalds heal rapidly when Liquid Borozone is applied. It is both antiseptic and healing. Price, 30, 60, and \$1.20. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Nov

DON'T OVER LOOK THIS AD.

We always want your eggs, butter and chickens and other produce, that will market. And don't forget that we pay the HIGHEST MARKET PRICE, we have a big produce trade, and will be glad to handle all home grown products we can get. See us BEFORE YOU SELL. W. W. Wood Cash Grocery, Grain and Feed. Phone 230 1913

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Columbia Records and Phonograph, at Merkel Drug Company.

BLESSINGS IN DISGUISE

In the present difficulty experienced by cotton growers in disposing of their crop should be the means of multiplying by the thousands the number of smokehouses on the farms; if it should increase the flock of purebred chickens and other poultry; induce the farmers to set aside a plot for a garden and for fruit and otherwise encourage intelligent diversification, then the present so-called calamity would indeed prove to be a blessing in disguise. There is some reason to believe that the south is going to profit by this year's experience. One hears from every side, of the passing of resolutions by farmers who have publicly announced a policy of feeding themselves first before making an effort to feed somebody else. One of the latest moves of this character is under way in East Texas in the Wolfe City section. Here farmers and bankers have discussed present and future needs and both farm owner and tenant have signed pledges to reduce cotton acreage 33 1-3 % and to plant the surplus acreage in food and feedstuffs. Getting away from the one and two crop ideas is the present intention and bankers, landlords and merchants have promised to assist financially whenever necessary.

The slogan adopted at Wolfe City, "Live at Home," might well be copied in every community in the south. As tersely stated in a report of the Wolfe City meeting, "The producer with his barn full of corn and other feedstuffs, his smokehouse full of meat, his pantry and cellar filled with canned vegetables, fruits and preserves; with home-made syrup, home-grown potatoes and a yard full of chickens, can laugh at the price of cotton." And we might add that when every cotton farmer has all of these things the price of cotton will be sufficient to yield a profit which can be banked or used in adding comforts to the home.—Farm & Ranch.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business Nov. 15, 1920

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$369,289.20
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Bonds and Securities	26,241.35
Stock in Federal Reserve	1,950.00
Real Estate	3,000.00
Cash and due from Banks	261,999.64
Five Per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Total	\$667,292.69

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	27,138.22
Int. cred. in advance of maturity	5,000.00
Circulation	6,250.00
Rediscounts	NONE
Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	578,904.47
Total	\$667,292.47

The above statement is correct.

L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier.

We are thankful for many things, not the least of which is the fine loyalty of our customers and friends. Become a depositor in this bank and make every day in the year

THANKSGIVING



HIGH SCHOOL NOTES (By Evelyn (Tena) Hamm)

Some mysterious questions that have been puzzling the students of M. H. S.

How did Miss Whorton get a black eye on November, 11th.

Who taught Mr. Burgess how to give domestic lectures, on keeping the floor clean?

What can Mr. Miller see that is pretty in Geometry?

After taking "exams", we realize that we have one thing at least to be thankful for—"That Exams come but once every twelve weeks."

Fate of Exams.

My head is cracked, my books are stacked, I'm ready to hit the trail.

For I did my do, in the Merkel zoo

And all I did was fail.

Finals came like a forrest flame.

Unwanted and unaware, I stood in the path of the fires own wrath.

And got my blooming share.

So it's farewell Geometry, farewell History,

Farewell English too.

For the Supt.; he said, I could Duck my head.

And take the same work anew.

After the teacher had told Bill that she had given him some demerits, one of the students heard him say: "Oh! well, There will be days that even the best students will get demerits."

Found—A "Square Deal" in Spanish.

Kenneth—"Yes, I was a fresh man too. Some of the happiest years of my life, I spent as a freshman.

In the midst of the foul and bloody deeds of "Hamlet" in the English Class Thursday, the Seniors were agreeably interrupted by the President of the Junior Class, who brought invitations, which were artistically designed in the class colors, purple and gold, to a banquet to be given at the Woodman Hall on Wednesday evening, November the twenty fourth by the Junior class in honor of the Seniors.

Mr. Burgess in Geometry class

LISTEN, MEN!

We have a large stock of men's all-wool suits. They are just the style and color for the most exacting. We are overloaded, therefore we are taking our loss now.

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We carry only the very best of solid leather shoes. We can fit the entire family. Give us a trial and we will convince you we save you 10 to 15 per cent

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TIME PASSES

Full soon the blizzards will be popping, and hanging snow wreathes on our brows, and we'll be asked to do our shopping as early as the law allows. It seems no time since bells were ringing proclamation Christmas peace once more, that happy time when Dad was bringing a ton of jimcracks from the store. It seems no time since old Kris Kringle propelled his fliver through the night; the echo of his sleighbells' jingle seems all around me as I write. And now we're facing Winter burly, and soon each sheet at which I glance will say "Please do your shopping early, and give the weary clerks a chance." No doubt the children think the seasons have much like snails or trustles raced; but we old lads have sundry reasons for cussing Time's indecent haste. A summer's gone before we know it's an autumn smiles and then it's through, and e'en a highly moral poet is moved to language warm and blue. The sexton to his rope is clinging, to ring in Christmas joy and cheer; and soon the old boy will be ringing some other bells—and won't hear. The sky is gray, the wind is surly, more desolate the landscape grows; oh, let us do our shopping early, and give the swayback clerks repose.—Walt Mason.

A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25 Small bottle. Send for testimonials to D. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

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Below we list a few items that we shall sell, while they last, at greatly reduced prices. Every item is a staple article and will add to the conveniences and the pleasure of your car.

Thomas Ford Timer Elevators for \$5.25
Perry Ford Steering Wheel Lock for 5.25
Hand Warning Horn, Less Bracket 2.50
Bracket Type Headlight 2.50
Stewart Motor Driven Horn, 12 volt 4.50
Bailey Differential Ball Thrust for 2.50
Ford Master Vibrator 2.00
Radiator Ornaments75
Ford Fabric Fan Belts15
Ford Leather Fan Belts25

WEST COMPANY

If the bowels do not act regularly, assist them with an occasional dose of Herbine. It is a fine bowel tonic and laxative. Price 60 cents, sold by Sanders Drug store. Nov.

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MORE COTTON GINNED THAN IN 1919

According to the report by the government bureau, of Census department of Commerce, there had been ginned in Taylor county for the year 1920, up to November 8, 18,312 bales of cotton as compared to 16,919 on the same date last year.

MY AUTO, 'TIS OF THEE.

My auto, 'tis of thee, short road to poverty; of thee I chant. I blew a pile of dough on you three years ago, and now you refuse to go, or won't or can't. Through town and countryside you were my joy and pride—a happy day. I loved thy gaudy hue, thy nice, white tires new, but now you're down and out in every way. To the, old rattlebox came many bumps and knocks; for thee I grieve. Badly thy top is torn; frayed are the seats and worn; the whooping cough affects thy horn, I do believe. Thy perfume smells on the breeze, while all choke and wheeze, as we pass by. I paid for the price 'twould buy a mansion twice; now everybody's yelling "ice!" I wonder why? Thy motor has the grip, thy spark plug has the pip, and woe is thine. I too, have suffered chills, ague and kindred ills, endeavoring to pay bills since thou wert mine. Gone is my bank roll now; no more 'twould choke a cow at once before. Yet, if I had the mon, so help me, John, I'd buy myself a car and spend some more.—Walt Mason.

Buy a good team your own way. Hay Press, Buckrake and Mower in first class condition. Terms if desired. T. J. R. Swafford. 26t2

We understand Mr. Eli Case, an influential and substantial citizen of the Stith community has purchased a home in Merkel and will move to same with his family. We welcome them to our city.

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FAREWELL PARTY

Honoring Miss Bess Tucker, who will leave the later part of this week for Compere, where she has been employed as principal of the school of that place, the Leaguers met in the Philathea-Baracca rooms last Friday evening and were royally entertained.

After a few hours spent in indoor games of great amusement and jolly, they departed, each Leaguer wishing for Miss Bess a most happy and successful school year.

Those present were: Misses Bess Tucker, Lorena Dry, Mary Proctor, Ganevera and Gladys Middleton, Ina Fae and Alma Barbee, Edith Brown, Blanche Durham, Christene Collins, Josie Smith, Vera Baze, Ruth Holloway, Mrs. Geo. Smith, Mrs. Hobson Robertson, Messrs Joel Counts, Joe Reideubach, Marion Crouch, Bill Stevens, Roye Tucker, Wallace Bragg, Frank Count,

Tom Allday, John McDonald and Bill Stuart.

"In these days of progress everybody ought to cultivate a spirit of progress, of liberalism and a spirit of manhood and certainly there is no liberality, manhood or other admirable attribute in the jaundice-eyed failure who stands on the corner and rattles his bones at the procession of success that is continually pressing onward," says the Burk Burnett Star. "Don't be a scold and fault finder that croaks like a raven. Don't pick out all the flaws in your neighbor, as though you had none of them yourself. There is plenty of good in every man and every woman if you look for it, and exercise for the frailties of their natures the same charity as you would ask for yourself. How many people in your own community can you pick out that have committed crimes, been arrested or gone wrong seriously? When

one comes to think that over it is surprising how few there are. Most of our neighbors are good people, God-fearing, law-abiding hard-working and with ten good traits to one bad one. That is a good record, yet we continually hear more complaint than praise. The reverse should be true. If a man is worthy of praise or a kind word, give it to him—it helps greatly. Once in a great while some good man or woman comes into this foundry and gives us a few words of praise over something we have written, and we feel so good over it that we forget to roast the one villain out of the 10,000 good people that we know."—Ex

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A story of devotion and sacrifice

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Monday Nov. 29

"Big Stakes"

A thrilling story of the Canadian Northwest Mounted Police

Also

A Northwest Drama and New Pathe News Weekly

Wed. Dec. 1

"The Congers Trail"

A Thrilling Western Drama

"Steadfast Purpose"

a 2-reel drama

BILLIE WEST

in "The Beauty Shop"

2-Reel Comedy

Sat. Nov. 27

Al Jennings

in

"A Lone Hand"

RUTH ROLAND in

"Ruth of the Rockies"

FATTY ARBUCKLE

in a roaring 2-reel comedy

Tues. Nov. 30

Rex Beach

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A Goldwyn Special in 7 acts

A powerful story told in a convincing way

"NEARLY NEWLY WED"

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Thurs. Dec. 2

"The Prince of Innocence"

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The times have been unjointed and things so generally reversed a Kansas paper declares that peculiarities are now the commonest things in the world and common sense the rarest.

Don't grieve, brother, if you are classed with the insignificant and your deeds always find a place on the list of little things. The major operations kill more people than the minor operations, and cost a great deal more.

If you have a good job, young man, stay with it. Time was when if a youngster went to the city a garage would pay him \$35 a week to work the jack or turn bolts, but if you were there now the Salvation Army may have to look after you.

People can see behind themselves far better than they can look into the future. Last winter we worried ourselves sick fighting the pink boot worm. If we had let the pink boot worm have half the cotton the world would be in a much better condition.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FARM FOR SALE—120 acres, 80 acres in cultivation, well located, cheap and on easy terms See S. L. Grayson. 19t2p.

COW FEED for the cows—New Hulls—Meal—Johnson Grass—Alfalfa. Car of Mixed feed in few days. T. R. J. Swafford 19t2.

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KIMBELL'S EXTRA HIGH PATENT FLOUR \$3.35 a sack. Try a Sack, A. L. Jobe. 19t2.

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FEED—For Sale. See R. L. Bland. 26t2p

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Peace Maker Flour, at G. M. Sharp's tf

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Friday Nov. 26

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Snub Pollard

in

"Stars and Things"

Monday Nov. 29

Joe Ryan

in

"Hidden Dangers"

Admission 10-20c

Leo Maloney

in

"Blazing the way"

Hughy Mack in "Waiter's Marry"

Saturday Nov. 20

Alman Rubens

in

"A Man's Country"

Mutt & Jeff in "A Warm Number"

Admission 10-20-30c

Charlie Chaplin

in

"The Cure"

Tues. Nov. 30

Viola Dana

in

"Please get Married"

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in

"This way Out"

Thurs. Dec. 2

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"THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS"

The Associated Producers special portrayal of Coopers Masterpiece

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Wm. Desmond

in

"Life's a Proposition"

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in

"Bought & Fought For"

COMING

Warren Kerrigan

in

"A Mans Man"

COMING

Beatriz Michelena

in

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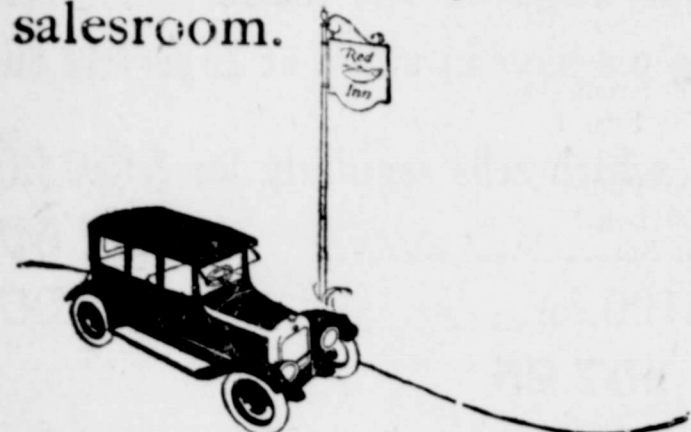
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FREE LECTURE AT THE COZY THEATRE

"The world has ended; million now living will never die," is the theme of a bible lecture to be held in the Cozy Theatre, Friday December 3rd., at 2:30 p. m. by S. H. Toutjian of New York City. Many people are wondering what the present unrest in the world means, and feel that some crisis portends. Few realize that the Bible foretells the distressing conditions now in the earth and the sure outcome. Nineteen hundred years ago Jesus taught his followers to pray, "Thy Kingdom Come." How few realize that that long looked for and prayed-for Kingdom is now here, and in process of being set up, and the Bible teaches that men will scoff at those who announce these great truths, at the DUE TIME. Let us not be honestly reverently and with unprejudiced mind investigate the proofs. This is the course of wisdom. S. H. Toutjian of New York will furnish the Scriptural proof for all these statements in this lecture. Sure-

ly it is interesting to know that thousands of people in the world will never die. Lay aside your prejudice; leave your pocket-book at home and hear this wonderful lecture, which is being given all over the world at this time. Seats free, no collection. That the great trouble in the earth is incidental to the establishment of that Kingdom. Nineteen hundred years ago the Disciples asked Jesus, "What shall be the evidence of the presence and the end of the world?" The very evidences that Jesus mentioned are now being acted out before our very eyes. Yet people are heedless of it all. The message of the hour is Christ's Kingdom IS here; the world HAS ended. When these events are due, the Bible shows quite clearly that people living at that time will not need to die, and that shortly thereafter the resurrection of the dead will begin. 1tp

We are thankful to Mrs. T. M. Pribble for two subscriptions, which she sends to a brother and sister.

BLAIR NEWS

Fair weather and the cotton pickers of the Blair Community are very busy this week. You may have heard it said that there isn't anything to Blair but the name, but it is a known fact that the farmers can get more for their cotton here, this year than anywhere else. Mr. H. Spears and family took dinner with their daughter Mrs. Hodges Sunday. Mr. Clarence Lackey was in town on business Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Orie Mayfield motored to Merkel on business Saturday. Miss Mary Campbell spent Saturday night with Miss Mae Milton. Carl Doan, Emery Jones, Morris Horton and Marania Doan spent Sunday afternoon with Silas Scott. Miss L. V. Rains has been on the sick list for the last few days. Mrs. Barnes took supper with her mother Mrs. Patterson Saturday night. Mr. Gold and Grand Riggians passed through Blair Monday with a bale of cotton. They were also trailing their car. Mrs. Roy Hunter was shopping in Merkel Saturday afternoon. Mr. Earl Hughes spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks. There will be church at Blair Sunday at eleven every one is invited. At present Mr. George Reeves is on the sick list. Mr. Elmer Patterson was in town on business Saturday. Smiles.

A nail or tack may wreck a great machine. The most trivial affair may ruin a powerful organization. A foolish word or deed may wreck a life. A foolish rage or passion may destroy the happiness of many. A Lamar county woman desired the window of the bed-room raised; her husband said the window should remain closed, and when his wife insisted on raising the window he flew into a rage and shot her. When reason returned and he was forced to face his folly he killed himself. At 9 o'clock Sunday night there was a happy family, according to the testimony of neighbors. A few hours later wife and husband were dead and three little children were orphaned. With his mind and passions under control man is capable of deeds and thoughts so fine that his Creator rejoices over his handiwork; but man in a rage is the devil's agent and in him Satan finds much pleasure. Honey Grove Signal.

Mr. A. C. Rose returned first of the week from a trip to El Paso, where he visited Mrs. Rose who is there for her health, and we are glad to report to their many friends that he found her improving some.

McFARLAND GARAGE

I have just installed a new Visible Gasoline Pump. Your patronage will be very much appreciated. F. C. McFarland.

Brand and Shorts at G. M. Sharp's. tf

Dr. W. H. Girdner, a prominent physician, of Durant, Okla., after spending several days here the guest of his sister, Mrs. Dr. N. J. Smith, left today for his home.

Fine Holstein Bull for service from a nine Gallon Cow. J. H. Craig, 1 mile South east of Merkel. 19t2p.

STRAYED or STOLEN—A span of brown mare Mules, about 14 hands high, or a little better. Branded L on left thigh. Notify Chas. Hughes, Merkel, route 3. tf

FOR SALE—160 acres land, 50 acres in cultivation. Red and black sand. Fine for truck farming. Balance grass and plenty of water. \$15.00 per acre. Located five miles south of View. J. J. Smith, View, Texas. 26t2p

Miss Leol Merritt is in Ranger spending her Thanksgiving vacation with her sister, Mrs. J. C. Baker.

It seems that this section of the country is and has been infested badly with a bunch of clever crooks of many kinds and character, and that unless the citizenship of the towns and communities stand unitedly, and get in behind the peace officers in a well planned and systematic organization to clean this 'gang' out, they will continue their low down robbing and thieving. Over at Sweetwater according to the press of that city, their jails are running over after a general round-up of vagrants and crooks. Merkel has had her share of these check forgers, robbers etc. and with the additional such transactions this week, it seems that it's about time a halt was being made. There is a large transient citizenship throughout the country now, and it may be that there are crooks and bad men among them, and yet that old saying that "A man is often robbed by his friends, while watching his enemies," might apply in some instances now, if only a close watch was made.

In a Predicament

"So Alice caught her husband kissing the maid. What is she going to do about it?" "She can't seem to make up her mind, poor dear. Sometimes she thinks it would be easier for her to get a new husband than to find a new maid."—Ex.

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The Big Lake Weekly News gives good advice: "This week we saw a slogan: 'Spend your money in the town where you live.' Mr. Citizen, think this over for a moment and you will see where it is to your individual interest and welfare to follow out this slogan. Your local merchant is entitled to your trade. Look over their advertisements in your paper and see what they offer you at money saving prices."

Mr. J. S. Thomas returned first of the week from Oklahoma where he spent a few days with a daughter residing in that state.

C. F. Curb of route three, is one among the many renewing for the Merkel Mail, for another year.

The local gins have the price of ginning down from 40 to 30 cents per hundred.

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(Signed) J. J. Smith

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FRFE LECTURE

By S. H. TOUTJIAN of New York City

AT THE COZY THEATRE Friday, Dec., 3, 2:30 p. m.

Mr. Toutjian will show from the Bible that the old "world" has ended. Christ's kingdom being established and by the year 1925 will be fully introduced — therefore many people in the world, living in 1925, need not die!

WHY REMAIN IN IGNORANCE?

The Bible says: "The path of the just is a shining light that shineth MORE and MORE unto the perfect day." If this be true, that the light is ever increasing, how foolish it is for us to cling to the creeds and teachings of the dark ages. The fact that some doctrine is hoary with age, or that our fathers and mothers believed in, does not prove it is true. How foolish it would be for us to cling to old theories of government, science, methods of travel, etc. Every day witnesses the collapse of old theories, and the introduction of new and better theories, as we near the perfect day. Jesus said he would bring forth out of his treasure (Bible truths) thing NEW and old. Let us make up our mind not to let pre-judice keep us from receiving these NEW things.

A FEW REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD HEAR THIS LECTURE

Explains why the present trouble is in the earth.
Explains what the outcome will be.
Points out better times just ahead.
Explains why statesmen, clergymen and others do not understand these things.

Can You Afford to Miss It?

Seats Free

No Collections.

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In the fall of 1621 the Pilgrims, following a bountiful harvest, set aside a day in which to give thanks to God for his blessings. The Massachusetts Bay Colony adopted the custom in 1630 and other Colonies followed by all the dangers of a new world, surrounded by savages, cut off from friends, relatives and associates by thousands of miles of ocean, were thankful that their lives had been spared;

that they had something to eat and, most of all, that they had religious freedom. With these blessings they were encouraged, and they faced the bleak New England winter with a determination to hew out of the forest new homes; to improve their living conditions and to spread the Gospel of Charity and love among the Indians. The Pilgrims and other pioneers laid the foundation for our great American Nation. They faced problems, monumental in

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The very best grade Axminster Rugs that sell for \$100 for \$75.00

\$75.00 grade for \$57.25

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If you intend to buy a rug within the next year you can not afford to miss this sale.

These prices are good for One Week Only

You had better come early, before the best patterns are gone

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size, in comparison to those of which is so much complaint in 1920. In face of danger day and night, often in desperate need, they rejoiced because the Creator had not forgotten them. Then, why should we of the present generation, who are privileged to enjoy immeasurably greater blessings, give way to temporary difficulties which we find in our path? Why not forget that the price of cotton is unsatisfactory and face the future with something of the courage and determination of early days? Be truly thankful for your innumerable blessings and remember that the most of your troubles are either imaginary or of your own making. Be doubly thankful that you will probably have the chance to avoid past mistakes and that the future holds forth opportunities of rich reward for industry and intelligent effort.—Exchange.

Mr. J. A. Cypert of Kansas City, Mo. who has been visiting his brother W. G. Cypert, left last night on Sunshine Special for El Paso where he will visit a sister, then will go on to spend the winter in California.

G. W. Johnson returned Monday from Mineral Wells, where he has been for the past two weeks for his health.

Last year the cry was back to old times, down with the high cost of living. But alas, things are coming down, down and with it poverty and want, besides the greatest wail this country ever heard. But why worry, man is never satisfied.

NOTICE

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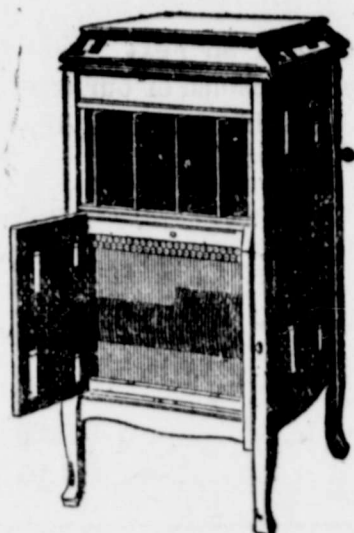
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Bids will be received until noon, December 1, 1920 for the sale of the building occupied by the Merkel Baptist Church. Bids will also be received for site separate or with building. A certified check for \$400.00 must accompany each bid. If bid is accepted check will be retained as earnest money. Property will be delivered to successful bidder on January 2. All furniture and fixtures reserved. The committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Mail bids to Walter Jackson, Chairman of the committee.

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FRIENDS

A short time ago a London newspaper offered a prize for the best definition of "a friend." Among the many thousand answers which were received, the one that was awarded the first prize was:
"The first person who comes in when the world goes out."
The second prize was given to the definition sent in by a small boy who wrote:
"A friend is a feller who knows all about you and still likes you just the same."

Both of these definitions are worthy of thought.

How many times has every one needed a friend "when the

world goes out" through the death of a loved one, the wreck of business or the failure to achieve one's most cherished desires? In those moments, many whom we have considered to be our friends have forsaken us. With the loss of money our so-called friends have melted away. With the decline of power and position those who have flattered us and made us believe that their friendship would be everlasting are found among the missing. It is on those occasions that the first person who is ready to lend a helping hand, to breathe a word of consolation in our sorrow, be the acquaintance of a day or a lifetime, is a true friend.

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place as business or other requirements may dictate, we make many acquaintances, but few real friends, and as a man or woman advances toward middle life the chances of making new and tried friends diminish. It is those we have known since childhood, our schoolmates, our college chums, our first associates in business who are our staunchest friends. Never in the glamour of the new, who come to us with fair words and specious promises but who fade away like morning mist before the sun when storms of adversity arise, should we let go of an old and tried friend.

Shakespear knew the value of an old friend when he wrote:
"Those friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,
Grappled them to thy soul with hoops of steel."

Yes, the old friends are the best—the "feller who knows all about you and likes you just the same."—Dearborn Independent.

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G. O. P. VICTORY COST \$4,022,580

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 22.—The Republican National Committee spent \$4,022,580 in its efforts to elect President-elect Harding and the remainder of the national and state Republican tickets, Fred W. Upham, national treasurer, reported to Secretary of State Hugo today. The committee received \$3,906,111, according to the report, leaving a deficit of \$116,465. No contributions of over \$1,000 were listed and in many instances receipts were listed as 10 and 15 cents. In New York state alone \$200,000 was raised in 50-cent contributions.

Reductions on Trunks, Hand Bags and Suit Cases, any size you wish. The Brown Dry Goods.

Mrs. Sam Swann of Abilene spent last week-end with friends and relatives in town.

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The Fort Worth Record will cost \$10.00 per year after bargain days. For \$8.35 you can get the Daily & Sunday Record and Merkel Mail for one year

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Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Pate of Sweetwater spent Tuesday in Merkel with friends.

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THE LAW AND THE CAR

A man at Wichita Falls has been arrested and indicted on two counts one charging murder and the other charging failure to stop an automobile after striking a person. The arrest and indictments grew out of the killing of a 13-year-old-boy by an automobile driven by the man. It seems that the car struck the boy and threw him upon the hood whereupon the driver increased speed and in crossing railroad tracks the boy was jolted off and both wheels of the car passed over his body. The arrest followed a long search by a posse bent, apparently on dealing out summary justice to the motorist.

There is a lesson in this incident for a good many careless motorists. Not only does the motorist lay himself open to punishment in the criminal court for injuries inflicted, but the aggrieved party or his relatives may recover damages in civil action. Persons who are in the habit of "taking chances" on crowded street corners, or of speeding up when the coast is clear, should keep the vision of this poor little mangled boy in mind and slow down. If the impulse of common mercy and decency will not cause them to do so, they should visualize the prison bars of the hangman's noose or catch a glimpse of their endangered bank account.

It doesn't pay to take chances when life and limb are at stake.

Motor car owners who permit their children to play ducks and drakes with the family car should remember that their bank account is liable to be drawn upon to recompense some injured person. But children are not the only offenders, there are a good many grown-ups who delight in taking chances and who find an unholy joy in "making 'em step lively" on a busy corner. Some day they too may be sought by an infuriated posse and a grand jury may be called upon to indict them.

The laws governing the driving of the motor cars are ample and cover practically the entire ground. A wholesome respect for the law is a pretty good thing to have.—Abilene Reporter.



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and the reform must begin some
where. Let each reader start it
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his farms near Trent, was in
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They were married in Sweet-
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Miss Walker is the daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Walker
she is well thought of by many
and a very popular young lady.
We praise Mr. Mayfield in his
choice of a bride and wish them
much happiness. A friend.

Corn and Corn Chops, at G.
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Song; Prayers; Song.

Leader—Miss Middleton.

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Announcements.

Scripture Lesson as a story. Act
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el Counts.

A Pioneer Bishop by Gladys
Middleton.

Transformation of the souls by
Bill Stewart.

A friend a Ellis Island by An-
nie Bickley.

Missionary to the Northwest by
Joe Reidenbach.

Song and Benediction.