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## ADJOURNMENT IS SET FOR ABOUT AUGUST 31

GOVERNOR OPPOSES EXTRA SESSION PLAN.

## PRESENT MANY LOCAL BILLS

Governor "Opens Up" to Many Additional Bills of General Nature. Four New Ones.

Austin: It may be put down at practically certain that "legislative rest" will begin on Aug. 30, for the Governor will not call another special session of the Legislature; that the investigations now in progress will end with that time if not sooner, and that the legislative and Congressional districts of Texas will remain as they are, for the bills which are being passed are almost sure to meet executive disapproval.

It is also pretty certain that many of the measures recommended by the Governor within the last few days will fall of passage. He submitted four new subjects:

1. To reduce the minimum price with which the Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner may sell marl, sand and shells, so as to encourage consumption of same.
2. To strengthen the live stock sanitary laws.
3. To provide that precincts and counties by a majority vote authorize the issuance of bonds for good roads.
4. To provide against the spread of charbon.

## STATE BANK GUARANTY GOOD

Failed Bank at Houston Upholds Value of System.

Austin: The efficiency of the guaranty fund provision of the State bank law, demonstrated in the liquidation of the Harris County Bank & Trust company at Houston, which is now in process. Depositors are exceedingly in presenting their pass books so that they may withdraw their deposits from this bank, feeling that their funds are perfectly safe and there is no reason to rush. On the other hand those who are now winding up the affairs of this bank want to get through with the task. The department a few days ago sent \$75,000 from the guaranty fund here with which to pay depositors.

## THE SCHOOLHOUSE IN TEXAS

Leads the Union in Material and Financial Progress.

Austin: In an interview State Superintendent of Public Instruction Bralley asserts that during the past two years Texas has made more progress than any other State in the Union in the erection and equipment of schoolhouses.

It is shown that during the school year ending August 31, 1910, there were 643 public school houses in common and 127 in independent school districts, or a little more than two during each day of the year at an average cost of each. During the same period \$239 has been expended for new and \$691,889 in additions. The State leads the Nation having during this period \$123,692 for schoolhouses. Dallas is arranging to spend \$250,000 for betterments of prominent school properties.

## IS' WOFUL FIRE WASTE

Majority Easily Preventable; Many Inexcusable.

Austin: According to a statement made public recently by the State Insurance Board, out of 5,397 fires reported to August 15, 1921, 2,021 were preventable. The following are the principal classes on which losses have occurred: Dwellings and furniture 2,282, brick mercantile buildings and contents 158, frame mercantile buildings 467, boarding houses 506, churches and schools 91, special hazards and miscellaneous 866.

Causes of fires are also classified, principal being fires 77 per cent, exposures 16.5 per cent, unknown 14 per cent.

New Postal Banks.

Washington: The following additional postal savings banks are ordered established, effective Sept. 18: Bonham, Hereford, Jacksonville, Mexia and Vernon, Texas; also Ansdarko, Okla. Effective Sept. 19: Colorado, Comanche, Dalhart, Longview and Navasota, Texas, also Stillwater and Vinland, Okla.

## GROOM GILMORE FOR GOVERNOR

Van Zant Countians Endorse Representative for Governor.

Wills Point: A petition indorsing Hon. Clarence E. Gilmore of Wills Point, representative from the Rotorial district composed of Van Zandt, Kaufman and Rains counties, and suggesting him as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor in the primary next year, has been circulated in this county and more than 500 signatures secured, the signers representing business men, farmers, lawyers, practically all the county officials, the president of the county Farmers' Union, and all classes of citizens from all sections of the county.

The petition gives many reasons why the Democrats of Texas should unite on him as the candidate to oppose Governor Colquitt for re-election and gives him the highest indorsement of his home people. Mr. Gilmore has not yet been advised of this action.

## GONZALES IS ELECTEE.

Signifies Tranquillity Is Permanent in Chihuahua.

El Paso: Election day in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, passed without elected governor, a position he is now disturbed. Abram Gonzales was holding under appointment from Francisco Madero, and the entire State ticket nominated with Gonzales was also elected.

There was no opposition to the governor, who was the acting secretary of war under Madero when the rebel dero, had been importuned to run, army was in the field. Pascual Orozco, who was chief general for Madero had been importuned to run.

## MEMPHIS TO DALLAS ROAD

The Memphis, Dallas and Gulf Line Taking Definite Form.

St. Louis: The Memphis, Dallas & Gulf, in which interests identified with the Grayson-McLeod Lumber Co. and the Grayson Lumber Co. are investors, announced the acquisition of the Caddo & Choctaw and the Hot Springs, Glenwood & Western. The arrangements resulting in the purchase by W. H. Wylie, former assistant general freight agent of the Wabash, who is now an executive officer of the Memphis, Dallas & Gulf.

The Memphis, Dallas & Gulf is projected to run from Hot Springs and Memphis to Dallas. With the purchasing of the two short lines and the connecting of the several roads there will be a route owned by the Memphis, Dallas and Gulf from Hot Springs to Ashdown, Ark. Plans are being elaborated for an extension from Ashdown to Dallas.

Club House Burned.

Marshall: The big club house of Uncertain ranch burned Sunday night. The club house was located on Caddo lake, about twenty miles from Marshall, and was brand new, having been finished only a short while ago. The club house cost about \$2500 and was owned by a stock company. Not a cent of insurance was carried on the building or the furniture.

Waco Preacher Starts Reform.

Waco: Dr. E. E. Ingram, who delivered his sermon in Austin Avenue Presbyterian Church Sunday in his shirt sleeves, after announcing that he would do so a week before hand, found that many of the male members of his flock were present, and also coatless. Pastor Ingram said he wanted to be as comfortable as possible and believed the extreme heat of the prevalent torrid wave justified removal of superfluous raiment.

Will Establish Tubercular Colony

Austin: State Health Officer Steiner, chairman of the Tuberculosis Commission, announces that the Commission will leave for a point near Carlsbad, Tom Green County, about fourteen miles from San Angelo, where the site will be selected for the establishment of one of the two tuberculosis colonies. The contract will be let and work commenced immediately on the erection of one of the colonies, which will cost \$50,000. The site is near the Concho River and contains 500 acres of land.

Sunday morning S. F. Weatherly of Yoakum

was surprised to find on the back door step of his home on East hill a paper box, which upon being opened was found to contain a healthy white baby boy about ten days of age.

The twenty-eighth annual session of the Laundrymen's National Association met in St. Paul Monday.

## ENGLISH RAILWAY STRIKE IS ENDED

A JOINT COMMITTEE WILL INVESTIGATE AND ARBITRATE.

## LOOKS LIKE UNION VICTORY

It is Estimated that 250,000 Men Were Involved. Food Became Scarce in Many Localities.

London: After a week's unrest all over the kingdom, suffering in many places and violence and death in some, the greatest labor strike in the history of the country is brought to an end. A tremendous wave of relief swept over England Saturday night when at 11 o'clock announcement was made from the Board of Trade that the railway strike had been settled and the men would return to work immediately.

Telegrams were dispatched to all important railroad towns bearing the information. The cabinet had been working night and day since the strike threatened to arrange a compromise. Most of the credit for the ultimate success of their efforts seems to rest on the shoulders of Chancellor Lloyd George, who, in his statements to parliament and in an interview with the managers and the men, worked for conciliation when all other of the interested parties seemed to have abandoned hope of a peaceful settlement.

So far as technical advantage in the compromise goes, it appears to be in the men's favor, particularly as the managers consent to meet their representatives.

The official statement concerning the agreement, say the managers, consented to this scheme in view of certain representations made them by the government, including a promise of legislation to permit of an increase of railway rates. The men claim victory for unionism on the point of recognition of unions.

Messages were sent to 1500 branches of the labor unions saying: "The joint committee has settled the strike. It is a victory for trade unionism. All men must return to work immediately." As a result of settlement, soldiers posted at strategic railway points about the country will be withdrawn.

## TWO NEW AMERICAN STATES

New Mexico and Arizona to Come into Sisterhood.

Washington: Unless the President changes his mind about the sort of legislation Arizona should have, two new stars will shortly be added to the flag as the result of the action of the House Saturday afternoon in passing practically without opposition the new Statehood resolution which was passed by the Senate, providing for the admission of New Mexico and Arizona after they have voted upon certain prescribed amendments to their Constitutions.

Dallas City and County Scholastics.

Dallas: According to the report which Judge Young will make public there are 26,136 school children in Dallas County, and the entire population of the county is further shown in the report to be 174,816. In precinct No. 1, which includes Dallas and outlying districts, there are 8,994 school children. In Dallas proper the report gives 17,764, with 1280 scholastics in the suburbs of the city. The report also shows the population of Dallas proper to be 106,584, while the population of precinct No. 1 is 107,914. The report will be sent to Austin within the next few days.

Populist Leader Boomed for 1912.

Lincoln, Neb.: Friends of Robert G. Ross of Lexington, Neb., self-announced candidate for the nomination of president of the United States on the Populist ticket are beginning an earnest and energetic campaign in his behalf. Ross is pointed to with pride as being successively a cowboy, ranchman, lawyer, and the "King of Literature" in the West. He is the son of an American Revolutionist, and a direct descendant of George Ross, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Entertainment Pulled off at Bremond.

Bremond: One of the bloodiest fights ever seen in Bremond was pulled off in a saloon at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Six-shooters, knives, chairs and beer bottles were the main weapons. As a result one man will probably die from gun wounds, another is badly shot, two men are badly cut but not fatally, it is thought, and eight others are seriously battered up. The fight lasted about thirty minutes.

## ATWOOD'S GREAT AERO FEAT

Ten Day Air Trip St. Louis to New York—Many Stops.

Lyons, N. Y.: Nine hundred and thirty miles from his starting point, Harry N. Atwood, the young Boston aviator who is fast approaching the world's long distance record in his flight from St. Louis to New York, landed in a field in Lyons Sunday afternoon, after flying 104 miles from Buquilo without a stop.

Atwood will have broken the world's long distance record when he flies along the Hudson south of Albany at a point between Greendale and Rhinecliff. At Rhinecliff he will have flown 1,117 miles, or 13 miles more than the present record of 1,164 miles, won by European aeronauts in flights over Germany. His flying time, he expects, will be ten days, as compared with thirty days taken by the present record holders. At the finish the Bostonian in distance will have broken the world's record by 101 miles.

Atwood intends not to reach Albany before Tuesday night. At Albany he will provide his plane with pontoons for possible emergency landings in the Hudson of the ocean near New York. Leaving Albany Wednesday morning he hopes to cover the 146 miles from there to New York with one stop, sailing over the city and landing at Coey Island in the afternoon.

Soon after he will return to Boston. Atwood said he would prepare for a transcontinental flight this autumn, probably from Los Angeles to New York. He said he thought he could make the 3,500 miles in fifteen days.

## TWO AVIATORS ARE KILLED

Two Young Men Victims of the Unconquered Elements.

Chicago: Two aviators, William R. Badger of Pittsburg and St. Croix Johnstone of Chicago, both young men, lost their lives at the international aviation meet here Tuesday.

Death in both cases was due to unexplained accidents, probably the result of unsuspected defects in the mechanism of the machines, and was in no way caused by carelessness or lack of responsibility of the drivers.

Badger, a wealthy youth, careened to his death in a pit in the aviation field. There had been a flaw in one of the paddles of the propeller of the Baldwin machine he drove. Centrifugal force broke the propeller, upset the delicate equilibrium of the machine and Badger dashed 100 feet to the bottom of the pit. His neck was broken.

Johnstone fell 500 feet under his engine and was drowned as the result of an equally unsuspected defect. Caught under the heavy engine in the Moisant monoplane he was carried deep into Lake Michigan and his body was not brought to the surface until an hour later.

## DANGER IN DOG'S MOUTH.

Lead Up to Cases of Violent Hydrophobia and Death.

New York: Mrs. Amanda Irwin was admitted to Bellevue Hospital suffering from hydrophobia, the symptoms of which have been unnoticed for five years. According to neighbors, Mrs. Irwin was bitten by a mad dog in 1906. Physicians declared that the inoculation had been slowly working through her system and it had at last emerged in an acute attack. She was found in her home suffering agonies. She attacked the policeman who was sent to take charge of her and the ambulance surgeon found it necessary to use a straight jacket to get her to the hospital. Her case is hopeless.

Newark, N. J.: Jacob Swenzer, president of the Woodbridge Auto Co., is dead at his home in Woodbridge, N. J., of rabies, after a two days' illness. A pet dog which licked his hand about a month ago went mad a few days later. Swenzer was formerly a well known driver of racing automobiles.

Fatal Pistol Duel.

Sulphur, Okla.: Saturday night Reuben Marlowe and Jack L. Potts engaged in a pistol duel in front of the Crescent drug store of this city. Marlowe fatally wounded Potts, who died from the effects of his wounds about 11:40 o'clock Saturday night. Trouble grew out of a lawsuit in which Potts lost the suit to recover damages from Marlowe in the District Court last week.

First Export Cotton.

Galveston: The first two foreign vessels to put out from the port of Galveston carrying cotton of the 1911 crop sailed out of the harbor Sunday afternoon for Bremen, Barcelona and

## GROP OUTLOOK DEPRESSING

Corn Practically a Failure and Cotton Eadly Hurt.

Dallas: The city is full of buyers from all parts of Texas and Oklahoma. Almost without exception the buyers complain of deterioration of the cotton. They declared that the corn crop was a total failure and that the cane, millet, milo maize and other forage crops the farmers planted after the summer rains are dead. Most of them said that business had been very good all summer, and the orders they were placing for goods were such as to indicate that they expect to transact some business during the rest of the summer and this fall.

## CUBAN PRESIDENT VIGOROUS

Two Offensive Editors Banded off to Spain Quickly.

Havana: Jose Maria Villaverde, managing editor of the Cuba, and his nephew, Manuel Cillaverde, an editorial writer on the Cuba, were seized at the residence of the former, placed on board a steamer, and deported to Spain.

The Cuba has been continuously assailing the government of President Gomez. Acting under a presidential decree, a squad of police visited the residence of Senor Villaverde and demanded admission. This being refused, the police battered down the door, seized the two Villaverdes and without giving them time to make preparation, rushed both on board the steamer Alfonso XIII, which sailed at once for Spanish ports.

A presidential decree issued concerning the deportation denounces the Villaverdes, who are Spaniards, as pernicious foreigners actively hostile to the Cuban government and hence subject to deportation.

Baltimore Gulf Line Assured.

Baltimore: An independent and permanent steamship line operating four vessels between Baltimore and Texas ports, including Galveston, seems to be assured in the Seaboard and Gulf Steamship Company. The vessels of the line are the D. N. Luckenbach, the Honduras, the Jacob Luckenbach and the F. J. Luckenbach. The schedule for first sailings will be Aug. 21, Sept. 5, Sept. 20 and Oct. 5, respectively.

Second Fire At Abilene.

Abilene: A building occupied by T. G. Lockett Co., as a sales and store room for implements and vehicles was burned with its contents early Wednesday morning. The losses on building and stock amount to about \$12,000.

A \$40,000 Fire Visits Dayton.

Dayton: Fire in the business section which extended to the residence section consumed about twenty-five buildings, mostly small, Friday morning, causing a loss of about \$40,000, with insurance nominal.

M. O. & G. to Extend 100 Miles.

Shawnee, Okla.: Work has been commenced by surveyors for the Memphis, Oklahoma & Gulf Railway north-east of the city. There are twenty-five men in the party. The line is to be extended from Henryetta to Oklahoma City, a distance of 100 miles.

The Katy General Offices.

St. Louis: The following was given out at the general offices of the Katy: "The Missouri, Kansas & Texas will put up a general office building for its Texas lines in Dallas. The building will be of reinforced concrete throughout, including the floors, seven stories high and strictly fireproof. It will be supplied with a cold water circulating system, a vacuum cleaning system, electric current for light and power and other up-to-date features. It will be located close to the new union passenger station, and will be completed early in 1912."

Masked Men Hold Up Mail Clerk.

Houston: Two masked men held up and robbed the mail clerk on the northbound Katy Flyer inside the city limits of Houston Wednesday night, securing nine registered packages of unknown value, and leaving the train at Eureka, just outside the city, and seem to have made a good escape without leaving a tangible clue.

Puzzling Murder in Galveston Park.

Galveston: A most baffling case developed Wednesday morning shortly after 5 o'clock with the finding of the dead body in Central Park of Geo. H. Jageler, aged 26 years, who arrived in Galveston two weeks previously from his home in New York. Death was due to a severe blow behind the right ear that crushed the skull. His pockets contained no money, but jewelry upon his person, if the motive was robbery, was not disturbed.

## TWO NEW STATES ARE NOW ADMITTED

ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO COME INTO THE SISTERHOOD.

## FORTY-EIGHT STARS SHINING

Resolution Demands Elimination of Recall of Judges Proposed by State of Arizona.

Washington, Aug. 22.—President Taft signed the joint resolution for the admission of New Mexico and Arizona into the Union at 3:03 p. m. Monday.

There was but one resolution, so that the President used three different pens in order that some of the relic hunters might be satisfied.

When the resolution was laid on his desk he looked up at the crowd around him and said:

"Has anybody read this?"

"Nobody answered, and, to make certain of it, the President read the resolution himself.

"Well, gentlemen, it's done," he said as he put the last stroke on the parchment.

The resolution signed by the President provides that Arizona shall eliminate the judiciary recall clause in its Constitution.

Santa Fe: Immediately upon the receipt of the news that President Taft had signed the Statehood bill, Miss Madeline Mills, daughter of Gov. Mills, hauled up on the Capitol staff a large flag with forty-eight stars. A monster non-partisan statehood celebration took place in the public plaza, while the city was lighted with bonfires and a great fire burned on the top of Fort Marcy, overlooking the city.

Among the speakers were seven Supreme Court Judges, the Governor and four ex-Governors of New Mexico.

General Storms and Heat in West.

St. Louis: Storms swept across Missouri and Central and Southern Illinois Sunday, while the terrific heat in Oklahoma and Texas, which has stood at 100 degrees and over for ten days, broke records. Ardmore, Ok., reports 100 degrees; McAlester, Ok., 105, and Oklahoma City 106. Cotton is deteriorating fast in Oklahoma, it is declared. Windstorms did considerable damage to farm property in Central Kansas. Many buildings were unroofed at Wilson and vicinity. An inch and a half of rain fell in Northwest Missouri and a half inch in Central Missouri.

Two Alabama Counties Vote Dry.

Birmingham: Three Alabama counties held elections Monday under the new local option laws and each voted for the conditions existing at the time the State-wide law was enacted. Madison County, of which Huntsville is the county seat, voted for dispensaries by a bout 600. Tallapoosa, of which Dadeville is the county seat, went dry by about 700. Covington County, of which Andalusia is the county seat, went dry by a vote of about 2 to 1.

Says Teddy to the Politicians.

Pittsburg, Pa.: Former President Theodore Roosevelt, in a letter to Alexander P. Moore, editor of the Pittsburg Leader, made public said: "I must ask not only you, but every friend I have, to see to it that no movement whatever is made to bring me forward for the nomination in 1912. I should esteem it a genuine calamity if such a movement were undertaken."

Uniform Divorce Laws Desired.

New York: In response to inquiries sent from New York to the governor of every State in the Union asking their views on the desirability of uniform divorce legislation, twenty governors have replied in favor of uniformity, either by Federal enactment or by general agreement upon a statute to be adopted by the various legislatures.

Army Aviator's Flight.

Frederick, Md.: Dashing through the air at almost a mile a minute, a United States Army aeroplane came into this city Monday from College Park, Md., bearing Capt. Chandler and Lieut. Arnold, two of the army's corps of aviators. The two officers covered the forty-two miles between the army aerodrome at College Park, near Washington, and this city in forty-seven minutes.

An order establishing an eight-hour working day in all shops of the Southern Pacific Company became effective Monday.

# COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

## Shiloh Clippings.

Aug. 14.—More warm weather out here in the Shiloh district.

Our meeting at Shiloh closed Sunday evening at the baptizing. There were ten baptized and several additions to the church by letter. The church was greatly revived and much good done. We were greatly pleased with the good sermons delivered by Rev. J. H. Pace of Anson.

Mrs. Uldric Wheeler has returned from a visit to her sister.

Mrs. Jim Williamson is from home on a visit to relatives and friends.

Again Cupid has been casting his darts and took from our midst Miss Blanche Jones to Mr. Hardy Rutledge of Oklahoma. They will leave soon for their new home in Oklahoma. We regret to give Mrs. Rutledge up but we wish for them a long and happy life. May they never know sorrow.

Miss Odessa Higgins has returned home after a visit of several days with relatives at Shiloh.

Wilmer Grayson is at home from college to spend a few days.

Miss Eva Hightower of Shiloh stole a march on her parents and went for a visit to her brothers at Anson, and while there became Mrs. Olan Scott. We wish for them a pleasant journey through life.

Farmers are beginning to pick cotton and they are all proud of what crop they have, but the hot weather is making it look sick again and we are needing rain badly.

The little daughter of Sam Howells is very ill.

Mrs. William Bayetts sister and brother are with her for a short visit.

Miss Margrett Dyess was shopping in Merkel Monday.

Rev. Moore of Merkel will preach his first sermon for the Shiloh people the 4th Sunday in August. Also Brother Will Horn of Noodle who has been called to preach will honor Shiloh with his first sermon.

Good bye till I come again.  
Happy Hooligan.

August 24—Cotton picking is all the farmers can talk of and quite a lot of the fleecy staple is being gathered.

A little child of Sanford Callahan came near being drowned Saturday. It was wading in the shallow part of the water and fell

down and was almost dead when its mother found it.

Miss Florence Code visited the Misses Hales Sunday.

Miss Mary Green is visiting her aunt in Abilene this week.

Miss Noby Sanders and Val-dree Rutledge of Shiloh were married at Truby by Rev Gentry of Anson last Sunday at 11 o'clock. We wish them much happiness.

Jim Bill Tener has a little boy very ill. Has something like blood poison caused by a cut.

Mr. and Mrs. Truitt of Anson were visiting their daughter Mrs. Joe Dyess this week.

Mrs. J. D. Barnes has returned home from Hamlin where she has been visiting her daughter Mrs. C. W. Williams.

Erna Rutledge is here on a visit to friends. His home is in Oklahoma.

Little Jeffie Howell is much improved. She has been confined to her bed for some time with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Jim Williamson has returned from her visit.

Mr. Sanders will leave Shiloh soon to look for a location. He will move in the fall.

The Shiloh gin has not begun running yet.

Happy Hooligan.

## A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kinneys 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.

## Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the postoffice at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Aug. 26, 1911

Davis, C L  
Gwyn, Mrs R H  
Scott, Charley  
Winkle, Bill  
Williams, G W

If not called for will be sent to dead-letter office Sept. 9, 1911.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

Buy it now. Now is the time to buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. This remedy has no superior. For sale by all dealers.

## NOBODY SPARED.

Kidney Troubles Attack Merkel Men and Women, Old and Young.

Kidney ills seize young and old. Come quickly with little warning. Children suffer in their early years—can't control the kidney secretions. Girls are languid, nervous, suffer pain. Women worry, can't do daily work.

Men have lame and aching backs. The cure for man, woman or child. Is to cure the cause—the kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys—Cure all forms of kidney suffering. The following testimony proves it:

J. C. Smith, cotton buyer, 701 Elm St., Abilene, Texas, says: "Being annoyed considerably by a weakness of my kidneys, and having heard Doan's Kidney Pills highly spoken of, I procured a box. In view of the results of their use, I know them to be a good kidney remedy. My nephew who was staying with me at the time also took Doan's Kidney Pills with benefit."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

## Noodle Dots.

Aug. 21—The hot weather is still on and cotton picking is in full blast. Sunday school was well attended Sunday.

Cotton picking is going at 80 and 90 cents per hundred.

Miss Ellen Moore is out visiting her friends now at Noodle, she is at Parson Jones now.

Some of the boys at Noodle are are thinking of going off to hunt work and some are thinking of going off to school.

Mrs. O. R. Bird of Valley Mill is visiting her parents here.

Some of the young people were at Sandburr from Noodle Sunday and enjoyed a fine dinner.

Mrs. O. R. Bird was in Merkel Monday

Charlie Jones and Leldon Good will start off to school soon.

Everybody hopes to get the same school teacher they had last year.

Charlie Deutschman lost a fine hog last Friday.

It has been so hot people could not pick much cotton but hope it will get cooler weather soon.

Cotton will make about fourth of a bale to the acre some will make more. Feed is very sorry. The Happyman.

Aug 21—It is pleasing to know that the harvesting time has come.

Cotton has been turning out pretty well but is quite a task to pick it as it is so low.

Clifford Hill of Hill county and Eugene Spurgeon of Comper were in our community Tuesday.

Several have been attending the meeting at Comper this week

Otto Sosebee, Charlie Ely and J. A. Sosebee made a business trip to Anson Saturday.

Bonnie Church visited Wesley Ely Saturday.

Quite a number attended services at Sandburr Sunday.

Miss Ella Moore of Oklahoma is visiting here this week.

Mrs. Dun and son and daughter of Odessa are visiting her sister Mrs. W. W. Beene.

Alfred Ely visited Stith folks Sunday.

Our crowd was small at Sun-school on account of hot weather but we must come out to prayer meeting for it is not hot on Sunday nights. White Dove.

## Seemed to Give Him a New Stomach

"I suffered intensely after eating and no medicine or treatment I tried seemed to do any good," writes H.M. Young-peters, editor of The Sun, Lake View, Ohio. "The first few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets gave me surprising relief and the second bottle seemed to give me a new stomach and perfectly good health." For sale by all dealers.

Read the Mail. 1.00 a year.

## Nubia News.

Aug. 22—The farmers are all busy picking cotton.

Watt Blair and family visited his cousin Geo. West of Fisher county last week.

John Deavenport and family visited A. L. Stanley Sunday.

H. L. Deavenport and Bertha Stanley attended church at White Church Saturday night.

Oscar Walker and family, Brown Deavenport and family have moved to Nubia.

Royce Dowdy visited Kyle Blair Saturday.

Mrs. Jim Blackburne is some better at this writing.

Miss Gertrude Stanley has been very sick.

Quite a number of our younger people enjoyed the singing at Riney Sunday.

J. S. Barnes had the misfortune of getting one of his horses hurt last week.

Brown Deavenport and family visited J. W. Dowdy Sunday.

Miss Emma Campbell will leave Saturday for Roscoe and other points west.

Miss Ruby Reid of Polar who has been visiting her aunt Mrs. Walker for six weeks left for her home Wednesday.

K. Blackburne visited his brother John Sunday.

D. L. Boyd and M. E. Perry, wife and baby attended church at White Church Sunday.

Geo. Hunter and Kelly Dudley called at A. L. Stanley's Saturday night.

John Hendrix and Lela Clark attended the meeting at White Church last week. Lost Dog.

John Hendrix and sister Inis Reynolds visited Mrs. John Tillinghast Friday.

John and Will Toombs spent last week with their parents Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Toombs near Riney.

Mrs. A. L. Stanley visited Mrs. John Davenport Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stanley attended preaching at White Church Thursday night.

Mrs. A. L. Stanley went to Blair Thursday.

John Davenport and family spent Sunday with A. L. Stanley and family.

A. L. Stanley who has been visiting his brother in Brown county returned home Saturday.

Mrs. George Tillinghast, children and Mrs. Ellen Hogan spent Saturday night and Sunday at White Church.

Walter Boden went to Nubia Tuesday.

Mrs. Donie Toombs and Miss Effie Thornton visited K Blackburn Saturday.

Ernest Moore attended prayer meeting at this place Sunday night.

D. L. Boyd and family attended preaching at White Church Sunday.

E. F. Stanley left Friday for Wilbarger county where he will spend a few days with his brother-in-law Walter Moodie.

There will be Sunday School here Sunday. D Know All

## Wife Got Tip Top Advice.

"My wife wanted me to take our boy to the doctor to cure an ugly boil," writes D. Frankel of Stroud, Okla. "I said 'put Bucklen's Arnica Salve on it.' She did so and cured the boil in a short time." Quickest healer of burns, cuts, scalds, corns bruises, sprains, swellings. Best pile cure on earth. Only 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

## Bismarck and Coffee.

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An ordinary case of diarrhoea can, as a rule, be cured by a single dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. This remedy has no superior for bowel complaints. For sale by all dealers.

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No. 10052.  
Treasury Department of the Comptroller of Currency, Washington, D. C., July 7, 1911.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL" in the town of Merkel, in the county of Taylor and state of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;

Now therefore, I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL" in the town of Merkel in the county of Taylor and state of Texas is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section

Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States, In testimony whereof witness my hand and Seal of office this Seventh day of July, 1911.

T. P. KANE,  
Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency.

The First National Bank located at Merkel, in the state of Texas, is closing its affairs. All note holders and other creditors of the association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment. J. E. Faucett, Cashier.  
July 10, 1911. 7-14m2

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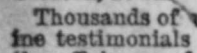




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## A DIFFERENCE.



Mrs. Jinks—My husband is making a collection of stems.  
Mrs. Boose A. Lott—My husband is making a collection of the contents of stems.

Little Pitcher.  
Lady Visitor—I am coming to your mamma's company tomorrow, Tommy.  
Tommy—Well, you won't get a good supper.  
Tommy's Papa—Tommy, what do you mean, talking like that?  
Tommy—Well, you know, pa, you told ma you'd have to get some chicken feed for her old hen party tomorrow.

The Real Thing.  
"Say, mister, if you throw three cents up in the air I kin ketch 'em all before they come down every time."

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Surely.  
"Is that bargain really cut glass?"  
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After a girl has bumped up against a case of unrequited love she begins to dream of a career.

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## NO OSLERISM GOES IN TEXAS

An Octogenarian Shows 'Em How to Farm.

Athens: J. M. Pickens of Pickens Spur, on the Texas & New Orleans Railroad, near Athens, on less than fifteen acres of land has raised this year and shipped sixteen car loads of watermelons, on which he has cleared above all expenses \$1,050. In planting, growing and marketing these melons he did most of the work (all of the particular work) with his own hands. Besides the sixteen cars shipped he has fed to his stock, given to his neighbors, relatives and friends in the vicinity and in Athens fully three cars more of melons.

Krebs Fire Stopped by Dynamite. McAlester, Okla.: Saturday midnight a fire of unknown origin in J. Jacobs' general store in Krebs destroyed that building and its contents, the Krebs Hotel, owned by Pete Silva, a barber shop, the Odd Fellows' Hall and Martin Kerr's residence. The total loss is about \$25,000; partly insured. The McAlester fire department sent a chemical company and the Katy Railroad sent a train of fourteen water cars and the opera house and other buildings were saved. Frame buildings burning were dynamited and much plate glass in the town was broken.

Mexican Row Ends in \$50,000 Blaze. Goliad: One man's right eye shot from its socket, another man scraped by a passing ball, about \$50,000 worth of property destroyed by fire, is the result of a fight had at Fannin, Goliad County, Sunday. The trouble began Saturday afternoon, several Mexican altercations having taken place on the streets. The row was resumed Sunday morning, and a pistol shot put out Frank Hall's eye, another grazed Charlie Smith's cheek, while a third punctured a gasoline tank starting a fire that destroyed a number of small buildings, at a loss of some \$50,000.

Sad Double Tragedy. Gainesville: A. P. Russell, about 35 years of age, early Sunday night shot and killed his 6-year-old son and then killed himself with the same revolver. The double tragedy occurred in the northern part of town, where the Russells resided. No cause is known, unless it was worry over the illness in the family, one of the members having been a patient here in a sanitarium for some time.

"Shot It Out" On a Train. Cottonplant, Ark.: F. H. Kennedy, postmaster here and prominent banker and planter, was shot and instantly killed on the Rock Island passenger train Saturday at Salsburg, near here, by R. C. Lynch, his brother-in-law. Kennedy boarded it at Salsburg, and it is said that both men began shooting. Bad blood had existed between the two men for several years.

A petition is being prepared to present to the Commissioners' Court of Freestone at next meeting, asking that it order an election for the issuance of \$40,000 in forty-year bonds for the purpose of building first-class roads in the Fairfield district.

Ennis has raised a fund by subscription to build sidewalks around all her ward school buildings. Work was commenced on the new \$75,000 Federal building at Wichita Falls last week.

New York capitalists have recently made an inspection of the proposed Chicago, Weatherford & Brazos Valley Railway from Gainesville to Weatherford, and are reported as being greatly pleased with the route.

The new Pecos High School building has been completed. This building cost \$22,500. The Lipscomb concrete building has also been completed.

The Toyah Valley State Bank has been opened at Saragosa, Texas, the present southern terminus of the Pecos Valley Southern Railway.

Plans of Hillsboro postoffice to be 60x80, two stories and basement, and to cost \$60,000, have been received.

Taylor County is building a substantial 128-foot bridge across Lytle creek. When this bridge is completed the road on which it lies will be one of the finest macadam county roads in the West.

The total apple crop of the Pecos Valley will reach 1025 cars. The valley also shipped about 35 cars of peaches.

Ability is a good thing to have concealed about your person.

An attempt was made last Wednesday night to destroy the Murray County court house at Sulphur, Okla., by dynamite. A lucky misplacement of the explosive made the effort abortive, as only small damage was done.

Mrs. Minnie Ramsey of Cleburne, who has been doing office work for three years, will run for the office of county treasurer.

## CURED BABY BOY OF SEVERE ECZEMA

An Illinois Mother's Case.

No one can tell the torture of soul Mrs. F. Cox, of Chicago, went through when her little boy was suffering from Eczema. She tried everything without success until she finally hit upon Resinol.

The following is what she says: "I cannot speak too highly of Resinol Ointment and Soap. They cured my baby boy of Eczema. He had a very severe case. Numerous other remedies had been tried and failed to do any good. I would not be without them in the house."

The first application will relieve the itching and irritation in skin diseases, and stop the pain in burns or sores. Chafing, Sunburn, Poison Ivy eruptions are often cured by an overnight application.

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## HIS COLOR CHANGED.



Evelyn—But when it comes to love-making Harold is rather green, isn't he?  
Myrtle—Not now.  
Evelyn—Indeed!  
Myrtle—No, he's blue; I rejected him last evening.

## LEWIS' "SINGLE BINDER."

A hand-made cigar fresh from the table, wrapped in foil, thus keeping fresh until smoked. A fresh cigar made of good tobacco is the ideal smoke. The old, well cured tobaccos used are so rich in quality that many who formerly smoked 10c cigars now smoke Lewis' Single Binder Straight 5c. Lewis' Single Binder costs the dealer some more than other 5c cigars, but the higher price enables this factory to use extra quality tobacco. There are many imitations; don't be fooled. There is no substitute! Tell the dealer you want a Lewis' Single Binder.

Tuberculosis Patients Neglected. Out of more than 225 public hospitals for the insane, with a population of fully 150,000, only 70, or less than one-third, make any provision for their tuberculous inmates, and this, too, in spite of the fact that the percentage of deaths from this disease is very high among this class of people. Such is the substance of a statement made recently by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. Seventy hospitals in 28 states, providing all told about 3,350 beds for tuberculous insane patients, sums up the provision made for this class of sufferers, although the percentage of deaths from tuberculosis among the insane ranges from 50 to 200 per cent. higher than among the general population.

Hard to Find.  
"Decided where you are going on your vacation yet?"  
"No; can't seem to find the right spot."  
"What sort of a place are you looking for?"  
"A place where my pocketbook can enjoy a vacation as well as its owner."

TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA AND BUILD UP THE SYSTEM Take the Old Standard GUY'S TASTELISS MILD TONIC. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out the malarial and the iron builds up the system. Sold by all dealers for 30 cents. Price 50 cents.

No Wonder.  
"What's your husband so angry about?"  
"He's been out of work six weeks."  
"I should think that would suit him first-rate."  
"That's it! He's just got a job."

LADIES CAN WEAR SHOES one size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Paste, the lastest powder to be shaken into the shoes. It makes tight or new shoes feel easy. Gives rest and comfort. Refuse substitutes. For FREE trial package, address Allen S. Olmsted, La Boy, N. Y.

Why, Willie! Sunday School Teacher—Yes, Willie, the Lord loves every living creature.  
Willie—I'll bet he was never stung by a wasp.—Puck.

USE WARE'S BABY POWDER for Toething Babies. It has no equal. Perfectly harmless and gentleness antiseptic. Soothes, heals and cures the stomach and bowels. Ask your Druggist. Ware Black Powder Co., Dallas, Tex.

Is life worth living? I should say that it depends on the liver.—Thomas Gold Appleton.

## NOT A BRITISH UNIT IS IT

Irishman Would Not for a Minute Allow the Possibility of Such a Thing.

George Mockler has just returned from an investigation of what coal is costing some of the other cities. He brought this story from Baltimore:

An Irishman there inherited a coal mine up in the state. He immediately entered the lists for one of the big coal contracts and went around to say a good word for his coal.

The man who was letting the contract heard him a moment, and then interrupted with:

"That's all right, but how about British thermal units?"

The other, being new to the coal business, did not know that coal is rated now according to the British thermal units in tests.

"Phat's that!" he said.

"How many British thermal units are there in your coal?"

The Irishman blinked his eye and snorted a bit.

"British thermal units is it?" he said. "Why there ain't wan in it!" —St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Absurd. Among the recent visitors to a metropolitan museum was a woman from a rural district, who was much interested in the ancient pottery exhibits.

The attendant pointed out one collection of beautiful old vases, saying: "Those were dug up at Herculaneum."  
"What!" exclaimed the woman from the country. "Dug up?"  
"Yes, madam."  
"Out of the ground?"  
"Just as they are now. They were cleaned up a bit, but they were found about as you see them."  
With an expressive toss of the head, the lady from the country turned to her companion and said: "He's a nice-looking young feller, but I don't believe what he says. They never dug up no ready-made pots out of the ground."—Lippincott's Magazine.

Remarkable Fish. "I thought you said there were fish around here," said the disappointed sportsman.

"There are," replied Farmer Cornsteele. "But they are experienced fish. Moreover, they're kind and considerate."  
"I haven't had a nibble."  
"Well, you don't think they'd bite at that brand-new fancy tackle, do you? They'd stand off and admire it, but they'd never take a chance on gettin' it mugged up."

GROUND ITC (THE CAUSE OF HOOKWORM) CURED Also sweet sleep and quick relief from that itching, burning sensation by using Tetterine, a wonderful remedy for eczema, itchy, ground itch, erysipelas, dandruff and all other forms of skin diseases. It keeps the skin healthy.

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Tetterine at druggists or by mail for 50c. by J. T. Shuprine, Savannah, Ga.

Tuberculosis Among the Insane. Autopsies made in New York state hospitals for the insane and elsewhere show that tuberculosis is an active disease in about 20 per cent. of the cases, as compared with about half that percentage in the normal population.

Stop at the WESTBROOK HOTEL FT. WORTH. Absolutely fireproof. Texas' biggest hotel. Rates \$1.00 and up.

A Commuter's Explanation. "The man in the iron mask explained. 'They assured me there were no mosquitoes here,' he cried.

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always insist on using the very best materials for all kinds of housework and this is largely responsible for the reputation they enjoy among their neighbors. Good work and good results are impossible with poor materials. This applies particularly to laundry work. To get that fresh, crisp, dainty, snow-white effect on clothes so much desired by all women, go to your grocer, ask for and insist on getting a large 16 ounce package for 10 cents and

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A Human Cruet-Stand. Several villagers were discussing a departed sister who had been given to good deeds, but was rather too fond of dispensing sharp spoken advice. "She was an excellent woman," said the deceased lady's pastor. "She was constantly in the homes of the poor and afflicted. In fact, she was the salt of the earth."  
"She was more than that," remarked a villager. "She was the vinegar, the pepper and the mustard as well. She was a perfect cruet stand of virtues."  
—London Tit-Bits.

A crowd is not company, and faces are but a gallery of pictures, and talk a thinking cymbal, where there is no love.—Bacon.

"Miss Lily White will please stand up!"  
But Phoebe upward wriggled:  
"I'm Lily White—with Faultless Starch."  
And all the Pupils giggled.

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Meslin Silk in all colors .....\$1.00  
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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

B. O. O. M.

The members of the B.O.O.M. club which is composed of young men in Merkel met last Tuesday evening for the purpose of adopting a constitution and by-laws. The attendance was good and much enthusiasm was shown among the members for the success of the club. At a meeting in the early part of the month the following officers were elected: Robt. Hicks president, Dennis McDonald vice-president, Frank Smith secretary, Ben T. Merritt treasurer, Simpson Christopher critic.

Committees were appointed. The following order of business will be observed:

- Reading of minutes.
- Report of committees, standing and special.
- Unfinished business.
- New business, miscellaneous, applicants.
- Initiation.
- Social features.

The program for Sept 19 at the club hall.

Debate, subject: Resolved, that the Indians have been mistreated by the whites. Affirmative, Wilbur Whitaker, Roy Adams; negative, Jack Walker, Britain Job.

Vaudeville act—T. D. McDonald.

Parliamentary law—Simpson Christopher.

Closing exercises. The purpose of this organization is for the advancement of the young men into better and nobler manhood. It is to be hoped that the club will meet with great success.

Wednesday evening of last week the young men of Merkel entertained with a dance at the Crenshaw Hall in honor of Dr. S. L. Davis who left Friday for his old home in Carthage. The Elks Trio had been secured for the evening and furnished lovely music for the dancers. Refreshing and delicious punch was served during the evening. Those present were Misses Daniel, Collins, Hall, Harris of Abilene, McMurray and Stonerod of Colorado, Mesdames Hunt, Gaiter, Daniel, Brown, Bigham, Clifton of Waco; Messrs. McMurray, Balooms, Gambel of Colorado, Ayers of Abilene, Anderson of Trent, Bomer, Walker, Brown and Faucett, Drs. Miller and Davis.

Wednesday evening Aug. 16, Miss Gene Rister entertained a few friends informally at her home in South Merkel. Progressive 42 furnished amusement for the evening. Among those present were Misses Elma Shep-

pard, Ruby Jones, Flay Gunn, Ona Hamblet, Leno Largent, Mamie, Carrol and Gene Rister; Messrs Chock Jones, Will Joe Largent, Taylor Jennings, Parker Sharp, Robert Hicks, Sam Swann, Jessie Ferguson.

Tuesday evening the Baraca class of the Baptist church gave a picnic for the Philathea class. A float was used to carry the jolly crowd of young people out to the Stallings tank two miles west of town. The boys were ideal hosts. Besides the regular picnic supper they had provided iced watermelons. The chaperons were Misses Sophia Howard and Willie Wheeler. The guests were Misses Gene and Carroll Rister, Ina and Maggie Wheeler, Sadie Collins, Edna Roberts of Weatherford; Messrs. Lytton Howard, Barney Garrett, Charley Lofton, George Musick, Gale Lassiter, Jack Walker, Ben Merritt, Grady Collins. All report a good time.

The G.F.F.C. club met with Miss Faye Lowrey Monday afternoon. A delightful afternoon was spent. Needlework and conversation caused the moments to go by all too soon. The beautiful grassy lawn at the J.A. Cochran home had been supplied with rugs and pillows where the hostess served delicious banana cream to Misses Gene and Carroll Rister, Clara and Margie Saffies, Irene Swann, Pauline Johnson, Jessie Sutphen, Winnie Warren, Fannie Burroughs.

The Rose Philathea class meeting was at the home of their teacher Mrs. G. H. Adams Tuesday afternoon. Several of the members were out of town but those present had several plans under discussion for the fall. Watermelon was served to Misses Pauline Johnson, Vena McNeese, Annie Smith, Fannie Burroughs, Faye Lowrey.

Mrs. J. P. C. Hunt entertained at bridge Wednesday afternoon complimentary of Miss Ollie Kate Harris of Abilene. Five games were played. Mrs. Daniel won the favor in a cut with Mesdames Brown and Dickson. An ice was served in orange cups to Mesdames Bigham, Brown, Daniel, Dickson and Gaiter, Misses Daniel, Collins, the honoree and hostesses.

The Woman's Missionary Society will have a social meeting at the home of Mrs. Mims Thursday August 31. All members are invited and all who can not attend are requested to invite some lady interested in missionary work to represent them.

The Rose Philathea class and a few friends met at the home of Mrs. G. H. Adams Saturday evening for song practice. A pleasant evening was passed by Misses Ona Hamblet, Pet Sears, Elma Sheppard, Winnie Warten

and Fannie Burroughs; Messrs. Parker and Roscoe Sharp, Robt. Hicks, Tyre Sublett, Ben T. Merritt, Jesse Ferguson, Choo Jones.

Friday afternoon Miss Ima Sheppard entertained a few little girls in honor of her little niece Lynne Sheppard of Fort Worth. Each little guest brought her doll and they had such a good time.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject, Africa.  
 Leader, Elbert Dean.  
 Scripture reading, Rev. 7:9-17  
 Song.  
 General description of Africa—Barney Garrett.  
 Name the different missions in Africa—Flay Gunn.  
 Quartet—Robert Hicks, Elbert Dean, Grady Collins, Ben Merritt  
 Baptist Mission—Miss Ethel Roberts.  
 Progress of civilization in Africa—Will Joe Largent.  
 Song.  
 Prayer.  
 Some account of our work in Africa—Mr. Howard.  
 Closing exercises.

Program of M. & A. Society of Baptist Church.

Monday, August 28.  
 Subject, Africa.  
 Songs.  
 Prayer.  
 Africa in the bible, Isa. 45:14-17—by leader.  
 Ethiopia asking for knowledge of God, Psa. 68:31—Mrs. Valentine.  
 Promise of Africa turning to God, Matt 2:13-15—Mrs. Boring.  
 Africa a refuge for the child Jesus, Acts 8:26-39—Mrs. Roberts  
 Poem, Light and Darkness—Mrs. Causseaux.  
 Roll call answered with quotations from Africa missionaries.  
 Life in Youruba—Mrs. Whitaker.  
 The great menace christianity in Africa—Mrs. Howard.  
 How can a busy housekeeper and mother work for the Lord out side of her home—Mrs. Teaff.  
 Buddhism's aggressive battle—Mrs. Sharp.  
 Business.  
 Dismissed by president.

Mrs. C. N. Tandy of Abilene is visiting the families of Mesdames H. C. Burroughs and J. P. Sutphen.

Little Miss Louise Warren is having a house party this week. Her three little cousins from Hawley are her guests.

Mrs. Rufus Grisham of Hamlin is the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Howard.

Ollie Cordill, the popular little photographer of the Groene Co., left this week for a month's vacation. He claims that he is overworked and must recuperate.

The following births were reported to us Thursday: L. S. Harris a girl on the 24th, E. B. Hogg a boy on the 22nd, J. R. Hester a girl on the 22nd.

Merkel Juniors Win.

In a game featured by heavy hitting by both teams the Merkel Juniors defeated the Trent team by the score of 12 to 8 on the Trent grounds. The Trent boys hit the ball hard enough to win any game but the Merkel lads binged the ball much harder and played better ball. Elliott of Merkel led in the hitting getting five safe hits out of five times at the bat and scoring five runs and with the bases full in the third and two down sent the ball to deep left for two bases and bringing in the three runners. Davis and Burroughs featured in the field. After the first four frames the Merkel lads played real baseball and Trent had no show to win with the boys playing like one great baseball machine, not one cog slipping and everything evenly balanced. The score: Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 R H E  
 Merkel 2 0 4 1 2 1 1 1 0—12 10 3  
 Trent 2 2 2 0 0 0 0 0—6 6 5

Batteries: Trent, Vessels, Mangum and Bailey; Merkel, Elliott and Berry. Umpire Howell.

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

Rural Carriers Association.

At Merkel, Sept. 4, 1911.  
 Welcome address—Mayor Mims  
 Response—Mr. Thomas, Tye.  
 Rural service compared with other services—Arthur Slater, Clyde.

The patron as the carrier sees him—J. A. Brownlee, Cottonwood  
 The carrier as the patron sees him—Patrons on routes.  
 Good roads—A. B. Chambers, Baird.

Care of horse—Victor Harris, Merkel.

We are trying to have an address by Hon. W. R. Smith, also one by Judge T. A. Bledsoe. As these arrangements are not completed yet we can't make definite announcements concerning these two addresses. A corrected program will appear next week. Everybody please take notice.

Everybody invited to come and help us make this meeting a grand success.

Price Bankhead  
 Victor Harris  
 O. J. Adeock,  
 Program Committee.

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## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

### Butman Community.

Aug. 21—Cotton picking is the order of the day.  
Mr. Woods and family were in White Church Sunday.  
W. J. Dulin of Merkel was visiting here Sunday.  
J. H. Ensminger and family attended preaching at White Church Sunday.  
R. N. White and family were visiting friends in Shep Saturday night and Sunday.  
E. A. Costephen went to Merkel last week.  
Adron Phillips, wife and baby took dinner with Pealy West and family Sunday.  
Lee White was a caller at Mr. Snow's Sunday.  
Milley Burrus accompanied Miss Addie Dulin home Sunday night.  
Mrs. J. A. Dulin spent Saturday with Mrs. Riggins.  
Miss Mary Grider was the guest of Miss Lillie White Saturday night.  
Miss Lula Cogart was visiting in Butman one day last week.  
Dewitt Phillips spent Saturday night with Lee White.  
Miss Lillie White took dinner with Miss Ethel Noel Sunday.  
E. E. Patterson transacted business in Merkel last week.  
Marcin Costephen attended preaching at White Church Sunday night.  
Well as your subscriber is tired to night, have been picking, had better close for this time, had rather be a poor lost chicken or tender footed than to be a cotton picker.  
Dewdrops.

### White Church Items.

Misses Emmie Brown, Jewell Franks and Ethel Noel visited Misses Jewell and Mary Lee Hicks Tuesday.  
Misses Lillie and Lannie White of Butman took dinner with Miss Ethel Noel Sunday.  
Dewitt Phillips and Miss Ludie took dinner with Misses Ethel Noel and Addie Dulin Sunday.  
Ernest Costephen was a caller at Mr. Watford's Sunday.  
Vernon Trout visited Luther Franks last week.  
Miss Theresa Watford returned home Friday after spending the week with friends in Abilene.  
Miss Nora Bloxom visited Miss Theresa Watford Sunday.  
Jasper Tucker visited Luther Franks Tuesday.  
Misses Gladys Christopher and Winnie Sublett have returned to their home in Merkel after visiting with relatives and friends the past few days.  
Miss Ada Franke visited the Misses Dulin Tuesday.  
Rev. Bickley, wife and baby are visiting J. S. Bickley and family this week.  
Messrs. Ezra Norman, Zelman Snow, Miley Burrus and Misses Viola and Hester Snow attended the Baptist Association in Jones county last week.  
J. A. Dulin and family were at B. L. Dulin's Saturday night.  
Kiah Spears and sister Miss Lila attended preaching here Sunday night.  
Miss Mary Tucker visited Misses Mary Lee and Jewell Hicks Friday.  
Miss Ruth Pannel visited Miss Jewell Hicks Sunday.  
Milard Pannel and sister Ruth visited friends in Eskota last week.  
Dewitt Phillips and Miss Ludie Dulin visited at Mr. Watford's Sunday afternoon.  
Miss Mary Tucker visited Miss Ethel Noel Tuesday.  
Claude Demere transacted business in Merkel Monday.  
Mr. Bickley was in Merkel Monday.  
Miss Mary Lee Hicks has been sick for past few days.  
Mrs. Dulin and children of Butman visited at Mr. Riggins Saturday.  
Thank Dewdrops for saying she hoped that I would get

home all O. K. But I would have liked it better if she had told me the way for I am still a poor Lost Chicken.

### Castle Peak News.

Aug. 22—People are all busy picking cotton this week.  
A. H. Barnes and son Clifton were in Merkel Thursday.  
Mrs. Baccus and children and Eddie Davis were in Merkel Saturday.  
Mr. McGehee is sick.  
Miss Pearl Baccus and Hayt Horton attended preaching at Rock Crossing Friday night.  
Master Whiet and Calep Richey made a pleasant call at Mrs. Baccus Friday night.  
Hayt Horton made a pleasant call at W. P. Moore's Saturday.  
Misses Tiney and Mattie Richey from Merkel were in our community Sunday.  
Miss Pearl Baccus was a caller at Mr. Davis' Sunday.  
Quite a number from here attended church at Rock Crossing Sunday night.  
Virgil Davis called on Elsey Roland Saturday night.  
Mrs. Davis and daughter Mrs. Lydie Davis were in Merkel Wednesday.  
Stranger.

### Life Saved at Death's Door.

"I never felt so near my grave," writes W. R. Patterson, of Wellington, Tex., as when a frightful cough and lung trouble pulled me down to 100 lbs., in spite of doctor's treatment for two years. My father, mother and two sister died of consumption and that I am alive today is due solely to Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me. Now I weigh 187 pounds and have been well and strong for years. Quick, safe cure, its the best remedy on earth for coughs, colds, lagrippe, asthma, croup, and all throat and lung troubles. 50c & \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

### The Difficulty.

The First Worker—Manner born be blown! D'you mean ter say if me an you come into a bit o' splash we couldn't keep our ends up with these ere dooks and people?  
His Doubting Friend—Oh, we should be orlight; but our missuses'd give the game away, yer know.—The Sketch.

## Texas Fuel

It was the discovery of fire that raised man into the rulership of the world and gave civilization its most useful element in progress. It melts the mineral rock, turns the wheels of commerce, warms the human race and broadens the horizon of human endeavor.

Geologists tell us that Texas is one of the latest additions to the western hemisphere, and the Ruler of the Universe, in creating Texas, gave us an abundant supply of everything on hand and was especially generous with us in minerals.

We have been supplied with a variety and an abundance of fuel. We have wood, coal, oil and gas in commercial quantities and after supplying home consumption, ship large quantities throughout the United States.

### Coal.

Our coal fields have never been fully explored; government geologists have examined a portion of our territory and report a deposit of 31,000,000,000 tons, of which 8,000,000,000 is bituminous and 23,000,000,000 lignite. We mined last year 1,895,377 tons and employed 4,400 laborers in the mines. The coal taken from the mines was valued at \$3,415,481; to get all the coal out of the ground at the present rate of mining would require 17,000 years.

It is estimated that four and a half tons of coal used in making steam will produce one horse power one year ten hours per day. The latent forces we have stored beneath the ground surpass human comprehension.

### Oil.

Texas oil illuminates the national fireside, lubricates the wheels of commerce and runs our factories. We have \$100,000,000 invested in the oil industry in Texas and we have taken 15,000,000 barrels of petroleum from the ground. We have 1,250 miles of pipe line and oil from Oklahoma fields is brought to Texas.

### Gas.

Natural gas from the Henrietta field is piped to adjoining towns and there used for light and fuel, and the manufactured product is used extensively in the larger cities. We have 300 miles of main pipe line and approximately 50,000,000 invested in the gas industry.

Nature has solved the fuel problem in Texas for centuries to come and laid the foundation for a great manufacturing country.

## VISITORS INSPECT OUR GOOD ROADS

Precinct No. 1's good roads were given a thorough examination Saturday by Judge N. H. Morrison of Howard county, Commissioner W. J. Farris of Haskell county and S. M. Wilson representing the William T. Fulton Co. of Dallas. County Judge Bledsoe also showed the visitors over the city. Following are their observations on Precinct No. 1's improved rural highways:  
Commissioner Farris: "I have seen the good roads of Dallas, Tarrant, Collin, Denton and other counties in north and east Texas and do not think them the equal of the Taylor county roads. You people are doing a great work."  
County Judge Morrison: "I had never seen any real good roads until I drove over those in this county. They are positively the finest I ever saw. I didn't dream such roads could be built for so little money as your county is expending. Howard county has passed a bond issue of \$100,000 for good roads and I only hope ours will be like yours."

Mr. Wilson: "I have been identified with good roads work since 1904 as county commissioner of Limestone county and have attended nearly all the meetings of the good roads associations. I have seen all the good roads in the state except those of El Paso county. There are none better than these in Taylor county and mighty few anywhere near as good. You people have certainly got your money's worth."—Abilene Reporter.  
Oscar Hafley of Dublin is visiting friends in Merkel.

## ROLLINS IS CAUGHT AFTER LONG CHASE

Houston, Aug. 22—After a chase of eight months and one which has extended over a great part of the state, R. A. Rollins, formerly assistant postmaster at Coleman was arrested Tuesday in Willis and brought to Houston this morning for arraignment before United States Commissioner Masterson.

Rollins is charged by United States authorities with having systematically robbed the Coleman postoffice during his term of service as assistant postmaster. The exact amount of the shortage which set the federal officers on his trial has not been made public but it is thought to amount to considerable, as the operation was continued for along time before the first shortage was brought to light.

Rollins is still being held here and it is not known what the outcome of his examining hearing before U. S. Commissioner Masterson will be.

### How's This.

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### JOY IN SEEING BOY EAT JAM

Peculiar Attraction That Lures Customer to Particular Restaurant Day After Day.

"A boy who eats jam all over his face from eating is the cause of my taking lunch at the same place every day," said a big man who carries a sunburst in his countenance.

"I have never forgotten when I was a boy and I never see a real boy—I don't mean one of the fashion plates—that I don't feel like taking him in my arms. This boy I speak of comes from school every day about the time I get to the cafe for my lunch. His mother is cashier of the place. A lot of sweets are on the counter behind which she sits to take in the cash. When her boy comes in he goes behind the counter and climbs to a high stool. His mother has a lot of sandwiches with jam for fillers ready for him. He loses no time in getting away with the goods. In his eagerness and haste some of the jam sticks to his lips and about his mouth. He is the picture of a contented boy when he gets through.

"Then his mother applies a damp napkin and removes the overflow jam from his face. After this she kisses the youngster and he is off to school. Maybe I am an old fogey and a bit sentimental, but that boy jam eater and his mother's attention to him have made a regular customer for the little cafe. Just how it happens that the boy gets the same amount of jam on his face every day and in the same place I haven't figured out, and I don't care if I never do. We don't see enough of this sort of thing in this busy life of the great city."

### June.

Do you know the joy of early waking hours out where the breath of morn finds its way to your window and the warbling of feathered songsters is heard at the first gleam of day. Never was there perfume such as God dispenses when he gives us the happiness of another June day.

Everything that grows—the weeds of humble blossoms and stately rose, clambering over the garden wall—all present their portion of sweetness to the breeze.

From distant meadows and forestland, from green hillside and valley, the fragrance is borne to our senses and all of earth seems to offer its sweet-smelling incense to the birth of a sunny day.

Who would not raise his hand to the morning air and be content in the loveliness tendered by this beautiful month for our delight? And seeing, feel in his heart the wisdom of that poet who also loved rose-time and because he loved it well, asked a question we may vainly seek an answer for: "What is so rare as a day in June!"—Haberdsasher.

### More Good Roads.

No one will deny the importance of cheap and quick transportation from ocean to ocean, from port to port and from city to city. What is the cause of this cost of transportation from the farm to the station? Bad roads. What will lower the cost? Good roads. Let us have them, is the cry from every house.—Jacksonville Progress.

Not until they have good roads from their front gates to the railway stations can the farmers fully realize their fair proportion of the benefits conferred by the railways upon the country at large. The town man can reach the depot over cement sidewalks or paved streets, but the farmer in most cases must fight his way to the railroad over rough or muddy or bridgeless thoroughfares which inhibit him from carrying more than half a real load upon his wagon. The cost to the farmer in the way of broken harness, broken vehicles and damaged teams is more than the city man of equal means pays out in pavement taxes, to say nothing of the loss of time and the loss of morals that bad roads cost their users. To argue against modern roads in the twentieth century is to argue against religion, education and social progress.—Dallas News.

### To The Public.

After a two months absence from the city, combining both business and a much enjoyed vacation, I am again at my office over Hogue-Hamilton Dry Goods Company, ready for business, and shall be pleased to serve my old clientele as well as any new ones who may desire my services.  
W. T. Potter,  
Attorney-at-law.

## The Texas Negro

The Texas negro is primarily a farmer and the race has made little progress in commerce, mechanics, science and art. Freedom has carried with it responsibilities which have weighed heavily upon the colored race and after a lapse of half a century of freedom they are still the "drawers of water and the hewers of stone." The young are dependent upon the white man for their education and the aged and infirm are his wards.

### The Slave Negro.

In 1860 there were 158,595 slaves in Texas, rendered for assessment at \$106,688,926, giving an average value per slave all ages of \$672.51. The assessed value of all land in Texas at that time was \$122,294,764. The slaves were almost equal in value to all farm property, constituting 36 per cent of the taxable wealth of the state. The state and county revenues derived from taxing slaves annually was approximately \$1,000,000.

Taking into consideration the per cent of true value of property rendered for assessment in 1860, and the rate of interest prevailing at that time, we find the negroes of all ages producing a net revenue of \$100 each per annum. Since the war the colored race in Texas has been able to accumulate approximately \$75,000,000, which is equivalent to \$2 each per annum while masters of their own destinies against a net production of \$100 per annum when under the direct supervision of the white man.

### The Free Negro.

In 1900 the census shows 620,772 negroes in Texas. They owned 65,536 farms, valued at \$58,239,210. Their farms averaged fifty-nine acres each, although fifty-five negroes owned 1,000 acres and over. Over 86 per cent of our negro farmers raise cotton and 18.5 per cent of all the farmers in Texas are negroes.

There are 184,473 negro children of scholastic age in Texas who receive from our state school fund \$6 per annum per scholar. We have 2,471 negro schoolhouses and the education of the negro costs \$1,000,000 per annum. The average salary of the teacher in colored schools is \$45.88. The school tax paid on property owned by the negro is approximately \$60,000 per annum, leaving a net amount of \$340,000 per annum given to the negro annually for educational purposes.

The educational and industrial advantages of the negro in Texas exceed those of any other state.

Miss Willie Bigham left Wednesday for a few weeks visit at Van Horn, El Paso and other places.

## SCHOOL RALLY ON SEPTEMBER 15TH

As published last week the Merkel schools will open September 18. While several of the teachers who were in the school last year will be back this year there will be some new ones—strangers to nearly all the people. That these new ones may get acquainted to some extent and the old ones better acquainted the school board has arranged for a mass meeting or school rally at the tabernacle on Friday night before school begins. A program consisting of short talks, music, readings, etc., will be carried out. It is hoped that all the teachers parents and pupils will be at the meeting and if you can think of anything to say that will help to create an enthusiasm or in any way build up the school interest right on the very beginning of the session it will be your privilege and duty to do so. Much depends on the co-operation of all the people in the success of the school.

### What is Best for Indigestion.

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

### County Court in Session.

Monday morning at 9 o'clock county court was opened for the regular three weeks session of the August term with County Judge T. A. Bledsoe presiding.

Both civil and criminal dockets are unusually light, there being a total of only eighteen new cases on both dockets for disposal. The criminal docket was the first one taken up after the appearance docket had been called. The case of Edd Frederickson, charged with disturbing the peace, was called and a plea of guilty entered. Judge Bledsoe assessed a fine of one hundred dollars and costs in this case.

The jury for the week is as follows: W. J. Fauoett, J. C. Burleson, J. D. Fagan, F. E. Hodges, A. W. Nix, D. M. Dye, C. R. Carpenter, H. A. Adams, J. S. Clayton, W. C. Mingus, G. R. Holloway and J. A. Collins.

### Falls Victim to Thieves.

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### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the schoolboard of the Independent School District of Merkel, Texas, will receive bids from any resident citizen or domestic corporation of the state of Texas, as the law provides, for custodian of the school funds of said district for the current year beginning Sept. 1, 1911. Said bids to be based on the rate of interest which such persons or corporations so bidding shall pay for said funds based on the daily balances of same.

Said bids may be filed with the secretary, Dr. J. H. Warnick, at any time before 12:00 noon of said date of Sept. 1, 1911. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

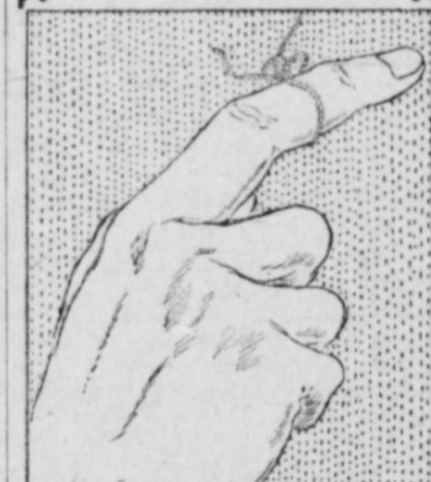
All persons desiring any further specific information relative to such treasurership, will confer with the said secretary or I. S. Allen, president of the board.

I. S. Allen, President.

Attest: J. H. Warnick, Sec.

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# CRUSADE for BETTER HIGHWAYS

If there is any field of public-spirited activity in the United States which stands out conspicuously above all others because of recent progress it is that which concerns itself with the betterment of our public highways. If anybody had predicted a few years back that the beginning of the second decade of the twentieth century would see so marked and widespread an improvement of the public roads of the United States he would probably have been laughed at by all save those few enthusiasts who were looked upon until a short time ago as "cranks."

This is not saying, mind you, that there is not much yet to be done to bring the highway system of this great land to the point where it ought to be and to maintain it there. We are still a very long way behind most of the countries of the old world—notably our sister republic of France—in the condition of our roads. But that is perfectly natural, not because the foreigners are any better road builders than we are, but



simply because their highways have been in the making for many centuries, whereas we have mighty few turnpikes that are more than one hundred or at most two hundred years old. And furthermore on top of the youth of our country in road building there is the circumstance of the tremendous size of Uncle Sam's domain. No wonder the Europeans have been able to have good roads when half or two-thirds as many people as we have in this whole vast country have been contributing their work and their taxes to the up of the roads in a territory no larger than that of our medium size states.

But for the lead given by time and the advantage of a dense population it looks as though we would overtake our cousins overseas in the matter of the possession of good roads. Indeed, even now in some states, such as sections of Massachusetts, there are roads as fine as anything of similar character on the other side of the big pond. The secret of this boom in road building in America lies in organization as well as agitation and the country is likely to see new fruits from both during the middle week of September when a "Good Roads Week" will be held throughout the United States. This week of "missionary work" is expected to stir up a goodly share of our people on the question of good roads and it is hoped that some of the new converts and the old will that week practice what they preach to the extent of lending a hand to the building here and there of stretches of "model road" that will serve as convincing object lessons.

"Good Roads Week" is going to be held in connection with the first annual convention of the American Association for Highway Improvement which will be held at Richmond, Va., and will be addressed by many of the most prominent men in the country. This national organization will, of course, be much in the public eye in this connection, but it is only one of scores of associations great and small that have been helping in this cause. There are state organizations and county organizations and even township organizations all over the country that have been supporting our national, state and municipal governments in what they have been doing for better roads, and the results attained prove what can be accomplished when a large number of people who are very much in earnest set out to all "pull together" toward a desired goal.

A good many people who have not looked very deeply into the subject have gained the idea that the motorists are more largely responsible than any other class of people for this dawn of a new era of good roads. Now, it would not be right to disperse what the automobilists have done, which has been considerable in one way or another, but in the interest of the truth it must be pointed out that the one factor supreme in influence for better roads has been the wide-awake farmer. To be sure it is a fact, and a mighty significant one, that the largest and most powerful corporations in the country—business interests such as our biggest railroads and the steel trust and the Standard Oil corporation—are working energetically with the new American Association for Highway Improvement because they realize that anything that will help the condition of the country at large will help their business. At the same time it is the farmer class that are supplying the backbone of this movement just as they are of every other big movement affecting rural conditions and have been from time out of mind.

It is just as well to admit right here, too, that the average farmer who is going in hard for the cause of better roads is not devoting his time and his labor to the project on any fanciful sentimental basis. Of course, it contributes to his pride to see his farm bounded or bisected by a splendid road and he is gratified that the good folk who go past his door pleasure riding should have an easy pathway, but the great underlying impetus is found in the need of good roads to enable the farmer to market his produce conveniently and economically.

The average old-time farmer was prone to look upon bad roads as a necessary evil. He realized in a sense what a detriment they were to his interests, but he put up with the situation because he did not see any way out of the dilemma—at least not without more work than he could afford to give. Then along came the United States government, when rural free delivery commenced to be introduced, and declared that these rural mail carriers could not be placed in districts where the roads were not in fair condition. This did much to awaken the farmers to the situation, for every rural home prizes the boon of a daily mail delivery. And, at about the same time the farmers, who thus had their serious attention focused upon the good roads question, found, as they looked closer, that bad roads meant a hole in the pocketbook of every tiller of the soil. It began to be realized that if a farmer required the services of four horses and an entire day's time to get a load of produce to market via bad roads the loss to him was just as serious as though he had to accept a very low price for the yield of his acres. Herein is found the supreme incentive among many that has enlisted the progressive farmer in behalf of better roads.

One of the best things accomplished for the farmer by good roads is that it has broadened his markets. With rocky or muddy highways enforcing slow progress the average farmer was in the old days restricted to one market town—the one nearest his farm. Now with good roads he can in a shorter interval than was formerly required reach any one of several communities located in different directions. This enables him to attain the market where he can get the best prices. Similarly with good roads the farmer is not likely to be so restricted to one railroad for shipping facilities. If the road nearest his farm will not give him the cars he needs or otherwise play fair he most likely has some redress by driving across the countryside to a rival line. And the very fact that the introduction of good roads is destroying such monopolies has served to render the railroads more obliging to their farmer clients.

The new country-wide Highway Improvement association which is to hold its first annual congress in the near future will not seek to drive out or supplant the various good-roads associations

that have been organized all over the country and many of which are, as has been said, doing an excellent work within a more or less local sphere. However, the new national institution is designed to serve as a clearing house that will pass on all good roads schemes wherever they may originate and that will seek to bring together all the various local associations, harmonizing their aims and policies where in the past they have too often been working at cross purposes.

The United States government is back of this new national organization upon which public attention is now being focused. Indeed, the first president of the body is Uncle Sam's chief expert on good roads—namely, Mr. Logan W. Page, director of the United States office of public roads. And just here it should be noted that this public roads office—a branch of the United States department of agriculture—is doing a most important work for the cause of road improvement throughout the length and breadth of the land. For one thing, laboratories are maintained at Washington, specially equipped to ascertain which of these are best adapted to use in any specified locality or under any given conditions. Even more important is the work of the government bureau in building stretches of "model road."

Under this plan of building model roads to serve as object lessons in the possibilities and benefits of highway improvements Uncle Sam sends his force of engineers and experts into any community which seems to need to be aroused regarding good roads and with their own helpers, or by means of a force of workmen recruited in the neighborhood they construct a mile or two miles of just the sort of road that is ideal for that particular district. How beneficial these object lessons are is proven by the fact that thousands of miles of good roads have been built in various parts of the country this past few years with these governmental "sample roads" as patterns. The showing made by rural road doctors has prompted state legislatures, county commissioners, local boards of trade, farmers' granges and other bodies to appropriate money for a more extensive good roads campaign in localities that have thus had a taste of the benefits, and in some states, notably Delaware, wealthy men have paid out of their own pockets for long stretches of improved public roads for the use of the whole community.

## Busy Times in Minnesota

Those in charge of digging the state drainage ditches complain that they cannot keep men because the farmers grab the laborers to work in the harvest fields, says the St. Paul Dispatch. A Minneapolis man with an automobile tells how he was shanghaied by those who wanted a machine in which to ride to and from their work as burglars. It would seem as though no one is safe in these busy harvest times.

## NO KITCHENETTE FOR HER

One Woman's Wants for Various Requirements in the "Heart of the Home."

An article in a recent household magazine gives an enthusiastic description of a compact kitchenette, so tiny that it is modeled after a ship's kitchen and takes up almost as little room. The writer tells with what difficulty she stowed herself away, in order to visit with the owner while luncheon was being prepared. At first I felt a pang of envy, contrasting the order and neatness which prevailed there with the somewhat chaotic condition which met my eyes as I looked up from the magazine I had picked up to fill in the moments until the high school boy should arrive in his usual starved condition. When he came, however, I wondered how he would fit into that tiny kitchenette, for the high school boy is long of limb and broad of shoulder and still growing.

I envied no more, for our kitchen is the Heart of the House. On the kitchen table the high school boy builds his aeroplanes and telegraph instruments, and solves his algebra problems, and conjugates his Latin verbs; with chemistry and physics, all with mother's sympathetic interest and help. A perfect kitchen companion in the jolly, whistling high school boy, with his slang, his popular songs and his interest in everything, from modern aeronautics and wireless telegraphy back to Alexander the Great and Julius Caesar. You can't lose your hold on every part of your boy's life, if he and his chums are under your feet in the kitchen on holidays and stormy days. Where is there room, play tell, for taffy pulls and popcorn in a kitchenette?

On the fireless cooker in the corner (cooker made by said high school boy) the ten-year-old boy finds subjects and predicates, with mother's help, cons his spelling and "bounds North America." In the chalked ring in the center he "knuckles down tight," and he may even spin his top here, build his kites and mend his sled.

Baby gets his first lesson here, too, builds his blocks and runs his choo-choo train, "cranks his auto" with meat grinder and bread mixer, learns his letters from oven door and cereal carton, and his numbers from clock and scale dial and calendar.

Even the master of the house warms his back at the hot water boiler in the corner after his drives, as he answers the "Queen of the Kitchen's" inquiries about different patients he has visited that morning.

There is even room for the high school boy's chum, "the yaller dog," and four-year-old's kitten; yes, there is even a comfortable chair for the neighbor who "runs in" to "borrow" and stay to chat.

No, a kitchenette would never do for us.—E. Roberts in Boston Cooking School Magazine.

## GOOD IDEA FOR WASH DAY

One Woman's Plan Which Saves Much Time and Labor and Offers Convenience.

The manner in which one housekeeper solved her laundry problem may help some other reader. On Monday the clothes were gathered together, sorted and all stains removed; the white clothes were put to soak in the afternoon and after supper were placed on the stove to boil with washing powder and soap—they were stirred several times during the boiling process. After twenty minutes they were taken from the stove, put in a tub, cold water poured over them and left until morning. The tubs of rinse water were now filled for use on the following day. In the morning as soon as breakfast was over, the clothes that had been boiled were rubbed on the board, while the towels and similar articles were put on to boil. The first clothes were soon ready for the line, and the washing was finished in the early morning hours before the heat of the day made the work oppressive. Another point in favor of this plan is that in summer the greater part of the boiling of the clothes is done at night when the kitchen is unoccupied, and as a result the room is not so warm during the remainder of the washing.—The Designer.

## Bouillon in Cups.

Six pounds of beef finely chopped, 4 quarts of cold water, 1 pound of bones, cracked, 2 heaping teaspoonfuls of salt, 1 teaspoonful of finely chopped red or green pepper, 1 onion stuck with cloves, 2 stalks of celery cut in dice, 1 chopped carrot, 6 whole peppers, 3 cloves, 1 bay leaf, 1 blade of mace, ¼ cupful of sherry wine, 3 tablespoonfuls of butter. Cover the meat and bones with cold water; simmer slowly for 5 hours. Fry vegetables in the butter add to stock with seasonings, except sherry wine. Cook for one hour longer, strain, cool, remove fat and clear. Add sherry and serve in bouillon cups.

## Orange Ice Cream.

Beat the yolks of 2 eggs until light, add 1½ cups of sugar and 1 pint of hot milk and stir and cook in a double boiler until the mixture coats the spoon. Chill, add the juice of 3 large oranges and 1 lemon and ½ dozen drops of vanilla and freeze.

## Cleaning Flat Irons.

Flat irons that have become rough or rusty can be made bright and clean again if rubbed vigorously on a coarse cloth after coating with paraffin.—Woman's World.



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Bestowal of Two Black Eyes Altogether Too Much for Heiress to Overlook.

They were a pleasant party at the country house, and it was only natural that Harvey Hardupp should fall in love with Clarissa Coyne, the heiress.

One afternoon they went for a row on the river, but their boat struck a floating tree and sank, leaving them struggling in the water.

Mad with terror, she threw her arms around his valiant neck, almost strangling him. But he was determined to save her, so raising his flat he struck her twice, making her unconscious, and thus enabling him to save her.

She was carried to her room, and next day, when Harvey called, this note was handed to him: "Sir—I quite admit that it was necessary to make me unconscious in order to save me, but you might have been careful not to black both my eyes. We part forever!—Coyne."

## Birds of a Feather.

"What's the bill for fixing my motor car?" asked the strange patron.

"It figures up to \$110, sir," replies the garage man.

"Whew! I'll have to give you a check. I left all my money in my drug store."

"Why, are you a druggist?"

"Yes."

"Oh, in that case the bill will be a dollar and a quarter. We fellows ought to stand together."

## Prepared.

"Gracious, what is all that crepe for?"

"I had a chance to get it at a bargain, and, you know, my husband goes in for flying."

## Wifey Knew Him.

Benham—I can't remember dates. Mrs. Benham—But you have a pretty good memory for peaches.

## GET POWER.

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