Dates for two days great rop- again. ing, riding, racing, base ball and general picnic at Trent have been definitely set for July 9th and 10th.

fice Howell one of the greatdest riders in west Texas has been appointed to assume charge of the wild west part of the extertainment. His ability together with his acquaintance cho River, selow San Angelo. in this section insures probably We wish them the best of luck. the best feature of this kind yet They expect to return about Satto be had in this part of the urday. state. He is now arranging for some bad pitching steers, horses and mules. Practically all riding T will start from a shute. In addition there will be shetland pond races, donkey races and sweepsteakes. Goats have been secured and will be on the ground in time to insure their working good in the roping that is to take place each of the two with Mr. Howell.

will be featured. The time allet- in the interest of Hon. Pat M. miles southeast, left Tuesday ted to each candidate who desir- Neff, candidate for Governor. es to speak will be a set time.

their lunches. These can be allowed on this particular spot, discussed.

Baseball between Sweetwater or Blair and Trent will take place that he will speak at Trent Saton each day.

# **BLAIR PICNIC DATES**

Owing to the fact that it seem impossible to complete the program as it was desired by those having the matter in charge, the Blair Picnic has been changed from the 3rd. day of July to the 17th of July.

As stated above this has been done in order that the program The Christian Herald of June desired may be carried out com- 19 devotes a full page to the plete and a better time assured memory of Mrs. Eleanor H. Porall who attend. It is expected ter, author of "Pollyanna", the be in attendance and make their since "Birth of a Nation." possibly be present.

come with well filled baskets.

Eastland, candidate for Cron- Mary Pickford as "Pollyanna," Auxillary. We are sure that a gress from this district, spoke to was one of Mrs. Porter's last splendid program has been ara good audience on the streets in joys. Her death on May 21st ranged. So come assured that this city yesterday.

er and very forceably and ably has won her host of friends ladies a full house, please. resented his platform and view everywhere, among authors as to those present. He paid his re- well as the general public. spects to his oponent, Thos. L. Her whole life was marked by day evening at eight thirty. A Blanton, and from the frequent the spirit of an innard joy, strivapplause we judge he had a num- ing to find an outward expres- been missing at this service. We ber of supporters among his sion. Mary Pickford will appear need them; they need he service; hearers.

Ed. Henderson and wife of and night. Abilene, were guests at the home of Uncle Tom Smith and Wife Monday of this week.

J. W. Hinson and wife of Smith and wife, first of the week!

Watch the "Clouds Rell by.". 'to attend. May Lee, W. M.

Dr. O. F. McMaster formerly a practicing Dentist in Merkel, but now residing at Port Lavaca is here this week, completing the sale of his splendid home west of the school building. The Doctor's many friends here are glad to have him visit our city

## DOCTORS AND PREACHERS GO FISHING

Rev. Ira L. Parrack/and family, Dr. J. N. Smith and family and Dr. J. T. Pue and family, left first of the week for a fish-

the riding contests or the rop- address the voters of Merkel and at all times. ing should communicate directly surrounding country, at the Tabernacle in Merkel next Sunday Public speaking of candidates afternoon, June26, at 4:00 p. m.,

Mr. Neff in an able and canvinc- ily will meet in a family reunion. Scott of this city last Sunday. spread on the ground elese in an ing manner. Every voter should automobile or horses will not be be present and hear the issues

> Judge Keeble announces also urday evening at about 8 p. m.

> G. F. Freeman, Optomestrist, formerly of this city, but for some time has been a citizen of Imperial valley, came in last relatives. He will remain indefi-

announcements, as well as some "Pollyanna" appeared in mag. reach our hundred mark. And of the candidates for state office, azine serial form in 1912-1913, we propose to reach this mark and among which it is expected and was issued in book form the if it takes all summer. So line a candidate for Governor will following year, despite the fact up with us, and let's put the that it had already appeared in thing over. Let all remember the date and magazines. "Pollyanna" had a The pastor is spending this tremenduous sale in book form. week in Buffalo Gap assisting in anniversary. It led as the "best seller" of the a meeting. He will be in his pulseason, and maintained it's pop- pit next Sunday, however. We ularity longer than any other are sure it would be a very pleasbook of its time.

> HERE "Pollyanna" has rarely been eq- on the morning service. May we ualed in fiction. It appealed to count upon your being among all classes and helped to scatter the number?

> > as "Pollyanna" in a seven reel picture at the Cozy Theatre Wednesday June 30th, Matinee

# EASTERN STAR MEETING

Regular meeting of the East- voice. Won't you come? Fletcher, Oklahoma, were guests ern Star Chapter No. 212, Satof the latters parents, Uncle Tom urday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members urged to be present. Sharp's and visitors are cordially invited

ing and outing trip to the Confeet. They will have well equip-day of rest. out gas and oil service station purchase their needs in advance with ladies rest room. Infact one of the most up-to-date sales and Service Stations in this part of the state. They are agents for Hudson, Essex, Oakland and Ranger Products and will carry a stock of these cars, trucks and Tractors on the floor at all times before the sermon at the morn-We are informed that Judge Tubes and accesories and will be the four minutes talk on the ing drilled two miles southwest of the Police Court of that city. days. Parties desiring to enter H. Rob Keeble, of Abilene will prepared to give Sudden Service

W. D. Haynes who resides 5 pastor.

week for a visit to friends and Judge J. W. Moffett, candidate chased a set of scales large where they visited relatives. at the Tabernacle in this city at of the first of August.

and present their claims to the ous. voters also.

# PRESBYTERIAN NOTES

Attendance at Sunday School last Sunday was set back on acthat all county candidates will greatest book to be picturized count of the damp weather. However, we still are endeavoring to

As a simple philosophy of life, should be a large attendance up-

sunshine everywhere. Seeing her The Sunday evening service Hon. Robert N. Grisham, of master piece in pictures, with will be conducted by the Ladies' leaves a large gap in the literary the service will be inspirational Mr. Grisham is an able speak- field, for her gospel of gladness and entertaining. Let's give the

> Just a moment: We have a devotional service every Wednesnumber of our, members have so we are going to urgently request their presence at the meeting which follow. And, too, our choir practice is progressing nice ly. We have a leader, we have the new books, and we hope pres ently to be able to make some worthwhile music. We need your

Shorts and Brand at G. M.

Beasley Brothers, M. E. Can- L. B. Howard, Secretary of the in extending congratulations and non and C. P. Hendrix have form Chamber of Commerce circulat- good wishes to the happy couple column of this paper our readed a co-partner-ship in the Auto- ed a petition among the business mobile Sales and service busi-concerns of this city this week, ness under the firm name of and we understand each and Commercial Motor Company. every one signed up to close their Their new quarters just east of doors on Monday, July 5, as the the commercial Hote, which they fourth comes on Sunday, in orwill move into about August 1st. der that clerks and other emwill be a stucco building 50x140 ployes may have a much needed

ped repair shop, a part and ac- This is as it should be, and cessories department, Auto sale will work no hardship on anyone room, and modern drive in and who will remember the date and

## METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Please be there on time. Preachalso complete line of parts, Tires ing hour Mrs. Sanders will make with the Bland well which is be- lene, City Attorney and Judge extend you a cordial invitation to these services. W. M. Murrell,

for Alabama, where he will be Jesse Scott, son J. C. Scott, to fish out the string of tools voters of the county, and he Judge Keeble, we are inform- present at the celebration of his and daughter Mrs. Gentry now lost in this well. There will be space set apart ed is an able speaker and will father's 90th birthday, and at Holmes, all of Abilene, were We understand great delay on do all there is within his power for parties who desire to bring no doubt present the claims of which it is expected all the fam- guests of the former's son, L. B. this well has been caused by in- to render honest and efficient

We are requested to announce Cotton weigher, J. M. Garrett, sister, came in first of the week that on next Saturday, June 26, informs us that he has just pur- from their trip to California for County Judge of Taylor coun- enough to weigh as much as ten They report a very fine trip ty will address the voters of tons on, and which he expects throughout all their stay. Merkel and surrounding country, to be installed some time in July

This is done mainly he says, Judge Moffett announces that to care for the big truck loads his opponents and all other can- which he expects in the event of didates are invited to be present a big crop this fall to be numer-

> Mr. Garrett also reports that he had weighed up to the first of this week 20,977 bales of 1919 -1920 cotton, and which will likehas been brought in.

# BIRTHDAY PARTY

donkey contest which was much a permanent citizen. ant surprise for him if there fun. Missie Dye won the first place and was presented with a box of chewing gum, which all enjoyed. Then they were invited into the dining room where home made candy, angel food Subject: Christian Brotherhood cake and delicious ice cream among nations and races. were served to the following Leader-Will Stevens. little guests: Mildred Hamm, Song; Prayer; Song. Majorie Bland, Missie and Ro- Scripture Reference—By Leader Rider, Helen Compton, Mildren and Lillian Craig. Holloway, Ola and Mildred Smith Sterling Sheppard, Claude Cash, The Negroe an essential Factor Jack Stanford, and the little honoree.

# BOARD OF STEWARTS EN-TERTAIN

The Board of Stewards of the Merkel Methodist church were royally entertained Monday even ing of this week at the splencountry home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

The occasion was a business session of the board, but each one present enjoyed the royal entertainment and delicious refreshments tendered by Mr. and tf. Mrs. Rainbolt.

Rev. W. M. Murrell, pastor of the Methodist church, on last Thursday evening pronounced the words which bound together in holy wedlock Mr. J. Y. Chadwick and Miss Iris McClary, both prominent young people of this city. We join a host of friends

## REGULAR SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Parrack requests us to announce that there will be all the regular services at the Baptist church on next Sunday, and to which he extends all a cordial invitation to attend each and every service.

worlds need of the gospel. We of Merkel, Mr. Mike Siefert, an He is a graduate of the Univerexperienced driller, Pennsylvania sity at Lebanon, Tennessee, and came in yesterday, and another carried away the highest honspecial driller is expected next ors in that well known school. week who will assist in an effort His life and record is before the

> ability to get an underreamer service. with which to push this work, We kindly ask that before cast and which according to a tele- ing your votes for County Atgram shown us, is now in tran-torney in the coming July Prisit. It is expected that work on mary, that you give Judge Wilthis well will start again as soon lis' claims fair consideration. as the underreamer and the other driller arrives.

Harry Woodrum, mother and FALED

Mr. W. W. Campbell who a few ly reach the 22,000 mark when months ago purchased the Rogall of the cotton in the country ers Grocery business, has this week sold same to W. W. Wood, of Abilene, and formerly of Potosi, who after invoice will take charge of the business.

On Monday afternoon Mrs. W. Mr. Wood was post master and E. Stanford entertained a few conducted a general merchandise part in subscribing for the stock little play mates of Marie's in store at Potosi for some ten honor of her seventh birthday years, and states that he feels that he will be well pleased with Various games were played Merkel, and expects to move his on the porch then came the family here at once, and become

# EPWORTH LEAGUE PRO-GRAM

For Sunday, June 27, 1920.

gene Dye, Florine and Lillian Special music-Lorena Frazier Announcements.

> in the development of the south by Joel Counts. Economic advancement—Agnes

> Rister. Successful methods of negro Education-N. Hancock. Housing and Morality by Jewel

> Daniels. Social aspiration, equal opportunity and Justice-Gyrlie How-

Paine College and Centenary-Delma Compton. Song, Roll call; League Benidiction.

Mrs. A. C. McGee of Ft Worth is here for a visit to her parents See "Pollyanna" and be Glad. Mayor and Mrs. J. J. Stallings.

In the proper announcement ers and the voters of Taylor county will find the name of T. M. Willis, as a candidate for the office of County Attorney of Taylor County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

Judge Willis is too well known throughout the country to need introduction to the voters from us, as he has been a practicing attorney in the city of Abilene for more than thirty years, and is therefore well known to a majority of the people.

Besides having enjoyed a liber al and substantial practice in the courts of the county during these years, Judge Willis has held a number of official positions, among which has been the office promises that if elected, he will

We are informed that the matter of a Flour Mill for Merkel at least for the present, has fallen down. It seems that the stock for this enterprise necessary to secure it was practically subscribed, but just about the time the papers were to be signed up the information came that the project was not worth the money which was being asked by the owner, and which caused the people of this city to let the matter drop.

Whether this is true or not we do not know, but can say that the people of Merkel did their necessary to secure the enterprise, which bespeaks their progressive spirit.

Big Springs, Texas, June21.-The McDowell well, standing 1,500 feet in oil, 70 to 100 barrels has been bailed from this well. The estimate of production runs from 50 to several hundred barrels daily.

The general Oil company expects to complete this well within the next few days. Orders have been placed with one of the largest lumber firms in Big Springs for material for twelve additional derricks, most of which will be used on the Mc-Dowell lease north of McDowell No. 1.

Several prominent oil men have visited this well the past few days. A big barbecue was given at this well by the General Oil Company yesterday to celebrate. About 1,500 people were

Watch the "Clouds Roll by."



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n o ampanant	Cashier
F. Y. GAITHER	Asst Cashier

## TESTS OF HONEST WEIGHT

were inspected and of this num- on's Business College, Abilene, ber 434 were seized and 170 con- Texas. demned for repairs.

to June 1, 1920, eighty-three complaints were filed charging violations of weights and mea- trolled and cause removed by apsures law. Thirty-one convict- plying Ballard's Snow Liniment. ions were secured and forty-thre. The relief is prompt and permaare still pending.

list, the following commodities Drug Store. were inspected: Bread, 7,185 loaves; butter, 1,438 packages; Miss Hallie Marquis, left Frimiscellaneous packages, 3,488; day evening on Santafe, for a wood, 429 loads and cords; coal, two weeks visit to her mother fifty-four loads; cotton, 963 bales at Lexington, Texas. There were 1.204 special calls

ounce, thirty-two-ounce and 48 kel, Texas. ounce loaves. Butter has also 000 pounds is the anual consump- happy over her return. tion of butter.

Cases of Oak of ivy poisoning and fishing trips. should be treated with Ballard's Snow Liniment. It is antiseptic Mrs. Talley Holloway returned and healing and a splendid rem- last week from a visit to her edy for such troubles. Three mother in Fort Worth. sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

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## BOOKKEEPING FREE

Austin, June 23 .- During the To introduce new Secretarial past ten months the state course, which includes four sets weight and Measures Depart- of bookkeeping and Gregg or ment, under the direction of F.C. Pitman shorthand, it is offered Weinert, has made a total of for catalog price of shorthand 50,390 inspections. There were alone, making bookkeeping work 16,386 scales inspected; 738 were FREE; or bookkeeping and type seized, and 3,088 were condemn- writing are offered now for price ed for repairs. Of a total of 2,657 of bookkeeping alone, making

gasoline pumps tested, 46 were typewriting FREE. Big demand seized and 327 were condemned for graduates, positions guaranfor repairs. A total of 3,559 li- teed. Fill out and mail coupon quid, dry and linear measures today for particulars to Draugh-

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been standardized in sixteen- Miss Evelyn Barbee came in ounce packages. It is estimated last Sunday from Wichita Falls by the department that 1,000,- where she has been staying with 000 loaves of bread are sold dai- a sister and attending school. ly in the state and that 16,000. Her many Merkel friends are

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Miss Mamie Baze left Wednesday for Denver Colorado where she will spend the summer.

If you have reason to think your child is suffering from worms, take the safe courseuse Whits's Cream Vermifuge. Worms can not resist its expelling influence. Price, 35c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Misses Mary Campbell, Bessie Tucker and Mamie Ellis left Tuesday night for Abilene where they are to attend the summer normal at Simmons College.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jones returned first of the week from an extended trip to Sierra Blanca, where they spent some time looking after their ranch and city property in that section. Mr. Jones reports considerable interest over the oil question in that part of the state, here being several tests now going down

Just Received big lot Victrola, Columbia and Lyric Phonograph Records. Sanders Drug Store. tf

Messrs R. E. Windom and J. M. Deen, two prosperous citizens residing on route two, were here Tuesday on business, and while here dropped in to have the family visit their homes for the next year.

Plenty of Screen Doors at the Merkel Lumber Company.

Sam Butman returned first of the week from the Sipe Springs oil field. He reports big development there. He is with the Sipe Springs Refinery which is building in that city.

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# LITTLE WORK FOR MUCH

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But this is not all. Few people are at work compared to the nation's needs. City laborers will not work over eight hours a day. When we consider that eight hours in twenty-four means work but one-third of the day we can understand why production is making little gain. Loafing, sleeping, agitating, spending. have two-thirds of the time while production is not keeping pace wth the demand.

Farmers with the few hands now available could not produce enough to keep the nation from starvation under such a system of work. They are forced to work from ten to fourteen hours a day with considerable chores to do on Sunday, and yet they are not paid in proportion to the city man's eight-hour day. They are expected to pay whatever price under-production in city industries calls for, and receive less than the man who has sixteen hours of every twenty-four in which to loaf or sleep. This is why farming is not attractive to so many boys and girls. Farm & Ranch.

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## A BEAUTY'S DEBUT

Uancy Chase, the young English stage beauty who scored a tremendous success last year in Daniel Froham's London revival of "Everywoman," has an important role in J. Warren Kerri-Phone 291 T. J. R. Swafford gan's fifth Brunton production, '\$30,000," a W. W. Hodkinson release which is showing Saturday at the Gem Theatre.

Before playing "Youth" in And all kinds of Blood suck- "Everywoman" Miss Chase suping insects, by feeding Martins ported Sir James Forbes-Robert-Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to son and co-starred with Albert your chickens. Your money back Chevalier in several Strand sucif not absolutely satisfied. Ask cesses. In "\$30,000" she makes Sanders Drug Store. Feb6t26 her first bow to the film public.

# **BEGINNING AGAIN**

By MARY WINIFRED FORD.

"But Tom, what's the use, she will only start all over again-it'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 them," Tom added consolingly.

Tom Brewster was Dick's closest 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.

Fifi was home for the holidays from boarding school, and Dick was home also for the holidays from college. The first few days were delightful ones for Dick and Fifi until Bob Merrill arrived. Barbara Merrill had met Fifi at a house 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 Fiff. Bob fairly monopolized her, and fully three days had gone by now and Dick had not even a glimpse of Fifi. 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. Fift 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 so well before they went away to school, she knew he was jealous of Bob Merrill's attentions, and Fifi decided to cure Dick's jealousy. 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 Fift 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 es cort to Barbara Merrill's reception, to which they were both invited, Fif 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 from me.

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

tle girl, but it will be impossible for me to come over in the car for you. I have to meet a friend at the station -not offended are you? Thanks," and Fifi could only stare at the telephone 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.

"Yes, Dick, dear, I've decided that I

don't want to go with Tom; in fact. I want you to call for me-will you?" "Why-er-yes, if Mr. Merrill is not going to," and to Fifi, Dick's voice

sounded very cold. At the reception that evening poor Fift had a miserable time of it with four conspirators around. Barbara fairly monopolized Dick and Dick looked like the devoted lover. Bob was all eyes and ears for his little sweetheart Nellie Lowe, and Tom played his part to perfection. Going to Fifi who looked so out of place alone, he said smilingly, "Well, Barbara and Dick certainly are having a wonderful eyening -I don't know when I saw Dick so attentive to a young lady before, and look at our 'Handsome Bob'-oh, by the way, do you know they are going to announce the engagement tomor-

At this point of the conversation Tom was called away, and Fifi was left to wonder whose engagement it 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 brown curly head dropped and the tears fell fast. And before she realized it, she was talking aloud: "To think my little playmate and sweetheart is mine no more," and the tears continued to fall. A heavy step sounded close by, but Fifi 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 flirtations and teasing him,

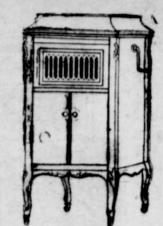
"Why-er-Dick, that's funny, and only a few days ago I decided I wanted to give you a lesson so that you would not be jealous of me any more,

"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 Fin's ear, "Yes, little girl, we'll begin all

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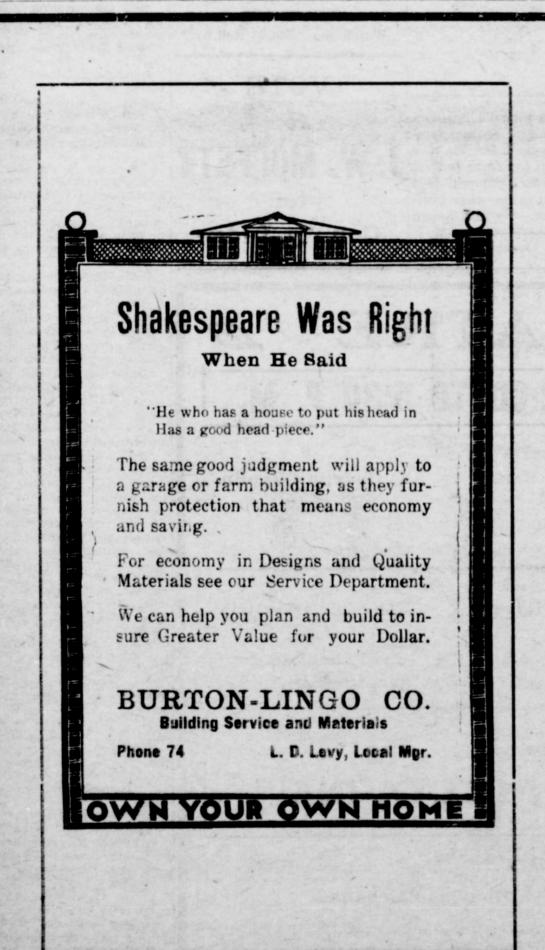
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Will Somebody take a census of the potato bug.

Some men do their part in charity collections by passing the hat.

With the price of ice going up everybody realizes summer must be here.

The trouble with the overalls movement was that the people who put them on forgot to work.

Many a man will help you if you help him, but it takes a man to help you after you hurt him.

and Mrs. W. H. Reese, Thursday family is a partner in the busievening of last week.

of fishing tackle, spend a day in the swamps fishing mosquitos and gnats, and .get themselves too tired to work the next day for a pound fish.

crop prospects were never better his desk and with his business. August and the harvest of a to say about the day's program. to Merkel.

the weather is getting warmer. Winter is coming and the price of coal is billed for a raise. Infact it's just one rise after two.

Notwithstanding the fact that summer is here many bales of cotton continue to come in each week, until now there has been weighed close to 21,000 bales according to Public Weigher J. M. Garrett.

The newspaper man is cussed if he does and cussed if he don't. so it does not make any difference whether he does or don't.

Another fine rain fell throughout the Merkel territory last Friday night, which was of much benifit to the fine crops in this section.

Farmers are busy, business in the city is quiet, but with a few more good rains this summer, in all probability one of the greatest crops will be harvested here this fall ever known before, and then business will be good, yes rushing with the Merkel business men. Come to Merkel.

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Mrs. J. M. Dry and daughter, Miss Loyce, left first of the week for a visit to the former's mother at Rising Star.

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## PARTNERS IN FARMING

Farming as a business, when Mr. and Mrs. John Pratt of most successfully followed, pro-Abilene drove over to see Mr. vides that every member of the ness. Farmers and their wives and children all have special dut-Some folks will buy \$5 worth ies to perform and all are closely associated in the general farm work, consequently there is, or should be, a division of labor and a partnership in sharing the profits.

The business man in the city goes to his office early in the According to many old timers, morning and spends the day over in this section of the country When he returns he is likely to than at present. A few more be worn with the day's cares in good showers during July and such a manner that he has little ves for his occupation.

# WANTED

Clean, white cotton rags at the Merkel Mail office

great crop will be started. Come As a result his family knows must labor on the farm and in own. Thus the farming business very little about the business, the home and learn something trains the children, permits symand is likely to care less. The about farming whether they like pathy and co-operation in the Ice is up another notch and children reach their -majority this duty or not. They learn by management of the farm and the without knowing much about the experience and by observation home and gives the children occupation their father follows and as a rule, are qualified to training found in no other busiand without qualifying themsel- carry on the business, should ness occupation.-Farm & Ranch the father not live until they Farmers' sons and daughters are ready for homes of their Don't Miss "Overland Red."

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We want to make the Merkel Mail a real live, newsy weekly paper, one that will interest every person in the town and surrounding country. In order to do this we must do our best to publish as near all the news of the whole community. Therefore we want a good, live capable slight I'm growing, Kato-no appecorrespondent in each school tite at all. And if it were not for community surrounding the city We invite each and every one to come in and get acquainted with us, and when you see us tell us the news.

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IN

"When The Clouds Roll By"

# 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 Japan ese softly, raising his brows. Video

"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, Pansy Blossom,"

"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 honest Bruce Masters. Bruce is not rich, you see, Kato, also he has still his profession to fight for. But he loves me, and I-"

The girl gazed out to sea, a tender smile curving her lips.

"I love Bruce," she ended softly. "And this Bruce whom you love is ; worthy?" Kato asked. vehemently.

"There's a wealthy banker in the offing," she explained, "upon whom mother has set her ambitious heart. She can't make me marry him, Kato, 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, howyour wonderful musical performance at the theater each afternoon, I really don't know what I should do. You help 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," Watch the "Clouds Roll by.". Kato went on; "may be some way I can help you."

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 accounplished musician may be dangerously entertaining."

Vickie Varden's mother turned, suddenly startled; then she laughed.

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"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 be ing 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 retorted. "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 wall, and shamelessly

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

"I bave been thinking," he continued, "that an elopement must be the solution. True love should not be denied. It grieves me to see you suffer,

Mrs. Varden's patience could stan

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

But Vickie interposed.

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

sumptuous Oriental. "Then," agreed Vickie 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 plopement with Bruce which I sugested," he said. "Me, Pansy Blossom, I'm your friend."

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# LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. Link of Aspermant, is spending the week in Merkel the

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# NOODLE NEWS

two good rains. Mrs. D. C. Herring is real sick Mrs. D. L. Nicholson is spend-

at this writing. Miss Grace Ely is spending at this place.

this week with her brothers at The good talk made Sunday

Texas is visiting Mrs. J. O. Jop- sermon by Mr. Landreth Sunday

the guests of Modell Bicknell ance but I wish to state that it

at D. C. Herrings sunday.

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ing this week with her parents

by Mr. Thompson of Merkel was Mrs. W. W. Allison of Munday enjoyed by all present. Also the night. Sorry that the young wasn't the Noodle boys and girls girls would do such a thing. A great and exciting ball Boys and Girls there is a time

> and children took dinner with W. J. Bicknell Sunday.

Mrs. W. A. Clark went fishing Saturday evening but I think the frogs bit better than the fish.

ach and, sluggish state of the big shed and Mr. Banner could bowels. Herbine corrects the lie down when he felt so inclined Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

# ICE ADVANCE

be surprised if there is an ice gathered there. panic this summer. All factories Mr. Banner has seven living are now burdened to its full ca-children, grandchildren, 118 grat pacity, and prices may shoot out grandchildren and 10 great. of sight. We are working ever great grandchildren, though all possible way to keep in ice some were not able to be present on times they are awful high and this occasion. The youngest was we loose money.

half per pound for ice before the ged all the way from that up season is over.

Yours to please. Edd's Ice Company. CELEBRATES 100th BIRTH-DAY ANNIVERSARY

Relatives and friends of J. W. Banner do honor to the aged Veteran in a most Appropriate and pleasing way.

Last Saturday was a memorable day to many of the citizens of this country, and especially to the family of one of our most Grace and Novella Ely were people caused so much disturb- highly recomended and respected pioneers who reached the 100 milestone of life on that day. A Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Herring but the young man didn't know great family reunion was held of Carpenters Gap, were visitors this. I don't think our boys and at the park and more than 150 of the descendants of this grand old man were there to partici-

> Mr. John W. Banner in whose Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Herring honor the celebration was held was seated in a car with members of the family and carried The meeting will begin the a large United States flag at the first Sunday in July. Rev. Lips- head of a procession that went comb will assist in the meeting, round the public square in the morning. There were ten cars in line, all filled with his descendants, and it was a most imposing spectacle. They went out to A bad taste in the mouth the grounds where a cot was comes from a disordered stom- placed on the platform under the trouble immediately. It purifies He was feeble, yet remarkably the bowels, helps digestion, and well preserved, and his face sweetens the breath. Price 60c, though wrinkled with the cares of passing years, was of a most ruddy hue. His eyesight has become impaired, and he could not distinguish the many faces On account of prices advanced around him when any distace by all factories to us we are com- away, but could hear the sound pelled to advance our prices 5c of voices and the laughter of per 100 pounds. Abilene cannot children and knew that those furnish us regular so we have to near and dear, even to the third get it anywhere we can, do not and fourth generation were

a wee tot, one of those mention-It looks like one cent and a ed, just six weeks old. They ranto the age of the venerable fath-

> er of them all. A magnificent dinner

pread on the platform, and the arge family, together with a ew invited friends, including the editor of this paper, enjoyed a most sumptuous meal, showing that the good women who have moulded the lives and characters of each succeeding generation have not forgotten the practical duties that rest upon them in contributing to the physical welfare of their loved ones. It was a great feast of good things to eat, and in quantity was most abundant. Everything almost that could be thought of to tempt the appetite of mortal man had-been cooked and prepared for the occasion and was served with such charm ing hospitality that all could enter with them into the full spirit of the occasion.

In the afternoon about 3:30 o'clock, a large number of friend of the family, wishing to have a part in doing honor to their fellow citizen who had rounded out a century here on earth, came up to the park and informed Mr. Banner that they wished to express to him and those present their sincere congratulations and to testify their great appreciation of his long and blameless life among them. Accordingly, Mr. Hilton Burks, standing upon the platform, called them to order and stated the object. of their appearance there, and that by Mr. J. A. Holman, who had knew and loved him for his long by those contributing. been selected as their spokes- and upright life in their midst. A group picture of the large

narian in another town had been future life they hoped were yet able occasion: presented with 100 dimes on the vouchsafed to Mr. Banner. It T. J. Banner, J. L. Banner of 100th anniversary of his birth- was a very appropriate talk and Merkel, W. M. Banner of Hasday, and he had suggested to Mr. the box was then opened and kell county; Mrs. A. V. Logan Hilton Burks that the same with the silver dollars it contain- of San Benito, Mrs. J. W. McColthing be done here for Mr. Ban- ed was handed over to Mr. Ban- lum of Comanche, J. F. Banner ner. But Mr. Burks said it would ner. be \$100 and that he would get - Mr. Burks then arose and stat. of Comanche-Comanche Chief. over 25 years. Accordingly Mr. carried out with the greatest caused by a bilious and constiwas his privilege to present to as a donation, for Mr. Banner



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# **AMATEUR** NIGHT

By EDWARD W. GILBERT

Clarsle paused, trembling at the forbidding little stage door of the London Theater, on the Bowery in New York Nothing but the memory of her landady's last grim words, "Tomorrow l want the room, or the rent," would have given her courage to enter. But a long sickness, dull times in the paper-box trade (making it impossible for her to get a job), and the end of her meager savings, had brought her to the problem of where to shelter on the morrow, and how to eat; her last meal having been the previous evening.

She had often seen the flaring posters of the amateur nights at the London, setting forth the cash-prizes to the best act, and a wild hope had grown in her mind that she might win. not, perhaps, the first prize of five dottars, but perhaps the second, and that would mean shelter for another week and enough food to keep her fluttering soul and frail body together. and so she stood hesitating on the threshold of her greatest venture.

She might have lacked courage to enter, but the doorkeeper, happening to look out, saw the wavering little figure and asked, not unkindly:

"What d'ye want?" Clarsie murmured something in which he heard the word "amateur." "Got your name down?" asked he. All right, go on in. Jim, put this lady wit' the amatoors."

She found herself one of a line of eople, mostly boys, standing with heir backs to the wall of a narrow masage. In front of her was a typical East Side boy, in little cap, green-red sweater, and depressed-looking canvas shoes. Along the line ran a buzz of conersation, rough jokes, and Bowery

"This your first time, lady?" asked the lad ahead of her.

"Yes," said Clarsle faintly. "What's your act-singin'?"

She nodded faintly. "I'm buck-dancin'," said her new ac

quaintance. "This is my fourth time." A crash of music from the front. and the chorus trooped past, off the stage, and scattered to the dressingoms. Clarsie heard dimly, as from an mmense distance, a voice say:

"Gentlemen, the amateurs will now perform. We have a large list tonight. and I think you will be much enter-

She opened her eyes and saw, standing at the entrance to the stage, a expression. Beside him stood a figure which, to Clarsie's eyes, was the most magnificent she had ever seen. The lady was of great height and thinness.

"Good night," said this apparition to the man in evening dress, and then, as her eye fell on the line, "Ah, the amateurs. What, a girl, too?"

"Oh, we have them sometimes," said her companion.

The white bussur shrugged her shoulders and walked past them, but, just as she passed, her eyes met those of Clarsie, and the look of fright, pain and helplessness that she saw there startled her. She stopped suddenly.

"Don't be so frightened, little girl," she said, "or you'll go up in the air." She gave her a rough, friendly slap on the shoulder, turned and stepped back to the wings just as the manager, with his list, stepped out on the stage, "We have first," came the voice, "Barney Dooley, buck-dancer."

"That's me," said the youth in the green-and-red sweater, as he ran on to the stage.

A noise, like the roaring of the sea. greeted him. Cat-calls, hisses, handclapping and wild whoops were mingled in a continued roar.

"You here again?" "Oh! Barney. why don't you die." "Take it away, take It away."

During this infernal concert, Barney gravely footed it, and, as a hall of small coin descended upon the stage, without losing a beat of his feet, he stooped and gathered them into his

it away."

"Scuse me," sald a man at Clarsie's elbow, pushing past her. In his hands was a ten-foot pole with a red fron hook on the end, and, while she looked with horror, he placed it around Barney's neck and dragged him from the stage, amid sounds like the roar of a menagerie.

The manager, who had never changed his expression of weary indifference, glanced at his list, and said, coldly: "We have next, Miss Clar-

sie Ellis, in songs." A cry greeted this announcement.

"Oh. Clarsie! oh, Clarsie!" "Come out here, Clarste." "We dare you, Clarsie."

"Go on," said the white hussar 'Don't let them buffalo you."

The next moment Clarsie found her self facing a whirling mass of tobacco

The teader shook his bow, the orhestra played, and she stood dumb Her lips opened; her throat worked convulsively, and she went through the motions of singing, but was still dumb. She would have run, but she was anchored with fright, Something struck Clarsie on the cheek and fell tinkling to the stage. With the clearness of

blazed in her and drove out all fear. "I will sing," she thought, and she threw back her head, proud and brave, and her voice rose and soared clear and triumphant over that sea of cruel

At the first words of the old song. the noise broke out afresh, and some called insistently for the hook, but the high voice of the Dispenser of Doom In the gallery called, "Shut up; give her a show," and the noise died down. She was no longer frightened, and the golden voice rang through the theater:

Saddle my horses and call out my men. Open the west gate and let me go free Where there's room for the bonnets of bonny Dundee.

At the end of the verse, a pause, and then came a crash of applause, repeated again and again. One malcontent called "Aw, the hook," but twenty voices roared, "Drop on yourself."

She sang her song through, and at its close there came a whirl of handclapping, stamping, and the gallery boy's whistle, high-pitched, and a rain

Clarsie turned and walked blindly toward the exit, but the manager stop-

"Go back and bow and take your encore," he said. "You've made good; don't you hear them? Go back and pick up your money."

Shaking with revulsion, fighting hard to keep down hysteria, she turned again, bowed right and left, and sang again-and again the crash of hand

"Pick up your money," called friendly voices. "Pick it up, take your time, get it all; it's yours; it belongs to you; don't be bashful."

She picked up the money till her hands were full, and, taking a hint from poor Barney, she took off her shabby little sailor hat and poured the coins into it. Then, smiling and crying together, she bowed again and stumbled off.

A strong hand caught her and she heard, all faint and far, the white hussar saying, "Get a drink of water. somebody. Don't you see she's dying?"

"No, I'm not," said Clarsie. "I'll-I'll be all right soon." "Guess you will," said the other,

'You're all right; first prize for you. All you wanted was to be woke up but you'd be there yet, planted, if hadn't fired the quarter at you and got you going. "Here," she continued, "let me tie

your dough in your handkerchief." "Not-not-that quarter," stammer ed Clarsie; "I-I-want that to keep." "Well," said the white hussar, "I'm

going, Good night!" She gave her a strong handclasp. and swaggered off.

Clarsie turned to a boy in the line and asked, "Who is that?" "What," said he, "don't you know? That's Lola Rivers. She owns the show that was playin' here tonight. She's a bird; makes ten thousand dollars

Through the wet streets Clarsie stumbled homeward, in a dream. The hard bundle of coins she held tightly. First, at a little oyster-house, she ate, breaking a fourteen hours' fast. Then. to her room, where she counted her earnings. Seven dollars and sixty-five cents, and five dollars first prize, not much to you, perhaps, who read this. but to her the gift of life, of shelter

and food for a month to come. Next day, she met the dragon of the furnished-room-house without shrinking, and paid her. She still felt weak and sick and remained indoors all day

to rest. As dusk was falling there came : stately step up the rickety stairs and a knock at her door.

"Can I come in?" asked a voice that she knew well, though heard for the first time the night before.

She opened the door, and, all tremulous with timid gratitude, she ushered Lola Rivers into her room,

If Lola had looked tall in her hussar dress, she looked taller in the little Her head seemed almost to touch the celling. Her presence seemed to fill the mean room with light and warmth. She was magnificent and arrayed like the lilies of Solomon.

She sat on the edge of the bed. looked long at Clarsie, and said:

"You made good last night. You've got the voice, and know how to use it. Good singing is always a paying act. and all you need is to learn acting and dancing, and that I'll teach you myself. I'll take a chance on you, and take you out with me, and pay youyes-I'll pay you twenty-five a week this season, and if you don't get the swelled head and are willing to learn, there's no reason why, in two years. you shouldn't be on Broadway. All my girls get there in time. What do you

What did Clarsie say? If Mansfield sald to a supe: "You shall support me next season." If Kipling said to you: 'My boy, that's a good story of yours. will you collaborate with me?" What would be the reply? Well, then, you know what Clarsie said.

That is all, except, that if you doubt this to be true, when next you go to see a certain young star who has had a rapid and amazing success, look at her closely, and you will see that she wears around her neck a fine gold thread, on which there hangs a silver

Grasping.

"How do you suppose the grain of wheat got in the mummy's hand?" "Probably some Egyptian profiteer overdid it in limiting the supply and holding out for the highest price."

Decidedly Not

"It is sometimes necessary," said sight that the dying are said to pos- Jud Tunkins, "to wallop a mule. But ess, she saw that it was a silver coin. the man who breaks a rib or a leg "Oh, how cruel," she said, and rage dots' it is no good disciplinaries."

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his pleading orbs with ardor of Records. Sanders Drug Store. tf purpose which made his heart

"Wed any man-" with a polite cold smile on her tives.

curved lips, she concluded:

"Always expected!"

"Present company-" Again she paused and he waited in feverish impatience for her next words.

And soon the wedding bells will be ringing for them.-Ex.

Just Received big lot Victrola. "I will never-" her eyes met Columbia and Lyric Phonograph

Mr. and Mrs. Talley Holloway and children left Monday for His bronze face paled and he Galveston and other points in felt as if he were on the brink south and east Texas, where of a chasm of despair. Then they will visit friends and rela-

# Hardware Implements

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here one day this week, and day at the Gem Theatre. dropped in and had the Merkel Before playing "Youth" in Mail sent to him for the next "Everywoman" Miss Chase sup-

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E. H. Ray who has been doing some gin work over at Coleman for several weeks returned home this week.

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S. A. Johnson, who for a number of years has been with Wash er Brothers Fort Worth, came in first of the week for a visit to his father, Capt. G. W. John-

Plenty of Screen Doors at the Merkel Lumber Company.

Mrs. R. V. Teague who with her husband have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stephens of this city, was operated on at Abilene first of the week, and is reported as getting along nicely.

Fresh Cream Meal at G. M.

See "Pollyanna" and be Glad.

D. B. Knox who enlisted in the U. S. Army on October 8, 1917, and who was arother of our boys who happened to be aboard the big ship Tusecanna, when that vessel was sent to the bottom by a German submarine, came in recently having just been honorably discharged from the army after a years enlistment, after he had served with the army in France and then the army of occupation in Germany after the armistice. He says he has seen lots of the world, some of it very fine and beautiful, but west Texas looks better to him than all the world.

Mice, Mice. Where? In the Merkel Bakery & Kandy Shop's Cake case.

W. Frank Armstrong, who spent last year at the State Medical College at Galveston, after spending some time with his parents, D. and Mrs. M. Armstrong of this city, left first of Try a sack of Marechal Neal the week for Maddison, Wiscon-Flour. None better. Bob Martin sin, where he will attend the tf University there until Septem-

J. N. Shelton is adding to the in Denver, Colorado, and says appearance and preserving the by giving them a nice coat of

## A BEAUTY'S DEBUT

Uancy Chase, the young Eng-Shaft Henryetta. Swafford phone lish stage beauty who scored a 18t2 tremendous success last year in Daniel Froham's London revival Plenty of Screen Doors at the of "Everywoman," has an imtf portant role in J. Warren Kerrigan's fifth Brunton production. M. E. Perry one of the splen- "\$30,000," a W. W. Hodkinson did citizens on route three, was release which is showing Satur-

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Funeral services were conduct ed at the residence Friday afternoon by Rev. W. M. Murrell, after which the remains were tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery.

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# WELL INFORMED

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what do you call it when a gal inevitably impair the public sermarries th'ee times? Ain't that vice, the credit of the companies

bigotry?"

"Lawd, man, you is ignorant!" securities. scoffed Harlan. "When a gal "2-The power of regulation that there's trigonometry!"

BANKERS SUGGEST TO CITIES MEANS OF AT-TRÁCTING A CAPITAL

Steps which municipalities can take to help make possible development of their utilities in keeping with industrial expansion and city growth are suggested in a resolution just passed by the board of governors of the Investment Bankers' Association of America. The Bankers suggest indetermination frand chises to supersede term franchises and insist upon state commission instead of local regulation. The resolution, which is of much interest to all communities where demands for service neces sitate investment of additional capital reads in part:

"Whereas, investment bankers are expected to purchase and distribute the securities of public utility companies, which must sell if utilities are adequately to supply the demand upon them for local transportation, light, heat, power and the transmission of messages; and,

Whereas, the credit of many We desire to thank our many of the public utility companies kindly offered their help and tribution of such securities, thus

> Whereas, the credit of the pub upon the attitude of the public as expressed through the various governing and regulatory bodies:

It is hereby resolved by the board of governors of the Investment Bankers' Association of Harlan Toles Wattles, J War- America that, as steps in the res ren Kerrigan's six-foot negro toration of credit of the public

was watching Jack rehearse the mits securing the right to operlively fight scene that occurs in ate under proper regulation durthe star's latest Brunton feature ing good behavior with provision "\$30,000," at the Gem Theatre, for equitable adjustment of rate a colored prop boy accosted him. from time to time, as tending to "Listen yere, Mister Wattles, eliminate controversities which involved and the value of their

marries twice that's bigotry, but and control of public utilities when a gal marries th'ee times should be vested in state commis sions as tending toward standardization of regulation, which is not possible under local regulation."

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Three doctors were operating on a man for appendicitis. After the operation was completed one of the doctors missed a small sponge. The patient was reopened, the sponge found within, and the man sewed up again. Immediately the second doctor missed a needle. Again the patient was opened and closed. Then the third doctor missed a pair of scissors.

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