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WEST TEXAS C. OF

nual meeting of the West Texas lively games were enjoyed. with some 2,000 delegates from as a very unusual cake contest various towns over the entire in which Mrs. L. A. Arrington days, beginning Monday, Febru-that city the following day. ments of the organization during tle pyrex dish. unturned to see that each and every guest was properly cared for and enjoyed a good time.

er of Spurr, was chosen as presient of the organization for the next year, and after a spirited contest with Sweetwater, Brown wood and Cisco, Plainview won the next meeting of the organization. Plainview is a very fine goods formerly known as the Murrell as hostess and Mrs. Pat Lord's Prayer in concert. west Texas city and will no Economy Store, has been pur- Jones assistant. doubt royally entertain all who chased by Messrs Freedman, attend.

Merkel Chamber of Commerce taken charge of the stock and guests favors were tiny red er. "When the Kingdom has in God's service. She first joinsent as delegates Messrs L. R. are this week advertising same hearts bearing the inscription, come into our homes." Barney ed the Methodist church and more game to play and win be"Kings Daughters, February 8, Casey."

Thompson, J. C. Mason and the for sale to the public.

The data of the dat writer, all of whom report a The new buyers are reported 1921." These hearts were sus- Open discussion—"It is possi- from the Methodist church and Taylor county. Help them win most excellent time.

METHODIST WOMANS

The Womans Missionary Soci- south Texas. etv met in business session on a scripture lesson prayer was of- day with a place for you. Our At three o'clock the president Benediction. fered by Mrs. Smith. The min- congregations are growing all opened the meeting by the class and means of raising money for comfortably as possible. the society. We enjoyed and and one Our Sunday school is entering very near future you may be preciated her suggestions and in a new contest with a number of able to witness the culmination all probability will try her sug- new Sunday Schools over the of these plans in the form of

the educational rally to be School help to make our grades this "Tea Party" in the Merkel Miss Lena Bond and Deputy ing was turned over to the Abi-

a prayer by Mrs. Murrell.

Reporter.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

1. Subject "The Shepherd Psalm Leader N. Hancock.

Introduction-By leader.

David's Shepherd-Ruth Boerd-Bertha Deal. 6. Piano Solo illian Craig. 7. David's Sheperd provides for his sheep-by ula Mae Boaz. 8. Song by B.Y .-9. David's Shepherd pro-

ts his sheep-Lois Walker. 0. Lesson story-Mrs. Walter Jackson. 11. Closing Talk Ira L.

INCOME TAX MAN COMING

n next Saturday, February 12. carried over from the 1920 crop and said to contain "your for-daughter, Miss Eva, is visiting trepresentative of the Internal of cotton a surplus of 12,000,000 nelp all who need assistance in crop would ruin the entire south at the next meeting with Mrs. Get your garden seed at A. L. her sister, Mrs. W/D. Hutchen- same by a bodily nr naking their income tax reports. and demoralize the whole nation. Will Smith assistant. Reporter. Jobe's. 6 papers for a quarter. 2t son.

THURSDAY CLUB NOTES

On Wednesday afternoon the members of the Thursday Club with a few friends were delightfully entertained by Mesdames R. I. and T. L. Grimes at the latter's home.

At Ranger on Monday and Three tables were arranged

or and enjoyed a good time. Hon. Clifford B. Jones, a bank PURCHASES BANK-

Millinger and Company, of Ken- was so near at hand a valentine 15 verse, At the meeting at Ranger the nedy, Texas, which firm has program was carried out. The Introduction remarks by lead- and 5 days. She lived 40 years Donald, Maurine Angus.

to be experienced dry goods deal- pended on white ribbon and as ble for the kingdom to come in joined the Nasarine church this game and put the loving cup ers with ample capital for con- each guest entered the door they our homes in the fullest sense which she lived faithful to until for girls athletics in M.H.S. ducting same; the first gentle- were presented with these fav- while as yet it is so far from God's angel carried her home MISSIONARY SOCIETY man mentioned being one of the ors. The weather being so won-ruling in the community much where there is no more suffering L. VANLANDINGHAM IS largest dry goods dealers in derfully delightful on this after- less in the world."

utes were read and approved, a the time. At the morning serv- singing a song in chorus followreport was called for from the ices we have to place chairs in ed by a scripture lesson and different officers and each gave the aisles and in every nook and prayer. Roll call was answered splendid report. The local corner but we will make room by scripture verses after which treasurer reported almost \$31.00 for you if our members have to the minutes of the previous Lousiana, last week purchased had been turned in on the little become a "standing committee." meeting was read and adopted, the Busy Bee Cafe from Messrs apron entertainment with pros- That is if they have to stand up The secretary and treasurer's of- Latham Brothers & Sanders, and pects of more to come. The dis- you will find a seat if you come. fice being vacant on account of will continue the business as trict treasurer reported a gener- We are hoping now to be in our Mrs. Henson having moved from heretofore. ous payment on dues and a large new building by April but in town. Mrs. Lee Cox was elected per cent on pledges. Sister Lane the mean time we want those in- to fill the office. wife of our presiding elder, was terested to come on to all the "ways and means" com- nounces that she will conduct a with us at this meeting and gave services and we will make ar- mittee had planned some work first-class place, and will no ed. is an appreciated talk on wavs rangements to care for you as for the class. These plans were doubt enjoy her share of the bus-

whole school.

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching by the pastor at 11

a.m. and 7:30 p.m. B. Y. P. U. and Junior Union meet at 5 p.m.

Training classes Monday at 7-

den. 5. David's faith in his shep home of Mrs. General Jones Tues day at 2:30 p.m.

Prayermeeting Wednesday at

and should improve on that. Let the men come to prayermeeting. Ira L. Parrack, pastor

Innouncement is made that cently tabulated, there will be each plate was found a walnut as other relatives there. Her bers and friends are invited. representative of the internal of cotton a surplus of 12,000,000 tune in a nutshell", these prov-relatives at Marshall, Mo., for he Farmers and Merchants would it not be wise to only plant ed very amusing when opened, several weeks yet. ational Bank of this city, to a small acreage in cotton. A big Mrs. Bob Martin will be hostes

of our readers will be interested casion were: Visitors, Mesdames Sublett, Patterson Bros., Bridge zen. to learn that Miss Perry, former S. J. Jones, Geo. Houghton, Will & Byrd, Freedman & Mellyer, A wife and six children, be- he becomes acquainted. program; rendering some excel- ton, Lassiter, Ferrier, W. J. Lar- er, E. L. Ash, J. B. Bell & Son, death, to the occasion, leaving nothing Hancock, Scott and the hostess. M. Dry, E. L. Wilson, V. B. Sub- bereaved family and other rel- wishes. and The Brown Dry Goods Co.

KINGS DAUGHTERS MEETING

One of the most interesting Leader-Miss Middleton. ters class was held on Tuesday in our homes." The bankrupt stock of dry afternoon of this week with Mrs. Song, Prayer, Song.

> noon almost the entire class Describe a Christian home— character and was loved and esmembership availed themselves Lorena Dry.

related and discussed and in the iness in this line. Many and varied were the verses a few bruises.—Abilene Report- having them with us again soon. but the prize fell to Mrs. Char- er. lev Russell and to Mrs. Johnson fell the booby. Another contest of broken-hearts was also much Ladies social meeting at the ham gave us some splendid readings. Miss Drv gave a cutting Men's half-soles \$1.00

> gain soon. The hostess served delicious refreshments consisting of Jello

We the undersigned business J. D. Gaither, eldest son of B. C. ford Rose and Miss Bertha Chad Tuesday of this week the an- for progressive "42" and several firms agree, as is customary Gaither of this city, died at his wick; the happy event taking Trent and Merkel girls closed in nual meeting of the West Texas lively games were enjoyed.

Chamber of Commerce was held

The feature of the afternoon with some 2,000 delegates from as a very unusual cake contest

each year, to close our place of basket

February 4th, and was laid to parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. ball. Once again we are greatly rest in the Elks

Cemetery of Rose.

report of the splendid achieve- rewarded with a very useful lit- This notice to be run in the Mer- was reared in Taylor county, a is a young lady of most excellent undefeated. Not one time this kel Mail for two or three issues. great deal of which time was qualities, who numbers her year can it be said that the home the past year, a most instruct- A delicious refreshment of Liberty Hdw. Co., Barrow spent in Merkel, and had a host friends by her acquaintances. girls have lost a game. ive and interesting program was hot coffee and apple pie with Furniture Co., The Star Store, of friends here and elsewhere, And the groom is the eldest son We feel that they deserve all enjoyed. And right here we whipped cream was served. J. T. Dennis, Woodroof-Bragg who were made sad by the tak- of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rose, is the praise and credit that words might say, as we are sure many Those enjoying this happy oc- Co., G. M. Sharp, Bradshaw & ing away of this splendid citi- mose industrious, honest, and can express for their good play-

lett, Bob Martin Grocery Co., atives, deepest sympathy during this their sad hour.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

meetings of the Kings Daugh- Subject-"The Kingdom come

Voral Solo-W. W. Wood.

BUYS BUSY BEE CAFE

the restaurant business, and an- a host of friends in extending inquest were E. E. Lucas and

CAR TURNED OVER

THE OLD SHOE SHOP

Prices Reduced: All work guaranteed E. L. ASH

ROSE-CHADWICK

On Wednesday evening, February 9, Rev. C. C. Dooley, pastor of the Presbyterian church, in his usual appropriate manner, pronounced the words which bound in Holy Wedlock, Mr. Clif-

west present. Besides a glowing proved most efficient and was ary 14 and ending September 1. Deceased was forty years old, and Mrs. G. W. Chadwick, and only won this game but they are

Music teacher in the Merkel Brown. Club members: Mes-West Co., W. W. Wood Grocery, sides a father, several brothers! We are glad to learn that the gainst Merkel; this showed that High school, had a place on the dames Gaither, Howard, Arring- Crown Hdw. Co., Winter & Walk- and sisters are left to mourn his happy couple will continue to they had been trained to play make Merkel their home, and real ball. lent selections on the piano. The gent, Winter, McFarland, Henry J. T. Darsey & Co., Rose & Stev- The Merkel Mail joins the host join a host of friends in extend- Trent forwards seemed unable city of Ranger was indeed equal West, Leevy, Miller, James West enson, Merkel Dry Goods Co., J. of friends in extending to the ing congratulations and best to cope with the two strong Mer-

MRS. G. W. HARREL

After an illness lasting a year, Mrs. Sallie Lynch Harrell passed after 29 years she withdrew fore they are the champions of and pain. She was a splendid There was a sister and brother through the breast. Snyder; Mr. Charlie Swann, of rendered himself to the officer. Colorado; Mr. Jim Swann, of El- Justice of the Peace, M. C. derado. Funeral services were Lambeth held an inquest over conducted at the Rose Hill cem- the body of Vanlondingham. A-Mrs. Hynes is experienced in etery by Bro. Hendrix. We join mong those who testified at the deepest sympathy to the bereav- Dave Harris, who testified that A Friend.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Baptist Ladies Missionary society met Monday after- ficers. State competing with us. Let an "old fashioned Tea Party". Sheriff John Bond's automo- noon. Scripture reading by the held at this churth on Friday, better. Remember if your class Mail. After business, the social Sheriff, Jim Rowe, turned com- lene ladies visiting our Society. with a luncheon in picnic style. Sentee. If you stay out a day were passed and on these each Tuesday afternoon, after collisments of the work. Wish more the grade of your most protection of the work. Wish more the function of the work was dismissed by the protection of the work. Wish more the grade of your most protection of the work with a luncheon in picnic style. Sentee. If you stay out a day were passed and on these each Tuesday afternoon, after collisments of the work. Wish more the grade of your most protection of the work with a luncheon in picnic style. The function of the work were passed and on these each Tuesday afternoon, after collisments of the work. The Society was dismissed by you hinder the grade of your prayer by Mrs. Murrell.

Percentage Tuesday afternoon, after collissed and on these each Tuesday afternoon, after collisson of our ladies had been present class, your department and the landingham was announced for lines, the first line ending in the fective breaks were the cause of their talk. We have 4:30 o'clock this (Wednesday) word valentine and the other the accident. None of the three spiration of their talk. We hope 4:30 o'clock this (Wednesday) lines to rhyme with valentine. was badly injured, escaping with we may have the pleasure of the Laurenteen the parlors of

On last Monday evening the ladies Presbyterian Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Dr. from "Aunt Minerva and Wil- Ladies half-soles90 Johnson. After the business with 13 men present. We ran find it convenient to favor us a- Ladies military with rubber 1.00 one going away with a happy Sunday. Come to Sunday School one going away with a happy state of the later heart wishing these good people at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 1tp would open their doors again. a. m. and 7 p.m. by the pastor. Next meeting will be held next Remember the 30 minute song Mr. Farmer—Remember, ac- and whipped cream topped with Mrs. H. C. Williams returned Monday afternoon at the home of service at the evening hour. cording to facts and figures re- cherry. Nabiscos and cake. On this week from an extended visit Mrs. J. G. Jones. Special busi- Come to church. W. M. Murrell.

> Worth, was here several days day, morning and night. Let all first of the week, the guest of feel an interest and manifest the

On Wednesday, February 9, pleased to announce that the The bride is a daughter of Mr. Merkel team won, and they not

makes friends of all with whom ing during the first half of the game not one foul was called a-

> kel guards. When the ball had safely come through certer the forwards lost no time in landing a goal for Merkel, and Alma Barbee put Merkel's score ahead of Trent's.

P. E. Shotwell, coarh of Abilene High School athletics refereed the game.

Merkel's line up is as follows: Forwards: Alma Barbee, and Hattie Harris; Centers: Ethel away on Thursday evening at 7 Allen and Gladys Middleton, Because St. Valentine Day Scripture lesson-Mathew 6:7- o'clock. Deceased had reached Guards; Nora Foster and Myrtle the age of 62 years, 10 months Harris. Substitutes Myrtle Mc-

The Merkel girls have one

SHOT AND KILLED

teemed by all who had formed Lawrence Vanlandingham age of the opportunity to enjoy the The foundation of the home her acquaintance, and besides an 24, was shot and kelled about last Monday afternoon. The BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS hospitality of these gracious into which the kingdom comes aged companion, leaves three 7:45 o'clock Tuesday night at Hostess. We also enjoyed hav- Marriages in christ-Rev. W. M. sons and one daughter-in-law, 603 Oak Street. He was shot and after reading the 19 Psalm All the regular services Sun- ing a number of visitors with us Murrell. Business and League and two grand children, all of with a pistol, one bullett going whom were at her bed-side, through the head and another

that could not be there. The Following the shooting Lunssister and brother that were ford Woody of 603 Oak street Mrs. Nellie Hynes, late of here were Mrs. Henry Melton of went to the office of Deputy Haskell; Mrs. Will Thompson, of sheriff W. T. St. John and sur-

> they saw the shooting of Vanlandingham.

> At the close of the inquest Justice Lambeth demanded Woody to the custody of the of-

The examining trial it was The Society was also informed every member of the Sunday Watch for the locals converning bile, occupied by Herman Bond, president after which the meet-

February 18 and voted to enter- has twenty members in it the hour was conducted by the pro- pletely over at the Rainey creek They gave some very splendid are brother-in-laws, it is stated, the delegates and visitors grade is levered 5 for every she hour was conducted by the pro- pletely over at the Rainey creek They gave some very splendid Mrs. Woody being a sister of the

The services will be conducted at the cemetery where interment PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY will take place.-Abilene Report-

METHODIST CHURCH

We had a great day last Sun-

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Miss Tina Nobles, of Fort All regular services next Sun-

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

Merkel, Texas December 29th, 1920

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts \$6	25,475.43
Banking House	7,850.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,200.00
Bonds and War Savings Stamps	8,301.11
Asst. and Int. Guaranty Fund	4,068.79
Cash and Exchange 1	92,724.78

\$843,620.11

LIABILITIES

\$50,000.00
50.000.00
1,263.46
12,717.05
689,304.16
40,335.44
None
None

\$843,620.11

ONLY GUARANTY FUND BANK IN MERKEL

SAFETY AND SERVICE

T. J. TOOMBS	President
JOHN SEARS	Vice President
R. L. BLAND	Vice President
R. O. ANDERSON .	Cashier
F. Y. GAITHER	Asst. Cashier

Do you know you can roll 50 good cigarettesfor Octs from one bag of



Jones Sunday.

come over to Golan again we are day night for preaching. glad to have you come.

very good and enjoyed by a very large crowd.

Every one is invited to sing- J. W. Pomroy. ing Sunday evening and Sunday night at the school house.

quit school on account of dislike morning of the 25th of Februof teacher.

are moving home.

Onion sets, both red and white proper garments on. at Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf

A TEXAS WONDER

les, gravel, weak and lame back, Swafford, Kent St. rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bbladder. If not sold by your druggest, by mail \$1.25 Small bottle. Send for By feeding "Martin's Egg testimonals to D. E. W. Hall, Producer" DOUBLE your mon-2926 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. ey back in eggs, or your money Sold by druggists.

Sharp's.

SHILOH DOTS

The weather has been colder the last writing as we have had some snow.

Mr. Bud Brown has been on the sick list, but is some better now, Blanche Tabor is better also.

The party at Mr. Sam Grayson's last Friday night was enjoyed by those present.

Mr. Grover Tiner preached at Shiloh Sunday and several attended.

There will be preaching at Shiloh Saturday and Sunday. There was a good crowd spent

Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Panroy. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winters spent Sunday with Mrs. Pheby

Greene. Miss Ida Panroy and Vera Phillips spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods. A good singing was had at

Joe Winters Sunday night. Some of the people of this White Pond and Sylvester community went to Trent Sun-

Mr. Ellis Rosson spent Satur-The singing Sunday night was day night with Mr. Bud Winters. Grandma Phillips is spending the week with her daughter Mrs. Kandy-Kid

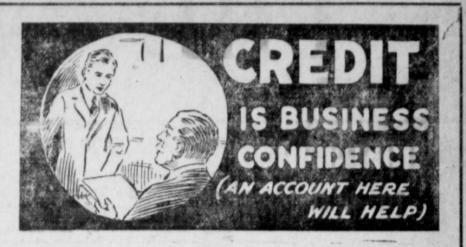
Lucindia Buttermilch said her A great deal of the school aunt Mahalia Widespooder had children of the large room have wired she would be here on the ary, 1921, for that Tea Party at Mr. and Mrs. Val P. Byrom the High School Auditorium and would be there promptly on that date at 8 o'clock p.m. with the

COW FEED

Plenty Meal, Hulls, Alfalfa For kidney and bbladder troub and Johnson grass. T. J. R.

GET MORE EGGS-

back in cash. "Martin's Roup Remedy" Cares and Prevents Brand and Shorts at G. M. Roup. Guranteed by Sanders April-15. tf Drug Store.



Somebody is always depositing your money in the bank.

Is it you who are saving part of your income and putting it where it will work for your bene-

Or is it all slipping through your fingers into the pocket and bank account of some one who appreciates its value more than you?

A savings account with us will solve that problem.



GOLAN NEWS

Every one seemed to have enjoyed the snow last week as it has been so warm the past month or two.

A large crowd enjoyed the musical entertainment at the home of Mr. Frank Jeffrey Friday night.

A bad accident has happened to Lettie Duncan. As she was riding a horse after a cow, the the the horse got scared at another cow and threw her off and dragged her about one hundred yards. It skinned her up considerably, but she is getting along alright now.

A crowd of young people 7 motored to white pond, near McCauley Sunday evening. They reported a real nice time.

Every one is invited to the Rabbit drive Friday, February 18th. All the men come prepared to kill rabbits and ladies all come and bring dinner. It will The men on the south side of the G. M. Byrom's mail box and the ones on the north side of the river will meet at Mr. McCain's.

Mrs. J. W. Hill and children and Miss Vida Williams spent the week end at Mr. George Riney's of McCauley.

Mettie Byrom and Edith Thompson took dinner with Miss Clonnie St. Clair Sunday.

Mr. W. T. Duncan and Mr. E. L. Thompson were seen in Mer-

kel Friday. Rueben Cooper, Clifford and Luther Davis were guests of Carl and Curtis St.Clair Sanday. Mr. Bob Chandler left for Ar-

kansas Wednesday. Mr. W. T. Duncan and daughter Miss Lettie, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Duncan visited Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Byrom Sunday. The candy breaking at Mr. W.

The candy breaking at Mr. W. T. Jones Saturday night was enjoyed by a large crowd. Messers John Shelton and Curtis McCain and Miss Elva McCain were in Sylvester Sun-

"Lest We Forget"

ALL OF US ERR ALONG THIS LI

The Point we want to get before you is a vital one to every one wishing to advance in the scale of progress and wisdom.

Are All Goods the Same In Quality, Price and

What would you think of a fellow who classes a "Broom Tail" "Spanish Bronch" as the match of any "Kentucky Thoroughbred?"

A man who can judge a horse should buy good merchandise.

A woman who knows a good cake will buy good merchandise everytime. We find some people wanting us to bring our prices down to meet what is known by good observers-"Junk Stuff."

We fight Junk Goods Every Time they are Offered us

Quality Merchandise and Price

Is Our Slogan for Every Month in the Year

Our business is growing and will keep stepping along. It's a good investment for you to join up with us in putting over a clean business of the Quality kind we are growing.

The Brown D. G. Company

Quality Merchandise

BLAIR NEWS

Mr. Bland visited our school

last Friday. Mr. Webb Hannah has been real sick the last week, but we are glad to say that he is better. Blair is building up to a great extent as we have a new mer-

Miss Dosia Doan is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Whisenhunt of Wichita Falls, are visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. Hayne Hughes of Alabama came out here Saturday. They will make their home here. Mr. Edd Blackburn and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doan Sunday evening.

Mrs. Provine has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Hannah.

Miss Vera Moore spent Sunday evening with Miss Mary Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Reeves, Jesse Willard and Annie attended the singing convention at Newman.

Mr. Clauie, Meeks spent Saturday night with Mr. Clyde Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore Called on Mrs. Lucinda Hughes Sun-

We have heard that Mr. Abb Lawrence's house burned Sunday. We extend them our sym-

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lacky spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Meeks. Brown Eyes.

VIOLEN AND PIANO

I could handle a few more pur ils in either Piano or Violen. Rates reasonable. Mrs. Rose Miller, or call at Rose Barber

PLENTY of COAL

Dawson Fancy Egg Domestic Lump And Swastika Coal

H. M. ROSE & SON

A FIRESIDE TALE

Another story, child dear? Sure 'tis overdrawn like the Ponzi fella's my fund will be, with such a demand.

Well, then, come with me, of an evening that I have in mind, to a grand concert hall in the city. A wonderful prima donna, the idol of her audiences in two continents, has come upon the stage for her last number. As she stands waiting for the applause to die away, something that she reads in the waves of upturned faces moves her to a sudden impulse, and with a tender little smile, instead of the classical selection on the program, her voice second only in sweetness to the angels' fills the vast room with: "There's a pretty spot in Ireland,

I always claim for my land." In one of the boxes sat two of the earth's prosperous, and like a lightning artist, the man's mind flashed picture after picture on his memory's screen. In faraway County Clare he saw a young gossoon full to the brim of the sheer joy of living. The Scotch would call him a lad o' parts, the English a topping chap, but I'll declare to you that he was just a regular broth of a boy. Every old granny in the village, and clear down to every lass, thought the sun had its rising and setting in his merry charm, but only Eileen Mc-Donagh had a mortgage on his affections. Ah, but she was the winsome colleen, and the likes of her was not to be found in a day's travel.

Then an uncle in America sent money for his passage, with tales of success that set the lad wild to go. Eileen must stay with her old folks, but when he had a good start, then he would send for her, and together they would conquer this fine new country. "My heart goes back there daily,

To the girl I left behind me. When we kissed and said good-by." Ah, yes at first 'twas so. Luck and pluck were with him, and his foothold grew firmer and stronger, and somehow in the struggle, Elleen drifted further into the background of his thoughts. The old bodies went one by one, and the black sorrow of loneliness was almost more than she could abide, but never did her sweetheart grow bitter or complaining in its wearying for him. Faithful and true she was to her troth with Terence O'Neill.

"Where dear old Shannon's flowing, Where the three-leaved Shamrock grows,

Where my heart is I am going To my little Irish Rose. And the moment that I meet her.

With a hug and kiss I'll greet her-" Conscience woke up entirely, and a shillatan stroke was gentle compared to the pain she gave him. For in these latest months of his prosperity he had decided that only a high-born, tured American waman could rule his home and help to find new fields for his never-satisfied ambitions, and, cold-bloodedly, without a thought of love, he had set about to win her. This very minute, by his side, sat the lady of his worldly choice, and he had felt much elated that now she seemed not a great deal averse to his gallant attentions. Sure, she never knew about that common past, and almost had he forgotten its connection with the aristocratic banker who looked at him from the mirror. Till tonight, that is. "Sure no letter I'll be mailing.

For soon will I be sailing, And I'll bless the ship that takes me

To my dear old Erin's shore."

The lady turned with a disdainful curl of the lip. "Really," says she, "one might expect the best music here and not vulgar street songs," and Terence's heart turned over with a thud of gratitude that wisdom had come not too late.

Very quiet was he on the way home. and as he handed her from the limousine, declined her gracious invitation with a "Not tonight, thank you, as I have pressing business to attend to immediately. And I probably will not see you again for some time, as I leave on the Canopic's next date of sailing."

"Indeed," said the lady, in displeased surprise. "Surely this is very sudden." "I've not yet booked my passage,"

says Terence, with an old-time Irish grin, "but I think the fates won't fail me this time." And neither did they. And now we come to a matchless evening in dear old Killsloc-a night of enchanted moonlight, when all the fairies and little folk are casting their spells on everything. All alone at her window sits Elicen, with the melting sweetness of her harp suiting her voice as she sings so sadly: "It may be years, and it may be forever." And Into the room strides Terence of her thoughts.

"Not on your life!" says he in the rue American style, and then dropped n his knees beside her, and into the der old brogue. "Mayourneen, all

time I've been madly, foolishly flowing a will-o'-the-wisp, but when came to me senses and gave me heart the lead, it brought me to my own true love, straight as the crow flies. Will ye go back with me, dartin', to be the dear light of me life till the blessed saints call us from our own paradise to theirs?" And something he saw in her face made him dare to greet her after the fashion of the Shamrock song. Then because 'tis the way of a woman to forgive and forget, acushla, I can end my story in rour favorite way: "And they all lived happy ever after,"

MID-WINTER CLEARANCE

In order to make room for the new Spring Goods that are being purchased by our buyers, who are in St. Louis this week. we are offering unusual inducements in the prices of Dry Goods, Shoes, etc. Many prices quoted below are really under present market prices, but we must move the goods.

\$3.00 and \$3.50 Serges and Tricotines, per yard\$2.00)
Crepe de Chine and Gerogette Crepe, per yard\$1.75	5
\$3.00, \$3 50 and \$4.00 Silk Shirting, per yard \$2.50)

STAPLES-STAPLES-STAPLES

Red Seal Girgham, per yard	20c
9-4 Brown Sheeting, per yard	40c
Good grade Dress Gingham, per yard	15c
Good grade Outing, per yard	15c
Full 36-inch Bleached Domestic, per yard	20c
Full 36-inch Brown Domestic, per yard	15c

TOWELS TOWELS TOWELS

At Greatly Reduced Prices

BLANKETS BLANKETS BLANKETS

You can buy them at a big Saving this week

EXTRA EXTRA

Sansilk Crochet Thread, per spool	5c
One lot Ladies Shoes, Military Heel	15
High Top Shoes, in gray and browns 1/2 PRICE and LES	
\$65.00 Mens Suits\$35.0	10

Merkel Dry Goods Company

If You Want

JOU can get I them by advertising in this paper. It reaches the best class of people in this community.

Use this paper if you want some of their business.

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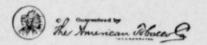
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BLAIR NEWS

Miss Mae Bieldleman of Merkel visited Miss Myrtle Scott Sunday.

Mrs. Richard Melton called on Mrs. C. Burks Monday.

Mrs. Simpson, one of Blair's teachers, visited home folks at Trent Sunday.

Mr. John Reynolds of Trent is here with his sister, Mrs. Carl Minister With Many Parishes to Cover Hughes.

Rex McClain visited our school last week.

The party given at Mrs. Carl

Mrs. Noels and daughter have moved from here to their home in Merkel.

joyed by all. Miss Bessie Brooks visited

Miss Lola Blackburn Sunday. Rev. Wilson filled his regular

appointment here Sunday. Several of the young folks enjoyed the singing at Mr. Emmet

Patterson's Sunday night. Brown Eyes.

Just received \$1,500 stock of

Pains Terrific

Read how Mrs. Albert
Gregory, of R. F. D. No.
1, Bluford, Ill., got rid of
her ills. "During . . . I was awfully weak . My pains were terrific. thought I would die. The bearing-down pains were actually so severe I could my hands on the lower for but a short time. My husband was worried . . . One evening, while reading the Birthday Almanac, he came across a case similar to mine, and went straight for some Cardui for me to try.

TAKE

The Woman's Tonic

"I took it faithfully and the results were immediate," adds Mrs. Gregory. "I continued to get better, all my ills left me, and I went through . . . with no further trouble.

My baby was fat and strong, and myself—thank and hearty, can walk miles, do my work, though 44 years old, feel like a new person. All I owe to Cardui." For jail, via the automobile patrol. many years Cardui has been found helpful in

Take

Many are the strange and interesting native tribes that are found in the Americas. Among the most interesting are the people of the ostrich, who inhabit an almost as yet unknown country, and in language, and character, and race, are altogether distinct from other Indians, says an article on "People of the Ostrich" in Boys' life. They live in the remote and almost legendary regions of the "land of large-feeted men"-a land, that like Chili, Peru, Mexico, and northwest South America, has its story of the existence of a hidden city among the unexplored wilds of their Cordilleras.

The Tehuelches of Patagonia, that vast peninsular end of South America, are scattered across it, from the Straits of Magellan and the Rio Negro-a territory of over 1,000 miles in length and 300 at its narrowest. 'A brave, active, athletic people, wonderful horsemen, singularly expert with their weapons and implements, who lead a wandering life, and hunt the wild cattle, the guanacos-and ostriches. For Patagonia is a home of that splendid bird, which was there ages before men crossed its path in the faraway wilds of the interior. To the Tehuelches, this fine bird is as important in their existence as the guanaco, for they are a race of hunters, and grow but little food for

PREACHES FROM AN AIRPLANE

Puts Modern Mode of Travel to Good Use.

No tolling church bells announce to little communities scattered through one section of America's great Northwest the periodic Sunday morning arrival of the region's most enterprising itinerant evangelist. In-Hughes Saturday night was en- stead, they hear the coughing exhaust of an engine, as his airplane spirals down upon the village. Drawn irresistibly by the novelty of the visit, they flock to the airplane, now at rest in a nearby field or meadow. They find the preacher on his feet in the pilot's cockpit of the plane "Sky Pilot," ready to begin his discourse.

Explanation of this strangest of all the airplane's uses is found in the Well as every one is so busy evangelist's decision, some months ago, we haven't time to find much that the time and energy required for constant travel among distant parishes was seriously curtailing his effectiveness. He decided to defy all precedent by allying aeronautics and religion. He new Casings. McFarland Ga- first subjected himself to a rigorous course of training, and became an accomplished airman. He then purchased his plane, selecting a threeseater of sporting type. The rear cockpit seats the pllot, and serves as his pulpit when the meetings are held in the open; the forward cockpit accommodating his two assistants, one of hem a song leader -Omaha Ree.

Women Crave Excitement,

The wife of a very wealthy man was arrested with a group of bandits after a pistol battle with the police, in which the woman was shot in the arm. She is a woman who has traveled, is educated and bears every evidence of refinement. The police say that there are many women of this kind who work with thieves unbeknown to their families. The call of adventure is the prime motive. In a raid on an East side wine cellar recently ten men and one woman were taken to headquarters in a patrol. All the men had criminal records. The woman is happily married to all appearances, and is a patron of the opera. She said the men and women in her set were dull and that she liked to get out and mingle with the men who lived by their wits and were not afraid of dangerous paths .- New York Times.

The Chef's Dally Manicure.

One of the dally events in the life of a chef in any of the large New York hotels is his morning manicure, Before he touches food, his hands are carefully washed and his nails are cleaned, cut and polished.

The job is not given to a sweet girl manicurist, but to one of the hotel physicians. He is always on hand during the day; should the chef accidentally cut himself, the doctor will bandage the wound, as he is there for that purpose.

Chefs are precious these days; many of the French ones-unable to get their daily bottles of wine-have gone back to France, where the thought of prohibition can still be treated as a joke, though even in France there are heard ominous rumbles between the jokes passed at our expense,-Popular Science Monthly.

To Jail by Airplane.

Aerial policemen in San Francisco are thus far the first to make use of the airplane to conduct a prisoner to-

The sky route offers the most direct passage between two places, and inthis instance the prisoner was transbuilding up the system when run down by diswhen run down by dis-orders peculiar to women. across the bay of San Francisco to the locality where an automobile patrol was waiting to continue the journey through the city. Where it is necessary to save time, the airplane can be of service, as in this case.

When the air becomes crowded with machines, the arrest of violators of the air-traffic laws will undoubtedly become common and aerial patrols

Bill Curtis vigorously applied the old stubby brush broom to his well-worn suit, then stopped for a moment to

gaze out across the great green fields. For 16 years, weather permitting. Bill had watched and loved this time of day, when the sun was casting its last slanting rays.

Tonight he was leaving the home he loved so well and the man who had shared his home and with whom he had worked for 16 years. That was the hard part of going. Something that looked suspiciously like tears welled up in his honest blue eyes, andhe gazed for a minute at the man at the sink, doing up the supper dishes. As a rule this man was talkative, but

tonight he was strangely silent. The arduous task of making an old sult look something like new was finally completed and Bill stepped out on the little platform that served as a piazza. He looked sadly at the two empty arm chairs.

"At the end of two days' journey I will be with Marcia again." and once more he could see the little whiteclad figure as he left her that last evening. Again he could hear the soft sobbing as she begged him not to be away long, and Bill held her ciose as he whispered:

"When I have made the little fortune I have dreamed of, then I will come back to you. And when I do come back, Marcia, it will be in illac-time, just like it is today."

The first few weeks had been unbearable to Bill; then as the months and years passed he fell into that rut of being perfectly satisfied with working hard all day and spending the iong evenings with his faithful companion and his pipe.

His little pile of money grew oigger each year until he at last decided it was time to go back to the old home and Marcia. His heart beat faster as he pictured the little vision in white, and he sighed happily as he again entered the little cottage. But his spirits drooped when he beheld Jim, sitting with his head resting in his two hands, a picture of despair. Going over, he placed his hand on Jim's shoulder and said:

"We've spent some very happy years here, old scout, but now I must be going back to Marcia. I wish you could see her, Jim-se small, with wavy tresses and-

"Yes, but 16 years makes an awful difference, old man," Jim answered. "Yes, yes," Bill murmured, half absently; "in some people, but not Mar-

At last the time came when the comrades parted. Jim drove Bill over and they silently pressed each other's hand, for neither could speak just

Jim drove back to the lonely cot-

In the meantime the train sped on towards Bill's old home and Marcia. His journey ended at noon two days the full particulars. later, but as Bill felt terribly romantic, he waited until the sun was setting, then Marcia must see him first by the lilac bush near her door. As he neared the house he wished he had kept corresponding all these years;

He was almost at the gate when a sudden fear took possession of him. (1) We have not printed it be- to save \$1.50. if Marcia had gone away, or had died; away. At the gate a piercing scream reached his ear-just as he was by the lilac tree, where Marcia must see him first-and two dirty-faced boys came rushing around the corner of the house, the larger one finally overtaking the other, and they immediately started a fist fight.

The door of the house opened quickly, and a woman, one who would easily tip the scales at two hundred, appeared in a soiled gingham dress. sleeves rolled to her elbows, exhibiting a pair of fat red arms thickly covered with white suds, and the equally red face showed plainly she had just emerged from the family washtub.

Bill rubbed his eyes and looked again. There might just have been an ordinary double chin attached to that face, but Bill could swear he saw four. He also noticed the thin, half gray locks, twisted into a little hard knot at the back of her head. Crushing the innocent lilac where he had a few moments before so romantically placed his hand, he stepped back a lit-

There was no mistaking. The eyes proved it was Marcia, and if there was the least bit of doubt left in his mind, it disappeared when a man in overalls brushed past him and called out, "Hurry up and get my dinner,

And Marcia was just starting back for the kitchen when she espled the man by the lilac bush. Raising her voice, she called out loudly:

"Get away from them Illacs or I'll

call the dog.

Three days later Bill turned the corner of his own little cottage, and peeking through the window, beheld Jim in the act of setting one single place at the table.

"Set It for two, old man," Bill sang out cheerily. "And Jim, when you said a lot could happen in 16 years, you said something."

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home paper sent her little son to borrow the copy taken by their neighbor. In his haste the boy ran over a four-dollar stand COAL-COAL-\$10.00 per ton ment and for the benefit of the Entered at the postoffice at Merkel of bees and in ten minutes look- See O. W. Walker, Blair, Tex- church. The public is cordially ed like a warty Summer squash. as. ran to his assistance, and fail- FOR SALE-12 or 15 tons of appear in the columns of The Mail will ing to notice a barbed wire fence good bright maize. S. G. Rusran into it, breaking it down, sell, phone 271. cutting a handful of flesh from

PATRONS OF THE MAIL who do dollar pair of pants. The old cow cows, also some springing. See took advantage of the gap in the Earl Lassiter. watch the label of your paper to ascer- and killed herself eating corn. FOR SALE-Team for cash or 1920 crop did. before your name automatically leaves Hearing the racket, the mother credit. E. Barnes, Merkel, route Mr. E. M. Massey and family for winter use.

tens, drowning the whole litter. FOR SALE-Ferguson No. 71 beside the vacant one, and when the any item which would be of interest to In her hurry she dropped and Texas Red, Rust Proof Oats. E. the happy parents of a baby girl big full moon arose its beams fell on readers of the Mail the editor would broke, past all hopes of mend- Barnes, Merkel, route 5. rence of unusual interest transpires a false teeth. The baby, left a- COAL on TRACK—Will unload were happily surprised Sunday ed for sufficiently to produce all reporter will be promptly sent to get lone, crawled throug the spilled another car Ludlow Coal Friday, afternoon when Bro. Black of the peaches, apples, pears, plum

ing a twenty-dollar carpet. Dur- little more coal. T. J. R. Swafford delivered a very interesting ser- oranges, grapefruit, kumquats, ing the excitement the eldest Phone 291. daughter ran away with the We clipped the following hired man, the dog broke up SALE or TRADE-Good young sort of folks rally here the 4th ford any income, though some of

WANTED-Man to do general bring it along well tuned.

LOST-A heavy Lap Robe, some when the car in which they were tistic temperament of the garat Merkel Mail office. J. C. Tuck- into a ditch leaving them in a garden will be a happier home

WANTED—Cotton pickers to ton, of which, about half is first Salt Branch. picking. House furnished. See Mr. Bill Biggler is building a S. F. Haynes, Merkel.

LOST-Rear Lamp and number kinda strange yet we do not for Ford Car. Number 135,421. meddle. Finder please notify O. A. Smith Trent Texas.

Do you know who is to be hostess at the Tea Party? Why for business in the Sears block yes Mrs. Nancy Bell Smith of

mates made on short Party. notice.

Merkel, Texas

BOX SUPPER AT MOUNT PLEASANT

Ther ewill be a box supper at Mount Pleasant on Saturday night, February 12. The proceeds to be used for school equip-21t4 invited to attend.

MT. PLEASANT ITEMS

Farming seems to be the order of the day here, every one is his anatomy and ruining a five- FOR SALE—Some fresh milk busy tilling and preparing the upon home inependance. soil for the 1921 crops and at the same time hoping it will supply the family table with prove more profitable than the fresh vegetables with a surplus

tf spent Sunday with friends over in Sandburr vicinity.

tf born on the 1st.

cream and into the parlor, ruin- and Saturday. You may need a Simmons College drove over and cherries, and if in citrus belt,

We learn that there is to be a but then, he felt sure Marcia loved wheeze from an Indiana journal, eleven setting hens, and the team. T. J. R. Swafford phone Sunday afternoon. A large them do. It may not have any 11t2 crowd is expected also fine sing- utility value at all. But it is

FOR RENT-Clean bed-room, no injuries except a few bruises. man and wife or gentleman. Ga- Not that we wish to make a rage, Mrs. H. C. Williams, phone joke of a tragedy but they were 1t on their way to Merkel to be married.

Mr. G. C. Sargent and family pick about 10 or 15 bales of cot-spent Sunday with relatives on

> tf little cottage over on Miss Lizzie Glennyvikle's place seems the following day. A Hob-goblin.

NOTICE

New shoe shop just opened just north of the Commercial your patronage.

BRIDGES & BYRD

If you need any hauling see-J. R. Baze, phone 18.

Honoring Miss Mary Campbell, a number of young people were most royally entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Moore on Friday evening February 4, from 8:00 to 11:00.

The occasion being her birthday As the guests arrived each young lady and man were presented with a badge of blue and pink ribbon.

A special chair of honor was then placed in the center of the room for Miss Campbell where turn by turn she entertained each guest with an interesting year-book made and presented to her by Miss Lola Moore.

In keeping with the valentine season a favor which was a large heart bearing the inscription: "February 4, 1921" was presented to each person present.

As pardners were chosen they were escorted into the dinningroom where the delicious birthav cake was cut by the various guests, the coins found therein being presented to Miss Camp-

Refreshments of wnipped cream, fruit, and cake were serv-

As they departed each wished for Miss Campbell a hundred more such birthdays and every wish her little heart desires.

Those present were: Misses Mary Campbell, Bessie Tucker. Mollie Shannon. Jessie and Leota Touchstone. Burnice Merritt. Louella Palmer, Mildred Estes. and Lola Moore. Messrs John Shannon, Vernie Merritt, Will Spurgin, Claude Touchstone Osle Williams, Chester Lucas, Leonard and Corrie Camp, and Shannon Moore.

A TRINITY OF GARDENS

Every farm house should have these gardens—a vegetable garden, a fruit garden and a flower garden. This trinity of gardens may be a triangle of gardens, with the apex pointing upward to prosperity and its base resting

The vegetable garden should to put up in brine, dry and can

The fruit garden should conain fruits, such as granes, black Mr. and Mrs. Irin Street are berries strawberries dewberries and other fruits, suitable for a small area. The orchard proper Our Sunday School students should be large enough and car-

etc., needed for the home.

The flower garden may not afing if you have a musical voice sure to have ethical value, refining influence and pleasure Things did not look just right. What fore, in spite of its familiarity. Moral: Subscribe for this pa- work on ranch. Sam Butman Mr. Louis Click and Miss Mary moments for the gardener. It 11t2 Ridenbach happened to a very may be peak the refinement, the sad accident Sunday afternoon taste, the knowledge and the arwhere between White Church riding suddenly refused to be dener. The home adorned and Merkel. Finder please leave controlled and turned bottom up and beautiful by a flower 1tp very critical condition, however, and generally worth a great deal they were soon excavated with more than there are no flowers. -Farm and Ranch.

DIED LAST FRIDAY

Mrs. Harrell, wife of G. W. Harrell, of the Salt Branch community, died at the family residence in that community on last Friday, and was laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery, this city

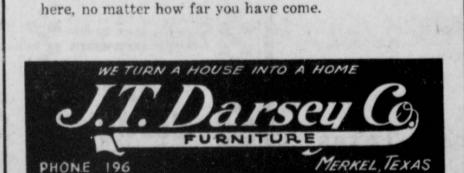
Deceased had been in bad health for a long time, had reached the ripe old age of 62. We extend sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

BANK CLOSING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on motor Co. We do all kind of and after February 15, 1921, we fine shoe repairing. All work the undersigned banks in the guaranteed. We will appreciate city of Merkel will open our 4t2p doors each day during the week for business at 8 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. We therefore kind-Eliza Ann Lickskillett told me ly ask our patrons and the pub-John Mc Donald she had a postal card from Mar-lic to take notice and be governandy Hartshorn and she and ed arcordingly. R. O. Anderson, Contractor & Builder. Sally Sue Daggett from Dog- Cashier. Farmers State Bank, Plans Drawn and Esti- town were a comin' to that Tea L. R. Thompson, Cashier, Farm tf ers & Merchants National Bank.

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upright person, has submitted the following, with affidavit attached to the Florida Fisherman.

"Last Sunday morning I happened to be standing looking out the window. All at once Dr. Jack Halton's bird and hound dog came down the alley with his back feet over his neck (in the act of running) and Mayor Edwards' rabbit in the lead. The rabbit is a very large specimen of the rodent family and well able to care for himself, as well as the dog who happens to be a combination bird, rabbit, coon and anything else that happens to be in sight. Well, it was not long before the same pair came back, but the rabbit was not in the lead. Rube, the dog, and the rabbit played for about twenty minutes up and down the alley, in the back yards, and seemed to be having a wonderful time, when all of a sudden the rabbit, tiring of such amusement (please be lieve me), jumped and bit Dr. Jack Halton's dog under the neck, then, to do the job up right, kicked poor Major several times, thus ending the morning's exercise."

ONE HIGH SCHOOL A DAY

For Twenty-Eight Years That Has Been the Record This Country Has Made.

In a pamphlet on high schools in this country, issued by the federal bureau of education, it is stated that the total number of these schools in 1917. 18 was 13,951. The mailing list of the bureau includes the names of 16,300 high schools. The number of these schools has increased over 452 per cent since 1890. This means that one high school has been estab- social centers should take emerlished in this country each day in each calendar year since 1890-a high school a day for 28 years.

schools were under public control, but roads during winter when field in 1918 the public-controlled high work is not pressing. It is our schools were 87 per cent of the whole.

The average size of a city high business as farmers and citizens

school 59 students.

1,000 population were enrolled in pub- help improve roads. lic high schools. In 1918 the corresponding number was 15.6, or almost the population. Kansas is a close second, with South Carolina at the bottom of the list, with 5.3 persons.

The Yellow World.

perial color is yellow, writes a corsuch as this, and as for her seas-the boundaries of her world-so desertrellow is their color that a string of themselves were made, long ago when undertake.-Farm and Ranch. the world was plastic and empty of all save possibilities. There never was so sinuous a thing as the Great Wall built by men, I think, so sinuous and so aspiring.

Does Away With Long Climb.

Something unusual has been accomplished in the completion of the en- J. S. Hutson. trance to the Southwest museum, in Los Angeles. The building is situ-It has been necessary for pedestrians Now, however, the climb has been ob- brothers and one son. viated by an artistic as well as practical improvement. A tunnel, 224 feet long, was bored into the hill and room, on one side of which is a Company. twelve-passenger electric elevator of the automatic type. The elevator makes a climb of 108 feet, delivering the passenger into the main hall of the museum.

Copper's Value as Alloy.

The use of a small proportion of copper in all iron and steel products exposed to air and moisture is advised by D. M. Buck, metallurgical engineer of the American Sheet and Tin Plate company. The use of 0.15 to 0.25 per cent, in normal open-hearth T Bessemer steel greatly lessens corsion, but heretofore the use of copr steel has been chiefly confined to eet metal. It is estimated that the of the sheet metal is at least

ed by the addition. Copper melts about 700 degrees F. below the averge tapping temperature of the steel, and it diffuses readily through the metal without tendency to separate out afterward.

Savages Give to Missions.

Two hundred boys from the Nega Hill tribes of Assam went to the war in France, and all were baptized into the Christian church while in the ne donated a month's pay to mission vork as a thank offering for their reservation.

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"The Hero" and Ford Weekly

Tuesday-

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DRAGGING OUT OF MUD

Therural districts and remote from markets, educational and gency action on the roads. These communities could well afford to In 1890 60.8 per cent of the high devote considerable time on the school is 653 students and of a rural to go to town and get back to the farm. We can afford to use In 1890 only 312 persons in each our teams and our own labor to

No better way has yet been five times as great a proportion. Cali- found to maintain earth roads fornia lends in high-school education, than with the road drag. Earth with 27 persons out of each 1,000 in roads drained, graded and dragged will soon become passable and finally suitable for easy and rapid travel for vehicles. With a meeting at the school house It is easy to see why China's imrespondent from Yangste river. Her in the road; each agrees to drag rivers are yellow, her long plains are a certain portion. In a short yellow-especially in a famine year time the community may be lift-

ed out of the mud. When one community begins camels crossing them would look more on the same road and on other in keeping than a string of junks. roads may be induced to drag. And so one can understand why the A good road maintained by a very heart of the heart of China, the Imperial city, should lie like a shimmering take of golden tiles within her it the best reputation a neighlotus-besieged walls. Even against the borhood can get. This will do evidence of my own eyes I cannot be more to encourage better schools lieve that the Great Wall is built of and bid higher for the citizens solld ordinary stones laid one upon the other. Rather it seems moulded out of other communities than any of the stuff of which the mountains other work the community can

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and we must say that there are be played. able cotton.

to that Tea Party.

L. Jobe's.

H. D. Simpson returned last week from a trip to the Rio Grande valley, where he had been with several citizens of this wear a hat. community on a prospecting trip. He came back enthused over without having to stay in? that country more than ever, and WANTED-Some one to help. hopes and expects to assist me pick up papers off the floor many to become located in that between periods. Mr. Ashby. country. Mr. Simpson brought Ruth Hollaway was at her back several samples of fine lem- desk Thursday morning when ons, oranges etc., which he says the tardy bell rang. grow there in abundance.

Jerusia Singletop, Flossie Hen- ance?" step and Samantha Bicklebicket will be some of the out of town in English called on Kennith. guests at the Tea Party.

on hinting until now it is gen-continued Miss Smith, when Ken erally known that the entertain- nith had finished writing, "can ment of the season will take you find a better form for that place in the near future.

Men Who Repair Skeletons.

menders-the bone surgeon and the wants him to." skeleton-assembler. Art schools, medical colleges, and students of anatomy eton to aid in their work.

They are strung on fine wires. The sent him the 200 or more bones that Juniors. belong to the particular individual being reconstructed. It is not an easy task, and the price of skeletons is justified by the amount of work re-Science Monthly.

May Use South American Wood.

The Pennsylvania railroad, owing Central and South America for this purpose, it is announced. Normally 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 ties annually, ed your grammar lesson." The average net cost has risen fully 100 per cent since the beginning of bank discount?" the war. Furthermore, white oak, which the company regards as the most desirable wood for ties, is becoming scarcer. Therefore, the company has inquiries under way to defor railroad ties.

The Useless Bell. "The bell on your house has been

out of order for weeks. I should think you would have it repaired." "What's the use? Nobody ever worth while to the world. rings it any more. Our friends just oft out in their cars and honk their auto horns until we come to the

U. M. McNeese, who has been wrote these rules. in the employe of the government at Petrolia, came in recenty for a visit to his parents here.

wife Mr. J. A. Lewis Click and It is not quite three weeks un-Miss Mary Annie Ridenbach, til another final examination Both the contracting parties are period. The days, like your hair well known and popular young are numbered. Each day conpeople residing near Merkel, and tains twelve golden working we join their host of friends hours. Any defiency that we and admirers in extending to possess can be remedied in time them best wishes for a life of to escape irreparrable loss if we start NOW.

On last Friday afternoon Mer-Oh who went and told about kel played Abilene for the chamthe Tea Party anyway. Some pionship of Taylor county and Folks can never keep a secret, lost by a score of 30 to 11 much now they are coming from every- to the sorrow of our boys and tf others.

A spirit has been arroused a-The Editor and wife had the mong the classes in Girls basket pleasure recently of a drive with Ball. Freshmen were winners Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cox in their over the "Sophs" by a score of splendid new Dodge car out 12 to 6, but in a game with the through the fine country south Juniors lost by the score of 11 to of Merkel as far as Elm Creek. 13. The Seniors remain yet to

many fine farms throughout Last Thursday evening, the that section of the country and Seniors were entertained by the at every farm home we noticed Juniors at the home of Miss stacks and stacks of feed, and in Rosie Laney. Both Juniors and some fields we noticed consider- Seniors were dressed in overalls and aprons. Forty-two, "pig", and several other games were Polly Ann and Molly Fan Kil- played. Refreshments of hot dew sent word by Mariah Pot- chocolate and cake were served. locks that they were a comin' Favors were minature purple, tf paper overalls and gold paper

Another shipment of East Don't be afraid to say "I don't Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup at A. know." It's a sign that you It know what you do know.

Who Knows? How often we hace chapel? What Chicago means? Why Coach Stevens doesn's

How many times I can talk

Byers in Arithmetic: "Is the

balance sheet supposed to bal-Miss Smith instructing a class

tf "Kenneth," she said "write on the board, 'Richard can ride the The secret is out, people kept mule if he wants to." "Now",

sentence." "Yes ma'am. I think I can", was the prompt reply, "Richard There are two kinds of skeleton- can ride the mule if the mule

Message from Mr. Sewell Harrequire an accurately constructed skel- well to Miss Evelyn Hamm, dated Friday afternoon. My preci-All the bones must be properly as- ous creampuff. Feeling much sorted and carefully put together. better and leaving school. Sorry skeleton-assembler must also pick out forgot to write letter. Day passof the hundreds of odd bones that are ed too quickly; was observing

Characteristis sayings of High School Dignitaries: Mr. Miller "They don't do that way in the quired to construct them.-Popular University." Miss Wharton-"Are your note books ready?" Mr. Burgess-"I want to make another announcement." Miss to the unprecendented cost of railroad Carlisle-"You'll grant that will ties, has decided to investigate the you not?" Miss Deal-"I haveadaptability of the hard woods of n't lost my demerit book this time but I've lost my temper." the Pennsylvania system uses from Miss Smith-"You haven't studi

Mr. Burgess: "Mabel what is

Mabel Russell: "Don't you know. I told you that yesterday." Monday morning the students enjoyed a good chapel. Mr. Miland durability of southern hard woods ler, accompanied by Mr. Wood, gave two appreciated violen selections. The Rev. Lane made an excellent talk that must cause each pupil to think to resolve to work, and to determine to be

> Forget to lie and try to do your best.

Forget the grades on a monthly test. Forget to even have the blues. Forget the duck who

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We take this method of ex-B. C. Gaither left first of the tending our sincere thanks and week for Tuscola, where he will appreciation of the favors and as spend some time with relatives sistance extended us during the late illness and death of our beloved husband and father. May A. L. Jobe and wife visited the richest of blessings rest uptheir children in Eastlend last on each of you. Mrs. I. C. Frier and children.



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system, i. e.; the bill pertaining uable and much needed equip- not also hope that an appeal for for the continuance of Rural schools, the splendid new build- included in the communication to

not hope to have were there not their attention. While, as you pay teachers' salaries. This: such a thing as State Aid. As know, the State Department year nearly two million dollars . Ada D. Pearce, County Supt.

important as it is, I do not re- gives preference to bonds of There are as you know, two propriated to each district as the it would be almost impossible bills before the present legisla- chief consideration. The effort for these bonds to be disposed of, ture which are of particular con- put forth by those districts in the sale of school bonds is a matcern to thei division of our school qualifying for State Aid, the val- ter of concern to us all. May I to an appropriation to be made ment placed in the various this bill, as mentioned, will be State Aid and a bill providing ings which have been erected to our representatives?

learned enough to feel assurance districts, that even a fairly good most prompt our schools have amendment makes it constituin saying that the Rural State school can be maintained with- ever known, and if conditions tional to vote funds for the Aid Law has meant more to the out some assistance from the were at all normal, no inconveni- schools from the general funds rural schools of this county than State Aid in addition to the reg- ence would be felt at this time. of the state. Without this ahas any other law passed in re- ular scholastic apportionment." If th present Legislature does mendment neither the four milcent years. When the law first May I not urge that many of not take action for a general ap-lion dollar appropriation nor the began its operation, I think I the public-spirited citizens of portion for the schools, the ap- State Aid appropriation wiuld be may say that not more than a our towns and cities add an ap-portionment per capita next year constitutional. Certainly, much third of the schools of this coun- peal to what has been said in be- will be reduced from fourteen influence should be brought to ty were eligible for the aid. Im- half of our rural schools? Sixty- dollars and a half to eleven and bear upon our representatives to mediately, it became an incen- nine per cent of the children of a half or even less. But for the end that our per capita aptive for real improvement and our state are trained in rural text-book tax, this reduction portionment should, at least, not this good work has continued, and village schools. Can anyone would be to eight and a half or be reduced. until this year of the forty-five afford to disregard the interests nine dollars. (If I may digress a The members of the Legislaschools of the county, all are of such a per cent of our future moment here I should like to ture are our representatives; opportunities that they could matter, if it is only brought to twenty cent maintenance tax to wishes in the matters.

gard the amount of money ap-small schools, because, otherwise

for the retirement of about \$1,- state plans, and the increase in I fear that the bill recently 000,000 of the state bonds in maintainance taxes in most of passed by the Legislature, dewhich the permanent school fund the districts are certainly strong ferring the publishing of delinis now invested, which money, arguments for the continuance, quent tax lists and reducing the if the bill is passed, can be used at least for a time, of this appro- penalty for non-payment to five for the purchase of school bonds priation. In the November elect- per cent, will result in the deferion, as you know, the school ring of the payment of taxes, While all of the schools of the Amendment, whereby a school and the schools, accordingly, will county are not, at this time, par- district may be allowed to vote suffer greatly. Except for the ticularly concerned in the sale what is needed for its support, interest on the payment fund of bonds, all are deeply interest- was passed with a big majority and the four million dollar aped in the matter of the continu- vote in this county, with the ru- propriation, the state available ance of State Aid, at least for a ral districts making a better fund comes from the payment of time. An appeal has been made showing, on the whole, than the taxes. Many of the schools by people of all of our rural com- cities. Since that time trustees have not collected their local taxmunities to our Senator and of four rural schools in the coun- es and have been depending en-Representative to this matter, ty have consulted me in regard tirely upon state funds. It should and further communication is to what they can do next year to be fully understood that further being taken up relative to the vote a tax that will, with the delay in paying taxes will mean bill which will enable the pur-State Aid help, enable them to delay in the state apportionment. chase of bonds. The following have three teachers instead of To date there have been five apis a part of a letter sent from two, relieving badly crowded con portionments paid by the state, this office through the schools ditions and to have seven months amounting to \$5.50 per capita. to the Honorable John Russell term instead of a six months. This means that three million of and the Honorable Ben L. Cox: However it will be at least sev- the four million dollars appropri-"While this is my first year of eral years before such conditions ated have been paid. Under our will go into the available school service in the capacity of county can be hoped for, in event our present State administration the fund from the text-book fund. superintendent, I have already most progressive common school state apportionments are the Furthermore, the free text-book

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classed as State Aid schools, ex- citizens? There are many men call your attention to some phas- they will not go counter to wish- old J. R. Watkins stuff such as cept two and these two hope to and women in this country who es of the free text-book law, not es, if they are convinced that we Toilet Artirles, peper, sage, nut be able to be so classified at an have much influence with our generally understood, or over- really desire the passage of cer- megg, Spices, flavoring of all early date. In this county this law-makers and who will, I be-looked.) If this law were repeal- tain measures. Let me urge a- kinds, cough syrup, laxitive sy- ning to urge our farmer friends year about three thousand child- lieve, be glad to use this influ-ed, there would be a loss of the gain that we do not delay, but rup, cold tablets, salve, cold that their future existence lay ren are having instruction and ence to help in this important fifteen cent tax leaving only the let them know AT ONCE our cream, Soap that will lather in safe in the product of the little

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previous sermons, and programs spent Sunday afternoon with his Sunday. A report can always son and daughter-in-law. be made quite favorable for the The coming event strikes the \$2.00. W. A. Hellum. community attendance. We re- writer with a longing hunger tist church was detained from that is to be spread for one and M. Sharp's

find the week ending quite rec- Two unknown parties from ginning Thursday night before ommendable for the Dotting re- West Brook, entered the house the first Sunday in April. All We wish to correct an error They located the cupboard of a Don't forget a big basket, well f last weeks issue, that of Mr. small lunch, and left a note stat- packed with chicken, and other ouis Butman's departure. He ing they were thankful to the accessories, including an open fid not go to Breckenridge ow- owner for so much as they took ear to the speakers. ing to business relations that also stating they were pals of The Nubiaites have arranged

Mr. Dunlap expects to locate Bessie Brooks, nina Reynolds is if you will say yourself. and little Agnes Dunlap later Services were attended by a joined by the latter's sister Opal. large majority over some of the Mr. J. L. Cargill and family

gret that the pastor of the Bap- that awaits the all-day dinner,

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three years ago. The owner a program for the Third Sun-Mr. Jack Dunlap and family wishes to say they were more day of this month, to be delivered at Mt. Pleasant. Look out formation given the writer that ed at her home Sunday, Miss hear something, (B.Y.P.U.) that

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I have at my wagon yard a fine Jersey Male, for service, at

Corn and Corn Chops, at G.

GARAGE

TO CLIMB MOUNT EVEREST

British Royal Geographical Society to Be Contemplating Ambitious Expedition.

Enormous interest has been aroused by the announcement that the Royal Geographical society contemplates fitting out an expedition to attempt the ascent of Mount Everest, in the highest mountain on the globe; but it

is also the world's mystery mountain. Although it was discovered 70 years ago, no European has yet succeeded in getting anywhere nearer than about fifty miles to it, much less setting foot

This is because it so happens that it is situated partly in Nepal and partly in Tibet, and the governments of both these countries object to the presence of European explorers.

Besides this the Nepal base of the giant mountain is in any case practically unapproachable, owing to the dense jungle growth, extending for a width of 60 or 70 miles all round, and into whose depths no white man may venture and live.

The proposal now is to attempt the ascent from the Tibetan side. This is doubtless possible, but whether the summit can be reached or not is another matter.

Most experts say not, and point to the fact that the duke of Abruzzi's attempt to scale Mount Godwin-Austin, Everest's mighty neighbor, and the second highest peak in the world. resulted in failure.

He ascended as far 24,600 feet, but was then obliged to turn back, owing to the difficulty of breathing, due to the extreme rarefaction of the air. Mount Everest is more than 29,000

ANCIENT HARPS OF IRELAND

Two Instruments, Each Having a Distinct Purpose, Were in Use in Olden Times.

The ancient Irish harp was of two kinds-a small instrument used chiefly for religious purposes, first by the old Druids in their rites, and later by the Christian bishops and abbots. The other harp was large, and was used in public assemblies and in battles.

The bagpipes were introduced into Ireland from Caledonia. They had the same use in the Irish armies they now have in the Highland regiments But the Irish made, in the course of time, an improvement, using bellows to fill the chanter, instead of the mouth, and continued improving the instrument unta the union-pipes of today are the result.

As to early Irish harpers and thefr music there is little known, but at Queen Elizabeth's court. Irish tunes were popular. Of late huge books of ancient Irish melodies have been collected and arranged. Petrie has attracted attention to this field by his thorough investigation of Irish folk

India Ink Really Chinese Ink.

The intensely black inks have various sorts of finely divided carbon as their pigment, and the vehicle in most instances is some type of oil or varnish. India ink is the name often applied to what is in reality Chinese ink. The best of this variety comes from the Anhul province and is made from the lamp black produced when wood oil is slowly burned in one earth enware vessel and the soot or lamp black produced is collected on the sides of a second jar placed above the first. A paste is made with varnish and pork fat and this is then mixed with glue. Some ink is made from the soot of sesame or rapeseed oil. into molds. There are, of course, many grades of this lnk, the lower being made from the coarser soot and glue. In 1918 the Chinese exported 127,000 pounds of this ink .- Scientific American Monthly.

Literature of the Czechs.

Czechic literature has voluminous and impressive accomplishments to show. Take, for example, Bohemia's three great writers of the nineteenth century, Dobrovsky, Jungmann and Palacky. Jungmann compiled a sictionary of the Czech language in five volumes, Palacky wrote a work of 20,-000 pages on Czechic history, and Dobrovsky wrote a grammar of Czechic. The most indefatigable writer, however, was Jaroslav Vrchlicky. He translated Dante's "Divine Comedy," Ariosto's "Orlando Furioso," Calderon, "Fanst." Walt Whitman, as well as works from French, Hebrew, Yiddish and Chinese. No one knows how he found the time to do it. Among the leading Czech writers of the present. Frana Sramek, Toman Kodicek, the Capek brothers and Theer rank high. New York Evening Post.

Before and After.

"Before and after pictures," said an opera singer at a Philadelphia musical, "afford some very striking contrasts. This is especially true of before and after pictures of marriage. "A man sat with pipe and book and

an \$18 bottle of hooch before the railator one night while his wife turned a three-year-old dress. "The man laid down his book and

ossed off his fifth drink of hooch. His wife looked up at him calmly, and

"'George, when you proposed to me you said you were not worthy to undo the latchets of my shoes." "George stared at her in amazement.

"'Well, what of it?' he snarled. "'Nothing,' she answered; 'only I will say for you that whatever you were, you weren't a liar.'

TOLSTOY IRKED BY IDLENESS

Letter Written by Russian Philos opher Condemns Life Led by Indolent Men of Means.

The Vossische Zeitung prints the following letter by Tolstoy, written in 1884, with the remark that it has never before been published except in Russian, and that its value lies in the Himalayas. For not only is this the fact that as early as 1884 Toistoy had about made up his mind to do what he did in 1910-leave home and live the life of a peasant. The letter reads in part:

"I am living in the country, involuntarily according to a new method. I go to bed early, get up early, write very little but work a great deal, either making boots or mowing hay. I see with joy (or possibly it only seems to me like joy) that there is something up in my family. They do not condemn me; as a matter of fact, they seem ashamed of themselves.

"What miserable creatures we are and how we have all gone astray. There are a great many of us here, my own children and the children of Kusminsky, and nobody does a thing but gulp down food. They are all big and strong, yet they do nothing. People in the village are at work. My children eat and make their clothes and their rooms dirty and that is all. Everything is done for them by somebody else, yet they do nothing for anybody. And worst of all, they seem to feel that it is as it should be. But I have had my own part in building Merkel Office in rear Farmers up such a system, and I can never forget it. I feel that for them I am trouble-fete. But it is clear that they are beginning to see that this cannot go on this way forever."

HAD NO CAUSE FOR WORRY

Under the Circumstances Wash White Could Afford to Live Life of Elegant Leisure.

Senator Gronna of Dakota was analyzing a political opponent at a Dakota luncheon.

"The man is bad through and through," he said. "He's actually so Hours 10 to 12 a.m 2 to 5 p.m. bad that he mistakes badness for goodness-is proud of himself, in Phones 105-163

"By Jove, he makes me think of Uncle Washington White. As Uncle Wash loafed in front of the poolroom one morning the preacher's wife stopped and said:

"'Washington, why don't you go Office over Farmers State Bank to work?

"Old Wash White, as he puffed serenely on his corncob, answered: "'Bekase Ah got a wife an' children toe suppo't-

"'But,' the preacher's wife impatiently interrupted, 'you can't support them by loafing here in front of this poolroom.

"'Excuse me, Miss' Fo'thly,' said Wash, with dignity. 'Lemme finish mah remark. Wot Ah means toe say is that Ah's got a wife an' chillun toe suppo't me.' "-Detroit Free Press.



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