

SCHOOL NEXT CLASS

A. Burgess has been here since the close of the last week getting the school ready and winding up other matters pertaining to the end of the term of school just closed so that he may leave for a short visit to his home at Lubbock, after which he will return to the State University for the summer. As evidence of the splendid work accomplished by our school the following points are considered of the past year: This year the Merkel school marks the high water mark in attendance for the past years, the enrollment having mounted to 767. The average present each day is 450 pupils. There were an unprecedented number of these who were neither absent nor tardy, these having received honor certificates for this regularity. Such regular attendance and sticking to business accounts for the good work done by most of the pupils this year.

The board of trustees and faculty is to be congratulated upon the raise in classification attained during the past year. Two years ago Merkel High School had with the State Department of Education only 10 units of credits or affiliations. Last year this was raised to 25, and this year just past marks the raising to 40 units, the State Inspector of High Schools having credited six additional units in presentation of proper work, classed by the State as "School of the First Class, Rank A" and with affiliation that entitles graduates of this high school to enter any college or university in Texas without examination.

Some improvements in equipment have also been made during the past year. Fourteen teacher's desks that have been needed for the past ages were added last September. About 200 worth of library books have been also added at no cost to the board, the money having been raised by plays, the lyceum course and entertainments. The elementary teachers and pupils saved over \$500 with which to place the much needed playground equipment on the school grounds. All of this has already been erected except the giant slide which has just recently been unloaded and stored and is ready for use next September.

ANSON DEFEATS MERKEL 7 TO 8

The local ball team journeyed to Anson Tuesday afternoon, in a hard fought game were defeated by the team of that town by a score of seven and eight. Our boys have had had a number of times this year, they are getting straight out now, and we predict with the proper backing will soon begin to get on top as winners. Lets back up, thereby helping them to success.

N. Campbell was in the city of the week from his home and a half miles south of here. He stated that two nice girls over the country surrounding his neighborhood, and would help the growing crop much.

tember. These grade teachers and their pupils are to be commended in their efforts to give the children what most other towns have long had and what is worth so much to the discipline and general spirit of the school. About \$150 worth of laboratory equipment was also added. This was done by Miss Carlisle with the help of her science pupils. The laboratory is now fully equipped for the teaching of General Science, Physical Geography, Physiology and Physics. It is possible that Chemistry may be added for the coming year.

These 767 children have been taught by fourteen teachers. All ten of the grade teachers enrolled more than 45 pupils, the limit fixed by the state, some having enrolled as high as 75. The board hopes to arrange next year so these most crowded rooms will be relieved.

The above recognition from the State Department has been attained by the board of trustees and faculty of teachers with the co-operation of those who really want the best for their children in an educational way and attained in spite of those who knock and complain continually. We hope with proper co-operation to raise the standard even higher next year. Let's give the school our best support, for it is for our children and they are the ones we are sacrificing for.

FARM BUREAU TO MEET JUNE NINTH

The Merkel Mail is requested to announce that there is to be an important meeting of the members of the local Farm Bureau, at the Tabernacle on Thursday evening June 9th, and to which everybody is invited. The merchants, bankers and other business men are also urged to attend and get first hand, just what this organization is doing.

That the Farm Bureau will prove a great benefit to the farmers and the people of the South as a whole, there is no doubt, provided a majority of the farmers will go into same, and the merchant and business man, can also give his hearty co-operation, which will also help to push the move along to success. Let all who can be present at this meeting June 9th.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 o'clock preaching at 11 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. by the pastor. At the evening hour the service will be at the "Tabernacle" instead of the church. The tabernacle is being rebuilt, and put in first class condition. Come out Sunday night, and see how you like it. W. M. Murrell.

BOY SCOUTS

Boys join the Boy Scouts of America. A half million boys are scouts. Get in the game with them. Two patrols were organized last Friday night. Come to the Scout meeting at the Presbyterian church Friday 8 p.m. Boys 12 to 16 years eligible to troop being mustered. Boy Scouts grow into real men. Fred S. Rogers.

Mrs. L. A. Watts left last Friday for Quanah, where she goes as a delegate to the Northwest Texas Conference Meeting of the Ladies Missionary Society of the Methodist church; representing the Methodist Ladies Missionary Society of Merkel. She was accompanied by Miss Marquis who represents the Young Peoples Missionary Society of Merkel.

SOME FACTS ABOUT OUR GOVERNMENT

Not for years has there been such evident unrest as exists in the world today. Even the casual reader of the daily newspaper sees that the world is sick and needs a doctor. The way to social health is through an awakened interest in the affairs of our Government and an increased feeling of our responsibility in its welfare and administration. Not until we understand the magnitude and efficiency of the United States government do we feel the respect for it and the pride in participating in it that it deserves.

At the present moment, in spite of all our unrest, the United States is the most favored of the world's nations. We have enjoyed a century and a half of the "government of the people, for the people, by the people." It is not perfect, but it is the strongest, most substantial and most efficient government in the world today.

The Farmers State Bank is contemplating the free distribution among its friends and patrons of a series of highly illustrated articles on the government of the United States. The articles, although written in popular form, will be of real educational value. They are to be mailed directly to the homes of this community without charge. This plan is in keeping with the new idea that every progressive financial institution owes a broader service to its community. The modern bank is no longer only a place where money is deposited at one window and drawn at another. It is rather a center of constructive and helpful information to which any one may bring his financial problems with some confidence of finding a solution for them.

These stories are designed to show the benefits that each of us derives from the service of the government. They have been brought up to the minute, and however well informed the reader may be he is sure to find something new in them. They have a particular appeal to new citizens, foreigners and school children, as well as furnishing interesting and instructive reading to practically everyone. The community is sure to benefit from this distribution and every home should have a complete set.

Never before have Americans

CITIZEN MOVES TO FORT WORTH

Mr. Walter Jackson and family, after shipping their household goods, left via automobile for Fort Worth where they will reside in the future, and where Mr. Jackson has a position as Educational Secretary of one of the large Baptist churches in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were among Merkel's finest citizens, and have many friends here who deeply regret that they have permanently moved from among them.

We wish for them much happiness and prosperity in their new home.

A real friend is a person who comes to the rescue of another when in need and trouble and misfortune over takes him. When a man is prosperous and on the up grade everyone is his friend. But let him slip a cog and about ten per cent of his former friends stay with him.

HOOVER ADVOCATES CREDIT FOR COTTON

Washington, May 31.—Formal expression by Secretary Hoover of the belief that extended credit facilities are vitally needed in Southern cotton States and that Federal Reserve system curtailments, having served their purpose, "are now bringing great hardship," it contained in a letter from Mr. Hoover made public today by former Senator J. L. McLaurin of South Carolina, who conferred with the Secretary last week regarding the cotton situation at the suggestion of President Harding.

Confirming views he had expressed orally at the interview, Mr. Hoover outlined a policy toward cotton embracing four phases: First, credit extension through co-operation of reserve and member banks; second, better organized export credit machinery to get American cotton into American controlled warehouses abroad; third, improved warehousing methods to make cotton certificates a basis of mobile credit and also acceptable as actual delivery of the cotton; fourth, expression of the opinion that prospective reduced acreage would contribute toward stabilizing the situation over the next year.

taken such an intense interest in their government. The extension of income taxes and the widespread purchase of Liberty Bonds have made us all financial partners in its welfare. We all want to know more about it and we have a right to know. That is why the publication of this material comes at precisely the right moment and why it may be expected to be so welcome. This public interest in governmental affairs is a healthy and natural interest. It will lead to increased knowledge and a long strong stride ahead. This community is to be congratulated on the foresight and enterprise that brings this material within the reach of everyone.

We understand that it is the desire to make this distribution as wide as possible. Some, however, are sure to be overlooked and as the supply of articles is necessarily limited, it is suggested that everyone who wishes to receive them call at the bank and leave their names for inclusion in the mailing list.

FIRE DESTROYS A CITY RESIDENCE

Fire of an unknown origin destroyed the home of J. M. Jourdan located in the northwest part of the city, at about one o'clock last Sunday night.

We are informed the entire building was in flames before any one knew it as the family were all visiting in the country. And while some insurance was carried, we learn the loss will be indeed heavy on Mr. Jourdan and family; as everything in the building was also consumed by the flames.

We extend sympathy in their heavy loss.

R. J. Adcock, of Fort Worth, writes us to keep the Mail coming to his address, inclosing the wherewith to push his subscription up a notch. We are thankful for same.

Roy Propst, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst we are sorry to learn is quite sick this week.

Uncle Tom Toombs, after a visit to his splendid farms consisting of about twelve hundred acres in cultivation, states that two fair rains fell over most of them last week, and that aside from slight damage by hail accompanying the rain, he found crops up and growing off very nicely.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

After a weeks work during these hot summer days you can find a pleasant place in the church on Sunday morning. The association and christian fellowship, with the worship; will help you to meet the new week with renewed courage.

Sunday School 10 a.m. An interesting class for every body. Preaching services 11 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Christian Endeavor 7:30 p.m. Womens Societies meet at the church Monday 3:30 p.m. Prayermeeting Wednesday 8:15 p.m.

These services are open to the people of Merkel and surrounding country. The church puts over its program because men and women attend church not because so many fail to attend. Help fill the house next Sunday, and at the same time you will be helping in putting over our program. Fred S. Rogers.

G. R. Hollaway and family returned first of the week from a visit with relatives at Ivan.

BOYS SCOUTS ARE ORGANIZED HERE

Rev. Fred S. Rogers, pastor of the Merkel Presbyterian church has recently organized two patrols of Boy Scouts of America, and announces another meeting of the organization at the Presbyterian church tonight (Friday) and invites all boys between ages of 12 to 16.

This is indeed a fine move for the boys. It gives them educational features they can get in no other way and provides clean wholesome entertainment; teaches them honesty and uprightness and should have the backing and support of every mother and father in the city.

And as conductor of the movement in this city, we are proud to know that such a splendid man as Bro. Rogers is in charge. Boys come out and learn what the Boys Scouts of America stand for and you will want to join. Lets make the local organization one of the liveliest and best in the state.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School 10 a.m. with a place for you. 362 present last Sunday lets make it 400 again.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

B. Y. P. U. at 5 p.m. All the regular services during the week.

Let every member of the church get on the budget pledge card.

If you haven't signed a card be sure to do so by Sunday and save the committee from having to hunt you up during the week.

Visitors are always welcomed to any of our services. Regular business meeting of the church Wednesday 8 p.m.

Every Baptist in and around Merkel are urged to come on and line up with us and help us do the things that need to be done for the kingdom. Ira L. Par-rack, pastor.

Miss Irene Swann, returned recently from New Mexico, where she has just closed the teaching of a successful term of school. Her many Merkel friends welcome her return.

TABERNACLE IS BEING REPAIRED

For three days this week from five to fifteen men including several competent carpenters, have been working like beavers taking down the high board fence around the Tabernacle and converting the lumber into material for boxing up around the same to about waist high, and other wise repairing and improving same. The space above that being boxed up will be screened in, giving ample ventilation during the most extreme hot weather.

The repairing of the tabernacle will preserve same for a number of years, thus affording a community meeting place for the people of Merkel and surrounding country, and right here we want to commend the three trustees, Messrs Howard, Sheppard and Adcock, who have the matter in charge; also the many carpenters and citizens who have worked so faithfully, donating their time in this worthy cause.

And we also wish to commend Rev. W. M. Murrell, pastor of the local Methodist church, who has shown so much interest in an effort to make possible the repairing and putting this much needed community meeting place in order for the use of all our people for any worthy meeting by them. He announces among his church notes in this issue of the Mail that, on next Sunday evening at 8:15 he will hold his regular service at the tabernacle instead of in the church. Go out and hear him, he will have a great message for you, and then you can see for yourself just what has been done in the way of improving the tabernacle.

OUTING TRIP

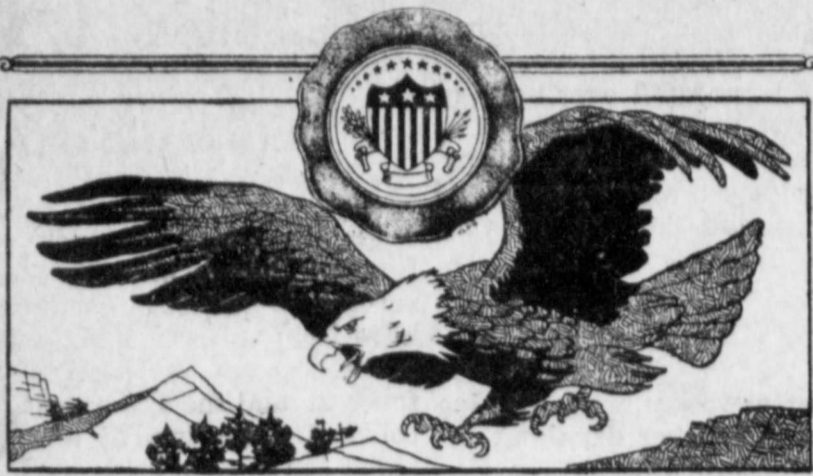
Mrs. Amy Sears and daughters, Mary Eula and Mossey, left last Saturday for Sweetwater where they were met by a party of friends. The entire outing party then left for Midland, Odessa, San Angelo and other places. They report a most enjoyable trip to these places, besides visiting several large ranches on the way.

Miss Lillie Pratt Sears has returned home from attending school at Kid-Key College at Sherman, Texas.

Ross Ferrier and N. A. Dowell made a business trip to Winters first of the week.

NEW PHONE DI- RECTORY IS OUT

The Merkel Mail has this week completed the printing for the Southwestern Telephone Co., of this city a new directory, and which the company gets out twice a year for the convenience of its patrons. We are sure the new directory will be appreciated by the large and growing list of patrons in and out of Merkel, and right here we take pleasure in saying that both Merkel and the Phone Company are fortunate indeed in the fact that so accommodating and efficient manager as Mr. L. E. Stone is in charge. Infact we believe that Merkel has one of the best, most complete and up-to-date systems of any town in all the west. And we are glad to add that, along with our splendid manager, Merkel is blessed with an efficient and accomodating corps of young lady operators.



WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING FOR YOU

We are all proud of our country.

Yet most of us know comparatively little of the activities of our government and what they mean to us. That is why we have secured the exclusive right to distribute locally a series of attractively illustrated folders and booklets containing most interesting accounts of the work of our various governmental departments.

Send us your name and address and we will gladly send you one of these articles each month with our compliments. There is no obligation entailed.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK
MERKEL, TEXAS

Our farmers in Texas: Everybody should try to do something in this world that is worth while. If you can't spread genius over the universe, you can at least do something toward bettering the town and country you live in. Every lawn, tree or flower helps some, and every kind word spoken to a neighbor helps more.

Mr. Loyd Alexander spent last week with his brother Sam Alexander of Tuscola.

Mr. Wash Maggonagall and family spent Sunday with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. Massey.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Logan spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Tate of Tuscola.

Our Sunday school students were agreeably surprised Sunday afternoon when Bro. Tyson our field missionary happened in extending his services over Sunday night.

Mr. Jim Chandler and a few friends from Abilene were guests of Misses Massey for a while Saturday night.

Mrs. Josie Atwood of Merkel spent Saturday night and Sunday with her sister Mrs. Tincy Barnes.

Quite a crowd of Mt. Pleasant people visited the Nubiaites Sunday. They report a very enjoyable dinner along with other pleasures.

The ice cream supper at Mr. Masseys Saturday night was attended by a large crowd who reported a nice time with plenty of cream.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hodo spent Sunday with relatives over at Kale. Bucilla.

We clean, block and reshape Panama and felt hats. Ligon the laundryman phone 218. tf

Ray's business has grown so much this year that he had to hire help. You will find Mr. Hugh Campbell behind the counter.

W. S. Barnes of Trent, route two, was a pleasant caller at this office first of the week.

Entirely true. There is too much genius of the head in proportion to the quantity of hand genius available. There are some Americans who imagine the only things worth doing are those which entitle the doers to newspaper notoriety. The quiet man who raises a crop of potatoes and a couple of rows of popcorn has genius of both head and hand and deserves more consideration than the one who makes a speech with garlands of poesy and rigmaroles of alliteratives in it. Too much of American civilization has always been devoted to the rostrum. We have learned to dwell so intensely upon the political side of our national development we have got the idea that a man doesn't do much unless he reads law, gets himself admitted to the bar and eventually wins election to the governorship of the United States Senate. We magnify our Calhouns and Clays and Websters, our Wilsons and Hardings and minimize, actually or in contrast, our captains of industry and our agricultural and pastoral producers. State Press believes that the man who digs out title and ownership to a farm, builds a decent home and raises an industrious and intelligent family does more for America than most of those who go to Congress and delight us on the Fourth of July. Political prosperity is desirable to be sure, and statesmanship essential to such prosperity. But as a nation of people we have permitted ourselves to encourage oratory at the expense of more vital interests.—State Press.

Block Salt 70¢ Ray, Blair, 1t



Condensed Statement at Close of Business April 28

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$271,661.22
U. S. Securities	11,222.57
Other Bonds and Warrants	14,894.93
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	700.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Other Real Estate	3,000.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX.	221,351.81
Total	\$529,593.03

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	11,508.10
Circulation Acct.	5,650.00
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
OTHER LIABILITIES	NONE
DEPOSITS	447,434.93
Total	\$529,593.03

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

1. Subject "Thy Kingdom come in the world."
 2. Leader Cyrus Pee.
 3. Song Service.
 4. Prayer by Rev. Murrell.
 5. Twenty-third Psalm in concert.
 6. Scripture lesson (Mat. 6:7-15 4:8-11.)
 7. Leader's talk.
 8. Solo J. W. Henderson.
 9. "Can Christ count on us?" Mamie McNeese.
 10. "His Kingdom come through service." Ruth Pike.
 11. Piano Solo Lorena Frazier.
 12. Reading.
 13. Song.
 14. Benediction.
- Come to the Epworth League at 7:00 o'clock.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

1. Subject "With Jesus by the seashore."
2. Leader and introduction Mrs. J. R. Hardy.
3. Piano solo Lillian Craig.
4. The same Tender care—Bell McDonald.
5. Jesus interested in Peter—Reid Cox.
6. Jesus helps Peter regain love and faith in Him—Ruth Jones.
7. Peter in Satan's sifter Gladys Hardy.
8. Vocal solo—Althea Boden.
9. Reading—Maurine Angus.
10. Peter's Testimony to Jesus George Sharp.
11. The unequal things of life—Valerie Dye.
12. Conclusion—Ira L. Parrack.

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Gallon Peaches 48¢ Ray Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Brown of Breckenridge were here last Sunday the guests of Rev. Rogers and family; Mrs. Brown being a sister to Mrs. Rogers.

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Reckless driving on our city streets and public highways is a disease easy of diagnosis. It is not incurable although it requires a remedy rather drastic in nature—a bitter dose to swallow, but entirely without danger to the patient. The remedy has been suggested in Farm and Ranch heretofore. We repeat it. License every driver of a motor vehicle. Make the fee nominal and the penalty for driving without license or permit, a term in jail. Cancel the license of every driver, who violates the traffic and highway laws, for terms varying from thirty days to twelve months. Enforce the law to the letter. This prescription, if filled and the remedy applied, would reduce violations to a minimum and save several hundred lives which are annually sacrificed in Texas and other Southern States, to the speed maniac and other drivers who are indifferent to the rights of others.

It is said that crime is a disease of the mind. Reckless driving is a crime. It is indulged in by brainless idiots, pin headed young squirts, who try to show off, and irresponsible men and boys with smart-Aleck dispositions. In cities and towns the most dangerous drivers are boys piloting laundry cars and other delivery vehicles, including some big truck drivers. Why should men and boys of this character be allowed to endanger the life and property of others? License all drivers and cancel the license of law violators. It will cure disease.—Farm and Ranch.

You will be another pleased customer if you know good ironing and pressing. Ligon laundryman, phone 218.

We regret to learn that friend E. D. Coats is quite sick again this week. We join his friends in the hope he will soon be up and ab gain.

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THURSDAY CLUB

Mesdames Arrington and Weaver very pleasingly entertained the Thursday Club at the home of the latter. The rooms were beautifully decorated with a profusion of roses. Several games of progressive 42 were played. Two contests were given which added much to the pleasure and merriment of the guests. Miss Roberts was most efficient in the first contest and Mrs. Frank McFarland in the second.

Refreshments consisting of a salad, potato chips, cheese wafers, orange sherbet and rosette wafers were served with sweet peas as plate favor.

The out of town guests were Mesdames Miller, DeWolf and Miss Roberts, other guests were Mesdames G. J. Jones and Shaffer Club members present were: Mesdames T. L. Grimes, W. J. Largent, Howard, Brown, Hicks, Winters, Jones, James West, McFarland, Gamble, Lassiter, Johnson and the hostess. Reporter.

Miss Johnnie Sears has as her guest her cousin Martha Jo Sears of Whitewright.

Franklin on War. Mad wars destroy in one year the works of many years of peace.—Franklin.

MISS JOHNNIE SEARS ENTERTAINS

Miss Johnnie Sears was hostess to a number of her little friends in honor of her cousin Martha Jo Sears of Whitewright. The evening was spent in playing various interesting games on the lawn.

A refreshment consisting of ice cream and cake was served to the following: Helen Booth, Flora Francis Anderson, Mary Comegys, Louise Booth, Tommie Durham, Mildred Hamm, Lola Dennis, Marjory Bland, Beth Hamm, Velma Holden, Elizabeth Harkrider, Lorene Dixon, Lois Dixon and the honored guest, Martha Jo Sears and the hostess.

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There are from twelve to fourteen million bales of cotton raised annually. Every bale has to be classed from one to four times, seldom by the same man twice. Until the last five years, there have been no training schools in this line, consequently the supply of men for this work is limited. Thousands of warehouses are being erected in this country and every warehouse requires two or three men to handle the cotton. The commissioner of the Market and Warehouse Departments has appointed a Board of Examiners to examine applicants for license as Public Cotton Classers. To those passing a license is issued to engage in the business of Public Cotton Classing and to charge for his services. These examinations are open to both men and women. Practically every town and village where cotton is sold will employ one or more licensed cotton classers.

Aaron Sapiro, Organizer for the National Marketing Association, says that between 10% and 16% of the entire cotton crop is lost to farmers on account of incorrect grading. It is the purpose of the Association to have competent Cotton Classers grade their cotton for all farmers belonging to the Association. This statement from one who is in a position to know shows two things, first that the man who raises cotton should be able to class it, to protect himself from loss, and second, that there is a wide and growing field of employment for the competent cotton man.

Cotton is the leading product of the South and will continue to be. Every young man of the South should know the classification and handling of cotton. More money is lost each year by the farmers on the marketing of this product than all other crops combined. The man raising it often knows nothing about marketing it and is therefore wholly at the mercy of the man buying. The facts are we lose thousands of dollars each year for lack of trained men.

The young man or woman trained in the Cotton Classing Department of our institution, the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, is in a much better position to take one of these many positions that are opening up, or to protect his own interests as a grower, than one who has had no training, or a training by guess. In four weeks' time we can prepare you to save this year more than double the cost of your learning, or to take a good position with unlimited opportunity. We have been asked, "How do you teach Cotton Classing so successfully?" Believing that the time has come when the South needs to know more about her leading product, when the farmer should know more about marketing the crop which he labors so earnestly to produce, and which means meat and bread to his family, we have equipped our department so that the most efficient teaching possible may be done. Our teachers understand classing, stapling, buying and selling from a practical standpoint, and are experts in the training of students. The head of this department is constantly in touch with the Agricultural Department at Washington, D. C. and at Austin, Texas, from whom we get the Government types; besides these we purchase samples in quantities of three to four thousand. For full particulars, fill in and mail coupon for free catalogue.

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ONE DAY

By MARY J. HITCHCOCK.

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Oliver Bryne ran his car down to the turn in the woodland road. Then his horn barked a greeting to the blue clad figure hurrying toward the car. The woman waved her hand in response.

"Come, help me over the fence," she called.

With a conscious quickening of pulses the man lifted her over. She laughed up into his face.

"Did I keep you waiting? I tried to be on time."

"For me—or of me?" With the question her laughter rang out. Her eyes challenged him.

"The Queen rides out today," he quoted softly as he helped her into the car.

"Where?" as she snuggled down beside him.

He named an inn some miles away.

"But why go there?"

"Well, one must eat; and I remember that you love to dance—"

"You wouldn't like it?"

He leaned to her. "Not for a single minute, but—"

"We won't go, then."

"Well, where?"

She told him and he stared at her, wondering.

"You told me you never wanted to see that place again—that you wanted to forget—"

"That was more than a month ago."

"You mean that now you don't—?"

"What would you forget if you could?"

"First of all that my wife has decided to divorce me."

"You're sorry?"

"As the devil!" explosively. "And for all the sins of omission and commission that made her think she would be happier without me."

And now she could not look at him, though she tried. "You say these things—and to me!" she managed in smothered tones.

"To you first of all! Allie—." He leaned to her again, his breath hot on her cheek.

"There's the place!" she cried, conscious even as she spoke that it was a mistake. Then, in a rush of swift confusion: "Perhaps you can't help being yourself, but, I should think you'd get tired of your own wilfulness at times."

"Do I need to confess it?" She glanced at him with slant eyes. "I got tired long before you showed me—"

"That your wife was tired of finding you always cross and impatient. You can be awfully crabbed!" she interposed.

"I haven't a doubt of it!" The new air of humility sat well upon him.

"But it's the nature of a crab to present a hard outside—they get softer and sweeter the deeper you go."

She smiled through humid eyes. "It's because I've begun to realize that—that I am running away with you like this."

"Are we running away—?"

"Don't you know—?"

"There!" He slowed for the stop as she leaned forward, seeking out with eager glance the little rustic house among the trees. "It looks just as it did that first time we came here. But you've taken the name down!"

"Why not? Honey-moon Camp doesn't seem fitting—now."

"But it looks as if it might be related to a honeymoon even now."

"Open the door, please. I'm going in."

"Don't you realize that you can't—you ought not?"

"Are you going to prevent it?"

"All right, but I warned you," said Bryne.

"We'll have lunch," she said, tugging at the side hampers. "Take them in, please."

"We'd better start back as soon as possible," he said, as they pushed back their chairs.

She looked up quickly. "I'm not going back."

"But you can't stay here—alone!"

"I planned on having you for company."

He checked the impulse to draw her into his arms.

"If that's all—we must get back before dark."

"You—you—want to go?"

"Only for your sake," as quietly as his bounding pulses would allow. "I'll wait outside if you'll hurry."

She let him go. Then, picking up a magazine—relic of their former visit—she sat down at the window, pretending to read. Presently, she looked up, smiling, as she met the accusing look in his eyes. He did not suspect that she had let him stand in the doorway, while she appeared to be absorbed in the story.

"The gasoline—it's all run out!" His tone accused as well as his eyes.

"You—"

"And, if I did?" she asked, shamelessly.

"But, why—?"

Almost, he knew what her answer would be. But he listened eagerly, breathlessly, thirsting for her broken utterance as the desert thirsts for rain.

"Because I—I—wanted to end our misunderstandings."

"Then you really don't want to divorce me?"

But he did not need to ask. Her eyes were saying wonderful things.

"I'm the happiest!"

"No, I am!" she corrected.

And this time he did not resist the impulse that moved him. His arms reached for her—held her close.

CUPID ALIAS BILLY

By WILLIS GRAY.

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If Marjorie's thoughts as she deftly cut out and pasted crimson hearts to lacy backgrounds wandered far from the work in hand, Billy and his little sister were none the wiser. Tomorrow was Valentine's day, and she had agreed to help them make the proper offerings to lay at various shrines among their schoolmates.

As a matter of fact, Marjorie was grateful for any occupation that kept her from seeking the seclusion of her own room and having a regular good cry. One doesn't have a perfectly splendid fiancé go out of one's life every day, metaphorically slamming the door behind him—and all over nothing.

Over and over in her mind revolved the events of the previous evening. Bruce had arrived half an hour later than usual. She had demanded the reason for his tardiness—in fun. He had refused to give any—in fun. And before they knew it they had a regular-sized quarrel on their hands.

Bruce had maintained that for her to insist showed she didn't trust him. She had held just as stoutly that the fact that he didn't tell her argued that the reason was one he knew would displease her, and the only one that would displease her would be connected with some other girl, and so—oh, it had all been so silly, until the last, which had been tragic.

Bruce had risen and remarked coldly that he was going home and would come again when she sent for him. Marjorie could bear herself now saying in unutterably haughty tones that never under any circumstances could she conceive it possible that she would even think of such a thing! Bruce had departed by way of the front door. Marjorie had gone upstairs, remorse already battling with dignity.

With a sigh she brought herself back to the present. "What shall I put in for a verse?" she asked.

"Oh, anything," said Billy, offhand.

"Make up something with lots of the silly stuff that is usually on valentines."

In the space left for them beside an over-plump cupid shooting a very large arrow at a very small heart, Marjorie carefully penned the lines.

"I love you dear,
For you are mine,
Oh come and be
My valentine!"

"Thanks," said Billy, gratefully.

"It's rather mushy, but you might as well write the same one on them all."

So over and over Marjorie printed the little verse until the short February day was swallowed in the twilight.

"We'll stop now, kiddies," said Marjorie. "Put them in their envelopes and I'll mail them in the box at the corner."

Now, the corner where the mail box stood was also the corner Bruce passed on his way home from the train.

So accurately did Marjorie time her trip to the corner that the last of the bunch of childishly scrawled envelopes had slipped irrevocably in and the lid closed with a click, when she heard behind her the familiar step, and turning, raised her eyes to meet the unsmiling ones of Bruce. Afterward she remembered that he had looked for a moment as if he wanted to stop. But he had merely raised his hat politely—and walked on. And Marjorie, the words of contrition halted on her lips, had started after him in sorry dismay.

That evening Marjorie left the living room for the reception room where she usually entertained Bruce.

Suddenly, the front door opened, and the draperies parted to admit a smiling eyed young man who advanced with outstretched arms into which Marjorie straightway went. "Bruce," she whispered, "it was lovely for you to give in!"

"Give in!" he cried, "who wouldn't give in after that adorable little invitation. Why, you darling, I was ready to come anyway, but after getting that—"

Marjorie detached herself from his embrace. "Getting what?" she asked coldly.

"Oh, I know it by heart," he began:

"I love you, dear,
For you are mine,
Oh, come and be
My valentine!"

Marjorie was silent for the space of a whole half minute.

"That—awful Billy!" she said. "He must have sent one to you."

"Sweetheart," said Bruce, softly, "are you really sorry?"

Marjorie looked up at him. "No—o—o," she said hesitatingly, then emphatically: "No, I'm not!"

"Weren't we silly geese?" whispered Bruce over her dark hair. "The reason I was late was—"

"Don't ever tell me!" cried Marjorie, putting a soft hand over his mouth.

And he never did. But considering that it was only a matter of a missed train, it was of no importance, anyway.

Discovery of a Law.

"I understand you have discovered the law of gravitation," remarked the neighbor who happened to be passing the orchard.

"Yes," replied Sir Isaac Newton; "and a good job I consider it. There's one law that won't require a big appropriation and an army of deputies to enforce it."

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETS FRIDAY N.

As per Chairman Mason's announcement last week, the Community Club will meet in regular session at the Tabernacle tonight, (Friday) and besides the regular business to come before the organization, there will be another spelling Match, words to be given out from the Old Blue Back Speller. And the contestants are to be lined up so as to give everybody a chance to hear the words given out and spelled. And we believe that Mr. L. R. Thompson has kindly consented to give out the words. This will be interesting to one and all.

It is also around that there may be a wedding of a popular couple both members of the organization who just have a desire to get married at this Community Club meeting. Now, the Merkel Mail wants it understood that we do not "back up" this talk, but just state that here is a rumor going the rounds that such is liable to happen. Come out and see yourself.

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Character is an anchor. When it drags you are liable to get into trouble. Young man, keep your citizenship on straight, your eye on the main chance, don't watch the clock, stick to your job and harvest success.

Man who appeals to your senses and passions on a position which is wrong and the detriment of one's friend could receive a deaf ear. Stay with your friends and they will stay with you.

The Merkel merchants should receive your patronage over and above all out of town concerns. He is your friend when you need him. He pays taxes toward the upkeep of the town and country. He contributes to local charity. His prices, if compared with quality, will prove to your advantage.

A twelve per cent cut in the wages of railroad employes as proposed to take effect July 1, will mean a saving to the railroads of \$4,000,000. A cut in the freight rates would help all the people. And more than likely the roads are more able to make such a cut than are the employes to stand a cut of their wages by the roads.

President Harding's remarks at the Memorial Day celebration concerning the things which were fought for in the war were pleasing to all citizens, and were very similar to the utterances of our ambassador to England, concerning the gathering of those who were killed in the war. But it is necessary for our President to be a great American statesman, when such as Colonel Harvey are our representatives in foreign lands.

Congressman James W. Wood is the chairman of the appropriations committee of the House. He estimated the national wealth and debt of the countries of the world as follows: Great Britain, \$1,000,000,000, debt \$380,000,000; France, wealth \$580,000,000, debt \$46,025,000; Italy, wealth \$22,800,000, debt \$17,900,000,000; Germany, wealth \$80,000,000,000, debt \$46,000,000,000, and this does not include indemnities or reparations. United States, wealth \$250,000,000,000, debt \$24,000,000,000. If the figures don't stagger the reader then he cannot be staggered as to the wealth of European countries.

CK TO ARKANSAS

Thomas was born and raised in Arkansas, and has spent most of his life in that state. He is now away from there for a year and a half, and he is not longer. He is expected to be back here last Tuesday for a backward glance, which shows that he has the courage to face his convictions. He is going to the good old state, where a native feels the shade of a tree and a "bee tree", and of his trusty dog. He is bringing the bacon to the state where he was born of wood," but he is a pile, and "plenty of water" down at the spring; to the land of good gardens and seed ticks, huckle berry and red bugs, camp meetings and moonshine whiskey. Speaking of the latter, a recent sojourner from that state said sadly "you can't sell it no more. They're all making it for themselves."

We wish you luck
 And admire your pluck,
 As we say "Goodbye old scout",
 And we only hope
 As we give you rope,
 That you know what you're about.

Your soul will fill
 With contentment, Bill,
 You will feel that you "belong",
 When the shadows grow deep
 And you're lulled to sleep,
 By the bull frog's siren song.

When home you land,
 And are feeling grand,
 In the land of the "flowing bowl",
 Just give one sigh
 For us SO DRY,
 As the moonshine lifts your soul.

When you've older grown
 And your "oats" are sown,
 And the life has lost its zest,
 The same old track
 Will lead you back,
 To the land of the golden west
 By His Cousin.

BLAIR DOTS

The people of our community was surprised with a hail and rain Tuesday, and some damage was done.

We are sorry to say that Mr. Billie Parker happened to a severe accident Wednesday when a planter seat fell on his head.

Misses L. V. Rains and Bessie Brooks motored to Merkel Tuesday with Miss Hester Blackburn. Miss Nina Provine leaves for Canton, Texas where she will enter high school.

Mr. Purl Sanford motored to Merkel with Mr. Jonnie Ray Thursday.

Mr. John Reynolds spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks at Trent.

Walter Hunter has just purchased himself a new Ford. Miss Blanche Horton motored to Merkel Saturday.

Misses Nina Provine, Mae and Bonnie Melton were the guests of Mrs. Inez Mayfield Sunday afternoon.

Bro. Smith preached at Blair Sunday and will preach next Sunday.

Mr. Jim Moore and family spent Sunday in the Nubia community.

The ball game was a failure as I.X.L. let Blair win. Come on you I.X.L. boys.

There was a singing at Uncle Jimmie Doan's Sunday night, and was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Billie Parker is looking mighty blue as Mr. Purl Sanford was motoring Miss L. V. Rains and Miss Elsie Sharp around Sunday afternoon.

Miss Alpha Williams has been visiting relatives in Abilene.

Mr. O. W. Walker and family spent Sunday with Mr. E. Perkins.

Mrs. J. P. Richie has been visiting her daughter at Galesboro. Pig Track.

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Coming Wm. S. Hart in "The Desert Man"
 "William Russell in "From the West"

"DISARMAMENT OR BUST"

A comparison of per capita federal government expenses made by a Texas congressman is very interesting. He began in 1850 with the following results: The expenses per capita in 1850 were \$1.77; in 1860, \$2.01; in 1870, \$7.21; in 1880, \$5.28; in 1890, \$4.75; in 1900, \$6.39; in 1910, \$7.30, and in 1920, \$57.52. Our government spent per capita in 1920 more than thirty-two times as much as it spent in the year 1850, and this is the conclusion of the federal lawmaker: "The tragic part of it all is that we are running in a vicious circle to which there seems to be no end and which is ever increasing the amount of our annual expenditures." And get this: A very small per cent, probably not as much as 10 per cent, has been used for the constructive civil expenses of the government and the other 90 per cent has been used on the side of the ledger to which is charged past, present and future war expenditures.

ures. William Gibbs McAdoo rang the bell when he said: "Disarmament or bust seems to be the alternative the world is facing today."—Record.

SPEAKING OF THE 3 PER CENT CLAUSE

President Harding signed the new immigration act, and plans for its enforcement have been perfected. Based on the 3 per cent clause, approximately 355,461 foreign-born persons will be permitted entrance into the United States from the time the bill became effective until July 1, 1922, when the measure expires automatically. The total foreign-born white population of the United States at the completion of the 1910 census, on which the 3 per cent clause is figured, was 13,703,907. These countries will be restricted to approximately the following number of their nationals during the restrictive period:

Russia	51,974
Austria	50,117
Italy	40,294
Sweden	19,956
Norway	12,116
Denmark	5,449
France	3,523
Switzerland	3,745
Holland	3,634
Greece	3,038
Rumania	1,978
Turkey	2,579
Portugal	1,781
Belgium	1,483
Spain	663
Bulgaria	345
Serbia	1,330
Montenegro	161

Hundreds of Europeans have made their way into the United States via Mexico. They make the landing at Mexican ports of entry and are either smuggled across the Rio Grande or elude the watchfulness of the customs guards.

According to Washington advices, many new guards will be appointed and additional inspectors will be sent to the Rio Grande cities and towns.

There are upwards of 2,000,000 idle men in the United States—idle for no fault of their own. There are many after-the-war problems to be solved.

This emergency immigration bill was rushed through to shut out the hordes from Europe bent upon coming this year.

National lawmakers are to study immigration and prepare a measure that will be fair to America and fair to all the nations of the earth, this to supplant the 3 per cent restrictive act signed by the President—Record.

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Don't forget June 4. Ray at Blair, Texas. It

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The Misses Garoutte had as their guests to a fruit luncheon at their home, Mrs. J. B. Steele and children and Mrs. Duncan Briggs.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

We are pleased to announce to our friends and the public in general, that we have purchased the 'Smokehouse Confectionary' from Messrs Latham Bros. and Sanders, and will appreciate a continuance of the patronage from their former customers as well as those of our former customers.

We invite you to call in to see us when in need of Cold Drinks, Ice Cream, Hamburgers, Hot Tamales, Candies, Tobaccos, Cigars and Cigarettes. Don't forget the place, on Front St. **HARDY and SON**

Don't forget the tub with the hole in it. Ray, Blair. It

...been a nice rain since the last pening from this community. It fell last Friday evening, it was preceded by a very heavy hail Thursday which damaged only a few crops.

Uncle Zach Turner and wife left Tuesday of this week for Cisco where the latter will take treatment. She has been ill for some time and we hope hurried recovery.

Miss Lucile Boyd of Abilene, spent a few days last week with some of her old time friends here.

Sunday was another big day at Nubia. Preaching, singing, and around get-together, and a big dinner, that is, especially where the "around get-together" happened.

Miss Dewey Blair of Merkel, is visiting relatives and friends.

Those who were out Sunday night and took the trip to Japan with the B.Y.P.U. are cordially invited out next Sunday night on a like occasion. Be sure to bring some one with you.

Mr. B. B. Reynolds happened to a dangerous accident Sunday night, however, no injuries were sustained. He stepped off a bluff about five feet high.

Herureux Euse

Mrs. Wigginton and little son Jack, of Brady, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dry.

Mrs. T. G. Bragg left Thursday morning for Sapulpa, Oklahoma to visit her daughter, Mrs. Dee Grimes.

D. B. Baird, of Antoine, Ark., and daughter, Miss Lena arrived in Merkel last Friday for a visit with their son and brother, Pat Baird, one of our local barbers. The former returned to his home first of the week, while the young lady will spend the summer with her brother and family.

THE SUNLIT WAY
By AGNES BROGAN.
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Jasmine rode every morning, down the sunlit way. The park surrounding her big shabby home was gloomy in its wealth of trees. The house was gloomy, too; so in her hour of recreation, Jasmine chose the sunlit way. Jasmine, seated on her white horse, Bonnie, loved to dream, at the water's edge, of that other world so far away and yet near, where other young people laughed and talked, and sang together.

Since her mother's death, when she had been too young to remember, the girl had known little companionship save that of Ursula, the housekeeper, and James Rhodes, her father. James Rhodes, aged prematurely by disappointment and sorrow, was a severe man.

The one friend who continued to bear with his humors was John Westwood of Westwood place, next door. And as James Rhodes, in his broken-hearted isolation—for he had never ceased to mourn his wife's loss—grew poorer, John Westwood, energetic and successful in business, grew ever richer.

Now, the one stubborn desire of the old thwarted man was to make that wealth his daughter's, through her marriage to his friend.

John Westwood admired Jasmine very much; he loved her, he said, and would make her happy. So Jasmine grievously disturbed, rode every morning down the sunlit way, trying to think out an escape from the impending fate. The girl in absorbing tenderness for her father, could not bear to deny his heart's one desire, and yet—

A stranger sat at the end of the sunlit road one day, a young and idle stranger, with arms clasped behind his head against the tree on which he leaned, and brown hair blown by the breeze from his high, white forehead. As the young man's frank blue eyes came back from their survey of the river, they rested upon Jasmine—seated there on her horse, in a kind of joyous wonder.

"You?" asked the young man, dreamily, "who are you?" And also smilingly wondering, the girl replied: "I am Jasmine."

The stranger nodded. "Of course," he said, "I might know that you would be Jasmine—when you came. A white flower." Strangely acquiescent, she allowed him to take the bridle from her hand and lead her to a seat on the grass at his side.

"You come from the old house, Jasmine?" the young man asked.

"You see, I know that there are but two houses, and John Westwood lives in the other."

"Yes," she answered slowly, "from the old house."

"And you are?" he hesitated over his question.

Then Jasmine smiled. "I am," she told her questioner, "occupied there as—companion."

She was away before the stranger could detain her, flying on Bonnie's back, up the sunlit road. In the somber silence of the park trees, the girl calmed, and her eyes grew wistful. Had it not all been a dream? Yet she went again, and still again, and every coming found him waiting. Then firmly Jasmine told herself that the meetings must end. It was the white horse who carried her there.

"I did not mean to come," she told the young man, decidedly. "Bonnie brought me."

"And your heart led Bonnie," he answered laughing softly, in confident assurance.

"But now that I have come," the girl went on, "I shall stay only to confess my deceit, and then—good-by. I am Jasmine Rhodes, and I am to marry John Westwood."

"You!" gasped the young man, "to marry my crabbed old uncle? You, my little white flower!"

"Your uncle," she faltered confusedly.

The lover impatiently nodded.

"I came down to visit my uncle," he said. "He is putting me through college. Through all his crustiness, my uncle has an affection for me. But if you think that I shall let you marry him—"

Young John Westwood broke off abruptly.

"There is only one way to straighten it all," he said, "and we must hurry. My roadster will carry us quicker than Bonnie. It's on the river road. First, we will have to get a license. Then you shall come back here as my wife. Wealth can mean nothing to you as compared with love. Come, dear heart."

But Jasmine lingered.

"Some day," she said, "I will go with you. But first, I must be honest with both my father and his friend."

From behind the shelter of a tree came suddenly old John Westwood. "I would advise you, my dear," he said quietly, "to obey now the dictate of your heart. This lad is a good lad, and true love is more than money. I, myself, shall see your father, and after all, I am sure he will be well pleased with my nephew as son-in-law, when he learns that I shall make him my heir."

"Oh," murmured Jasmine, "how can you be so generously blind!"

Old John Westwood smiled.

"Until this morning," he said, "it has been many long years since I glimpsed the Sunlit Way."

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A working girl had a pain in her stomach. Nothing unusual of course. She went to a physician. He could not find anything definitely wrong, but said it might be appendicitis, and advised that an X-ray be made. It was made, and the only thing that the X-ray showed was \$35, which the young lady had saved out of a very moderate salary. The X-ray man got the \$35. The young lady didn't even get the X-ray photograph, but will get another doctor's bill, the size of which is unknown at this writing. Probably in his wrath because the X-ray didn't find an excuse for an operation and a big fee the M. D. destroyed the picture.

Before and after the X-raying and clinic the young lady continued at work, but her employer lost an hour of her time while the photograph was being made. She will not need more X-raying and examinations until she can pay the doctor's and X-ray man's fees, and accumulate sufficient money again to afford another trial at finding something to pay the doctors for.—Farm and Ranch.

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Blair Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears

daughter, attended the all-day

singing at Compere.

Mrs. Arlie Hodges visited at

the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H.

Spears last Saturday and Sunday.

G. I. Gibson, residing three

miles east, was here recently

and made this office a pleasant

call.

Mrs. Ruth Darsy, after an extended

visit with her son J. T. Darsey

and family, left first of the

week for her home at McGregor,

Texas.

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Miss Mildred Sanders, of Putnam, is here attending the bedside of her sister, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sanders, who has been quite ill from typhoid fever.

Miss Norma Jackson, of Spurr was the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. O. M. Sharp of Fort Worth, was here this week attending the bedside of her mother, Mrs. A. L. Jobe, who has been in ill health for some time.

Mrs. J. B. Steele and children of Waureka, Oklahoma, are here on a visit to the former's mother Mrs. W. P. Browning.

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Farmers everywhere are look-
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and that the selling end is just
as important as any other phase
of their work. Therefore they
are organizing for the purpose
of putting their products on the
market at a fair price and not
for just what the buyer offers.
If one or any number of the or-
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Mr. Farmer will keep on organiz-
ing until he secures a plan which
will insure him a just share of
the wealth he produces.—Farm
and Ranch.

POINTS THE WAY

The statement of this Abilene
Resident will interest our read-
ers.

Our neighboring town, Abi-
lene points the way in the words
of one of its most respected res-
idents:

Mrs. J. F. Ray, 604 Oak St.,
Abilene, Texas, says: "I certain-
ly believe in Doan's Kidney Pills
or they have proven to me that
they are just as represented. If
I did a little heavy work it
weakened my kidneys and I
would have a dull, aching in my
back. I was also annoyed with
headaches and would become so
dizzy I felt as though I would
fall. I certainly needed some-
thing and as I had heard so
much about Doan's Kidney Pills
I decided to try them. I got
Doan's and used them. They
entirely cured me and I have
been in fine health since. I don't
know what a pain in the back is
more."

at all dealers. Foster-
Co., Mfgs., Buffalo,

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. West left
today for Fort Worth where
they will attend a state meeting
of the Sunday School Superin-
tendents of the Baptist church.
Mr. West is superintendent of
the Merkel Baptist church and
Mrs. West will be absent
from this city over next Sun-
day as above stated.

Corn 3 cans 25¢. Ray, Blair,
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A large number gathered for
their social meeting on last Fri-
day afternoon at the hospitable
home of Mrs. Ernest Horton.

We were delighted to have
with us Mrs. W. K. Horn from
Post City.

The business session was con-
ducted in the usual way, follow-
ed by Mrs. General Jones erad-
ing to us a beautiful lesson story
from the Standard, entitled
"What I have that I give" which
was inspiring and greatly en-
joyed.

Our hostess then passed to
each, paper and pencil, and were
told to see how many words we
could spell from the word "Con-
stantinople." Mrs. Judd Shep-
pard being winner, had to read
her list to the class.

Quite a number, getting un-
easy about the cloud coming up,
left before the meetng was over
therefore missed the main fea-
ture of the afternoon, that being
delicious ice cream and cake.

The meeting was then dismis-
ed to meet again July 1st., with
Mrs. O. B. Boden. Reporter.

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- Men's half soles \$1.00
- Ladies' half soles 90c
- Rubber heels 50c

Other work in proportion

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PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

For Monday June 6 a business
meeting of the Missionary So-
ciety will be held at the church
at 3:30 o'clock.

The ladies of the Auxiliary
wish to thank the ladies of the
other churches and Societies for
the interest shown on last Mon-
day afternoon. A good turnout
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THE T. E. L. CLASS

Mrs. L. B. Howard, at Mrs. F.
K. Rister apartments, was hos-
tes to the T. E. L. Class of the
First Baptist church on Tuesday
afternoon. Lovely Sweet Peas
gave beauty and fragrance to
the large living room. A very
interesting contest called "Sweet
hearts of the Bible" afforded
much pleasure.

Mrs. Eargel Meador proving
the best Bible scholar, was re-
warded a little bowl of Shasta
Daisys. A delicious refresh-
ment plate of fish salad on let-
tuce leaf, sliced tomatoes and
flakes with Ice Tea and with
Shasta Daisys as plate favors.

Those present were Mesdames
W. J. Largent, Layman Collins,
Ergel Meador, Eura Bland, Earl
Lasiter, Jinks Winter, A. R.
Booth and Mrs. Olly Shaffer of
El Paso and the hostess. The
next social meeting will be with
Mrs. A. R. Booth.

Cecil W. Jobe and wife were
up from Eastland Sunday for a
visit with the former's parents,
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe.

working
from Judge Simpkins of the fac-
ulty of the law school of the
State University: "The happiest
homes," he says, "are those in
which one finds the best house-
keepers. This has taught me
that calories, wisely administer-
ed, is the best insurance against
divorces. My advice to young
men is to find graduates of the
department of home economics
before they take any marriage
vows. To young ladies, I say,
"learn domestic economy and
it will be a simple matter to find
the husband upon whom to pr-
actice what you have learned."
And if that doesn't boost the
enrollment at C. I. A. at Denton,
what would? Digestion, first
aid to Cupid—who would have
thought it!—Terrell Tribune.

A young woman who learns
nothing about housekeeping be-
fore she marries and refuses to
learn after marriage is headed
for the divorce court. The time
has passed when any man's wife
can say that she is too good or
too smart or too precious to give
her attention to the humdrum
rites of housewifery, or even to
devote her hands and feet to the
transactions involved in cookery
and sweepery. Some housework
is good for a woman. To be
merely a pet while young and
supple, or to be merely a drone
when middle-aged and wealthy,
is not opposed to a woman's best
physical interest, but contrary
to the obligations of wifehood.
It is the man's duty to provide
and the woman's duty to make
the best use of the provision,
whether they be millionaires or
wage earners. Capability is as
much the mark of a superior wo-
man as it is of a superior man.
There are many causes for di-
vorce other than the failure of
the house to become a home.
But undoubtedly Judge Simpkins
is correct in ascribing to bad
housekeeping and bad cookery a
state of mind that often leads to
the separation of husband and
wife. The capable are the mis-
tocratic.—State Press in Dallas
News.

100 lbs. Cane Sugar \$8.75.
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and appreciate good work in
cleaning and pressing let me
have your next suit. Ligon the
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calves to the Fort Worth mar-
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ports the market very hard.

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