

PHONE SERVICE IS GIVING TROUBLE

Either atmospheric or other reasons have lately been responsible for many complaints about local telephone service at Merkel.

Within the past few weeks manager Holdridge has been compelled to devote much of his personal attention to the exchange work, and the trouble shooter has been shooting them right and left, but the condition seems to remain unchanged, for what reason subscribers are at a loss to say. Recently the Southwestern Telephone Company had a representative here who called on local business men and consulted them on the advisability of increasing the telephone rates, giving as his reason the fact that better service could be given if rates were increased. This week this same individual has been here looking after matters for the telephone company, but for what reason we are unable to ascertain. Some suggestions have been made among Merkel telephone users that if the telephone company was able to give good service a year ago at the prevailing rates, they should be able to give like service now, for a like compensation. The idea of increased telephone rates has not taken very favorably to date. Just how this matter of rates and service is going to culminate is to be guessed at, only we know that some telephone service has been exceedingly provoking during the past few weeks.

AUTO TURNED OVER TWO MEN ARE HURT

An automobile occupied by two gentlemen from Loraine whose names we were unable to learn, turned over on the Sweetwater-Abilene road just east of Eskota this morning and both men were severely hurt. Both men were pinned underneath the car, but finally one of them managed to extricate himself by smashing the windshield, and with his aid the other man managed to get out.

They stated that they were called to Merkel last night because of the death of a relative and were returning this morning when the man who was driving went to sleep and permitted the car to run off a deep dump, upsetting it. The men were pretty severely skinned and bruised up, but were able to run the car to this place before receiving medical attention. Their wounds were dressed by Dr. Watson and they proceeded home.—Sweetwater Reporter.

PREACHING SUNDAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Two services are scheduled for the Church of Christ, for Sunday, at 11 and again at night.

The many from Trent, Noodle and other communities who drive here will take notice of these hours. Elder W. G. Cypert will preach.

Miss Leila Hill, piano and violin teacher solicits your patronage. Pupil of McDonald and Schrimmer. Seven years experience. Studio at residence of Rev. H. E. Bullock. Phone 285 and 182. 15t8-170

Window and door glass at Burroughs.

EXHIBITS TO BE MADE AT ST. FAIR

Merkel exhibitors will be in evidence at the Dallas Fair this week when that state attraction opens.

Mr. Teaff will be there again with his famous black Jack, the one which has already made a record for himself at the State Fair, and in addition Mr. Teaff will make a showing of yearling mules to compete with other exhibitors. As usual the Largent herd of Herefords will be on hand and no doubt some of the Merkel chicken fanciers will have a list of home birds to be judged.

NINE VESSELS GO DOWN SUN. & MON.

Newport, R. I., Oct. 9.—Eye witness stories of the torpedoing of passenger and freight steamers by German submarines off Nantucket yesterday were told here today.

According to a report brought by officers of a flotilla of United States destroyers, which picked up passengers and crews of several of the vessels destroyed, nine merchant ships were sunk.

One of the submarines is supposed to have been the U-53, which visited this harbor Saturday, and another was declared to be the U-61. Mrs. Henry B. Wilson of Williamstown, Mass., a passenger on the Stephano, one of the vessels sunk, said that an officer and several of the crew told her that they had distinctly seen the name U-61 on the submarine that attacked their ship.

Six vessels are known to have been sunk and the report that the total was nine was based on a statement of the captain of the Nantucket Shoals lightship—near which the attacks took place. The captain said that three submarines were engaged.

The list of submarine victims included four British, one Norwegian and one Dutch vessel. The identity of the other three reported to have been lost had not been learned early today. The British vessels were the freighter West Point, bound from London for Newport News; the Strathdene, from New York for Bordeaux; the Kingston, destination not stated, and the passenger steamer Stephano of the Red Cross Line, from St. John, Newfoundland, for New York.

The Bloomersdijk, Dutch, bound from New York to Rotterdam via Kirkwall, and the Christian Knudsen, a Norwegian tanker, are the others whose identity is known.

The crews of all these vessels with the exception of the Kingston were brought to this port today, together with the eighty-three passengers of the Stephano, and were cared for by the officers of the Narragansett Bay Naval Station and prominent members of the Newport summer colony.

It was believed that no lives had been lost. Although the men of the freighter Kingston were adrift at sea in open boats, the fact that the weather was mild and the sea calm made it seem probable that they would be rescued within a few hours.

Of the passengers of the Stephano, thirty were American tourists returning from Newfoundland and the Canadian maritime provinces. All came through their rough experience without injury, according to officers of the American destroyers, but lost nearly all their effects.

Lieutenant Commander Miller of the Eriesson, which picked up some of the boats from the Stephano, said that no attack was made by the submarine on this vessel until all on board had left the ship. When the Eriesson arrived at the lightship Commander Miller observed a submarine about a mile distant and almost immediately heard three shots from the boat gun of the submarine.

THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

The Shepherd of the Hills as presented at the Cozy on Tuesday night was the best production given in Merkel in many months, and the company playing it, to every member, constituted probably the best fitted and among the strongest cast that ever visited here.

The only vegetable refrigerator in town is at E. L. Rogers.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ENDS WITH MUCH ENTHUSIASM; NEXT MEETING AT ABILENE

Taylor, Nolan, and One-Half Mitchell County Were Represented Here. More Than Three Hundred Were Cared For by Merkel Citizens During The Association

Delegates and messengers to the Sweetwater Baptist Association departed from here Saturday and Sunday after having closed one of the most largely attended meetings this body has yet held. Rev. L. B. Owen reported that over three hundred were cared for during the time in various Merkel homes.

Among the financial matters cared for was the liquidation of a \$400.00 deficit of the Association debt and the new year is started with a clean sheet. At the same meeting a collection amounting to over \$100.00 was taken up for Buckner's Orphan Home, this work is handled in this district by Rev. R. C. Pender of Abilene who is the Buckner representative. Among other present who are prominent in the work were: E. C. Routh editor of the Baptist Standard of Dallas, E. E. Dawson editor of the Western Evangel at Abilene, Pres. J. D. Sanderfer of Simmons College, Dr. W. F. Fry also of Simmons, bible teacher of that institution, Rev. R. F. Hanks of Abilene General Missionary Texas Baptist Convention. Other pastors were C. S. Burgess, W. F. Hamor, Geo. W. Parks, J. O. Heath, R. S. Williamson, D. G. Wells, I. N. Burnett, J. F. Ford and others whose names we did not get.

The questions of Missions, Education, Beneficence, Sunday schools, Woman's work, Young people's work and Temperance were among the most important on the program. Recommendations for a material advance along all lines of mission activity were adopted.

At the opening of the next Association at Abilene Rev. J. O. Heath of Loraine will preach the introductory sermon.

Rev. Owen pastor of the Merkel church extends thanks of the Association for the cordial way in which all delegates were cared for in Merkel homes.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

The Mail has hoped against hope that paper conditions would become more normal but as yet there is no significance that a backward trend would come in the prices on print paper. To the contrary, we are advised of their continual advance, and a bundle of newspaper print that could be bought for \$2.65 some two years ago is now quoted at \$7.50. The wholesale supply houses advise that prices will likely go higher.

ONLY ONE THING TO DO

In view of these continuous advances there is only one thing to do, that is to advance the price of subscription, and beginning November 1st, the Mail will be

\$1.50 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

The very best combination offers possible will be given in connection with this offer to all of our subscribers at all times, but beginning with the above date no more subscriptions will be taken at \$1 per year. This leaves the next eighteen days only in which the Mail will be sold at \$1 per year.

FIRE INSPECTOR WAS HERE MONDAY

Ben F. Smith a special inspector from the Fire Insurance Commission was here Monday morning and at work bright and early looking over the risks.

Inspector Smith noted two improvements that should be made here, to which the city has ordinances. One is to prohibit papers being thrown upon the streets, the other is to require each and every business house to supply a receptacle for burning trash. This especially was the most needed thing that Mr. Smith noticed and the attention of the City Council was called to the regulations.

U-BOAT COMMANDER SHOWED CRAFT OFF

Newport, R. I., Oct. 8.—The dispatch sent to Count von Bernstorff by Lieutenant Captain Hans Rose arrived today, but was said to have contained no information of importance. Neither did it inclose an official communication from the German Government.

The dispatch was brief, being written in German on one sheet of paper. Captain Rose opened by reporting his arrival, adding that he entered Newport to show his ship to the American Navy knowing that many ships were gathered there. The communication closed with the statement that he thought he might secure some supplies, should they be offered to him, and requested the embassy to pay any bills.

A diplomat of rank attached to one of the embassies of the central powers, who, in accordance with the general practice, declines to permit the use of his name tonight said:

"The U-53 and other German submarines, if there are others operating with her, are conducting what is known in international law as cruiser warfare. I can assure you the promises given by Germany to the United States will be strictly lived up to. The U-53 is engaged in doing to commerce of the allies just what the British tried to do to the Deutschland when she left America. It is a plain case of what sometimes is known as Commerce raiding. It is being done by submarines, that is all."

CLAUD SEARS PAYS \$102 FOR A RAM

The fact that Claud Sears is launching out into an extensive sheep raising industry is more than likely due to the fact that he sees profits from his efforts along this line rather than from the fact, as some people allege, that his father used to be a sheep herder. This later allegation is refuted however by "Uncle Frank," the elder Mr. Sears.

In all Claud has now something like a thousand head of sheep on his place 14 miles west of here and the first of the week purchased a fine ram at a price of \$102.50. As coyotes have been giving Mr. Sears some trouble recently Claud asks that his friends be not surprised to hear him yelling "Wolf! wolf! wolf!" at any time. It is said that the grade of sheep now on the Sears place will average from 6 to 12 pounds a year of wool and at present we understand it is worth over 30 cents a pound. Taking these figures into consideration the revenue from the above flock will be about \$3,000 per year in a cut alone.

SHERIFF GETS MAD PRISONER ESCAPES

Seymour, Texas, Oct. 10.—A passenger who allowed the escape of a prisoner left in his charge for a few moments by Deputy Sheriff T. P. Hudson of Jones county, was attacked by the officer, and the passenger's wife, who interfered, was knocked down, on a train at Mabelle, a station east of here, yesterday.

Deputy Sheriff Hudson, who was taking the prisoner through on a felony charge, left him in charge of the passenger seated in front of him while he went to the back of the car. The prisoner escaped through a window as the train stopped at Mabelle.

The deputy and a posse from Seymour scoured the country all last night and today, but failed to capture the man.

NEGRO MAN DIES CURSING HIS LUCK

Dallas, Oct., 9.—Houston Wagner, negro, under death sentence for the murder of Miss Zeola Cramer, trained nurse, was killed by two policemen in the county jail here Sunday morning when he had all but achieved the last stage of a spectacular attempt to escape. Had the pistol which he had wrested from a guard not failed to fire he would have laid one of the policemen before the officers had a chance to begin emptying their revolvers into his crouching body. The negro died cursing the luck that had quit him when liberty was so near.

Wagner overpowered Jeff V. Wright, the day guard, when Wright was letting several trustees out of their cells. He locked the guard in a cell and with the keys he had taken along with the guard's pistol, he let himself through another iron gate after having failed to release other prisoners because he could not manipulate the levers of the gate. He forced the prisoner elevator operator to lower him to the first floor and it was while he was trying to get out of the main door that policemen, answering the telephone call of Mrs. Murry Fisher, wife of the night jailer, entered the jail. Wagner had concealed himself and had his weapon but a few inches from one of the policemen when he sprang from his concealment.

Besides the murder of Miss Cramer, Wagner had confessed to complicity in the murder of William Humphreys, 77, near Oak Cliff last April.

LADIES AUXILIARY BRINGS MANY HERE

The Ladies Auxillary of the Baptist Association which convened in the auditorium of the Grace Presbyterian Church last Thursday was their most successful meeting in the history of the Sweetwater district. The workings of the body began at nine-thirty and the entire forenoon was given over to the reports from the messengers of the various fifty-five churches included in this district. At the close of this accounting it was shown that the ladies had raised an aggregate sum of approximately \$9000 during the past year's work.

In the afternoon talks on different phases of their work was given by Mesdames Cooper, Fry, Paxton and Compere all of Abilene. These were all splendid addresses and inspiring to their audience. The music for the day was under the able direction of Mrs. Beulah Burkett Howard. A total of 175 messengers and visitors were present for the day which did not include the local members and visitors whom there were many. The ladies work was a complete with the afternoon session and thereafter they met with the association body whose meetings were held in the Baptist church.

A. J. Byars Dead

Mrs. A. E. Creighton received a message Tuesday morning telling her of the serious illness of her father, A. J. Byars, of Lockney, who was in a sanitarium at Sweetwater where he was being treated for paralysis.

Later on Saturday a message came to Mr. Creighton from his wife stating death was momentarily expected. He died Sunday afternoon at 1.30. The remains of this aged gentleman were shipped to Lockney where interment was given Monday.

Fresh line of Adolphus box cassids just received—Burroughs.

Statement of Condition

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As Reported September 12th, 1916

RESOURCES

Loans	\$239,511.28
Banking House	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	2,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,950.00
Interest in Guaranty Fund	2,053.14
Cash and Exchange	87,531.62
Other Resources	1,399.10
Total	\$346,445.14

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	18,534.56
Deposits	258,253.73
Rediscounts	34,656.85
Total	\$346,445.14

The above statement is correct

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

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IS THE DIRECTOIRE INFLUENCE TO BE FELT AGAIN

From Paris Come Rumors to This Effect and Now and Again One Sees Proof of it. New Blouses of Satin and Georgette

New York, Sept. 30.—We have lately been hearing rumors from Paris that the period of the Directoire is likely to make itself felt again in our dress. Although these rumors have not been confirmed from all sides, here and there a costume appears highly suggestive of this period, so it will hardly be looking too far ahead to give it some consideration. Period styles keep recurring every little while, and for some time we have had no strain of the Directoire in our dress, so there will be little wonder if it should return very soon. And



Reflecting the Directoire Style

there will be little regret, too, for there is a certain dignity and stateliness about the costume of this period that makes it a favorite among many women.

In the accompanying sketch is a dress which shows the Directoire influence very markedly. This type of dress strikes the eye at once as being very distinct from other styles. At first glance one might easily mistake it for a coat on account of the large collar rising high at the back of the neck, the equally large revers and the double-breasted effect of the short, fitted body. At this season of the year a dress in coat effect is especially desirable, and one of this type has many charms. The long tunic parted in front and attached to the rather short-waisted body can be worn to advantage by the woman of average proportions.

Tunics are quite fashionable this season and there is a large variety of different styles. A novelty seen very recently was in the form of a long tunic reaching to the hem of the skirt, but it was placed only across the back of the skirt, barely starting from the hips. The dress in question was made of soft navy blue silk and the tunic was of very fine serge in a matching shade.

Collars, high in the back and open in front, on the order of the one in the illustration, are very good style. Even in separate collars to be worn with dresses and suits, the style that goes well

up in the back and almost touches the hair is one of the very newest from Paris. Most collars continue to be very large, though some small ones are seen.

A Skirt of Many Gores

In the matter of separate skirts there is a striking novelty, which has made a strong appeal to many women. This is the fourteen-gored skirt, of which an illustration is shown here. Not even the number of gores has deterred them from taking a fancy to this skirt, the novelty and the effectiveness of it having far outweighed the task of making it. The most effective developments are in two materials, making the alternate gores of the different materials. Needless to say, in this lies the chief beauty of the skirt. One may use the same material in two contrasting colors or contrasting materials in the same shade. These skirts are often made in



New Gored Skirt With Simple Waist

two colors of serge, as black and white, or brown and white; or they are made in combinations of serge and satin, broadcloth and velvet, or taffeta and serge. Taffeta or corduroy in two colors is very often employed with good results also.

As to Separate Blouses

The waists to go with separate skirts and suits, are, as a rule, very simple. White and pale flesh colored blouses are still favored, though the fashion of having the blouse match in color the suit with which it is to be worn is again coming in. For this reason there are some dark blouses seen. Satin and Georgette are combined for waists that form part of the costume. The sleeves and upper part of the waist are generally of Georgette and the lower part which comes nearest the skirt is of satin. Striped satin is also used for waists combined with Georgette or chiffon. A charming model for dressy wear was made of blue and white striped satin with white Georgette. It had a large cape-collar.

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Once at Browning's New Gin, always there.

Mebane Cotton Seed

I have placed an order with A. D. Mebane for 300 bu. of the celebrated Mebane Cotton seed, and any one wishing a few bushels can get them from me after Jan. 15th, at \$1.75 F. O. B. Merkel. G. B. Brown. 1312

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A special display of Diamonds will be shown to the visitors of the Central West Texas Fair

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NOTICE

Dr. Daly of Abilene, will be in Merkel Oct. 28th. Practice confined to diseases and surgery of the Eye, Ear, and Throat, and fitting glasses. Office at the Walker Cottage.



WEAR OUR SHOES & HOSE

OUR BEAUTIFUL SHOES ARE "WORKS OF ART." WHEN YOU NEED SHOES---BE IT FOR THE BALL ROOM OR EVERY-DAY WEAR---COME TO US FOR THEM. THEN YOUR FOOT WILL LOOK TRIM AND FEEL COMFORTABLE.

• AND WHEN YOU BUY SHOES FROM US YOU GET "LONG WEAR" FOR A SHORT PRICE."

OUR HOSIERY IS DAINY AND DURABLE---THE KIND THAT LOOKS WELL AND THROUGH WHICH THE SOLES WILL NOT SOON PUNCH HOLES.

LET US "SHOE" AND "HOSE" EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

We have just received from fashion's center many new and staple articles in the way of dress goods, hosiery, underwear, blankets, ladies and children's shoes. We are better prepared now than ever to supply your every-day needs than at any time during the season.

Some New Silks That You Should See in New Patterns And Designs.

3 pound can A 1 Steel Cut Coffee.....	90c
3 packages puffed Rice	25c
3 cans pie peaches	25c
3 cans peas.....	25c
1 pound soda.....	5c
4 packages Cocanut.....	25c

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In This Paper

Evening Up.
He--Why do you dwell so constantly on my bad traits? She--To preserve a proper equilibrium. You yourself are likely to keep me reminded of the few good ones you possess.--Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The Fearsome Triceratops.
A terrible looking beast, but interesting, as it was the last of the great land reptiles, is the triceratops. It had a head like a rhinoceros; but, unlike the rhinoceros of today, it carried three formidable horns upon its face and a collar of spikes or spines around its neck. Skulls of this creature which have been unearthed measure seven feet and more in length. The animal had a total length of some twenty-five feet. It is the opinion of a great authority on prehistoric beasts that we have here a dinosaur trying to become a mammal. It is the opinion of this expert, too, that the creature got too "specialized" and therefore died out--the usual end of a too great ambition!--London Mail.

LOCAL NEWS

An elaborate line of stationery on display at Burroughs.

You get a square deal at Brownings new gin.

W. E. Lowe's service cars run day or night. Call the Busy Bee.

Frank Armstrong who is attending the Stamford M. E. College this year, came in last week for a short visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong.

Don't fail to see the New and upto date gin machinery at Brownings New Gin.

You ought to see the sample from Brownings new gin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Baxendale, one time residents of Merkel, spent a few days here this week visiting friends.

Catering to your every want is our hobby. Let us serve you--Burroughs.

Try Brownings New Gin, and you will see why they all go there and then come again.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Blanks, Mr. and Mrs. Fowler were visitors from Caps here Friday to attend the association.

Take home a loaf of our fresh bread. The Bakery.

OLDER BUT STRONGER

To be healthy at seventy, prepare at forty, is sound advice, because in the strength of middle life we too often forget that neglected colds, or careless treatment of slight aches and pains, simply undermine strength and bring chronic weakness for later years.
To be stronger when older, keep your blood pure and rich and active with the strength-building and blood-nourishing properties of Scott's Emulsion which is a food, a tonic and a medicine to keep your blood rich, alleviate rheumatism and avoid sickness. No alcohol in Scott's.
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THERE ARE TWO MEDICINES WHICH "LOOK" MUCH ALIKE BUT "ACT" ENTIRELY DIFFERENTLY--QUININE AND STRYCHNINE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE THE MISTAKE THE WRONG WAY?

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GRIMES DRUG STORE

J. D. Gaither has recently moved to Sweetwater where recent business associations demand his presence. The name friends of the family trust that the move will be only temporary and that the residence of the family will not be permanently removed from this city.

See who all the gin men are knocking on, and then take your cotton to Brownings New Gin.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Misses Beatrice and Bertie Simmons were guests of Miss Eura Allen during last year.

Trust us with your family prescription--careful and efficient attention--Burroughs.

Mrs. Geo. Ralston of Arah is visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Garvin.

Fresh car of Baker Boy flour at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Burkett of Abilene while attending the Baptist Association last week visited their children Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard.

Window glass, all sizes. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Booth and Mrs. Clay all of Hawley were visitors to the Association and Merkel friends last Thursday.

Ask the customers at Brownings New Gin why they continue to come back and they will tell you "ENTIRE SATISFACTION."

Our line of groceries is now complete. See E. L. Rogers.

Marvin Boze, day cook and high chef at the Busy Bee, was among those who visited the Abilene Fair on Wednesday in a social way.

Plenty of angel food cake at the Bakery.

If you are wanting a good turn out and a fine sample take your cotton to Brownings New Gin.

G. L. Browning who has been spending this year on the Plains is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning.

Fresh car of Baker Boy flour at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Mrs. Asa Sheppard and Sterling are spending this week with relatives in Abilene having timed their visit to be able to enjoy both the circus and the fair during the stay.

We are giving 25 cents per dozen for eggs. Anchor Mercantile Co.

Plenty shorts at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Woodroof are in Mineral Wells this week where Mr. Woodroof is taking a few days rest. The family will return home the latter part of next week.

Plenty shorts at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Vernon Sublett has been spending a part of this week in Chilli-cothe and has been absent from his jewelry business at the Merkel Drug Store.

Eastman and Ansco kodaks and supplies at Burroughs.

Phone W. E. Lowe at the Busy Bee for a service car.

How Catarrh is Contracted

Mothers are sometimes so thoughtless as to neglect the colds which their children contract. The inflammation of the mucous membrane, at first acute, becomes chronic and the child has chronic catarrh, a disease that is seldom cured and that may prove a life's burden. Many persons who have this loathsome disease will remember having had frequent colds at the time it was contracted. A little forethought, a bottle of Chamberlains Cough Remedy judiciously used and all this trouble might have been avoided. Obtainable everywhere.

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What a terrible failure Woodrow Wilson has been as the chief of the nation during the last four years! He never did have any business sense; neither did the democratic party?

The Illinois Central Railroad runs from Chicago to New Orleans; it bisects the United States from north to south. The Illinois Central Road for months has been doing the largest business in its long career.

The Union Pacific Railway's report is out today. It runs from San Francisco, with connections, to the Mississippi River. The Union Pacific is doing more business than it ever did before in its history, and it is making more money than it ever did before in its career.

Truly has the Democratic administration prostrated the railroad business!

The American farmer is getting more this year for his wheat, corn and meat than any time since the war. This is another index to the failure of the Democratic administration.

There are more people at work more days in the week and more hours in the day than ever before in the history of this country. This is another proof that during this Wilson Administration the laboring classes have been beggared for lack of employment.

The United States Steel Corporation, which was about to go out of business because of the Underwood tariff, is doing more business than it ever did since its formation. This is another indication of the business stupidity of the Democratic administration.

There have been less bank failures during the last four years, except for some stealing, than during any other four years within the last half of a century. The banks have been able to get money for the use of their customers at a more even rate of interest during the last two years than at any other time in the history of this country. Any small bank in this country with collateral, and any bank customer with collateral can get all the money he needs at a low rate of interest.

And still the bankers are wise men, and tell us that Woodrow Wilson and the Democrats in charge of the government of the United States have no business sense!

Every branch of agriculture, every branch of commerce, every division of finance and every sort of manufacturing is bounding forward under the impetus of tremendous activity; and still Woodrow Wilson and the Democrats are not capable of looking after the business interests of the United States and the people therein!—Commercial Appeal.

A-HITTIN' AT WILSON

Collier's Weekly for the past four years has worked the south to a fare-you-well. They have had representatives in nearly every nook and crook of the Southland until they swelled an enormous subscription list through astonishing low offers. In all probability this publication is now doing more in its sphere against interests in the south than any other printed sheet that comes our way. In some ways Collier's Weekly is to be commended; in others, we hold our nose and gag as we sketch the roastings they are weekly handing out to the Wilson administration. Collier's Weekly is doing their best to use their enormous list of readers as a means of turning votes to

Hughes. This fact will be remembered by thousands of readers in this and other commonwealths below the Mason-Dixon and hereafter when Collier's representatives come our way, we imagine the picking will not be so good.

We accord this national publication the right to hold up for its party but we will refuse to swallow all they have had to say and will refuse to sit and listen to their lambasting of Wilson.

No man has ever guided the ship of state thru more turbulent waters than has our Chief Executive throughout the last four years, and we do not believe that national cussing out as Collier's has given him will help the Grand Old Party's cause at all. Give Wilson what he deserves, if that be laudits then yell to the top of your voice and go and vote for him, and when Collier's representatives call on you give them the kind and courteous reception a man should get but accept their offers according to your best judgement.

SANCTUARY

A wise nut has discovered that it is unhealthy for two persons to occupy the same bed, regardless of the fact recorded in the Book of Books that Moses slept with his forefathers, which was five to a hill, and then lived to the ripe old age of seven or eight hundred and twenty years. Another savior for the health of his brethren has learned that it is unsafe to ride a horse that another fellow has ridden or to attend church where other people attend. The kiss has been branded as a tempter of death in all manner of diseases. Handshaking is now considered extremely dangerous. The Crosby Times thinks if things keep up it will be unhealthy to be buried in the same graveyard with other people. The only place a person can be safe from disease or getting run over is in a store that doesn't advertise.—Trinity County News.

Speaking of migratory birds but what about the eagle that's stamped on a dollar?

A Tennessee man proposes alcohol as a substitute for gasoline. That's nothing, some people we know have been using it in mixed quantities.

Baked beans and corn-dodger have divided time with the U-53 this week.

The U-53 will make it 53 straights if she keeps Monday's run up a few days longer.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal sees nothing strange about the Connecticut baby with two faces, only the Appeal says that few are born that way.

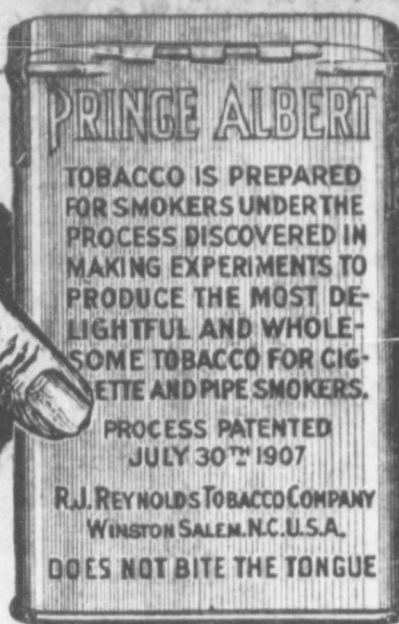
Because your brains are dusty is no reason you should want to sneeze. Brooklyn baseball fans take notice.

"New York grave diggers strike."—Memphis Commercial Appeal. The Hughes-anti burial services will now be held in some other town, probably Washington.

Henry Ford, a republican, is going to vote for Wilson, but won't even drop a jitne in the contribution box.

Henry Ford doesn't believe in campaign funds. He thinks the office should seek the man. Funny Henry didn't think of this before he chartered Oscar II.

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"I have been afflicted with neuralgia spells periodically for several years until I learned of Hunt's Lightning Oil. It permanently cured me. I have never had a pain that it would not alleviate and I have been using Hunt's Lightning Oil for fifteen years," says Uncle Jesse Leving, the best known citizen of Grayson County, Texas.

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"I would almost as soon think of running my farm without implements as without Hunt's Lightning Oil. Of all the liniments I have ever used for man and beast, it is quickest in action and richest in results. For burns and flesh cuts it is absolutely wonderful. I regard it as a household necessity," says Mr. S. Harrison, Kosciusko, Miss. Thousands praise it.

HEADACHES

If space would permit the printing of all of the testimonials written of the relief that Hunt's Lightning Oil has given to headaches, no news would be published in this paper. It would all be Hunt's Lightning Oil praise. If you suffer, don't hesitate a moment but come to our store and get a bottle of Hunt's Lightning Oil. A surprise will be in store for you. 50c and 25c bottles.

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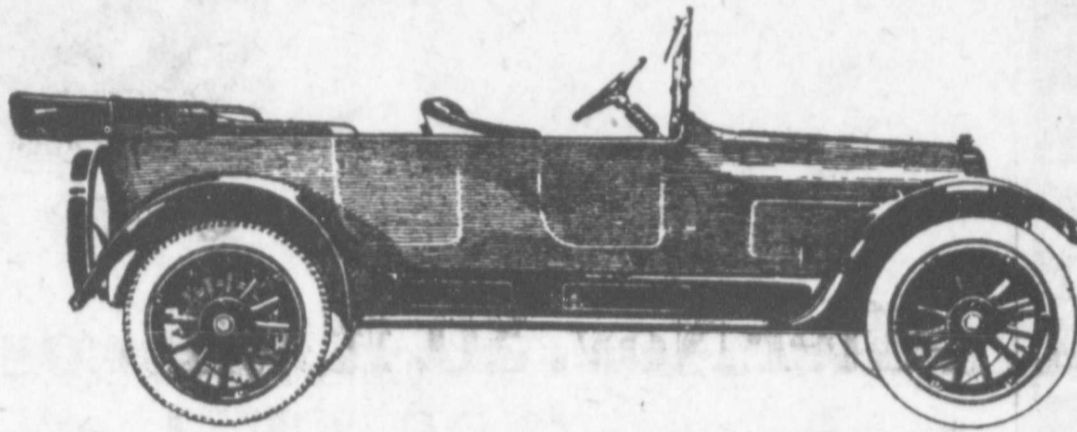
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Promiscuous Items

A girl in Oklahoma, earning \$6 a week, recently paid \$22.50 for a pair of shoes on the installment plan at \$1 a week.

A New York police magistrate recently sentenced an unruly boy to receive a thrashing and his father promised to administer it.

A woman who was convicted of burglary last June, by a woman jury in Los Angeles, secured a new trial and has just been adjudged insane by a jury of men.

Policemen representing the health department raided a Long Island home and forcibly took from a mother a 19 months' old

baby as a "plague subject."

A newly married woman in Kansas entrusted her husband with the job of selling a fat hog. He spent the proceeds on a spree. She is suing him for a divorce.

The widow of a millionaire coal operator who was married in Kentucky recently forfeited \$10,000,000, half the fortune of her former husband, under the provision of his will.

A grandson of the poet Longfellow, and a graduate of Harvard, recently enjoyed the experience of running a street car and afterward of carrying a hod. He is a socialist. —Leslie's Week-

Negro's Hard Luck

While enroute to Bonham Tuesday Chief of Police Ed Whitley saw a negro get on the train at Windom who had skipped out without paying a fine he owed the city court. He immediately placed the negro under arrest. In a few minutes the negro dashed an old coat he was carrying out the window. When the coat struck the ground there was a loud report from a pistol which was in the pocket thereof. In addition to the old fine there is a new charge of pistol-toting against the negro. —Honey Grove Signal.

For a Muddy Complexion

Take Chamberlain's Tablets and adopt a diet of vegetables and cereals. Take outdoor exercise daily and your complexion will be greatly improved within a few months. Try it. Obtainable everywhere.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Dr. J. T. Pue has recently purchased the W. P. Browning home in the M. E. Church block and has established his profession practice there. The deal was consummated several days ago at a consideration of \$2300.00.

E. H. Cordill has recently purchased a 160 acre farm from J. F. Shaffer in the Nubia country, the consideration being \$4,400.

I have a few good farms for sale, small payment down, long time on balance 8 per cent. J. T. Warren.



Winter's Coming

IN FACT IT HAS ALREADY SHOWN UP

We have a very complete stock of wood and coal heaters, at various prices, to suit anyone. The prices are very low, considering the prices now prevailing in the market.

Plenty of John Deere Double Disc Plows; also the Little Pony Disc that has proven so popular. Now is the time for these plows, call and look them over.

Our house is full of seasonable goods and you will always find our **PRICES RIGHT**

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BOY ALMOST RUNS OVER AN AGED MAN

Thursday morning as a crowd of people were starting to Abilene in an automobile, the youthful driver of the car came very near running down an aged man directly in front of the Mail office. The car almost grazed the old gentleman and had he been six inches further in the path of the machine, this article might have been entirely different.

It could hardly be said that the near accident was an unavoidable one for the driver had a clear view of the street and no doubt the mishap came about for no other reason than the boy became excited. The writer saw the incident and we are glad to say that as usual this driver seems very careful but youthful as well as older drivers in a high powered car or any other kind of a car often times do not give proper consideration to the pedestrian. The man who walked the streets when cars were not in vogue have the same right on our thoroughfares today and their rights should be respected with much care by the auto driver; then fewer accidents will occur.

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

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Mebane Cotton Seed

I have placed an order with A. D. Mebane for 300 bu. of the celebrated Mebane Cotton seed, and any one wishing a few bushels can get them from me after Jan. 15th, at \$1.75 F.. O. B. Merkel. G. B. Brown. 13t2

For Sale

7 room house (my home place) 3 lots, well, windmill, elevated tank, cistern, fruit trees, good out buildings; near school building. Part cash, balance terms. G. W. Johnson. 22tf
Merkel, Texas.

We are giving 25 cents per dozen for eggs. Anchor Mercantile Co.

They are all going to Browning's new gin.

Dr. W. B. Foster and M. D. Angus were among those who were planning to visit El Paso this week during the celebrations in the border city.

Full blood pole and china pigs for sale, Chas. Russell. 6t3

For the lowest prices ever offered on clothing. See A. L. Jobe.

Mrs. Roberta Roberts of the state of Washington is visiting her cousin Mrs. J. G. Hale.

You should get your planting seed at Browning's new gin.

Mrs. A. J. Leighty of Abilene was here Tuesday and Wednesday, the guest of Mrs. H. F. Groene.

Dough-nuts, creme puffs and chocolate eclairs on Friday and Saturday at the Bakery.

The birth of a baby boy was reported to Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Ely of Noodle on Wednesday afternoon.

You get courteous treatment at Browning's new gin.

Window glass, all sizes. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

You Need a Tonic

There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you. You can't make a mistake in taking

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Albert Taylor is Coming

Geo. M. Cohan's stage contributions during the past dozen years have earned him a place in the field of amusement to be proud of and that he appreciates the distinction is evident in his continued effort to supply the stage entertainment of wholesome yet most laughable character, an endeavor noticeable particularly in "Broadway Jones" which is played here at the Cozy by Albert Taylor and company.

Broadway Jones' Coming

Broadway Jones' is a real American play that contains many gripping moments, yet it is presented in so human a way that the audience is in a state of almost constant laughter throughout its four acts.

Comfort and economy make happy homes. You get both by using Cole's Hot Blast Heaters.—G. F. West Co.



MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

Twentieth Century Club

After the summer's vacation, the 20th Century Club held its first meeting last Thursday afternoon with Miss Evelyn Williams as hostess. The only literary number for the afternoon was the Service and Story of Shakespeare's Tempest given by Mrs. Robt. Hicks. The other time being given to the payment of dues and other business.

Visitors for the afternoon were, Mesdames C. D. Mims, Rosa Smith, Ernest Rogers and Miss Lula Gilmore of Portland, Ore.

At the conclusion of the program a short time was spent socially during which refreshments of ice cream and angel's food cake were served.

Forty-two

A social afternoon overlooked last week was that of forty-two given by Mrs. A. H. Thornton to honor her sister, Mrs. R. A. Mabry of Kerns Texas. Three tables were arranged for playing and the ladies enjoying the games were the honor guest, Mesdames E. L. Woodroof, C. D. Mims, H. C. Burroughs Sr., H. L. Propet, R. O. Anderson, Ben Walters, Robt. Hicks, G. F. West, J. E. Young of Lampassas, T. A. Johnson, W. F. Stanford and W. L. Harkrider.

Dance

The home of Messrs and Mesdames Beasley near Noodle was open to Merkel friends Monday evening of this week with a dancing party.

Six cars of guests were driven from town and on account of the large number the guest list is omitted.

Music for the evening was furnished by the player piano and Mexican orchestra.

These evenings spent in this home are always pleasant and this one proved itself no exception.

B. Y. P. U. Program

Leader—Willie Swann.
A knowledge of the needs—Ola Sharp.

We must know how to do personal work—Roy Penny.
Learn to talk for christ—Mrs. Harris.

Must know how to put business in our religion—Mr. Lytton Howard.

Must know how to finance our church affairs—G. J. Jones.
Matt. 20:1-7—Selene Teaff.

Song.
What the B. Y. P. U. does.—Dr. Pue.

When You Take Cold

With the average man a cold is a serious matter and should not be trifled with, as some of the most dangerous diseases start with a common cold. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of your cold as quickly as possible. You are not experimenting when you use this remedy as it has been in use for many years and has an established reputation. It has no opium or other narcotic. Obtainable everywhere.

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After Nov. 30, it will cost you just \$70 more to buy a 7-22 Chalmers. But the price on the 5-passenger 3400 r. p. m. Chalmers remains (for the time being) \$1090 Detroit

Until midnight of Nov. 30 you can get a 7-22 Chalmers for \$1280 Detroit—a car of rare ability, fascinating in body equipment, and, like a beautiful woman, of exquisite charm.

After that date the price becomes \$1350 Detroit—\$70 more. The \$70 is just a few dollars less than the increase in cost of manufacture of this car since its appearance in June.

To those who have longed for the 5-passenger 3400 r. p. m. Chalmers—and have not yet possessed one, just a word of warning: the price remains unchanged just now—\$1090 Detroit; we do not know how long this low price will continue. We reserve the right to increase the price without notice.

Only those who are buying materials such as go into high-grade automobiles can begin to realize the steady, upward trend of the materials market.

Just one condition today prevents a rise in price of the 5-passenger 3400 r. p. m. Chalmers—the fact that these cars are being made on a factory "work order" dating back several months.

Since the "work order" went through materials have jumped in cost again. When the current "work order" is completed and if materials remain at their present level or rise higher, only one course will be possible, an increased price.

Those who have been driving Chalmers cars know how diligent has been the Chalmers effort to set down cars of the quality kind.

They will understand how impossible it would be for Chalmers to dodge the increase-in-materials issue and maintain the prevailing price on the 7-22 Chalmers.

Lower the quality of the Chalmers car? Never. The Chalmers men take great pride, not only in the money the car makes for them, but in the car itself. And pride, as everyone knows, is a thing that can never be compromised.

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Remember the \$70 you can save now by anticipating the rise in price. There's an old Scotch proverb that says "A dollar saved is a dollar earned". \$70 buys a good suit of clothes, a good pair of shoes, a good hat and some good gloves. Also it just about pays your dues at the club for a year.

Or, if it's a 5-passenger 3400 r. p. m. Chalmers you want, our advice is to get one now.

We are not sure the price is going up and we are not sure that it isn't.

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Advertised Letters.

Lomax, Susie,
Price, Mr. C. M.
Simmons, H. P.
Simpson, Herman,
Speed, J. P.
Williams, Clarence,
Andrada, R. M.
Rodriges, W. M.
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Oct. 25th, 1916.
H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas

Whenever You Need a General Tonic
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Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a
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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.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Smith received a message Sunday afternoon from Stanton telling of the death of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith of that place. The baby had been sick for about two weeks and very seriously so its death was no surprise. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have many friends here who extend sympathy in this loss of their only child.

If you have not ginned at Browning's New Gin try one bale there. You will be satisfied.

Stock For Sale

Some good milk cows, all fresh with young calves. Also three good teams for sale at a bargain.
H. F. Richards, Route 2. 1tpd

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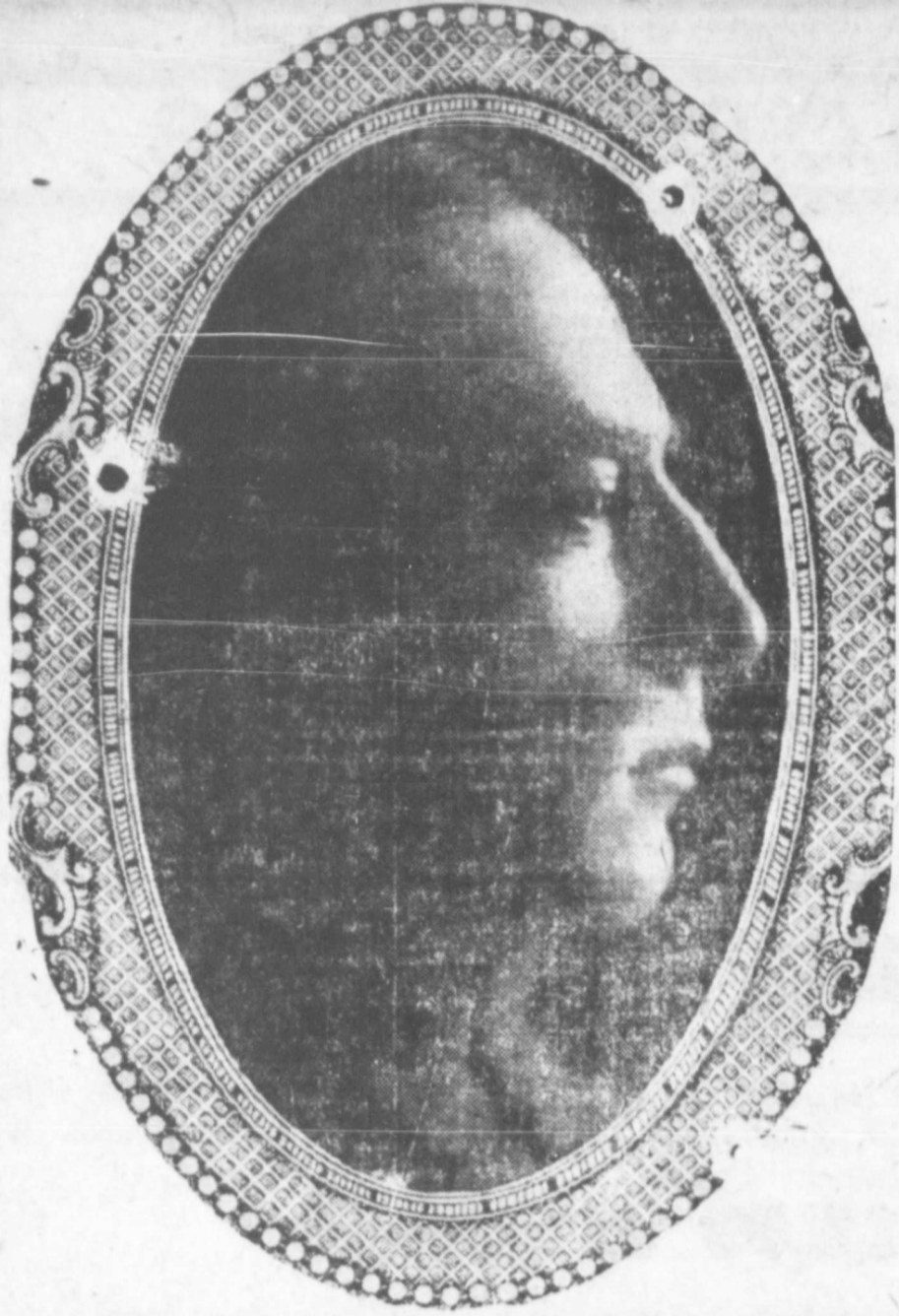
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TUSCOLA FAMILY COTTON PICKERS

From Tuscola comes the report through the Abilene Reporter that four children of the Harrison family of Route 1, have made the following records picking cotton: Aubrey Harrison age 18, 608 pounds; Nolan, age 16, 451 pounds; Gladys, age 13, 409 pounds; Lawrence, age 11, 401 pounds; Ray, age 7, 103 pounds. This record is indeed a good one and to the thirteen year old girls Gladys who picked 409 pounds we take off our hat as having certainly outclassed all other members of the family. As far as the boys, their picking is in no way unusual noteworthy and the Mail still claims to have given first publication to the champion cotton picking boy of west Texas when T-G Hamner of Trent, age 16, picked (we said picked) 613 pounds of cotton in one day. Back to the young lady we would say that the amount of cotton she picked is too darned much for her own good and we would not like to commend her only for her pluck. If her brothers or parents were instrumental in lauding her about that high record we believe they forgot that the task might be entirely too great for a child of her age. Let's let the boys make all the records.

Car of Johnson grass hay expected Saturday. T. J. R. Swafford. 1tpd.

SEE HERE!

Do You Want Your Kidneys Experimented on

Kidney troubles are getting more common every day. Government health bureau figures say deaths from this cause are 72 per cent more than 20 years ago.

Anybody who suffers constant backache, who feels blue, nervous and irritable, who has dizzy spells, headache and urinary disorders should suspect kidney weakness. Overworked kidneys must have a rest. Take things easier; live more carefully. Take a good kidney remedy to build the kidneys up again.

But be sure to get Doan's Kidney Pills—the oldest, the most widely used and the best recommended of all kidney pills now in use all over the civilized world. Don't experiment with your kidneys. Thousands have already tested Doan's. You have their experience to go by. Plenty of cases right here in Merkel. Here's one:

Mrs. J. V. West, Merkel, says: "An attack of La Grippe several years ago left my kidneys weak and disordered, causing severe pain. As Doan's Kidney Pills had been taken with good results in my family, I used them. They reached the seat of the trouble, completely curing me. I have had no return of the trouble since."

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

The Oxford Bible.

The Oxford Bible is said to be the only book printed in English without a typographical error.

The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak

Old people who are feeble, and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking regularly Grove's Tasteless Chill-Tonic. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. 50c.

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FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms within one block of school building. J. W. Tally.

FOR SALE—Good 60 acre farm, 45 acres in cultivation. One mile of good school. See me on Route 1. G. W. Brady. 13t3

STRAYED from home last Wednesday, two year old Jersey Heifer, mouse colored, rather dark on sides, short horns. Notify J. A. Duckett and receive reward. 13tf.

LOST—A small black dehorned two year old heifer branded D A Y on left side. Reward for recovery of same.—Jno. R. Collins.

For Rent—Good 6 room house, sleeping porch, cistern, well, windmill, tank-house, waterworks, plenty room, barn, and garden plot—\$12.00 per month to desirable parties only. Homer L. Eastwood.

FAIR OPENS WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE

Cattle, hogs, chickens, pigs, in fact everything worthy of exhibition in the county is now on display at the Central West Texas Fair at Abilene, and large crowds are gathering there to see the show.

Messrs. John Sears and W. C. Stephens of Noodle are both there with the goods on. Mr. Stephens is showing what hogs are doing, while Sears, his neighbor, is looking after the Registered Hereford class. The Merkel public school prepared an entry but on Wednesday no list prizes were available. There are others from here who have entries at Abilene, but owing to the absence of an entry list we do not have their names.

Thursday information reached us that Mr. Sears had captured every 1st prize in the hereford class.

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

Parten's Mammoth Sale

Of fall and winter merchandise continues to be of paramount importance to every economical buyer within and even beyond Merkel's trade radius. IT IS EASIER TO SAVE DOLLARS THAN TO MAKE THEM BY HARD LABOR. Let us figure on that bill. Don't forget your

—"auto" coupons

Parten Dry Goods Company

MR. HALE OF TRENT WON'T SUBSCRIBE

While Fred Hale was in town the other day with a bale of cotton. We saw him and tried our hardest to get him to take the Mail for another year. Mr. Hale agreed to take our paper if we would furnish a couple of pills with it.

Now we would like to be understood right here, that we are not running an apothecary shop. Our business is running a newspaper, and furthermore we are not medically inclined, but from what knowledge we have of this profession we would say that Mr. Hale may be bilious but his case is of such a nature that pills will be of no avail. The pure and unadulterated old bile that has collected on his system has gotten there from no other fact than he has continuously refused to take his home paper, the Mail. We have hopes that Mr. Hale will recover from this temporary case of indisposition, but our hopes are governed entirely by his ability to loosen up and take this sheet.

Despondency

When you feel discouraged and despondent do not give up but take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets and you are almost certain to feel alright within a day or two. Despondency is very often due to indigestion and biliousness, for which these tablets are especially valuable. Obtainable everywhere.

Here to Attend Funeral

Mesdames L. E. Adrain, R. B. Johnson and others of Trent were here in the former's car Wednesday to attend the funeral services of baby Maragret Propst.

Mr. Johnson Says

"A neighbor of mine returned from New York last week, and he told me about some fellow trying to sell him the court house at a bargain. He didn't buy it, because he figured that this man didn't have the right to sell it."

"The day after he got home, he met a smooth-talking young fellow on the street who was giving away a pair of spectacles and a farm paper for 'just enough money to pay the postage on the paper,' which, he said, was \$1.00. Of course, most everybody in town fell for this, although none of them had ever heard of this stranger before."

"If that fellow had tackled me, I would have told him to see the constable and get a note from him saying that all those fancy credentials were genuine. The fact is, though, I don't think I would have given him my subscription anyway, because there are too many subscription solicitors who live in this county, and spend their money here, for me to give my money to an unknown stranger who doesn't spend anything here but his time."

For Chapped Hands

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

Our prices are right every day in the week. Circulars unnecessary. E. L. Rogers.

TRENT SCHOOLS TO OPEN MONDAY A. M.

Superintendent Greene and the corps of teachers of the Trent schools have everything in readiness for an auspicious opening Monday morning.

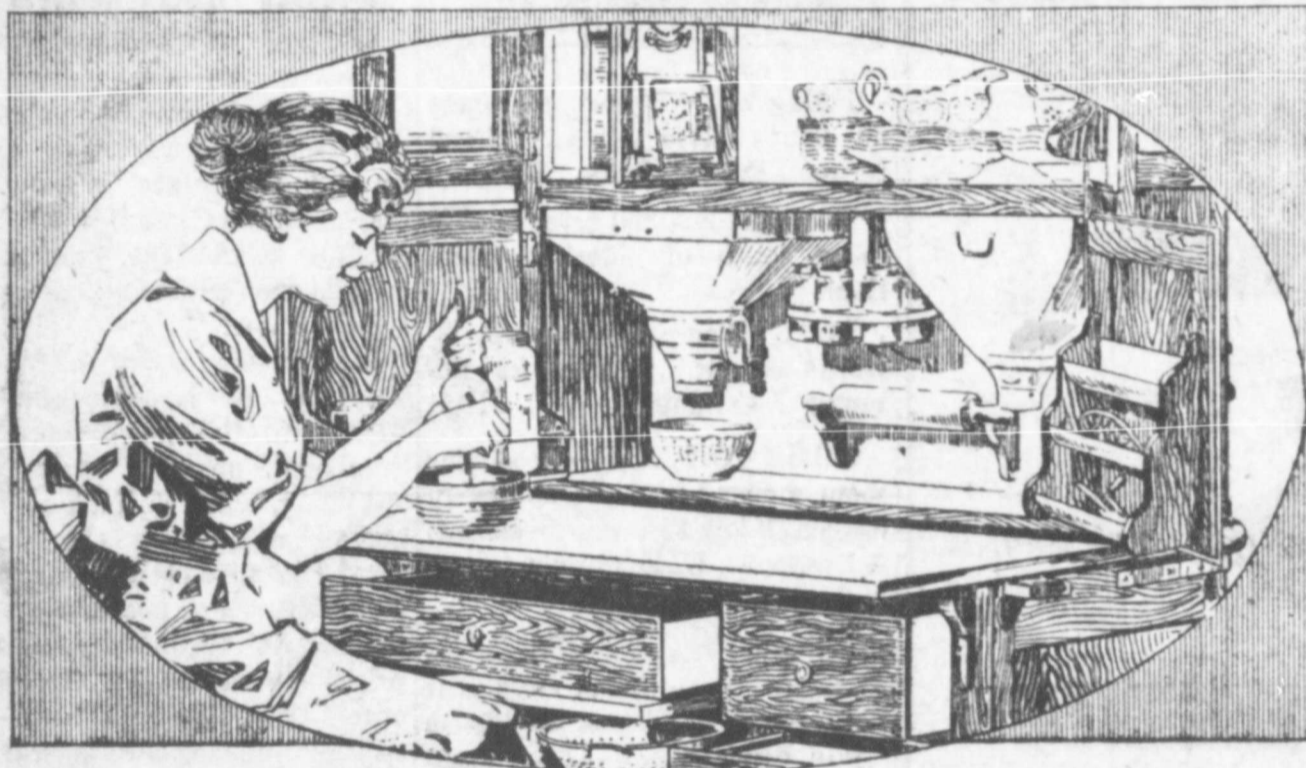
The work of the subscription school which has been in progress there for several weeks has been taken advantage of by a number of students, whose work will be enhanced now with the opening of the free term.

Baby Margaret Propst Dead

Margaret Elizabeth, the adopted baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst, the wee little tot who has been a constant joy to the happy home for several months, died at an early hour Tuesday morning, following a short illness. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst who has rejoiced with them in the pleasure of seeing this baby girl find a good and comfortable home, now deeply sympathize with them in their loss of so sweet a child. The funeral services were held at the home Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock Elder W. G. Cypert preaching. Following, burial was given in Rose Hill Cemetery.

More Than Enough is too Much

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



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- Places for 400 articles all within arm's reach.
- 40 labor-saving features, each like a helping hand.
- The Hoosier will cut your kitchen work in half.
- Will save you miles of steps.
- Will save you hours of weary toil.
- Will make it a pleasure to cook and bake.
- Will save your energy and beauty, and keep you feeling young and strong.
- Will help you get good meals quickly.
- Will help you tidy up in just a few moments when the meal's over.

A Centralized Storehouse

The Vital Part of Your Cabinet

The picture above shows how the scientific arrangement of the Hoosier makes it a real helper. Storage space is above and below. There is plenty of unhampered room above and around the aluminum (or porcelain) work-table.

There are no useless little partitions to chop up the space and leave no room for work. Your cabinet must have big table space to work on. The Hoosier gives it.

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Come and See These Six Exclusive Hoosier Features

1. The all-metal glass front flour bin.
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3. Scientific arrangement---articles needed most frequently easiest reached.
4. Revolving castor (shown in center of illustration).
5. The ingenious, big-capacity sugar bin---holds more than twice as much as most other bins.
6. Finally, either doors with a handy rack for small utensils, or rolling doors

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We are always glad to have you visit our Millinery department. Our stock consists of the newest styles in Fall Millinery. New arrivals every week, reasonably priced.



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Our line of Ladies Suits is now complete. We have all the new popular styles and colors in broadcloths, gaberdines and serges, made by the famous suit makers—Redfern and Palmer. Priced

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Ladies coats in plush, velours, mixtures and a big line of sport coats at

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This week's express brought us a beautiful selection of ladies dresses in silks, serges and combinations, reasonably priced

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A nice assortment of misses dresses for dress and school wear in wool plaids, serges and combinations at

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