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THE FORT WORTH-EL PASO HIGHWAY

(By E. M. Overshiner, Director, Taylor County.)

The trip of inspection of Engineers Meriwether and Fauntleroy was interrupted last week by Captain Fauntleroy being called to Austin for consultation in regard to the highway commission bill now pending before the State Legislature. It is intended to resume this trip of inspection over the Fort Worth-El Paso highway within the next week or two, starting at El Paso and working east. All of the directors will be given several days' notice before the party reaches their respective counties.

The only county covered on the inspection trip last week was Parker County. A meeting was held at Weatherford and was attended by a number of citizens who are anxious for better roads in Parker County. The proposed election for bonds in the precinct in which Weatherford is located was discussed. This and issue would give that precinct a splendid system of roads, also covering about fifteen miles of the Fort Worth-El Paso highway. This would leave about ten miles of the highway still to build in that county. Plans already are being discussed to do this work. After the meeting at Weatherford, the inspection party was taken over the route of the highway. Before leaving arrangements were completed to send a government engineer to estimate the cost of the proposed work in the precinct, and he is now covering that work this week.

Engineer Meriwether is working at present in the sand districts of Ward and Ector Counties, estimating the cost of the work in that section.

CRIMINAL STOEK MANIPULATION

The most sensational decline that ever occurred in the cotton market in so short a time was witnessed on both the New York and New Orleans Cotton Exchanges February 1 on publication of the German note to the neutral countries. The underlying principles that caused this decline were not, in any way occasioned by the spot situation, but was purely speculative, the greatest pressure being exerted on the New York Cotton Exchange that has so consistently fought any advance in the cotton in the past 60 days. The New York market has been at a premium over New Orleans for many months, but yet, so drastic was the decline on the New York Cotton Exchange that contracts were forced to a fifty point discount under what the same options were quoted at in New Orleans.

Speculation in all lines has been carried to extremes, and there must be some safeguard established either by the Federal Government or by different States to limit, to a certain extent, any effort on the part of any coterie of men to unduly cause any such declines as was experienced. The South's wealth, to a great extent, comes from its cotton crop; that is it is more easily converted into cash, and the cotton grower, the interior merchant and banker knowing the shortness of this crop and knowing at what prices the textile trade is able to sell manufactured goods, have done all possible to maintain prices that were very reasonable, weighing all conditions as to the law of supply and demand.

CALIFORNIA ORANGE DAY.

Saturday, March 10, has been announced as California orange day and will be celebrated throughout the country by hotels, restaurants, commission houses, grocery stores, refreshment parlors and in railroad din-

ing cars and dining stations. On that day it is hoped that every man, woman and child will consume at least one orange as a reminder that this is one of the most healthful of all food products. The orange can be prepared deliciously in so many different styles that a great number of people utilize them for each meal of the day regularly.

"Orange day" is a fixed anniversary with a multitude of people and this year the number of participants bids fair to excel any previous record.

ABILENE YOUTH DIES

Gene Phelps, aged 18 years, son of W. H. Phelps of Abilene, died at Albany early Wednesday morning from wounds received late Tuesday when a pistol belonging to a Shackelford county officer was discharged. Sheriff Dodson of Abilene said he understood the officer was Deputy Sheriff Henry Herring.

According to the best information obtainable here, the shooting was purely accidental. With another youth Phelps was in an automobile with the Shackelford county officers bound for Albany when he was wounded. The officers had picked the young men up on advice of the Taylor county sheriff's department.

The boys went out on Spring creek with a camping kit to stay for several days to trap, employing a 14-year old boy to carry them and their outfit out there from Abilene Sunday morning according to a statement of the 14-year old boy. The two older boys were not in camp when the Abilene officers arrived, but the younger boy was. This latter declared he was employed by the two youths to haul them out to the creek in a hack.

Not finding them at the camp the local officers asked the Shackelford county officers to assist them. According to the information gleaned from the local officers young Phelps was on the rear seat of the automobile with the Albany officer when the latter's pistol was accidentally discharged, the bullet penetrating the young man's groin. He was taken to Albany where he died several hours later.

CITY LOSES WORTHY BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Merritt left Saturday for Dublin, where they will spend some time in the country home of D. O. Welch the father of Mrs. Merritt.

In the departure of Ben, Merkel loses good boy. He has long been employed in the Farmers & Merchants National Bank. He has not yet decided where he will locate, but his many friends will follow his future career with interest, believing that success will follow his efforts wherever he may become established.

MR. WOODROOF RETURNS

E. L. Woodroof has returned from market, where he has placed orders for a large amount of the latest styles of spring goods. They are already arriving and soon will be on sale. Mr. Woodroof expects a thriving business this spring.

The Girls' Gymnasium Club met again last Tuesday evening with quite a number present to enjoy the exercises. Several girls signed pledges to become members and are expecting more to sign next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. W. M. Jenkins and little son William of Oak Cliff, Dallas are here visiting their sister Mrs. Wesley Edwards, and many friends.

MERKEL SCHOOLS.

Dr. Fletcher, State visitor of schools, was in Merkel last Monday and inspected the city schools. According to his opinion, the schools are rapidly reaching a high state of efficiency under the present able management. Short terms have long militated against the efficiency of the local school system, and even in spite of this great difficulty, wonderful progress has been made.

Dr. Fletcher spoke particularly of the department of the student body, saying that he had never seen this feature of the Merkel schools better, both in the classrooms and on the playgrounds, and that he had visited here every year for the past six. He thought well of the organized athletics and the improvements in the way of school ground apparatus.

The building itself is a source of great pride to the city. Some additional equipment is needed however, especially in the science department. With a few points yet to be made, affiliation will be attained. It is a goal greatly to be desired by every citizen of this great little city, and it is hoped that every individual effort will be made to assist in this very laudible undertaking.

THE DARK WAR CLOUDS.

The Mail is indebted to the Star-Telegram for the following message, which was placed on display in the post office last Monday afternoon: Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 5, 3.30 pm—Germany refuses to modify sub warfare. America rushing preparations. This kindness on the part of the Star-Telegram enabled many of our citizens to become advised of this feature of news long before the press of the country could give the information.

The hope of this country to continue to maintain friendly relations with Germany, after the publication of her intentions "to prosecute relentless and indiscriminate warfare against vessels of commerce by use of submarines without regard to what the United States must consider the sacred and indisputable rules of international law and the universally recognized dictates of humanity." must rest entirely with the diplomatic service of the two countries. So long has the United States wisely maintained her honor and kept out of the great world war, that it is to be devoutly hoped that even in this provoking instance, a way will be found to avoid entering the conflict.

PLANT EARLY---CONTROL THE WEEVIL

NUBIA SCRIBE REPORTS.

On Monday morning, when my paper came, I learned that the crisis between this nation and Germany was second only to a declaration of war. Nothing to my mind is more loathsome than war, except it be the cringing submission of indignities perpetrated by some wilful and tyrannical aggressor.

In this instance, Germany has acted the aggressor, and we, I am proud to say, are quitting ourselves like men, by our emphatic resentment. Needless to say, if conditions develop into a real state of war, the Central Powers will discover, to their own chagrin, that the American people, down to the last decimal fraction will stand behind their president.

Meanwhile, it will behoove Germany to tread lightly, and with care; for her trials and distresses, day by day, and, on her own account, too, are becoming multiplied.

If any reader of the Mail is disposed to view the outcome with alarm, let me assure that reader that there is no possible chance whatever, of us casting our lot with the wrong side. When we consider that there is an allied power—Japan—and a strong one, too, which at present, is contributing only a negligible part in the war, then it becomes doubly apparent that the Allies, chance for winning is good. The Allies, so far, have not even requested Japan to actively participate in the war.

It is not very likely that a declaration of war will be made. However, if such does follow, we'll not be called upon to send an army over there. It is not men the Allies need. It is materials. Our submarines will play the most prominent role. There will not be as many soldiers go to Europe as went to Mexico.

Grandma Perry, who has been dangerously sick for over two weeks, is now convalescing, we are glad to report. She can attribute her recovery only to the attentive care of her administrators.

Another splendid asset has been added to the already infinite ones of this community. It consists of an extension of route 5, so that it benefits those who have been without handy service since the suspension of the star route, several years ago.

The Literary of Butman called the Modern Literary Society of Butman will give a recital next Friday afternoon. All are cordially invited.

We petty correspondents welcome the advent of Mr. Jackson into our midst. Not because we harbor any seditious motives against Mr. Easterwood, but because our code of dignity induces us to. In giving Mr. Jackson the hand-clasp of welcome, we do not turn our backs in reproach upon our affable erstwhile manager. And as Mr. Easterwood was not indisposed to insert our rhapsodical nonsense, we trust that his successor will not prove less considerate of our whimsicalities.

[Shake, old man! Come in to see me. Mr. Easterwood says you have not paid him a call in two years. If you don't beat that, you needn't be surprised some of these days to see the present editor knocking at your doorstep in time for breakfast. We are certainly glad to have your letters—JACKSON.]

Rev. Bullock was called to Garland Wednesday to conduct a funeral. He informed us before his departure that he would return here in time for Sunday services.

Miss Mossie Sears left Sunday for Chillicothe, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Virgil Touchstone.

(By H. E. Hays, Assistant Entomologist, Extension Service, Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.)

A few farmers in every section of the State have made preparation for the protection of the 1917 cotton crop from the ravages of the boll weevil, by plowing under the stalks when the cotton was picked in October and November, but the majority are doing this work in January and February. Plowing under cotton stalks in the fall has two important advantages: first, the stalks have time to decay; second, a large per cent of the boll weevils are destroyed in their hibernating quarters, as they pass the winter in the adult stage. Only a small per cent live through the winter on land that is plowed in the fall, while late plowing permits many to survive.

A study of the life history of the weevil makes it possible for us to understand some of its habits. The mature weevil deposits its eggs in the square of cotton, and in from three to seven days it hatches into the grub or larvae stage. The larvae feeds in the square from seven to twelve days, then passes in to the pupal or resting about five days, thus completing the life cycle. Each female weevil is capable of depositing about 150 eggs, and that the progeny from a single pair of weevils from June 20 to November 4 would be 12,775,100, is a conservative estimate. Consequently, the earlier cotton is planted the fewer weevils the farmer will have to contend with; not that the early planted cotton will withstand their attacks, but that they are so numerous. The bolls will be formed on the early planted cotton before the large infestation of weevils.

U. S. TROOPS RETURN.

Ten thousand thoroughly seasoned soldiers, members of Gen. John J. Pershing's Mexican punitive expedition, returned to the United States February 5, after more than ten months of foreign service.

The refugees from Mexico who preceded the troops remain a problem for the civil authorities, as there are more than 3,000 encamped at Columbus. The American Red Cross has been appealed to for assistance in feeding these refugees.

In the prison camp are the twenty-two alleged Villa bandits who are being held for the state courts of New Mexico. Charges of murder in connection with the Columbus raids will be filed against a number of them.

Basket Ball Games

The Merkel High School Boys and Girls Basket Ball teams played the Abilene High School last Tuesday evening. The Boys and Girls on their field girls' game was 5 to 4 in favor of Merkel; the boys' game was 48 to 21 in favor of Abilene.

V. B. Sublett, the well known and genial doctor of timepieces, domiciled at the Merkel drug store, has just returned from a visit to relatives at Alpine. He says the border does not look very dangerous to him, and from some of the splendid variety of photographs he brought back, we judge, he had a great time. If these photographs are to settle all questions, we are ready to believe any story he may wish to tell, whether it be about catching whales, bobcats or elephants.

Mrs. J. B. Bell and daughter Mrs. L. Carlos have returned from Midland where they have been detained some time by Mrs. Carlos being ill. Their return here was made as soon as the patient could be moved.

OUR SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTION OFFER

For the month of February we are making the special rate of
Two Years' Subscription
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We want to add 500 names to our list this month. The privilege is extended to old as well as new subscribers. Let us have your order to-day.
Two Years \$1.50

BREEDEN - RING WEDDING

Chas. Breeden, who lives about seven miles north of the city visited the Mail office yesterday. He had just been married to Miss Lorine Ring, who lives about three miles northwest of the city. Mr. Breeden did not seem at all excited, and as Mrs. Breeden was not along we could not judge as to her. They started out right by placing a subscription with the Mail, and we wish for them all the happiness that can come to wedded life.

Mr. Breeden originally came from Waco, but has been living in this vicinity for about eleven years, and may, therefore, be termed an old-timer.

Mrs. Breeden came from Oklahoma recently. She formerly lived in this vicinity.

They both have a large number of friends who congratulate them in life's most responsible adventure.

They will make their home on the farm of Mr. Breeden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Breeden. Mrs. Breeden is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ring.

Tennessee Senate defeated the measure by a vote of 21 to 12 extending suffrage to women.

PRAETORIANS ELECT.

Merkel Council, No. 307, Praetorians, was reorganized Wednesday evening, February 7, by C. N. McGaffey, district manager, of Sweetwater, assisted by deputies C. L. Simmons and G. W. Foster, of Merkel. Thirteen new members were taken into the order.

The following officers were elected: J. W. Dry, sublime augustus; G. W. Foster, senior tribune; N. Hancock jr., tribune; C. L. Simmons, 1st centurion; Joe Owen, 2d centurion; H. C. Burroughs jr., recorder; Rev. O. B. Tatum, soothsayer; S. E. Whitworth, lygian; C. E. Paige, sentinel; Drs. W. B. Foster and M. Armstrong, medical examiners; Brue Hancock, attorney; Miss Leona Dry, praetorian queen. Next meeting will be on March 7.

W. O. Groene, brother of H.F., was badly burned on account of a gasoline explosion in a tailor shop at Hermleigh a few days ago, and is now at the home of his brother convalescing.

J. T. Ford of Trent is a daily visitor at Merkel Institute of Massage, where he is taking treatment.

Statement of Condition

Farmers State BANK

Merkel, Texas

At Close of Business Dec. 27, 1916

RESOURCES

Loans	\$211,968.21
Banking House	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	2,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,950.00
Interest in Gty. Fund	2,720.32
Cash and Exchange	186,354.12
Total	\$416,992.65

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	26,150.30
Deposits	355,242.35
Reserved for Taxes	600.00
Total	\$416,992.65

above statement is correct.

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SHALL THE PEOPLE RULE?

There has been introduced in the House of Representatives of the Legislature at Austin, a bill by the Hon. Eugene Deborgory, representative from Taylor County, providing in substance, for the nomination of all judges, from county judges to the judges of the Supreme Court, by convention, thus denying to the people the right to select the men they desire to serve them in such capacities.

Upon request, Mr. Deborgory very kindly furnished me a copy of the bill, stating in his letter that the reason it was introduced was because it was a platform demand. Now I have no words of criticism to offer as to Mr. Deborgory, as I believe he has a right to be for the convention system if he sees fit, but the very fact that it may be a platform demand, proves to my mind that it is a measure proposed by the politicians and not the people, as it is a general rule that the politicians are the ones who attend our conventions, and not the people as a whole. Neither is the will of the people always reflected in the platform adopted at convention.

For one, I believe the people capable and competent to govern themselves; I believe they are intelligent enough and honest enough to select their judges as well as their representatives, or other officers, and I believe the people will make fewer mistakes in the selection of their servants than will a few politicians in convention assembled, because the people, as a rule, want honest, efficient service, while the leaders of political conventions generally expect, and demand special favors in return for their influence and service.

Reader, are you content to go back to the convention system? Are you content that some eight or ten political ringleaders of each county should select your judges for you? Do you believe you are competent to judge for yourself the kind of a man you want for your county judge, district judge, or judge of any of the higher courts? Do you want to do your own voting, or do you want some man who does nothing but political wire-work to vote for you?

If you do not want to return to the convention system; if you do not want the politicians to select your judges for you; if you do not believe you are incompetent to choose for yourself, and if you do not want some professional politician to cast your vote for you, then you had better bestir yourself and write your senator and representative to oppose the bill providing for nominations of your judges by convention, and you had better do it now, as it is a platform demand. The platform was written by the friends of the present State administration; the present Legislature is friendly toward the administration, and the bill stands a good chance to pass unless the people protest against it.

We have been gradually getting away from the convention system of nomination, with all its evils, and in the humble judgment of the writer, should the bill pass, we will have taken a step backward. Let the people rule and let the politicians go hang. **JOE BURKETT,** Judge forty-second Judicial District of Texas.

We love law and order, and we love patience and mercy; and oftentimes it falls out that the prosecution of an offender does not reach the seat of evil. Usually wrongdoing may be traced to some vital cause, and law has hardly served its full purpose until it digs right into the very vitals of the cause. It sometimes happens that a certain misdeed occurs in a community and the offender is duly and properly punished, and then in due process of time exactly the same offense is committed by another. After all, wrongdoing is a disease, and the very vigilance of society is needed always in its eradication.

Simmons College basket ball team again defeated Bryan Training School, on February 3, by a score of 32 to 9.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Rufus Grisham and little daughter, of Rotan, are visiting the family of J. T. Howard.

Service Car day or night—Marvin Boney. Phone 263, Busy Bee Cafe. Night phone No. 9.

Mrs. E. N. Rust is spending a few days visiting relatives in Baird and Cottonwood.

Plenty bran, oats, chops and cow feed, shorts. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Paul McMurray was exempt in all of his studies in the High School, instead of only four, as represented in the report published in the Mail of last week.

Plenty of California medicated soap at J. A. Ducketts.

J. W. Lattimer, of Nubitt, was a caller at the Mail office last Friday, and while in took occasion to renew his subscription.

Ring 286 for pure groceries fresh vegetables, eggs, butter and bread. Will appreciate your trade. W. F. Hamblett.

Rev. E. E. Dawson, editor of the Western Evangel, Abilene, was a visitor at the Mail office the past week.

Fresh candy of all sorts, 15c lb. at J. A. Ducketts.

Ladies To Serve Dinner

Everybody is invited to come and eat dinner with the ladies February 17, North Front St., at W. F. Hamblett's store.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Groves

The Old Standard Groves' 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.

O. R. Duff moved his place of residence to the house recently vacated by J. D. Gaither, known as the Harris place.

Luther Woodroof and Mr. Roselle, both of Abilene, were visitors in Merkel a few days since, and paid the Mail a call.

Valentines 1c, 5c, 10c, 15c. J. A. Ducketts.

Mrs. Maggie Hewitt, Wichita Falls has been awarded damages against her husband and several of his relatives, for the alleged abduction of her year old baby during pending of a divorce suit in 1914.

Plenty bran, oats, chops and cow feed, shorts. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

W. E. Baze returned Saturday from Denton where he has been visiting his parents. At present Mr. Baze is confined to his room at the R. A. Ellis residence with a case of measles.

10 inch Disk Phonograph records while they last for 25c. J. A. Ducketts.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Your druggist will refund money if PAGO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

J. P. Hutchins, a familiar figure about town has been quite sick for several days. The many friends hope he will soon be out again.

40c Disk Phonograph records for 25c. J. A. Ducketts.

Mr. and Mrs. Tally Holloway have moved to a rural home one and one half miles west of town, the former having given up his position in the Star Store Clothing Department will be a farmer boy for the year.

Get your household paint for 15c can at J. A. Ducketts.

Nearly 50,000 Americans are fighting for the allies, about 40,000 of whom are in the English army. This constitutes a greater force than saw active service in the war with Spain.

It's Triplets!!!



YOU ARE LAUGHING AT THIS PICTURE, BUT LET US TELL YOU THAT WHEN BABY ARRIVES IS A "SERIOUS" TIME IN THE HOME. THEN IS THE TIME OF ALL TIMES THAT YOU "MUST" HAVE ANTISEPTIC BANDAGES AND SAFEGUARDS OF ALL KINDS AGAINST DANGEROUS AND OFTEN FATAL BLOOD-POISONING.

HAVE YOUR FAMILY DOCTOR GIVE YOU A LIST OF ALL THE THINGS YOU WILL NEED AND COME FOR THEM IN AMPLE TIME

DEAL WITH US AND "RELY" ON WHAT YOU BUY.

GRIMES DRUG STORE

The great problem of this mighty commonwealth is not so much that proper care be taken of the indigent, as that a far-sighted policy everywhere be perfected to assist those who need a helping hand to rise out of the mire.

Notice

If you want to borrow money or have your notes extended, wire, write or come to see me. Can loan you money at 8 per cent. T. C. Weir, Abilene, Tex.

Pure east Texas Ribbon Cane syrup. Made by a farmer. In gallon buckets at Bob Martin's.

Citizenship means that each and every individual is a vital part of his respective community, and not merely that one holds the voting privilege. The voting strength borders on law, and law is a restraining influence on society. When a citizenship attains righteousness, it has no need of law, and thus attains the highest ideals known to most progressive thought. When justice reigns and co-operation is practiced, the people are contented and happy.

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That are coming in every day. Beautiful, both in Style and Quality.

Red Seal Gingham 12c **WOODROOF'S** Gold Bond Gingham 10c

A Singular Marriage

By DONALD CHAMBERLIN

When I walked the deck of the liner Arganda on the third day out and saw for the first time among the passengers who were recovering from made me and getting out from the ship's smells to help them do so Helen Timerson I little thought that within five days she would be my wife and we would be married in a way such as no couple had been married before.

I was going abroad to establish a wireless telegraph station, wireless telegraphy being my profession. I kept away from the wireless office on the ship, fearing to make known my interest in wireless matters, and I did not care to have what I might say reported. But a time came when this did not deter me.

We were steaming along through a thick fog one afternoon when suddenly I felt a shock. We had collided with a vessel, which passed out of sight, leaving us with a big hole in our ship's bottom. I ran to the wireless office, and from that time till the vessel went down I alternated with the operator calling for help. Meanwhile the ship had been put on a course toward the shore, and when we were left on the water we were not far from it.

I was picked up by a boat that had left the ship with but a few persons to her, and during the exposure that followed they all died. How I kept body and soul together I am at a loss to know. I have a hazy remembrance of the boat being overturned and I expecting to be drowned. But later I found myself lying on a bench. This seemed like life to me, and I made an effort. Sitting up, I looked about me and saw only bodies of those who had been washed ashore from the wreck. It was a gruesome sight, one that I shall never forget. And I was oppressed with the thought how narrowly I had escaped a like fate.

Presently I arose and staggered about on my feet. One of the first objects to confront me was the girl I had seen on the steamer's deck—Helen Timerson. I supposed she was dead. I approached her and saw that she breathed. I had a flask in my pocket with top well screwed on, and I had refrained from taking the last drink. This I gave to the girl, and it revived her.

Looking about me, I discerned at a distance the antennae of a wireless station. Expecting that there would be persons there, I took Miss Timerson in my arms and carried her there. What was my surprise to find the place deserted. Why no one was there is another story, too long to be given here. Leaving the young lady on a bougee, I went on the roof of the station building and saw that we were on an island, though the mainland was dimly visible. There were provisions in plenty, and I prepared something for Miss Timerson, feeding her carefully.

Well, to make a long story short, we were the only two persons on that island for a week. Others started to go there, but were turned from their course. Within a couple of days of our arrival the young lady and I had quite recovered our strength, and I noticed that she seemed concerned at the equivocal position in which she was placed being alone with a man. I told her that the circumstances in which we were placed would preserve us from scandal. She replied that they should preserve us, but they would not. There were always persons who would take advantage of such a situation to cast a slur.

I told her that if she felt that way about the matter there was but one recourse for us—to be married. After much pondering without reply to this she said that she did not see how we could be married, since there was no one to marry us and no witnesses. A plan occurred to me for a marriage ceremony that would be legal, but it seemed so wild that I said nothing to her about it at the time.

The next day I led Miss Timerson into the operating room and began to call for ships out at sea. I soon came in touch with a tramp steamer 500 miles distant and asked if there was a clergyman aboard. The reply being in the affirmative, I called for him and asked if he would marry a couple by wireless. He assented, and I then told Helen what I had done.

We were an hour talking the matter over, at the end of which time we agreed to be married. I called the ship I had called before, gave the parson our names and such other information as was required, and we went through a marriage ceremony by wireless telegraph. The minister was requested to send the certificate to her address, duly witnessed by two persons on board the vessel.

The day after our union a boat arrived, bringing persons to take charge of the station, and the same boat took me and my bride to the mainland. On reaching it we learned of the great commotion excited by the loss of the Arganda and that we had both been reported among the missing.

Before going among our friends my wife requested that nothing be said about our marriage until she could ascertain how our being together on a deserted island would be received. She soon had cause to announce to the world that we were man and wife.

Although our marriage was for the purpose of avoiding a blemish, it turned out to be a very happy union. We have been blessed with numerous progeny, and nothing has occurred to cause us to regret the step we took.



YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

LADIES: COME TO US FOR YOUR OUTFIT.
GENTLEMEN: COME TO US FOR YOUR CLOTHES.
WHEN YOU BUY FROM US YOU ALWAYS GET "YOUR MONEY'S WORTH." THE LOW PRICE IS THE GREAT POWER WE TURN ON TO MAKE OUR BUSINESS "GO."
WE ALSO GIVE YOU QUALITY AND STYLE. WE KEEP IT UP-TO-DATE. THE MOMENT NEW THINGS "HAPPEN" WE GET THEM FOR YOU.
WE HAVE MADE OUR REPUTATION AND BUILT OUR BUSINESS BY BEING UP-TO-DATE, BY NEVER ABUSING THE CONFIDENCE OUR CUSTOMERS PLACE IN US AND BY GIVING YOU "YOUR MONEY'S WORTH."

SPECIAL COFFEE WEEK

7 pounds (on call) Coffee	\$1.00
5 pounds good Peaberry	1.00
4 pounds best Peaberry	1.00
3 pounds best steel cut with Cup and Saucer	85c
5-lb. packages grain or ground	1.00
3½-lb. bag steel-cut with pitcher	1.00
5-lb. cans extra good 35c value Banker's Roast, a good one	1.10

ATTENTION
We have just received car of mill products—Flour, Meal, Shorts, Bran and Chops. Better see us, you might save MONEY
THE STAR STORE

CANNED GOODS SPECIALS

1 No. 3 can kraut	10c
1 No. 2 can Tomatoes	10c
2 No. 3 can Tomatoes	25c
3 No. 2 can Peas	25c
4 pkg. best Coconut	25c
1 No. 3 Pie Peaches	10c
1 Gallon Onions Sets	60c

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I was going abroad to establish a wireless telegraph station, wireless telegraphy being my profession. I kept away from the wireless office on the ship, fearing to make known my interest in wireless matters, and I did not care to have what I might say reported. But a time came when this did not deter me.

We were steaming along through a thick fog one afternoon when suddenly I felt a shock. We had collided with a vessel, which passed out of sight, leaving us with a big hole in our ship's bottom. I ran to the wireless office, and from that time till the vessel went down I alternated with the operator calling for help. Meanwhile the ship had been put on a course toward the shore, and when we were left on the water we were not far from it.

I was picked up by a boat that had left the ship with but a few persons to her, and during the exposure that followed they all died. How I kept body and soul together I am at a loss to know. I have a hazy remembrance of the boat being overturned and I expecting to be drowned. But later I found myself lying on a beach. This seemed like life to me, and I made an effort. Sitting up, I looked about me and saw only bodies of those who had been washed ashore from the wreck. It was a gruesome sight, one that I shall never forget. And I was oppressed with the thought how narrowly I had escaped a like fate.

Precisely I arose and staggered about on my feet. One of the first objects to confront me was the girl I had seen on the steamer's deck—Helen Timerson. I supposed she was dead. I approached her and saw that she breathed. I had a flask in my pocket with top well screwed on, and I had refrained from taking the last drink. This I gave to the girl, and it revived her.

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Well, to make a long story short, we were the only two persons on that island for a week. Others started to go there, but were turned from their course. Within a couple of days of our arrival the young lady and I had quite recovered our strength, and I noticed that she seemed concerned at the equivocal position in which she was placed being alone with a man. I told her that the circumstances in which we were placed would preserve us from scandal. She replied that they should preserve us, but they would not. There were always persons who would take advantage of such a situation to cast a slur.

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We were an hour talking the matter over, at the end of which time we agreed to be married. I called the ship I had called before, gave the parson our names and such other information as was required, and we went through a marriage ceremony by wireless telegraphy. The minister was requested to send the certificate to her address, duly witnessed by two persons on board the vessel.

The day after our union a boat arrived, bringing persons to take charge of the station, and the same boat took me and my bride to the mainland. On reaching it we learned of the great commotion excited by the loss of the Arganda and that we had both been reported missing.

Before going among our friends my wife requested that nothing be said about our marriage until she could ascertain how our being together on a deserted island would be received. She soon had cause to announce to the world that we were man and wife.

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Our citizens should keep in view the fact that soon the time for setting out fruit and shade trees will pass. Nothing so beautifies a city as shade trees, and nothing so satisfies the healthy appetite as delicious fruit. These things add to the civic attractiveness and make for a purer, a better and more beautiful city. There is nothing too good for Merkel, and the little work for civic uplift that the respective persons can do, makes the whole shine forth with greater lustre. Everyone will have a desire to put out trees and shrubbery when the mantle of spring discloses in grandeur its magnificent beauty, but then it will be too late. Let us contribute now in this regard whatever we may have in mind to do, and later experience the blessings of the wisdom shown.

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Drivers of automobiles and motor vehicles cannot be too cautious in the operation of their machines. Even if the parties injured in the accident are at fault, it must be recognized that we owe to the world our best efforts toward self-protection. And then it only too often happens that the innocent must suffer, and we are led to wonder if the fun of "speeding" is of sufficient pleasure to justify the numerous accidents that happen over the country. Careful driving cannot be too strongly urged.

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The war still rages, civilization stands amid the murky pitfalls of savagery, and we can but be appalled. So heartrending, so tremendously awful, so widespread has become the conflict, that it is even now a question if the people of our beloved land have not become hardened to the sickening thud of death-dealing explosives. Our very sensibilities have been crushed, and we shudder to think how the very rich young lives of the nations are pouring out their life-blood, and for what? Time and eternity can only answer. The pity and misery of it all goes out to the firesides where mothers look and long into the darkened night that reveals not the presence of her boy; wives, careworn and miserable, take up the heartless task of seeking existence; sweethearts are chilled as from their heaving bosoms goes that vital force of love, that spans the channel of the eternal. Let those cry for war who may, let those who are military inclined shoulder the musket and march to the front, but if under heaven, we can maintain honorable peace, then may our prayers ever be that such blessings shall forever be ours. If there be need, real vital need, of war it will be found that courage is not all spent, that strong men will rise up all over this land and answer to their country's summons, even at the sacrifice of the home, children, and the loved ones.

Severe Cold Quickly Cured.

"On December first I had a very severe cold or attack of the grip as it may be, and was nearly down sick in bed," writes O. J. Metcalf, Weatherby, Mo. "I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a few days until I was completely restored to health. I firmly believe that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is one of the very best medicines and will know what to do when I have another cold." Obtainable everywhere.

Texas Farmers' Union recently in convention at Fort Worth adopted resolutions favoring the passage of the Metcalf bill providing for compulsory eradication of cattle ticks throughout the state.

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.

Some of the cattlemen oppose the passage of the tick eradication bill. They hold to the view that two years is not sufficient time to properly make arrangements to carry out the provisions of the bill, and further that it is questionable if dipping will eradicate the tick.

For a Bilious Attack.

When you have a severe headache, accompanied by a coated tongue, loathing of food, constipation, torpid liver, vomiting of partly digested food and then bile, you know that you have a severe bilious attack. While you may be quite sick there is much consolation in knowing that relief may be had by taking three of Chamberlain's Tablets. They are prompt and effectual. Obtainable everywhere.

A bill has been introduced in the house making it unlawful to sell or give away Coca Cola in the state.

Something Good.

Those who hate nasty medicine should try Chamberlain's Tablets for constipation. They are pleasant to take and their effect is so agreeable and so natural that you will not realize that it has been produced by a medicine. Obtainable everywhere.

HAVE Your Cleaning & Pressing DONE by Yarborough At City Barber Shop

How a Mother Saved Her Son

By EUNICE BLAKE

Ten or fifteen years ago we heard more of anarchists than we do today. Possibly the great war has produced a condition in Europe more terrible than anything the wildest anarchist had ever dreamed of. There was a time when the anarchists of the world were well organized, being in touch with one another all over the world, and the circle was more powerful with respect to its members than any of the tyrants it wished to eliminate.

Manuel Fernandez, a Spaniard, was in his youth converted to the theories of the anarchists, and when he was twenty-one years old he offered himself for any purpose by which he might serve the cause. He was informed that lots would be drawn by a number of devotees as to who should assassinate a sovereign. Manuel volunteered to be one of those to risk having to perform the work and drew the fatal black ball.

He was at once taken apart from the others and given the name of the sovereign he was to assassinate. He was also warned that any talking would result in his own death.

"If you do your duty like a man," said his instructor, "you will be honored; if you shrink from it you will be followed to the ends of the earth. No country is remote enough to shield you."

Manuel being face to face with the reality, the ideal faded away very quickly. He was horrified at the position in which he had placed himself. Going to his mother, he threw himself into her arms as he had done when a boy and told her all.

Senora Fernandez was a woman of great resource. She began at once to think out a plan for saving her son and when she had come to a decision said to him:

"My boy, we must find a way to convince your associates that you are dead. Appear to be making preparations for the crime you are expected to commit, and I will be making preparations for your pretended death."

Manuel at once began to appear to experiment with bombs in a little out-house in the rear of his home. He applied to his anarchist associates for some one versed in chemistry to be sent him as an instructor. A man was detailed for the purpose, and Manuel appeared to be an attentive student. The two secretly worked together at such times as they could do so without running much risk of being discovered, and in time several bombs were made, any one of which was capable of killing a dozen men.

Manuel succeeded in impressing his instructor with the belief that he was really studying how to make bombs that he might do his duty by his anarchist comrades. He proved an apt pupil and as he progressed insisted on making the explosives himself. When he seemed competent to do so he told his instructor that he needed him no longer. The man went away, cautioning Manuel to be very careful lest he cause a premature explosion with himself or the victim.

One night, or rather, morning—for it was about 2 o'clock those living near the Fernandez home were awakened by a terrific explosion. The police at once rushed there and found Senora Fernandez bending over a body which she said was her son. It was so mutilated that its features were not distinguishable, but the clothes on it were those worn by Manuel. The woman was loud in her grief, especially that her son should have died in such a cause, for there was plenty of evidence that he had been making bombs for an illegitimate purpose. The police made their notes, then told the mother that she might bury the body. She waited till she saw the man she had seen working with her son come to view the corpse.

"How do you know that this is the body of your son?" he asked. "The features are unrecognizable."

"Because of the clothes. Do you not remember that suit he wore?"

The man seemed satisfied and went away. The same afternoon there was a funeral at the Fernandez home, and the body was laid away.

The evening before the tragedy Manuel Fernandez, disguised as an old man, took a train for Gibraltar, where he waited for a ship to take him to America. He was fortunate in the fact that one from Genoa stopped there the day after his arrival. He at once took passage in the steamer and in due time reached New York.

While he had been learning how to make the bombs his mother was arranging for the explosion. She went to a medical college and made a candidate of the man in charge of subjects provided for the use of students in anatomy. He agreed to furnish her with a corpse about the size of her son, and on the night of the explosion he had it secretly conveyed to her home. She dressed it in the suit of clothes her son was used to wearing and conveyed it to the outhouse where the bombs were made.

Manuel had run a wire from the outhouse to a point where his mother could easily make an electric circuit and explode a bomb. Placing the subject in the outhouse, she pressed the key and before any one had arrived on

Only a Few Hoosiers Left



Saturday Ends It NO MORE WHEN THESE ARE GONE

Never have we seen the women of this district respond to a kitchen cabinet sale as they have to this one which opened Saturday. The reason is plain:

Many have intended to get the celebrated Hoosier. Nearly every woman wants one. And this cut-price on "Hoosier Special" cabinets would create a sensation even in normal times.

Buy NOW—in the face of rising costs on goods of all descriptions—it brings An Unheard-of Bargain!

Choicest Materials--Supreme Workmanship

The sliding table top—39 inches by 42 inches—is pure aluminum, and this rare substance has doubled in cost. In fact, the Hoosier is made of the finest materials throughout, and every bit has gone up enormously since the war.

Except for the makers' foresight in buying ahead, their tremendous output and our profit-sacrifice, this value would be utterly impossible.

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There is plenty of unhampered room above and around the aluminum work-table. No useless little partitions to chop up the space. The HOOSIER gives you a big table space to work on—it gives you 17 vital points not found in all other cabinets combined. Seven of these leading features are:

1. The All-Metal, Glass-Front Flour Bin.
2. The Gear-Driven Shaker Flour Sifter.
3. Storage Space for 400 articles all within arm's reach.
4. Ingenious, Big-Capacity Sugar Bin.
5. The New Roll Doors that you can slip out for cleaning.
6. Ant-proof Castors.
7. All-Metal Meal Bin.

In all—40 labor-saving inventions, each like an extra hand to help in your work.

You can sit down at the Hoosier and reach for what you want instead of walking back and fourth in your kitchen for miles. Hoosier cuts kitchen work in half.

Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company
Furniture and Undertaking

The scene removed the wire.

Senora Fernandez's plan worked successfully in every respect. But her son has never been known in America by his true name. None of his anarchist associates doubted that he met his death through carelessness.

The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harvill, of Route 1, has been seriously ill the past few days. The little fellow has been right puny for a couple of years. She is much better now.

On account of being down with pneumonia at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Houston, in Abilene, Mrs. Walter Jackson has not been able to join her husband. She is much improved and expects to be located in her new home, near the school building, in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crowley, of Denison, are spending two or three weeks in Merkel, visiting in the home of J. H. Craig. He is here for his health, taking treatment at the Merkel Institute of Massage.

The writer made a trip of investigation to South Texas last September, and found that cotton planted about the 1st of March produced from two-thirds to three-fourths of a bale to the acre, while cotton planted in the same field July 1 and cultivated by the same man, according to his estimate, would not yield a bale of cotton to seventy acres. It is impossible to give a definite planting date for all sections, due to climatic and weather conditions, but the grower should plant at the earliest date possible.

Picking and destroying the early fallen cotton squares has been very economically and successfully practiced in some sections where labor was obtainable; however, this does not take the place of cultivation. Some growers made the mistake last year in East Texas. Thorough cultivation is the most practical means of destroying the boll weevil in all sections of the State. In addition to this, it is a valuable aid in the conserva-

tion of moisture. Cultivation should be kept up throughout the growing season. "Laid by" cotton is usually the first to show the serious effects of the boll weevil.

By co-operative effort on the part of the growers of a community, great results may be obtained from the early planting of cotton in spite of the fact that we have to contend with the boll weevil.

Will Preach At Blair
Elder W. G. Cypert will hold services at Blair next Sunday, preaching at both eleven o'clock in the morning and again at three thirty in the afternoon. A general invitation is given for all to attend the services.

A. W. Hunter, of the Canyon, was a visitor at the Mail office a few days ago. Mr. Hunter was feeling fine and reports his section in good shape. He said he could not do without the Mail, and left the wherewithal to insure its future visits to his home.

MRS. ADDIE HAND DIES.
Mrs. Addie Hand, widow of the late Charley Hand, died early yesterday morning.

Mrs. Hand was a member of one of our pioneer, highly respected families and she has resided the greater part of her life in and near Merkel. Much illness and suffering has been her lot many years of her life, thereby causing her influence to be confined within the limits of her home, but by those who knew her character was thought to hold much of sweetness and charm.

To the children now doubly orphaned, and to other surviving relatives go out the most loving sympathy that friends are capable of expressing and practicing at a time like this.

Mrs. Hand is survived by her father, E. W. Dennis, and brothers F. H., J. T., John and Tom, and four children.

The services will be conducted by Rev. L. B. Owens, at ten-thirty, at the residence. Interment will take place immediately following at Rose Hill Cemetery.

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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."

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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**

Counting Your Money



will occupy your entire time when you become a regular advertiser in THIS PAPER. Unless you have an antipathy for labor of this kind, call us up and we'll be glad to come and talk over our proposition.

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The State of Texas--To the Sheriff of Taylor County, Greeting

You are hereby commanded to summon R. S. Snell, and the unknown heirs of R. S. Snell deceased, the unknown heirs of Robert T. Walker, deceased, L. M. Snell and the unknown heirs of L. M. Snell, Fannie Nail and the unknown heirs of Fannie Nail, S. A. Nail and the unknown heirs of S. A. Nail, Laura M. Cadwell, and the unknown heirs of Laura M. Cadwell, H. M. Cadwell and the unknown heirs of H. M. Cadwell, Mary E. Cadwell and the unknown heirs of Mary E. Cadwell, J. A. Cadwell and the unknown heirs of J. A. Cadwell, Carrie Snell and the unknown heirs of Carrie Snell, Rosella Doggett, and the unknown heirs of Rosella Doggett, James Doggett and the unknown heirs of James Doggett, T. S. Doggett and the unknown heirs of T. S. Doggett, Clara W. Cantrell and the unknown heirs of Clara W. Cantrell, J. R. Lawrence and the unknown heirs of J. R. Lawrence, Mary O. Eads and the unknown heirs of Mary O. Eads, Eliza Ewing Brownrigg and the unknown heirs of Eliza Ewing Brownrigg, Elizabeth Blount Brownrigg and the unknown heirs of Elizabeth Blount Brownrigg, B. F. Eads and the unknown heirs of B. F. Eads, J. R. Stuart and the unknown heirs of J. R. Stuart, A. J. Stuart and the unknown heirs of A. J. Stuart, R. A. Ellis and the unknown heirs of R. A. Ellis, D. B. Corley and the unknown heirs of D. B. Corley, H. K. Martin and the unknown heirs of H. K. Martin, Joel A. Corley and the unknown heirs of Joel A. Corley, Bettie Brownrigg and the unknown heirs of Bettie Brownrigg, Ewing Brownrigg and the unknown heirs of Ewing Brownrigg, and W. H. Woodman and the heirs of W. H. Woodman, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 42nd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 42nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term to the District Court of Taylor County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, on the 4th Monday in February A. D. 1917, the same being the 25th day of February A. D. 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 20th day of December A. D. 1916, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 3743, wherein D. McMahan is Plaintiff, and R. S. Snell, deceased, the unknown heirs of Robert T. Walker, deceased, L. M. Snell and the unknown heirs of L. M. Snell, Fannie Nail and the unknown heirs of Fannie Nail, S. A. Nail and the unknown heirs of S. A. Nail, Laura M. Cadwell and the unknown heirs of Laura M. Cadwell, H. M. Cadwell and the unknown heirs of H. M. Cadwell, Mary E. Cadwell and the unknown heirs of Mary E. Cadwell, J. A. Cadwell and the unknown heirs of J. A. Cadwell, Carrie Snell and the unknown heirs of Carrie Snell, Rosella Doggett and the unknown heirs of Rosella Doggett, James Doggett and the unknown heirs of James Doggett, T. S. Doggett and the unknown heirs of T. S. Doggett, Lana & Lane, a firm composed of C. E. Lane and T. W. Lane, Clara W. Cantrell and the unknown heirs of Clara W. Cantrell, J. R. Lawrence and the unknown heirs of J. R. Lawrence, Mary O. Eads and the unknown heirs of Mary O. Eads, Eliza Ewing Brownrigg and the unknown heirs of Eliza Ewing Brownrigg, Elizabeth Blount Brownrigg and the unknown heirs of Elizabeth Blount Brownrigg, B. F. Eads and the unknown heirs of B. F. Eads, J. R. Stuart and the unknown heirs of J. R. Stuart, A. J. Stuart and the unknown heirs of A. J. Stuart, R. A. Ellis and the unknown heirs of R. A. Ellis, D. B. Corley and the unknown heirs of D. B. Corley, H. K. Martin and the unknown heirs of H. K. Martin, Joel A. Corley and the unknown heirs of Joel A. Corley, Bettie Brownrigg and the unknown heirs of Bettie Brownrigg, Ewing Brownrigg and the unknown heirs of Ewing Brownrigg, and W. H. Woodman and the unknown heirs of W. H. Woodman, are Defendants, and said petition alleging

THIRD

That on the day and year last aforesaid, defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withheld from plaintiff the possession thereof, to his damage \$5000.00. That the reasonable annual rental value of said land and premises is \$500.00.

FOURTH

That plaintiff purchased said premises from R. O. Proctor et al, by good and sufficient general warranty deed, dated November 16th, 1916, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. ---, page ---; That said R. O. Proctor et al, from whom plaintiff purchased said property, were the heirs and all of the heirs of George Ridenour, deceased, and his deceased wife, Nancy P. Ridenour, that the said George Ridenour purchased from C. P. Gamble said premises by good and sufficient general warranty deed, dated May 7th, 1885, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, in Vol. K, page 449, to which reference is made; that the said C. P. Gamble purchased said premises from B. F. Eads and wife, Mary O. Eads et al, by good and sufficient general warranty deed, dated June 15th, 1878, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. A, page 191, to which reference is made. That said C. P. Gamble also purchased said property from J. A. Corley by quit-claim deed dated December 11th 1878, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. A, page 307, to which reference is made. That said J. A. Corley purchased said property from Henry K. Martin by quit-claim deed dated September 5th, 1878, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. A, page 276, to which reference is made, and by quit-claim deed dated August 17th, 1878, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. A, page 260, to which reference is made. That the said Henry K. Martin purchased said property from H. S. Schmick, Sheriff of Eastland County, Texas, by sheriff's deed dated August 7th, 1878, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. A, page 258, to which reference is made; that said sheriff's deed purported to sell all of the right, title and interest in said premises belonging to the defendants Mary O. Eads, B. F. Eads, Eliza E. Brownrigg, Elizabeth B. Brownrigg, Mrs. L. M. Snell, Carrie Snell and Rosella Snell. That said sheriff's deed was executed in accordance with a certain judgment and order of sale in cause No. 2890, in the District Court of Fayette County, Texas, styled Mary O. Eads, et al vs. L. M. Snell et al, a certified copy of which judgment is of record in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, in Vol. A, page 303, to which reference is made, and said order of sale and sheriff's return thereon being recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, in Vol. A, page 253, to which reference is made.

FIFTH

That the claims of the defendants to said title, as far as to this plaintiff is known, is as follows: Patent No. 506, Vol. No. 12, from the State of Texas, to R. S. Snell, and the heirs of Robert T. Walker, assignees of B. H. H. Butts, conveying the entire B. H. H. Butts survey, of which the property hereabove described is a part; power of attorney, coupled with an interest, from certain parties purporting to be the heirs of R. S. Snell, deceased, to C. E. Lane and T. W. Lane, composing the law firm of Lane & Lane, of LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas, said power of attorney being dated February 13th, 1896, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, in Vol. 12, page 214, to which reference is made; power of attorney, coupled with an interest, from Clara W. Cantrell, representing herself to be an heir of Robert T. Walker, to J. R. Lawrence, dated January 20th, 1891, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. Z, page 161, to which reference is made.

SIXTH

That plaintiff and his grantors claiming under the deeds and chain of title hereinabove set forth, all of which is duly registered as above set forth, have been peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of the lands and tenements hereinabove described, cultivating, using and enjoying the same and paying all taxes due thereon for an uninterrupted period of thirty-five years immediately preceding the filing of

FIRST

That the respective residences of each and all of the defendants hereinabove named are to this plaintiff unknown, except the residences of the defendants, C. E. Lane and T. W. Lane; That the residence of C. E. Lane is Galveston County, Texas, and the residence of T. W. Lane is Fayette County, Texas.

SECOND

That on or about December 1st, 1916, plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described lands and premises, situated in Taylor County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit:

154 acres of land more or less, out of the B. H. H. Butts survey No. 66, described as follows: BEGINNING at the S. E. corner of a 47-acre tract of land out of said survey sold by George Ridenour to J. F. Strickland, by deed

dated July 13th, 1885, and recorded in the Deeds Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. M, page 563, to which reference is made, said beginning point being on the bank of the Clear Fork of the Brazos River; THENCE West with the South line of said Strickland tract, 1137 vrs to the West line of said Butts survey; THENCE South with the West line of said Butts survey to the S. W. corner of a tract of land sold by C. P. Gamble to George Ridenour, by deed dated May 7th, 1885, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. K, page 449, to which reference is made; THENCE with the Buffalo Gap and Mount Moro public road N. 89 E. 45 vrs; S. 82 E. 32 vrs; S. 81 E. 118 vrs; N. 71 E. 409 vrs to the bank of the Clear Fork of the Brazos river; THENCE down the river with its meanders to the place of beginning.

SEVENTH Wherefore, premises considered, plaintiff prays for citation in accordance with law upon each and all of said defendants, that a guardian ad litem be appointed as provided by law, and upon final hearing, that he have judgment against each and all of said defendants for the title and possession of said premises, for his damages, and for such other and further relief in law or in equity, general or special, to which he may show himself justly entitled.

Herein fail not, but have before, said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene this 20th day of December A. D. 1916.

[SEAL] J. N. ROUTH, Clerk

District Court Taylor County.

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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.

AN INTERESTING DISPLAY.

Considerable Attention Aroused By Show Of Old Coins.

Interesting as well as instructive was the display of a large assortment of coins in the show window of the Fulweiler Electric Company. The genial manager, Mr. L. B. Scott, had them well arranged so that every feature could be seen from the street. There were ninety-nine pieces of coins, some of which dated back to 1831. The assortment represented coins from Mexico, China, Germany, and other countries, as well as the United States. The new coins, of this year's mintage, were examined closely and received highly favorable comments. They were in denominations of dimes, quarters, half dollars. Of vast interest, and recalling days when the political pot boiled over, conspicuous in the collection appeared a type of the 16 to 1, termed the "Bryan Dollar." It is quite interesting to note the different types of money that has and is reigning in this republic, and other portions of the world.

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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.

The Court of Civil Appeals, Austin, Texas, in reversing the case against the city of New Braunfels, Texas, holds that no child can be excluded from the public schools, because it has not been vaccinated.

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Bethlehem's Bid on Shells for the United States Navy

To the American People:
The Secretary of the Navy has awarded contracts amounting to over \$3,000,000 to a British bidder for 14 and 16-inch projectiles for the Navy because of very much lower prices offered by the English bidder.

We know nothing of the basis upon which the British bids were made, but the public is entitled to know the facts upon which we ourselves bid for this work.

Two years ago we took contracts to make 4,200 14-inch shells at a price of \$1,515,000. Up to now not a single shell has been accepted by the Government, although we have expended, in wages, materials, etc., on these orders \$522,881, and we have not received a SINGLE DOLLAR on these contracts.

In addition, a literal interpretation of the contract might make us liable for penalties amounting to \$678,015.

In the light of our experience, and having no other basis, we bid for 16-inch shells approximately the same rate per pound as that which the Navy Department actually awarded a 14-inch shell contract one year ago.

Bethlehem Steel Company
CHAS. M. SCHWAB, Chairman
EUGENE G. GRACK, President

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 awhile 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 if 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 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.

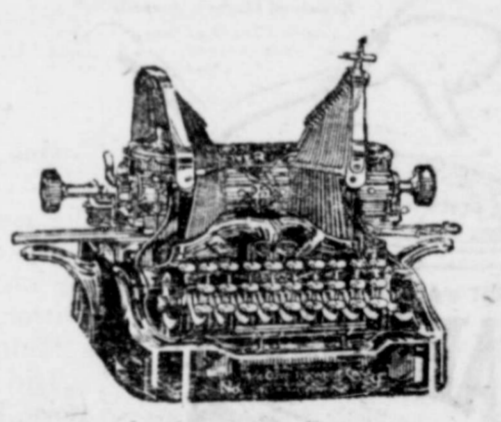
Following the road back toward the Russians, he modestly withdrew to one side on meeting Turkish soldiers who were hurrying before their conquerors. At last he met the Russian advance and, lifting his veil, revealed himself as a man and a Russian.

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 him.

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

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FIRST That the respective residences of each and all of the defendants hereinabove named are to this plaintiff unknown, except the residences of the defendants, C. E. Lane and T. W. Lane; That the residence of C. E. Lane is Galveston County, Texas, and the residence of T. W. Lane is Fayette County, Texas.

SECOND That on or about December 1st, 1916, plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described lands and premises, situated in Taylor County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit: 154 acres of land more or less, out of the B. H. H. Butts survey No. 60, described as follows: BEGINNING at the S. E. corner of a 47-acre tract of land out of said survey sold by George Ridenour to J. F. Strickland, by deed

dated July 13th, 1885, and recorded in the Deeds Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. M, page 563, to which reference is made, said beginning point being on the bank of the Clear Fork of the Brazos River; THENCE West with the South line of said Strickland tract, 1137 vrs to the West line of said Butts survey; THENCE South with the West line of said Butts survey to the S. W. corner of a tract of land sold by C. P. Gamble to George Ridenour, by deed dated May 7th, 1885, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. K, page 449, to which reference is made; THENCE with the Buffalo Gap and Mount Moro public road N. 89 E. 45 vrs; S. 82 1/2 E. 32 vrs; S. 81 E. 118 vrs; N. 71 1/2 E. 409 vrs to the bank of the Clear Fork of the Brazos river; THENCE down the river with its meanders to the place of beginning.

THIRD That on the day and year last aforesaid, defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withhold from plaintiff the possession thereof, to his damage \$5000.00. That the reasonable annual rental value of said land and premises is \$500.00.

FOURTH That plaintiff purchased said premises from R. O. Proctor et al, by good and sufficient general warranty deed, dated November 16th, 1916, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. —, page —; That said R. O. Proctor et al, from whom plaintiff purchased said property, were the heirs and all of the heirs of George Ridenour, deceased, and his deceased wife, Nancy P. Ridenour. That the said George Ridenour purchased from C. P. Gamble said premises by good and sufficient general warranty deed, dated May 7th, 1885, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, in Vol. K, page 449, to which reference is made; that the said C. P. Gamble purchased said premises from B. F. Eads and wife, Mary O. Eads et al, by good and sufficient general warranty deed, dated June 15th, 1878, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. A, page 191, to which reference is made. That said C. P. Gamble also purchased said property from J. A. Corley by quit-claim deed dated December 11th 1878, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. A, page 307, to which reference is made. That said J. A. Corley purchased said property from Henry K. Martin by quit-claim deed dated September 5th, 1878, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. A, page 276, to which reference is made, and by quit-claim deed dated August 17th, 1878, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. A, page 260, to which reference is made. That the said Henry K. Martin purchased said property from H. S. Schmieck, Sheriff of Eastland County, Texas, by sheriff's deed dated August 7th, 1878, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. A, page 258, to which reference is made; that said sheriff's deed purported to sell all of the right, title and interest in said premises belonging to the defendants Mary O. Eads, B. F. Eads, Eliza E. Brownrigg, Elizabeth B. Brownrigg, Mrs. L. M. Snell, Carrie Snell and Rosella Snell. That said sheriff's deed was executed in accordance with a certain judgment and order of sale in cause No. 2690, in the District Court of Fayette County, Texas, styled Mary O. Eads, et al vs. L. M. Snell et al, a certified copy of which judgment is of record in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, in Vol. A, page 303, to which reference is made, and said order of sale and sheriff's return thereon being recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, in Vol. A, page 253, to which reference is made.

FIFTH That the claims of the defendants to said title, as far as to this plaintiff is known, is as follows: Patent No. 506, Vol. No. 12, from the State of Texas, to R. S. Snell, and the heirs of Robert T. Walker, assignees of B. H. H. Butts, conveying the entire B. H. H. Butts survey, of which the property hereinaforesaid is a part; power of attorney, coupled with an interest, from certain parties purporting to be the heirs of R. S. Snell, deceased, to C. E. Lane and T. W. Lane, composing the law firm of Lane & Lane, of LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas, said power of attorney being dated February 13th, 1896, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, in Vol. 12, page 214, to which reference is made; power of attorney, coupled with an interest, from Clara W. Cantrell, representing herself to be an heir of Robert T. Walker, to J. R. Lawrence, dated January 20th, 1891, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. Z, page 161, to which reference is made.

SIXTH That plaintiff and his grantors claiming under the deeds and chain of title hereinabove set forth, all of which is duly registered as above set forth, have been peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of the lands and tenements hereinabove described, cultivating, using and enjoying the same and paying all taxes due thereon for an uninterrupted period of thirty-five years immediately preceding the filing of

SEVENTH Wherefore, premises considered, plaintiff prays for citation in accordance with law upon each and all of said defendants, that a guardian ad litem be appointed as provided by law, and upon final hearing, that he have judgment against each and all of said defendants for the title and possession of said premises, for his damages, and for such other and further relief in law or in equity, general or special, to which he may show himself justly entitled.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene this 20th day of December A. D. 1916. [SEAL] J. N. ROUTH, Clerk 8t District Court Taylor County.

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

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Mrs. Annie James visited Mrs. Ulric Wheeler Saturday.

We are glad to state that Grandma Tiner, who has been very sick with pneumonia, is improving.

We spent a most enjoyable day recently at the lovely and palatial home of Capt. J. E. McMillian one of the honored sons of "Erin," a courteous, warm-hearted gentleman possessing all the genial and generous attributes of a true Irishman. Also met a kinsman of Mr. McMillian, Mr. Mauk an affable gentleman and superior musician, to whom we are indebted both to Mr. Mauk and Capt. McMillian, for both vocal and instrumental melodies.

Col. Henry Wheeler, of Colorado, is spending the week with his son, Mr. Ulric Wheeler.

Mrs. McMillian and Mrs. Mauk left Sunday to visit a sister, Mrs. Lovey, of Sylvester, who is very sick.

We read with pleasure and a modicum of profit the excellent article of W. H. Clark in last week's Merkel Mail, and approve in toto every line he wrote. We detest that infamous spirit of coercion that seems to possess some of our embryo lawmakers just now.

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Those who are prone to become disheartened or discouraged in fighting the battle of life, might take heart by referring to the experience of J. A. Russell of Lampasas, Tex. Mr. Russell, who will be 104, April 1, has just taken unto himself a wife, aged 50. It is said that the youthful pair are young and expect to live many years to enjoy their wedded bliss. It is said of Mr. Russell that he never took any medicine from a doctor until last year.

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Some people view the impending national crisis with great alarm, while others think that the country will only be placed in the same attitude as Japan. It is very likely that our economical status will not be disturbed for any great length of time.

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MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

The Methodist Missionary Ladies met in business session Monday afternoon at the church Besides the regular business reports on special improvements being done at the parsonage were given.

Merry Wives Meet.
The Merry Wives were entertained at the last meeting by Mrs. Robert Hicks. Illness and other causes prevented several members from being present, but a cozily social day was spent by those there.

Dinner was served at noon to the following guests: Messrs. and Mesdames Jack Graves, L. B. Howard, Misses Winnie Warren, the host and hostess.

The Possum Hunt.
One of the largest social affairs of the winter season was the possum hunt given Monday night of last week, mention being omitted from our last week edition due to the ex-editors forgetfulness.

The crowd which numbered more than forty guests were driven to the Clyde Sears ranch east of Noodle, where everybody was granted self-abandonment for the evening and also entire possession of the hunting grounds.

Pranks, jokes and mishaps too numerous to mention depended upon all alike. And as for the hunt two possums were the game, which the gentlemen of the crowd insist would have been more numerous if the ladies had not been so noisy.

Social Meeting.
The Kings Daughters held a social meeting at the Methodist parsonage Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. L. A. Humphries.

Those present were Mesdames R. A. Martin, R. M. Parker, C. Wright, B. A. Walters, T. A. Johnson, W. D. Hutcheson, H. C. Burroughs, Geo. Brown, Asa Sheppard, Lee Cox, W. B. Foster, W. A. McSpadden and W. L. Harkrider and as visitors Mrs. Wesley Edwards, Mrs. L. P. Jones.

Garrett-Bullock.
George Bullock and Miss Beulah Garrett of Merkel were married at the residence of the County Judge in Plainview Sunday morning at about nine-thirty, the bride having arrived just a short time before from her home here.

Mr. Bullock who is teaching in the Plainview vicinity found it

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impossible to come to Merkel for his bride so the plans were made for the wedding to take place as above stated.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Bullock drove to their home eighteen miles out of Plainview.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett and has been worth much both socially and religiously to her many friends here. They would wish her happiness with the man she has chosen as her life companion.

THE S. D. S. S. Q. MEETS.
Saturday night Misses Marion and Irene Hairstone entertained the S. D. S. S. Q., and a few of their friends with an informal chafing dish party.

The first part of the evening was spent in an old fashioned candy pulling. Then later hot chocolate and sandwiches were served to the following: Jewell Toombs, Gladys Haynes, Ruby Hamm, Edythe Brown, Marion and Irene Hairstone, Bill Brown, Stanley King, Loring Hamblet, William Brown and DeVerle Johnson.

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Want Pro Election.

Plans were inaugurated at the First Baptist Church, Abilene, last Sunday afternoon, to have another local option election. Number of petitions are being circulated in Taylor county. The object of the election is to adopt local option in Taylor County under the State law which makes it a penitentiary offence to make a single sale. Under the old law it requires two sales to make the case a felony offence. County Attorney Graham heartily favored the calling of the election, it is stated.

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The February apportionment of available school fund amounts to \$3,669,000.00, a per capita apportionment of \$3 based on 1,223,000 scholastics in the State.