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EX-U. S. MARSHAL GREENE IS DEAD

George H. Greene, United States Marshal for the Northern District of Texas for sixteen years, prior to the Wilson Administration, died at his home in Fort Worth Sunday afternoon from congestion of the brain.

Many people in the Merkel country will remember Mr. Greene as his duties often brought him to Abilene, where he attended sessions of Federal Court and looked after other matters of his office. His death was unexpected.

OKLAHOMA BOY CLAIMS REWARD

Paul Curry, the eighteen-year-old boy of Stroud, Okla., wired Governor Williams of his State Saturday of last week that he would claim the \$1,000.00 offered as a reward for the capture of Henry Starr, the Oklahoma bandit.

Young Curry happened on the scene of the Stroud bank robbery just as Starr and his men were leaving the bank. A shot from his rifle struck Starr in the lower limbs, disabling him, while another shot from Curry's rifle found a mark in the neck of Bill Estes, also, a member of the gang. Both men were captured immediately.

Confectionery Open to Trade

H. C. Quentin proprietor and owner of the home Bakery, formerly opened his new confectionery Thursday noon of last week to the Merkel trade.

Throughout the evening music was furnished by a stringed orchestra. New fixtures had just been installed, including a large marble fountain together with all accessories, making the place first class in every respect.

CAR OF CHICKENS SOLD HERE SAT.

Ash Bros., produce dealers, bought 12,000 pounds of poultry from Merkel country farmers last Saturday and loaded a car shipment of live fowls.

The record here was remarkably good, the party in charge of the poultry car stated that he only expected about 5,000 pounds of poultry here and intended to go to Abilene to finish the shipment but after the excellent results were obtained from the Merkel country it was necessary for him to cancel his Abilene dates entirely.

Demonstrator Here Saturday

Demonstrator Clark of Stephenville with the Weatherford Creameries is expected to be in Merkel Saturday at the Stanley Ayers store for the purpose of making correct tests of cream brought here for sale.

It is also reported that Mr. Clark has a number of registered Jersey cows that he will sell at moderate prices to Merkel country farmers who desire to purchase better dairy cattle.

Ford Motor Sales.

H. M. Warren reports sales of Ford Automobiles since our last issue to S. L. Owens and W. H. Laney of this city and W. L. Holt of Trent.

Air free and gasoline 10 cents. W. M. Rose.

BOYS FIGHT DUEL AS GIRL DIRECTS

Coldwater, Miss., March 28.—Miss Agnes Farmer, 18, was forced to act as second for two boy friends who fought a duel Saturday. Harvey Hurt, 23, had Miss Farmer in a buggy on their way home in the country. He met Ira Scott, 24, coming to town on a load of cotton. The men had quarreled over an affair of no interest to Miss Farmer. When they met in the road the row was resumed. The girl pleaded for peace, but the men wanted to fight. She stood up in the buggy and told Hurt to fight for his life. The men stepped off twenty feet and opened fire.

During the duel Miss Farmer would call to Hurt to be cool, "aim straight at him," "fire quick."

Each was wounded three times, Hurt twice in the left shoulder and once in the neck. Scott was shot twice in the left lung and another shot broke his right arm.

It Cost You Nothing to Look.

I have just gotten in some new work on pillow tops and pennants, some pictures of Merkel people. Come in and we will gladly show you and explain. The work is good. You will be pleased. Come and see and bring your cards if you have one. Mrs. E. M. Rust.

JESS WILLARD TO FIGHT, APRIL 5TH

Jess Willard, the six-foot six Kansas cowboy, will meet Jack Johnson, the negro champion fighter, in Havana next Monday afternoon. The first reports of the outcome of the fight will probably reach our country the same evening.

Newspaper reports seem to give scare to the chances of the white man winning from the big "smoke." Conditions of the damp atmosphere of that country are said to be against Willard's chances.

The following table shows the relative measurements of the champion and challenger:

Johnson	Willard
38.....age.....	28.....
214.....weight.....	235.....
6 ft. 3 in.....height.....	6 ft. 6 in.....
76 in.....reach.....	83 1/2 in.....
17 in.....neck.....	17 1/2 in.....
15 in.....biceps.....	16 in.....
8 in.....wrist.....	8 1/2 in.....
13 1/2 in.....forearm.....	15 in.....
41 in.....chest (nor).....	44 1/2 in.....
45 in.....chest (ex).....	47 in.....
36 in.....waist.....	37 in.....
22 1/2 in.....thigh.....	26 in.....
15 in.....calf.....	17 in.....
9 1/2 in.....ankle.....	10 in.....

*These measurements of the champion were made just before Johnson met Jim Flynn at Las Vegas, N. M., July 4, 1912.

TEL. DIRECTORY TO BE ISSUED

The semi-annual issue of a directory of subscribers of the Southwestern Telephone Co., has been given to the printers and will be ready for delivery within a very few days.

All persons desiring new telephone listings should make application to Manager Holdridge today. The work is being done in the Merkel Mail job department.

A few bottles of meat preserver on hand yet at Hamblet & Rogers.

NEXT TUESDAY ELECTION AND HOW THE CANDIDATES LOOM UP

Good Material to pick from and vote promises to be Unusually Heavy.

Next Tuesday will be a busy day in Merkel so far as the candidates for various city offices are concerned.

Probably the greatest interest will be shown in the Marshal's race. The first two men to announce for this place were Ben Walters and Sam Roberts, they were closely followed by the announcements of B. C. Gaither and R. E. Counts. Each of these men have different views as to how Merkel ought to be governed from the Marshal's chair. All of them could be termed ultra-conservative in so far as they have pestered the people for votes, each enjoys a wide spread acquaintance and three of them are going to be given a free pass up Salt creek if we figure correctly. Who these three will be it is impossible to say as every man in the race thinks he is going to bring home the bacon. Some of them may need some of this slippery substance after six o'clock Tuesday in order to make their exit out of town all the more smooth. Roberts is the youngest of the quartet, slightly senored by Messrs. Walters and Counts while Ex-Chief Gaither heads the list in years.

The race for Aldermen has not taken on a very antagonistic view. Only one announcement has been made, that of C. P. Stevens, but there are two to be elected. Our reporter tried all Wednesday morning to get A. C. Rose, W. A. Scott, T. L. Grimes, J. O. Hamilton and E. P. McMillen and others to enter the race for alderman but failed to succeed. Some of these men we were able to see and others we could not owing to our rush to get this story in the paper. Mr. Rose seriously considered the proposition but didn't have the nerve to make the announcement asking Merkel voters for their support, he half way agree to serve if elected, ditto T. L. Grimes. We got wind of the fact that W. A. Scott had an Alderman bee in his bonnet but every time we tried to see him he dodged around a corner some where. We also failed to see J. O. Hamilton and E. P. McMillen both good men and well qualified to fill the position we desire to have them all elected to, but as Mr. Stevens has announced for one of the places it remains that someone must announce as his running mate and the Mail has assumed the responsibility of naming the above five men as gentlemen of integrity any of whom would make Merkel a good alderman. Our readers, the voters of Merkel, would do well to make their selections from the above sextet.

In the office for City Secretary, only one announcement has been made, that of G. W. Johnson. We do not think it good policy to name an opponent to Mr. Johnson for there is not a man in Merkel who we would like to see defeated at the polls, and surely any one who tried to beat G. W. Johnson for the position he has announced for, certainly would get his.

Only one announcement has been made for City Treasurer, that of H. C. Burrough's, who, the job is a personal property of. He has had it during the Incorporate history of Merkel with the exception of about one year, and there is no necessity of kicking him out, for his work has been well done.

We now come to the race for Mayor, which has narrowed down to one candidate making his announcement. In another article in this issue will be found the name of Jno. B. Bell who aspires to this position. Mr. Bell if elected will make a good Mayor. We have never heard him make an after-dinner speech but think he could talk at that time about as well as he would before lunch. He is now at the pie counter asking for a slice of the City's money at the rate of \$5.00 per month. Enough for any man who graces this honorable position. Mr. Bell is seriously considering donating his salary to the Merkel Fire Department after the cost of his announcement has been deducted from his earnings. His total expenditure to date in quest of this office has been \$3.75, this would leave the fire department the sum of \$1.25 the first month Mr. Bell occupied the mayor's chair. Good enough, every little helps.

Having a selfish interest in this matter we approached our present Mayor, Hon. J. J. Stallings with a view of separating him from the price of an announcement for the same position that Mr. Bell is asking for. In this we failed, we should have seen him last week and our negligence or failure to press our case, has knocked the coffers of the Mail out of another announcement fee. Mayor Stallings looked at the proposition in the right light however and would not take advantage of our information that some one else had gotten in the race for his job and refused to make a formal announcement as it would look like he was some what egotistical and scared of his position. He stated that he would serve if elected and as he did not announce when elected to fill the un-expired term of William Travis Potter (gone to Austin) he thought it well to remain non-committal at the present but stated if the people elected him, he would serve them to the best of his ability.

Personally the writer aspired at times to some of the City positions but every time we seriously considered it our mind reverted to a time back there when the Merkel post office was going to be given to some good democrat. For this or some other reason we sailed up the same creek that about a dozen Merkel citizens are going to get a free ride on next Tuesday afternoon. In view of all these assumed facts we take it proper to offer at this time condolence to those who get theirs by scratchings at the hands of Merkel voters. Usually one defeat is enough for the average person and two years hence, we expect to have entirely new material to tell our readers about.

HITS INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION WORK

Jacob Foster, who lives north-east of Merkel and who is a successful farmer was in town Monday on business. This was the first time Mr. Foster had been in town for several weeks owing to his business at home being more urgent than his street duties.

While in conversation with our reporter his talk drifted to the recent Industrial Commission's work in Dallas and their attempt to look into the conditions of farm tenantry in the South and Texas. Mr. Foster, like many other farmers throughout the South, does not agree with the Commission in their work. He objected on the grounds of their attempt to get evidence from farm tenants who were failures in their vocation, much like men are in other walks of life, and criticised the members of the Commission for not having given the successful farm tenants of Texas a chance to appear before the Commission also. In short, he gave as the reason of so many failures of individuals who make up our country and government as addicted to the cost of high living and not victims of the high cost of living.

We heartily concur with Mr. Foster and believe his solution of so many human failures is fundamentally correct.

MEXICAN WAR VETERAN IS DEAD

Josiah Nichols, age ninety-three years, pioneer of the Texas plains, ex-confederate and Mexican war veteran, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. M. C. King of this city at an early hour Sunday morning.

Articles taken from the Daily Courier-Gazette of McKinney, Collin county, gives interesting narratives of the life of Mr. Nichols. Born in St. Charles county, Missouri, Feb. 6, 1822. In 1843 with his brother he left his home for Mississippi but remained there only one year. In 1845 he tried the state of Wisconsin for one year, again returning to his home in Missouri and from there started straight for Texas, arriving where the town of Bonham now is, in the year of 1846. Soon after coming to Texas he moved from Bonham to Collin county and joined a company of Rangers. Later he served his county as commissioner, justice of the peace, sheriff, tax collector and assessor. He was a consistent member of the Christian church, and a beloved Mason.

Mr. Nichols is survived by six children, twenty-three grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. Children surviving him are: W. C. Nichols, Gainsville, J. M. and L. L. Nichols of this city, Mrs. Laura Davis of Sherman and James O. Nichols of Sherman.

The body of the aged man was accompanied on the beginning of its last journey by Merkel Masons who met and formed an escort from the King home to the depot where the remains were shipped to Malisa, Collin county, for burial on Texas & Pacific passenger No. 22, Sunday, 10 p. m.

Special For a Few Days.

40 pound, all cotton mattress, roll edge, art or A. C. A. tick. Price \$4.00 for a limited time. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

MERKEL GARAGE IN NEW QUARTERS

Work is progressing nicely on the rock building of Rev. A. A. Baker's on Front Street preparatory to making the place the home of the Merkel Garage.

The new home of the Merkel Garage will give the proprietors, Messrs. Brown & Irwin, a better location and a more conveniently arranged shop for their business. Workmen finished roofing the structure the first of the week and are now getting the interior in shape for Merkel autos.

FUNNY SHOW IS COMING SATURDAY

What the writer believes to be the funniest picture show ever produced will be shown in Merkel Saturday of this week at the Cozy Theater.

The title of the six reel comedy is "Tillie's Punctured Romance" in all probability the greatest comedy the Keystone Company has yet produced. It is in six reels and a person viewing it will laugh almost continually during the two hours it is being shown.

John B. Bell For Mayor of Merkel

The first announcement to the voters of Merkel for the office of Mayor, was made Wednesday morning when John B. Bell announced as candidate for the place subject to the election of next Tuesday.

Any introduction the Mail might attempt to make in behalf of Mr. Bell's announcement would be unnecessary. Mr. Bell is well and favorably known by every voter and is one of the youngest members of the pioneer citizenship of Merkel. The Mail is authorized to place his name in our announcement columns and we ask that you give his claims careful consideration.

FALLS 30 FEET TO BOTTOM OF WELL

While Luther Mitchell, a young man of Blair, was engaged in digging a well for E. M. Sherman of that place he lost hold of a rope at the top of a thirty foot well and was precipitated to the bottom, sustaining injuries that will cripple him for several weeks.

The accident happened the first of the week. He had stopped work and was being drawn out of the well by his companion. While attempting to make his landing at the top his hands slipped from the rope. His injuries consisted of a broken foot and ankle together with many bruises but was able to tie a rope around his body by which assistants drew him out.

Notice to My Friends and Customers.

During my absence from Merkel last week it seems that some misconstrued ideas were given out about me and my whereabouts during which time I was only on a prospective trip.

I regret that these conflicting reports were circulated but wish to say that I returned better satisfied with Merkel and am at my post ready to wait on my customers. Walter Clark.

Easter eggs, fancy easter eggs, plain easter eggs, all sorts of easter eggs for Easter at the Elite.

GLORIOUS INAUGURATION OF WORLD'S GREATEST INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION ASSURES CONTINUED SUCCESS



WITH an attendance for the first week greater than the combined attendance for the same period of the world's expositions at Chicago and St. Louis, the Panama-Pacific International exposition at San Francisco has started on a career that the most conservative judgments predict will break all records for exposition success.

The exposition opened on February 29, 100 per cent complete structurally, and opened to an attendance of one quarter of a million people. From every state of the United States and from the nations of the world came critical visitors to pass on the merits of the celebration that had been so widely heralded. They found nothing to criticize. Every claim made by San Francisco and the exposition was fulfilled. It is safe to say that not a single visitor went away disappointed. The result has been that the advertisement by word of mouth, and by letters home and to friends—the most powerful form of advertisement—has been given the exposition. In consequence the transportation companies report a constantly increasing booking for travel to San Francisco both by land and water.

Exceptionally low rates have been given by the transportation companies from all points within the United States to San Francisco, offering many people an opportunity that could not otherwise be taken, of combining a pleasure journey to the exposition with a sightseeing tour through California and the West.

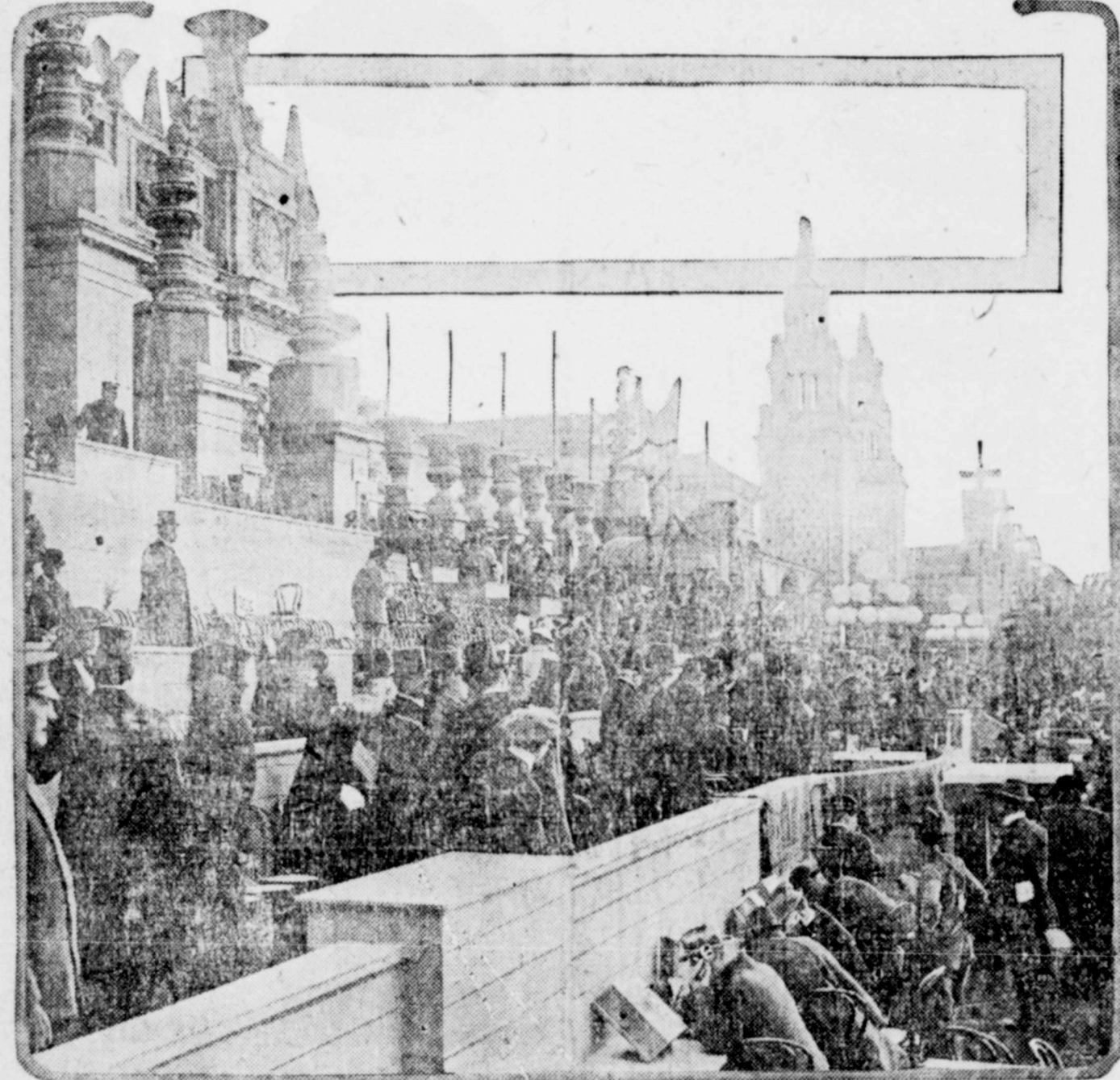
A feature of the exposition that has called for universal comment is the "action" that marks exhibits, every exhibit capable of operation by steam or electricity being shown in motion.

A flood of inquiries concerning rates and hotel accommodations has been received by the information bureau of the exposition since the news of its successful opening was flashed around the world, all such inquiries being given prompt attention. San Francisco and California are fulfilling their host duties and living up to the reputation the West has always had for hospitable treatment for the stranger.

HANDSOME SIXTY-PAGE BOOK ON THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION SENT FREE OF CHARGE TO ANY ADDRESS.

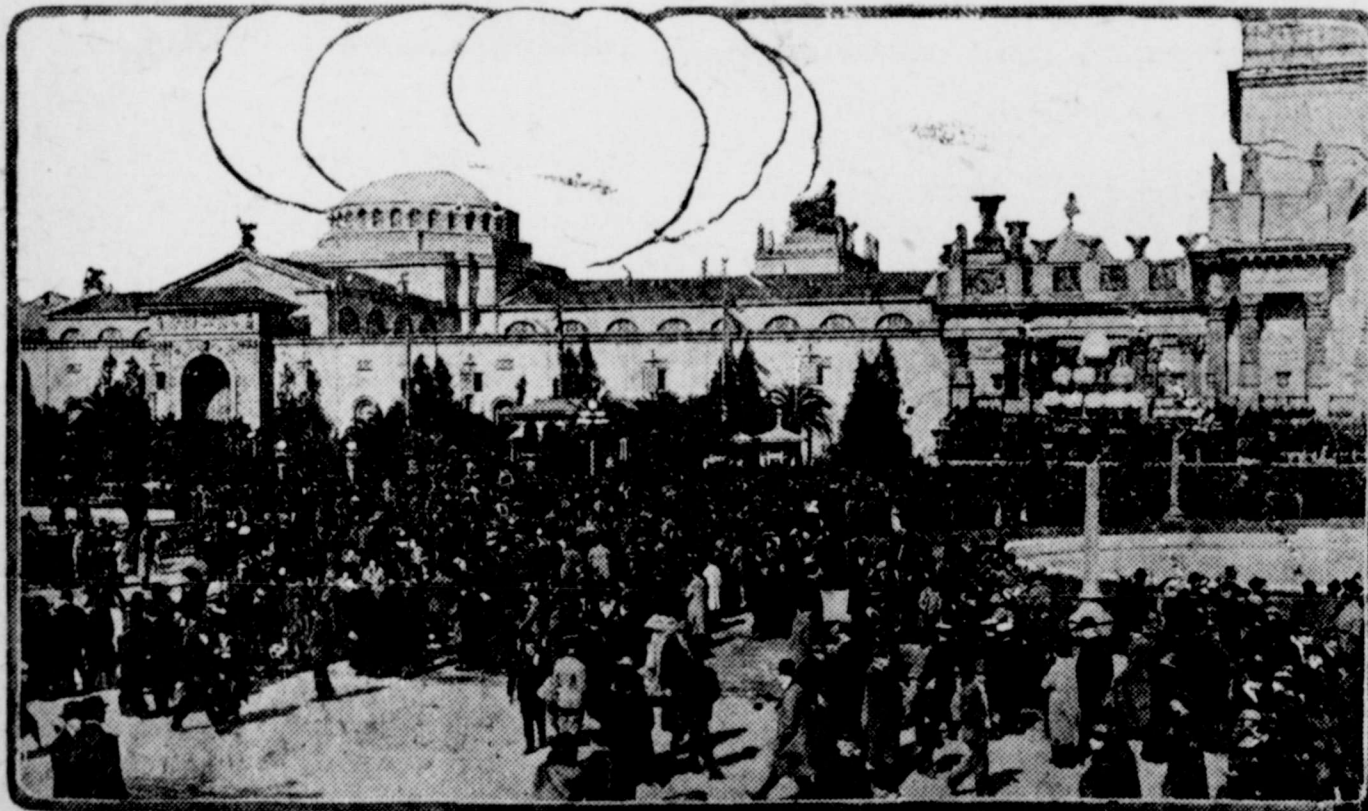
Those who are interested in this great exposition may obtain free of charge a handsomely illustrated book of sixty pages, reproducing the exhibit palaces in their natural colors and giving essential data about the exposition, San Francisco, California and the Panama canal. To obtain this book send a letter to the Manager, Bureau of Publication, Panama-Pacific International Exposition Grounds, San Francisco, Calif.

DURING A LULL IN THE OPENING DAY CEREMONIES AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION



The Panama-Pacific International exposition was opened by a wireless spark, dispatched by President Woodrow Wilson at Washington, and caught on the tendrils of a wireless aerial on the lofty Tower of Jewels at the exposition. Instantly the power was released in the mighty Palace of Machinery and the portals of the exhibit palaces opened. The scene is on the grand stand after the ceremonies had ended, Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, Gov. Hiram Johnson of California, Mayor James Rolph, Jr., of San Francisco, President C. C. Moore of the exposition and a notable group of visiting dignitaries being seen in animated discussion of the epochal event. In the press box the correspondents are seen flashing to the world the news that the exposition had opened.

WHEN A QUARTER OF A MILLION OF PEOPLE INAUGURATED THE VAST PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION AT SAN FRANCISCO



Transportation reports show that every state in the United States and most of the nations of the world were represented in the great throng of 250,000 people who inaugurated the Panama-Pacific International exposition at San Francisco on February 29. This picture, showing the mighty South gardens, gives a glimpse of a small fraction of the opening day throng. In the first five days of its progress the exposition had an attendance larger than the combined totals of the Chicago and St. Louis expositions and the ratio continues in a degree to justify predictions of the most spectacular success for the exposition.

Election Notice.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Merkel I hereby order an election to be held in said City at the City Fire Station thereof on the first Tuesday in April, 1915, the same being the 6th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, two Aldermen, a Treasurer, a Secretary and a

Marshal for said city.

A. L. Jobe is hereby appointed presiding officer at said election. The polls shall be opened at 8 o'clock a. m., and closed at 6 o'clock p. m.

J. J. Stallings, Mayor
City of Merkel, Texas.

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Good-bye corns, callouses, bunions and raw spots. No more shoe tightness, no more limping with pain or drawing up your face in agony. "TIZ" is magical, acts right off. "TIZ" draws out all the poisonous exudations which puff up the feet. Use "TIZ" and forget your foot misery. Ah! how comfortable your feet feel! Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" now at any drugstore or department store. Don't suffer. Have good feet, glad feet, feet that never swell, never hurt, never get tired. A year's foot comfort guaranteed or money refunded.



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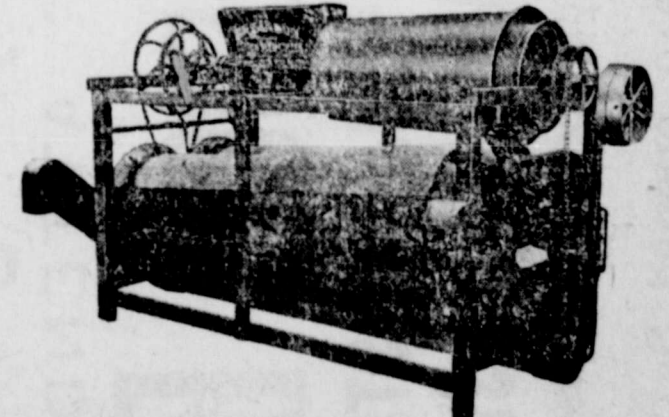
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Panama-Pacific International Exposition

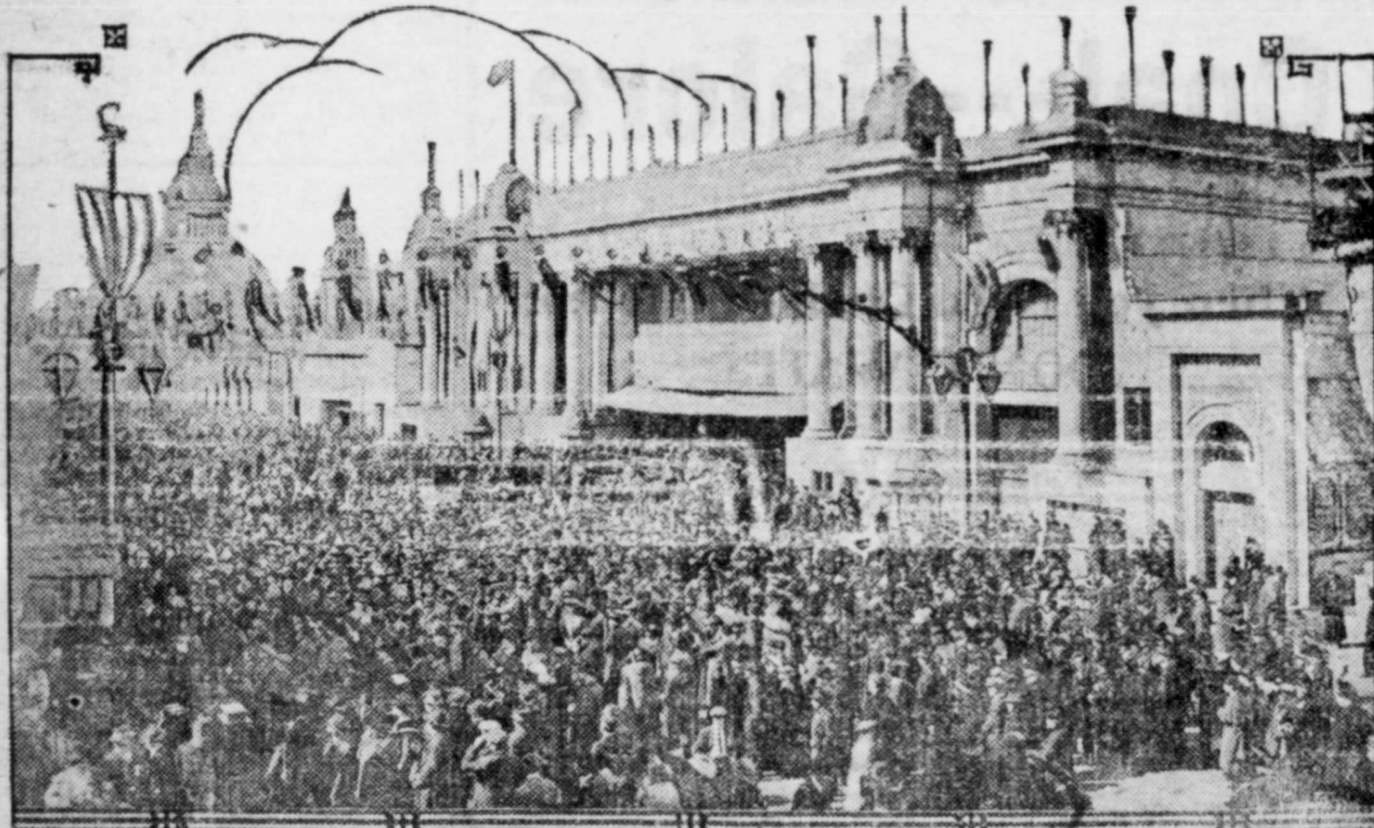
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THE FOUNTAIN AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION THAT SYMBOLIZES THE BUILDING OF THE PANAMA CANAL



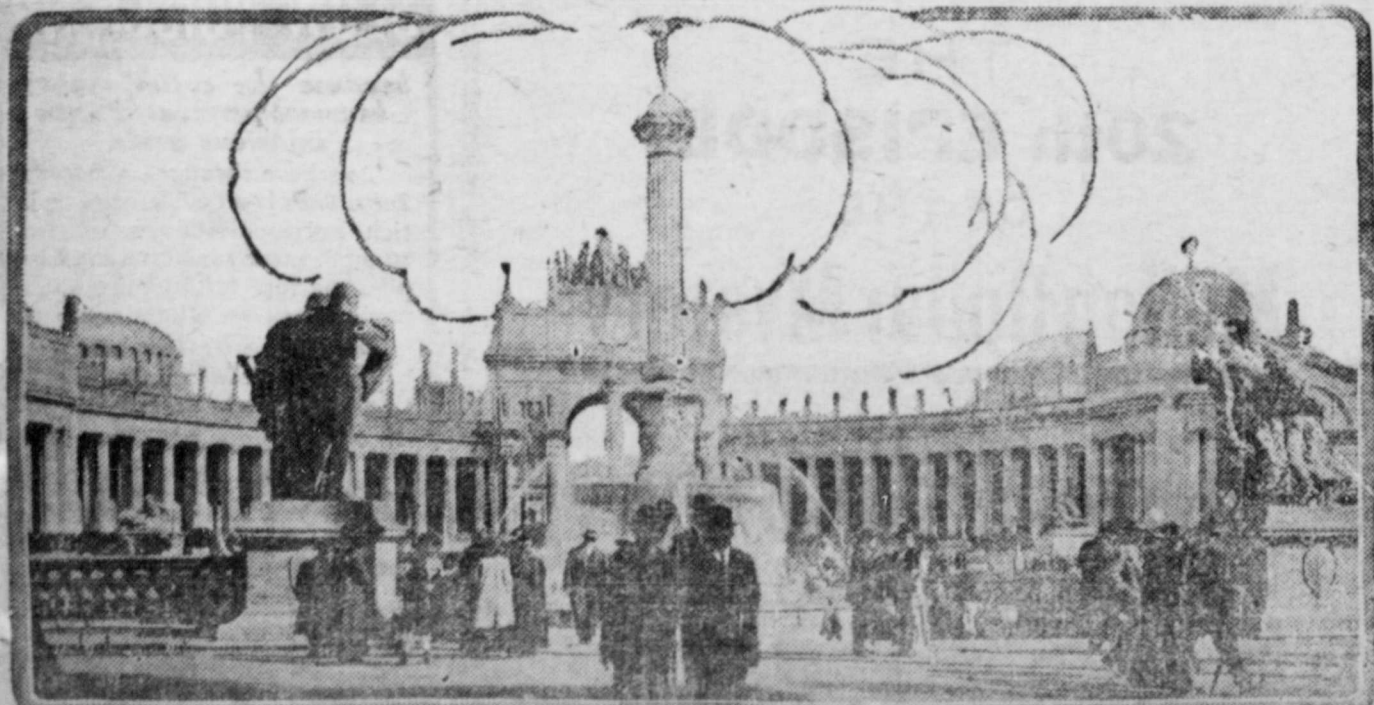
The labor that went into the building of the Panama canal is symbolized in the Fountain of Energy, by A. Stirling Calder. This heroic sculpture stands in the center lagoon of the three lagoons of the South Gardens and faces the main entrance gates. The waters were first released on opening day, February 20, coincidentally with the opening of the portals of the exhibit palaces and by the same means: the electric spark transmitted across the continent when President Woodrow Wilson opened the great exposition at San Francisco by wireless.

THE "ZONE," THE PLAYGROUND OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION



Through the center of the Zone, the amusement section at the Panama-Pacific International exposition at San Francisco, runs a broad avenue three thousand feet in length. It is not unusual for this entire avenue to be jammed with entertainment seekers who are busy patronizing the one hundred concessions on the Zone. An exact reproduction of the Panama canal is one of the popular and instructive features, there, being a constant line both day and night of people eager to see the workings of the miniature canal. The premier showmen of America have assembled here their finest offerings of amusement, edification and instruction.

THE MIGHTY COURT OF THE UNIVERSE, THE HUB OF THE ARCHITECTURAL SCHEME AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION



All visitors to the Panama-Pacific International exposition at San Francisco at some time during their stay at the exposition make their pilgrimage through the Court of the Universe. This is the largest court on the grounds and is the central radiating unit of the architectural and ground plans. Noble sculptured groups embellish it, the two Homeric groups—the Nations of the East and the Nations of the West—surmounting the giant arches at the east and west portals. By night the beauty of the court is enhanced by the flood lighting effects.

A LESSON IN ETHICS

By MAUD SMITH COTTRELL.

(Copyright, 1914, by W. G. Chapman.)
"I don't say you shan't marry my daughter, Mr. Wills," said Hiram Oakley, stroking his white beard thoughtfully. "I say that you've sprung this on me sudden like, and I want time to think it over."

"And I say, Mr. Oakley, that Madge is of age and entitled to choose for herself," answered the young fellow. "And since she has chosen to accept me, I am asking you only as a matter of form."

Hiram Oakley looked at the young fellow quietly. He did not mind Madge being married; she was flighty and had not been too kind to her father since her mother's death released her from what she considered unjustifiable chaperonage; but Mr. Oakley wanted to know more about Herbert Wills, who had appeared in the town three months before and taken a position with him in his department store.

He saw no harm in Wills, but the young man had a good deal to learn. So had Madge, for that matter.

The mystery was solved a few days later when Madge and Wills contracted a secret marriage before an alderman. Hiram Oakley received a defiant note from the couple announcing that they meant to go their own way, unless he chose to make the first advances.

What their own way meant was shown a few days later when Wills opened a smaller rival store immediately opposite the Oakley premises on Main street.

Revenge is not a good policy in commerce, but still Wills' store opened with a great flourish of advertisements and bills in the store windows. Wills made a specialty of displaying the same kind of goods as his father-in-law, only of a cheaper grade. Everything that was in Mr. Oakley's windows was in his son-in-law's, but cut by one-third in price. And for a time Wills' trade boomed at the expense of Oakley's.

After a while, however, things began to swing the other way. Oakley's trade went up and Wills found his counters deserted. He could not understand. He did not realize that the district was not one patronized by cheap shoppers, and that his shoddy goods and cheap stock had been tried and found wanting.

Hiram Oakley, with no bills in his windows, was doing a roaring trade during the boom times. Wills found himself reduced to his last five hundred. And he was not taking in enough to pay the cost of his help.

As the sales dwindled Wills' posters became more flashy. Hiram Oakley, who had had no communication with the couple since their marriage, knew that the time was at hand.

But, after all, it was Wills who came to him—came in humbly, but looking much more of a man than he had looked before when he defied old Oakley.

"Mr. Oakley," he began frankly, "I've come to tell you that I have been a fool, sir."

Old Oakley looked him up and down. "There's always hope for a man when he finds that out," he said at length.

"Don't think that I've come to ask your help," said Wills. "I'm anxious about Madge, that's all. Frankly, the business can't go on another month. And I don't know what we are going to do. You see—"

And Oakley learned that he was to become a grandfather.

There is nothing that touches an old man's heart so much. Oakley was genuinely fond of his daughter, and he thought that the pair had had about as much of a lesson as they needed.

"So I'm thinking of selling out and moving to another town, sir," continued Wills. "But before I go I want you to forgive Madge and—tell me why I couldn't succeed." He blurted out. "I thought I knew all the tricks of the trade, with my New York experience."

"So you did, my boy," answered Oakley briskly. "You knew tricks that I'd heard of but never soiled my fingers with, nor wouldn't."

"In the first place, you went into the business in a spirit of vindictiveness instead of willingness, to kill an other man's trade rather than establish your own. That can't help showing itself in the tone of the selling force. Your salespeople took their cue from you, and they lost customers by their unwillingness and bad manners."

"Then, again, you tried to sell the same goods I did, but cheaper goods. People find out good from bad. They don't repeat their purchases at a store that does them."

Wills swallowed hard, for the lesson was a bitter one. But the spirit of vindictiveness had been driven out of him.

"I'm obliged to you, sir," he said. "And you'll see Madge before we leave next week—"

"Wait a minute!" said old Oakley.

"Now it's my turn to speak. I've been planning turning it into a company and opening a branch. In fact, I've acquired some property for the branch store, and if you like to be my manager, I think it'll pay you better than leaving town. I am retaining 55 per cent of the stock, and in course of time it ought to go to you and Madge. And then I've only one child. What do you say?"

Wills grasped old Oakley's hands impulsively. "I say I accept—but I don't deserve it, sir," he said. "And the branch store—where is it to be?"

"Across the street," said Oakley.

ALONG THE FIGHTING LINES

Gleams of Humor Enliven the Hours of Fierce and Necessarily Merciless Combat.

The commandeering of miscellaneous motor vehicles for war service has led to occasional enlivenment of the strenuous life of soldiers in the field or on the march by unexpected meetings with "friends from home." Loud and long were the cheers with which the British "Tommies," serving in France, greeted the first appearance of the familiar London Motor omnibuses, with the names of city streets and suburban destinations yet un-erased, busily chugging along the popular-bounded roads of a foreign land. Vans that bore the names of famous business firms evoked joyous greetings and a running fire of jokes.

Sometimes an acquaintance not general but particular is enthusiastically renewed. A cockney soldier, asked if he thought he could manage to drive a slightly damaged van that was found abandoned by the wayside after an action, cried, jubilantly:

"Drive her? Me? Drive me own bloom'n' old girl? W'y, my firm was movers, and I only enlisted 'cause she was took aw'y from me! I been fair 'omesick for her—and blest if she 'asn't crossed the briny deep and 'unted me up among the Frenchies! Two faithful 'earts united, that's wot I call it!"

Again, when a large car, battered, spattered, shot-dented and limping, heavily loaded with soldiers who seemed to cling upon it like a swarm of bees, crawled past a group of British officers, one of them interrupted the conference long enough to remark:

"There goes the car I gave my wife for a wedding present. Hardly fit for ladies now, I fancy—unless perhaps some 'Busy Bertha' takes a try at it."

"Busy Berthas" or "Beautiful Berthas" are army nicknames for the great Krupp guns, bestowed in honor of the placid faced young German matron, heiress of the great works at Essen, whose maiden name was Fraulein Bertha Krupp—Youth's Companion.

COMING DOWN TO LANGUAGE

Congressman Surely Named a Combination That It Would Be Hard to Beat.

At a dinner the other evening the talk topic turned to a bunch of things difficult to pronounce, whereat an appropriate anecdote was exploded by Congressman Edwin Y. Webb of North Carolina.

Down at the clear store some time ago, the congressman said, the regulars were talking about the war and remarking how it gave one something worse than the faceache to pronounce the Russian names. A man named Benners, who was sitting near, largely smiled.

"Those Russian names are nothing," he remarked. "You just ought to hear what I stack up against in my own home every day of my life."

"What's that?" demanded one of the regulars, with an amazed expression. "Do you mean to say that you have somebody in your family who can put a kink in the czar's syllabic twists?"

"Well, I should say that I have!" was the grifful rejoinder of Benners. "You just ought to hear the baby and the parrot when they get to talking together."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Japanese Courts.

"The defendant was testifying in his own behalf," writes Hon. George W. Wickersham, in describing in Case and Comment, the lawyers' magazine, a visit to a court in Japan. "He stood directly in front of the presiding judge not ten feet distant from him, and answered his questions in a clear voice, without any apparent hesitation. The judge seemed conversant with the case, for he put questions rapidly, giving a funny little grunt of acquiescence after every answer. Occasionally one of the associates wrote a suggestion and handed it to the president, and once or twice the defendant's counsel asked the court to put a certain inquiry. The whole proceeding—and the same may be said of those in several other courts I visited—was conducted in a quiet, colloquial way. In every instance I was impressed with the simple businesslike atmosphere."

AT THE BAZAAR

By DOROTHY BLACKMCRE.

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"It's the first really American thing I've seen the girls take an interest in," remarked young George Cameron. He was selecting a tie to match the border on his handkerchief and the stripe in his shirt.

"It is patriotic, isn't it?" acquiesced Willis Moore, as he twirled his stick like a drum major. "I fancy the bazaar will be a jolly bore though."

His friend turned on him. "Not at all. The prettiest things in town are to be models and they'll be diked in cotton from top to toe. Being well-known—get that?—cotton brokers, you and I will be expected to attend and give our support."

"I think you'll give a good deal of tone with all those matched-up rags of yours," Moore twitted his friend.

"Me for the cotton bazaar, rags or no rags. Come on!"

The two men left the bachelor apartment and found their way to the armory where the great cotton bazaar was being held by the women of the town. Cotton was to be on exhibition and for sale in every conceivable form to educate the public in its uses and in this way help the country to dispose of its output in view of the European war.

George Cameron and Willis Moore stood astonished at the doors as they approached. There were crowds everywhere, and not even the regiment on dress parade had brought so many outsiders to the armory building.

"Some bazaar," laughed Moore.

The two men strolled about from one exhibit to another. Cameron was interested in the bazaar purely from a business standpoint and he took pleasure in learning of new uses for cotton. Willis Moore, he admitted it, was as much interested in the pretty girls displaying their wares and acting as models for various cotton garments as he was in the exhibition from its practical point of view.

"Cotton gloves!" Gentlemen's cotton evening gloves!" said a pleasant voice from within a booth.

Cameron would have gone on, but his friend turned to the girl and he could not do otherwise than follow.

"They don't look so bad, eh, George?" Willis said, taking a pair from the girl's hand.

Cameron looked at them and then into the face of the girl who was offering them for sale. He stopped short and dropped the gloves on the floor.

Seeing that he was a fifth wheel on the wagon, Moore stepped on, and his friend went nearer to the glove booth. There was no other girl at the stand but the one who had offered the pair that still lay on the floor. Cameron, as if suddenly recalling the gloves, stepped back and picked them up. "I'll buy this pair, Helen, since I've soiled them by my stupidity."

"Oh," laughed the girl, "you needn't—unless you like. But—I think they're your size."

"It's strange to find you helping with anything so—so useful and patriotic and—and thrifty, I might say," George said, a little bitterly.

"Not nowadays," Helen said promptly, not noticing the bitter note in his voice.

"You've changed?"

Helen gave a series of decisive nods. "Very much," she said, slowly. "I regret those frivolous years. I realize now that there is so much to do in the world besides thinking of one's own pleasure. I'm as busy as possible now—since father lost so much of his business on account of the war—helping wherever I can—"

"Helen—" interrupted George. But she stopped him.

"Oh—I don't need to earn bread and butter, George, but I need to help others who have to earn it. I—"

"Don't say any more. Let me come to see you again, Helen, and—"

"Buying up the whole stock, George?" interrupted Willis Moore, irrelevantly, stepping up to them.

"Will you?" whispered George.

Helen dodged, laughing. George introduced Willis Moore, to her and the three talked of nothing for a few moments.

The cotton show now held just one interest for George Cameron, and on the following night he went to it again to take the fair glove saleswoman home and to tell her all that he had wanted to tell her for three years. She listened and said yes all over again.

When George told his friend Willis Moore about his engagement the young man said, characteristically:

"So it was you who had to 'cotton' on to something at the show—not yours truly, after all? Shake."

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

The Merkel Sophomore class meet Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp on O.k. St. Bunco, 42 and numerous parlor games were enjoyable diversions for an ideal evening. Misses Ola and Lulu Sharp, Virgie Duckett, and Bruce Cauthen, were special guests of the class. Class members present were: Misses Beatrice Nidevor, Charlie Bell Thomas, Eunice Russell, Grace Garvin, Jewell Toombs, Bernadine Freeman, Madge Hale Winnie Sharp, Wilma Smith, Doraty Duckett. Messrs. Joel Counts, Ernest Moore, Stanley King, Lee Baker, DeVerle Johnson, Ed Scott, Jake Walters, Bill Bonds and Miss Arrie Barrett, Teacher. The refreshments were served in courses, the first course was gum, second and third was hot chocolate, cake and fruit.

The "social hop" Thursday evening afforded the usual amount of pleasure to the dancers and their ceaperones. The music was unusually good.

The Ladies Aid and Missionary Society of the Baptist church met in regular session Monday p. m. March 29. This being a missionary meeting attendance was exceptionally good. In absence of our President, Mrs. J. T. Warren, Mrs. Jobe presided, and a very interesting lecture was given us by Miss Blanche Walker relating to Christian work and Bible Women in the needy realms of the Heathen land. Some very timely helps were given us in our own home departments of work, growing out of her own experience. Various committees were appointed for our future work and we hope to see a greater effort and more enthusiasm, as time and opportunity offers.

Mrs. E. Hall, Press Reporter.

League Programme

Subject: The Resurgence of Life.

Leader—Miss Mary Garvin.

Song.

Prayer.

The Ebb of Life—Lydia Simpson.

The Secret Invigoration of Life—Julia Martin.

Instrumental Solo—Laura Beard.

The Resurgence of Life. (By three members.)—Walter Duckett, Ruby Cauthen and Beulah Garrett.

Talk by Pastor.

Prayer.

Song.

League Benediction.

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Monday afternoon Mesjames H. C. Burroughs, and W. E. Brittan, Misses Fannie Burroughs, Messrs. W. H. Davis of Arlington, George Woodrum and H. C. Burroughs motored to the river where they enjoyed a rabbit chass. A daintily prepared luncheon was spread and greatly enjoyed before returning home.

WOULD BE SOME PUNISHMENT

Congressman Had Right Idea, Unless It Came Under Heading of "Cruel and Unusual."

Congressman Thomas U. Sisson of Mississippi smiled when the topic turned to the proper punishment for a negligent husband. He said he was reminded of a case of that kind.

Some time ago a married man ran away with a silly young girl, and after an exciting chase the elopers were captured and returned home. Naturally the escapade was the one theme of conversation in the small town where they lived, and everybody in the corner store had his own idea as to what the husband's punishment should be.

One suggested a life sentence, another suggested that 99 years in the penitentiary would be the proper thing, while a third spoke eloquently of tar and feathers.

"You are all wrong," finally remarked a little man sitting in the corner. "I have a scheme that beats all of yours a mile down the boulevard."

"What is it?" chorused the crowd, quickly glancing at the speaker. "You wouldn't hang him, would you?"

"No," was the quiet rejoinder of the little man. "I would turn him over to his wife's mother."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mebane and Lone Star Cotton Seed at the Bob Martin Gro. Co. Texas is some state. Pangman's ice cream is the best in Texas, sold at the Elite Confectionery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pilcher were in Abilene Monday visiting relatives and friends.

Don't fail to see the Bargains at J. A. Duckett. The Price is the Thing.

Get pure Sudan Seed at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Miss Birdie Mitchell of Mingus is visiting her sister Mrs. C. C. Harmon.

Window shades, wall paper, canvas and paint. Behrens-Mo-Millen Furniture Co.

Mrs. W. F. Hamblet is reported very sick at her home on Oak street.

Have you seen those beautiful waists at J. A. Duckett, 25 cents to two dollars.

Miss Carrie Session of Abilene was the week-end guest of Miss Lorena Dry.

Easter eggs, fancy easter eggs, plain easter eggs, all sorts of easter eggs for Easter at the Elite.

Mrs. G. I. Gilliland of Fort Worth came in Wednesday morning to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Mims.

Seed Popcorn at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Grimes were guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes, Monday.

H. M. Rose for 10 cent gasoline and the best lubricating oils manufactured.

Forrest Whitley of Abilene was in Merkel Saturday shaking hands with old friends and looking after business matters.

Our spot cash prices are as low as the lowest, Hamblet & Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Elliott, Mrs. J. N. Shelton, Messrs. A. G. and Thos. Douglass were motoring in Abilene Sunday.

Now is the time to plant trees. See E. D. Coats for peach trees and shade trees as long as they last at \$1.00 per dozen.

Stop at the Stanley-Ayres wagon yard for good accommodations and get your groceries from Stanley-Ayres Grocery Co.

Owen Edward of Midland, is here this week visiting his mother, Mrs. Lula Edwards and brother, Wesley Edwards.

J. A. Duckett is still selling two boxes of matches for 5 cents. The Price is the Thing.

B. Howell, Jack Smith and Fred Hale all Trent were among the visitors in Merkel Monday from the west end of the county.

Seed Popcorn at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

W. B. Smith of Ft. Worth who has been making Merkel his home for the past three months left Monday for Abilene returning to his home from there.

Fresh vegetables three times a week at Hamblet & Rogers.

Mrs. J. M. C. King accompanied the remains of her father, the late Josiah Nichols, to Melissa, Collin county, for interment Sunday night.

White Rabbit Easter Egg Dye powder, paper and tablets. All colors of the rainbow for 5 cents at Mrs. E. M. Rust's.

Graver Nobles of Fort Worth was here Saturday visiting the families of T. G. Fergusson and J. P. Sharp, coming here from Odessa where he accompanied his mother on a visit.

Seeded Ribbon Cane Seed at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

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- Men's Caps, your choice of 50c to 1.25, now.....25c
- Williams' Shaving Soap, others' price 10c, our price.....5c
- Two Good Ink Tablets, only.....5c
- Ladies' Waist 25c to.....\$1.25
- Children's School Dresses, 1.00 values.....50c
- Ladies' and Misses' Middies, worth 1 00, only.....50c
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- 1.00 Alarm Clocks, our price.....65c
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Miss Onea Duprey spent the week end in Abilene with friends.

Seeded Ribbon Cane Seed at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

W. C. Hill of the Golan community, was a Merkel visitor Tuesday.

Why not trade where the Price is the Thing? J. A. Duckett.

Miss Duncan Browning has gone to visit her sister, Mrs. J. B. Steel at Waurika, Okla.

Get pure Sudan Seed at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cauthen were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tittle in Abilene Sunday.

The people have found out that J. A. Duckett sells it for less.

Mrs. Fred Bigham who has been visiting here has returned to her home in El Paso.

Miss Mamie Rister who has been in Hillsboro for the past two years, has returned home.

Mebane and Lone Star Cotton Seed at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

J. T. Warren and W. R. Walker were among the visitors in Abilene the first of the week.

J. B. Deavenport was in Abilene the first of the week doing jury service.

Wm. H. Davis of Arlington, and connected with the advertising department of the Arlington Journal, was in Merkel the first of the week visiting the family of H. C. Burroughs, returning to his home Tuesday evening.

Your money back on goods not satisfactory at J. A. Duckett.

W. B. Robertson was in Abilene Monday visiting his daughter Mrs. J. R. Ingram who has recently operated on in an Abilene sanitarium. Mr. Robertson, who has been sick during the past few weeks says he is much better and reports the condition of Mrs. Ingram much improved.

ADV. EDITION SPRING SALES

This issue of the Mail might be termed our advertisers edition as it is "chock-full" of interesting news from Merkel stores.

Not all business houses however are represented, some brought their copy in too late to take advantage of this issue while we were unable to see others in time to get their wants cared for, only for these two reasons the Mail would assume the likeness of a Sunday's News with the colored supplement in connection.

The largest ad the Mail has ever carried in its columns appears in this weeks issue from the Woodroof Bros., Dry Good Co., advertising their Consolidation Sale, it together with the other well gotten up ads in the Mail ought to furnish information for every person who visits Merkel. Read the ads in this weeks issue in the Mail, in doing so you will no doubt save money for yourself and family.

ZUDORA COMING

Zudora, or "The \$20,000,000 Mine Mystery" photo serial by the producers of "The Million Dollar Mystery" is to be shown at Merkel within the next few weeks, watch for the opening date at the Royal Theater.

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J. M. Johnson of Deport, Lamar county, was here the first of the week prospecting. The prospects looked so good to Mr. Johnson that he rented a house for his family and immediately returned to Deport for them. Mr. Johnson has been in the grocery business at Deport but has now disposed of that business and has no special vocation in view in coming here, only he likes the town, the people and thinks the prospects are good for a continuance of prosperity at Merhel. Mr. Johnson and family will arrive here within the next few days.

Rowden Colton Seed for Sale.

I have about 100 bushels of genuine Rowden cotton seed for sale; 60 cents per bushel. Phone or see me. Joe K. Higgins, Route 1 19:3pd

Shade Trees for Sale.

Now ready for delivery, shade trees of all descriptions and now is the time to set them out. Make your home look better. See J. D. Boring & Son for prices. 19:5pd

Breeders Notice.

I am standing the Britain jack at my place 2 1/2 miles east of Noodle. S. H. Meeks. 26:1f

Land For Rent or Sale.

Land for rent or sale, write J. S. Burkhead, Abilene, Texas, or see Jno. B. Bell, Merkel, Texas. Land one mile of Merkel. 25:3pd

Farm For Rent.

40 acres off north end or my farm, six miles north of Merkel, near Smith, on 1-8 and 1-4 basis. Mrs. S. J. Freeman, Route 4. 26:2pd

Stock For Sale.

I have some good work horses and mules for sale for cash or good notes, also some high grade Durham bull calves. J. D. Jones, Nubia, Texas. 26:4pd

Cotton Seed For Sale.

See Bob Martin for high grade cotton seed, grown by A. M. Ferguson, Sherman, Texas. 26:4pd

Notice to Poll Tax Payers.

All persons who were assessed for Poll Tax in the year 1914 and not having paid same will do well to heed this notice and pay at once. Article 4783, Revised Statutes, provides that all delinquent Poll Tax payers are subject to three days duty on public roads. This law makes no provision for any, but includes city and country man alike. The county is at a great expense to assess these Poll Tax payers and collections must be required. Therefore, I am giving this notice to save embarrassment of any who do not desire to work on the public highway. The law requires me to furnish a complete list of all delinquent Poll Tax payers, which I am now preparing that the commissioners and road overseers may be able to execute the law referred to in above article. W. F. Dillard, Tax Collector, Taylor County. 26:2

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R. B. Rains Dead

R. B. Rains an old time Merkel country citizen died at his home near Comper Tuesday evening from typhoid fever. He had been sick only a short time.

The deceased was born in Alabama in 1857 and moved to Texas many years ago. Surviving are four children, two of whom were with their father when the end came. Funeral and burial services were held in Comper Cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

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We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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We, the undersigned, have known E. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

National Bank of Commerce, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Methodist Baraca

The Baraca class and the Philathia class had a joint meeting Sunday and had a review of the last quarter's lesson. A large number were present and an interesting review was well mapped by Mr. Morris.

**DRUGS EXCITE YOUR
KIDNEYS, USE SALTS**

If your Back is aching or Bladder bothers, drink lots of water and eat less meat.

When your kidneys hurt and your back feels sore, don't get scared and proceed to load your stomach with a lot of drugs that excite the kidneys and irritate the entire urinary tract. Keep your kidneys clean like you keep your bowels clean, by flushing them with a mild, harmless salts which removes the body's urinous waste and stimulates them to their normal activity. The function of the kidneys is to filter the blood. In 24 hours they strain from it 600 grains of acid and waste, so we can readily understand the vital importance of keeping the kidneys active.

Drink lots of water—you can't drink too much; also get from any pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast each morning for a few days and your kidneys will act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate clogged kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean and active. Try this, also keep up the water drinking, and no doubt you will wonder what became of your kidney trouble and backache.

Card of Thanks

To those who so kindly and patiently administered a helping hand in the last illness of our Father, Josiah Nichols, we are profoundly grateful, and may it be your happy lot, when that last day shall come, to be incircled and administered to in such manner as you have to us. More especially are we grateful to the Masonic Fraternity for their interest shown in our behalf, and may the Great Father of the Universe be your guard and guide throughout Eternity, is our sincere desire.

Very Resp't,
Dr. J. M. C. King and family.

GOOD LOOKS

Means Nice Hair and a Clean Scalp

Loss of hair, itching scalp, dandruff and other forms of hair trouble always cause one to think instinctively of Newbro's Herpicide.

Grateful relief from various forms of hair and scalp disorders may invariably be found in Newbro's Herpicide. Buy it and see.

Newbro's Herpicide has long been recognized as the most reliable hair remedy on the market, backed up by a guarantee that means something.

It is used by beautiful women everywhere who wish beautiful, snappy hair. By saving the hair and increasing its beauty, Herpicide helps to preserve one's youthful appearance.

Recommended and applications made by the best barbers and hair dressers.

Newbro's Herpicide in 6c and \$1.00 sizes is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. If you are not satisfied your money will be refunded.

H. C. BURROUGHS.

Cheap Groceries

Pay Cash for your groceries and keep out of the hole.
100 pounds Boquet flour.....\$4.00
35 pound sack of meal.....80
100 pounds Eagle brand Sugar.....6 60
25 pound Eagle brand sugar.....1 65
10 pounds cotolene.....1.30
10 pounds Jewel Lard.....95
10 pound King Cornus Syrup.....65
10 pounds of Country Sorghum.....60
12 boxes Search Light Matoes.....40
25 cent can of K. C. Baking Powuers.....20
5 gallon good Oil.....40
Pure Meabene cotton seed per bushel.....1 50

And have lots of bargains that we don't mention, so it will pay you to buy your groceries at
Walter Clark's

Advertised Letters

These letters will be sent to the deat letter office April 10.

Hale, E.
Stroud, G M
White, Mrs. M T
Wood, Fred,
Garza, Antonio
Hernandez, R
H. C. Williams, P. M.

TALK ABOUT ECONOMY

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SPECIALS

Ladies' fine 50c Silk Hose.....35c
Ladies, 25c Lisle Hose, Linen Toe and Heel, now.....15c
Children's 25c Hose, Linen Toe and Heel, now.....18c
Infant Black and White 15c Hose, now.....10c

SHOES SHOES

Ladies Slippers, Patent or Gun Metal, Mary Jane, very best \$2.50
Misses 13's to 2.....2.00
Misses 9's to 13.....1.50

SHOES FOR MEN

Florsheim Slippers, Gun Metal, Patent or Tan, Our Special \$4.25
\$4.50 Slippers now only.....3.50
Boys' Slippers, 2's to 5 1-2, regular \$3.50, now.....\$2.25
Little Babe Shoes for Little Girls, 75c, \$1.00 and.....\$1.50

Men's Work Shirts, well made, now only.....45c
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LOST—A setchel of auto tools between my place and Merkel Finder return same and receive reward. C. M. Largent.

FOR SALE—Thirty work mules. Part cash and balance good notes. Arthur Sears. 26:2

WANTED—Jobs on farms for large boys 16 years and older; to start them at small wages. Address Emile Reck, Agent, Weatherford, Texas. 1Feb3mo

EGGS FOR SALE—Thoroughbred White Lghorn eggs for sale at 50 cents per setting. mall supply on hand at all times. Phone Mrs. J. A. Woodard Phone 230.

FOUND—Automobile jack. Owner can get same by calling at the Mail office and paying for this office and giving description of jack.

FOR SALE—Good work and driving mare. Cheap for cash. H. C. Burroughs.

SIGNALS OF DISTRESS

Merkel People Should Know How to Read and Heed Them

Disordered kidneys give many signals of distress.

The secretions may be dark, contain sediment.

Passages are sometimes frequent, scanty, painful.

Backache is often present day and night.

Headaches and dizzy spells may occur.

Weakened kidneys should receive quick help.

Don't delay! Use a special kidney remedy.

Doan's Kidney Pills are for weak kidneys, backache and urinary disorders. Merkel evidence proves their worth. Mrs. N. Thompson, Thornton street, Merkel, says: "My kidneys were weak and I had pain across the small of my back. I got Doan's Kidney Pills at the Rust & McCauley Drug Co. and was quickly cured."

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

**CALOMEL WHEN BILIOUS? NO! STOP!
MAKES YOU SICK AND SALIVATES**

'Dodson's Liver Tone' Is Harmless To Clean Your Sluggish Liver and Bowels.

Ugh! Calomel makes you sick. It's horrible! Take a dose of the dangerous drug tonight and tomorrow you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with sour bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish and "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour, just try a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone tonight on my guarantee.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick.

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.

**SOLDIERS IN EUROPE
BECOME SICK WITH
KIDNEY DISEASES**

Doan's Kidney Pills Are Being Supplied Free to The Suffering Men.

Any of Our Readers Can Try This Famous Remedy Without Expense. Just Send For a Trial Box.

Hardships and exposure in the cold, wet trenches is crippling thousands of warring European soldiers with kidney troubles and rheumatism.

The foreign offices of Doan's Kidney Pills are doing a good deed in giving this famous remedy free to every soldier who wants a box.

Foster-Milburn Co. of Buffalo, N. Y., makers of Doan's, state that they will be glad to send a trial of their medicine free to any reader of this paper who will write them for it.

There are many recommenders of Doan's Kidney Pills in this vicinity. Here is a list of users who have publicly endorsed Doan's.

Merkel Endorsers of Doan's
Mrs. J. V. West.
Mrs. Nan Thompson, Thornton St.
W. G. Cypert.
H. W. Derstine.
D. J. Dodd.
J. W. Eland.
Mrs. Ada Walker.
B. J. Rhodes.
Mrs. H. D. Wilson.
E. W. Dennis, N. Main St.
Mrs. T. J. King, Kent Street.

Money To Loan.

Limited amount of money to loan on good farm or farm land in Merkel country. First come first served. Write to Reese F. Rogers, box 223, Merkel, Texas.

W. O. W.

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Pollock of Moro were here Saturday visiting Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Cranford.

Bring us your eggs and butter. Hamblat & Rogers.

Resolutions Of Respect

Camp 79 U. C. V.

We, your committee appointed to draft resolutions upon the death of our Comrade, S. R. Curtis, submit the following:

Resolved, that in the going of Comrade Curtis this Camp has lost one of the most active and punctual members, being always ready with his counsel and means to perpetuate the memory and deeds of his comrades of the Lost Cause.

Resolved, that we miss him as a citizen of our community for as a citizen he would not suffer by comparison with the best and as a neighbor he merited the love and respect of those who knew him best and Comrade Curtis was a man that always met the responsibilities of life as a citizen and the writer being intimately associated with him for thirty years never knew him to shift a responsibility or betray a trust.

Resolved, that we are sure he did hard service while a Confederate Soldier, for he enlisted in the 1st Kentucky, Cavalry Company A, and was commanded by Gen. Joseph H. Morgan, one of the most brilliant and dashing commanders of the south.

—He leaves to mourn his loss, his maiden sister, Miss Amanda Curtis, they keeping house together for about thirty years and always extended to their friends who visited them, a hearty welcome, and they reared from infancy a niece, Mrs. Marvin Smith (nee) Miss Eva Merchant. He also leaves a brother, Salva Curtis, who lives at Sweetwater. Comrade Curtis died trusting in a Saviors Love.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. Tucker,
Chairman of Committee.

J. H. Counts who has been in El Paso visiting his daughter, Mrs. E. Maxwell, returned to Merkel last week after a months stay in the border city.

Before and After Easter Sale

GET IN THE EASTER PARADE

Take Advantage of Our Easter and After Easter Bargain Offers

With Our Big Store filled with \$30,000 worth of Spring's Newest Fabrics, Garments and Wearing Apparel of every noteworthy description, we are better prepared than any known source to garb you most suitably for the Grand Easter Style Parade Event and offer you the most astounding price winners for the occasion of Easter and after. Visit our store between now and Easter and after. Prices, Goods and Service will interest you



Millinery

Hundreds of the prettiest Spring Models to select from at absolutely lowest prices.
 \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$9.00 Pattern Hats, only.....\$5.00
 \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$6.00 Beautiful Easter Hats, only.....\$3.95
 \$3.50 and \$4.00 Easter Hats, Excellent Shapes.....\$2.48
 Many other intermediate prices too numerous to mention will be big bargains at from \$1.00 to.....\$2.00
 See us—THE STYLE MILLINERY SHOP—for your Easter Hat and after Easter Hat.

Dress Goods

25c Printed Flaxons, only.....20c
 29c Printed Solid Brown Crepes, only.....12 1/2c
 20c 36-inch Dimities, only.....12 1/2c
 15c 36-inch Linen Fin Suitings, only.....12 1/2c
 50c 36-inch solid color Crepe, only.....35c
 75c 36-inch Silk Lace Cloth, all colors.....48c
 65c Printed and Solid Colored Dress Poplin.....50c
 75c Printed Silk Messaline, 21-inch, only.....50c
 \$1.00 36-inch Crepe-de-Chine, Silk, only.....75c
 20c India Linens, extra special, only.....15c
 15c India Linens, extra special, only.....12 1/2c
 12 1/2c India Linens, extra special, only.....10c
 10c India Linens, extra special, only.....7 1/2c
 Hundreds of other exquisite Fabrics at Before and after Easter Sale Prices.

Dress Goods for Easter and After

15c pretty Lace Cloth, only.....10c
 20c Pretty Printed Crepes.....15c
 15c Pretty Printed Crepes.....10c

LACES LACES

Shadow Lace, Voil and Embroidery Flouncings—Easter Specials

\$2.00 Embroidered Voil Flouncings, 45 inches, only.....98c
 \$1.50 Embroidered Voil Flouncings, 45 inches, only.....75c
 \$1.00 Embroidered Voil Flouncings, 36 inches, only.....48c
 75c Embroidery Flouncing, 36-inch.....39c
 50c Embroidery Flouncing, 27-inch.....18c
 75c Shadow Flouncings.....48c
 50c Shadow Flouncings.....35c
 10c Val Laces, one big lot.....5c
 10c Embroideries, one big lot.....5c
 10c and 12 1/2c Baby Set Embroideries.....8 1/2c
 15c Baby Set Embroideries.....10c
 These are the biggest values you ever saw in Laces and Embroideries. Take advantage of them while they last.

NOVELTIES AND NOTIONS

This Department consists of unprecedented values for Easter and after Easter wear.
 35c New Style Organdy Collars.....5c
 35c New Style Organdy Collar and Cuff Sets, only.....25c
 50c New Style Organdy Collars, only.....35c
 50c New Style Net Collars.....35c
 75c New Style Net Collar and Cuffsets, only.....50c
 75c New Style Collar and Vestee, only.....50c

Staples Staples

25 pieces good yard wide Brown Domestic, only.....4 1/2c
 50 pieces best C Canvas, only.....4c
 100 pieces Princes Plaids.....4 1/2c
 25 pieces best 10c yard wide Bleaching, only.....8 1/2c
 20 pieces best 12 1-2c yard wide Cambric Muslin, only.....10c
 30 pieces best Sea Island 36-inch Brown Muslin.....7 1/2c
 10 pieces 15c Feather Ticking, only.....10c
 10 pieces 12 1-2c Mattress Ticking only.....10c
 25 pieces 15c 36-in. Cretons.....10c
 10 pieces 10c 27-in. Cretons.....8 1/2c
 250 Bleached Turkish Towels.....10c
 Best Pepperell Bleached Sheet-ing.....25c
 20 pieces Cheviot Shirting.....8 1/2c
 200 pieces best 10c and 12 1-2c New Spring Ginghams.....8 1/2c

LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S DRESSES—Extra Special for Easter and After

Ladies \$2.00 nicely trimmed, neatly made dresses.....\$1.50
 Ladies \$1.75 nicely trimmed, neatly made dresses.....\$1.25
 Ladies \$2.50 nicely trimmed, neatly made dresses.....98c
 Misses \$1.75 nicely trimmed neatly made dresses.....\$1.25
 Misses \$1.50 nicely trimmed neatly made dresses.....98c
 Children's \$1.00 nicely trimmed, neatly made dresses.....75c
 Will say that these are the best made dresses and of the best material that we have ever shown for the price. Get these Bargains while they last.



Corsets

We have one of the most celebrated lines of Corsets on the American continent and we are selling them from 50c, 75c and \$1.00 to \$5.00, making you a saving of from 25c to \$1.00 on every Corset you buy of us and they are all GUARANTEED not to rust or break.

Slippers Slippers

Greatest Slipper Sale ever known at this time of the year. We want to sell everybody a pair of Slippers for Easter and after.

Children's \$1.50 Patent Baby Doll, only.....\$1.00
 Misses' \$2.00 Patent Baby Doll, only.....1.50
 Ladies' 2.00 Kid, Ankle Strap, only.....1.50
 Ladies' 2.50 Two-Strap, Patent Vamp.....1.95
 Ladies' 3.00 Patent Mary Jane, only.....2.50
 Ladies' 3.00 Patent Vamp, Cloth Counter Pumps, only.....\$2.50
 Ladies' \$3.00 Two-Strap fine Kid, Spool heel.....2.50
 Ladies' 3.00 Plain toe, fine Kid, Button.....2.50
 Ladies' 3.50 One-Strap, Pat. Vamp, Bro-Country, only.....\$3.00
 Ladies' \$3.50 Double Cross Strap, Patent, French Heel, only.....\$3.00
 Ladies' \$3.50 Patent Vamp Pump.....3.00
 \$4.00 Patent Vamp Pump.....3.50
 \$4.50 Patent Vamp Pump, one wide strap, Bro. only.....\$3.50

Men's and Boys' Slippers

Boys' \$1.75 Kid Lace Slippers, only.....\$1.25
 Boys' 2.00 Kid Lace Slippers, only.....1.50
 Boys' 2.25 Gun Button Slippers, only.....1.75
 Boys' 2.50 Gun Button Slippers, only.....1.95
 Boys' 3.00 Gun Button Slippers, only.....2.45
 Men's 3.50 Kid Lace Oxfords.....2.95
 Men's 4.00 Gun Button Oxfords.....3.50
 Men's 4.00 Kid Lace Oxfords.....3.50
 Men's 4.50 Kangaroo Button Oxford.....4.00
 Men's 5.00 Kangaroo Lace and Button Oxf. 4.50
 Men's 6.00 Kangaroo, button, lace Kangaroo, Tan Bal., English Walker and Black.....\$4.95

Lack of space will not allow us to make further quotations but there are many others that added to these will make the greatest Before and After Easter Slipper Sale Ever Known in Merkel. See our prices and Slippers B 4 U BUY

Big Automobile Free

DON'T FAIL TO GET YOUR VOTES

500 votes extra besides the regular votes Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 1st, 2nd and 3rd. This will help you catch up and get ahead.

WATCH THE BUSY BEE STORE

Everything interesting at all times for those who pay cash. THE CASH STORE

MEN'S HATS

Big lot extra value, \$2.50, \$3, for.....\$1.45
 Besides these we are loaded with Spring's newest and noblest shapes, colors and styles to suit everybody.
 Before and After Easter Sale Prices
 \$4.50 Jno. B. Stetson Nobby Hat.....\$3.50
 Our prices are as right as our styles. Hurry! We need the business.

LADIES' SKIRTS

We have the most beautiful LADIES' SKIRTS ever seen for the price, ranging from \$2.50 to \$6.50 from our regular prices of \$3.50 to \$7.50. They are all new styles and best materials possible.

GOWNS, COMBINATION SUITS, CORSET COVERS

75c Gowns for Ladies and Misses, only.....50c
 \$1.00 Gowns for Ladies and Misses, only.....75c
 1.50 Gowns for Ladies and Misses, only.....98c
 2.00 Gowns for Ladies and Misses, only.....\$1.50
 1.75 Ladies Combination Suits, only.....1.50
 1.50 Ladies Combination Suits, only.....1.25
 50c Ladies Corset Covers.....25c
 \$1.00 Corset Covers.....50c
 15c Childrens Drawers, only.....10c

Men and Boys' Clothing

A GREAT SPRING CLOTHING SALE—Hundreds of Suits, new Spring Styles, for Men and Boys, at HALF PRICE. We made this Half Price offer last Saturday and sold 25 suits. We will make this Half Price offer during this Before and After Easter Sale.

Pick Choice of our Men's \$20.00 Suits for.....\$10.00
 They are big values at \$20.00 but they will be sold for \$10.00. You will have to hurry—they go fast.

Boys' Clothing

New arrival of Big Purchase Boys' New Spring Suits. All wool Serges and fancy Woolens. Choice these \$7.50 Suit for only.....\$3.95

Men and Boy's Caps

50c New Style Spring Caps.....35c
 75c New Style Spring Caps.....50c
 \$1.00 New Style Spring Caps.....75c
 \$1.25 New Style Spring Caps.....95c
 \$1.50 New Style Spring Caps.....\$1.25
 Big variety of these Caps enables us to suit all who want Caps.

Men's Furnishings

Men's \$1.00 Dress Shirts.....75c
 Men's \$1.25 Dress Shirts.....98c
 Men's 50c Four-in-Hand Ties.....25c
 Men's 75c Four-in-Hand Ties.....45c
 Men's 35c Underwear.....25c
 Men's 50c Underwear.....39c
 Men's \$1.25 Summer Union Suits.....\$1.00
 Men's \$1.00 Summer Union Suits.....75c

We are prepared to dress you from head to foot and from foot to head most economically. You certainly lose money if you fail to take advantage of these big saving offers now.

"A Dollar Saved is a Dollar Made." You Can Get Rich by Trading Regularly

AT

Parten Dry Goods Company

Merkel's Exclusive Cash Store With the Spot Cash Prices on the Newest, Best Goods Going HURRY—GET YOUR AUTO VOTES

This Store is Aglow With the Story of the New Spring Fashions

Suits, Coats, Dresses, Waists, Millinery, Hosiery, Shoes, Dress Fabrics, Trimmings and accessories; also a complete line of Men's Clothing and Furnishings. Such a great gathering of Stylish Spring Merchandise as is usually found only in the larger cities is ready here for your selection, at prices as low, and in many instances lower than obtainable in the large cities.

We invite the readers of this paper to visit the store as often as possible and take advantage of our low prices and satisfactory service

Send us your mail orders, which will be given immediate and careful attention. All orders delivered fully prepaid and **SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.**

Abilene's Favorite Shopping Place

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ONE PRICE - THE LOWEST

BLAIR

Formers are busy planting corn and maize. The wheat and oats are looking better.

The Blair singing class met Sunday night and the following delegates were elected to attend the County Singing Convention which meets at Abilene this time. Miss Essie Doan, Henry Spears, Ora Mayfield and D. C. Doan.

Mr. Douglass was here moving some houses last week. J. Hamp Campbell and E. B. Rainer each had one moved.

E. M. Sherman made a business trip to Trent Monday.

Miss Frankie Swift of View, visited her sister Miss Ruby Ray Swift Saturday, returning Monday.

Miss Ammer Bell Moore of Compere, was visiting her sister, Mrs. Addison last week.

Little Ernest Meeks is very sick with pneumonia at this writing.

Mr. McLean who lives near Denver, Col., returned to his home Sunday after a pleasant visit with his brothers, Bob and P. R. McLean.

Mrs. Pilkinton of Dallas visited her sister Mrs. Provine the past week.

A Cure for Sour Stomach.

Mrs. Wm. M. Thompson, of Battle Creek, Mich., writes: "I have been troubled with indigestion, sour stomach and bad breath. After taking two bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets I am well. These tablets are splendid—none better." For sale by all dealers.

COMPERE

Health is not good good in and around Compere. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell have a real sick child, Bessie Lou.

Rallins Rains is very sick. Dr. Arwood was attending him and taken sick himself. Dr. Armstrong is attending him now.

Farmers are far behind with their work.

This community is building a phone line direct to Merkel. We miss our telephone so much.

Mrs. Baillus is real sick at this time.

Rev. Dawson preached at Compere Sunday afternoon. He accepted a call to the church.

The rats are getting real bad, they like to have eat up a young calf belonging to W. N. Moore.

Stomach Trouble Cured

Mrs. H. G. Cleveland, Arnold, Pa., writes, "For some time I suffered from stomach trouble. I would have sour stomach and feel bloated after eating. Nothing benefited me until I got Chamberlain's Tablets. After taking two bottles of them I was cured." For sale by all dealers.

SHILOH

There was small attendance at Sunday school Sunday. Now, as the spring weather is opening up, let's all try to take more interest in Sunday school, for what is better for the young people of any community than a good Sunday school?

Joe Winters spent Sunday night with relatives in Anson. Misses Lettys and Baulah

Jones attended a singing at Mr. Eason's of the Noodle community Saturday night.

Mrs. Tyner was a Trent visitor Thursday.

Uncle Terrell Winters, W. B. Beavers and family, spent Sunday afternoon with Jap Rogers and family of the Noodle community.

W. L. Boyd and little daughter of Trent, were in this community Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago visited friends near Carpenters Gap Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright of Nugent are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCright.

Our rural mail carrier, who has had a case of mumps, was able to come out on his route Monday for the first time in nearly two weeks. We have an idea Mr. Howell can tell us all about the mumps now.

We were in error last week about the lecture by Miss Blanch Walker at Noodle. The lecture was postponed on account of the coldness of the weather. We have been informed she will lecture at Noodle next Sunday night.

Nothing so Good for a Cough or cold

When you have a cold you want the best medicine obtainable so as to get rid of it with the least possible delay. There are many who consider Chamberlain's Cough Remedy unsurpassed. Mrs. J. Boroff, Elida, Ohio, says, "Ever since my daughter Ruth was cured of a severe cold and cough by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy two years ago, I have felt kindly disposed toward the manufacturers of that preparation. I know of nothing so quick to relieve a cough or cure a cold." For sale by all dealers.

SALT BRANCH

The health of the community is some better at this writing.

W. B. Robertson was in Abilene Monday visiting his daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones were in Abilene Thursday.

Messrs. Jno Mobley, Lester Wheat, Charlie and Ollie Higgins, spent Sunday in Merkel with friends and relatives.

J. W. Hardy of Clyde, is in our community this week on business.

P. A. Stone and family of Merkel, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Higgins.

Miss Ida Taylor of near Lorraine is visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Robertson spent Saturday night with relatives in the Warren community.

Miss Mae Rainer left Tuesday for Estancia, N. M., to make that her future home.

Several young people from Stith attended singing here Sunday.

J. L. Barker and wife spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Campbell near Merkel.

Singing was well attended here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Higgins spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Campbell near Merkel.

How To Give Quinine to Children.
FEBRILINE is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for 2 ounce original package. The name FEBRILINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

BUTMAN

Singing at Nubia was well attended Sunday, there being several there from Butman and Dora.

Rev. Purcer filled his appointment at Butman Sunday. At the conclusion of his sermon he explained the desolate situation of Trent lady whose house had recently been destroyed by fire and requested a contribution and received \$7.25.

Messrs. Mortie Matthews and Charlie Lewis attended the county schools contests at Buffalo Gap last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Matthews of Butman visited relatives in Merkel Saturday and Sunday.

Everybody come to the Literary at Nubia Friday night. Dialogues, speeches and music will be some of the features.

The farmers are rapidly catching up with their work since favorable weather began.

The road hands have been busy fixing the road between Mr. Latimers and Mr. Cordills.

C. E. Lewis and Louis Butman left last Saturday for Abilene where they will enter school.

Last Wednesday week, Mr. Dial lost his barn and feed by fire. His little children were playing about the barn and accidentally set it on fire. The people are responding to his necessity.

Some of the young people here are already talking of going to the singing convention to be held at Abilene this month.

Lee Cargill tells us that people have more fun these days than anybody.

You dear readers all come and see me when you can.

For Constipation.

Mr. L. H. Farnham, a prominent druggist of Spirit Lake, Iowa, says: "Chamberlain's Tablets are certainly the best thing on the market for constipation." Give these tablets a trial. You are certain to find them agreeable and pleasant in effect. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

NUBIA

The farmers are making use of this pretty weather planting their feed and cotton.

Grover Blair and M. Denton, went to Merkel Saturday.

Several young people of Dora attended singing here Sunday.

J. M. Toombs and son, Jim, of Merkel, was here Sunday.

We are glad to report the baby of Harry Riney's some better at this writing.

Misses Gertrude and Zella Stanley went to Merkel Saturday.

A Healing Salve for Burns, Chapped Hands and Sore Nipples

As a healing salve for burns, sores, sore nipples and chapped hands Chamberlain's Salve is most excellent. It allays the pain of a burn almost instantly, and unless the injury is very severe, heals the parts without leaving a scar. Price 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

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To get the genuine, call for full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. Stops cough and headache, and works off cold. 25c.



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From Cape Town and from Cairo, for years the engineers have been pushing through desert, jungle and forest, over rivers and across lakes, the longest railroad in the world. The dream of the late Cecil Rhodes, this road is by this time almost completed. About a year and a half ago the line was pushed from Cape Town northward 2250 miles in the Belgian Congo.

At that time the terminus was Kambove, the little African village shown in the illustration.

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MULBERRY

Rev. Reed of Abilene filled his appointment here Sunday.

A. F. Roberts and family of Mt. Pleasant Hill visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chawick of this place Sunday.

Jno. Chadwick and Ernest Foust attended singing at Salt Branch Sunday evening.

Mr. J. E. Bryan of Sweetwater who is teaching school at this place spent Friday and Saturday with homefolks.

Health of this community is very good at this writing.

Ed Kelso of the Stith community visited O. McCormick and family Sunday.

Rheumatic Pains Relieved

Why suffer from rheumatism when relief may be had at so small a cost? Mrs. Elmer Hatch, Peru, Ind., writes: "I have been subject to attacks of rheumatism for years. Chamberlain's Liniment always relieves me immediately, and I take pleasure in recommending it to others."

NOODLE.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Thompson spent Saturday night and Sunday with the former's mother Mrs.

Thompson of Sinclair.

Uncle Henry Wheeler of Colorado City has been visiting relatives of this place but has returned to his home.

Rev and Mrs. W. K. Horn of Abilene are visiting relatives here.

Miss Bertha Ely was visiting in Abilene the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee spent Sunday with the latter's mother Mrs. Thompson of Sinclair.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Eoff and Mrs. Brannon were guests of Mr. McCright and family of Shiloh last Sunday.

There was quite a number of young people attended the singing Sunday afternoon at Hebron.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Wright of Nugent passed through here Monday on their way to visit the latter parents Mr. and Mrs. McCright of Shiloh.

The Singing and Musical entertainment at Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eason Saturday night was enjoyed by all present.

Miss Emma Green and Mr. H. Hooper of Neinda were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Green Sunday.

We are in favor of Merkel being first choice for the Central West Texas Normal instead of second choice. We hope Merkel will get it.

The singing at W. U. Beene last Sunday was enjoyed by a number of young folks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Witt were in Merkel Monday.

Little Edna Wheeler of Colorado spent a day or two with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Callaway.

Dellis Green is in school again after several days of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Witt of Merkel spent Saturday with the former's brother M. Witt and family.

Mrs. Wm. Winter is on the sick list this week.

Chas. Jones of Shiloh spent Sunday with friends in this community.

I have a hollow wire lighting system consisting of four lamps and a good tank, all in fine working order. I will sell at a bargain. I also have some extra show cases that I wish to sell. Any one in need of either will save money by figuring with me. Mrs. E. M. Rust.