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T. J. COGGIN BACK IN TEXAS AWHILE

T. J. Coggin came in last week from Douglas, Ariz. where he has been playing hide and seek with all the rebel forces of Mexico for the past few months.

Our readers seem to think that we are speaking in a jocular way when we say that he and W. R. Bigham were the cause of all the muss down there but we offer for proof the fact that the trouble has almost quitted down since Mr. Coggin has returned from the scenes and we fully believe him to have had a hand in the work of the new insurrection, while W. R. surely must have started the first one. In a talk with the reporter he stated that his personal losses were much smaller than the average stock men of the infested country and escaped with practically no loss in stock compared to the amount he held in that country for some time. Some weeks ago he succeeded in shipping most of his cattle into some part of the United States where he could get better protection.

Mr. Coggin will be here only a short time looking after business matters after which he will likely return to the scenes of war.

BIG DEAL CLOSED WITH MERKEL MEN

A deal was closed during the latter part of September in which a Merkel business house will soon become the property of Snyder parties.

The parties of the deal are The Merkel Dry Goods & Gro. Co. with J. W. Stimson and Son of Snyder in which the Snyder men exchange their ranch and farming land of that country for the stock and business of the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co. The management of the business will continue as it is until the latter part of this year or the first of January of next year at which time invoice will be taken of the stock and the trade will then be closed and the management turned over to the new purchasers.

At the present we are unable to say what business Messrs. B. C., J. D. and L. D. Gaither will embark in but we sincerely hope that they will continue to make Merkel their home even after the culmination of the deal now on.

Dentist Coming.

Dr. J. M. Green, of Weimer, Texas, was in Port Lavaca a couple of days this week with a view of locating here. He bought out Dr. Black's dental office in the Wilson building, and will return here to occupy it by October the 15th.

The above clipping from a Port Lavaca paper announces Dr. Green's arrival there after a short visit in Houston upon leaving here. In his short stay here the Doctor made many friends who wish him success in his new home.

Buys New Ford.

J. F. Shaffer is playing show-fur this week in a new Ford auto just fur-to-show the people that he can drive a car.

Mr. Shaffer handles the car exceedingly well and is touring the town promiscuously in search of short term joy-riders in order that he can demonstrate the fine points of his car at the same time speaking well of the Anchor Hardware Co. as the agency for the popular little car.

Mr. Rose informs us that he will soon have another Ford on display to take the place of the one just sold.

THIRD OF BALE TO EACH ACRE

A. W. Hunter of the Canyon country has already marketed over 42 bales of cotton and will easily get ten more before the season is over.

Mr. Hunter no doubt is holding the record for the output from one place however there are several fields in the country that will make a close second to the place of Mr. Hunter's. In a talk with Mr. Hunter Monday while he was here marketing the fortieth bale he said he yet had 20 acres to pick that has not been touched while the remaining part of his acreage about 150 is the source from which the forty bales have been picked.

That's using Mr. Hunter's figures but when we look at his statement we figure that he is going to crowd seventy bales mighty close before the picking is over, making his crop average something like a third of a bale to each acre.

Locket Adair Meeting at San Angelo

Under date of Oct. 1st the San Angelo Daily Standard comes out with a special edition in flaming headlines proclaiming the work of the Locket Adair revival just closed there which is said to have been the greatest meeting of its kind ever held in that city.

During the progress of the revival there were over 325 professions with a percentage of seventy-five joining different churches of the town. Throughout Texas Adair meetings are being held with results much in comparison with the San Angelo figures, many of the places going over that amount in their professions getting in each case a percentage of additions to the churches of something like the San Angelo meeting had. The Adair meetings are very different from the average religious revival work throughout the country and to some extent resembles the meetings carried on by the noted Billy Sunday the converted baseball player, while Adair is noted for being a converted policeman.

The work as is being carried on by these two men is indeed great as the Standard says and will live long after they are dead, the only draw back being to their work is failure of the after effects to keep the interest up to where the great revivalists place it during their meeting.

Stoves of all sorts at Anchor Hardware Company.

INTERESTING NEWS FROM MERKEL BOY

P. M. S. S. Nile, at Sea }
Sept. 12, 1912. }

Editor Merkel Mail:

After an absence of one year from Merkel I have decided to write another letter that I promised a few years ago while in Honolulu. This time I intend to write a series of letters of my travels for the benefit of my Merkel friends.

I left Merkel in Sept. 1911, after spending one month visiting relatives and friends, and then to El Paso where I spent three months. December 1911, found me in Seattle, Wash., where I worked until I returned to San Francisco, Sept. 1, and sailed out from there the 7th on the P. M. S. S. Nile.

We have now been at sea five days and have had fine sailing weather, however, there were a number of passengers sea sick for the first two days out.

The Nile is a very large ship and we have aboard 300 first-class and 140 second-class passengers.

There is always plenty amusement to pass away the time, such as card games, a number of deck games, a nice library, etc. We have had two dances so far and it is quite a sensation to dance at sea, and especially when the ship is also dancing like a cork in Mulberry creek. We have quite a number of missionaries aboard for Japan and China. We are due to arrive in Honolulu tomorrow at noon and then I will add some more to this.

Honolulu, Sept. 13.—We arrived at 1 p. m. and as usual were met by the native band and I was gladly surprised to find a large number of my friends on the wharf to welcome me.

The Hawaiian Islands are in the middle of the Pacific and present to the traveler or home-seeker more alluring features than are combined in any other country in the world. No where are there such pictures of sea and sky, plain and mountains, such magnificent landscape, bright sunshine, tempering breeze, fragrant foliage, brilliant colorings in bush and tree, such dazzling moonlight.

With a climate unexcelled the beautiful islands afford a refuge for those who would escape the trials of heat and cold in the temperate zones. Hawaii has a temperature which varies not more than 10 degrees through the day and a variation during the year of 85 to 55 degrees. Sweltering heat or biting cold is unknown and a frost bite is heard of no more than a polar bear.

The bathing beach at Waikiki, three miles to the south of Honolulu, is world-famed for its beauty, the even temperature of the water and the unique sports there indulged—surf boating, and surf board riding. The temperature of the water is close to 78 degrees the year round. There is no undertow, so bathers are safe. The entire beach at Waikiki is enclosed in a great barrier reef of coral which effectually guards the bathers from

Returns From Summer Outing.

Miss Zora Coggin returned Tuesday morning from Oklahoma where she stopped to visit her sister Mrs. A. G. Crouch. Miss Coggin is just returning from a summers visit in California, Arizona, Colorado, Utah and New Mexico where she visited all the points of interest and principle cities of the Pacific coast country, in company with Mrs. W. M. O'Briant and daughter Miss Jessie who returned to Merkel when Miss Coggin went to Oklahoma.

RISING STAR MAN IS LOCATED HERE

W. H. Roach and family formerly of Rising Star for years have come to Merkel to reside in the future.

Mr. Roach has purchased a home here in the south part of town where he is already domiciled and is making hasty preparations in opening up a complete stock of groceries, grain and feed stuff in the north portion of the old Hogue-Hamilton building. The Mail extends a hearty welcome to Mr. Roach and family and we trust that their life in the City in Clover will be both pleasant and profitable. Welcome to our city.

possible intrusion of sharks, which are never seen in the lagoon.

There are ample hotel accommodations of the very first class. The most prominent building in Honolulu, the first to catch the eye of a visitor, is the Elaxander Young Hotel, which is situated in the heart of the city. The building is six stories high at each end with a roof garden at the fifth floor. This roof is about a half an acre in extent and all around are placed palms and ferns and tropical growths.

The next large hotel, "Moana" is at Waikiki beach.

A short distance from the business portion of the city is located the Royal Hawaiian Hotel which was built by King Kolanaka. All the yards are covered with trees and tropical growths.

There are eight inhabited islands here. On these there are many thousands of acres of tillable land which is exceedingly valuable for pine apples, bananas, coffee, tobacco and sugar cane.

The Nile sails tomorrow at 10 a. m. for Japan, China and other points.

I hope the Merkel country is in good condition and everybody wearing a happy smile. Will send you another letter in about 30 days. E. C. Counts.

Your Eyes.

See me before having your glasses fitted. Will do you good work and do it cheap with a guarantee. I will take chickens, eggs, ducks, geese, wood, mules, horses, jersey cows, black or sandy land or cash money. You will find me with S. S. Scheidler, opposite Post Office.

H. C. Floyd, Optician.

Just in, new line Rubber Goods. Rust & McCauley Drug Company

GUN CHARGE HITS MAN AND WIFE

Rising Star, Oct. 1—Last night about 10:30 o'clock while Regan Montgomery and wife were sitting in a carriage in front of their home here, a gun was accidentally discharged, both of them receiving wounds in the head. Mrs. Montgomery died instantly, and her husband is in an extremely precarious condition this morning. He is not expected to live more than a few hours.

The supposition is that their son while lifting a shot-gun down from its place over the door, let it fall, and upon it being discharged, accidentally, bullets from the gun struck both Mr. Montgomery and his wife in the head. The son was in the house writing a letter when he arose to get the gun, and the above supposed accident took place.

The family is well-known in this community. The husband and wife were both prominent in church circles here, and took an active interest in church work.

Later it was learned that the slamming of a door caused the gun to fall from its peg. It's hammers struck the door, discharging both barrels with the above stated results.

MERKEL RECEIPTS TO GO OVER 10,000

Thursday at noon a canvas of both cotton yards together with the gin yards showed a flow of over 1000 bales per week for the last five weeks for Merkel.

The Public Yard had weighed up to Thursday noon 4610 bales. The weight book of L. G. Gazzaway totaled 2561 bales while the gins were overstocked to the amount of 49 bales making a total of 7220 bales brought to Merkel since the last day of August. Our reporter in talking with cotton growers from different parts of the country find that a majority of them will get from one to ten bales more, and insuring that the receipts for the season will go beyond the 10,000 mark.

Notice to Taxpayers of Taylor County.

I will be at the following places and dates as given below for the purpose of collecting state and county taxes for the year 1912, to-wit:

Nubia, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1912.

Trent, Thursday, Oct. 17, 1912. Merkel, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18-19, 1912.

Very respectfully,
Baylor Crawford,
Tax Collector, Taylor Co., Tex.

NOTICE.

Having severed my connection with C. L. Cash I wish to announce that I am located in the Percy Jones Barber Shop in the West block and shall appreciate the patronage of old and new friends. Respectfully,

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TAUGHT EXPERTS A LESSON

Accident While Casting Cannon Resulted in Foundation of Present English Gun Factory.

We owe our present arsenal at Woolwich to an accident. The government had a gun foundry in Moorfields, where, upon one occasion, in the year 1716, a distinguished party were gathered together to witness the operation of casting a large cannon.

A young foreigner, named Schlach who seems to have been almost an entire stranger, but who was well acquainted with the details of casting, noticed that one of the molds had been insufficiently dried, and warned the molders against using it. They disregarded his advice, and when he saw that he could not prevail upon them to desist, he immediately put himself, well out of harm's way before the cannon was cast. A terrible explosion occurred when the molten metal rushed into the wet mold, owing to the sudden generation of steam that could find no outlet, and several persons were killed and a large number injured.

It is said that search was made for the man whose predictions had been so painfully verified, and that the government employed him to advise about the best mode of preventing such accidents in future. The result was that Moorfields was given up as a site of a gun foundry altogether, and upon his advice the establishment was removed to the Warren at Woolwich.—London Tit-Bits.

GAUGING DOWNFALL OF RAIN

Scientific Instruments Have Made It a Matter of Absolute Mathematical Precision.

Few people really understand how rain is measured. We often read in the newspaper that so many inches of rain have fallen during a certain period, but it is difficult to realize what an inch of it actually means. The British Rainfall association have years' records of rainfalls in all parts of the United Kingdom. They have reports from several thousand stations, which are sent in by people who "work" the business as a kind of hobby. There are several wooden structures now in use for measuring rain, and these are known as "gauges." The most skillful is a contrivance with a funnel at the top, through which the water passes into a cup-receiver. The weight of the rain automatically works a pencil. This marks on a sheet of paper wound round a cylinder, and when it has marked in this fashion two-tenths of an inch, the cup tilts over and empties the contents. The pencil returns to its former position, and the same little device is repeated incessantly until the rain ceases to fall, while the pencil continues to register on the paper attached.

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Call For Meeting of Poultry and Pet Stock Association.

A meeting of the Merkel Poultry and Pet Stock association is hereby called to convene at the City Hall in the City of Merkel, Saturday Oct. 5th, 1912, at 2:30 p. m., for the purpose of considering the advisability of holding an Annual Poultry and Pet Stock Show, and for the transaction of any other business of said Association.

All members of said Association, as well as all other parties interested in the raising of Poultry and pet stock, are urged to attend this meeting.

O. W. Williams, Sec.
W. T. Potter, Pres.

New Belt Pins at McClain's.

TRACKED BY POSTAGE STAMPS

Little Peculiarity, but It Meant Much to the Trained Eye of the Watchful Detective.

Whether a man is a criminal or a law-abiding citizen, he ought to take the pains to stick his postage stamps on exactly straight," an old detective said. "If he is straight he won't lose anything by it, and if he is crooked he will gain. When I was in the government service the first thing I found out about a man under suspicion was the way he stuck on his stamps. One of the cleverest swindlers I ever landed was tracked through his postage stamps.

"After you put a stamp on a certain way for a little while it becomes second nature and you stick it on that way unconsciously. That was what that man did. All his stamps were stuck on diagonally, leaving a little triangle of a certain size at the corner of the envelope. He was a slippery fellow and had eluded vigilance for months. One day I happened to be loitering around a postoffice of a country town where I had gone on another trail. The mail came in, and through the little window I watched the postmaster sort it. Presently I spotted an envelope with the stamp stuck on in that triangular fashion. I got the postmark, hiked back to that town, and nabbed my man. If he had put his stamps on straight, probably he never would have been caught."

The Merkel Mail and Dallas S-W Farm News, both one year, \$1.65.

Choose Neighbors With Home. "The subject of neighbors is one on which we are sensitive," writes Agnes Athol in an article on "Some Things That We Learned by Renting a House in the Suburbs," in which she advocates renting a house before you buy one in Suburban Life Magazine. "It is true that the people directly in our rear are charming in the social sense, but unfortunately, they spend but six months' time at home. On one side of us are some poor but honest neighbors, whose children have taught mine innumerable little phrases with which they startle us from time to time. 'My God! and I ain't got no—' and 'Come on, kids!' do not exactly appeal to me. Perhaps I am undemocratic. But even the most altruistic would have to draw the line at a family of seven diagonally across, who never miss a chance to knock the baby down or make off with unwatched toys. Our resolution to surround our own back yard (when we shall own one) with a hedge offers some remedy; but what shall we do about the neighbor on the other corner, who has a rebellious cesspool?"

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If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of The Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires, a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

THE OATH OF THE ATHENIAN YOUTH.

At the request of Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston on the opening day of the city school every teacher in the employ of the city read to the assembled students the oath of the Athenian youth.

It was a thoughtful thing to do and today when the Memphis schools open for the beginning of the new scholastic year it would not be amiss if the same rule applied here.

The oath is as follows:

We will never bring disgrace to this, our city, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the ranks; we will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the city, both alone and with many; we will revere and obey the city's laws and do our best to incite a like respect and reverence in those above us who are prone to annul or to set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty. Thus, in all these ways, we will transmit this city not only not less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.

It would be well for every boy who has pride and ambition to stir him on to great future achievements to clip this out and paste it in the book he most frequently uses.

The Athenian youth became a great man. He became a factor in the affairs of his country. He became a power among the learned men of his time. It was probably due to the fact that he adhered to this oath made in days of early youth.

There is much in it to be commended and it is safe to say that the boy who lives up to its obligations will amount to a great deal in his after years.

If we live according to the dictates of the Athenian youth, if we live so that we will never bring disgrace to our city or to ourselves, by any act of cowardice or dishonesty; if we stick close to our suffering comrades and extend a helping hand wherever we can; if we fight for ideals and hold them high, if we revere the city's laws as well as our moral laws, if we strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty, we are sure to triumph in the long run.

Mayor Fitzgerald advised the Boston teachers to inaugurate the school year by reading the Athenian youths' oath, and also advised that it be adopted as a pledge of good citizenship, and as their motto, to be always kept in mind, because he felt that the result would be beneficial. It will. There is bound to be good results from such a policy. To be sure it will soon be forgotten by some, but it will sink in the memory of others and will remain there throughout the years to come.—Commercial Appeal,

RULING ON THE NEWSPAPER LAW.

Attorney-General Wickersham has handed down a written opinion on the new federal law requiring daily and weekly newspapers, and some other publications, to present to the postmaster-

general semi-annual sworn statements of circulation, ownership of their stocks and bonds and other information.

The law went into effect Oct. 1, and will be rigidly enforced, according to the postmaster-general.

In the event of failure to comply with the new legal requirements the use of the mails is denied.

Attorney-General Wickersham's opinion on certain aspects of the new law throws light on several dubious points, and, above all other things, shows what a miserable hodgepodge congress has made of the new amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill, for it was in this guise that the law was enacted.

Sifting the matter to the bottom, it appears as if the bill was the outcome of a certain progressive sentiment which desires to show resentment toward certain newspapers.

Col. Roosevelt was a strong advocate of the Chicago Record-Herald until it turned against him, and then from the street corners in Chicago he advised his admirers to see who owned the mortgage on the paper. This was done in order that the changed attitude of the paper might be understood.

Attorney-General Wickersham upholds the postmaster-general's construction that it is immaterial whether the subscriptions are individual or in bulk, and that the provision of the law covers the number of copies of a publication distributed to certain paid subscribers, whether by news companies, who buy in bulk for redistribution, or whether by individual subscribers who do not use the mails.

This was the point raised by Mr. Hitchcock, and the fact that his contention is sustained by the attorney-general simplifies this feature of the law.

This was the most important point, for but few newspapers in the country make any effort to conceal their ownership. The real truth is that nearly everyone living in a community knows who the owner of the local newspaper is, without the fact being published as an advertisement.

That the new law will be enforced, there is little doubt. It will be enforced so far as the department finds it practical to do so. The department last week began to mail to 120,000 editors, publishers and others interested forms to be filled out in compliance with the law. Under the act they must be filled out and returned as soon as possible.

The whole law seems to be but the unwinding of red tape—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

TEXAS HAS ATTRACTIONS.

Within the last week or two some shrewd booster's editorial has been going the rounds of the press calling attention to the fact that there are still a few unmarried women in Texas, and that, considering the fame of Texas women for beauty and all good womanly qualities, including obedience of wives to husbands, this should prove an incentive in attracting large numbers of America's best and richest bachelors to this state.

The foregoing, no doubt is one of the great attractions of the state, but there are others. A dispatch from El Paso says that 5,000 Mexicans had crossed the border there within ten days to help in the cotton fields of Texas. Judging from the reported uprisings in Mexico during the past two years, great must be the incentive to induce a Mexican peon to give up the attractions of revolution to come to this state to do real work. But the attractions do look rather enticing, as pickers are reported making \$5 to \$8 a day, which looks real good even to a Texas white man, and no doubt much better to the Mexican peon and his usual 30 cents per in gold.

DANGER IN DELAY

Kidney Diseases Are Too Dangerous for Merkel People to Neglect

The great danger of kidney troubles is that they get firm hold before the sufferer recognizes them. Health is gradually undermined. Backache, headache, nervousness, lameness, soreness, lumbago, urinary troubles, dropsy and Bright's disease, follow as the kidneys get worse. Don't neglect your kidneys. Help the kidneys with the reliable and safe remedy, Doan's Kidney Pills, which has cured people right here in Merkel.

Mrs. N. Thompson, Thornton St., Merkel, Texas, says: "A few months ago I used Doan's Kidney Pills for weak kidneys and was quickly cured. When I began taking this remedy my kidneys were weak and I had pains across the small of my back. I got Doan's Kidney Pills from Rust & McCauley Drug Co's Store and was quickly cured by them. It gives me pleasure to recommend this preparation."

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. Adv.

German Cures.

In Germany one finds all kinds of cures. Every enterprising town has one. Often the cure house is the finest public building in the city. A German talks of going to his cure as an American of going to his vacation. There are milk cures and mud cures, wind cures and water cures, mountain cures and surf cures; but my choice is the forest cure.

Not only does it best please my personal taste but I notice that it gets the most serious cases—those where radical and heroic cures are needed. First of all there are the tuberculous patients strewn about on their cots under the pungent shades of the Black Forest as about Dr. Trudeau's camp in the Adirondacks.

Then there are the devotees of indigestion and the nervous wrecks, bilious, alcoholic and society wrecks, drug fiends, bridge fiends and everybody; that is everybody who can spend the time and money to come hither for the forest cure. Naturally in Germany, as in America, folks who have to work and support families cannot afford to be cured. They can't even afford the disease in the first place.—Woman's Home Companion.

The Danger After Grip

lies often in a run-down system. Weakness, nervousness, lack of appetite, energy and ambition, with disordered liver and kidneys often follow an attack of this wretched disease. The greatest need then is Electric Bitters, the glorious tonic, blood purifier and regulator of stomach, liver and kidneys. Thousands have proved that they wonderfully strengthen the nerves, build up the system and restore to health and good spirits after an attack of grip. If suffering, try them. Only 50 cents. Sold and perfect satisfaction guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs. Adv.

Lucky to Get Anything.

The law of the land had spoken, and the verdict was \$5,000 damages. "Five thousand dollars!" muttered the senior partner in the legal firm who had managed the plaintiff's case. "Not so bad." "I think it pretty good," said the junior partner. "How much shall we give our client?" "H'm! Say \$300," said the senior thoughtfully. "No, stop a minute!" "Well?" "We mustn't be too hasty," said the successful lawyer slowly. "Perhaps you'd better write and promise to pay him the three hundred."

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's family pills for constipation. Adv.

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BORES ON RAILROAD TRAINS

Woman Complains of Talkative Fellow Travelers Who Insist on Revealing Secrets.

It is strange how many people when traveling, are so bored with their own society that they will talk to whatever stranger they can force to listen—yes, and tell their heart's secrets, too. Once, in the dressing room of a Pullman, a woman whom I have never seen from that day to this told me with exact detail all about a recent scandal in her family which they had kept out of the papers only by the most strenuous effort. Yet for all she knew, I might have been a reporter and I must say I longed to frighten her for her indiscretion by telling her that I was one!

Less serious confidences are frequent. "I've hardly a hair on my head that's my own," whispers the woman who has come over from the next section ostensibly to offer you a magazine, but really to hear herself talk. "These puffs cost \$20—and altogether I've bought over \$100 worth of braids and switches." Pleasant thought!

It is much more difficult to handle the cheerful, expansive woman traveler who has made up her mind to talk to one of her own sex and who is at heart a very good sort, but who merely happens to be a frightful bore, than it is to discourage the advances of the offensive traveling man, who seeing a woman alone, feels that he can follow up his rude stares with conversation. Usually a curt monosyllable answer or no answer at all will sufficiently crush him—but you cannot deal out that sort of treatment to your own sex.—Exchange.

More Than Enough is Too Much.

To maintain health, a mature man or woman needs just enough food to repair the waste and supply energy and body heat. The habitual consumption of more food than is necessary for these purposes is the prime cause of stomach troubles, rheumatism and disorders of the kidneys. If troubled with indigestion, revise your diet, let reason and not appetite control and take a few poses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be all right again. For sale by dealers. Adv.

"This Is Your Show."

The late Sir George White, defender of Ladysmith, was a strong enough man to take responsibility for failure; he was a strong enough man, too, to give credit to his subordinates for good work done. The first time I saw him was at Elandslaagte. The battle was well in progress. General French was elaborating one of the most brilliant affairs of the South African war. Late in the afternoon Sir George White and his staff rode on the battlefield, and had not been there five minutes before a shell fired from one of the Maxim-Nordenfelters which the Boers captured from Jamieson at the time of the raid, but which were destined by nightfall to be in our hands, plowed up the ground within a few yards of his horse. Almost simultaneously French hurried up and drew rein before the chief to surrender command. "No you carry on," said Sir George, "this is your show."—London Daily News.

No Calomel Necessary.

The injurious effect and unpleasantness of taking calomel is done away with by Simmon's Liver Purifier, the mildest known liver medicine, yet the most thorough in action. Put up in yellow tin boxes only. Price 25c. Tried once used always. Adv.

Archbishopal Feast.

A correspondent sends us the material for a dinner given by the Archbishop of York in 1498: Three hundred quarters of wheat, 330 tuns of ale, 104 tuns of wine, 1 pipe of spiced wine, 80 fat oxen, 6 wild bulls, 1,004 sheep, 3,000 hogs, 300 calves, 3,000 geese, 3,000 capons, 300 pigs, 100 peacocks, 200 cranes, 200 kids, 2,000 chickens, 4,000 pigeons, 4,000 rabbits, 204 bittern, 4,000 ducks, 400 herons, 200 pheasants, 500 partridges, 4,000 woodcocks, 400 plovers, 100 curlew, 100 quails, 100 egrets, 200 roes, 400 bucks, 5,506 venison pasties, 5,000 dishes of jelly, 6,000 custards, 300 pike, 300 bream, 8 seals, 4 porpoises and 400 tarts. There were 1,000 servants, 62 cooks and 515 scullions. Our correspondent informs us that his authority does not state in what circumstances the dinner was given, or how many guests assembled. Possibly some reader may be able to throw light on the subject.—London Globe.

Puts End to Bad Habit.

Things never look bright to one with "the blues." Ten to one the trouble is a sluggish liver, filling the system with bilious poison that Dr. King's New Life Pills would expel. Try them. Let the joy of better feelings end "the blues." Best for stomach, liver and kidneys. 25c. H. C. Burroughs. Adv.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

In the early part of Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Henry West gave a birthday party to celebrate the birthday of her little son Weston and the near birthday of her little daughter Melba.

Thursday was a red letter day for the various members of class No. 10 of the M. E. church and their teacher, Mrs. Pickerill, who chaperoned them in their outing five miles out in the country.

A number of new books have been ordered for the library. Don't forget this library is a credit to the town and should have the support of all who are interested in the up building of their home town.

New Bracelets at McClain's.

Chicken Fry.

Monday evening a party of young people had a very enjoyable evening north of town where they built a big bon fire to fry the chickens that the girls had prepared in the early afternoon.

Questions on King John.

For Oct. 5, 1912. Place of meeting, Mrs. G. H. Adams at 3:30 p.m. What characters introduce the first scene? Why? What is the claim of Phillip of France?

Here is a woman who speaks from personal knowledge and long experience, viz., Mrs. H. P. Brogan, of Wilson, Pa., who says: "I know from experience that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is far superior to any other.

Gold Fish coming soon at McClain's.

Rally Day Program.

Sunday Oct. 7, will be Rally Day in the Methodist Sunday School, beginning 7:45 p. m. when the following program will be rendered:

- Several songs by Classes. Rally Day, its Object--H.C. Williams. Home Visitation, Its Value and How Done--J. H. Warnick. Why Parents Should Regularly Attend Sunday School--R. L. Krigbaum. Orchestra. What the teacher should do for the Class--B. D. Black. What the Class Should do--Mrs. R. A. Clements. Some ways to better our song service--T. A. Johnson. Orchestra. How may we use the local paper to help our Sunday School--J. G. Jackson. The Educational Value of the Sunday School--Miss Love Hawkins. Song and Benediction. The talks and papers on the above to be from five to eight minutes each. All who attend are requested to wear the school's colors, red and blue. Music Committee: T. A. Johnson, Dr. O. F. McMaster, Dennis McDonald, Fannie Burroughs, Dorothy Lee Potter. Decoration Committee: Mrs. T. A. Johnson, Mrs. J. G. Hale, Mrs. W. T. Potter, Mrs. G. H. Adams, Mrs. O. F. McMaster, Miss Lizzie Calvert.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

- Subject, "Fruits." Leader--Lyton Howard. Song. Prayer. Song. Scripture reading, John 15, 1-16, by Leader. Paper on "What is Meant by Bearing Fruit?"--Miss Ruth Merritt. Song. How can we bear fruit for the Master.--Miss Mattie Murphy. Solo--Miss Leno Largent. Closing exercise. Benediction.

Derington-Turner.

Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock Mr. A. F. Derington a well known Merkel country young man was married to Miss Livitha Turner at the residence of A. A. Baker in south Merkel. We were informed that Mr. and Mrs. Derington drove to the home of the groom's parents after the wedding where they were cordially received by their relatives and friends.

The Mail joins their host of friends in extending congratulations for a happy married life.

Paris, Tex., I, the undersigned, take pleasure in stating that I have used Cheatham's Chill Tonic, and a few doses broke a severe case of chills and fever on me about six weeks ago, and I have had none since. I consider it the best medicine for the purpose I ever used. Yours truly, J.E.Cay. Adv.

Annoying Honesty.

Having vouched for the honesty of the woman who wished a situation as scrubwoman, the good-natured man was subjected to a severe examination by the superintendent of the building. "There are degrees of honesty," said the superintendent. "How honest is she?" The good-natured man reflected. "Well," he said, "I'll tell you. She is so honest that if you throw anything that looks to be worth a copper into the waste paper basket you have to tag it 'Destroy this' or she will fish it out and put it back on your desk night after night, no matter how badly you want to get rid of it. I don't know that I can say anything more." "Nothing more is necessary," said the superintendent, and he hired the woman at once.

J. W. Copeland, of Dayton, Ohio, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for his boy who had a cold, and before the bottle was all used the boy's cold was gone. Is that not better than to pay a five dollar doctor's bill. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Exploded Story.

Uncle Ezra--"Howdy, Eben. Just back from California, I see. Must be a great place. They say there is sunshine there the year 'round." Uncle Eben--"That is just one of them fake western yarns. Every day I was there, along at the end of the afternoon night came, just the same as it does here."

If you have young children you have perhaps noticed that disorders of the stomach are their most common ailment. To correct this you will find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets excellent. They are easy and pleasant to take, and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

MADE UP OF MIXED RACES

Similarity Between French and American Nations is Accounted For in That Way.

A notable French visitor speaks with surprise of the many points of similarity between the French people and the Americans.

He is merely making the obverse of a discovery which has puzzled many thousands of American travelers. The French and American peoples, with all their manifest differences, are oddly like each other in many ways.

Perhaps the explanation lies in the fact that both peoples are compounded of many and distinct races, fused together in a single nationality.

The mixture of races which has gone on in America is known to all. But an American is prone to forget that a similar mixture has been in progress for a much longer time in France.

Three great races, Teutonic, Celtic and Latin, are represented today in the population of France.

Twenty nationalities have fused to make the French nationality. A dozen tribes of Gauls, the Romans, Franks, Burgundians, Normans, and others literally too numerous to mention, have been mixed and melted together to form France.

Similar mixtures produce similar results. That would appear to be the formula for the resemblances between France and America.

For Chapped Hands.

Chapped skin whether on the hands or face may be cured in one night by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It is also unequalled for sore nipples, burns and scalds. For sale by dealers. Adv.

Why We Are Right-Handed.

One of the professors at a well-known agricultural college has figured it out that if you are left-handed it is a sign that your ancestors were not good fighters.

"Most persons are right-handed," says he. "Only one in every twenty is left-handed. Why are people right-handed? They may have been born that way, it is true; but why?"

"Away back in the beginning the chief occupation of man was fighting. In battle he carried a shield in one hand and a weapon in the other. It was not much work to carry the shield, but the quick action required by the hand and arm which did the fighting soon developed that arm. It also developed the nerves and the half of the brain that governed the right side of the body. Those who shielded their left side--thus protecting the heart--were the ones who usually came out victorious. Down through the ages this selection continued, the right hand gradually becoming more proficient."

When you have a bad cold you want the best medicine obtainable so as to cure it with as little delay as possible. Here is a druggist's opinion: "I have sold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for fifteen years," says Enos Lollar of Saratoga, Ind., "and consider it the best on the market." For sale by all dealers. Adv.



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TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

Mrs. Grace Fortner, of Man, W. Va., took Cardui. This is what she says about it: "I was so weak and nervous, I could not bear to have anyone near me. I had fainting spells, and I lost flesh every day. The first dose of Cardui helped me. Now, I am entirely cured of the fainting spells, and I cannot say enough for Cardui, for I know it saved my life." It is the best tonic for women.

Do you suffer from any of the pains peculiar to women? Take Cardui. It will help you. Ask your druggist.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. J 50

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE MERKEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

ARTICLE I--NAME

Sec. 1. This organization shall be known as Merkel Fire Department and shall be composed of a President, Vice-President, Chief, Assistant Chief, Secretary and Treasurer, and the Foreman and active members of each regular and recognized fire company composed of white members.

OBJECT

Sec. 2. The object of this Department shall be to combine and unite our several efforts in order that we may work in accord and subdue any fire, within the City limits, in the shortest time and with the least possible loss to our fellow citizens.

MOTTO

Sec. 3. The motto of this department shall be "Everready."

UNIFORM

Sec. 4. The uniform shall be of such color, quality and design as may be selected by the Department.

ARTICLE II--MEMBERS

Sec. 1. The members of this Department shall consist of two classes: First, active members; second, honorary members.

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Sec. 2. The active members of this Department shall consist of residents of the city of Merkel, Texas, who may be admitted to membership according to the by-laws of this Department. The number of active members shall be limited to 44 and after the officers hereinafter named shall have been elected the remaining active members shall be divided into four companies as follows: viz., first 11 members to man the chemical engine and to be known as Chemical Engine Co. No. 1; second, 11 members to man the hook and ladder truck and to be known as Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1; third, Hose Co. No. 1; fourth, Hose Co. No. 2.

HONORARY

Sec. 3. The honorary members of this Department shall consist of any member honorably discharged from active service and such other persons as the Department may deem worthy, provided, such persons who have not seen active service shall pay to the Secretary the sum of \$5.00 per year.

ARTICLE III--OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The officers of this Department shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Chief Engineer, Assistant Chief Engineer, Secretary-Treasurer, Foreman of the Engine Co., Foreman of the Hook and Ladder Co., Foreman Hose Co. No. 1, Foreman Hose Co. No. 2, said officers being elected by the active members of the Department at the first regular meeting in January of each year.

Sec. 2. In the election of officers each office shall be taken separately and filled by ballot and a majority of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for a choice.

Sec. 3. The result of said election of Chief Engineer shall be reported to the City Council for ratification immediately after.

Sec. 4. No member shall hold more than one office at the same time.

ARTICLE IV--OFFICERS--PRESIDENT

Sec. 1. The President shall preside at the regular annual meeting for the election of officers and perform such duties as properly come before him at that time.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Sec. 2. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the duties of that office and in his absence shall preside at the regular annual meeting for the election of officers.

SPECIAL DUTIES

Sec. 3. The President and Vice-President shall also be an advisory committee with whom the Chief may advise at any time he may need their assistance in the pursuance of his duty.

CHIEF

Sec. 4. The Chief shall be the presiding officer at all regular and special meetings of the Department, (except at annual election of officers), shall construe the constitution and by-laws, assess all fines not otherwise provided for, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, sign all warrants on the Treasurer which may be allowed by the Department for the payment of expenses and shall control and have general management of the Department when on duty, parade or inspection. He shall settle all disputes between companies or members while on duty and his decision shall be final.

CHIEF AT FIRES AND POWER

The Chief shall be the commanding officer at fires and he shall, with the concurrence of the Mayor, should he be present, superintend and order the tearing down of any building not on fire which may be necessary to stop the spreading of the fire.

APPARATUS

Sec. 5. The Chief shall examine the apparatus and buildings of the Department as often as necessary to convince him that they are having the proper care and are in serviceable order and if any repairs or supplies are needed to report same to the City Council.

ANNUAL INSPECTION

Sec. 6. The Chief shall on the 21st day of April of each and every year or as soon thereafter as possible hold a general inspection, at which time the Companies shall appear in full uniform, and shall be under his command.

ANNUAL REPORT

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Chief to report at the end of his term to this Department the number and amount of losses by fire and a detailed statement of the condition of the Department, with any recommendations he may deem proper, which report will be submitted to the City Council for their consideration.

ASSISTANT CHIEF

Sec. 8. The Assistant Chief Engineer shall assist the Chief in the discharge of his duty and in his absence shall have all the powers of the Chief.

TREASURER

Sec. 10. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a true account of all money or property received by him, the source whence it arrived and time, together with all expenditures made by him and make a monthly report of same to the Department. He shall give bond in the sum of \$....., same to be approved and accepted by the Department.

FOREMAN

Sec. 11. It shall be the duty of the Foreman to command his respective Company at all fires, under the orders of the Chief and Assistant Chief, and assist those officers with his men and apparatus in the discharge of their duties: see that all apparatus and property in his charge is kept in proper order and he may appoint such officers out of his Company to serve under him, as may be necessary to successfully handle the apparatus and keep it in good working order. He shall also see that the members of his company have proper notices of all meetings, drills or parades.

SPECIAL DUTIES

Sec. 12. It shall be the duty of all officers to perform such other duties as his office may require.

ARTICLE V--DUTY OF COMPANIES, ETC.

Sec. 1. Each Company shall be required to faithfully obey orders and instructions of superior officers.

Sec. 2. Each Company shall be required to drill at least 12 times per year--4th Wednesday in each month.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of every member in case of alarm to proceed direct to the station (unless he sees the apparatus going to the fire) and assist in carrying the apparatus to the fire and there perform every duty required of him by the Chief or Foreman.

Sec. 4. No member shall leave a fire without permission of the Chief but they may prepare to leave at any time after the fire is out.

Sec. 5. Those in charge of the apparatus shall in no instance allow any person, except he be a member of the Department, to ride on any of the apparatus, either in going to or coming from fires.

Sec. 6. Racing from fires, etc., is not allowed under any circumstances under a penalty of a fine of \$5.00 to each Company participating.

Sec. 7. The person in charge of the hose shall see that the line is well guarded and straight line laid.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the Foreman to give the Chief a receipt for all uniforms or supplies, received by him, belonging to the Department.

Sec. 9. No member of this department shall be allowed to use rough or ungentlemanly language to any officer or member in or about the engine house, fires, parades, drills, etc.

Sec. 10. No member or officer shall be allowed to become intoxicated while on duty of any kind nor shall liquors of any kind be allowed at the engine house or at fires.

Sec. 11. All grievances shall be made known and same shall be thoroughly investigated by the Department officers.

Sec. 12. No charge will be entertained against any member of this Department unless such charge is made in writing within thirty days after the act complained of shall have been committed.

Sec. 13. No member shall wilfully throw water on another member.

Sec. 14. It shall be the duty of the officers and members of this Department to conform to all the regulations and perform all duties herein required.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I--COMPOSED

Sec. 1. This Department shall be composed of its active and honorary members.

ARTICLE II--MEETINGS

Sec. 1. The regular business meeting shall be held on the second Monday nights of each month, in November, December, January and February at 7:30 o'clock p. m. and the remainder of the year at 8:30 o'clock p. m. at which time the first roll call will be promptly made.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Sec. 1. Special meetings may be called by the Chief or by written request of five active members of the Department but 3 days notice shall be given of such meeting and only such business shall be transacted as is contained in the call.

QUORUM

Sec. 3. At any business meeting or drill 7 active members, in good standing, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

AN ALARM

Sec. 4. In case an alarm of fire during a meeting the Chief or presiding officer, shall declare the meeting adjourned until some future time of which notice will be given.

ARTICLE III--ABSENCE

Sec. 1. Sickness of self or family, absence from the city or other unavoidable circumstances shall be a valid excuse for absence from meetings, drills, etc., of the Department.

Sec. 2. Any member absent for three consecutive times from regular meetings of the Department shall be stricken from the roll unless he has excuse for same, and he shall forfeit dues paid in advance.

Sec. 3. Any member leaving the city for more than thirty days shall be required to obtain a written leave of absence properly signed by the President and Secretary.

Sec. 4. Any member absent from the city longer than sixty days shall be declared no longer a member unless granted a special leave of absence by the Department.

ARTICLE IV--NEW OR HONORARY MEMBERS

Sec. 1. Any person, 21 years or over, desiring to become a member shall make written application at a regular business meeting and be recommended by two active members in good standing, said application shall be accompanied by \$1.20 (one years dues).

Sec. 2. The application having been received the ballot shall be spread and if applicant receives three noes or black balls he shall be rejected.

Sec. 3. Any applicant having been rejected cannot again make application for membership for six months and should he be rejected the second time he shall forever be barred.

Sec. 4. The honorary members shall have all the privileges of an active fireman but shall not be eligible to office or entitled to vote in elections.

ARTICLE V--FINES

Sec. 1. For each of the following offences there shall be imposed a fine of twenty-five cents, viz: For absence from roll calls, at drills, parades, alarm or business meetings; for failure to wear uniform on parade, inspection and public occasions when the members appear as a Department; for failure of any officer or member to have at any meeting, drill or parade such property belonging to the Department as is necessary for the use of the Department.

Sec. 2. For each of the following offences there shall be a fine imposed of not less than twenty-five cents and not more than \$1.00, viz: Refusing to obey the order of the Chief; refusing to serve on a committee; failure on the part of any officer or committeeman to discharge his respective duty.

Sec. 3. For such other offences and neglect of duty as are not mentioned in the above sections the President, or presiding officer, may impose a fine of not less than ten cents nor more than fifty cents according to the nature of the deed.

Sec. 4. No fine assessed according to these by-laws shall be subject to discussion except that any person fined may render his excuse, if any he has, for the committal of the offence.

Sec. 5. A member may be excused from the payment of a fine by a majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE VI--ARREARAGES

Sec. 1. Any member of this Department who shall be in arrears, for fines assessed against him, to the amount of fifty cents shall be deprived of his vote on all questions coming before the Department.

Sec. 2. Any member who shall be in arrears, for fines assessed, to the amount of one dollar shall be notified by the Secretary and if not paid in thirty days the Department shall demand of said member an explanation; if no satisfactory explanation be given his name shall be stricken from the roll and he shall not be allowed to again become a member until such arrears shall be fully paid.

ARTICLE VII--EXPULSIONS

Sec. 1. Upon due notice being received by the Department of any member or officer being intoxicated while on duty at a fire, drill, parade, inspection or business meeting there shall be a committee of three appointed to thoroughly examine into the case and make a full report to the Department at its next regular meeting.

Sec. 2. Upon said Committee reporting to the Department that it has found said member guilty of the charges preferred against him the Department may expel said member by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Sec. 3. Any member expelled from the Department according to the above sections cannot again be proposed for membership within one year after expulsion.

ARTICLE VIII--RESIGNATIONS

Sec. 1. Any member wishing to resign from the Department shall present his resignation in writing to the Department and if he has no fine or charges against him his resignation may be accepted by a majority vote of the members present and the President may give him an honorable discharge.

ARTICLE IX--PROCEEDINGS

Sec. 1. All proceedings not specially designated in this constitution and by-laws shall be governed by regular parliamentary usages.

ARTICLE X--AMENDMENTS

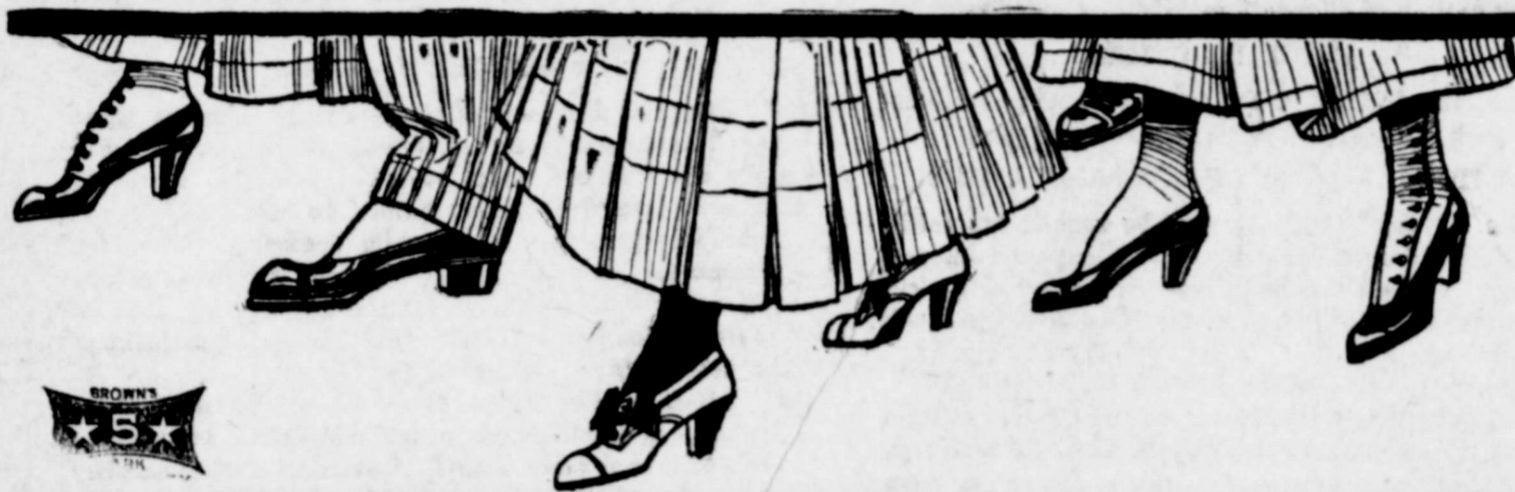
Sec. 1. To change, alter or amend this constitution or these by-laws shall require a resolution in writing to be read at a regular meeting; said resolution shall then be tabled until the next regular meeting when vote shall be taken on same, and a two-thirds vote of the members present shall be necessary to carry such resolution and make the alteration, change or amendment.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Inkum Items.

The cold weather of the Equinoctial days interfered somewhat with the gathering of the fleecy staple the first of the week.

Robert Hill and wife are rejoicing over the advent of a little daughter into their home on the 22nd inst.

Mrs. Nelson of Merkel came out Sunday to spend a few days with Mrs. E. C. Perry but was recalled to Merkel by telephone Monday.

Mr. Evans of Abilene, with his mother, made a trip to Inkum Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. Phillips and family of Guion, who have been spending the week in this section visited at the home of T. J. Burlison Sunday.

Mrs. Hefferman returned from a trip to the View country Saturday.

Mrs. Annis of Merkel is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Perry this week.

Mr. Walters of San Angelo came in today to join his family who came a week before.

Perry made a trip to Abilene Saturday, returning Sunday.

T. E. Reynolds with her two sons, Forrest and Cramer, left Saturday for a few weeks visit with her daughter Mrs. Cora Pruitt of Haskell.

Quite a crowd from this section attended the show at Abilene Saturday.

Almost a Miracle

One of the most startling changes ever seen in any man, according to W. B. Hosclaw, Clarendon, Tex., was effected years ago in his brother. "He had such a dreadful cough," he writes, "that all our family thought he was going into consumption, but he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, and was completely cured by ten bottles. Now he is sound and well and weighs 218 pounds. For many years our family has used this wonderful remedy for Coughs and Colds with excellent results." It's quick, safe, reliable and guaranteed. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free H.C. Burroughs. Adv.

Butman Community.

The farmers of our community have taken advantage of the dry weather in their work and most every one are very near up with their cotton picking.

Arthur Sears of Merkel spent several days last week on the B. T. Ranch gathering and shipping a bunch of cattle which he bought from Butman & Sons some time before and lately sold to Bud Sears who sold today to John Guitar of Abilene. There were 229.

Mrs. Sam Butman returned to her home in our community Sunday from her visit in Big Springs and El Paso. She reports a splendid time.

Will Butman went to Abilene Monday to help deliver a bunch of cattle.

Our community was well represented at Abilene during the circus Saturday.

Misses Monnie Whetsel and Cora Campbell of our community enrolled in Merkel school last week.

Stand Ahead.

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Terrible Ordeal.

"It was perfectly frightful," said Chubbleigh. "There we ran at top speed around the corner, and the first thing I knew we dashed plumb into that grocer's wagon. I guess it must have held a hundred dozen eggs."

"Oh, well, that wasn't so bad, was it?" said Hicks. "You could afford to pay for 'em, couldn't you?"

"Oh, it wasn't that," said Chubbleigh, with a shudder. "But I don't believe there was a good egg in the whole lot." —Harper's Weekly.

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