

JUDGE ELY URGES LAW ENFORCEMENT

"Murder ought to be stopped in this county. Human life is a sacred thing—in fact, it is the most sacred thing that there is."

Thus spoke District Judge W. R. Ely in his charge to the grand jury which was empanelled Monday morning when district court convened in what is expected to be one of the busiest five weeks in the history of the body.

Prefacing his charge with some remarks as to the importance of grand jury service, Judge Ely declared that the enforcement of the law rests on the citizenship and that the law cannot be properly enforced except that this be so.

"In this county", Judge Ely said, addressing the grand jury, "you have your full share of crime. I believe that the crime wave which has been sweeping the country has abated, but crimes of violence in the way of murder have not abated in this county. I think that there will be five or six murder cases to be tried at this term of court, one of these, however, was transferred here from Shackelford. Murder, like other crimes, is spasmodic. It has probably been ten years since a man has been punished, has been sent to the penitentiary for murder in this county.

"You could help to remedy this condition, by building sentiment against violence in this county. Speedy punishment is another means by which murders could be stopped. All the laws ought to be enforced; civilization demands that the laws be enforced.

"Of course, there is dissatisfaction and unrest in this county over so much murder. You can't blame the officials. It is probably a spasmodic condition. I am convinced that if the petit juries will bring in strong verdicts in murder cases, it will have the effect of stopping a great deal of it. It seems to be easier for a jury to send a man to the penitentiary for stealing a yearling or forging a check, than a man who takes the life of another, and a man who makes a little home brew is more liable to get along sentence than a murderer.

Judge Ely made it clear that he was not criticizing jurors in this county, but he stressed in emphatic terms the value which a jury can render a community in the suppression of crime.

"I would like to see a good, healthy public sentiment built up in this county against violations of the law, particularly in reference to murder. The self-defense plea is very often an invented plea. We can not afford to look lightly on a matter of this kind. I hope that you will take up the murder cases first and return in-

BROTHER CYPERT HAS BROKEN LEG

We regret to note the fact that our good friend and splendid fellow townsman, Eld. W. G. Cypert while at Cotton Wood, Texas in a revival, sustained a badly broken leg above the ankle. The accident happened as Brother Cypert stepped off a high porch at night; his ankle turning causing the break when his heavy weight came on same.

A physician was called and the limb set, and the good man was brought to his home here Monday evening. We join his host of friends in the hopes that his recovery will be speedy and with permanent and good effect.

cases can be set down for trial dictments promptly so that the without delay.

"Let us enforce all the laws", Judge Ely said in conclusion, "the laws of the person, the laws of property and the Sunday laws. A man who is in favor of the enforcement of the Sunday laws is not a crank, religious or otherwise. We are drifting away from the old-fashioned habits of our fathers, and never has any one lived in such an age as this. It is a fast age. I do not believe that the man and woman of the future will be as sturdy as they used to be. So if you know of any violations of the Sunday law, present your bills of indictment.

Following the Judge's charge the grand jury was sworn in and began its deliberation. The following compose the grand jury: B. L. Ellis, Abilene, foreman; A. B. Sheppard, Shep; W. R. Holland, Guion; C. J. Patterson, Lawn; R. T. Smith, Ovalo; O. M. Childress, Tuscola; T. J. Toombs, Merkel; C. L. Tucker, Merkel; J. S. Hughes, Blair; James Patterson, Merkel; J. A. Lemay, Elmdale, and C. J. Smith, Buffalo Gap.

The setting of the docket for the term will be made by Judge Ely to-morrow at nine o'clock.

Abilene Reporter

GEM THEATRE CHANGES HANDS AGAIN

I desire to announce that the Gen Theatre has changed hands since Mr. Hodge's statement last week. I had not at that time bought the property, but am the owner now, and am lined up with the Paramount, First National, Pathe, and Fox service.

It is my aim to please the people and you will do me a favor by a suggestion that will improve this service. Lee Acuff. It.

LARGENT WITH THE T. C. U. FOOT BALL

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 7. Occasionally it happens, but not often, that a freshman makes good on the Varsity foot ball team at Texas Christian University. Such seems to be the case of Roy Largent, a Merkel high school product. Largent reported for training camp at Texas Christian University this week and after several workouts looks mighty good. He is fast, handles the ball well, seems to have a football head, and on the whole promises to give the old men a hard tussle for a place on the team.

Training preparations are being rushed for the opening game on the 24 of September with Canyon State Normal College in Amarillo. Many West Texas boys are on the "Horned Frog" squad this season and the West Texas fans will have two opportunities of seeing them in action. A game has been staged with Simmons College to be played in Abilene, Texas, October 1st. at the West Texas Fair.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

Just a few more weeks now until Annual Conference, and while the Methodist Sunday School in Merkel has made a record here tofore unexcelled, it is the desire of the undersigned and the church as well, that our school reach the 300 mark before Conference Meets in October, and we would like to make this record on next Sunday Sept. 11, and there fore ask that every church member be present on this date. If all will attend we will go over the desired number. Come, let's let our Pastor carry a Sunday School report to conference unequalled by a church the size of Merkel.
L. W. Cox, Supt.

REVIVAL MEETING TO CLOSE SUNDAY

The Revival meeting at the Tabernacle is nearing its close, Sunday night being the last service. Bro. W. A. Erwin has been preaching powerful sermons each night to large crowds. The interest increases with each service. A number have expressed the desire for a Christian life. During the next few days it is hoped many may make the decision to surrender fully and completely to the cause of Christ.

Friday night will be High School night. A section of seats will be reserved for the High School students who will attend in a body. Mr. Frazier will sing Waston's "Babylon", and Bro. Erwin's subject will be "Daniel". Everbody is invited to this service, which will be one of the best services of the entire meeting.

Sunday School will be held at the church Sunday morning, but the regular 11 o'clock hour will be held at the Tabernacle. Bro. Erwin's subject for Sunday morning is "The Power and Victory of Sacred Song."

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENT

Sunday morning, Bro. Ira L. Parrack will be with us. We are glad to learn our Pastor will be home. Let us welcome our Pastor with a full house. Attendance last Sunday was fine, let us make it better for vacation time is over. Come be at Sunday school promptly at 10 o'clock. B. Y. P. U. at five o'clock. Ladies Missionary Society will meet at nine o'clock on Tuesday to quilt, Ladies don't forget. Bring your tops, linings, cotton and eats. All are invited to come be with these ladies in their good work for the orphans. Sept 25th is promotion day, the last Sunday in September. We want this to become the greatest day in our Sunday Schools. Sunbeam Band will meet at 4 P. M. Tuesday.
Chas. West Supt.

HOLDS NUMBER SUCCELSS- FUL MEETINGS

Evangelist John M. Rice, of this city, a minister of the Church of Christ, was here a few days last week for a visit with his family and many friends. During the summer Brother Rice has conducted quite a number of very successful meetings.

Meetings were held at the following towns: Rush Springs, Oklahoma, where sixteen were baptized; while at Loco, Okla., thirty-seven were baptized and three re-claimed. Marietta, there were nine added to the church roll by Baptism. At Oakland, the same state, forty-four were baptized and ten re-claimed. Brother Rice left last week for the Plains, where he will hold a meeting and then back to the Southwest, Oklahoma and will be gone about two months in protracted work.

A RECORD LAYING HEN

Mr. Holland who raises fine, full blooded Rhode Island Chickens informs us that he has a young pullet on which he has kept a record of her laying during the past year just ended, and for that period she has laid 315 eggs, a record which Mr. Holland says he has not heard of being equalled in Texas.

The hen supposed to be a full blooded Rhode Island, is from some cause slightly off color, but Mr. Holland is quite proud of her and the unequalled record made for the year.

COTTON GOES UP THEN TAKES DROP

That Merkel is one of the best cotton markets in the state may be attested by the fact that on Wednesday when the cotton market reached the highest point for the season, the staple sold in Merkel as high as 24 cts. per pound. And which according to the reports in the daily papers was the highest paid for any town in the state for short staple cotton. Seed also sold higher here than elsewhere, reaching the high mark of \$34 per ton.

The price of cotton at this writing (Thursday morning), is about 19 cents per pound here. The number of bales received at the local yards, according to the public weigher Garrett, have reached the 800 mark.

It was Sept. 10 last year when the first bale came in, hence the earliness of the crop this year and the rapid manner in which it is being gathered very forcibly denotes the fact that the crop is indeed very short, and will soon be gathered with favorable weather prevailing at length.

LEAGUE CHANGES MEETING TIME

On account of the shorter days and the fact that church time will be changed to an earlier hour soon, the League has decided to meet at 6:00 o'clock instead of 7:00. We think by meeting earlier we shall be able to carry out our programs in full and be through in time for the church services. It seems that for some unknown reason the number of regular League members has been gradually decreasing until now there are only a few left. We know that many are visiting and for various other reasons do not come during the summer months but it will soon be getting cooler and those of us who are not going away to school or elsewhere surely can come more regularly. Let's not only go to League but take a part when called upon, and it will certainly be more interesting and gretaer good will certainly be accomplished. Suppose we ask our selves this question, "If every Leaguer were just like me what kind of a League would our League be? Don't let the League die. Come at 6:00 o'clock next Sunday.

ONE INCH RAIN FALLS HERE MONDAY

According to B. M. Black, who for a number of years has kept the exact rain fall in Merkel, a good full inch of rain fell in Merkel Monday night, the first to speak of since July.

And according to the record kept by this gentleman the fall for the entire year up to this time, has only been seven and five-eighths inches. No rain fell during the months of January, February, March, April and August.

The rain Monday was greatly appreciated, but came too late to be of much benefit to crops except to help late cotton and feed and some of this was too far gone to be benefitted very much.

You can't afford to do your washing at home when you can have your flat work washed and ironed at 8 cents per pound. See Ligon the Laundryman. Phone 218.

Miss Lillie Pratt Sears left Monday night for Sherman where she will enter Kid-Key Conservatory for the following school year.

EXPERTS PUT ON FORDSON DEMONSTRATION

The Merkel Motor Company on Sept. 7th, with the assistance of Messrs J. W. Atwood and Ed. Phillips, experts from the Ford Motor Company, with Mr. Ral. Lamkin, of the Oliver Chilled Plow Works, gave a very interesting demonstration of the splendid work the farmer can do with the Fordson Tractor and the various tool worked behind same.

The demonstration was attended by possibly one hundred farmers and citizens, and with out doubt it was shown that wonderful work can be accomplished with this tractor. Space prevents a complete write-up this week, but, which will appear in our next issue.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL OPENING

At the opening of the Merkel public schools Monday morning of this week, all teachers elected were present to take up the duties of their respective places; in fact we doubt if the school ever started off with brighter prospects of more success than does the present term.

We understand there was enrolled the first day considerably over five hundred, and which made a crowded condition in some rooms; necessitating the employing of an extra teacher, Miss Teaff, who has had a number of years of experience, and who is well qualified for the place.

It seems now that about all is needed for the school to be a success is, the strictest cooperation between the parent and the teachers, including the school board. Surely that can be had. Let's make this the best school year Merkel ever saw.

BIG SINGING MEET HERE NEXT SUNDAY

A number of Merkel's singers met on last Wednesday evening and perfected the organization of the Taylor county Musical League.

Officers elected were: O. J. Adcock, Pres; Harry Barnett, Vice Pres. and Bess Tucker, Sec. Preparations were made for the Taylor County Musical League to meet at the Tabernacle on Sunday, Sept. 11 beginning promptly at nine o'clock.

A committee was appointed and arrangements made for the occasion and entertainment of all visiting delegates. Those appointed on this committee were: Harry Barnett, Chairman, Misses Bess Tucker, Mossie Sears, and Elsie Sharp and R. L. Adcock and Marvin Smith.

Rev. Irwin, who is conducting the revival will hold the regular Sunday services at 11 o'clock.

Everyone interested in exceedingly good singing is cordially invited to bring a basket filled with good "eats" and enjoy one more day of wholesome entertainment. Bess Tucker, Sec. P.S. There will be a Saturday night program at one of the churches we are informed.

METHODIST WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Methodist Woman's Missionary Society will meet at the church next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock instead of 4 as we have been meeting. This meeting. This meeting will be a bible study and each member is requested to come and bring her bible. Please remember to come at 2 instead of 4 and don't forget your bible. Reporter.

In this day a man has to use his head if he gets ahead.

LOCAL OFFICERS ENFORCE AUTO LAW

We take this method of notifying all automobile owners and drivers of cars that, you must have all numbers on your cars and in the proper place on same according to the law. You are also expected to have all three lights in proper condition and keep your mufflers on as well.

The County Attorney has ordered these laws obeyed and we will expect one and all to comply accordingly and without delay. Those who do not comply must not expect any leniency from us. We must do our duty. Jinks Winter, City Marshal; Ed Plackburn Deputy Sheriff.

POPULAR YOUNG BANKER WEDS IN AMARILLO

In the city of Amarillo, at nine o'clock Monday evening September five Mr. W. L. Diltz Jr. of Merkel and Miss Edith Aikman, of Canyon City, were happily united in marriage. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left for this city where they will make their future home; arriving Tuesday.

The bride is an accomplished and estimable young lady who has many friends and admirers in Merkel; having been one of the popular and efficient teachers in the Merkel schools during the 1919-20 term; while the groom is a Merkel reared young man of unquestioned honor and excellent business ability, who by his pleasing manners and square dealings has made close friends of all those with whom he has become acquainted. For a number of years he has been connected with the Farmers State Bank of Merkel as Assistant Cashier, and which position will continue to hold.

The Merkel Mail joins a wide circle of friends here and elsewhere, of both the bride and groom, in extending best wishes to them for a life of usefulness, happiness and prosperity.

MRS. GROENE ENTERTAINS

On Monday afternoon at four o'clock, the "Campfire Girls at invitation of their guardian, Mrs. Groene gathered at her home for just another old time campfire meeting (before most of the girls leave for school). Such a jolly and entertaining time was had as only campfire girls can have at "Groene's".

Delicious cream and cake were served by the hostess to: Lillie Pratt Sears, Ona Fae Bland, Christene Collins, Iva Bragg, Lola Armstrong, Hazel Harkrider, and Evelyn Hamm.

JUDGE POTTER DIED AT AUSTIN

Judge W. T. Potter, formerly a citizen of Merkel, but for the past few years a citizen of Austin, where he has been a member of the State Board of Water Engineers, died at his home in that city on last Sunday, and laid to rest the following day.

Deceased is survived by his wife, three children, Mrs. J. D. Sheppard of Dallas, Miss Dorothy Lee Potter and Eugene Potter, and one grand-daughter, little arion Shepard.

Judge Potter was born in Tennessee in 1864, but had resided in Texas for thirty-six years. We Join the friends here and else where in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved loved ones.

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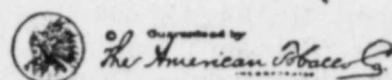
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John West closed out his grocery business in Hamlin last week, and arrived home Saturday taking up his duties with the West Company again. His many friends are indeed glad to have him with them again.

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Tomorrow never comes. Next week will never arrive. Next month will never be here. Savings accounts and bank balances do not thrive on money that will be salted away in the future. It is the money deposited now that builds the balance. It is the money that comes out of the pay envelope or salary check every "first" and "fifteenth" that counts.

May we have the pleasure of serving you now? And on the "first" and "fifteenth" a warm welcome, indeed, awaits you.

Bring your Cotton Checks to us for cash or deposit. WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS.

By the way, have you seen one of the Government's \$25 Registered Treasury Savings Certificates? It is worth looking into.



WHITE CHURCH NEWS

Every one seems to be feeling better after the rain last night. However, the health of our community is fairly good at present.

Mr. Jess Cyret visited at the homes of Mr. Olin and Sam Clinton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hicks also Grandmother Starky visited their children and grandchildren in Merkel Saturday night and Sunday.

Willis Fraizer of Putnam community has been visiting relatives in Canyon.

William More entertained a few neighbours and friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere Saturday night with a musical. The music, which was so highly appreciated and enjoyed by all was furnished by Messrs Henry Foster, Charlie Sherrell, and Norben Palmer, assisted during the evening by Sam Clinton and Homer Tie. We hope these splendid musicians honor us with another visit.

Mr. Ford Palmer and little daughter, Dora visited at the home of Frank and Mrs. Demere Saturday night.

Mr. Nath Noel and family of Bitter Creek visited Mr. and Mrs. Shuff Sunday.

Quite a few White Church people attended the revival meeting at Nubia last week.

George Shuff and daughters, Miss Bell attended the revival meeting at Merkel one night last week.

If the Goat don't get this maby so you will hear from us again.

Don't go home without seeing those Maize Headers at Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf

The greatest enemy of child life is the tape worm. It destroys health and vitality. The greatest enemy of the tape worm is White's Cream Cermifuge. One or two doses does the work. Price, 35c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Sept.

LOOKS LIKE

You had better buy some goods right now. There is a strong tendency for some lines of goods going up sharply. Some goods were advanced last week by the mills.

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Five sections of land owned in fee, three sections leased; a very fine ranch, with plenty of water, good improvements. Three and half miles of Big Spring. Price \$7.50 per acre for the five sections and lease thrown in.

Two sections of land in Andrews county, all good sandy land, good well of water; about fifteen miles south west of Seminole. Price \$6.50 per acre.

360 acres, 70 in cultivation, three-roomed house, well and wind mill. Improvements in bad repair. Nearly all good land, fine level, good grass. Five and half miles of Merkel at \$25.00 per acre.

Have some land on the Plains to trade for land here; also have 160 acres of land at Springdale, Ark., well improved and worth the money, to trade for land here. If you want to buy, trade or sell land call on E. D. COATS, MERKEL, TEXAS. 1t.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of expressing, as best we can our heart-felt thanks to the people of Merkel and surrounding country for their many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy during the illness our daughter Lula Mae.

So long as we live we shall not cease to remember and appreciate the assistance given us, and in your hours of trouble, we pray God that you may relieve as freely as has been bestowed upon us.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boaz.

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—We are indeed pleased to announce to our host of young school friends that we have this year placed in our store one of the largest and most complete stocks of school-room supplies ever before assembled in a West Texas Drug Store.

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—We want to thank you for the very liberal patronage extended us in the past and assure each and all courteous treatment and honest dealings. As is usual with us, our prices on all these goods will be found in keeping with present conditions.

Bring us Your Orders

The Merkel Drug Co.

PHONE 105

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Mr. Farmer, you get a good turnout and clean samples at the Mayfield Gin Co., Merkel. The Red Gin on South side. It

Roy Largent left this week for Fort Worth, where he will attend Texas Christian University the coming term. Roy is a fine young man and the Mail predicts that he make a most enviable record at this splendid school.

For skin eruptions, rash, chafed skin, prickly heat, chigger bites and stings of poisonous insects, Ballard's Snow Liniment is an effective application. It heals quickly. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Sept.

There should be no playing hookey from school in Merkel this year. Parents should make it their duty to know that their boy or girl is in school. Teachers should report failures to be present. Teacher and parent should cooperate in an effort to keep boys and girls in school every day or know the reason why.

Maize Headers at Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf

ALETHEAN CLASS ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Henry Newsom was hostess to the Alethean Class Friday August 26. About twenty ladies were present. At a short business session it was decided to meet at Mrs. Emory McDonald to Piece quilts. Mrs. Cash gave the samples and the quilts will be given to orphans home. A nice program was then enjoyed, which consisted of a song by Mrs. Roy Miller, Mrs. Deutschman and Mrs. Elliott, and a reading by Mrs. McDonald. After which a delightful refreshment of cream and cake was served. Mrs. General Jones will be hostess on Sept. 30th. Reporter.

Mr. O. J. Adcock, a clever Rural Carrier from the Merkel Post Office, with his family returned recently from an extended visit with friends and relatives, in Callahan and Comanche counties. Mr. Adcock states that he found crops very poor most evry where, and that he came home better pleased than ever with old Merkel and Taylor county.

Hebert Williams of Fort Mc Cavit, arrived this week, and will attend the Merkel schools; making his home with his sister Mrs. R. L. Adock.

Bran and Shorts of the highest quality at Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf

Mrs. W. R. Kruse of Ajo Arizona and Mr. John Davis of Abilene were visitors at Evilo Villa, the country home of the Misses Garoutte the first of the week.

Mr. Farmer try those new cleaners at the Mayfield Gin Co with your with your cotton since the rains. It.

Miss A to Miss B—What a beautiful new suit you have on? Miss B to Miss A, Yes, Thanks. Ligon the laundryman dyed and relined it for me. Phone 218. tf

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MAN WITHIN—AND MAN WITHOUT

There is a man within just as truly as there is a man without. The man within is both lord and master of the man without. The man within is the life and power of the man without.

As the dynamo furnishes unseen power to the machine, so the man within to the man without.

The man within must first move or there can be no movement without.

The man within gives orders and the man without carries them into execution.

The man within must first speak or the man without can never talk.

The man within must first think or the man without can never act intelligently.

The man within is first pure or impure before the man without can be the same.

As the man within thinketh so will the man act without if opportunity presents.

From the abundance of the heart within the mouth speaketh without.

If the fountain source within is pure, the stream that flows without will be pure.

But if the life within is corrupt, the life without will also be corrupt.

The man without is never a thief until the man within is first a thief.

The man without can never commit murder until the man within has committed murder over and over.

The lips without can never tell an untruth until the lips within has uttered lies.

The man within must first steal before the man without can steal.

The man within must first grumble and find fault before the tongue can complain.

Vile and corrupt thoughts must first be in the heart before they can fall from the lips.

The man within must first be cheerful or the man without can never smile.

Kindness must be in the heart before lips or hands can give expression.

The man within must be good long before the man without can show it to the world.

The man within must be true and faithful or the man without can never be so.

The man within must first control his passion or the man without will go to the dogs.

The man within must direct his thoughts or the man without will speak strange words.

The man within must first worship God or the man without can never do so.

The man within must first be a gentleman or the man without will be dead to honor.

The man within must be polite before the man without can ever be chivalrous.

The man within must first be a real man or the man without will be sham—Rev. Geo. H. Givan, in Carlsbad Current.

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ATTENTION

Merkel Battery Supply Station. We have just installed a new battery service station. We are now in a position to do any and all kinds of Battery work. We solicit a part of your battery business and guarantee our work or refund your money. You will find us on the job from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Only experienced battery men employed. Call and see us with Merkel Garage. Phone Number 123. tf

Peace Maker Flour, at G. M. Sharp's

Bran and Shorts of the highest quality at Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf

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Saturday September 10

The Tom Boy

A Comedy Drama

A new Fox Production with a Century Comedy

Monday September 12

Elsie Ferguson

in

"Lady Rose's Daughter"
A Paramount Special

Tuesday September 13

9th Episode

"The Avenging Arrow"

With a Pathe Feature

Wednesday September 14

Charles Ray

in

"A Village Sleuth"
A Paramount

Thursday September 15

An Enterprise

Western Production

Friday September 16

Mildred Harris Chaplin

in

Polly of the Storm Country
A First National

Saturday September 17

A Fox Feature

With Century Comedy

\$16.00

30 x 3 1/2 Firestone Non-skid
Tire and Tube

—Our accessory department has been built upon your appreciation of complete stocks, prompt attention to customers, correct prices and a guarantee of absolute satisfaction.

—If you have not made the acquaintance of this department, we invite you to call and look it over. You will find here just those items that will assist you in making the needed repairs on your car, and the little articles that enhance the value and add to the comfort and pleasure of your car.

—We carry a stock of Guaranteed Ford Parts, which will enable you to make your own repairs at a minimum expense. Our full assortment of Effecto Auto Finishes will enable you to make an old car look like it is new.

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COME IN WHEN IN NEED OF ANYTHING IN THE ACCESSORY LINE, AND LET US SHOW YOU

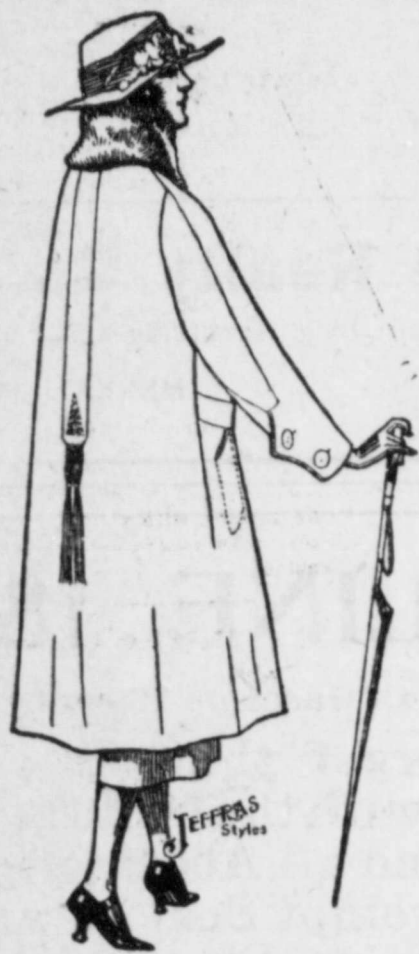
West Company

"TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF BETTER SERVICE"

New Fall Merchandise

We went into the Eastern Markets and bought Heavily of new Fall Merchandise based on 10 and 12 cent cotton. This week cotton sold well above 20 cents per pound, or double the market when we were buying our supply of Fall and Winter Goods. We are passing this saving on to our many customers. An advancing market can mean but one thing as far as Merchandise is concerned and that is, it must go up in line with Raw Cotton. Already several cotton articles have advanced 25 per cent on the market. An early purchase will undoubtedly save you money this fall. Certainly there is nothing to be saved by waiting until winter is half over to make that fall and winter purchase. Note particularly our prices on Staple goods. We quote below only a few.

Ready-to-Wear



New fall Coat Suits, Coats, Dresses, Waists and Skirts are arriving daily. We are already showing a most complete stock in our Ready-to-wear Department.

Now is the PROPER TIME to buy that New Fall Wearing Apparel thereby receiving a full season's wear.

Come in and see our Ready-to-wear

STAPLES STAPLES

Red Seal Gingham per yard	25¢
Good Dress Gingham, per yard	20¢
One Lot of Good Gingham per yard	15¢
Extra Heavy dark Outing per yard	15¢
Heavy Railroad Cheviots, per yard	20¢
36-inch Bleached Domestic per yard	20¢
36-inch Brown Domestic, per yard	12½¢
36-inch Monroe L.L. Domestic, per yard	8 1-3¢
Good Grade Brown Canton Flannel	12½¢
9-4 Bleached Sheeting, per yard	50¢
9-4 Brown Sheeting, per yard	45¢
Big assortment of Silk shirting per yard only	\$1.50
Blankets and Comforts at a price you want to pay	\$1.25, up
One lot of pretty Taffetas and Messaline Dresses that formerly sold for \$35.00 and \$45.00 Choice for	\$13.75

FALL MILLINERY



As Cleopatra's beauty attracts the eyes of the world so does the Spanish Millinery of this season appeal to all who wish the latest. The Shapes, the Colors, and the Materials that constitute the Wonderful Creations seem to whisper "Spanish" Duvetyne, Velvet, and many other beautiful materials are used with bright Colored Beads, Feathers and Ribbons as Trimmings. There are hats for the "little" and Hats for the "big" Moderately Prices \$2.50 to \$12.50.

Mens Suits

We feature that well known High Grade line of Men's clothing HART-SCHAFFNER & MARX. We carry a complete stock in regular, slim, stout, and stub models. Moderately priced at \$50.00 and \$55.00. We also handle other good lines of Men's clothing ranging in price from \$22.50 to \$35.00.



FLORSHEIM SHOES

Your New Fall Florsheim is here.
 BROWN KID AND BROWN KANGAROO \$12.00
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Best Medium priced line in America today \$7.50 to \$10.00
 We sell that good "Edmonds Foot Fitters" \$6.95
 Good Brown or smoked Scout Shoe \$3.50

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We are Showing The Latest Shapes and Colors in STETSONS Priced at \$7.50, \$9.00 and \$10.00.

The Merkel Dry Goods Co.

Spirit of Pioneer Days in Texas Will Hover Over State Fair During the Great Centennial Celebration



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The Texas Centennial Pageant will be the formal opening fete of the Fair, and will be staged in the great Athletic Stadium on the evening of October 8. Five thousand people will take part in a picturesque pageant of pantomime and tableaux, in which costumes will be a bright feature. Brilliant decorations, wonderful lighting effects, and especially adapted music will make the Pageant complete in artistic triumph. The story of one hundred years of Anglo-American progress—of how a great state has been built on the little Stephen F. Austin colony of 1821—will be faithfully portrayed. It promises to be the most interesting production ever seen in Texas.

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Don't go home without seeing those Maize Headers at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Always put off until tomorrow the mean things that you could say to-day.

SECRET OF HAPPINESS

"How prone are we to forget," says Editor Ransome of the Cleburne Enterprise. "We do not live alone. Each is dependent up on the other for something worth while and essential. We are all traveling to the same place. Why not travel in friendliness, why not go along the way with hand outstretched and with a willingness to be of service wherever we can?"

Shall we recognize this truth with the coming of the millennium, that period to which the world looks forward with happy anticipations? It must attend time, for it is a condition of mind leading to actual reality that will help bring on the millennium.

People are prone to forget favors, but not so likely to forget an ill deed. And yet the latter is frequently unintentional and often exists more in fancy than in fact. Failure to make allowance for the point of view of the other inability to know the other's thoughts and failure to remember that one's own thoughts are not known to the other, leads often to misunderstanding, and a friendship is broken or becomes estranged with no cause.

There is an old fable about two travelers, each carrying a full bag and an empty bag, one struggling under the weight of his burden and the other apparently being buoyed up by his load. The struggling man told how he put all favors done him in a bag with a hole in it, so they fell through the hole and were forgotten, while he placed all ill deeds and discourtesies in a sack which had no hole, and the weight had become very great. The other traveler reversed this order and his full bagbag acted like a balloon, proving no weight at all and lifting him over rough and difficult place.

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But a bright smile, a chery word, a courteous act or a good deed will travel much farther. If it were not so the world would be cast down with gloom. People are learning this truth and more and more, for policy's sake if for no better reason, are adopting the smiling manner and cheering message. It is gaining headway even in the home where the grouch has always seemed to claim a preferential right, and it is spreading over the world. The world is more friendly today than it was several centuries ago. Personal distempers are becoming less common and sympathy is more widespread. War has become so deadly that self interest will require it to be stopped. Certainly there is every reason to look forward hopefully in firm belief that the world is steadily getting better and people of the world are learning how to be happier.—Fort Worth Record.

DEAR READERS

Do you realize that more than one night recently more than one boy was drunk on the streets of our fair city. Where are they getting this dope? Who is selling or giving it to your minor boy and mine? Where are our officers? Have we no city Marshal or Constable here? Isn't it time to wake up and save our Boys before its too late.

A Mother.

And there are some people who seem to think the world owes them a high living.

\$13.95

Is the Price of a 30x3½ Non-Skid GOODYEAR Tire

The Most Popular and the Best Known Tire that is offered to the trade today. Statistics show that there are more people using GOODYEAR TIRES than any other tire in the World. Stay off of these new or unknown brands. Buy a

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We carry a full line of Springs. Can fit most any make of cars. We are headquarters for Ford Accessories from a Kottter Key to a Ford Body. We carry a full line of Auto Paint and Polish for your cars.

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Pains Were Terrific

Read how Mrs. Albert Gregory, of R. F. D. No. 1, Blufford, Ill., got rid of her ills. "During . . . I was awful weak . . . My pains were terrific. I thought I'd die. The bearing-down pains were actually where I could not stand. The pressure of my hand, the lower part of my stomach . . . I simply felt as if life was 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

CARDUI

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 God—am once more hale and hearty, can walk miles, do my work, though 44 years old, feel like a new person. All I owe to Cardui." For many years Cardui has been found helpful in building up the system when run down by disorders peculiar to women.

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Capt. John Tucker a pioneer of this place, whose home is now in Pecos has been in town this week renewing acquaintances with his many friends.

BIG FOOTBALL GAMES PART OF FAIR PROGRAM

Some of the Most Important Contests of 1921 Will Grace New Stadium

That army of hectic partisans generally spoken of as football fans are not going to be disappointed this year with the layout of games that



will open the new Athletic Stadium at the State Fair of Texas. The season of 1921—Dallas, October 8 to 23—will see four of the most bitter contests in the history of the State.

In the first game, on Dallas Day, the Southern Methodist University eleven will try to turn back the Farmers from A. & M. College. On October 15 the Baylor University Bears are going to hang into the Boston College team. On October 21 S. M. U. will come into the arena again, to defend the field against Austin College. On October 22 the University of Texas will try conclusions with Vanderbilt University, of Nashville, Tenn.

The first contest is one of standing importance in Texas. The Farmers barely beat the Mustangs last year. Baylor is meeting one of the greatest teams of the East in Boston, but the Bears are reported to have a squad of sensational young



stars. When the S. M. U. Mustangs meet Austin College they'll have their hands full, as this team will be composed of the veterans who ran wild against all opposition the latter part of 1920. Of course everybody knows what to expect of Texas and Vanderbilt, as they always have great football teams.

The new stadium will be in beautiful condition for the big games. It is practically complete as to construction, and the playing field has rounded out in great shape.

FAMOUS COACH BRINGING TEAM TO SOUTHWEST

This square-jawed Irishman is the football tutor of Boston College—the outfit which licked Yale two years hand-running—and a man who



MAJOR FRANK CAVANAUGH

has the reputation of being a wizard at the gridiron game. He is bringing his Boston collegians to play Baylor University at the State Fair of Texas—Dallas, October 8 to 23—and the game is arousing national interest. It is the first time an eastern team has ever come to the Southwest. The game will be played October 15 in the afternoon.

CAREERS FOR YOUNG BRITONS

Compared With Opportunities in America They May Be Said to Be Decidedly Limited.

Here in America we are quite likely to take for granted that if a man has a good education, then his finding of an opportunity to apply it profitably is a comparatively simple matter. Certainly our whole educational program, and especially our whole line of educational appeal and propaganda, will have to be changed the moment that assumption is no longer to be made. Whiting Williams writes in Scribner's, "Equip yourself, Young America, and the country's yours!" we say in effect to our youth whether in school or at work.

In Britain there is much testimony to the effect that that assumption is not thus to be made.

Unless they spend additional years training for medicine, the law, or other of the professions, graduates of the universities must pretty much expect to find berths in the civil service. The exams for that are extremely difficult. Those who come out of them with marks at the top of the list get the best of the positions in the most important departments at home. They next go out to India or other provinces, while those below them take the second grade of the places here—and so on.

The pay starts at about £300 (nominally \$1,500, and considerably more in buying power), with gradual yearly increases up to a certain maximum and a pension.

TAUGHT LESSON BY HUNGER

Good Story of How Franklin Was Converted to the Idea of Fish as Human Food.

One day Benjamin Franklin—James Parten tells us in his "Life of Benjamin Franklin"—was on a sloop which was becalmed on a certain island. The sailors, as is still the custom when a ship is becalmed, amused themselves by fishing. Franklin witnessed the catching of the fish with regret. But soon there came to tantalize his nostrils a most alluring odor from the frying pan. So, as Franklin used to tell the story, he went over his reasoning again to see if there was not a flaw in it.

It occurred to him that when the fish were opened he had seen smaller fish in their stomachs.

"Ah!" said Franklin. "If you eat one another I don't see why we may not eat you!"

So Franklin dined upon the fish very heartily, and thereafter ate what others ate. When telling this story Franklin ended with an observation which is often attributed to Talleyrand, but which we are assured was a familiar joke with Franklin. This was:

"So convenient a thing it is to be a reasonable creature, since it enables one to find or make a reason for everything one has a mind to do!"

Persian Bread Has Many Uses.

At Kasvin, Persia, a British patrol base, we were lodged in empty wards of the military hospital, writes Mary E. Griscom in Asia Magazine. Our provisions had almost given out by this time, and we were reduced to Persian stone bread. So far as I know, only the coconut and the bamboo serve more purposes than the flaps of Persian bread, which are about two feet long, one foot wide and a quarter of an inch thick. If it is raining, the Persians use them on their heads as umbrellas; and if it is sunny, as parasols; in winter, they wrap the flaps around their shoulders. If they do not need them for protection they roll them up and carry them under their arms. In the hospitals they spread them out on empty beds to dry.

Up the Flowery Mountain.

Every year thousands of Chinese pilgrims risk their lives in climbing up the side of Hwa-Shan, the Flowery mountain, which is sacred to the Taoist religion. Any one reaching the temple far above is supposed to have any request granted as a reward for valor and endurance. The Hwa-Shan mountain is over 6,000 feet high, and the ascent in many places must be made along a narrow ledge of branches laid on posts driven horizontally into the face of the precipice. There are no handrails, but a chain held on a rock face offers some security to the ascending or descending pilgrim.

Entrance Must Have Made "Hit."

One Sunday morning a crowd was standing on the depot platform, a short distance from our home, waiting for an excursion train. The night before we had hung curtains around the broad front porch, and were sleeping out there on our steel-winged cot, as it was very warm. I was sleeping close to the edge and when my wife got up rather suddenly over went the cot and, I rolled out onto the lawn, clad only in my nightshirt, in plain view of the waiting crowd.

I didn't go with my wife to meet the returning excursion that evening.—Exchange.

Two Methods.

"Now that you are earning a bigger salary," said the wife with social aspirations, "surely we can afford a bigger flat?"

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Exchange.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks, a son on last Saturday. And now Bob is strutting around just like he had made a million in the Hardware business. And speaking about the Hardware business makes us think that Bob can put up one of the best and most attractive window displays we have ever seen, and we suggest to those who have been interested in former displays that they had better keep a good eye on the Liberty Hardware's window now, for we look for the next one to be interesting and entirely different display.

Capt. John Tucker a pioneer of this place, whose home is now in Pecos has been in town this week renewing acquaintances with his many friends.

BIG FOOTBALL GAMES PART OF FAIR PROGRAM

Some of the Most Important Contests of 1921 Will Grace New Stadium

That army of hectic partisans generally spoken of as football fans are not going to be disappointed this year with the layout of games that



will open the new Athletic Stadium at the State Fair of Texas. The season of 1921—Dallas, October 8 to 23—will see four of the most bitter contests in the history of the State.

In the first game, on Dallas Day, the Southern Methodist University eleven will try to turn back the Farmers from A. & M. College. On October 15 the Baylor University Bears are going to hang into the Boston College team. On October 21 S. M. U. will come into the arena again, to defend the field against Austin College. On October 22 the University of Texas will try conclusions with Vanderbilt University, of Nashville, Tenn.

The first contest is one of standing importance in Texas. The Farmers barely beat the Mustangs last year. Baylor is meeting one of the greatest teams of the East in Boston, but the Bears are reported to have a squad of sensational young



sters. When the S. M. U. Mustangs meet Austin College they'll have their hands full, as this team will be composed of the veterans who ran wild against all opposition the latter part of 1920. Of course everybody knows what to expect of Texas and Vanderbilt, as they always have great football teams.

The new stadium will be in beautiful condition for the big games. It is practically complete as to construction, and the playing field has rounded out in great shape.

FAMOUS COACH BRINGING TEAM TO SOUTHWEST

This square-jawed Irishman is the football tutor of Boston College—the outfit which licked Yale two years hand-running—and a man who



MAJOR FRANK CAVANAUGH

has the reputation of being a wizard at the gridiron game. He is bringing his Boston collegians to play Baylor University at the State Fair of Texas—Dallas, October 8 to 23—and the game is arousing national interest. It is the first time an eastern team has ever come to the Southwest. The game will be played October 15 in the afternoon.

CAREERS FOR YOUNG BRITONS

Compared With Opportunities in America They May Be Said to Be Decidedly Limited.

Here in America we are quite likely to take for granted that if a man has a good education, then his finding of an opportunity to apply it profitably is a comparatively simple matter. Certainly our whole educational program, and especially our whole line of educational appeal and propaganda, will have to be changed the moment that assumption is no longer to be made. Whiting Williams writes in Scribner's, "Equalp yourself, Young America, and the country's yours!" we say in effect to our youth whether in school or at work.

In Britain there is much testimony to the effect that that assumption is not thus to be made.

Unless they spend additional years training for medicine, the law, or other of the professions, graduates of the universities must pretty much expect to find berths in the civil service. The exams for that are extremely difficult. Those who come out of them with marks at the top of the list get the best of the positions in the most important departments at home. They next go out to India or other provinces, while those below them take the second grade of the places here—and so on.

The pay starts at about £300 (nominally \$1,500, and considerably more in buying power), with gradual yearly increases up to a certain maximum and a pension.

TAUGHT LESSON BY HUNGER

Good Story of How Franklin Was Converted to the Idea of Fish as Human Food.

One day Benjamin Franklin—James Parten tells us in his "Life of Benjamin Franklin"—was on a sloop which was becalmed on a certain island. The sailors, as is still the custom when a ship is becalmed, amused themselves by fishing. Franklin witnessed the catching of the fish with regret. But soon there came to tantalize his nostrils a most alluring odor from the frying pan. So, as Franklin used to tell the story, he went over his reasoning again to see if there was not a flaw in it.

It occurred to him that when the fish were opened he had seen smaller fish in their stomachs.

"Ah!" said Franklin. "If you eat one another I don't see why we may not eat you!"

So Franklin dined upon the fish very heartily, and thereafter ate what others ate. When telling this story Franklin ended with an observation which is often attributed to Talleyrand, but which we are assured was a familiar joke with Franklin. This was:

"So convenient a thing it is to be a reasonable creature, since it enables one to find or make a reason for everything one has a mind to do!"

Persian Bread Has Many Uses.

At Kasvin, Persia, a British patrol base, we were lodged in empty wards of the military hospital, writes Mary E. Griscom in Asia Magazine. Our provisions had almost given out by this time, and we were reduced to Persian stone bread. So far as I know, only the coconut and the bamboo serve more purposes than the flaps of Persian bread, which are about two feet long, one foot wide and a quarter of an inch thick. If it is raining, the Persians use them on their heads as umbrellas; and if it is sunny, as parasols; in winter, they wrap the flaps around their shoulders. If they do not need them for protection they roll them up and carry them under their arms. In the hospitals they spread them out on empty beds to dry.

Up the Flowery Mountain.

Every year thousands of Chinese pilgrims risk their lives in climbing up the side of Hwa-Shan, the Flowery mountain, which is sacred to the Taoist religion. Any one reaching the temple far above is supposed to have any request granted as a reward for valor and endurance. The Hwa-Shan mountain is over 6,000 feet high, and the ascent in many places must be made along a narrow ledge of branches laid on posts driven horizontally into the face of the precipice. There are no handrails, but a chain held on a rock face offers some security to the ascending or descending pilgrim.

Entrance Must Have Made "Hit."

One Sunday morning a crowd was standing on the depot platform, a short distance from our home, waiting for an excursion train. The night before we had hung curtains around the broad front porch, and were sleeping out there on our steel-winged cot, as it was very warm. I was sleeping close to the edge and when my wife got up rather suddenly over went the cot and, I rolled out onto the lawn, clad only in my nightshirt, in plain view of the waiting crowd.

I didn't go with my wife to meet the returning excursion that evening.—Exchange.

Two Methods.

"Now that you are earning a bigger salary," said the wife with social aspirations, "surely we can afford a bigger flat?"

But the husband was a man of simple tastes.

"We're very comfortable here," he said. "But if you like we'll ask the landlord to raise the rent."—Tit-Bits.

Pains Were 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. I thought I would die. The bearing-down pains were actually so severe I could not stand the pressure of my hands on the lower part of my stomach . . . I simply felt as if life was 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

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"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 God—am once more hale and hearty, can walk miles, do my work, though 44 years old, feel like a new person. All I owe to Cardui." For many years Cardui has been found helpful in building up the system when run down by disorders peculiar to women.

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T. & P. TIME TABLE

Time Table of the Texas and Pacific trains taking effect on June 5th.

West Bound

No. 1 (Sunshine) 9:36 p.m.
No. 5 4:13 a.m.
No. 23 5:00 p.m.

East Bound

No. 2 (Sunshine) 8:36 a.m.
No. 4 9:30 a.m.
No. 16 11:50 p.m.

Most divorce suits should be cleaned before being pressed.

In this day a man has to use his head if he gets ahead.

The wind is not always tempered to the short skirts, either.

Always put off until tomorrow the mean things that you could say to-day.

And there are some people who seem to think the world owes them a high living.

There are plenty of self-made men, but did you ever hear of a self made woman?

More than five hundred in school the first day. Was your boy or your girl there?

The nerve of some people! Forcing themselves upon society But then what is society—in some instances?

The Merkel Mail \$1.50 per year.

Cozy Theatre

FRIDAY Mary Miles Minter in "Don't Call me Little Girl" Fox News	SEPTEMBER 9 'Snub Pollard Comedy' SEPTEMBER 10 William Russell in "From the West" Sunshine Comedy Mutt & Jeff
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One reason why business is dull, says an exchange, is that there are so many dull people in business.

Don't worry. You have seen many a spell of weather just like this, and you have survived every one.

The poor old honest hulk, who occasionally enjoyed a ride in a passing auto, is liable to be even deprived a look-in, if many more auto drivers are killed, as in the case near Fort Worth recently.

To judge from the reports in the daily papers as to the price of cotton in other towns over the state, Merkel buyers seem to have been paying considerably in the lead on any town we have noticed yet.

Sow turnips, sow wheat and next spring plant oats and feed stuff and some cotton, but bear in mind that a small cotton crop brings a good price. Hence raise the necessities of life for man beast first, then the cotton money will go farther towards making life worth while.

Better put that number on that car and while you are at it put it in the right place. Also three lights, trimmed and burning if traveling at night around Merkel, might save a fine, according to announcement in this paper from: City Marshal Jinks Winter and Deputy Sheriff Ed. Blackburn. Read their notice to Auto Owners and Drivers.

Over at Fort Worth recently service car driver was killed by three boys, who had asked for a ride into town. According to the confession of one of the boys, they had planned to leave home and go to Denver, and decided they would kill the first man who came along driving a good car and take his money and car with which to make the trip. And yet, some people seem willing to just let their boys run wild, do as they please, work when they please. Yes, let them become criminals more for the want of discipline in the home than anything else.

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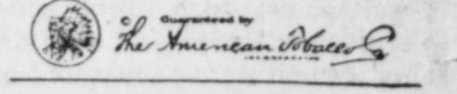
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Mr. Farmer, you get a good turnout and clean samples at the Mayfield Gin Co., Merkel. The Red Gin on South sside. 1t

L. P. Jones returned Wednesday from a trip to Mexico, where he accompanied his mother for a visit with relatives. On his return he was accompanied by Miss Wardie Wood, a Neice, who will spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

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IRON NEWS

The farmers are all rejoicing over a good rain that fell over the hissection last night. The rain will greatly benefit late feed and cotton and what about that Turnip patch also Radishes, Letuce and such vegetables that most of us relish with those hog joles that will hang in nearly every farmers smokehouse in this part of the West.

The farmers are gathering the cotton as fast as possible.

B. C. Hodges is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Will Matingly near Comper, while he is slowly recovering from a severe case of Rheumatism.

J. M. Williams and wife left last Sunday for an extended visit to Southeast Texas.

W. M. Carey and family returned last week from visiting relatives and old time friends in their home town, Cross Plains.

Mr. John Dunn is having a well drilled in his field.

Hollis Horton spent Saturday night with Oliver Carey.

W. M. Carey and family took dinner with B. C. Hodges and family Sunday.

R. A. Reagan and wife visited Mr. and Mrs. Hodges Sunday afternoon and all had a watermelon Feast which was enjoyed by all.

Blanche arey spent the day with Era Billops last Sunday.

Some of our young folk enjoyed an entertainment given by their former school teacher Mrs. Len Sublett at Merkel last Friday night and all report a nice time.

J. M. Morrison and family of Slaton, but who resided here up until last January, were in Merkel last Saturday for a short stay with friends and relatives. Mr. Morrison states that he is highly pleased with the Plains country and reports crops very good there. Mr. Morrison keeps posted on the happenings here by reading the Mail each week.

Mr. Walter Irvin of Rule was a visitor in the home of C. L. Tucker last week

"NOT TODAY, HONEY."

He was a tenant farmer. Did his best last year but 12-cent cotton brought a tragedy to him and his family. The merchant who carried him last year failed to collect the greater part of the amount he had advanced the man and he made an arrangement to furnish him again this year but on a greatly decreased basis. The merchant knew that he must restrict the purchases of his customers if he would keep his doors open.

This man who rented land and low price of cotton did not complain at the small amount the merchant told him he must run on. He realized that the merchant must protect himself. He knew that in some mysterious way the world had gone wrong and he and his wife and children were helping to pay the bill that would right things after a while. It meant hard work, economy, few necessities and no luxuries. He knew that his wife would have to wear the same dress to church this year that she did last, he knew the boys' clothes must be patched and patched and that the girls—

There was where the heart strings pulled a little strong. The two girls were 14 and 12 and worked every day with him in the field. The boys were younger.

The summer picnics were coming on and the girls wanted—

That was what bothered him. The young boys could go with their patched breeches. Their mother would see that they were clean, but the girls.

And so the other day he took the two girls with him to the store of the merchant. It rained that day so they couldn't work in the fields. And the man took the merchant to the back of the store and was for some time in earnest conversation. The man did most of the talking.

In the meantime his little girls were looking longingly at some bright colored bolts of dress goods on the shelf. They were pointing at this and that piece of lawn or calico and their eyes sparkled and smiles played around their little mouths.

As the interview between the man and the merchant ended the merchant was seen to shake his head.

Then the man came and took the girls by the hands and said as cheerfully as he could: "Well girls, let's be going home."

And one of them said: "Ain't we going to buy nothing, daddy?"

And the man, speaking more cheerily, said: "Not today, honey; but there will be lots of purtier gingham for sale this fall then there is now. Real purty gingham."

And then the three left the store and went on down the road toward home, down by the fields in which they must work in torrid suns, down to the home where a man presided as the head of the house who is one of the men that makes us kin to God and who makes America great.

Just a tenant farmer!—Marshall Morning News.

DINNER PARTY

On last Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hancock entertained with a dinner party from 6 to 9 o'clock in honor of Miss Mamie McNeese and Mr. Guy Crawford, bride and groom elect.

As the guests arrived they were invited into the lovely guest room where for a few minutes they were entertained with selected Victrola music.

All Present were then ushered into the spacious dining-room to enjoy a feast of eats consisting of most everything delicious.

During the evening much merriment was manifested in various games, chief of which was, "Flinch."

As the guests departed each wished they might often witness such occasions in this hospitable home with Mr. and Mrs. Hancock. A guest.

B. C. Gaither returned last Friday from a pleasant visit with his daughter a Tuscola.

DELIVERY WAGON

I have my delivery wagon and horse on the streets and would like to have a share of your hauling. Prices reasonable and work first class. Headquarters at the Merkel Lumber Co. Phone 62. Joe Riney. 1tp.

J. T. Tucker of Pecos, formerly of Merkel, was here first of this week, for a visit and looking after his farm here.

Mrs. J. W. Taylor left Wednesday morning on the Sunshine special for Fort Worth to be at the bedside of her daughter Mrs. B. F. Williams, who is very low. We sincerely hope Mrs. Williams will get along nicely and have an early recover.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baker of Ranger, were up last week for a few days visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt.

The present price of cotton is most certainly due to the fact that the acreage in the south almost as a whole was reduced at least twenty five per cent as well as the future fact the production over entire south has been cut still shorter by the drouth, boll weevil ect. Let us ask what would have happened had a ten or fifteen million bale crop been produced? A calamity of poverty that's what. Farmers should remember this, and next spring hold the acreage down to the same as this year. When a farmer raises plenty of feed, grain, ect. and makes a short crop of cotton, but gets a fair price for same, he is in much better condition than when he makes a big crop of cotton, sell it for a low price and has to pay a high price for feed on which to make the next crop. Plow now, plant wheat and fed this fall and next spring.

Mrs. Christian Rust and baby, Mae have returned to their home in Ranger after a week's visit in the homes of Misses Bess and Bertha Tucker and other friends. In their return trip they will visit J. M. Rust and family of Abilene.

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Miss Lynn Thompson, who is the English teacher this year came in last week end in order to be ready to begin her duties this week.

Miss Irene Swann left this week for Roswell New Mexico where she will teach a class in art.

PRICES THAT TALK

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The Liberty Hardware

WOMEN ARE NOT OVERLOOKED IN FAIR PROGRAM

Just As in Past Years, Interests of Home-Makers Play Big Part in 1921

When Texas women begin to pour through the gates of the 1921 State Fair of Texas and International Ex-



position—Dallas, October 8 to 23—they will find that even to a greater extent than in past years have their interests been cared for in the proper manner. The Fair of 1921 contains many factors of vital interest to women.

The Fine Arts Building, which is practically the cultural center of the Fair, will again house this year a splendid art exhibit by American masters, and the highly interesting displays of textile art and home economic work. The main Exposition Building will have its hundreds of commercial exhibits that represent the progress of the world in home conveniences, comforts, in styles, in economies, etc. The Mexican Exhibit will have a department devoted particularly to art and handicraft. The educational encampment for the



girls' clubs of the State will bring hundreds of young Texas women to the Fair, and their contests in home economics is certain to prove of interest to the host of women from all sections of Texas who watch the progress of such movements. The poultry show, the automobile show, the meeting of clubs and conventions, and like things, will round out a busy visit for any Texas woman.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I wish to announce that I have installed an X-ray for my Dental practice and am able to give you the same service that you can get in any large city.

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THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE

HEADS COMMISSION IN CHARGE MEXICAN NATIONAL EXHIBIT

Advices from Mexico City recently made public the appointment of the commission which takes charge of



ING. LUIS G. GARFIAS

the Mexican National Exhibit, which will again prove a big factor in the State Fair of Texas and International Exposition this season. This commission will remain in charge of the exhibit during the entire season—October 8 to 23—and will meet and entertain and inform as many as possible of the tens of thousands of visitors who visit this exhibit each year.

The personnel of the commission follows: Ing. Luis G. Garfias, a military engineer high in the service of the Mexican government, chairman; associates, J. Mauricio Garza, Jorge Solorzano, and Juan C. Campillo. The secretary of the commission is Miss Altigracia Polanco.

GRAIN JUDGING TO BE BOYS' CLUBS FEATURE

The boys who come to the educational encampment for Boys' Clubs at the State Fair of Texas, October 8 to 23, will find an interesting bit of work ahead of them, with worthy rewards for the winners. This is a grain judging contest, in which any individual is competent to enter provided he attend the encampment.

Each boy will have the opportunity to judge corn and grain sorghums, with prizes in each class. Each contestant must have a ten ear and a ten head exhibit of corn and grain sorghums from his own club plot on exhibit, however to enter. The prizes, given by well-known seed firms interested in encouraging agricultural development, are both money prizes and pedigreed seed prizes.

TEXAS FIRST TO MAKE POLAND CHINA FUTURITY

Texas was the first State in the Union to make the required number of entries in 1921 for a Poland China futurity at the State Fair. This State led all others by several weeks, according to the breed promotion committee announcement.

The State Fair of Texas Poland China futurity is one of the largest held annually in America. This year \$1,020 in premiums are offered for this single event.

Remember

That every added subscriber helps to make this

GET MARRIED AT ABILENE

On Wednesday evening at Abilene, Mr. Lloyd Dry and Miss Nell Britian, of this city, were united in marriage at the Baptist Parsonage, Rev. Milard A. Jenkins, the pastor of the First Baptist church of that city pronouncing the man and wife.

The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Britain of Merkel and by her pleasing manners and womanly graces has won a large circle of friends and admirers. The groom is the son of Mrs. J. M. Dry also of this city; is a young man of splendid character and excellent business ability and numbers his friends by the scope of his acquaintance. For some time he has been in the drug business at Eastland, and in which city the happy couple will make their home.

The Merkel Mad jons their friends in extending congratulations and best wishes.

HORSE STOLEN

At Nubia on last Sunday night a bay horse with Saddle on. The horse is 15 hands high, five years old, branded Bar J. on left shoulder and U on left jaw; both hind feet white. The saddle is red leather Sear Robuck make, with one iron and one wood stirrup. The horn is covered with Plaited raw-hide. A reward of \$10.00 will be paid for return of saddle and \$15.00 for the return of the horse or \$25.00 for both. Notify J. P. Fuqura, Merkel. It

Why not have your dresses made where you do not have to buy patterns. Shenille Embroidering and beading specialty. Mrs. E. S. Hamilton, at the S. K. Eckard residence, opposite Anderson Gin.

Mrs. W. A. Thornton returned this week from an extended visit with relatives in Fort Worth.

Y. P. M. S. NOTES

The Young Peoples Missionary Society met at the home of Misses Ganevera and Gladys Middleton in business and social meeting. Owing to the weather conditions only a few of the members were present.

As both the president and the vice president were absent Mrs. Thos Durham presided at the meeting. The meeting was called order and a scripture lesson was read. Following this came the report of the active officers.

Under new business a Bazaar was discussed and voted upon. This bazaar will be held about Thanksgiving and the girls will have nice gifts for Xmas use.

After all business had been transacted a delightful social hour followed in which the hostesses entertained their guests with a Magazine Contest. In this contest Mrs. Durham proved to be winner and was given a nifty workbasket; Miss Josephene

Smith earned the consolation prize.

A delicious grape-pinnacle ice with wafers was served.

The society will meet next Monday night at the home of Miss Ruth Pike in Mission Study. Let every member be present. Come at eight o'clock promptly. Reporter.

Don't imagine it is ruined because you get it all soiled. We can clean and press it and you will be delighted with the job. Ligon the laundryman, phone number 218.

Better put that number on that car and while you are at it put it in the right place. Also three lights, trimmed and burning if traveling at night around Merkel, might save a fine, according to announcement in this paper from City Marshal Jinks Winter and Deputy Sheriff Ed. Blackburn. Read their notice to Auto Owners and Drivers.

School Days are Here

And Boys and Girls our store is brim full of every item you will need for wear during the fall and winter.

Come in and let us show you the many new and handsome things we have for you.

They are the Latest and the Price will be Pleasing.

Among the Many New Things This Week Are:

New Sport Skirts of all-wool materials, new stripes and plaids, Box Pleated. New Sport Blouses in all the new shades, fringed trimmed sleeves, belts, etc.

Just a minute! Ladies are astonished at our wonderfully Low Prices.

THE FAIR