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THE RESULTS OF IMPROVED FARMING

In some parts of Taylor county where the people have been able to take advantage of the improved farming methods the results have spoken for themselves in a most complimentary way. In Abilene there was a list of prizes prepared to be given to persons raising the largest yield on a certain number of acres of land, the land to be farmed under instructions given by the government demonstrator. The prizes were readily contested for and below are some of the results made by the leading contestants together with the prizes they received for their trouble.

Roy and Clarence Roberts received as a prize for the best showing on two acres each of cotton. This prize was a handsome gold watch donated by the Schorsch-Christian Co.

They were so close together in results that the watch was given to both. On these four acres they raised 4180 pounds of seed cotton, 1045 pounds per acre and which is equal to two-thirds of a bale per acre—three bales off the four acres. For the crop \$183.95 was obtained.

Miss Kate Booker who won the second prize received a \$15 check and \$25 in merchandise from the Minters Dry Goods Company and \$10 worth of goods from Union Hardware Company.

Off of two acres she raised 1095 pounds of seed cotton, which is a little better than one and a third bales per acre. Miss Kate received \$84.03 for the crop.

The winner of the third prize was Jas. D. Abbott, Buffalo Gap, and he gathered 1835 pounds of seed cotton off the two acres or 918 pounds per acre. This cotton resulted in 750 pounds of lint which at 11 cents per pound would amount to \$82.50. Mr. Abbott received a \$15 suit of clothes donated by McDavid Bros. & Co.

None of these parties irrigated their crops but cultivated strictly according to government instructions. They would have done much better, says Mr. Peel, but he got in too late to have them plow deep and early in order to catch and conserve the moisture.

To The Public.

I take this method of letting my friends and the public in general know that I am no longer interested in The Anchor Hardware Co. Merkel, Texas. Also to inform my friends and the general public that I am now interested in The Crown Hardware Company Merkel, Texas. Would be pleased to have my old friends call and see me in our new store in the building formerly occupied by Hogue-Hamilton Co. across the street north from the Southern National Bank. With best wishes to my friends and the public in general.

I am very respectfully,
H. L. Propst.

Miss Louisa Stuart Roe one of the teachers in the city schools here left for Colorado Wednesday to visit relatives until Sunday.

Miss Aileen Sanders returned to her home at Huntingdon, Tenn., Sunday afternoon having spent several months here the guest of her cousin Miss Ruth Merritt. On returning home Miss Sanders was accompanied by Miss Ruth who will enter the Southern Normal University of Huntingdon for a course in music and will not return to Merkel until the summer of 1913.

Miss E. Love Hawkins and Mrs. Wesley Edwards spent Saturday in Abilene.

MORE FARMS AND BETTER FARMING

Mayor, Merkel, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Texas Industrial Congress will meet in this city in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce at 9 o'clock a. m. Thursday December 12, and you are respectfully invited and requested to name three delegates to be present on that occasion as representatives of your city.

As you perhaps know our contestants in 1911 averaged 31½ bushels of corn and 5-8 of a bale of cotton per acre, while the general average of the state was 9-6 bushels of corn and less than 1-3 of a bale of cotton per acre. This year we have contestants whose yield of corn will exceed 100 bushels and of cotton more than a bale to the acre. An exhibit of the prize winning crops will be a feature of the convention but the principal event will be the awarding of the \$10,000 in cash prizes to the 141 contestants coming from every section of the state who show the largest yield, cost of production considered. The railroads have made a rate of one and one-third fares for the round trip and we hope to have a very large attendance.

We shall appreciate it if you will send us as soon as possible the names of your appointees to the convention, and we should like to have you announce the appointment of these delegates through the columns of your local paper and the larger daily newspapers of the state.

Thanking you in advance and trusting that you will be able to attend the convention, we remain, with sincere regards,

Very truly yours,
Texas Industrial Congress.
W. C. Barrickman,
Secretary.

In reply to the above letter Judge C. D. Mims has appointed the following farmers of the Merkel country to represent this section of the country at the convention which meets in Dallas, on the 12th of December 1912. H. M. Rainbolt, N. Harrison and W. B. Robertson. Judge Mims informs us that a rate of one and one-third has been obtained on all railroads leading to Dallas for the convention and that he only has authority to appoint three delegates to the convention but would be glad if a considerable number of the citizens would take interest in the meeting and attend.

REAGAN SUFFERS WITH BROKEN BACK

Last Friday afternoon as U. G. Reagan of the Canyon community way trying to apply the brake on his wagon the rop broke to which he was holding, causing him to fall with a swing that threw him under the wagon in front of the back wheels, one of which passed over his back.

The accident occurred late in the afternoon while Mr. Reagan was getting a load of poles to be used on a new telephone line from Merkel to the Canyon and after having finished the loading fixed a long pole to the break appliance, attaching a rope to pole so that he could apply the brakes when needed but faulty arrangement resulted in his receiving a perhaps fatal injury. He was rushed here as soon as possible and carried to Alexander sanitarium Friday night where he underwent an operation of having the bone which had been fractured in the fall taken out. The doctors in attendance stated that if the patients paralyzed condition continued to exist that death might result at any time, the man being paralyzed from his waist down.

ART AND POULTRY SHOWS PROMISING

The show fever of Merkel is supposed to get to its highest pitch Friday and Saturday of this week, with honors about evenly divided between the poultry show and the art exhibit.

The entries for the poultry and pet stock show have been coming in at a good rate and some foreign birds are to be seen here on the show dates. The catalogues were issued last week for the benefit of people who were interested in the raising of fine chickens and ornamental poultry and the results were that up to Tuesday there had been about 125 birds entered in the show.

The other show for Saturday is an art exhibit to be held at the Farmers State Bank, the exhibit will consist of paintings and drawings done by the local class of Miss Hobbs of Abilene, and while there will be no prizes for competition the affair promises to be very attractive and will be worth while for any art lover to inspect.

Didn't Know Gun Was Loaded.

Orion Miller age 15 was a victim of that habit that so often result in people losing arms, eyes and some times their lives, when on last Friday he innocently put his finger over the muzzle of a 22 target rifle and pulled the trigger. The gun was loaded and as a result Orion is minus a very small portion of the fore finger on his left hand. Other than not having recovered from the scare of shooting himself he is getting along nicely.

Mrs. H. Turner visited friends in Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. L. Brown departed for Dallas Tuesday where she will join her husband in their new home. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Brown regret very much to lose them from the city and have hopes for their returning soon if for nothing more than a visit.

We are going to show the finest line of Hand-Painted China, Cut Glass and Silverware ever brought to Merkel. Be sure to come in and see us before you get your Xmas present. West Texas Hardware Co.

POULTRY RAISERS TO SWEETWATER

Wednesday afternoon several of our local people who take special interest in poultry raising went over to Sweetwater for the evening to view the exhibits that are being staged there just now, Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Messrs. O. W. Williams, R. A. Ellis and H. M. Rose going from here to represent the local association.

Judge H. B. Savage of Belton is to be the judge of the Sweetwater show and immediately after the closing there will come here to act as judge for the local association.

On the opening day of the show the West Texas Rhode Island Red club was organized with 25 members. J. R. Reed of Baird was chosen president and C. B. Meador of Stamford secretary-treasurer. It was decided to meet annually at the time when the regular poultry show is in progress and Sweetwater was selected as the permanent place of meeting.

To stimulate interest among breeders of Rhode Island Reds the association has offered for the 1913 show premiums as follows:

Best pen of Rhode Island Reds \$10.00.

Best cockerel \$5.

Best pullet \$5.

The provision is also made that each exhibitor must raise his own bird.

A membership committee was appointed and a strong campaign was begun at the close of the show for new members, it being the purpose to secure every breeder of Rhode Island Reds in West Texas as members of the organization.

I Need A Part Of Your Business.

I have just placed in my show cases a nice selection of first class jewelry, such as bracelets, locketts, ladies neck chains, Lavalliers and larnette chains, Gent's gold filled chains, scarf pin sets, set rings, plain rings and in fact anything in the light goods line. These are solid gold and gold filled goods, every article guaranteed.

20 per cent off for cash on all these goods if bought before January 1, 1913.

Watches, clock and jewelry repairing a specialty.

F. H. Dennis, Jeweler,
at J. T. Dennis' Store.

Miss Hester Goss came in from Abilene Wednesday to be the guest of Miss Clara Moore.

J. W. NEILL IS TO CANVASS COUNTY

Hon. J. W. Neill of the state department of agriculture is to spend a week in Taylor county lecturing to the country schools and organizing farmers institutes.

On Monday, Dec. 9th, J. W. Neill, state organizer of Farmers Institutes, in company with County Superintendent J. S. Smith and F. A. Peel, county Demonstration agent will start out to cover the country as nearly as they possible can in one week's time.

Their first days travel will be through Buffalo Gap by way of Guion and Bradshaw to Shepp, where they will wish to address both the school children and the farmers at night.

The 2nd day they will touch the Dewey and Lawn countries and spend the night at Tuscola.

The 3rd day they will pass down the border of the country and spend the night at Trent.

The 4th day they will return by way of Nubia and spend the night at Caps.

The 5th day they will take the eastern section of the country, spending the night at Potosi.

On each day they will visit just as many schools as they can lecturing to the school children and patrons who should happen to be present, and at each place where we spend the night want the school children out, promise them a very interesting lecture by Mr. Neill, and insist on the teachers being present, that we may organize farmer's institutes.

On day the 14th, we will have a general rally in Abilene, chamber of Commerce where Mr. Neill will make plain the importance of organization and organize a strong county Institute. Now, let all be ready for these meetings and make them count for great good in the upbuilding of the country schools and rural life in every way.

J. S. Smith Co. Supt.

J. A. Peel, Dem. agt.

When Demonstrator Peel was in town the first of the week he stated that he had already listed 350 acres in different parts of Merkel country and expects to have fully 500 acres of Merkel land under Government Supervision, and states that the competition for prizes is going to be great.

Box Supper at Blair.

The Mail is in receipt of an invitation to attend a box supper at Blair, to be given at that place Saturday night of this week. The supper is being given for a benefit and under the auspices of the Woodmen Circle and the local members of the Blair community are making ready to have their supper be a success.

Remember when you go to get your Christmas present we are giving you as cheap a price as you can buy good stuff anywhere in Merkel, and then give you an extra 5 per cent in cash coupons worth face value in our store. West Texas Hardware Co.

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The Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Motion Pictures at the Opera House.

Miss. Bess McMurray of Colorado was the guest of Miss Olga Sheppard during the last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Ussery came in Monday afternoon to visit friends and relatives.

Master Edwin Murphy of Abilene spent Sunday here the guest of his sister Miss Mattie Murphy.

Robert Robinson a former Merkel boy returned last week to visit friends for a short while.

T. J. Coggin returned Tuesday from Oklahoma where he has been for some time looking after cattle interests he has.

Mrs. Claude Whitley returned from Louisiana Monday afternoon where she has been for some time visiting her mother.

Mary Anderson of Cook here visiting her brother Stallings. Mrs. Anderson before for some time.

Get to come to see us you want a Xmas present any of the family or sweet-heart—even a go-cart for the baby. West Texas Hardware Co.

Mrs. W. B. Alsbrook left Tuesday for Rising Star where she will join her husband. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Alsbrook regret very much to lose them and hope they will soon return to our midst.

I desire to announce that after the expiration of my term as county attorney, I will continue in the general practice of law. Office over the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, Abilene, Texas. E. M. Overshiner.

Pigs for sale. J. S. Hutson

Mrs. Mary T. Edwards left Saturday for Crandall to visit relatives. She was accompanied by Miss Henderson her granddaughter of Crandall who has been here visiting.

Mrs. H. W. Morris who was here visiting her sister Mrs. W. V. Cranford returned to her home at Wayland Saturday of last week.

Mrs. W. J. Behrens was here Friday and Saturday from Abilene visiting Mrs. E. P. McMillen.

C. M. Robertson of Abilene was a social caller in the city Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Banie of San Marcos is here visiting her sister Mrs. C. M. Largent.

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

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OLDEST BANK IN MERKEL

C. L. McNees Jr. returned home Monday from an extended visit to different parts of the country in interest of the cotton picking brigade. Mr. McNees will remain here for the week and on next week will take charge of one of the Abilene country schools.

Pigs and Shoats for sale. See A. L. Clements, Merkel, Texas.

R. C. Anderson of Lamesa was here Saturday of last week visiting his brother S. T. Anderson of Route 1.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Riney of Abilene came in Wednesday to visit friends and relatives.

H. F. Greone returned home Wednesday from San Angelo and Ft. Stockton where he has been in the interest of his business.

Mrs. E. A. Angus of Fort Worth who has been here for several days visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus, left for her home last week.

Misses Eva Calvert and Lurline Long came in from Sweetwater Wednesday to visit Miss Calvert's mother, Mrs. J. C. Calvert.

PILES get immediate relief from Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Winnie Gibson returned to Abilene Tuesday after having spent a few days here with home folks.

Miss Mell Gibson left for Baird Tuesday to visit friends and relatives for a short time.

Lost. Hunting case watch size 16 with monogram H. L. Easterwood on inside back lid. Finder please return to Mail office and get reward.

Notice.

At the proper time, as I look at it, I expect to be an applicant for the post master's position at Merkel and would like for all who feel they can and will support me wait for my petition. There is no one who will appreciate it more than I. Respectfully,
E. M. Brown.

Special Meeting.

Merkel Camp No. 79 U. C. V. will convene in the public hall on next Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m. All members are especially requested to be present, always important business.

A. A. Baker, Com.
W. H. Hawkins, Adj.

Merkel Mail One Dollar Per Year

TO THE CHILDREN.

\$10 BIG DOLL FREE.

We are going to give away absolutely free a grand large 32 inch doll with real hair and sleeping eyes. The doll is now on display in window of our store and will remain there until Dec. 25 at 3 P. M. at which time it will be given away. Call at our store and see it. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Court of Inquiry.

I will be in Merkel, Monday, December 2nd, for the purpose of holding a Court of Inquiry before Judge N. D. Cobb. All parties having complaints to make or knowing of any violation of the Laws, are urged to be present in order that the matter may be investigated.

I expect to hold these Courts of Inquiry at the regular intervals, as far as possible, all petty misdemeanors should be disposed of in the Justice's Court. If the local officers and the public will co-operate with me in this effort, I will be able to save defendants and witnesses the time and expense of having to attend the Grand Jury and County Court.

H. Rob. Keeble,
County Attorney

CLASSIFIED ADS

HOUSE FOR RENT—With good windmill and barn. House is close in town. See Dr. J. H. Warnick.

HOUSE FOR SALE—Good new three-room house, boxed and stripped, ceiled and painted; in good condition; will sell for cost of material; located on my farm 5 miles northeast of Merkel. Jno. W. Lyles, Route 1. 2t—pd.

LOST—A pair of Gold Rimmed Spectacles together with a spring lid case. Finder will please return to S. D. Maxwell or Mail office. 1t.—pd.

FOR SALE CHEAP—The old Ynacio Hotel property north of the tabernacle. Inquire at the Merkel Lumber Co.

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We are still paying the top prices for country produce and are enlarging our capacity to handle your produce at the highest market prices. We buy

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We will always be wide-awake to your interest with cash on hand at all times to pay for what we buy. **Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.**
W. P. DUCKETT, Produce Manager.

He Had Experience.

They were not an exclusive congregation, nevertheless they showed signs of rebellion over the appointment of the new usher. "He is an excellent young man, no doubt," they said, "but he hasn't belonged to the church very long, and, besides, it doesn't seem likely that a young man who was a street car conductor until six months ago can be up on church etiquette."

But that was the very point that the trustees urged in vindication of their judgment. "We voted him in because he had been a conductor," they said. "We need a man of that kind to deal with the end-seat hog. He is a greater nuisance in the church than in the cars. Early in the service he plants himself at the aisle end of a free pew and later comers who are ushered into that pew fall all over him in taking their places. It takes a man with grit to make him move along. This former conductor has the grit and he has tact gained from experience. That is why we made him usher."

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Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending Nov. 20, 1912:

Blackshire, Mrs. Suie
Davis, Parson
Fraser, Mrs. Sammie
Benton, J. F.
Strother, Wade
Shouse, Mrs. Susie
Sandusky, E. S.
Wheeler, J. H.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Dec. 14, 1912.
H. W. Derstine, P.M.

Notice

Three good farms for rent plenty of wood and water.

1t pd. Arthur Sears.

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

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J. E. Faucett, Cashier.

TO THE MERKEL COUNTRY FARMERS

Most any bank can handle your business, when you have money to deposit, and do not need to borrow, but when times are hard and money matters tight you feel the need of a connection with a big, strong reliable bank. We want every farmer customer of this bank to feel free to call on us for money for his legitimate needs.

If you are already a customer, we want to assure you of our appreciation of your account and invite you to call on us when we can serve you.

If you are not already a customer, we invite you to open an account and establish a credit with us for your future benefit.

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for the first time many a man is surprised to find himself so much ahead. He has bought everything he really needed, yet has more money ahead than he ever had when he kept his own cash. The reason is easily explained. An account at the Commercial National Bank at Abilene, Texas, tends to stop spending that isn't necessary. A man will draw a dollar out of his pocket much more readily than he will draw a check for it. An account for you will mean less unnecessary spending.

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ABILENE, TEXAS

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The Usual Holiday
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Dec. 21, 22 and 23

Tickets will also be on sale to points in Texas and Louisiana.

See T. & P. agents for Rates and Schedules

A. D. BELL, Asst. Gen. Pas. Agt.
GEO. D. Hunter, Gen. Pass. Agt.
Dallas, Texas

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Motion Pictures at the Opera House.

Thos. Toombs Sr. was in Abilene Saturday on business.

Buy the kids some of our candies—all fresh. The Elite.

Lester Ellis was in Abilene Sunday visiting friends and relatives.

\$1.00 worth of merchandise free next Saturday at Whitley, Son & Co.

Miss Louis Schmid spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks at Abilene.

Miss Olga Darden of Abilene was here Sunday visiting Miss May White.

The ladies of the Methodist church are preparing a Christmas bazaar to begin Dec. 17th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Routh were here from Tye visiting friends and relatives.

All the corn you want at 70c per bushel. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Company.

Myrl Alsobrook returned home from Sweetwater last week where he has been for some time.

Columbia graphophones and records, together with accessories for all kinds of machines.

Mrs Leno Largent came in Thursday from McKinney where she has been visiting her uncle.

Professor Joe Gunn returned from Anson Saturday where he has been attending the Jones county teachers institution.

A good moist cigar after a good meal is very pleasant. Our cigars are always moist and fresh. The Elite.

Miss Alta Laster of Elk City, Okla. will spend the winter in Merkel with her aunt, Mrs. S. F. Annis.

We have just opened up the nicest line of cut glass ever shown in Merkel. West Texas Hardware Co.

Miss Mattie Wilson of Abilene spent from Friday until Sunday here the guest of Miss Virginia Hamblett.

Watch these columns for the list of prizes we will give away each Saturday. Whitley, Son & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Alsobrook of Sweetwater were here Sunday visiting Mr. Alsobrook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Alsobrook.

Evenings at home will be enjoyed more with some of our candies for your wife and children. The Elite.

Gin Notice.

After Nov. 23—I will gin on Saturday's only until further notice.

Bring your seed cotton any day, I will pay the highest market prices. R. E. Bowles. (2t)

Ice Books Are Redeemable.

All outstanding Ice Books issued by me will be taken up if brought to me during this month, no books will be redeemed if brought in later than Dec. 1. Be sure and return them at once.
H. M. Warren.

Farm Mortgage Loans.

Wanted: \$50,000 to \$100,000 worth of applications for loans on land in the Merkel country during the month of November and December.

I am in position to give you prompt service and just as good contracts as you can get anywhere. Interest 8 per cent and reasonable charges for commission.
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This is the Missing Link you have been looking for. What is it?

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Motion Pictures at the Opera House.

Mrs. M. B. Overstreet was in Abilene Tuesday visiting.

Vanity purses at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

W. R. Bigham was at home for a short visit during last week.

See us for your pencils and tablets. Rexall Store.

Mrs. W. F. Hamblett left for Putnam Sunday to be gone some several days.

Your chickens and Eggs bring cash at the Kent Street Grocery Company.

Judge W. T. Potter left Tuesday morning for Dallas to look after some civil matters.

P. C. Jones the barber invites your patronage.

Miss Lillian Faucett of Abilene came down Saturday and spent until Sunday morning with M. Jessie O'Briant.

You have forgotten—dies we handle will taste because they are fresh. The Elite.

Mrs. E. D. Dickens sales who has been here. Her son returned to her Tuesday morning.

Oak and mesquite wood, or split or in chunks to suit the washing. All good meat and at reasonable prices. Phone No. 4. H. M. Warren.

Mrs. M. C. Sadler of Tolber who has been here visiting her daughters Mesdames R. L. Bradshaw and M. B. Overstreet returned to her home Tuesday.

Did it ever occur to you? Your children will like some candy. We've just received a fresh ment of assortment candies in and buy the child. The Elite.

Misses Elma Alsobrook Holden who are at Christian College at spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

We now have the control of the celebrated maker flour. Phone your to us. Kent Street Grain & Cery Company.

Fred Bigham left for El Paso Saturday where he will be for some time looking after business in the border city.

After this week gin days with us will be on Saturday only until further notice is given. Brown Gin, by Fred Gular.

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BUY EARLY SAYS NEWSPAPER MEN.

From the first day of January to the last day of December of each year the newspaper man is looked upon as a walking source of information, but of all the times he is supposed to use all his influence is during the Christmas holidays when he is begging every person in the country to do their shopping early.

The idea has been talked and boosted for years by the papers of the country and yet the people see fit to wait until the last few days of the season to do all their shopping, and then if they do not what they want they lay all the blame upon the keepers of the town, when if they had looked after their shopping early they would have had what they wanted made to suit, but not so they waited until the spirit of Eve pushed them to town though been going there every day for a month. The goods and all during the time they were waiting their friends to buy early. We would like to use your own good time for this is the country and if you do not get what you want there is no one to blame but yourself.

RESPONSIBILITY CRIME.

Crime runs riot in any city, whether it is New York or Memphis, in any village, whether it be in New York or Tennessee, just to the extent that the people of the city or village permit it. And blame not the law-enforcing officers alone for the existence of crime. Officers of the law are like everybody else in a community; they reflect in their acts the state of the public mind. If a law-demanding public opinion is not behind the forces of the law, these forces will fail.

Human society will be cursed with crime as long as it affords the soil upon which the sin can be sown and harvested. We have law and order when every man realizes that he is an active factor for good in the world which makes the state.

A community can not entirely clear its skirts of a criminal whom it has reared. A community can only be conscience-free when it sets itself that it abolishes occasion for crime by going away with the temptation to commit crime and affords to every man and woman in it the opportunity to earn a living in a manner that is honorable.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

AMPLE REWARD FOR YOUR WORK AND GOOD HEALTH.

There is no country offering better opportunities nor paying larger rewards for your labor and investment, farming or stock raising, than the Merkel country. That is the business consideration, then we remind you that we have the healthiest country and climate on the map. You can do better and you will feel better and you will get fatter because you will eat more. Come to Merkel.

THE BEGINNING FORECASTS THE HARVEST.

The first and most important step in farming, like most other avocations in life, is the beginning—the preparation of your land. The experience of our most progressive farmers as well as that of the government and experts is that our land should be broke early and deep—the earlier and deeper the better. Thus you get the benefit of the winter rains and store the moisture in your prepared ground for the benefit of your growing crops next spring and summer when they will need it. Encourage early and deep breaking and then set the example for your community. Gid dap.

The Marshall Messenger has got it now. After copying one of the lists of qualifications of ye newspaper editor which we recently inserted in this column, the Messenger adds: "The list is too short. A newspaper man should be expected to run \$10 worth of free advertising for a two-bit dinner, even if he starve for a week afterward. He ought to wear tailor made clothes when no tailor would credit him. He ought to be able to shoot straight and often, vote at every election, sit on the bench or hold an inquest, run the post office, be an expert on paving and sewerage systems, know where the holes in the sidewalks are located, and keep dark the great stunts to be pulled off in the year 2000 by the local promoters. He ought to boost every game along, raise the price of real estate and never be permitted on the inside except at the potter's field. He ought to be smart enough to make a good living without the assistance of his friends, but he isn't usually."—Exchange.

There is a deficiency of just two ingredients in the progressive mixture of this town and country—a lack of confidence and cooperation. The country is all right and we are glad to note an improvement in symptoms of the above diagnosed case. The doctor of time says we are convalescent and will completely recover in one more year.

It is impossible to run a bank, store or farm during 1913 according to the antiquated method of 1912. Then we suggest that you read, study and think about your business. The other fellow is not worrying about you. Improve methods will help you, viz: advertise and plow early and deep, then regularly. It is the system that wins in any line from common farming to frenzied finance.

It is the season of the year when your shade trees and shrubbery are most like to be neglected and when they can less afford it. Give them attention now and they will reward you in the spring and summer.

There is an opportunity for everyone in our town and country except the man who will not work. Sorry, but these places are all filled and no prospect of any vacancies soon.

One dollar about pays for the paper and postage one year, 51 issues, but we buy ink on a credit. Subscribe now.

The value of the Merkel country crops this year was only about \$1,000,000—the value of our cotton crop alone in 1906, but this will run us until 1913, thank you.

We had rather be living in this country and editor of this paper than even Sultan of Turkey. You bet.

One of the first things we desire to ask of Old Santa Claus this season is a few more modern awnings—just so our town will look modern.

Couldn't Walk!

"I used to be troubled with a weakness peculiar to women," writes Mrs. Anna Jones, of Kenny, Ill. "For nearly a year, I could not walk, without holding my sides. I tried several different doctors, but I grew worse. Finally, our druggist advised Cardui for my complaint. I was so thin, my weight was 115. Now, I weigh 163, and I am never sick. I ride horseback as good as ever. I am in fine health at 52 years."

TAKE The CARDUI Woman's Tonic

We have thousands of such letters, and more are arriving daily. Such earnest testimony from those who have tried it, surely proves the great value of this vegetable, tonic medicine, for women.

Cardui relieves women's sufferings, and builds weak women up to health and strength. If you are a woman, give it a trial. It should help you, for it has helped a million others. It is made from pure, harmless, herb ingredients, which act promptly and surely on the womanly organs. It is a good tonic. Try it! Your druggist sells it.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. J 58

Gin Days!

After this week our gin will run only on following days of week until further notice

Saturday

Our friends and patrons will please take notice and remember we appreciate your patronage and give you the best service and turn-out.

M'DONALD & DUNAGIN

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THE VALUE OF RADIUM

Radium, a word applied to the highest grade of flour made, is none too good for it. The flour is as good as its name. Try a sack, you'll continue to use it.

R. L. BRADSHAW THE GROCER

PHONE NO. 214

Advanced.
 Mrs. Willis—Is she advanced?
 Mrs. Gillis—Frightfully so. She is the suffragette leader of a new religious sect in a Socialistic community, where they talk nothing but universal language.

Calomel is Bad.
 But Simmon's Liver Purifier is delightfully pleasant and its action is thorough. Constipation yields, biliousness goes. A trial convinces. [In Yellow Tin Boxes Only.] Tried once used always.
 Adv.

Thanksgiving Has Come AND YULE-TIDE IS DRAWING NEAR

Often your wants for Xmas presents comprise many articles now carried by us in an immense stock of new seasonable Christmas goods to be had at remarkable low prices.

STAPLE GOODS

Best grade Calico, this sale . . .	4½c
6¼c Suiting, this sale . . .	4½c
12¼c and 15c Gingham, this sale . . .	10c
10c and 12¼c Outing, this sale . . .	9c
12¼c Cotton Flannel, this sale . . .	10c
10c Cotton Flannel, this sale . . .	9c
5 packages Hair Pins, this sale . . .	5c
6c Cotton Checks, this sale . . .	5c
8¼c Cotton Checks, this sale . . .	7½c

COTTON BLANKETS

\$2.50 Cotton Blankets, this sale . . .	\$1.95
2.00 Cotton Blankets, this sale . . .	1.69
1.75 Cotton Blankets, this sale . . .	1.49
1.50 Cotton Blankets, this sale . . .	1.30

LADIES' READY-to-WEAR

\$25.00 Ladies Red Fern Suits . . .	\$19.25
20.00 Ladies Red Fern Suits . . .	16.25
18.50 Ladies Red Fern Suits . . .	15.00
15.00 Ladies Red Fern Suits . . .	13.25
12.50 Ladies Red Fern Suits . . .	10.95

Ladies' Coats at Greatly Reduced Prices

MEN'S CLOTHING

\$25.00 Hart, Schaffner & Marx . . .	\$17.95
22.50 Hart, Schaffner & Marx . . .	16.95
20.00 Hart, Schaffner & Marx . . .	15.00
18.50 Hart, Schaffner & Marx . . .	14.45
15.00 Hart, Schaffner & Marx . . .	11.95
12.50 Hart, Schaffner & Marx . . .	9.95

BOYS' CLOTHING

\$10. Boys Knee Suits, this sale . . .	\$6.75
8.50 Boys Knee Suits, this sale . . .	6.25
7.50 Boys Knee Suits, this sale . . .	5.95
6.00 Boys Knee Suits, this sale . . .	5.25
5.00 Boys Knee Suits, this sale . . .	4.25
4.00 Boys Knee Suits, this sale . . .	3.45
3.50 Boys Knee Suits, this sale . . .	3.15
3.00 Boys Knee Suits, this sale . . .	2.65
2.50 Boys Knee Suits, this sale . . .	2.15

Men's 10c Hose, this sale . . .	6½c
Men's 15c Hose, this sale . . .	10c

Special Reductions on Men's Odd Pants

Prices on Men's and Boys' Hats are Reduced

Christmas presents that are serviceable are more cherished by giver and receiver than all the unuseful things that can be had. Come to our store for your Christmas shopping and get the benefit of our late visit to the Eastern markets. See what we have for you.

W. D. Woodroof & Co.

THEIR WEAPON OF DEFENSE

Mysterious Provision of Nature in the Case of Grasshoppers and Other Small Insects.

Everyone has been startled, or seized a grasshopper, by having the animal throw off a quantity of "tobacco-juice" from his mouth. Many insects throw off quantities of juice in this manner when they are attacked some from the mouth, some from the "joints" on the abdomen, some from special points on the head, or other parts of the body. The juice thus ejected is generally some of the insect's blood, and its sudden discharge no doubt frequently causes the captor to loosen his hold, or to drop the prey altogether. Especially is this likely in the case of those insects that emit an acrid or a poisonous liquid, as for example the "Spanish fly" or cantharides beetle. It is not to be supposed that this discharge is in any sense a voluntary act on the part of the insect; it is a direct response to certain kinds of disturbance. In this respect the action may be compared to "death-feigning" in insects and in other animals. In some insects, in which the juice is discharged from the soft parts of the abdominal segments, the juice is thrown off upon suitable stimulation even after the animal's head has been removed. This curious behavior is not confined to any one family of insects, but has been observed among several species of the grasshopper family, among ants, wasps and hornets, in members of the moth and butterfly family, in beetles, in true bugs and even among certain flies. The blood does not come to the surface through wounds caused by the disturbance; the opening is produced by a sudden increase in blood pressure, at points that are especially thin and yielding. The first effect of the disturbance is to cause certain muscles to contract, thus increasing the pressure in the blood, leading to the bursting of the special ejection spots.

Eyes Sunken With Pain.

Three years ago I had a very bad spell of neuralgia which caused my eyes to become sunken and bloodshot with pain. Hunt's Lightning Oil was recommended and after using, the pain left and has not returned. Says A. M. Coffey, 316 Van Buren Street, Letchfield, Ill. This wonderful medicine is sold by all druggists everywhere. Adv.

HAD LAID AWAY THE BANJO

Old Ducky Found His Talents Brought Him Into Grave Danger, and He Fled.

Senator John Sharp Williams tells of a "character" in a southern state known as "the best banjo player anywhere." It followed, therefore, that when a lady in the town whereof this instrumentalist is a resident wished to show some northern visitors just what a genuine old ducky could do with a banjo she called at Uncle Henry's little cabin and stated her wishes to his wife.

"I is very sorry, missy," said the wife, "but Henry he ain't playin' de banjo any mo'." She then indicated the spot where the instrument lay, covered with dust. "He jes' puts in all his time fishin' now."

"What led him to give up his playin'?" asked the visitor. "Has he got religion?"

"No, missy, dat wuthless nigger ain't got no religion. No, missy; he's done got skeered."

"Scared? Of what?"

"By dat minstrel show, honey. De boss of dat show he hearn de ole man playin', an' he offers him a stiddy job doin' it. Yassum, an' it skeered Henry so bad dat he quit banjo playin' right away."

Sick Headache.

This distressing disease results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Get a free sample and try it. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Wily Will.

"Didn't you think that was a beautiful girl with me today, Will?"

"What girl, my dearest?"

"Why she was with me when you met us outside the church."

"Was there a girl there, dear? I didn't notice. I was looking at you."

And then she loved him all the more.

Don't waste your money buying strengthening plasters. Chamberlain's Liniment is cheaper and better. Dampen a piece of flannel with it and bind it over the affected parts and it will relieve the pain and soreness. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Suit TO ORDER

\$15
UNION MADE

Fall Line

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THE STAR STORE

He'd Have to Pay.

A story was told the other day in Washington, apropos of a very artificial and self-conducted boom:

"Blank, you know, was to visit his state last week. Well, a friend said to him, just before he set off:

"I suppose they will give you a magnificent ovation, Mr. Blank?"

"Blank frowned, twisted his mustache, and answered in a nervous absent-minded way:

"Well, I don't know. My bank account has sunk terribly low of late."

CALLS NEW YORK SAD CITY

London Writer Compares American Metropolis to Paris, to Disadvantage of the Former.

I did not think there are anywhere gayer people than the Americans. Why, then, is New York so oppressively sad? Because nothing in it means happy-laziness or invites it. Perhaps if there were seats in the avenues and the minor parks were not so like flower pots, and there were a few cafe terraces in Fifth avenue, with people drinking there—without being always at the moment of saying the life-poisoning phrase "downtown"—New York would look as cheerful as its inhabitants are bright.

Now, it is a fact that Paris has a happy appearance of its own, which it owes to its situation as much as to the work of ages, and would remain as inviting if all the Parisians were suddenly replaced by as many Chinamen. The river—the dear old familiar serviceable and yet elegant Seine, with its quays, bridges and trees—the skies you see over the Tuilleries and never seem to see anywhere else; the houses on the quays, with the Pont-Neuf and Notre Dame in the background, which Turner painted in full consciousness of the joy emanating from them; the numberless vistas which show you such objects as the Louvre, Notre Dame, the Pantheon or at present the Sacre Coeur on the Montmartre hill, all these things have the balance and detained beauty which slacken the pace of life and tend at once to make it worth living.

What else do you ask of a town? Never expect the stones to laugh.—London Saturday Review.

The Demons of the Swamp

are mosquitos. As they sting they put deadly malaria germs in the blood. Then follow the icy chills and the fires of fever. The appetite flies and the strength fails; also malaria often paves the way for deadly typhoid. But Electric Bitters kill and cast out the malaria germs from the blood; gives you a fine appetite and renews your strength. "After long suffering," wrote Wm. Fretwell, of Lucama, N. C., "three bottles drove all the malaria from my system, and I've had good health ever since." Best for all stomach, liver and kidney ills. 50 cents at H. C. Burroughs. Adv.

SCRAWL NO ONE COULD READ

Valuable Manuscript Left by Colonel Burnaby Dredged the Efforts of Poets.

It was stated at the time of Burnaby's death that he had left behind him the manuscript of a poem for which there was considerable petition among the publishers.

This is quite true. The manuscript a bulky parcel, was handed to me with discretionary power either to publish it myself or to use it in connection with the proposed biography. Here a singular and, as it finally proved, a fatal obstacle presented itself. Familiar for many years with Burnaby's handwriting, I could not after diligent endeavor make out more than a sentence here and there on the crowded page of manuscript.

Burnaby's writing was, possibly with the exception of Dean Stanley's the worst I ever saw. It looked as if before sitting down to write a letter he had pulled a twig out of the hedge, mixed a little blacking and then gone ahead.

He wrote the whole of his "Ride to Khiva" and his "Ride on Horseback Through Asia Minor" with his own hand. But before they reached the printer they were fairly written out by a copyist.

The hapless man used to make out as much as he could, then leave blanks, for filling up which he had to seek the assistance of the author. Sometimes there were more blanks in a page than words.

Despairing of making anything of the manuscript of the novel, it was submitted to a publisher, who turned upon it his most skillful decipherist. Neither head nor tail could be made of the manuscript and the intention of publishing the novel was consequently abandoned.—Sir H. W. Lucey, in Cornhill Magazine.

"There could be no better medicine than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. My children were all sick with whooping cough. One of them was in bed, had a high fever and was coughing up blood. Our doctor gave them Chamberlain Cough remedy and the first dose eased them, and three bottles cured them," says Mrs. R. A. Donaldson of Lexington, Miss. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff honored their daughter Miss Ova, Sunday, the occasion being the celebration of her birthday. A well appointed noon day dinner was served. Covers were laid for Misses Fannie Swann, May Lassiter, Susie Penn, Margie Saffle, Cleo Bowler, Dollie and Ova Teaff, Messrs Ottis Barnett, Homer Jobe, Earl Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scott and children and the members of the family.

After dinner musical selections were given by Misses Swann and Bowler, then the birthday cake featured in the pleasure of the young people, first in the candle blowing contest, in which Miss Ova succeeded in blowing out all the candles, while Homer Jobe came one short of the required number, afterwards the cake was cut Miss Ova received the thimble, Earl Lassiter the ring, Homer Jobe the dime.

With the coming of twilight the guests reluctantly bade their host and hostess good bye after wishes a world of happiness to the honoree.

Questions for the Twentieth Century Club.

King John. Act III. Scenes II, III and IV. What is effected by Scene II? What is foreshadowed by line 5 in Scene III? On what mission is the Bastard sent to England in advance of the King? How does John convey his wishes to Hubert concerning Arthur? What point in the drama does Scene III mark? How does Scene IV exhibit Constance? Does this lament of Constance reveal any hint of disappointed ambition? How is the enveloping atmosphere of the play shown in the effect of events of the times upon Lewis? What type of character is shown in Pandolph? Is political shrewdness shown in his forecasting the events of the future. Mrs. M. D. Angus, leader.

Several social hours were pleasantly spent in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bigham on Locust st., Wednesday afternoon of last week—when their daughter Miss Willie was hostess to the Wedelve Circle and a few near neighbors. The reception rooms were decorated with large vases and jardiniere of chrysanthemums and ferns. The nearness of Christmas was inspiration for both conversation and fainty hand work. The hostess was assisted by Misses May Allyn, Elma and Mrs. Fred Bigham in dainty and tempting sandwiches coffee to Misses Cleo Wilson, Louise Schmid, Olga Sheppard, Ora Coggin, Fort Smith, Maude Martin, Mesdames G. H. Adams, J. B. Boden, R. O. Martin, R. A. McClain, W. L. Harkrider, Geo. L. Hamilton, O. W. Williams, T. J. Coggin, W. H. Dickson, H. C. West, W. R. Bigham, W. R. Walker, Wesley Edwards and A. C. Rose. Mrs. George L. Miller will be the next hostess.

Among the social events of last week was the dance Friday evening at the Thornton Hall. A number of out-of-town guests were present. Excellent and enjoyable music was furnished by the Merkel string orchestra. The chaperones and dancers were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bigham, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mesdames Lanier Brown and Deavenport Gaither, Misses Jessie O'Brian, Zora Coggin, Olga and Elma Sheppard, Bess McMurray of Colorado City, May Allyn of Eskota, Lulu Thornton and Lillian Hightower of Sweetwater, Tommie Louise and Gladys Coggin, Messrs Homer L. Easterwood, J. E. Faucett, Minor Goode, Dem Rust, T. B. Lucas, W. H. Kendricks, Oscar Pate, Ben F. Ainsworth, Frank Ferrier and J. D. Gaither.

Saturday afternoon Mrs. S. S. Scheidler entertained in honor of her little sons Mitheah and Sammie's birthday. The children enjoyed a number of games before being invited into the dining room, the birthday cake was beautifully decorated and was lighted with eight candles, these candles gave out the light by which the refreshments were enjoyed. Those present were Master Hollis and Buster Haynes, Carlton Dennis, Wilber Douglas, Ray Adkisson, Quay Hamblett, Wiman and Cleburne Rose.

Don't forget the Library dinner Saturday.

A net society was organized Friday evening in a popular home on Oak street. The name, object and membership is to remain a secret for the present. We are told that the club meets each Friday evening, the initials H. T. G. would suggest a number of things. Last Friday evening the charter members were initiated, officers elected and committees appointed. They made candy before adjournment.

Mrs. J. W. Jennings and daughters, Misses Jackie and Mary, respectively wish to thank Mrs. E. M. Rust for the \$2.50 in merchandise, The Merkel Mail for \$2.50 cash, Behrens-McMillen for \$4.00 in merchandise, and the Bradshaw Grocery Co. for \$1.00 cash. The above being prizes won in the Civic Improvement League, under the auspices of the Twentieth Century Club.

The Merkel Art Class will give an exhibition of their work Saturday, Nov. 30th, from 2 to 5:30 p. m., at the Farmers State Bank. The class has only been organized a few weeks but have done some splendid work under Miss Elia Hobbs of Simmons College as teacher. Everybody is invited to come and inspect their work especially lovers of art.

The Philathea class of the Baptist church held a call meeting at the home of Mrs. W. A. Scott's Tuesday afternoon to arrange for a reception to be given to their parents and a few friends on Thanksgiving day.

Lots of dinner for everyone Saturday. Besure and eat with the Library ladies, one door east of the West Texas Hardware.

The boy's appetite is often the source of amazement. If you would have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only create a healthy appetite but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers. Adv

Isom-Haynes.

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock Mr. Roy Isom of Abilene, and Miss Beulah Haynes of this city were married at the home of the brides parents, Rev. G. L. Hamilton reading the beautiful and sacred marriage ceremony. After the marriage, infare was given at the home to a few close friends and relatives, the supper marking the ending of a quite, beautiful home wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Isom left here Tuesday for Abilene where they will make their home in the future.

The bride is a beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes of south Merkel and has a host of friends and acquaintances who join hands in complimenting Mr. Isom on the prize he has won. Mr. Isom is a former Merkel citizen and a successful farmer, lately moving his residence to Abilene. The Mail joins their many friends in wishing the contracting parties a very happy married life.

What a Baptist Preacher Did.

This is to certify that I have used one box of Hunt's Cure for Skin trouble, and same cured me after using about \$8.00 worth of other ointments and salves. Nothing like Hunt's Cure for Skin troubles. Rev. H. T. Sizemore, Hemphill, Texas. Adv.

League Program.

- Subject, Sacrifice.
Leader—Miss Pauline Johnson.
Doxology.
Prayer.
Song.
Scripture lesson, John 15, 1-8, Sam., 20, 1-16.
Prayer.
Paper—Leader.
Influence—Mrs. Victor Harris.
The secret of sacrifice.
Stevenson—Ollie Shaffer.
Rabbi Duncan—Almeda Harris.
Kingsley—Jackie Jennings.
Lord Shaftesburg's motto—Jim Lawless.
Examples, Stories.
Martyr and Miser—Willie Coats.
Martyr to Science—Jack Provine.
What is a Martyr—Miss Maud Jinkins.
Special music.
Instrumental Duo.
Miscellaneous.
Benediction.

"It is a pleasure to tell you that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best cough medicine I have ever used," writes Mrs. Hugh Campbell, of Lavonia, Ga. "I have used it with all my children, and the results have been highly satisfactory." For sale by all dealers. Adv



The Baking Question Solved

solved once for all by Calumet. For daily use in millions of kitchens has proved that Calumet is highest not only in quality but in leavening power as well—unfailing in results—pure to the extreme—and wonderfully economical in use. Ask your grocer. And try Calumet next bake day.

RECEIVED HIGHEST AWARDS

World's Pure Food Exposition, Chicago, Ill. Paris Exposition, France, March, 1912.



You don't save money when you buy cheap or big-can baking powder. Don't be misled. Buy Calumet. It's more economical—more wholesome—gives best results. Calumet is far superior to sour milk and soda.

OLD MAGAZINE COMES BACK

Revival in Paris of Fashion Journal That Once Exerted a Remarkable Influence.

After being dead for 73 years, a paper which exercised extraordinary influence in the Paris of the past has come to life again. It is called Le Journal des Dames et des Modes and, after its long sleep, appears once more in the same form, the same type and on the same paper as in the fifth year of the republic.

The paper was founded by a certain Pierre de la Mesangere, who had been destined for the priesthood, but was turned out of the seminary, where he taught dogma, at the revolution. He came to Paris to try to earn his living, and abandoned theology to rule the mode by prescribing the cut of men's coats and the trimmings of women's hats.

The Journal des Dames continued to appear until 1835, and it calmly pursued its mission, regardless of political confusion and social upheaval. The empire is in ruins, the old monarchy takes its place, disappears, and is restored; Charles X. is dethroned and Louis Philippe takes the vacant throne. None of these bagatelles troubled the Journal des Dames. It had more serious affairs to deal with.

Motion Pictures at the Opera House.

AT BIRTHPLACE OF DICKEN

Almost a Shrine, Where Many of the Hurrying Crowds Pause to Do Reverence.

A great signboard partly covers the little house where Charles Dickens was born. "Charles Dickens' Birth place," it says, and all the hurrying world entering old Portsmouth pauses to look at it. The street, Commercial road, might be a street in any large city, and the house is no alien edifice in the vista of ugliness. A hundred years ago the traffic may have been quieter and the flowers in the front gardens not quite so dusty—a century leads us back such a very long road. In the spring of 1812 we picture Mrs John Dickens, wife of the humble clerk in the navy pay office, bringing her baby boy—her first son—to the small windows for a glimpse of the London stage coach bound for the Portsmouth dockyard. Little did the tired mother think as she held him there that his life would one day affect some of the passengers on the coach, the people who walked or rode in the street, the thousands going about their business in Portsmouth and the tens of thousands upon thousands all over the country. Whoever made so many men laugh and weep as Dickens? What pen has opened the doors into as many lives? No heart has every been closer to the facts of human life than that of the beardless boy who shyly winked at his Sam Weller and sent him forth with laughter that was to blow into a gale. On Weller's footsteps they come, those common and yet uncommon types he drew forth from the bone and sinew of Great Britain. The boy born in Commercial road was to be the apostle of everyday people, and the multitude of tradesmen he wrote of would make a trades' directory.—The Ladies' World.

Helps A Judge in Bad Fix.

Justice Eli Cherry, of Gillis Mills, Tenn., was plainly worried. A bad sore on his leg had baffled several doctors and long resisted all remedies. "I thought it was a cancer," he wrote. "At last I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was completely cured." Cures burns, boils, ulcers, cuts, bruises and piles. 25 cents at H. C. Burroughs. Ad.

Prince of the Poets.

The French poet, Leon Dierx, was found lying dead upon his bed by his landlady. The day before he accompanied Messrs. Henri de Regnier, Victor Marguerite, and other men of letters to the house where the poet Stephane Mallarme used to live, and read a poem which he had written in honor of the anniversary. He left the cafe at 11, and as he passed the concierge said: "Ah, well! I would be going to rest—if only I need not wake again!" The good woman scolded him for saying such things, and soon after his brother called and stayed with him till two in the morning. Next day he was discovered lifeless in his room, his last wish being thus fulfilled. Leon Dierx was 74 years old. In 1901, after the death of Mallarme, the young poets elected him their "Prince," though he was not a candidate for that honor.—London Evening Standard.



IF YOU HAVE A SURPLUS OF HAPPINESS

During the holiday season why not telephone a part of it to some one who has less?

The Telephone is the great limitless pathway over which the CHRISTMAS SPIRIT can travel and cheer the hearts of loved ones from whom you are widely separated.

The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company



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You Will Make No Mistake if You Follow This Merkel Citizen's Advice.

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Being a large man—bodily, that is—Singleton generally gives us the pig. He has a nasty habit of inflating his two-yard chest and glaring pityingly on us, the smaller fry. The staff held a whist drive last week, and there was hardly anything else in it but Singleton for quite a while.

Then Mydleton came in. Mydleton's our quiet man; little chap; generally comes in late everywhere, but comes in just the same. The conversation got to brawn and muscle. It generally does where Singleton is. At last Mydleton chipped in.

"Look here, Singleton, I'll wager you an even half-quid I measure more round the waist than you do."

We all stared, and Singleton nearly choked.

"I'll take you," he grinned, "and give you five to one, if you like."

"Done!" said Mydleton.

Then, in the dressing-room Singleton ran the tape round Mydleton, and cried contemptuously:

"Thirty-four inches! As broad across the shoulders as a herring across the forehead."

Mydleton's face fell, but he picked it up again, and, placing the tape round Singleton he called loudly:

"Fifty-nine inches!" Then, to the stakeholder, "I'll take that three pounds, please."

"But how?" Singleton said.

"Well," said Mydleton, "the big chest was yours, but I measured round it!"

There's been an awful shrinkage in Singleton.—London Tit-Bits.

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She Hadn't Taught as Long as That.

A primary teacher, whose efficiency had extended her term of service in one school so long that she was teaching the second generation, frequently spoke to her pupils of the time when their parents had been in her room and often mentioned persons about town who had gone to school to her.

Just before the winter holidays she took occasion to speak of the significance at Christmas, explaining that it was the anniversary of the birth of Jesus. The story was familiar to most of the children, but one little fellow, whose religious education was not as extensive as that of the others, spoiled the effect by innocently piping up: "Did he ever go to school to you?"



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Annapolis Not a Naval Officer Decides is Wrong.

Let us for a moment turn the turmoil of politics and contemplate the classic precincts of Annapolis. In that old town, famous for its state-house and its crabs, is situated the institution which supplies us with our gold braided officers of the navy. At Annapolis, however, they are mere lads, not altogether in love with their studies, but fondly, fondly loving all the girls.

And yet, here comes an old curmudgeon who says that spooning at Annapolis is not what it used to be. He grimly asserts that the new and imposing granite buildings have taken the romance out of the place and that flirting is not the sweet and tender thing of long ago. Wherefore, he utters loud lamentations and sighs for the days of old.

Time has wrought changes, sure enough, but it is in the old naval officer and not in the romantic corners of the Naval academy. These still afford delicious places in which to spoon, and the activities of our future admirals bear witness to the fact.

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WHERE THE CHILDREN OBEY

Courtesy to the Elders Universal in That Country, Makes the German Home Ideal.

As a rule German children of all classes are treated as children and taught the elementary virtue of obedience. Das Recht des Kindes is a new cry with some of the people, but nevertheless Germany is one of the few remaining civilized countries where the elders still have rights and privileges. I heard of an English woman the other day who said that she had never eaten the wing of a chicken because when she was young it was always given to the older people, and now that she was old it was saved for the children. If she lived in Germany she would still have a chance, provided she kept away from a small loud set, who in all matters of education and morality would like to turn the world upside down.

In most German homes the noisy spoiled American child would not be endured for a moment, and the little tyrant of a French family would be taught its place to the comfort and advantage of all concerned. I have dined with a large family where eight young ones of various ages sat at an overflow table and did not disturb their elders by a sound. It was not because the elders were harsh or the young folks repressed, but because Germany teaches its youth to behave.

The little girls still drop you a pretty old-fashioned courtesy when they greet you. The little boys, if you are staying in the house with them, come and shake hands at unexpected times—when they arrive from school, for instance, and before they go out for a walk. They play the same games as English children and I need hardly say that they are brought up on the same fairy stories, because many of our favorites come from Germany.—From "Home Life in Germany," by Mrs. Alfred Sidgwick.

NEW MAP OF THE WORLD

By the Use of Simple Uniform System It is Intelligible to All the Nations.

Publication of the first sheets of the international map of the world, on the scale of one in a million, marks the beginning of a new epoch in cartography.

For the first time we are to have a map of the world on a uniform system, in which all the sheets are arranged to fit together along the margins—uniform in their manner of reckoning longitudes from the meridian of Greenwich; uniform in their manner of reckoning heights in meters above the mean level of the sea. They will have the same method of indicating the relief of the land, the same conventional signs for towns and roads, the same styles of lettering to distinguish between physical and political features. In a word, the whole map will be written in the same language, without difference even of idiom, and he who learns to read one sheet may read them all.

Few realize the fresh importance acquired by the art of map-making within the last ten years. The beneficiaries on a large scale are the owners and users of motor cars. Only second to them as users of the products of cartographical science are the aviators. The flying-machine is curiously dependent upon the map. An aviator must learn to read maps as he must learn to humor a petroleum motor or gasoline engine.—Current Literature.

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ALONG THE INDIAN FRONTIER

Kachins Are a Wild and Warlike People, but Are Most Hospitable to Travelers.

"Hidden in the mountains on both side of the frontier road are villages of Kachins, a wild and warlike race which causes much anxiety to the Chinese and to the peaceful Shans inhabiting the neighboring valleys," writes Archibald Rose, British consul at Yunnan, China, in an article describing the "Chinese Frontier of India." "The men are keen looking fellows, who spend their days in sharpening their dhas, or long two handed swords, their nights in drinking and in harrying the marches. The burdens of life are literally borne by their women folk, long trains of whom are met along the roads, carrying on their backs great baskets of grain depending from a strap across their foreheads, while their hands are busy spinning strands of cotton yarn, or weaving a straw bracelet for their sweethearts, as they toll up the mountain slopes. They wear a short kilt, supported by numbers of loose rattan girdles, the lobes of their ears are pierced and distended to carry long tubes of silver or rolls of red cloth, and their faces are coarsened by hard times.

"They are hospitable to people, these Kachins, offering a welcome to any passing traveler without question or hope of reward. This spirit of hospitality, indeed, is carried to a point which might almost be considered extravagance. I remember a case at a recent frontier meeting in which a transfrontier Kachin appeared as the complainant. He had accepted an invitation to dinner, dined not wisely, but too well, and fallen down a precipice on his way home.

"The result was a broken leg, and, in consequence, he now appeared in court to sue his host for damages. The erring host paid up quite cheerfully, and the international incident was thus amicably settled over the body of a sacrificial pig."

ORIGIN OF A POPULAR DOG

Ancestors of the Scottish Terrier Were Used by the "Todhunters" of the Highlands.

In ancient times each district in the Highlands had its "todhunter," whose duty it was to see carefully that the then flourishing firm of fox, otter and company did not do a too flourishing business in lamb or poultry. Sometimes these todhunters were of "the kaird's men," sometimes they were farmers and graziers; but always were local dignitaries. There was or and considerable profit in the office, and in time it came to be less hereditary. Their duty was simple. They waged a war of extermination against the vermin, however, was a very different matter from the good old English sport fox hunting.

In the rough country horse a hound would have been worse than useless, and reynard made his den in such rocky ground that he could not be dug out. The sole solution was a dog small enough to follow the fox, or otter, or badger, or wildcat into his lair; strong enough to bring him out dead or alive; and game enough to do both. A dog developed from this necessity, and that dog was the ancestor of the present-day Scottish terrier.—Outing.

NEVER LACKED FOR SOLDIERS

How Japanese Forethought Supplemented Military Skill in the Great Struggle With Russia.

Brig. Gen. Robert K. Evans, says the Army and Navy Journal, told of meeting, just after the Russo-Japanese war, a friend who had been a military attaché with Oyama's army in the Manchurian campaign, and asked him what had been the most striking and noteworthy incident that came to his notice during the war. His reply was: "Without doubt it was this: In the battle of Mukden I noticed a large body of troops on the field whose presence I could not account for from any information in my possession. I rode over and inquired who they were. I was told, 'These are the reserves sent from Japan to take the places of the men who will be killed and wounded in the next great battle.' And there they were on the field while the battle was going on." "This is a most instructive incident, thought General Evans. Here Oyama lost in a great battle a certain number of thousands of men. The next day they were all replaced by an equal number of trained, instructed and disciplined men. The army was as strong numerically as before the fight. It had probably gained in efficiency by the practical experience of the officers and men who had been under fire and still remained in ranks.

CLOSING OF OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT

DECEMBER 1ST, WE WILL DISCONTINUE OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT

And use the entire house for Dry Goods and from now until December 1st, we offer our entire stock of GROCERIES at COST and BELOW COST. These goods must be sold by that time. Below we quote a few of our many special prices. Remember everything in the Grocery line must be sold.

25 pounds Salt, closing out sale.....	20c	Regular 8 1-3c Corn, closing out sale.....	7 1-2c	Gulf Beans and Peas, closing out sale.....	8 1-3c
25c Baking Powder, closing out sale.....	20c	3 pounds Pie Peaches, 3 cans.....	25c	Cooks Pride Soda, 6 pounds for.....	25c
35c Coffee, closing out sale.....	28c	1 pound can Pork and Beans, per dozen.....	85c	50c Maple Syrup, closing out sale.....	35c
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Kelloggs Corn Flakes, 4 pkgs. closing out sale.....	25c	10c Toilet Soap, closing out sale, each.....	6 3/4c	2 pound can Beets, closing out sale.....	7 1/2c
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35c Brooms, closing out sale.....	20c	Dried Peaches, closing out sale, per pound.....	8 1/2c	25c Catsup, closing out sale, 2 for.....	35c
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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Inkum News.

Mrs. and Mrs. Eli Pruitt are relatives and friends at Moro. Farver and family who have been living in our community for several months left Tuesday for Black-land. Lem Dudley made a trip to Merkel Monday. Oliver Wilson and John Collins made a business trip to Merkel Tuesday. Messrs Petree of Abilene and Mobley of Caps, with other hunters were in our section Wednesday. J. M. Smallwood of Guion has brought 1600 goats to his ranch here. Gus Randolph of McCauley was visiting friends here last week. Messrs Blank and Keith of Caps were transacting business here Saturday. Mrs. Puckett of Caps is here visiting her daughter Mrs. Wills. John and Madison Denton with their families have moved to the Nubia country. J. E. Hallmark and family visited relatives near Shep last week. A. T. Williams and family who have been in north Texas for several weeks returned home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Tubb spent last week in Abilene with old friends.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's family pills for constipation. Ad.

Comper Items.

Nov. 25.—Mrs. Ed. Foster is very low at this writing. Rev. Tucker preached for the Presbyterians Sunday at eleven o'clock. Rev. Saffle preached his farewell sermon Sunday, we are very sorry to lose Brother Saffle for he is an able preacher and his absence will be regretted. The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Spurgin last week and left a fine son, the mother and child are reported to be doing fine. School opened here with a very small attendance. The farmers in general are beginning their fall plowing, having gathered all the cotton in this section. Ben Adkins has returned to this part of the country. Mr. Kelso is another Comper citizen who has returned to our midst. Miss Ethel Ashby returned to Comper to enter school for the term.

What Would You Do?

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

Motor Tricycle.

The most recent novelty in London is the automobile tricycle, invented for shopping purposes. It is operated standing and takes up scarcely more room than the driver, so that it can be propelled into a shop and wheeled about as desired. It has a speed ranging to as much as sixteen kilometers per hour. A receptacle for parcels is placed on the under side.—Harper's Weekly.

What Texans! Admire

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Strange Things in the Wash.

The women are in such a hurry these days to get to their clubs that they are rather careless in wrapping up their family washing which goes to the laundry. Such articles as combs, brushes, shoe-buttners, pocket knives, dishes and many other articles are quite ordinary finds in family washings. Recently an Erie laundryman rolled a poodle dog out of a family washing. Last week he found an alarm clock.—Kansas City Journal.

So They All Ate Onions.

Sallie Fisher, the musical comedy star, who sang herself into the upper register of popular favor with that "Dearie" song, has a mother who occasionally gets Sallie into trouble. It was at a little dinner party in New York last season and there were four at the table, Sallie, her mother and two friends. Mrs. Fisher carefully scanned the menu card and then stated, with particular emphasis, that she wanted an order of Spanish onions, sliced and raw, and didn't care what else was ordered. "Mother!" ejaculated Sallie. "Onions? And before the performance?" "Onions and before the performance," insisted Mrs. Fisher. Then she cast a rather scornful expression toward the fastidious daughter. "If these boys could see you eating garlic in the summer time they would have no objections to my eating onions in the winter time," said Mrs. Fisher, decisively, whereupon Sallie collapsed. Then they all ate onions.

Not Fit For Ladies.

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"I feel that I could overcome any obstacle for you," he declared. "There is only one obstacle that you will have to overcome to get me," she replied. "What is it? Tell me, and I will overcome it." "I have made up my mind that I will never marry anyone whose ears stick out like the wings on a monoplane. Get yours to flatten themselves against your head and the obstacle will be overcome."

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Butman Items.

Nov. 25.—School is progressing nicely with the attendance growing each week. This part of the country was visited by a good shower Thursday, but the soil is too dry to plow. Gus Randolph of McCauley spent a few days on the B T Ranch, enroute to Coleman county. The Sesame Literary Society met Friday night with a large crowd in attendance and the following program was rendered. Opening song, America. Recitation, Gifts—Ila Mae Anderson. Recitation, Playing for Keeps—Vergie Wood. Recitation, Lasca—Mattie Randolph. Song, Juanita—Misses Anderson, Butman and Wood. Reading, Papa and the Boy—Jewel Anderson. Essay, present, past and future of our society—Miss Bamma Richburg. Oration, Cheerfulness—Willie Butman. Recitation, Motherly Firmness—Lottie Butman. Journal—Pearl Perkins. Mr. Cook of Coryell county will move to the Hone Blackburn place where he will farm next year.

Escapes an Awful Fate.

A thousand tongues could not express the gratitude of Mrs. J. E. Cox, of Joliet, Ill., for her wonderful deliverance from an awful fate. "Typhoid pneumonia had left me with a dreadful cough," she writes. "Sometimes I had such awful coughing spells I thought I would die. I could get no help from doctor's treatment or other medicines till I used Dr. King's New Discovery. But I owe my life to this wonderful remedy for I scarcely cough at all now." Quick and safe; its the most reliable of all throat and lung medicines. Every bottle guaranteed. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at H. C. Burroughs. Adv.

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