

## WANTS PICTURES MERKEL HOMES

The Texas & Pacific and the Iron Mountain Railways are making preparations from an extensive advertising campaign and have asked Agent Lewis of this place to furnish him with views of the town and country that they may be included in the advertising of towns in this section.

All people who have good views of Merkel homes or business houses are requested to give them to Mr. Lewis at once as he will be compelled to send in all views by Tuesday.

If you desire to have your pictures returned the company will gladly do so and no kodak or photograph will be injured in the least. Everybody assist in this work of advertising Merkel and the surrounding country.

## WATER IS SCARCE IN THE CITY WELL

The first water trouble for the city came up the first of the week when the tunnel between the two wells at the city pumping plant caved in. This cave in stopped the flow of water from the large dug well the the pump set in the bored well.

When workmen were called in to pull the pump from the small well, somebody pulled a "boner" and allowed one part of the pump to drop through another part, to wit about two sections of pipe plunged downward and it is supposed that the deep well pump cylinder is completely out of commission. A temporary arrangement has been rigged up for pumping in the big well and a normal supply of water is now being obtained, it will be several days however before the two wells can again be connected and the plant started in full force.

## STORM IS COMING IN WEST INDIES

Washington, Aug. 16.—Warning of the approach of a West Indian hurricane was sent to all points on the gulf coast and in the south today by the weather bureau.

The storm was central this morning, about 150 miles northwest of Jamaica and 200 miles south of central Cuba. Reports says it is very severe.

It is moving northwesterly and weather bureau officials believe it will pass through the Yucatan channel Thursday.

## HE KILLS TWO MEN AFTER BEING SHOT

Tucson, Ariz., Aug. 14.—After his horse had been shot from under him by two Mexicans, suspected of having perpetrated a burglary, and he himself had been shot through the hip. Constable John Bright of Courtland Cochise county, drawing his gun as he lay prone on the ground beside the body of his horse, killed the two Mexicans yesterday near Courtland. The constable will recover.

Special price on all grades of coffee, your patronage will be appreciated, highest price for eggs and butter. W. F. Hamblet.

## CULBERSON SICK, SAYS MR. PRIDDIE

Gatesville, Texas, Aug. 14.—I have noticed in the last few days letters that have been published from various and sundry persons relative to the physical condition of Senator Charles Culberson. I presume The News wishes to be fair and to gain all authentic information for the benefit of its readers, therefore I take the liberty of addressing you this letter, and I hope you can see fit to give it the same publicity as you have similar correspondence.

I was in Washington City Saturday, August 5 and also I had the pleasure of calling on one of our Texas Senators. I did not have an interview with Mr. Culberson for the following reason: I was in the private wing of the Senate, standing within twelve feet of Senator Culberson. He was sitting alone, and seemed to be taking no interest in the deliberations of the Senate. I was indeed sorry to see him in the condition that he is. He seems to me to be suffering with the palsy and I noticed his being very nervous, decrepit and in my judgement physically unable to defend any measure in the Senate that would require twenty minutes' debate. Mr. Culberson is thin in stature and in my judgement he can not sign his own name with pen and ink, for the following reasons: nervousness and the palsy. And the State of Texas has been good to Mr. Culberson and I am surprised that his friends in Texas would advocate him to now fill a position for which he is physically unqualified to perform.

The State of Texas needs at this time a man with vigorous manhood and intellectual mind to perform the most strenuous tasks that ever came before the American public, and I see no reason why the followers of Senator Culberson in the past should not vote for O. B. Colquitt in the next primaries, as they have paid their debt to Mr. Culberson, and he being at this time unable to ever fill his seat in the senate again. Yours truly,

T. P. PRIDDIE

## RUSSIANS CAPTURE 358,000 TEUTONS

Petrograd, Aug. 16.—Between June 4, when the Russian offensive was inaugurated, and August 12, General Brusiloff's forces captured more than 358,000 men, the war office announced today.

The Russians have captured a series of heights to the west of Vorokto and Ardzemoy, in the Carpathians. Jablonitzka was taken yesterday. In the Vorokhta and Delatyn regions the Austrians are retiring to the west.

Rome, Aug. 16.—Further advances for the Italians in their campaign against the Austrians east and southeast of Gorizia were announced today by the war office. Austrian trenches along the slopes of Monte Pecinka, on the northern edge of the of the Carso plateau and in the neighborhood of San Caterina and San Marco east of Gorizia, have been taken, the announcement states.

Paris, Aug. 16.—A violent bombardment was carried on last night on the Verdun front at Thiamont, Fleury, Vaux and Chapitre, east of the Meuse.

Along the greater part of the front the night past quietly, the official report issued today says.

## ABSORBING THE TRENT ENTERPRISE

This issue of the Merkel Mail goes to the regular Mail subscribers and in addition it is sent for the first time to the regular subscribers of the Trent Enterprise, a newspaper published at Trent until last week when the Editor Col. L. B. Shook moved his plant to another field.

To each and every subscriber of the Enterprise, the Mail will now be sent until the paid in advance time has expired and those who were in arrears with the Enterprise, will be taken from the list immediately as the policy of the Mail is to have all subscriptions paid in advance. Those who were taking both the Mail and the Enterprise will be accredited time equal to the time both papers were paid in advance for and in this way no paid in advance subscriber of the Enterprise will lose any time whatever.

To those who get the Mail this week in the place of the Enterprise, we ask that you consider the sacrifice we are making in the completion of all the contracts of the Enterprise for we are not receiving one penny from the departing management of the Enterprise for the expense we are in this increase in our circulation.

If after proper consideration of the Mail in its mission, any former Enterprise reader who is now a new Mail reader, finds that the Mail is worthy of continued patronage we will thank you to send us your \$1.00 for renewal before your subscription expires, for all namns are dropped from our lists immediately at the subscription expiration. Each subscriber can tell exactly when his or her time is out by watching the label on your paper. If your paper is marked 10 Dec. 16, your paper expires Dec. 10, 1916.

We send greetings to all former Enterprise readers and will try our dead level best to furnish the news to you in an acceptable form at all times with a regularity of Friday in every week.

## CHILDRESS BEATS KELLY IN CONTEST

Childress of Abilene was safe almost from the beginning of a ten-goat roping contest held here Saturday when his opponent Red Kelly seemed to be taking a day off from his attempt to make fast time.

Childress' time for the ten goats was an average of 20.2 seconds, while his best time was recorded as 10.75, his second best at 11.25 and his third best at 12.2 seconds. Kelly's best time was on his fifth goat, when he tied in 11.75, his second best being 12, while he did not tie under 20 seconds on any of the other eight goats, coming out of the contest with an average of 30.70 seconds.

## GOOD MEETING IS NOW IN PROGRESS

Rev. Fitzhu, assisted by the local pastor H. E. Bullock is conducting a most interesting meeting at the new Presbyterian church where everything is being done for the comfort of those who attend each service.

The new church is one of the most comfortable in the city and the members are taking special pains to have each and every visitor feel and be at home while there. Special services are to be held Sunday while on Sunday night other services at other church will be discontinued in favor of the visiting pastor and his work.

Wooden barrels for sale. See W. E. Britain.

## \$500,000 IN CASH PUTS STOP TO RUN

East St. Louis, Ill., Aug. 14.—A pile of currency totaling \$500,000 checked a small run of the depositors on the Illinois State Bank here. The run was due to reports spread by a man who called up depositors by telephone and told them he "was giving a tip" that the bank was not safe. Efforts to locate this man have failed.

Depositors were assured by the president of the bank that the situation was solvent, but to make timid depositors feel safe the Illinois State Bank today withdrew \$500,000 from its connection in St. Louis, Mo., and put this money on the counter.

## TO PREACH SUNDAY AT THE M.E. CHURCH

Rev. Carey Touchstone, who has been recently appointed by the Mission Board of the M. E. Church for work in Mexico will preach at the local Methodist church Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Rev. Touchstone is here on a visit with his mother Mrs. Alice Touchstone and on invitation is filling Rev. Garvin's pulpit at the morning services on Sunday. There will be no services at the Methodist church on Sunday evening, on account of the Presbyterian meeting now in progress.

Good hay, feed, oats at Bob Martin's Grocery Co.

Wedgewood syrup at G. M. Sharp's

## CULBERSON FOUND ACTIVE IN WORK

Fort Worth, Aug. 15.—Senator Charles A. Culberson is on the job and is going to stay on it as long as his services are needed.

That is the way Henry James of Fort Worth sums up the situation after a visit to Washington.

"I was in Washington a few weeks ago," said James. "I saw Senator Culberson while there. If he is the invalid we are led to believe by some people in Texas, then we are sadly in need of more such invalids in the United States senate at this time, judging by the work that he was and had been doing for some months past."

"He was not being rolled around in an invalid chair when I saw him and barring the gray hairs that comes to us as the time passes, looked as well as he did ten years ago."

"On all sides I heard of him spoken of as the wisest counselor and ablest statesman in the United States senate at this time."

"My recollection is that Alexander Stephens of Georgia, was often wheeled into the senate of the United States in an invalid's chair, yet no one in this land has ever questioned his wise and safe service to his own state as well as the United States."

"If Charles A. Culberson has ever betrayed his people or any trust reposed in him by them, wherever they placed him, tell the people about it; if he is not at this time rendering valuable service to his people and to our president, tell the people about this. But he is on the job, he is going to stay on it as long as his services and I believe that Texas people will recognize this and keep him where he now is."

## Back From Dallas

J. T. Evans returned Wednesday morning from Dallas where he moved with his family two weeks ago.

Mr. Evans has disposed of all of his Merkel property and will join his sons Duke and Ruford in a new home at Dallas.

## EX-GOV. COLQUITT SPEAKS ON MONDAY

Ex-Gov. O. B. Colquitt will speak to the people of Merkel and Merkel country next Monday morning at 10 o'clock as he will arrive in time to speak at that hour and from here he will go to Anson where he speaks in the afternoon. Going on to Abilene for a speaking date Monday night.

Gov. Colquitt is making a whirlwind campaign over the state in interest of his candidacy for United States Senate and bears the distinction of having headed the recent primary ticket with five other prominent men opposing him. His talk here will be in line with the issues of the campaign and will no doubt be very interesting to those present to hear this distinguished man. The speaking will be held at the Cozy Theatre and everybody is cordially invited.

## Lectures at Tabernacle.

The series of lectures by Bible students closed Sunday night following interesting discussions that were held each evening at the Tabernacle. Regular crowds were in attendance and local people who were present report an enjoyable study during the time.

## WE DIDN'T SAY WE DIDN'T NEED RAIN

Somebody at Trent accused us last week of saying that the Merkel country was not in need of rain, and we must refute the testimony.

What we might of said if we had been talking about the weather would have been, "We kinder need a shower." It would be a sad case of mistaken identity for any person to think rain is not needed. Some slight showers in some parts of the country would certainly be of benefit to the corn stalks and other vegetables. And, while we can do without this much desired moisture longer than any other country on the face of the earth, and then make a good crop. we would, for the sake of others, like to see a regular clod soaker and gully washer.

## BANDITS BATTLE CITIZEN'S POSSE

Corsicana, Aug. 16.—Robbers, evidently amateurs, made an attempt to rob the postoffice of Rice, ten miles north of here, this morning.

The explosion awakened the town and a running revolver fight ensued, the bandits making their escape in an automobile: No one was hurt and nothing is missing from the postoffice.

Sergeant Evans of police headquarters received telephonic advices from Rice, Navarro county, at 2:45 Wednesday morning that the safe in the postoffice there had been blown open and robbed. The thieves, according to report sent here, fled northward in an automobile and passed through Ennis. Police here are on the lookout for the robbers, but have scant discripts to use.

## SERMON TO MEN AND BOYS SUNDAY

Rev. Fitzhu, evangelist, who is conducting the Presbyterian meeting at the new church, will preach a sermon Sunday afternoon, at 4 o'clock to men and boys only.

Rev. Bullock in announcing the sermon, stated that it would be one that even ladies could listen to, and would not be as rough as many such sermons are, but a decision has been reached to make it exclusive for men and boys.

## ABILENE BOOSTERS HERE SEPT. 13TH

The Abilene Boosters, in their three-days' trip over west Texas, will visit Merkel on the afternoon of September 13th at 5:31 o'clock.

The trip of the boosters will carry them over a larger area of territory than they visited last year, and their advertising campaign will be much more extensive. One of the features of the trip will be the advertising of the West Texas Fair Association.

If you want good flour, a New Century, Cream of All good, every sack give See me before you buy. W. F. Hamblet.



# SEVERAL REASONS WHY

No. 1

**GUARANTY FUND  
BANK**

No. 2

**LARGE CAPITAL  
AND SURPLUS**

No. 3

**ALWAYS WILLING  
AND ABLE TO CARE  
FOR YOUR NEEDS**

No. 4

**COURTESY AND  
FAIR TREATMENT  
PREVAILS**

**LET US HAVE YOUR  
BUSINESS**

THE  
**Farmers State  
BANK**

## The Degeneracy of Modern War

By Captain F. A. MITCHEL

"I don't see how they're going to make stories about this big war in Europe," said the G. A. R. veteran, "when it's all over. What kind of a war is it, anyway? A hundred thousand men march up against a line of trenches defended by rapid fire guns, electric wires and grenades; 60,000 or 70,000 of them are either killed or wounded, while the rest capture a few yards of territory or are driven back without having accomplished anything. You might as well extract romance from the Chicago stockyards on killing day."

The remark was made to a party of men sitting on chairs tilted against the outside of a country store.

"Where's the romance in the war you fit in?" asked an old farmer, taking his pipe out of his mouth and looking at the G. A. R. man doubtfully.

"What is it? Why, that war was brimful of it. It was spread over a big country; there were comparatively few battles; a small amount of takin' fortifications and all the rest was romance. I don't mean girl romance, though there was plenty of that. I mean adventure romance. I was concerned in one of 'em myself. We was layin' quiet in camp, down in Tennessee, one summer's evening, singin', 'When this cruel war is over, or 'Lorena' or some other of the romantic war songs of that time, when my captain came along in a hurry, shoutin', 'Any locomotive engineer among you boys?' I said I'd been a fireman on a locomotive and could run a machine tofable well. He yanked me off to the general, who asked me a few questions, then told me that the bridge guard across the Tennessee river, twenty miles above us, had been attacked and unless he could get re-enforcements there right off the bridge would be taken and burned. This would break our line of communications and we might have to give up a big stretch of country we occupied. He wanted an engineer to take a regiment through to the rescue. The officer commanding the guard had telegraphed that he couldn't hold out much longer, when the wire was cut.

"The train was made up and 400 men were hurrying into the cars. A locomotive was being fired up, and I jumped aboard and took the throttle.

"Well, now, mebbe there was nothin' adventurous in that ride! The colonel commanding the regiment and the adjutant were in the cab with me, and it wasn't long before they were made aware of the fact that we were running a gentlet. It was the people along the road who were trying to wreck us that made it amusing. Rounding a curve, I saw about half the length of the train ahead a tie wedged in under the rail. It was too late to stop, but I reversed and waited. There was a thump, but the engine stuck to the track. There were seven out of ten chances that we would have been ditched and most of us in the cab killed or maimed.

"The next amusing occurrence was the rattle of bullets against the cab. Nobody was hurt, but you'd better believe every man ducked, not excepting the colonel.

"But they didn't get the excitement out of it that I did. I was straining my eyes into the darkness ahead with my hand on the throttle, expecting every minute to run up against an obstruction. The shadow of a tree was a log felled across the track; the shadow of a stump was a tie on the rails. And sometimes the obstructions were real. Once I pulled up within a few feet of a log that had been rolled square across the rails. Another time I slowed up before reaching a switch and found that it had been left open to run us up against a brick house. You see, if they hadn't really been tryin' to wreck us there wouldn't 'a' been any excitement.

"And if there hadn't been any necessity of goin' at a rapid gait there wouldn't 'a' been any fun neither. If we didn't get there in time to save the bridge it meant the retreat of the whole army. So you see I was obliged to let her out, danger or no danger, for if I didn't we wouldn't be in time, and we might as well be wrecked as too late. Besides, if I'd wanted to go slow the colonel, who was at my elbow, wouldn't have allowed it.

"The last obstruction was a post put up on end as a cattle guard only a few miles from the bridge. Seeing that I couldn't stop in time, I put on steam and snapped it off like a twig.

"After passing this we heard firing and knew that the bridge was not yet lost. I blew a long blast on the whistle and heard a distant cheer. When we came near the bridge the colonel ordered me to stop the train in a cut. The men got out and, forming on one side of the cut on high ground, charged down on the attacking force and drove them off.

"Now, that's what I call the romance of war—the adventurous romance. When I got back to camp the general sent for me, and I thought he was going to hug me. I never saw a man look so tickled in my life. I'd saved hundreds of square miles of territory.

"What chance has any soldier to do anything like that in this big European slaughter business? I don't blame fellows for not volunteering in such a war. It's like volunteering for certain death without any of the excitement that was so fascinating in the racket we had from '61 to '65."

"How about them fellows fightin' in the sky?" asked a listener.

The G. A. R. man gave no reply.

## COMPERE

We are still having some sickness in our community, Mrs. V. H. Cain being very low and has been bed ridden for some time. Her daughter Mrs. Robert Snodgrass of Dallas is here at her bedside.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moore of Anson visited the formers mother Mrs. W. M. Moore last week.

The Methodist, Nazarene and Presbyterian Union meeting began here Sunday and will continue ten days. Every one is invited to come and take part in the services.

Mrs. J. J. Childress of Hamlin is visiting her son C. Childress and attending the meeting.

Ed Breeze and Hurley Foster were in Merkel Monday selling mules.

F. L. Palmer and wife visited with Mrs. Addison of Blair and Mrs. Demere of Nolan last week.

Miss Powell of Anson is visiting her aunt Mrs. Ashby this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Rister are parents of another fine boy born August 13th.

### Rev. Owen Away

Rev. L. B. Owen, who has been at Trent during the last week, will leave again Monday for Brownfield in Terry county, where he will conduct a ten days or two weeks meeting. Rev. Owen has been spending much of his time away from home during the past two months, and his work in this and other fields in the evangelistic way has shown that he has been meeting with much success.

### Errors in Print This Week.

If any person finds an error in the Mail this week we charge it our assistant foreman A. E. Creighton who is the proud father of a new baby girl, the same having disturbed his mind since Tuesday morning. He will probably be reconciled to his happiness by next week and the Mail will then appear as usual.

### Stock in Pound

One black mare about 9 years old, about 15 hands high, brand half circle with dot in center.

One mouse colored mare mule, about 3 years old, about 16 hands high, no brand.

Ben Walters,  
City Marshal.

### Liver Trouble

"I am bothered with liver trouble about twice a year," writes Joe Dingman, Webster City, Iowa. "I have had pains in my side and back and an awful soreness in my stomach. I heard of Chamberlain's Tablets and tried them. By the time I had used half a bottle of them I was feeling fine and had no signs of pain." Obtainable everywhere.

## LOOK OUT FOR THE CARS

DO YOU know of anyone who is old enough to read, who has not seen that sign at a railroad crossing?

If everyone has seen it at some time or other, then why doesn't the railroad let the sign rot away? Why does the railroad company continue to keep those signs at every crossing?

Maybe you think, Mr. Merchant, "Most everybody knows my store, I don't have to advertise."

Your store and your goods need more advertising than the railroads need to warn people to "Look Out for the Cars."

Nothing is ever completed in the advertising world.

The Department Stores are a very good example—they are continually advertising—and they are continually doing a good business.

If it pays to run a few ads round about Christmas time, it certainly will pay you to run advertisements about all the time.

It's just business, that's all, to  
**ADVERTISE IN  
THIS PAPER**

## Statement of The Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business Friday, June 30, 1916

### RESOURCES

Loans	\$218,392.52
U. S. Bonds—par	10,250.00
Stock in Federal Bank	1,500.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real Estate	5,900.00
Cash and Sight Exchange	84,185.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$324,140.99</b>

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	42,767.86
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>250,123.13</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$324,140.99</b>

We appreciate your business and are anxious to render good Banking service to our friends and patrons at all times.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier



COME TO OUR JEWELRY STORE FOR THE TOILET JEWELRY YOU NEED. THEN YOU WILL GET THE PROPER THINGS.

WE HAVE ALL SORTS OF USEFUL JEWELRY FOR BOTH LADIES AND GENTLEMEN THAT IS POPULAR IN PRICE. YET THE STYLES ARE CORRECT.

WE HAVE BEAUTIFUL LITTLE THINGS FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE HOME—FROM A PIN FOR BABY'S TINY STOCKINGS TO A HANDSOME SHELL COMB FOR GRANDMA'S HAIR.

**GRIMES DRUG STORE**

## WEAR A CLEAN SUIT

LET

**FERGUSON & RENFRO, The Tailors**

AT THE CITY BARBER SHOP DO

**Your Cleaning and Pressing**

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System  
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head  
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.



# An Escape

By ELINOR MARSH

A young Russian named Ivan Ivanovitch, living at Kars, not many miles north of the boundary line between Russia and Turkey, found employment across the border and while there fell in love with a young Turkish girl. Her father refused her to him unless he would renounce the Christian religion and become a Mohammedan. Ivan was averse to doing so, but it is easy for one who is in love to find a salve for his conscience, and he finally consented. He professed adhesion to the prophet, and the two were married. This is a simple matter with the Turks, for the bride is conducted to the groom's house and left there with him. There is no such ceremony as among Christians.

Of course the young husband's conversion was a form, but he was obliged to go to prayers in the mosque like any Mohammedan and otherwise conform to that religion. After a while he grew tired of this and, taking his wife with him, went back to the other side of the border.

Now, it was not long after the Ivanovitch family made this move that the Grand Duke Nicholas marched by, impressing men into his army as he advanced, taking Ivan among the number. When the latter found that they were marching on Erzerum he was much concerned, for it was near that city that he had married his wife, and he should be captured and recognized fighting in a Christian army against the followers of Mohammed he would suffer as dreadful fate as could be visited on a renegade.

Ivanovitch was on the flank of his army and ten miles to the northwest of Erzerum. There he was captured by the Turks and carried with them in their retreat before the Russians toward Trebizond.

Just before the Russian advance into Turkey, Mme. Ivanovitch went on a visit to her people and was there during the surrender of Erzerum by the Turks. One day while looking at some Russian prisoners who were being marched by, she saw her husband among them.

The good woman was seized with the same trepidation as Ivan, that he might be recognized as a Mohammedan renegade. Wishing to be near him to afford him such protection as she might be able, she followed the prisoners, their captors taking them along in retreat, and saw them go into bivouac for the night.

Now, there was no opportunity for a woman to mingle among men in Turkey, for Turkish women and men do not associate together as in other countries. The only way Mme. Ivanovitch could go among the soldiers and prisoners was by assuming man's attire. Entering the women's quarters of a house near by, she prevailed upon a wife to procure her a suit of her husband's, which she put on and, carrying her own clothes in a bundle under her arm, went to the place where the prisoners were. There she made friends with the guard and offered her services for any duty she might perform. She was told that she might take part in watching the prisoners, and, obtaining a gun, she stood guard with the rest.

Toward midnight she took position near her husband and dropped her bundle beside him, at the same time making signs to him to roll into some underbrush a few yards from him. Slowly edging in that direction, he came to the edge of the brush. Most of the guard were drowsy. One of them was near enough to observe Ivan, and Mme. Ivanovitch placed herself between the two. Then the prisoner rolled into the brush.

As soon as he examined the contents of the bundle he saw his wife's design. As a man in Russian uniform it would be impossible for him to make his way through the Turkish lines, but as a woman he would have every advantage, especially as the face of a Turkish woman is always hidden by a veil. Under cover of the darkness he took off his clothes and put on those of his wife, then made his way out of the bivouac of guards and prisoners.

Coming to the road over which he had been marched during the day, he walked along it till he came to a house. There he took refuge in an outhouse till morning, when he rapped at the women's quarters. He was admitted, made up a story of having been to see an officer to whom she (he) was married, and was treated with kindness.

Here he was in double danger, for he was not only a renegade Mussulman, but a man in the women's quarters, a place where not even a husband may enter unless his wife is without visitors. However, he insisted on remaining veiled and got out as soon as he could without exciting suspicion.

Following the road back toward the Russians, he modestly withdrew to one side on meeting Turkish soldiers who were hurrying before their conquerors. At last he met the Russian advance and, lifting his veil, revealed himself as a man and a Russian.

The next meeting between Ivanovitch and his wife was in a hospital within the Russian lines. He had been taken ill and relegated to the quarters of the sick. Mme. Ivanovitch had made her way back toward Erzerum and had been hoping that he had made good his escape. She had gone with Red Cross nurses to help in the hospital, and one day as she was passing his cot she met.

She was free to kneel beside him, and the two embraced with thanks, the one to God, the other to Allah.



# REMNANTS

IT'S REMNANT WEEK

RIGHT NOW IS BY LONG ODDS THE BEST TIME TO GET THE BEST END OF A BARGAIN.

IT'S REMNANT WEEK.

BUT OUR REMNANTS ARE WHAT REMAIN OF OUR MAGNIFICENT STOCK OF SPLENDID MERCHANDISE.

OUR PRICES ARE NOW THE LOWEST OF THE YEAR. COME; TAKE YOUR PICK.

## GET YOUR COUPONS--GIVEN IN ALL DEPARTMENTS

Four full weight packages of best Coconut for only **25c**

A full weight three pound can of steel cut Coffee for only **90c**

See Our Bargain Shoe Counters

**THE STAR STORE**

Three packages of Puffed Wheat or Rice for only **25c**

Fourteen cans of best Lye for only **\$1.00**

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wills and family left Wednesday morning for Post, Brownfield and other towns on the plains and will visit there for several days during which time Mr. Wills will look after property interests he has in that section.

New car of Baker Boy Flour at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Harvell have recently returned from a two months visit in Oklahoma. On their return Mrs. Harvell stopped at Clyde for a short visit with relatives and accompanied her daughter Mrs. Emmery Petty home on Monday evening of this week.

Wamba coffee at G.M. Sharp's.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Dennis with their three younger children drove through last week to Hobart Oklahoma where they will visit relatives. A drive to Oklahoma City will probably be included in their outing.

We'll also send you some fresh vegetables. Phone us, E. L. Rogers.

### Repainting Opera House

Manager Fred Groene of the Cozy Theatre and Airdome, ditto for the Universal Studio, took an entire week's vacation from the show business last week, with a possible exception of one or two shows, and while thus unemployed, he started a clean up and paint up crusade in his part of town. The theatre building and studio have both been given a new painting, while other improvements have been made and now we hear that still greater improvements are in store for the Cozy's interior before the winter or fall season opens up.

30 farms for sale Gregg county, where God smiles on the land with 40 inches rain annually. No exception this year. Come see the green grass and bumper crops growing. Hugh Echols, Longview, Texas. ltpd

Morris Kelsoe left Wednesday evening on the Sunshine Special for Colton, Calif., where he will reside for the time being. That is if Colton suits Morris's liking.

Do it Electrically. How? Cook.

### \$1,000,000.00 FOR A NEW STOMACH

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## LOCAL NEWS

Bring your clock and have Sublett fix it.

Miss Clara Will McNatt of Abilene was the week end guest of Mrs. Luther Woodroof.

Sweet peppers are awful good. Have you tried them? Phone E. L. Rogers.

Miss Nana Marie Paylor of Ft. Worth is the guest of Mrs. Luther Woodroof.

Do it Electrically. How? Fan, iron and wash.

Geo. Logsdon a former resident of Merkel visited old friends here Sunday.

Sublett the jeweler is at the Merkel Drug Co.

Mrs. J.A. Dowdy of Barstrow is visiting Mrs. B.Jenkins and Miss Ona Johnson.

We will send you a nice fresh watermelon. Phone us, E. L. Rogers.

Miss Kate Harkrider is the guest of her sister Mrs. Asa Sheppard.

We keep things rolling. Open your kitchen door. E. L. Rogers

Mrs. Garland Shell of Winters is visiting her sister Mrs. H. E. Bullock.

Mrs. Sam Sheppard and daughter Miss Lynna of Fort Worth are here visiting Mrs. H. C. Burroughs, a relative.

Miss Beatrice Nidiver returned Sunday night from Dallas where she has visited her sister Mrs. C. S. Marity.

W. H. Madera of Blair has recently returned from an extended visit with relatives and friends in his old home state of Alabama.

Do it Electrically. How? Pump your water.

Mrs. Sam Sheppard and daughter of Fort Worth are guests of Merkel friends and relatives during the former's vacation period.

Get your shorts and bran from the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Miss Ruby Fogg of Waxahachie who has spent several weeks with Misses Hattie May and Ruby Smith returned to her home Monday. Miss Hattie May Smith accompanied her as far as Dallas.

Have Sublett fix your watch.

Miss Lizzie Calvert is in eastern markets this week assisting in the purchase of goods for the W. L. Harkrider Dry Good store.

Mrs. J. H. Counts is in El Paso visiting her daughter Mrs. Maxwell, having departed for there this week.

Rev. Carey Touchstone is visiting his mother Mrs. Alice Touchstone and other relatives. For the past two years Mr. Touchstone has been a student of the Vanderbilt University from which institution he graduated this past June.

Miss Pearl Neas who is connected with the Georgetown University was the guest of Miss Annie Smith Sunday and Monday of this week. Miss Neas also did some work in the interest of the University while here.

Roger Haynes and sister Miss Gladys returned Wednesday morning from Millford where the former has been employed during the past months and where Miss Gladys has been visiting recently.

W. L. Harkrider departed Tuesday morning for eastern markets where he will purchase the fall stock of goods for his establishment.

### Two Mules.

There are two mules at my wagon yard. One light bay mule 15 hands 2 inches high, about 12 years old; one dark brown horse mule, 14 hands 3 inches high, about twelve years old. Owner please call at yard, pay for feed and this ad and get their mules. W. A. Hellum.







**SCOOPED BY SLIVERS**

Peers to me that the Maryneal and Sweetwater ranahans who visited hereabouts were dissa-pointed last Saturday for "Red" could not catch goats for missing them. Come back again boys mabe you'll have better luck next time.

If you cant be a whole light house, be a candle.

Sometimes a man feels like pattin himself on the back when he does something that makes people sit up and take notice but now "Red can't do nothing more than shake hands with himself for not havin blowed up worse than he did.

Money for munitions, cash for canals, dollars for dreadnaughts, doe for diplomats and now Merkel is trying to raise a few cents to fix the road leading north to the Largent place. Aint you in your part?

A rolling stone gathers no moss but a man who sitteth too long will wear a whole in his trousers. Another good reason for exterminating tne curb stone contingencies.

When we wuz a small boy we hear our grand-dad talk about paying road taxes. He'z been talking in the same tone for the past quarter of a century and what we want to know is where are the roads.

We don't care a whoop about politics anymore but we're helping to get out this paper in the interest of every sucker who reads it.

Wilhelmina Suratt, a local society bell is threatening to sue him, capital H-I-M, for B. of P. Meaning broken promise. We understand his is fixing up an alibi.

Do not wait for something to turn up, turn it up yourself.

A Brooklyn girl committed suicide because her nose was too big. Poor girl she should have lived here for big noses are assets to some people when butting into other peoples business. Goo-by-bud.

Warren Lake is not losing any of its attractiveness although it has lost most of its water.

We have inclination to debate on an issue which is of vital importance to this town and community. It is, which is the most beneficial to a community "dust or mud?"

A court of inquiry was called Wednesday morning to investigate the killing of a dog. A young banker was found guilty before the court woke up to the fact that they had no jurisdiction in the case and a compromise was taken by the culprit buying the drinks for the crowd.

**Mexico Wanted Indemnity**

Fort Worth, Aug. 17.—Captain J. J. Sanders of Company A, Texas Rangers, with headquarters at Alice, attending the Sheriffs' convention here, declared Tuesday afternoon that the Mexican government had filed a claim for heavy indemnity with the United States government for the killing of Major Jesse Mosley at Laredo several weeks ago. Mosley was a negro doctor who lived in Fort Worth for several years. Cap. Sanders said that the Mexican government declared Mosley had formerly been a British subject but this is untrue, according to W. M. McDonald of this city who says Mosley was born in Angelina county, Texas, and spent his entire life in Texas until he went to Mexico. McDonald also says that Mosley informed him he had taken out Mexican citizenship papers and intended to move his family there.

Mosley was arrested for violating the neutrality laws by trying to raise volunteers for the Caranza army on the Texas side and one day his body, badly mutilated, was found nine miles from Laredo.

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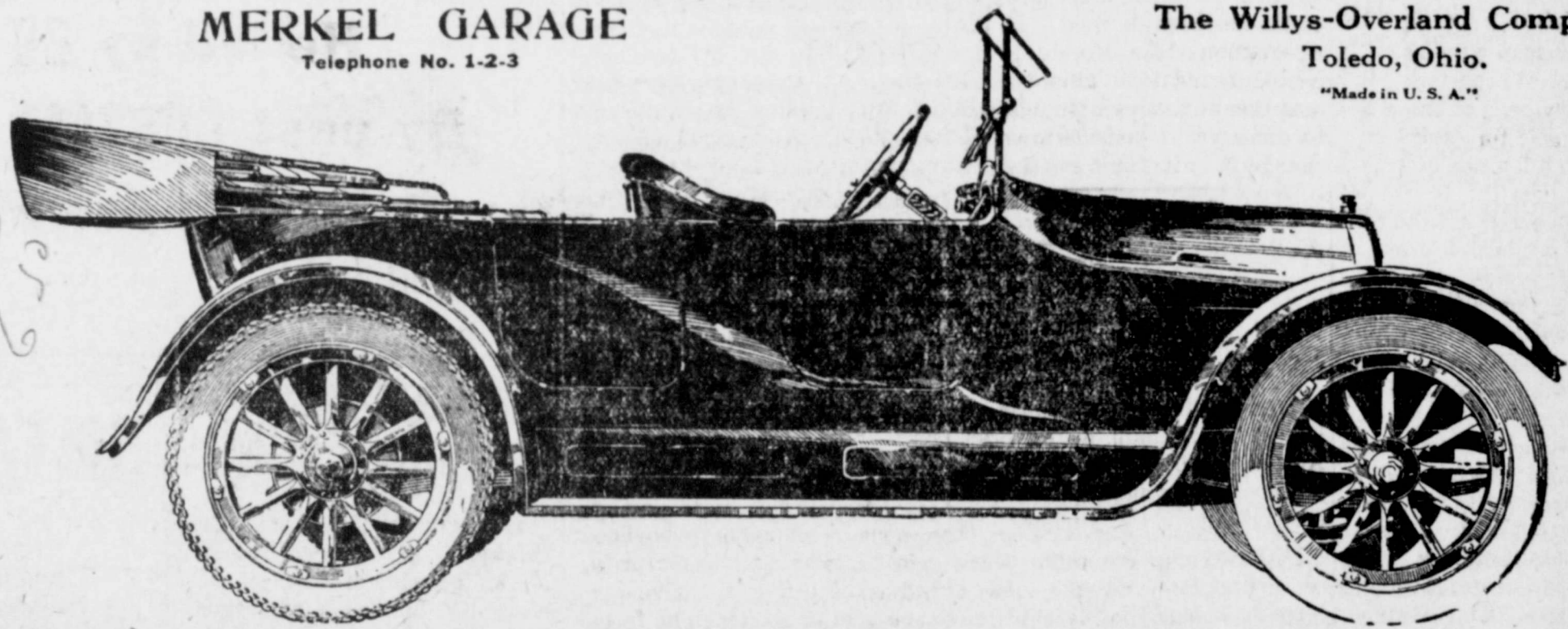
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**Liver Trouble**

"I am bothered with liver trouble about twice a year," writes Joe Dingman, Webster City, Iowa. "I have had pains in my side and back and an awful soreness in my stomach. I heard of Chamberlain's Tablets and tried them. By the time I had used half a bottle of them I was feeling fine and had no signs of pain." Obtainable everywhere.

**61, to Pen For Life**

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 15.—After twenty-three years' liberty, Frank Benson, a life-term convict who made a daring escape from the Dallar mines, had just been apprehended, and today was taken to the State penitentiary at Wetumpka. He was sentenced to life imprisonment at 38 and is now 61 years old.

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**A Secret.**

It takes just three people to keep a secret properly, but two of the three must be dead.

**Granulated Sore Eyes Cured**

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

**Cure for Cholera Morbus**

"When our little boy, now seven years old, was a baby he was cured of Cholera morbus by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes Mrs. Sidney Simmons, Fair Haven, N. Y. Since then other members of my family have used this valuable medicine for colic and bowel troubles with good satisfaction and I gladly endorse it as a remedy of exceptional merit." Obtainable everywhere.

**Sour Grapes.**

One sneers at curis when one has no more hair. One slanders apples when one has no more teeth.—Karr.

**The Best Laxative**

To keep the bowels regular the best laxative is outdoor exercise. Drink a full glass of water half an hour before breakfast and eat an abundance of fruit and vegetables, also establish a regular habit and be sure that your bowels move once each day. When a medicine is needed take Chamberlain's Tablets. They are pleasant to take and mild and gentle in effect. Obtainable everywhere.

**LITTLE BOY KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT**

Barnhart, Aug. 11.—Jack Tippet, four-year-old son of Milton Tippet of Marathon, met a tragic death at Sugg Siding east of this place Friday at noon when an automobile which his mother was driving turned over. The child's neck was broken, and it was necessary to use an auto jack to extricate the body.

Mr. Tippet and family were en route to their ranch near Marathon after visiting Abilene, their former home. The party left San Angelo Friday evening, traveling in two machines. Mrs. Tippet was at the wheel of the rear car when it hit a sandbed at Sugg Siding at noon. The brakes failed to hold and the machine turned over.

Four occupants of the car escaped with minor injuries.

The body will arrive in San Angelo on the Orient this evening at 5:15 o'clock, en route to Abilene, where interment will be made.

The body of little Jack Tippet arrived in Abilene Friday night and the funeral was held Satur-

day morning, conducted by the Rev. Humphrey Lee of St. Paul's Methodist church, with interment in the Masonic cemetery.

The little fellow was a grandson of Mrs. M. E. Tippet of Elm street and was four years old last March. The grief-stricken parents and other relatives have the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends in Abilene and elsewhere. This was the second great grief they have had to bear another child having been killed by a fall from a wagon a few years ago, on a similar trip.—Abilene Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Tippet together with their children have recently visited in Merkel with the family of W. L. Harkrider and had departed on their homeward trip to Marathon, when the above mentioned accident occurred.

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**Warren Lake Picnic.**

On last Thursday evening, the members of the "Unique" club successfully entertained their friends with a moonlight truck-ride to Warren's Lake where the guests enjoyed an extensive feast of chicken, sandwiches, pies, punch and water-melon.

Those enjoying the evening's entertainment were Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus together with Mrs. Hairston the chaperons, Misses Irene and Marion Hairston, Jewell and Jess Toombs, Leura and Stacy Adkisson, Mana Roach, Ruth Boden and little Maurine Angus. Among the visiting girls were Misses Madelyn Adkisson of Beaumont Miss Ruby Hendrix of Brownwood and Miss Yvonne Murphy of Abilene.

The stags were "Hungry and Nuts" Hamblet, William Jennings O'Brian, "Slats" Hamm, "Boots" Warren, "Mutton" Burroughs, "Nathalian" Anderson, "Billious" Brown, "Samuel" King, "Sovereign" Johnson and Mr. J. C. Doo-Little of San Angelo. All reported a lovely time. One of the bunch.

The Business Men's Sunday School Class entertained the Class of the King's Daughters on the lawn of the Methodist parsonage last Friday evening. Tho' the spirit of rivalry is rather keen between these two organizations they have no more pleasant social occasions than those spent with each other.

The gentlemen proved themselves most excellent hosts on this occasion. The evening's program consisted of short talks from Rev. W. P. Garvin and C. L. Tucker and musical numbers by Misses Bess Touchstone, Mary Garvin and Ruby Fogg of Waxahachie while the King's Daughters also favored their entertainers with two choruses. At the program's end watermelons were cut on the lawn for all to enjoy. About fifty guests were present during the evening.

**Sunshine Club Entertains**

The members of the Sunshine Club were entertained Wednesday afternoon by Gladys and Marie Pae.

Part of the afternoon was spent in doing fancy work. While musical contests and readings were also enjoyed. Present with the little hostesses were Mary and Nina Parten, Ruth and Nellie Hollway, Lois Graves, Vera Baze and Leah Owen.

Refreshments of cream and cake were served.

**Young People Married**

C. E. Derrington and Miss Johnnie Jordan of Merkel came up to Abilene in an automobile Tuesday and were married by Justice P. B. Ford at the courthouse at 4 o'clock. They will make their home at Merkel.—Abilene Reporter.

**Strikeout Record**

Marinette, Wis., Aug. 14.—What is believed to be a record in base ball history was accomplished yesterday when Pitcher Ewick of a Crivitz baseball team in an eleven-inning game with Maritette, struck out twenty-five men.

The contest resulted in a 2 to 1 victory for Crivitz.

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**MERKEL TEACHER ELECT'D T' DALLAS**

Superintendent H. M. Morris who was elected as superintendent of the Merkel Public Schools for the ensuing year has been elected ward principal of a Dallas school according to a report appearing in the Dallas Evening Journal of Wednesday.

No report has been received by the Mail from Mr. Morris as to the action taken by the Dallas Board but it is supposed that his election was made after an application has been in field. If the resignation of Mr. Morris is accepted by the local trustees the selection of a superintendent will be a matter of consideration by that body at its first meeting.

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

FOR SALE.—5 room house, 3 lots, well, windmill, waterworks. All for \$800.00 \$200.00 balance in three equal payments at 8 percent interest. J. T. Tucker. 1t

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LOST—Bunch of keys containing two for Yale locks. Finder return to T. M. Smith. 1t

WATCH FOUND.—A watch has been found by parties in Merkel and the owner can get same by describing fully and paying for this ad.

WANTED—A family to pick cotton and other work. S. H. L. Swafford. 1tpd

**One in Ten Thousand**

Laredo, Texas, Aug. 14.—With one regular military post—Fort McIntosh—and six national guard camps in this city, where approximately 10,000 troops are quartered, there has only appeared not case of typhoid fever.

This single patient proved to be the one lone soldier who did not take the anti-typhoid toxin which was made compulsory by army regulations. This soldier became separated from the treatment line, and was transferred the next day to a remote point on the Rio Grande. He was later stricken with the disease.

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**THIS IS THE SEASON FOR SILK FROCKS**

They Fill Many A Gap When Summer Cottons Show Signs of Wear. Taffetas Are Among the Most Popular

New York, August.—No doubt most of us are feeling that our summer wardrobes are beginning to look a little the worse for wear. It is invariably the case when August comes! The dainty voiles and organdies that were so crisp and fresh at the beginning of June and July when we started the season with them, are looking limp and faded since they have been pressed into service all through the warm weather. While it may seem rather

would not be complete without the large patch pockets on either side of the front, for pockets are as popular as ever in spite of their having been in fashion so long. In the waist the pannel gradually tapers up toward the neck, where it is met by a collar of Georgetta crepe, which ripples in the back though the front is quite flat. Chiffon, net or organdy is often substituted for Georgetta crepe in fashioning collars for this type of dress. The only trimming in this model is seen in the buttons on either side of the pannel. The color harmonizes with the dress.

That the vogue for combining plain and figured materials has not by any means diminished, is shown in the dress of plain and figured foulard recently seen on the avenue. It is trimmed in ribbon arranged in bands on the underskirt and cuffs, and in plaiting which finishes the neck and hem. Note the gathered pockets and the straight tunic plaited at the top. These are two prominent style features of the season. This model is one which at first sight may seem intricate, but on closer inspection one discovers that the novel touches which make it so very chic are, in reality, easily carried out.

**Parasols and Sport Clothes**

At all fashionable resorts, parasols of bright hues and fancy shapes are strongly in evidence. They are in all colors, both in self tones and in effective combinations of two harmonizing col-



Dress of Checked Taffeta

late in the season to start getting new summer things, just now the stores are full of wonderful bargains in dainty summer frocks and this is the opportunity for those who have to be economical. Lovely dresses and blouses in voiles, linens, crepes and other sheer fabrics can be picked up for a song, as the saying goes, and it is well worth getting them for the remainder of the season.

But you will make no mistake in having one of the simple silk dresses that are so much in vogue. They are wonderful for filling in the gap between the seasons—and not only that, they are going to be very good for fall. They will be quite comfortable with a top coat, if the weather demands it, or with a fur cape or scarf. The warm weather has not at all dampened the enthusiasm for fur capes and scarfs. It is such a common sight to see them worn on days when the mercury rises to great heights that one almost feels that one has been laboring under a delusion all along to believe that furs could be anything but cool!

**Taffeta the Leading Silk**

By far the most popular silks for dresses just now are the taffetas. They are especially smart in self tones and in the many striped, checked and blocked effects seen. Navy blue and the rich, dark tones predominate. In some very striking designs both checks and stripes are combined. Following closely in the lead of taffeta are messaline, faille, figured and dotted foulard, crepe de chine, silk voile, chiffon crepe and Georgetta crepe.

The two illustrations shown here are typical of the simplicity of the present styles. The dress of checked taffeta has a gored skirt with pannel front and back, and of course you know it



Ribbon a Fashionable Trimming

ors. One of the novelties which has been taken up is the Japanese parasol with its many colorings harmoniously blended.

Sport clothes continue to be largely featured. The craze for silk sweaters keep steadily on the increase. Gold, bright green, purple, blue, old rose and gray are among the most favored colors. The sweater, as a rule, is in some gay color and hats and stockings to match enhance the charm of this much-favored costume. Smocks and middie blouses are now made not only of linens and heavy cottons, but are very frequently developed in taffeta and crepe de chine, also silk and wool Jersey cloth. The smock of taffeta worn with a Jersey skirt is one of the latest combinations.

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## WHOLESALE COST

We find that we are over-stocked on hacks and surries, and in order to close them out quickly, for we intend to discontinue handling Hacks and Surries, we will offer for sale for strictly cash all these rigs we have in stock at ACTUAL WHOLESALE COST. Our stock of buggies will be kept complete in the future as in the past, and no buggies are to be offered in this cost sale. This is positively a great saving to any one who may need a Hack or Surry.

Our stock of Hardware is more complete today than ever before, and we will save you money on your purchases in anything you may need in the hardware line. Call and figure with us when you need hardware.

# CROWN HARDWARE COMP'Y

## EX-GOV. COLQUITT SPEAKS ON MONDAY

Ex-Gov. O. B. Colquitt will speak to the people of Merkel and Merkel country next Monday morning at 10 o'clock as he will arrive in time to speak at that hour and from here he will go to Anson where he speaks in the afternoon. Going on to Abilene for a speaking date Monday night.

Gov. Colquitt is making a whirlwind campaign over the state in interest of his candidacy for United States Senate and bears the distinction of having headed the recent primary ticket with five other prominent men opposing him. His talk here will be in line with the issues of the campaign and will no doubt be very interesting to those present to hear this distinguished man. The speaking will be held at the Cozy Theatre and everybody is cordially invited.

If you want good flour, call for New Century, Cream of Wheat, All good, every sack guaranteed. See me before you buy. W. F. Hamblet.

## Mexico Wanted Indemnity

Fort Worth, Aug. 17.—Captain J. J. Sanders of Company A, Texas Rangers, with headquarters at Alice, attending the Sheriffs' convention here, declared Tuesday afternoon that the Mexican government had filed a claim for heavy indemnity with the United States government for the killing of Major Jesse Mosley at Laredo several weeks ago. Mosley was a negro doctor who lived in Fort Worth for several years. Cap. Sanders said that the Mexican government declared Mosley had formerly been a British subject but this is untrue, according to W. M. McDonald of this city who says Mosley was born in Angelina county, Texas, and spent his entire life in Texas until he went to Mexico. McDonald also says that Mosley informed him he had taken out Mexican citizenship papers and intended to move his family there.

Mosley was arrested for violating the neutrality laws by trying to raise volunteers for the Carranza army on the Texas side and one day his body, badly mutilated, was found nine miles from Laredo.



"We have been using TEXACO MOTOR OIL in our Pierce-Arrow truck for two years and nine months continuously.

"We have yet to grind valves or clean spark plugs.

"This truck traveled 38,000 miles."

Extract from a letter from a large Sand and Gravel Company.

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**CROUP** stopped in 23 minutes sure with Dr. Slocum's Croup Remedy. One test will surely prove. No vomiting, no distress. A safe and pleasing syrup—50c. Druggists.

## WANTS PICTURES MERKEL HOMES

The Texas & Pacific and the Iron Mountain Railways are making preparations from an extensive advertising campaign and have asked Agent Lewis of this place to furnish him with views of the town and country that they may be included in the advertising of towns in this section.

All people who have good views of Merkel homes or business houses are requested to give them to Mr. Lewis at once as he will be compelled to send in all views by Tuesday.

If you desire to have your pictures returned the company will gladly do so and no kodak or photograph will be injured in the least. Everybody assist in this work of advertising Merkel and the surrounding country.

**Ladies Free Rest Room** Ladies don't fail to take advantage of the Rest Room when in Merkel. It is free to you to use at any time you are in Merkel. Side entrance to Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

## OUR PUBLIC FORUM

### Peter Radford

ON GOVERNMENT BY SELFISHNESS.



Ever since the serpent in the Garden of Eden turned Hell loose on earth mankind has been ruled by emotions, good or evil—mostly evil. Trace the human race from the time history raises the curtain upon mankind to the present hour of extreme peril and we will find the frailties of human nature struggling for the mastery, and greed, properly restrained, the motive power that has moved civilization to its towering height and unrestrained, has hurled government to destruction and mankind to barbarism. Visit the cemeteries of civilization and we find written upon the time-stained monument of Egypt, pride; Macedonia, ambition; Persia, conceit; Rome, conquest; Greece, envy; and upon the tombstone that marks the newly-made grave of the past generation, selfishness, and in this age we are chiseling as our epitaph, organized selfishness.

The peril of this nation today is organized selfishness. The individual has been swallowed up in organization and the unit of government has shifted from the citizen to class and in the transition we have lost many of the elemental virtues of the human race and developed many of the traits of the beast. Organized selfishness is leading civilization from divinity to the dens of animals. Classes, clans and sections tear at each other with the ferocity of savages and seek to disembowel and disintegrate government that dares to limit class liberty. Self-restraint is being driven from society; honesty has become a viewpoint and might a predominating factor in right. Patriotism never suffered more from commercial paralysis than at the present hour.

There never was a time in the history of the human race when creature comfort was at a higher premium or the ideals of human success more primitive than at present, for organizations that are swung around selfishness, call into action only such emotions as are felt by animals that roam the forest and selfishness suppresses the nobler qualities of human life. The squirrel that gathers a bountiful supply of nuts to its den is thrifty but it makes no contribution to society; the fox that outwits its neighbor has great ability but it has never helped others; the lion whose roar makes the animal kingdom tremble has great powers but has never used it to uplift civilization; the cannibal clans have fought desperate battles for supremacy but victory ended with the flesh pot.

Man is an animal and government should encourage and protect him in indulging every emotion that moves the heart of a beast but when a flash of divinity in his soul God Almighty expected something more of him than animal activity. He ought to try to do something an animal can't do. A voice should call him to nobler deeds. In society, place his fellowmen above self or class and in government "citizenship first."

## ABILENE BOOSTERS HERE SEPT. 13TH

The Abilene Boosters, in their three-days' trip over west Texas, will visit Merkel on the afternoon of September 13th at 5:31 o'clock.

The trip of the boosters will carry them over a larger area of territory than they visited last year, and their advertising campaign will be much more extensive. One of the features of the trip will be the advertising of the West Texas Fair Association.

Special price of all grades of coffee, your patronage will be appreciated, highest price for eggs and butter. W. F. Hamblet.

Get your wall paper and canvas at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Good hay, feed, oats at Bob Martin's Grocery Co.

Wagon paint and linseed oil at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

## SERMON TO MEN AND BOYS SUNDAY

Rev. Fitzhu, evangelist, who is conducting the Presbyterian meeting at the new church, will preach a sermon Sunday afternoon, at 4 o'clock to men and boys only.

Rev. Bullock in announcing the sermon, stated that it would be one that even ladies could listen to, and would not be as rough as many such sermons are, but a decision has been reached to make it exclusive for men and boys.

### Just the Thing for Diarrhoea

"About two years ago I had a severe attack of diarrhoea which lasted over a week," writes W. C. Jones, Buford N. D. "I became so weak that I couldn't stand upright. A druggist recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The first dose relieved me and within two days I was as well as ever." Many druggists recommend this remedy because they know that it is reliable. Obtainable everywhere.

## OUR PUBLIC FORUM

### V. A. Collins

ON THE RELATION OF CAPITAL AND LABOR.



V. A. Collins, Chairman of the Labor Committee of the Texas Economic League and a recognized friend of organized labor, discussing the relations between employer and employe, says:

"Most of the friction between Capital and Labor is the result of misunderstanding between them. This lack of proper understanding often results from the fact that large investors do not, or cannot, follow up their investments, but are forced to operate through hired men, known as 'managers.' The capitalist or investor, possibly knows no laborer in the employment of the enterprise, and consequently knows nothing of his environment, his needs, his hopes, or aspirations—they are as widely separated as Dives and Lazarus. Their situation is not such as to create any sympathy one for another—the capitalist knows nothing of the trials and difficulties of the laborer, and the laborer cannot see that his employer may also have great difficulties to encounter in 'keeping the mill going.' Let the capitalist put himself in the place of the laborer and the laborer in the place of the capitalist and study each other's problems.

Be it said to the credit of many employers, they would like to make more favorable working conditions and pay better wages, but they have competitors in the same line of business who will make no change for the betterment of their labor and a man in business can scarcely make concessions which his competitors will not make, but when a change is demanded by labor, it cannot be convinced that the employer would be glad to make the change if his competitors would do likewise.

If the laborer hears of his employer at all, it is most probably through the press where he sees an account of his being abroad in company with Kings or princes, displaying his wealth that he may be admitted into royal society, or perhaps he sees where his employer has just given a million to the church or charities, while the wife and children of him whose calloused hands helped to produce that million are in the most direful circumstances. It needs no argument to prove that this is not calculated to create a genuine sympathy on the part of employe for his employer. I am persuaded that it is more charitable for employers to distribute the earnings of their industries above a reasonable return on their money among the men who co-operate with the machine in producing his wealth than to contribute large sums to charity and sound the bugle that the gift might be noted in the press.

Employers visit your enterprises and your laborers and see the discomforts and even the misery they sometimes endure and your charity may be kindred towards them. "Employe, make the success of your employer's business your chief object and then demand a just share of the success you have made for him." See the Christ ideal of "love thy neighbor as thyself" between capital and labor and the necessity for the militia to quell riots will never be known again and the race will grow wiser and better and the "peace that passeth understanding" will prevail throughout the land."





Selections from every line of shoes at Woodroof's gives you something new in each pair we show you. \$3.50 to \$7.50.

# Arrival of New Fall Goods JUST BROUGHT FROM MARKET

Our very first shipment of fall waists are here, others will follow immediately. In fact each department is just beginning to show the new fall styles and designs that will prevail this coming season.

## SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY----Men's Palm Beach Suits

\$15.00 H. S. & M. Dixie Weave	\$10.95	\$8.50 Palm Beach	\$5.95
13.50 H. S. & M. Dixie Weave	9.85	7.50 Palm Beach	4.85
10.00 Palm Beach	6.95	6.50 Palm Beach	3.95



The newest shoes for fall here for your perusal, with lower tops than those of the passing season, yet very stylish. \$3.50 to \$7.50

Having placed our order for shoes many months ago, we are able to quote prices at for less than those who are making their purchases now

**WOODROOF'S**



Our line of men's shoes being complete in all styles, gives you extreme low prices for top notch quality and value. These goods were all purchased prior to recent advances

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First Showing of New Fall Suits---A goodly selection of these newest fashion-favored garments is ready for your inspection



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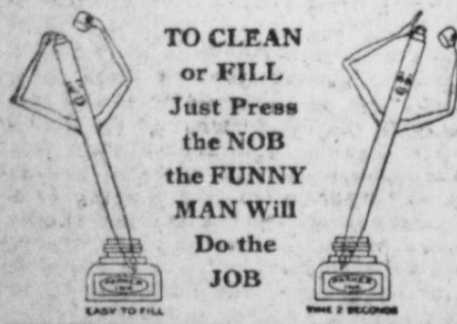
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### How's This

We offer one hundred dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the past 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.

## NEWS FROM THE TRENT COUNTRY MEETING CLOSED, FIRST BALE SOLD

J. S. Blasingame, who lives northeast of here, brought the first bale of cotton to town Saturday, receiving a premium of \$10.00 and selling the staple to the Star Hardware at the price of 15 cents per pound. The bale weighed 505 pounds.

The Baptist meeting which has been conducted by Rev. L. B. Owen of Merkel, assisted by the local pastor, Rev. W. T. Hamor, closed Sunday, following a very successful ten days' service. In all twenty-six additions were made to the church and fifteen of this number were by baptism. An exceptionally good showing, but the preaching and work was strong throughout the entire time the meeting was in progress.

Col. L. B. Shook who has been editing the Trent Enterprise at this place has moved to Fluvana with his family. He has also moved the printing plant of the Enterprise. His assistant, Mr. Burke will also leave we understand.

Filling silos is the order of the day here now. New ones have been erected and are in course of erection by Messrs I. S. Simpson, Halley Simpson, Ed Massey, Jake Miller, C. T. Beckham, Mr. Mashburn, Lon Adrain and Luther Ross. Some of the silos are pit constructions and some are stave, but it makes no difference so long as we get the silos.

"Monkey" Harris and wife of Merkel and Miss Fluty of Oklahoma were visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Williamson last week. Mr. Williamson has been slightly on the sick list for the past week.

A letter received from A. G. Jennings, of Wagner, Oklahoma, reports good conditions in that part of the country. With corn making 40 bushels per acre and the best cotton he has grown in four years and 120 tons of hay in the barn Mr. Jennings feels like luck is coming his way. He has also been nominated for the office of County treasurer and his son Owen had been elected Superintendent of the Wagner High School for the ensuing year. Old timers who know Mr. Jennings will remember when he was deputy sheriff under Tom Williamson in Izard county Ark., for the poultry sum of fifty cents per day.

Ginning at Trent should start at once as the north side gin was ready for work Thursday afternoon of this week.

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Yes, Break Up Your Washboard!

Didn't it break your back, break your arms, break your health and break your clothes? Hasn't the washboard ruined enough clothes to deserve breaking up? **Magic Washing Stick Finished Mr. Washboard.**

And by such gentle means, Force, as you know, never settles things right. Magic Washing Stick is not soap, but is used with the regular soap. It is not washing powder, nor lye, nor alkali, nor acid, nor any other harmful thing. It loosens the dirt by gentle means, by natural means. It does not damage the finest texture, nor harden the woolens nor shrink the flannels. The soft, snowy cleanliness of your fine linens, pretty laces and dainty lingerie will be a continual delight.

Once you show your help how much labor is saved, how much nicer the clothes, you need have no fear of their ruining your clothes again.

"I use no machine and one hour with Magic Washing Stick puts my clothes on the line. I recommend it to everybody." MRS. L., Ark.



Wash Days Are Made Joy Days  
**FIFTEEN WASHINGS 25 CTS.** For less than 2c a day you save two hours time. You save your clothes, you save your feelings, you save your looks. Use one stick, five washings, and I not clean your clothes, WILL BE RETURNED. Sold by all Druggists and Grocers everywhere. If yours doesn't handle it, show him this ad--he'll get it for you. Or send 5c in stamps to J. E. HERRING CO., Ivesdale, Ill.

to "sol-fa" visitors are invited.

The Misses Cozarts, Elsie and Floy of Lorraine are visiting their relations here and attending the singing school.

Most people are having to draw water for their stock as the last rain put little if any water in the tanks. Mr. John Ensminger is hauling water for over one hundred head of stock.

J. T. Lewis and J. B. Tucker have returned from Knox county where they report splendid crops of both maize and cotton.

### NOODLE

Cotton is opening real fast in this part of the country. Some of the farmers are through topping maize while others have not finished yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hayhurst of Odell are visiting relatives at this place.

Mrs. John Bryson spent Sunday in Sweetwater.

Miss Willie Elliott of Sweetwater was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Bryson the past week.

Mrs. Myrtle Paul of Matador returned to her home last Thursday after a pleasant visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Barbee.

Clarence Eoff spent Sunday with his sister Mrs. Harkins of Roscoe.

W. C. Witt and family returned home Sunday having spent a week with relatives at Matador.

W. M. Eoff and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Walker of Kale.

Mrs. Fletcher Greene of Rosenberg was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Greene Friday afternoon.

Miss Aileen Barbee visited her cousin Mrs. Fultz of Sweetwater the past week.

Miss Helen Thompson is the guest of friends at Shiloh this week.

Mrs. Young and daughter Miss Nell of Mesquite are visiting their daughter and sister Mrs. F. A. Polly.

Mr. and Mrs. Arther Rogers of Comper spent Sunday and Monday with relatives at this place.

Mr. Holmes spent Sunday and Monday with his sons in Anson.

### Advertised Letters.

Forehand, J. M.  
Horton, J. C.  
Janas, Elsie  
Laster, T. W.  
Winters, Donnie  
Whitely, A. J. (2)  
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office August 30, 1916. H. C. Williams, P. M., Merkel, Texas

Car of fresh cow feed at less than you can get it for later. Better see Bob Martin Grocery Company now.



Quality First

PAY A LITTLE MORE AND GET  
**A LOT MORE**

Don't put a mortgage on your judgment in buying a car.

There's many a man in this county who paid too low a price for his car--and lived to regret the day.

I am not saying anything against low-priced cars. There are a number of good ones. They do the job well.

I am trying to get people to get a bird's-eye view of the motor car situation instead of a worm's-eye view.

\* Sometimes by paying a hundred or two hundred more you get \$500 extra value.

I refer now to the 1917 3400 r. p. m. Chalmers. Here's a car that has been run more than 1,000,000 miles in the hands of owners, yet attained a service record of 99.21% perfect.

That is the mark of a great car. And though it costs, possibly, a little more than you ever paid for a car before--remember that extra little sum gets you from the zone of a fair car to the zone of a great car.

It is not only money in your pocket in the long run, but pride everywhere you drive. There's a pleasant and interesting satisfaction in driving a regular car.

Price \$1090 Detroit--really a \$1400 value.

**FULWILER ELECTRIC CO.**  
IRA ARMSTRONG, Demonstrator

### Not Guilty.

Two things you never see in this world. One is a woman who will admit she is growing as old as she is, the other a motorist who will acknowledge he was going as fast as he was when arrested.--Florida Times-Union.

### A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures Kidney and Bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists

### What is Best for Indigestion?

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

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The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.