PRECINCT CON-

which they reside provided they tion, Credentials, Resolutions, before said body. and the county six months. Sol- chairman ordinarily appoints qualified voters in this state, and the church in a body. diers and sailors vote upon the these or there may be nomina- who are democrats, are eligible It is also announced that the and strike problem. ship is a qualification for voters floor should have plans well laid in precinct conventions. Foreign and act quickly. A county is eners who have declared their intitled to one vote at the state tention to become citizens and convention for every three hunwho hold poll tax receipts, can dred votes cast for the demovote in the general elections in cratic candidate for governor in November but are debarred from the last gubernatorial election. party conventions.

vance by the county chairman Parrack, pastor of the Merkel ber more in the preaching serv- nacle in Merkel, on next Saturof the party presides. The first Baptist church. We join the ices. We are working and pray-day, April 24, at 2:30 p.m. business is to check up those parent's many friends in extend ing for the time to come when He will speak in defense of Flour at G. M. Sharp's. present with the poll tax list for ing deepest sympathy. the precinct and see that only QUALIFIED VOTERS as outlined above are seated. Insist on this being done as it is the only CARELESSNESS way to insure the legality of the proceedings of the convention. After a secretary is elected, a committee on delegates is appointed. A precinct is entitled to the convention including the list ord for the week includes: and transmitted to the Chair- fire department. chairman refuses to hold the a mass of flames as one result. served at the conclusion of the convention the voters should At Rosenburg a little girl play lesson hour for their special benreason for the call the chairman barn is gone. call should be signed by as many known causes."

proceed with the convention. Attention Precinct Chairman to the hospital.

the place of origin of the power near the flame of a vulcanizer. of the individual voter to decide He is resting now. the destiny of the National Convention it is of the utmost importance that due attention be given to them. Find out the exact hour at which the convent- Leader-Miss Ruby Campbell. ion is to be held and notify each Scripture lesson and introductwoman in your precinct. Select ion by leader. a central meeting place for all, The Main Business of the Sunholding the Convention at least Jackson. and it enables you to give a last Askew. reminder to the tardy or absent Piano Duett-Lula Sharp and minded. Secure a list of all wo- Ruby Campbell. men in your precinct who have Publisher of "Home and Foreign shot down on the streets of his poll tax receipts. This can be ob- Fields"-Nell Swann. County Clerk's office, either in kins. ing in the county seat.

It is necessary to know the ex- Quartette. act holy of the convention and Present volume and se ahead of time. It takes only pects of the Board a very short time to do all the Girlie Howard.

business required and fifteen minutes late may mean all is over. Many contested delegation hase resulted from a difference in the watches of the chairman of the precinct and a few favored ones and the remainder of the qualified voters. Be ahead of Qualified Voters in Precinct time and waite at the place set

Precinct Conventions are call- Willie Joe, one month old baby

ernatorial race. The record of Fire Marshal Inglish. The rec- will also be given. This ten min- fore the people of this state, and

tary constitutes the "returns". gasoline near an open fire. Part rumored that the speaking on ing the things that in days to term, and that he is making a sages, and will long be remem-

Committee to be used in making possessed an oil stove which was Sunday school and if possible, matter. up the roll of delegates to the allowed to overheat. A 90-year- bring some one not now attendcounty Convention. In case any old grandmother was picked up ing. The front seats will be re-

publish a call announcing the ed with a toy cook stove in the ifit. place and the hour set by the barn. The little girl was saved! Choir practice wil be held Fricounty chairman, giving 'as a by a passing neighbor, but the day night. Let all those who will

the convention and so by his branding fire in a high wind, to strengthen the musical part failure to act, disfranchise the Two days later the barn, corrals of our Sunday services. citizens of that precinct. This and all feed burned from "un- A cordial invitation is extend-

voters as possible and published At Campbell a merchant allow with us in our Sunday services in the paper and posted at the ed gasoline to leak on the floor. Let all "come with us, and we usual polling places. At the des- The insurance companies paid will do thee good." ignated time the voters should all but \$800 of the loss.

ssemble elect a chairman, make Giant blasting powder loose on the list of qualified voters and the floor of a freight car at Dallas exploded, and two men went

A garage man at Meridian As the precinct convention is washed his hands in gasoline

B.Y.P.U. PROGRAM

and go in body to the place of day School board-Mrs. Walter a half hour before the hour for Training Teachers and Sunday

convening. It is possible in this School and B. Y. P. U. Extenway to get the timid women out sion and improvements-Henry ers of America, and will be sure

tained from the records in the Books and Tracts-Pearl Thomp

person or through someone liv- How the Sunday School Board is Housed-Dixie | oward.

uture pros-

Conventions are American men for holding the convention until Saturday, May 1st., there will anniversary of the Odd Fellows and clean. The vaudeville num- several days in Merkel this week and women who have lived in it is held.

the United States one year and the county six months, and who hold pool tax or exemption re-ty at the county courthouse May held in the City of Merkel, at the Cozy Theatre, at Eleven o'clock A. M., a Precinct Contained and above the average. An Orthogonal the county courthouse May held in the City of Merkel, at the Cozy Theatre, at Eleven o'clock A. M., a Precinct Contained the county courthouse May have a daily capacity of 75 barceipts for the year 1919. In 4th and the delegates elected cratic voters of this precinct, for has arranged for a special Ser- Martina Martin, possess youth, rels and the latter 20,000 bushtowns of less than 10,000 inhab- the preceeding Saturday com- the purpose of electing delegates mon by the Pastor W. M. Murrel beauty, and talent seldom seen els. Mr. Ballard proposes to itants, American men and wom- pose the membership. The com- to the county Convention, which at the Methodist Church at3:00 in small towns. The company is move a modern plant here, valuen over sixty years of age or mittees of the convention are im will meet in Abilene on the 4th P. M. crippled are entitle to vote in the portant and are usually a com- day of May, and to transact any It urged that all members and Friday night they will present capital can be raised to amount convention of the precinct in mittee of Permanent Organiza- other business which may come visiting members, be present at their great feature play, "The of \$12,500. A number of the

place every Sunday.

seven thirty o'clock.

day marks the close of the adult sees them.

assist in this part of the service

ed to the public in general to be

Press Reporter

It is stated that Dr. Banks is Comegys, Pres. Chairman. one of the most famous preachto interest his hearers. He has ever been a dreaded foe of the

He will discuss the Anti-Saloon League work as a world movement.

A chairman appointed in ad- were conducted by Rev. Ira L. in the sunday school and a num- deliver an address at the Taber- neighbor.

every member will be in his the achievements of the National Democratic Party during the There will be the regular past seven years. As is well preaching services next Sunday. known, Dr. Sandefer is among DUN The morning services at eleven the best and most eloquent o'clock; the evening service at speakers of the state, and those who hear him will without doubt Don't forget the Sunday hear the issues of the day ably school at ten o'clock. Next Sun- and forceably discussed as he

ute service will be given entire- in order for a man to make up Democratic Primary in July. of delegates kept by the secre- A woman at San Antonio used ly to the boys and girls. It is his mind which side is advocatfor the children. Let us insist country, it is necessary that one man of the County Executive Another San Antonio house that every boy and girl in the should hear both sides of the

BASE BALL HERE NEXT SATURDAY

that there will be a ball game on serving. While he executes the tend each and every service the High School Campus in this laws of the state and county to that the good work may constatement that he will not hold At Mertzen ranches lighted a be on hand. We desire especially city next Saturday afternoon be- the letter, he does it without tinue. tween the Big Springs High fear or favor to friend and foe School team and Merkel High alike, and therefore commands ices next Sunday morning and School boys.

Let all who can, go and help the entire country. the boys win the game.

Saturday.

ed by many in this city, Dr. ion for Merkel, has been called meeting of the arganization. day evening, April 26, at 8:00 held May 4th, at 12 o'clock at the Courthouse in Abilene. G. E.

RABBIT DRIVE AT STITH

Saloon, and it is said that he was May 26, the people of this entire ducted by the president, was country are invited to meet at very interesting to all present. city while engaged in his fight Stith, and take part in a big Business being disposed of, refor doing away with the saloon. rabbit drive. It is urged that freshments were served to:

1tp of a gun is used.

THE TENT SHOW

The Martin Sisters Stock Com pany which is playing an engage ment here under canvas this week, has proved to be one of! the best dramatic companies that has ever visited Merkel. Notice is hereby given that on! Next Sunday being the 101 The plays are all new, up to date! playing to full houses nightly, ed at \$12,500, provided local the Hall promptly at 2:30 p. m., Lost Paradise," one of the best business men have made subhave lived in the state a year ad delegates. The temporary Both Men and Women are in order that all may march to dramatic plays seen in many scriptions and it is likely that years, dealing with the labor the amount will be raised with-

presentation of their discharge tions from the floor. Anyone in- to take part in this convention. entire public is cordially invited Saturday afternoon at 3:00 visions of the proposition is papers. Full American citizen-tending to nominate from the J. S. Swann, Precinct Chairman. to be present upon this occasion. o'clock they will give a matinee, that a number of farmers be inpresenting a western comedy in terested, as their co-operation three acts, "The Girl From Fire is needed in the success of an Mountain". Saturday night they interprise of this sort. will close their engagement here The local demands for the with a four act comedy drama, products of a plant of this kind "Any Man's Sister."

This is clean-up week in Texas. Are you doing anything to ed for Saturday, May 1st be- boy of Mr. and Ms. McMurry, Truly, our Hobabs are relin- The Mail is authorized to an- enhance the appearance of your tween the hours of ten A. M. and of the Salt Branch commuity, quishing their choice. There was nounce to the people of this city home, your town and at the eight P. M. and will be held in was laid to rest in Rose Hill cem- a splendid attendance at both of and surrounding country, that same time assist in preserving the precincts at or near the poll- etery Monday of this week, after the morning services last Sun- Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of the health of that of yourself, a short illness. Funeral services day. Reports show seventy-two Simmons College, Abilene, will your family and that of your

Fresh car of Peacemaker

cast for the democratic candi- need for education along fire pre choice; and help go over the top can and will hear him, for there didate for re-election to the ofdate for governor in the last gub vention lines, according to state The last of a series of four talks are some burning questions be- fice of Sheriff of Taylor county, new additions to same. Nev. subject to the action of the Doak of Abilene, who did the

> according to his many friends, straight and narrow way. he is not likely to have one.

See the Base Ball Game next the polls in the coming primary, to the 300 mark.

CHAMBER--COMMERCE BUSINESS MEETING

that on next Tuesday night the pastor 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. members of the Chamber of Morning subject: "Baptism". Commerce, or Board of Trade as Evening subject: "Two Men at the case may be, of Merkel, will church" meet at the Metropolitan Cafe. According to circulars receiv- Republican precinct convent- for a luncheon and Business ian church at 3 p. m.

Louis Albert Banks, represent- by the Chairman, at city hall There are some important Tuesday 2:30 P. M. ing the Anti-Saloon League of Saturday, May 1, at 3 o'clock to matters to come before the body Prayermeeting and choir prac Texas, will speak at the Metho- send delegates and alternates to and it is urged that every mem- tice Wednesday at 8 P. M. dist church in Merkel, on Mon-the County Convention to be ber who will, please be present. B. Y. P. U. at 5:00 P. M. Sunday

PRESBYTERIAN LADIES

Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. Tucker, Monday On next Monday morning, afternoon. The bible study con-

ing will be with Mrs. H. C West. wants of their patrons.

FOR THIS CITY

H. E. Ballard of Dallas spent in a short time. One of the pro-

are always heavy. If an insufficient amount of wheat is grown here to keep the plant in operation, wheat will be shipped in to make up the deficiency. It costs no more to ship wheat than it does the finished product

Mr Ballard is an old time mill man. He is now installing a modern 150-barrel mill in Sweet water. He wants to localize his interests and has chosen Merkel as one of the most attractive locations in this part of the country. Further information may be obtained at the office of the Merkel Realty Company.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

The revival at the Methodist church which closed last Sun-In our announcement column day night, was a great success one vote in the county convent- Austin, April 20.—Another Bible class contest. Show your We trust that every voter in will be found the name of Mr. and as the result of which the ion for every twenty five votes week of Texas fires proves the colors; be in the class of your this section of the country who John Bond, of Abilene, as a canpreaching delivered at each and Mr. Bond is serving his first every sermon great gospel mes-The returns are signed, sealed of the house was saved by the this occasion has a special 'stunt come will prove best for our fine officer may be taken by the bered by the people of Merkel fact that so far he has no oppo- for his able and untiring efforts nent in the coming election, and to lead men and women to the

As well as the new additions That he is thoroughly qualifi- there was a great awakening aed for the position, may be judg- mong the church membership, ed by the splendid record he has and Pastor Murrell earnestly We are requested to announce made during the term he is now pleads with all who can, to at-

> There will be the regular servthe respect of every class over at night, and he especially urges that every one attend Sunday Mr. Bond will greatly appreci- school next | Sunday and help ate your vote and influence at bring the attendance again up

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Bible school at 10 A. M. with We are requested to announce classes for all. Preaching by the

Baptizing at north side Christ Ladies meeting at church

Jr. Union at 5:00 P. M. in the Anex.

A cordial welcome awaits you The Auxiliary society of the at all services. Ira. L. Parrack,

ROSE & SON MAKE

SOME IMPROVEMENTS

H. M. Rose & Son, have about everybody be on hand at 8:00 Mesdames West, Houghton, completed new sheds, office and Garrison, Butler, Elliott, Smith, etc. for the handeling of their And remember, that all rifles Derstine, Witcher, Laney, West, coal business. They have also and targets are barred from the Hendricks, Jones, Tucker, Doo- put in new and up-to-date plat-The Merkel Produce will pay drive, on account of the great ley, Cotton, Compton and Misses form scales, all of which will bet-Business- you 21 cents per pound for your danger to lives when this kind Speed and Curtis. The next meet ter enable them to care for the



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RESOLUTIONS

in his infinite wisdom has seen bushel. fit to call home one of our most | The night was never too dark devoted members, Sister Minnie or cold but that she had a ready Rogers, on February 16, 1920, and anxious ear for those who therefore be it resolved by the were needy or sick. Stith Missionary Baptist that a The Immortal Gray has said copy of these resolutions be ap-these befitting words: pended to our church minutes, Full many a gem of purest also one furnished the bereaved ray serene, family, and one given the Mer- The dark unfathomed Caves kel Mail and Western Evangel of ocean bear for publication.

Knowing as we do that all blush unseen, things work for good to God's And waste it's sweetness on a people, yet failing many times to desert air. understand God's providence, But Sister Rogers life was a therefore be it further resolved blessing and benidiction to all that in the home going of sister with whom she came in con-Rogers, Stith church has lost tact. one of it's most faithful and devoted members.

Sister Rogers was converted under the ministry of our form- and our prayers go for all the er pastor Rev. E. E. Dawson at family and friends. South Prong Baptist church in Ellis county, August 18, 1903.

been ever faithful to every de- does. partment of our master's work. In the exemplary life of this Comitte

noble christian, one may see and

know there is a reality in the faith of her savior, and too her Whereas, our Heavenly father light was never hidden under a

Full many flower is born to

In severing our relation with her the church will weep with Bro. Rogers, and those who weep

Bro. M. C. Bishop of Anson Upon moving West she united came and conducted the funeral with our church in 1905 and has most touchingly as he always Submitted by:

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GOLAN NEWS

Misses Dixie Duncan and Edith Thompson were guests of Misses Velma and Menvil Hill

Miss Lottie Jones is visiting relatives in Stamford this week. Miss Lettie Duncan visited Bettie Byron Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Cox is on the sick

list this week. Miss Ola Thompson entertained her friends with a party Saturday night. All report a nice

Vida Williams spent the day with Misses Edna and Ella Cox Sunday.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Cross in the Newman community. He was riding a horse when the animal became scared and ran away with him and threw him breaking his neck instantly. The bereaved ones have our greatest Sympathy.

Chester Cox and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mitchell.

Misses Edith and Elvira Hudspeth visited Misses Annie and Ouida Jones Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Herron and Claude Stribling and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mc-Cright Sunday.

Willie Hills barn was destroyed by fire Saturday night. It is unknown as to what caused it. Some of the neighbors have given him several loads of feed Sunshine. stuff.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of thanking our many friends who so thoughtfully and lovingly assisted in the burial of our dear one, May the Heavenly Father whose wisdom reigns supreme and who does all things for the best, watch over and keep each of you even in his own sight is our earnest prayer. Mrs. J. A. Mulliken and Daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Thomas and family.

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NOODLE ITEMS

Rev. Johnson filled his appointment here Sunday and Sun day night. There was a large crowd out to hear him.

A large crowd attended the singing at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon.

Some of the people from Noodle attended the singing con vention at Merkel Sunday afternoon. All report a nice time.

Mr. Dewey Nichols and wife are moving back to Noodle where he has purchased Mr. Ratliff's interest in the Noodle store.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson attended the funeral of their cousin Mr. Joe Brown at Merkel, Monday morning.

Mrs. C. S. Deutschman's little daughter, little Miss Dorthy Blanche, has been sick with scar let fever, but we are glad that she is better at this writing. Miss Annie Jaynes took sup-

per with Misses Tena and Iva Rape Sunday evening. Mr. W. J. Bicknell has bought

a new Dodge car. A number of young folks

were at a party Saturday night at Mr. N. V. Nicholson's. All report a delightful time.

Miss Inez Scott has given up her music class at this place.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends of Merkel for their kindness rendered us during the serious illness and death of our wife and mother.

Sspecially with the others do we wish to thank little Mary Hutcheson for the beautiful flowers which she brought her.

We know that God in Heaven will reward each one according to the deeds of our life.

May his richest blessings be yours and may we all meet in Heaven where there will be no burdens to bear.

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A beautiful selection of New Georgette Waists, they are made with embroidered fronts with collars, others beaded and trimmed in laces.

Waists worth up to \$8.50 are marked \$5.95 7.50 ... 6.55 ... Crepe de chines up to 6.00 ... 3.75

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Front Street

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Merkel, Texas

MRS. GODWIN WAS EN-TERTAINED TUESDAY

gave a reception and handker- by all. Godwin was one of the faithful and help us go over the top. Bro. and also secretary and treasurer water Baptist Association. of the King's Daughters Class | Quite a number from here at- them in now. and she will be greatly missed tended the singing convention at

The reception was held at the home of Mrs. Hamilton between the hours of 4 and 6. Mrs. Jones game the name of which we Company. failed to learn but nevertheless it afforded plenty of amusement for a time.

A reading given by Mrs. Mc-Spadden was greatly enjoyed. Delightful music on the Edison was furnished through out the afternoon as well as some excellent piano selections by Mrs.

Delicious refreshments of san witches, pickles and ice tea was heartily enjoyed by all present. Owing to a misunderstanding as to her train schedule, Mrs. Godwin was not permitted to stay except for a few minutes, but long enough to bid each a loving farewell. Mrs. Godwin will long be remembered by her many friends here who wish her unbounded happiness in her new home. There were about 21 ladies present to enjoy the recep tion although a shade of sadness prevailed on account of the loss of this our friend and co-worker in the church. Press Reporter.

AUCTION SALE

Saturday evening at 2 o'clock n rear of A. C. Boney's Store a lot of household goods to the highest bidder.

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.

On Tuesday afternoon, April ly as all pupils seem interested. breast huller gin; only ginned 1 20, the teachers of the Primary The chapel exercises which crop. Up-to-date in every parti-Department of the Methodist was given Tuesday morning cular. Reason for selling owner Sunday school, together with was one of the best ever given too old to manage property. the King's Daughters Class, and which was highly enjoyed Somebody make offer. Cash

Godwin who is leaving to make going to church as our meeting her home in Burkburnett. Mrs. is in progress. Everybody come teachers in the little folks de- L. B. Connell is doing our preach partment of the Sunday School ing. Our missionary of the Swet-

by both of these as well as by all Merkel last Sunday evening which was enjoyed by all. 'pep'

Your Prescriptions will be fillassisted the hostess in entertain ed accurately and by registered ing and had planned a unique Druggists at the Merkel Drug COLORITE-Makes old hats

Our school is progressing nice | Four 70-saw Munger double trade or credit. H. J. Askew, Mer chief shower in honor of Mrs. Everybody is busy this week kel Lumber Co., Merkel, Tex. tf

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We urge that each and everyone come in and inspect our Merchandise and get our prices before making purchases elsewhere for we are always glad to show you, and we assure you that we can save you money.

20% discount on all ladies coats suits and coats. These Suits and Coats are of the very latest styles and newest shades.



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We have the largest and best stock of Shoes and slippers to select from that you will find in Merkel, and made of solid Leather. Visit our bargain counters of ladies and mens Low cuts. Dont fail to see these counters. The best values that can be found anywhere.

We are also making a reduction on all ladies high heel lace Oxfords. .\$12.50 values \$11.00, \$10.00 to \$8.50, \$9.00 to \$7.50...

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cuss the country by sections be- gations at Washington. was not done.

work be on hand Saturday, May lican party is bankrupt on cam- Star. paign issues and they have been seeking to find some fraud in conducting the war, but so far Every man should vote and they have not found it, and if perous in the United States than

Times were never more prostake part in the different issues, the Democrats will nominate the they are today. No unemployed: no bread lines or soup houses | & anywhere and everyone has a job who wants work. No doubt you notice the Republicans and others fighting the Democratic Administration never mention these things. The "full dinner pail," so popular with the Repub licans a few years ago, is never mentioned now. They yell bloody murder about the high cost of living and criticise the Administration about the extravagance in conducting the war. The Republicans have done practically nothing for a year but investigate the conduct of the war, trying to find something against the Wilson Administration to make a campaign issue. Can Democrats afford to help the enemies of their own party by sending an anti-Wilson administration to San Francisco?

This is the Issue.-Baird Star.

Mansfield is a Tarrant county town. The Mirror is a well edited and progressive weekly paper Editor Guss R. Moore gives this advice to his readers: "As the political situation is becoming more acute each day the Mirror hopes that our citizens can take a broad-minded view of the conditions and argue the question from a sensible standpoint and not let their enthusiasm or prejudice run so high as to say things that will arouse them in this political struggle. Remember we were neighbors and friends before this division of opinion on this question came up, and should we when it is ended, bearing in mind that we can not hope for perfect reforms to prevail in our community until a better feeling of brotherly love for our fellow men has been cultivated. Let us, then, practice to have more care for the rights and feelings of others, and think more of our town, neighbors and friends, and endeavor to suppres as much as possible the terrible fires of evil passions which dwell in our hearts and cause us to do things for which we will afterwards be ashamed of. Why should friends fall out over politics, why should they not discus

cussions never changed anybody to the issue of the campaign Sharp's.

The Merkel Mail political or otherwise, and if he right kind of a man for Presi- them in good-natured way? and they have often resulted in which are strictly shall we repuloses he can say at least that he dent they will wallop the Repub- After the campaign is over and wounded feelings and broken diated the record of Democracy THE MERKEL MAIL PRINTING COMPANY, INC did his duty as a citizen. So don't licans from Dan to Beersheba, when some one of the five men friendships. If you are going to for seven years or approve it? stay away from these convent- and the Republicans know it; who are candidates for governor discuss politics with a man who will clarify the situation very ions and voting places and then hence the hundreds of investi- have been elected and the others holds opposite views to your much."—Fort Worth Record. have gone back to private life, own discuss them with a friend cause this or that was done, or The Democrats were in power they will doubtless have forgot- only. Discussion with your enewhen the war was won. Demo- ten that you and I who are quar- my" remarks the Hillsboro Mircrats are in power in flush times reling over them ever existed, ror, "only widens the breach be- Lynn & Goldgar, dry goods dealand the Republicans have no but you and I expect to live in tween you, while your friend can ers returned this week from a Investigate Wilson. That is all campaign issue as of old. Can a Mansfield and vicinity the bal- listen to you and keep his tem- trip to the market, making the If you are a Democrat and the Republicans have done in Democrat afford to help that ance of our lives. There will be per." The campaign from now third time he made such trips wish to take part in the party congress for a year. The Repub-bunch? Certainly not.—Baird matters of community interest until after May conventions is for more goods. which all of us should jion hand one in which principles and not and put over. Street corner dis- men are concerned, and sticking

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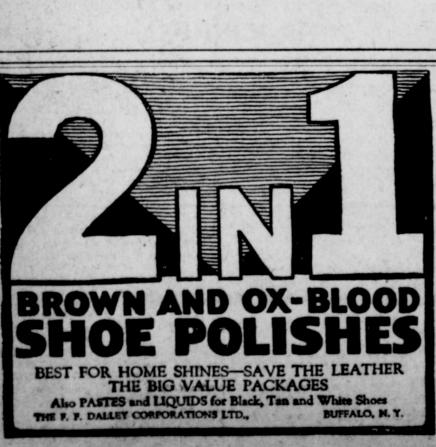
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PANSY BLOSSOM

By MILDRED WHITE.

"It is the pansy blossom," the young Japanese said, "and if you were of Japan, that should be your name-Pansy Blossom; because of the purple of your eyes, and the thoughts you

Vickie smiled. She sat looking down at the water color sketch which the Japanese had placed in her hand.

"You are poetical, Kato," she replied, "and an artist, too. I like your pansy blossom, and I like your pretty way of naming women." Vickie sighed. "Everything here is beautiful enough to inspire one to poetry and art. Kato, can you imgaine a lovelier spot? The sea sparkling before us in the sunshine, and the tall background of trees, before the hotel. One ought to be happy here, Kato." The girl moved her pretty hand impatiently.

"One would be if-" she laughed shakingly, "if some one were not always taking the joy out of life."

"Some one?" questioned the Japanese softly, raising his brows. Vickie drew nearer.

"I just have to tell you," she said. "It will be such a comfort to confide, and you are a sphinx, Kato; wild horses couldn't draw a confidence from you."

The youth bowed gravely. "At your service, l'ansy Blossom,"

he assured her. "Mother's apparent purpose in bringing me here," said Vickie, "was that I might enjoy the pleasure with her of a seaside resort. The real underlying reason was to break off an attachment which she had discovered between myself and Bruce Masters. Mother has other plans in view for her debutante daughter, than being the wife of bon-

profession to fight for. But he loves me, and I-" The girl gazed out to sea, a tender smile curving her lips.

est Bruce Masters. Bruce is not rich.

you see, Kato, also he has still his

"I love Bruce," she ended softly. worthy?" Kato asked. She nodded Morning. The deceased was laid city's pioneer and best citizen re- returned Monday from their July, 1920.

"There's a wealthy banker in the but she can prevent me from seeing Bruce. I'm sure I don't know how it's all going to end. You must see, how-.alight I'm growing, Kato-no appetite at all. And if it were not for your wonderful musical performance ut the theater each afternoon, I really don't know what I should do. You belp me to pass the time, too. You're very interesting. Kato. I'm so glad you are 'the fashion' at the hotel. "You are sorrowful, disappointed,"

Kato went on; "may be some way I can help you." "Dear Kato," Vickie said. "Please

He arose, assisting the girl with a

courtly air. Vickie slipped her hand through his proffered arm and the two went strolling together down the beach.

"My dear Mrs. Varden," an imposing looking woman upon the hotel veranda said, to a woman in an adjoining rocking chair, "are you not afraid to allow your charming daughter so much of that fascinating Jap's society? Young people have romantic ideas, you know, and the accomplished musician may be dangerously entertaining."

Vickie Varden's mother turned, suddenly startled; then she laughed. "My daughter is not so easily fascinated," she replied. But the uncomfortable suggestion rankled.

That evening the mother felt called upon to drop a warning remark.

"Don't you think that you are being too good to that Japanese?" she drawled. "Surely there is nothing about him to so constantly amuse."

To her surprise the girl whirled about in indignation. "Kato doesn't amuse me," she re-

torted. "I like him; he is my friend." Speechless, the mother gazed after her daughter's wrathful departure. Then in anger, she followed swiftly as the girl passed out upon the hotel veranda and deliberately down to a dusky secluded corner. The mother's newly awakened fears were realized. The Japanese was already there, evidently awaiting her daughter's appearance. Mrs. Varden drew back against a jut of the wail, and shamelessly

"Pansy Blossom," greeted the youth. "the hours are long when you are not

"I have been thinking," he contin-"that an elopement must be the tion. True love should not be de-It grieves me to see you suffer,

Varden's patience could stand

ou dare," she burst out, "to plan elopement with my daughter!

But Vickie interposed. "Mother," she reproached, "you

would not let me marry Bruce." "Rather a thousand times Bruce," cried Mrs. Varden, "than this pre-

samptuous Oriental." "Then," agreed Vickle with alacrity,

"I will send for Bruce." In the darkness Kato's hand reached out to touch the girl's. "Mother needn't know that it was an opement with Bruce which I sugd." be sald. "Me, Pansy Blossom,

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Fox News

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For County Clerk:

For Tax Collector:

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County Comissioner of Prect. 2 S. A. (Sid) Coats. W. H. Frazier

County School Superintendent. John F. Odor. John R. Hutto

For Public Weigher: J. M. Garrett

BLAIR NEWS

Preston Doan happened to an accident last Thursday, though painful not especially serious. J. S. Hughes and family visit-

ed at Jean Pattersons Sunday. Miss Mary Campbell spent Tuesday night with Miss Mary Hughes.

Carl Hughes and wife spent several days last week with her mother.

Miss Vera Doan gave her candy breaking and to which there was a large crowd in attendance. All report a very nice

Mrs. Essie Farmer gave a musical entertainment recently which was attended by a large crowd. And all report a nice

Miss Docia Doan spent Monday night with her grandmother Howard Hand spent Tuesday night with Claude Doan and family.

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23t2p

car, in fine condition. See Ray Hamm, at Sanders Drug Store.1

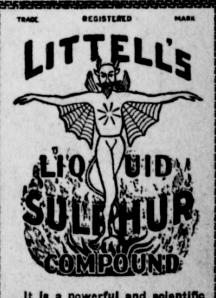
Owner can get same at this office by paying for this notice. 1t

MRS. LANDRETH PASSES AWAY

After a lingering illness of many months, Mrs. Landreth, wife of W. Y. Landreth of this city, passed away early last Sunday morning, and was la't to rest in the Rose Hill cemetery Monday about noon, following funeral services conducted by the pastor at the Methodist church.

Deceased had been a devout member of the Methodist church for many years, was a true wife a loving and kind mother, who (Miss) Fannie Tippet numbered her friends by her acquaintances, and besides a devoted husband and five children, leaves a father, one sister and two brothers to morn her de mise.

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offing," she explained, "upon whom had been in poor health for a tended visit to Austin, Houston Arlington. On their return they County Offices \$12.50 mother has set her ambitious heart. long time. Leaves a wife and 4 and San Antonio, Texas, and to were accompanied by her sister, Precinct Offices \$8.00 She can't make me marry him, Kato, children to mourn his taking his old boyhood home in the Miss Floyce Boyd, of Arlington. We Can Now Cut Your Tire Bills

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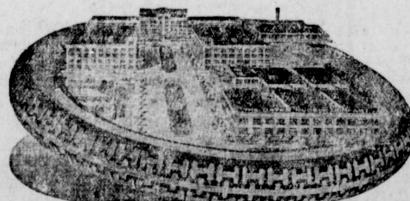
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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

(By Charlie Tucker)

The high school had the pleasure and advantage of having Rev. Doak, who helped in the Methodist Meeting, give a talk on "sunshine", in chapel, one morning last week. The talk filled the school with sunshine and inspiration. We hope other speak ers will visit us.

The High School students real ze that they are in the balance that has come almost to rest, and are getting down to real work; although it is too late for some to make up for the last time. The teachers, too, are doing everything they can to cause the pupils to bring the work up to the standard.

The state inspector of High Schools was with us on April 8. Her report was very favorable, except as to finance. The discipline was reported as excellent. Dependingupon the character of the written work submitted at onal units as follows: Spanish 2, English 1, Latin 1, English Hissical Geography 1/2, Physics1, teen and one half units with all universities and colleges of the state. All pupils should work to secure these credits for it will mean much to any of them if they go to some other school or ome college.

For the past few years the Junior and Senior classes have been jealous of each other, or there has been some other cause of disagreement. Therefore we are glad to note the friendliness of the two classes this year-we re brother classes.

One evidence of this is the fact that a number of Juniors and Seniors went picnicing last Saturday. We went to the Elm and eating. The picnic was en- \$2.50 per bushel. C. L. Tucker.tf T. J. Toombs, president of the joyed even though we had to get

The Useless Mistletoe

The Mistletoe is now no more. Gone is it's withered bough; But we don't grieve because

Doyle: "Bill there is someone Bill: "Is it a gentleman?"

Doyle: "No he says he is a riend of yours." Mr. Carey: "Did you ever see

mosquito weep?" Vivian: "No but I've seen a noth ball.'

The base ball boys played Trent last Friday and won the game by a score of 18 to 15. This is but the second game, and we hope not to lose another game. We will play Big Springs this Friday on the home ground, and we expect to have some good players. All the best players are making their grades Then come to the game with all the "pep" that you have and we will win.

Hurrah!! The Juniors are on the honor roll this time.

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ghaph star who will appear in "Human Collateral" at the Cozy Theatre next week is known as Office over Crown Hardware Co. one of the best dressed women on the screen. Her gowns are the close of the term, the recom- especially designed for her promendation was for eleven additi-ductions, and quite frequently this favorite of the silver screen sets the style for Dame fashion. tory 1, Ancient History1, Gener-But dress is not the only asset al Science 1, Physiology 1/2, phy- Miss Griffith posses. Her facial State Bank. and Algebra 2. If all the written work shows up as it should this or degree of feeling that she can means eleven units of additional not express with her features credits which added to the 8 and One of her late pictures, "The one half units that we already Climbers" in which she appearhave, will make the Merkel high ed at the Cozy Theatre in March Phone 189 school have a total credit of nine-gave one an excellent opportunity for observing her versatality, and witnessing the latest in fashionable dress. "The Climbers" was one of the best pictures Hours 10 to 12 a.m 2 to 5 p.m. that has been here this season, and "S. R. O." signs are the rule Phones 105-163 rather than the exception when Miss Griffith is announced to ap pear in a picture.

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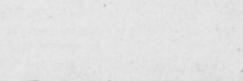
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LET CRITICS BE FAIR

of farm management, nor raise ing and other necessities. their standards of home life. There are other industries They are deploring country life that start booms and help bring and sympathizing with country settlers to a country, but still people who lived 10 years ago these are supported and suppleand these critics do not know mented by production of the and cannot understand those people's necessities from the who live on farms in the best soil, no prosperity is assured or rural communities today.

ress has been made in methods periey and will continue to be of farming and standards of liv- as long as people depend upon ing during recent years. The the products of the soil.

should be today. It is not what Ranch. it will be a few years hence. Country people themselves are more concerned about higher standards of country life; great-

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PLOWING FOR PROSPERITY

Most people who find fault Civilization follows the plow. with country life do not take in- The greatest countries of the to account the progress made earth are the countries where during recent years. Some of the people are largely engaged these critics assume that condi-in agricultural pursuits. The tions are what they were ten plow turns up prosperity, sets years ago; that country people in motion the forces of nature have not improved their method that yield the people food, cloth-

permanent. Agriculture is the The facts are that much prog-barometer of the nation's pros-

country has prospered as a re- The plow of the American sult. From whence has come the farmer must continue to move. wealth of the cities and towns? Our farms must be tilled and Where did the managers of our people fed and clothed. This great business come from? The is the paramount question for farms of this country have con- the American people. All other tributed mightily to these forces questions are more or less de-Country life is not what it pendent upon it.-Farm and

NOTICE

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MARY WINIFRED FORD.

"But Tom, what's the use, she only start all over again-dt's getting unbearable," and Dick Hollister paced the room up and down as if uncertain what to do.

"Dick, she is only a mere child-she does it only to tease you, and you know she doesn't care a might about any of thein," Tom added consolingly.

Tom Brewster was Dick's close-t friend, and Tom knew only too well Dick's greatest fault, which was his jealousy over any attention shown Fift Gray, his sweetheart from childhood,

Fift was home for the holidays from also for the holidays from college. The first few days were delightful once for Dick and Fifi until Bob Merrill arrived. Barbara Merrill had met Fift at a souse party the year previous, and they had become good friends. Bob had been out West for five years and had Just returned home-"Handsome Bob," as he was called by his most intimate friends. After securing an Introduction to Fift, Bob fairly monopolized her, and fully three days had gone by now and Dick had not even a simpse of Fift, He called at her home and was informed that "Miss Fifi," was out motoring with Mr. Bob, and pulling his cap far over his eyes and with his hands deep in his pockets, Dick would tear around the town looking for Bob and Fift, and then suddenly would come upon them arm in arm laughing happily. Fifi looked so unconcerned when she saw him and smiled up at him so pleasantly, that Dick could only look at her and pass on without a word. Fifi could not understand for a moment; then remembering the old Dick whom she knew well before they went away to school, she knew he was jealous of Bob Merrill's attentions, and Fifi decided to cure Dick's jeniousy. So the following day when she was with Bob and Dick appeared, she passed him by without any recognition on her part whatever. The more Fifi thought of It, the more she wanted to tease Dick. so when she received a note from Dick asking her permission to act as her escort to Barbara Merrill's reception, to which they were both invited. Fift declined with thanks, and added that Mr. Merrill was going to call for her.

"Tom, this going the limit-I just can't stand i any longer; somehow or other I wish the two weeks were up and that I was back at college, plugging away, almost anything rather than watch that fellow take her away

"Dick, don't be foolish and stay in Abilene yesterday. away from the reception-why don't you show Fift that you don't 'carewhy not make her jealous?

the girl, but it will be impossible for Grocery Company. me to come over in the car for you. I have to meet a friend at the station -set offended are you? Thanks," and Fif could only stare at the telephone Sunday with friends at Hawley, in a dazed sort of fashion.

"Whatever will I do; the idea of him disappointing me at the last momentwhy didn't I let Dick call for me," and going to the telephone she called Dick. Sharp's.

"Yes, Dick, dear, I've decided that I don't want to go with Tom; in fact. I

"Why-er-yes, if Mr. Merrill is not ter at Campbell, Texas. going to," and to Fift. Dick's voice sounded very cold

At the reception that evening poor four conspirators around. Barbara Grocery Company. fairly monopolized Dick and Dick looked like the devoted lover. Bob was all eves and ears for his little sweetheart ed so out of place alone, he said smilingly, "Well. Barbara and Dick certainly are having a wonderful evening -I don't know when I saw Dick so attentive to a young lady before, and Sharp's. look at our 'Handsome Bob'-oh, by the way, do you know they are going to announce the engagement tomor-

left to wonder whose engagement it Blair Hotel on Kent St. was, Dick and Barbara's or Bob's, and feeling certain that no one saw her she stole out into the conservatory and sitting behind some palms the See A. J. Cannon, Merkel, Route brown curly head dropped and the four. tears fell fast. And before she realized it. she was talking aloud: "To think my little playmate and sweetbeart is mine no more," and the tears continued to fall. A heavy step sounded close by, but Fif did not pay any attention to it, and presently a voice was saying. "No, dear little playmate. I'm still your Dick and what's more-"

"Why, Dick Hollister, the idea of you talking to me like that when Barbara and-oh, let me pass," but Dick stood in her way and taking the little hands in his he told her how Barbara, he, Tom and Bob had conspired in orcure her of her firtations and teasing him.

"Why-er-Dick, that's funny, and only a few days ago I decided I wanted to give you a lesson so that you would not be jenlous of me any more.

"But what, little girl?" asked Dick tenderly.

. "Well, it's-it's kind of nice to have someone care, and I don't care if you are jealous, so there!" and Fift tried to run away.

The waltz was playing and as the last note died, Dick whispered in Fift's ear, "Yes, little girl, we'll begin all over again."



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T. L. Stevens returned last want you to call for me-will you?" week from a visit to his daugh-

Try a sack of Marechal Neal Fifi had a miserable time of it with Flour. None better. Bob Martin

Col. G. W. Johnson, splendid Nellie Lowe, and Tom played his part fellow citizen made a business to perfection. Going to Fift who look- trip to Waco, and other points east last week.

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Perry Curb who has been in from a business trip to Houston the employment of H. M. Rose and Galveston.

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and Son, had the misfortune to Truck belonging to the Co.

D. Beasley, one of this citys this week. The entire party en- A base ball game, pony races, best fixed and most substantial joyed an outing and fishing pic-hunting and taking pictures citizens returned Wednesday nic.

get his arm broken one day this E. N. McDonald and wife and grade boys were driven out to dent they will be able to pay big week while cranking a Ford Mrs. Bob Martin visited their Joe Sutphen Largent's home, returns to their stockholders on

daughters who are attending north of town, to help celebrate all investments. Simmons College, one evening his birthday.

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JNO. C. REINHARD, Manager

men that is was a very wet gas and they thought it would be good for as much as 350 gallons of casing-head gas to the million feet. This being the case, the Trustees of the Burk-Kirby Oil Company were called together by the Secretary of the company and in this meeting they agreed that it would be a good investment for the Companies to install a Casing-head Gasoline Plant for the purpose of refining the large quantity of gas, which the well is now producing. The gasoline refined from this natural gas is worth 28 cents per gallon wholesale. Extracting this gasoline from the natural gas does not affect the sale of the dry gas but will add to its value for fuel purposes for which they are able to find a ready market i the town of Eastland. It is the

BURK-KIRBY OIL CO. GAS-SER IS GIVING PROS-

PECTS OF GOOD WELL

The Burk-Kirby Oil Company has a well producing 40,000,000 cubic feet of gas. This well has

been drilled on Judge Joe Burk-

ett's farm about one and a half

miles south of Eastland and was

drilled jointly by the Burk-Kir-

by Oil Company and the Occi-

dental Petroleum Company. One

of the officers of the Company

was informed on last Friday

Morning that they had the best

gasser in the Eastland field. He

was also informed by expert gas

In view of the above situation it was agreed on by the Trustees to advance the stock of the Com pany to \$1.25 for the present and after the Plant has been installed and in operation, there will be a further advance in their stock.

opinion of experienced oil men

that a little later on when the

gas subsides there is a possibili-

ty og o good oil well as there

was a flow of oil just after pass-

ing through the gas sand.

The officers of the Company are very enthusiastic over the On last Saturday, the third future prospects and feel confi-

A PROUD FATHER

were enjoyed by this jolly bunch A. C. Rose, the genial proprie-The Woodrow Wilson birth- tor of the Merkel Dry Goods Co. day cake was cut and bountiful- is generally full of life and move ly served with banana cream to about pretty fast, but Thursday ling Sheppard, Roy Propst, Paul to the store ahead of any of the Floyd, Joe Daniels, John D. Coat force, and seemed all worked up Burnis Tucker, Rex Roberts, about something, all of which Larner Counts, Cleburne Rose, was quite a puzzle to the several Arthur Beadle, Charlie Largent, splendid salesmen and ladies con Tolbert Proctor, and Joe Sutphen nected with his establishment. They could not tell whether he was preparing to give them a L. R. Thompson the efficient raise or just what he did have and affable Cashier of the Farm up his sleeve, but finally he easers & Merchants National Bank ed up to one, (a pet) clerk, who of this city, was in Kansas City had been trying to bring from the gentleman the real cause of all this jubilant hurrah, and gently whispered to him that, he was the proud father of twins, From Merkel, Texas, a small both boys weighing nine and a bay mare, has white streak in half pounds, and let it go at

But the facts are, there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Rose a bouncing nine and a half pound boy on the 21st, and this being their first son, Mr. Rose was really just as happy as if there had been twins.

A. Blaylock local insurance and Oil Broker spent a few days last week on business in Louisiana and East Texas.

Judge Cobb the genial manager for the Merkel Lumber Co. was called to Oklahoma City this week, to attend a meeting of all the Managers for the Wm. P. Carey Lumber Company, and of which the Morkel Lumber Co. is a subsidiary. The judge said that he was expecting a great time, as the invitation stated that nothing less pure than "Blue Ribbon" would be served. His Company handles "Blue Ribbon" Paint, you know.

J. D. Walton who recently returned from an extended trip to Franklin, Texas, states that he has accepted a position with the Jobe Grocery firmof this city.

Dr. C. E. McGuire of Ballinwas here last week looking his patients, and mixing is many friends.