

MAYOR WEST HAS A WORD TO SAY

During the recent visit of a more or less carnival to our city someone made the remark on our streets, "If Merkel had any officers we would not have this."

A means of regulating tent shows and carnivals has been the one worry of every administration since the articles of incorporation were written. And it has only been since the city was last visited by one of these things that we have been able to find a means where-by it may be possible to regulate them within the city limits.

It certainly would have been a relief, to your city, council men if these people who know so much about how to handle these propositions would have given out the information as just what course to pursue to prevent them from coming here.

Again we are reminded thru the columns of this paper, that we have no officers in Merkel because some boot-leggers seem to have infested our city.

It might be of some information to know that this county has not been able to secure any convictions in any of these cases. About the only recourse our officers seem to have in this matter is, that if we happen to see one of these human scavengers running loose to catch the brute, take his liquor away from him, take him to Abilene for two or three days in jail and let him loose. We regret, very much, that we cannot handle these cases or have our way about them. If we could we would have every one of them behind prison doors in less than thirty minutes. But unfortunately we shall have to wait until you give us a set of men, either at the county site, or at the capitol that can give some laws that can be enforced or give us a means of enforcing the one's we have.

Our officers are still on the job trying to make Merkel a better place to live, and working for the interest of its citizenship, and if you know of something that should be done or something that is not being done, do not stand around and criticize them, some strangers might think they were not doing their duty. But come and give us the information and tell us how to correct the wrong and we will do our best to put your wishes into execution. We believe that every man that is in any connected with the city would be more than glad to do anything that would be for the benefit of its citizenship or the upbuilding of its community. Do not withhold anything that would be of value to our city, but come let us reason together for the advancement of our community.

The record of all proceedings of our council-men from the time of the incorporation up to the present time, are in the office of the city secretary, Mr. G. W. Johnson. These records are public property and the public is invited, for the purpose of information, to come and examine these records at any time that you like. The city council meets, at the city hall the first Monday in each month. These meetings are open and you are invited to be present at any time you may so desire.

We do not, at this time, have a city attorney, regularly employed, but whenever an occasion arises we employ Judge N. D. Cobb to act in this capacity. If there is any information that you desire, touching the legal points in affairs that concern the city, we shall be glad to pay Judge Cobb for any information that you desire.

Our officers are as follows, viz: H. C. West, Mayor; J. P.

Sharp, H. L. Propst, T. G. Bragg, W. O. Boney, A. T. Sheppard councilmen; J. L. Winter, Marshal, J. A. Woodard, Night Police, any of these men will be glad to give you any information they may have as to the present policies or the contemplated future policies of this body.

With this information and these facts before you there is no occasion to be in darkness or in doubt as to any of the facts regarding this city.

We invite and solicit your help and friendly suggestions but have neither time nor place for your knocks or criticisms. We have to be about our own affairs and the upbuilding of Merkel and serving Merkel people.

Your friend,
Henry C. West,
Mayor.

METHODIST WOMANS MISSIONARY NOTES

The womans missionary society met at the church last Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. We had a splendid Bible lesson, conducted by Mrs. Martin.

After the lesson a short business session was held. Mrs. Hutcheson is to be superintendent of the Mission Study and Mrs. Martin becomes our new treasurer in place of Mrs. Cobb, who has moved away. It was also decided to meet at 2 o'clock instead of four as we have been doing during the summer. Next Monday will be Mission Study day. We urge every member of the Society to come and enjoy these lessons and learn something that will be of advantage to you thru life. We are studying, "From Survey to Service" by H. Paul Douglas. This is a book worth while and we urge every member of the Society to come next Monday at 2 o'clock and begin the study of this book together.

Reporter.

TO BE 17 SENIORS ARE ORGANIZED

The senior class of the Merkel High School is larger this year than in several years. They are now seventeen strong with prospects of more entering this month. They have begun the year by organizing for business. At a recent meeting of the class the following officers were elected:— President, Myrtle Mc. Donald; Vice President, J. J. Russell; Secretary-Treasurer, Wrenn Durham

The class is exhibiting more pep under the leadership of Mary Cleo Booth as yell leader than many previous classes. The students who compose the class are with one exception members of our last year's junior class, they are well prepared for their work and are taking hold as if they were not afraid to work.

Watch this Senior Class. Boost for them. Help them in this last year of their high school work.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE

Sunday School at the regular hour, 10 o'clock. We are going to expect every member of the Sunday School to be present, Sunday morning if possible. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. At the evening hour commencing promptly at 7:30 we will take up again our 30 minute song service before the sermon.

Have you just moved to Merkel? Come to church and get acquainted. Are you a visitor in our town? Come and worship with us. If you have just been laying out, get a move on you Sunday morning. The church needs you and you need her ministrations. W. M. Murrell, pastor.

BAPTIST LADIES CONTRIBUTE QUILTS

The Ladies gathered in the basement of the Baptist church on Tuesday at nine o'clock for the purpose of quilting. By the noon hour there were some 42 ladies present and ten quilts in the frame. Some quilting done.

Four of the class tables were set for dinner. Those tables groaned under the good things to eat. Such as cake, pies, custards, all kind of Bread, chickens, roast ham, sausage, cabbage, turnips, ice tea, and goodness knows what else, as the reporter could not see all the things there was to eat. The ladies were called to dinner and Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford asked God's blessing on all present and the ladies enjoyed the hour in eating and talking. The ladies did fine work, there were 11 quilts finished and nine more in the frames for Wednesday to work on as the Ladies were to return and finish the quilts. Mrs. Jim Dennis kindly brought the ladies a quilt already quilted and lined. Thank you Mrs. Dennis in the name of the orphans. There will be 21 quilts to send to those little ones who have no parents. There was 66 ladies present before the days work was done.

We take this method to thank the ladies of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian churches for their help. We heartily thank Bro. Parrack for his help in gathering up the frames for us. We all enjoyed the day and hope to gather again in the future also, thank Mr. Jim Dennis for the nice cotton that he so kindly sent to us.

Reporter.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School 10 a. m. with a place for you. Vacation is over now so let's all get in our places again and get our neighbours to line up with us in the work of the Lord. We want 500 in Sunday School this fall and we feel sure if the 380 we have will all help we will get that number. Our business Men's Bibel Class wants 50 men and we are going after them. Why not more men to study the Bible? We have a class for men that want to get the real teaching of the Bible that will help men to meet the issues of life.

Pastor Parrack will preach at both hours Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Come and help get started off in our work. There were six additions to the church last Sunday morning and three Wednesday night.

Five of these were Baptized at the close of the Wednesday night service. There fifty or more people in and about Merkel who ought to come and line up with the church and we hope they will do so before the meeting of the Association which meet early in October.

The pastor is rejoicing over the 133 that joined the churches where he helped in meetings during the summer and is hopeful of great blessings on the work here now.

Help us make Sunday a big day for the Lord's work in Merkel.

All the regular services will be resumed now so get ready for real work for the Lord.

Training Class announcement to be made soon.

Ladies meeting Tuesday at 4. Sunbeams, Tuesday at 4:15. Prayermeeting, Wednesday at 7:30.

B. Y. P. U. Sunday at five. There is a welcome for you at any and all of these meetings.

Ira L. Parack, Pastor.

J. Doss Sheppard of Dallas, is here for a visit with relatives and old friends.

ABOUT 1,500 BALES ARE WEIGHED HERE

We are informed that up to date about 1,500 bales of cotton have been weighed up at the local cotton yard, and that the receipts are running up to about 100 bales per day. The price this week has been running slightly above the 20 cent mark; while seed is bringing \$30.00. This slightly above the average price being paid over the country; although in some places the price has gone as high as \$40.00 for seed.

Many farmers say that they have their cotton more than half gathered, and that the bulk of the crop will be gathered within the next 30 days. There are many whose crops are late, who have not as yet begun, but the most of the late cotton is reported as being very poor; many fields of which it is said that a sack will hardly be used in. And the general estimate of the number of bales for the Merkel country will run from 5,000 to 7'000.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

Last Sunday was a great day in the Methodist church. A large attendance at both Sunday school and church. Our pastor delivered a great sermon, and those members who were not present missed a spiritual blessing indeed.

Our teachers are regular in attendance, and each one is glad to extend a hearty welcome to the members of their classes each and every Sunday. They will also be glad to welcome you and all new members. We earnestly urge a full attendance for next Sunday in the Primary department, as promotion day is close at hand being Sunday Sept. 25. And then let all remember that, the first Sunday in October is "Go to Sunday School and Stay for Church day" all over the state. So let's get the habit of attending by being present next Sunday.

L. W. Cox, Supt.

BEGINNERS AT SCHOOL

It is important that all pupils start to school as soon as possible in order that they may not fall behind their classes and fail to make their grade, but this is especially important when the pupil is a student in the first grade, one has never gone to school before. It will mean a year lost for the child in the first grade if he cannot start within the next week or so. If at all possible children who have never been to school should start immediately. Send them whether or not you can send the older ones yet.

Very truly,
Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

DIED AT ABILENE

After many months suffering Burford Thornton, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Thornton, died this week in an Abilene Sanitarium, after a third operation.

The young man, we are told had been a severe sufferer since the first part of the year, and as stated above, underwent three operations, but all to no avail. He was a devoted member of the Baptist church since the age of 16, and was liked and esteemed by all who knew him.

A father, mother, four sisters and two brothers are left behind to mourn his going away, and to whom we extend deepest sympathy in this their sad hour.

Sam Freeman and wife of Colton, California, are here for a visit with friends and relatives. After their visit here they will go to Ft. Worth for another visit

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES

Our Revival meeting has closed, but let us keep the spirit of the Revival with us and we will accomplish much before the Church year closes. If you want to hear a complete report of the meeting come to church next Sunday morning and Mr. Henry West will report all that was done.

As we near our new quarters work in our Sunday School department, plans are being formulated which will be of interest to every member of the Sunday School. We hope to see present Sunday morning, Sept. 18, every member of the Sunday School, and why not bring a new member with you. The people of Merkel who do not attend Sunday School any where, will find a well organized Sunday School and a cordial welcome awaiting you.

Sunday School opens at 10 o'clock. Preaching service both morning and evening, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The C. E. Society meets at 6:45 p. m. The Womans Society meets Monday at 3 p. m. Prayer meeting services on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Fred S. Rogers, Pastor.

RALPH'S CANDY KITCHEN

We have opened a candy kitchen in the building just south of the Woodrum Filling Station, and will keep a nice stock of assorted home made candies. Will also serve Hamburgers and soft drinks. Our place will be kept clean and sanitary. It is open for your inspection. Come to see us Ralph Goodwin.

SELL HIS HOME WILL BUILD ANEW

A deal was consummated last week whereby Mr. E. O. Anderson, Cashier of the Farmers State Bank, sold to Mr. John W. Shannon, the former's splendid suburban residence, including the forty acre tract of land adjacent.

This is one of the nicest places surrounding our city, and we feel sure that Mr. Shannon has made a splendid investment. Mr. Anderson, we are glad to learn expects to soon begin the erection in the city of a commodious and handsome bungalow which he and his family will occupy, and which will be more convenient for his duties. For the present he and family have rooms at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School at 10 a.m. with room for all who will come. We have graded lessons and all of our teachers are holding the new convention normal course Diploma's and understand the graded work. The Sunday school attendance is fine and increasing. Come we have classes for all ages, the young men's Bible class is increasing, and Bro. Parrack, the teacher is capable of handling all problems brought to him. There is a welcome for all who will come to this class.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by the Pastor. Don't forget that promotion day is close at hand. Sunday, Sept 25, is also our go to Church Sunday School day. Let the house be filled that day. Let every member of the church come. See your children promoted, help them by being present. Chas. West, Supt

R. J. Adcock of Fort Worth arrived this week for an extended visit with relatives and friends.

RURAL SCHO'L NOTES FROM COUNTY SUPT.

Some important recommendations made by county board in meeting Saturday.

At a call meeting Saturday afternoon of the County School Board, consisting of Judge J. P. Stinson, B. E. Holly, L. R. Thompson, Fred Jones, and J. H. Moody a number of matters were discussed pertaining to uniformity in our schools, with an idea of building up a school system, instead of maintaining many schools with no thought of relationship of one to another. To this end the following recommendations were made by the Board:

1. All six months' schools to open October 17th, inasmuch as this be possible.

2. All seven and eight months' schools to open October 10th, inasmuch as this is possible.

(North Park, the only nine months' school in the county opens September 12th).

B. All schools to consider their months closed at the same time, this time to be indicated by the Superintendent. (This plan is desired in order that, should conditions seem favorable, probably two meetings can be arranged for the teachers during the year and they will be more easily assembled at the end of their school month than at any other time.)

C. All schools of seven, eight and nine months be urged to charge tuition for children transferred in from schools of shorter terms, particularly when the child transferred comes from a district levying a lower tax than that of the school into which the transfer is made. (This suggestion has a two-fold purpose; i. e., to protect the interests of the small schools, a number of which we certainly must maintain for a good many years at least yet, in that too many transfers will not be made from these districts; and to give the school of longer term and higher taxes the opportunity to give to those paying these taxes service that it ought not to give to others not so taxed. Under these conditions, it seems that the Superintendent should grant transfers from smaller schools to larger schools without doing any injustice to either school and at the same time, give to the man, who can pay and is willing to pay, the best opportunities possible for his children. This ruling should have been made before the transfers were granted for this year, but all school boards are respectfully asked to take what action now in this matter as seems fair to all concerned under conditions of transfers granted for the coming year; and to keep this matter in mind for another year.

A number of transfers were allowed by the Board in cases in which the claim seemed justifiable. Attention is called to the fact that, under the law, transfers, after The First Of August can be made only by the County Board. Ada D. Pearce, County Superintendent.

DINNER PARTY

On Monday evening of this week, Miss Ruby Hamm entertained for her sister, Evelyn, who left Wednesday for school with a dinner party.

Delicious chicken, gravy, potatoe chips, fruit salad, ice tea and pie-a-la-mode was served to the following: Hazel Harkrider Loyce Dry, Evelyn Hamm, and Messers Durham, Darsey, Compton and Jones.

The party drove to Abilene after having finished dinner, where each enjoyed a good show.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Higgs, a daughter on Sept. 13th.

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 F. Y. GAITHER Assistant Cashier
 W. L. DILTZ, Jr. Assistant Cashier

facilities for making tractors were outlined and it was explained at the factory they were producing about 250 tractors a day and how the distribution of the tractor through the Ford dealer enabled the Ford Motor Company to set the very lowest price on this. To date over 200,000 Fordson tractors have been manufactured and distributed over the United States, and in the Northern half of Texas over 4,000 tractors have been placed on the farms.

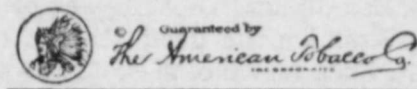
The most important thing, we are told, by the representatives of the Ford Company, is the Service a farmer gets when he buys a Fordson. How the Ford dealers are equipped to render assistance to the farmer to keep the tractors functioning and operating properly by carrying an investment in repair parts which can be bought at reasonable prices, how the shop is equipped in late fixtures and tools to handle all repair operations keeping the tractor up to a high point of efficiency, which we are told is the thing most striven for not only in the mechanism of the tractor but which carried to the farm in the various stages of the seed bed preparation and harvesting of the crop, in doing this work at a minimum cost, uniform and thorough, insuring increased production and yield, thereby making farming a profitable investment and putting the farm on a business basis and through the use of power machinery being better able to withstand the changing marketing conditions to which our products are subjected to, and through the saving accomplished, to sell same at profits.

About eighty to one hundred farmers were present and who manifested a great deal of interest and enthusiasm in the demonstration from the start to the finish.

Mrs. Bob Martin accompanied her daughter, Miss Julia, to Abilene Thursday where the latter will re-enter Simmons College. Miss Martin will finish her work at Simmons this year.



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THE FARMER DIED LAST

W. J. Bryan recently uttered these words that ought to be read by every citizen as well as by every farmer. His subject was: "The Farmer Dies Last."

Mr Bryan said; "In a fight to the death the farmer will die last. If big business thinks that it can bleed him without limit it had better consider his resources. When it comes to the pinch he can stand squeezing better than any other class. Food is the first necessity and he can feed himself. He can raise all he and his family need, but if he raises no more than he needs the rest of the people will starve. The farmer's surplus supplies the world. Suppose the surplus fails—

"The farmer can raise the material necessary to clothe himself and family—wool, cotton and silk, but if he raises no more the rest of the people go naked. It is the farmer's surplus material that clothes the world—suppose the surplus fails?"

Farmer can, if necessary, produce his own fuel. He can raise his own wood; he can burn cobs and even corn if he must, but what will become of the railroads

We call attention to our

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

(Condensed)

At the close of business Sept. 6th, 1921

As shown below and invite your careful scrutiny. For a more carefully itemized statement we refer you to our statement in this issue made to the controller.

You will note that this statement shows a careful conservative management with plenty of funds to take care of the legitimate needs of the community, and we solicit your business on the showing therein made, together with the Service that we offer every customer.

BRING YOUR COTTON CHECKS FOR DEPOSIT

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$267,022.52
Other Bonds and Securities	18,666.37
U. S. Securities	11,629.78
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,600.00
Other Real Estate	3,600.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX.	149,270.97
Total	\$457,252.09

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	8,800.86
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
OTHER LIABILITIES	NONE
DEPOSITS	377,201.23
Total	\$457,252.09

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Merkel, Texas

FORDSON DEMONSTRATION HERE

The Merkel Motor Company on September 7th, with the assistance of Mr. W. J. Atwood and Ed. Phillips, of the Ford Motor Company and Mr. Ral Lamkin of the Oliver Chilled Plow Works, gave a field demonstration showing the work that could be done with the Fordson Tractor and the various tools worked behind it.

Although the field was not in as good shape as would be desired in giving a demonstration of this kind, however, the tractor handled the three disc plows in easy fashion, a depth of about seven inches. Besides pulling the plows, the tractor pulled an eight foot seed drill, Stover Feed mill, Martin ditcher, and culti-packer; the work with the feed mill being handled in the belt pulley with which all Fordsons are equipped.

The demonstration primarily was intended to show the farmers of our community of just how the Fordson can be put to work on the farms, and also supplant horse and man power to the minimum.

Mr. Atwood and Mr. Phillips made short talks outlining the policies of the Ford Motor Co. in the distribution of the tractor, and explained the time and work devoted to perfecting the tractor by Mr. Henry Ford, whose sole ambition since a boy has been to make a power unit for the farm to answer the needs of American Agriculture. How for three years or more experiments were being made in testing out the tractor in practical work, before it was brought down to the present type shown on the field and which, we are told, was the sixty second model made. After the tractor was perfected to the present design, the matter of suitable implements was the next important step in marketing the tractor, and the various manufacturers of the tools spent time and money in making tools that would do the work and as demonstrated in the field. Mr. Ford's

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.

It's A good time for you to buy now on all Staple lines of goods made of Cotton.

OUR PRICES WILL NOT GO UP Until we pay the advanced prices

We are not going to mark BIG PROFITS ON ANYTHING

Brown Dry Goods Company

when the farmer neither buys or sells?

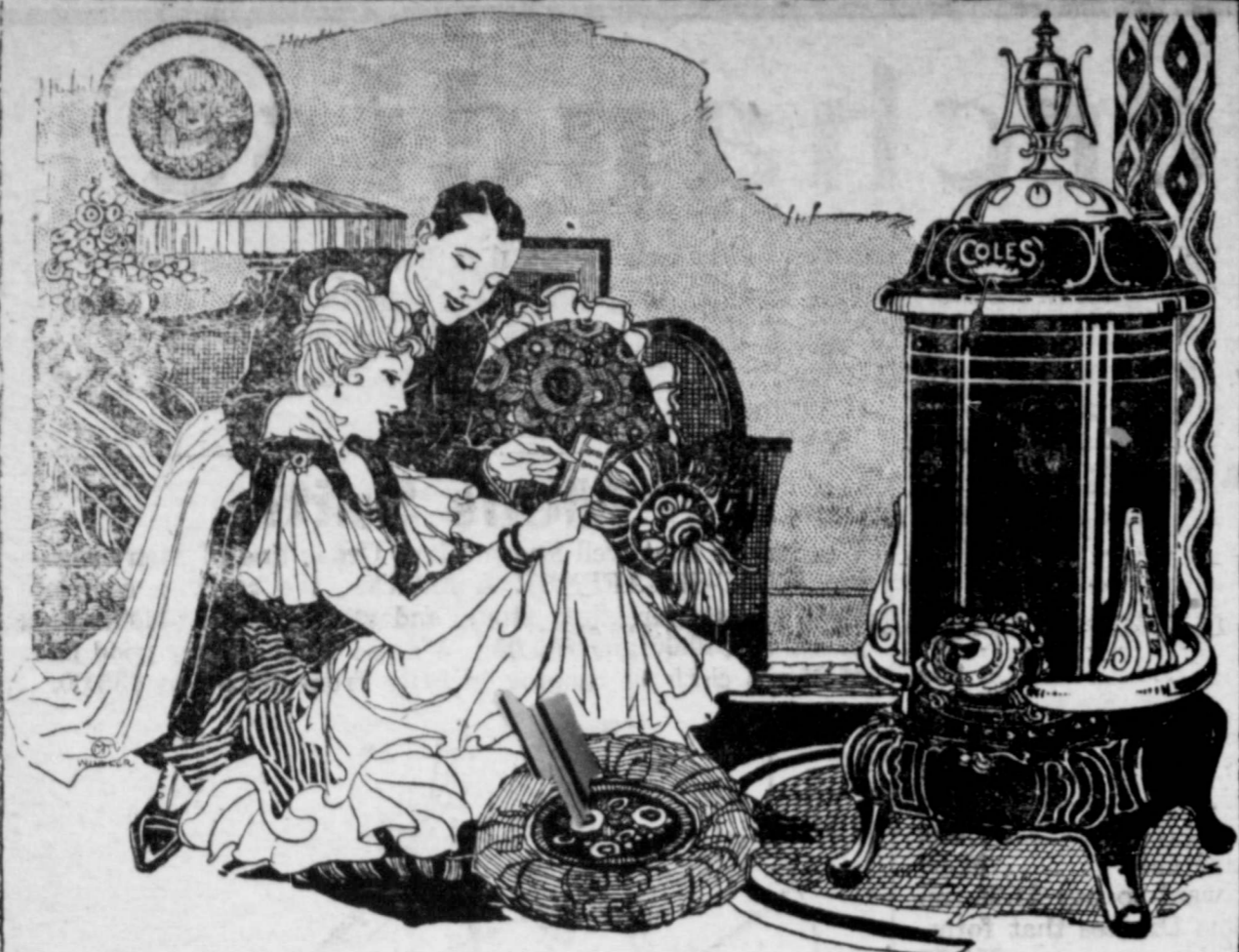
"What will become of the packers when they have no meat to pack? And what will become of the grain gamblers when there is no market grain to gamble on? What will become of the little stores when the farmer ceases to trade? And what will the whole salers do when the little stores close? And what will the manufacturers do when the wholesalers go out of business? And what will the clerks in the stores the workers in the mills and the railroad employes do when business stops? What will all the people do when nobody needs them? What? Go to work with their hands and wring a living from Mother Earth—that is the last resort as it was the first.

"Will the middleman continue to lord it over the producers of wealth, or will they learn that they must serve if they would live, and serve for a reasonable toll? The flower that blooms in beauty on the stem should not despise the roots that do their work in the dirt. The roots will live when the flower fades—tenance for new flowers, season after season. So will the farmer, he draws the milk from Nature's breast and Nature will protect him as a mother protects her child. He will not be last to die in the struggle for existence. But why this conflict? Why not love and brotherhood and cooperation? Why not work together for the common weal? Why not justice to each and all.

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We have opened the A. C. Boney Feed, Wagon and Stock Yard and have stables and lots to rent by the day or month. We also have Hardware and Horse Jewelry at Pre War prices. Twine at 18 cents and everything else in proportion. Come and see us; thanking one and all for past patronage and favors. J. B. Bell and Son. 16t2pd.

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Mrs. Fred Latham left last week for South Texas, where she will join her husband in making that country their home. We join their many friends in wishing for them much happiness and prosperity.

J. L. Bene returned last week from a visit with relatives in Calahan county. He reports crops shorter there than in this part of the country. He sends the Mail to relatives for a year, for which we are thankful.

MAGGIE AND JIGGS AT THE GOLDEN GATE

St. Peter stood guard at the golden gate,
 With a solemn mein and an air sedate;
 When up at the top of the garden stair,
 Maggie and Jiggs, both ascending there,
 Applied for admission; then came and stood
 Before Saint Peter, so great and good;
 In hope of the city of peace to win,
 And asked Saint Peter to let them in,
 Maggie was tall and dark and thin,
 With a scraggly beardlet on her chin.
 Jiggs was short and thick and very stout,
 And his stomach was built so it rounded out.
 His face was pleasant and all the while
 He wore a very kindly and genial smile.
 The choir in the distance the echoes woke,
 And Jiggs kept still while Maggie spoke.
 "O thou, who guardest the gate said she,
 "We two came here beseeching thee
 To let us enter the heavenly land,
 And play our harps with the angel band.
 Of me, St. Peter, there is no doubt,
 There's nothing from heaven to bar me out,

I've been to meeting three times a week,
 And almost always I'd rise and speak
 I've told the sinners about the day
 When they'd repent of their evil way;
 I've told my neighbours—I've told them all
 'Bout Adam and Eve and the Primal Fall;
 I've shown them what they'd have to do
 If they'd pass in with the chosen few;
 I've marked their path of duty clear—
 Laid out the plan of their whole career.
 I've talked and talked to 'em loud and long,
 For my lungs are good and my voice is strong,
 So, good S. Peter, you'll clearly see
 The gate of heaven is open for me.
 But Jiggs here, I surely regret to say
 Hasn't walked in exactly the narrow way;
 He smokes and swears and grave faults he's got.
 So I don't know whether he'll pass or not.
 He never would pray with an earnest vim,
 Or go to revivals, or join in a hymn.
 While I the sins of my neighbour bore,
 He gadded about with that Dinty Moore.
 He made a practice of staying out late,
 Which is a sin that all women hate
 But at last when he did come home,
 The rolling pin went straight for his dome,
 "I know him, Saint Peter, know him well,
 To escape from me he would go to hell;
 But, St. Peter, I do so much need him here,
 And I hope you can see your way clear
 On earth I bore a heavy cross,
 Give me in heaven still Jiggs to boss
 I've brought my rolling-pin, plates and jars,
 To keep him dogging among the stars
 But say—St. Peter—it seems to me
 This gate isn't kept as it ought to be
 You ought to stand right by the opening there
 And never sit down in that easy chair,
 And say—St. Peter—my sight is dimmed
 But I don't like the way your whiskers are trimmed.
 They're cut too wide with an outward toss;
 They'd look better narrow and straight across."
 St. Peter sat quiet and stroked his staff,
 But in spite of his office he had to laugh,
 Then said, with a fiery gleam in his eye:
 "Who's tender this gate, Maggie, you or I."
 Then he arose in his statue tall,
 And pressed a button on the wall,
 And said to the imp who answered the bell
 "Escort this female around to Hell."
 Slowly Jiggs turned, by habit bent,
 To follow wherever Maggie went
 St. Peter standing on duty there
 Saw that the top of his head was bare,
 He called the old boy back and said
 "Jiggs how long hast thou been wed?"
 "Thirty years" (with a sad and weary sigh)—
 And then he thoughtfully added "Why?"
 St. Peter was silent with head bent down
 He raised his hand and scratched his crown;
 Then, seming a different thought

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to take,
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 No wonder the man hasn't any hair.
 Swearing is wicked, smoking's no good;
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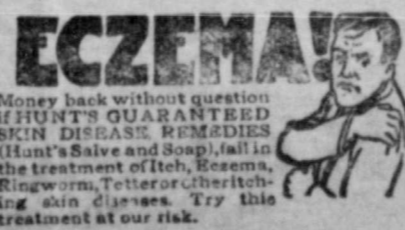
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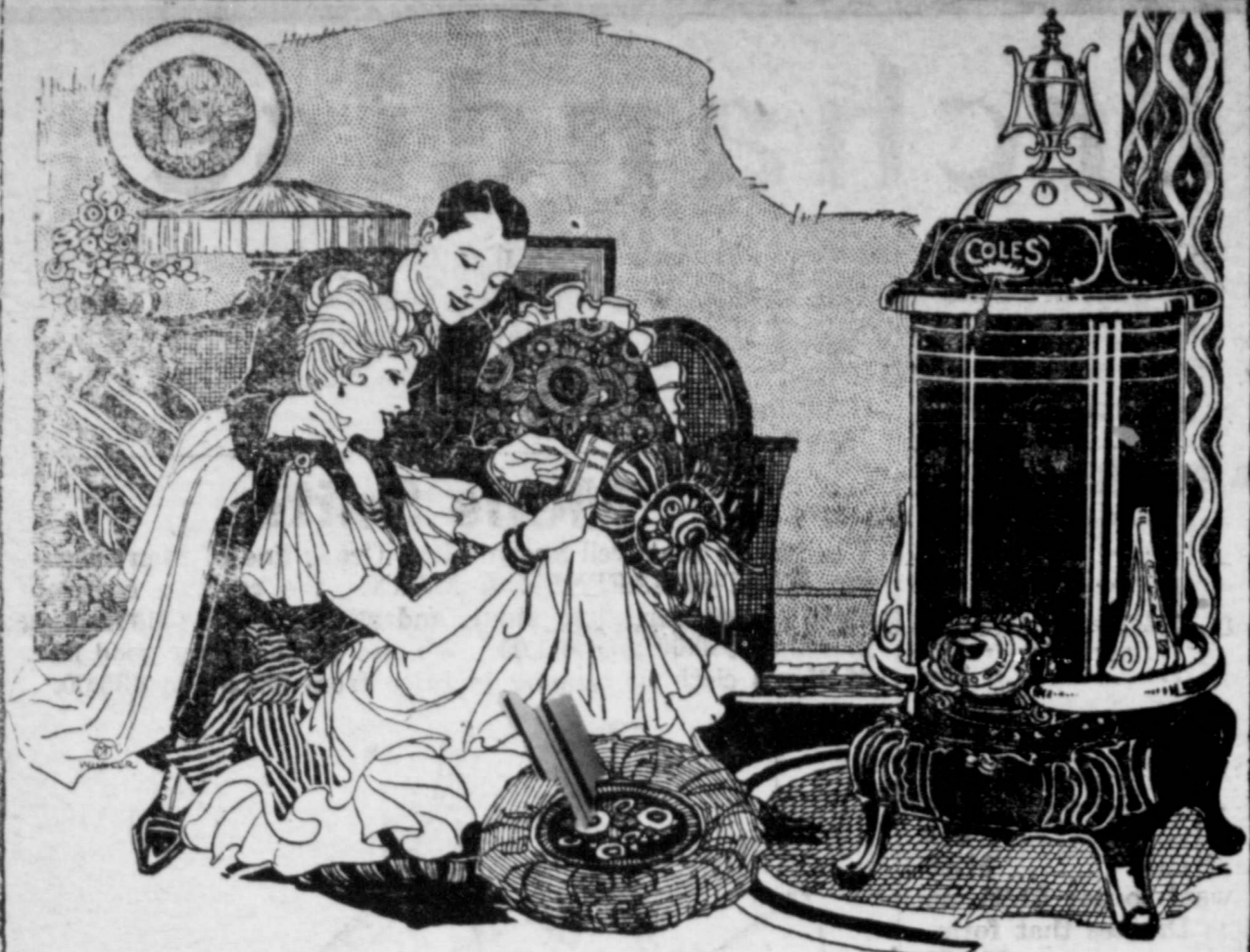
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HOT BLAST HEATER

THE famous Hot Blast Draft in this remarkable stove burns all the combustible gases from the fuel—under-draft stoves waste this valuable portion of the fuel.

That is why Cole's Original Hot Blast Heaters are guaranteed to consume one-third less fuel than any under-draft stove of the same size.

Stop and think what this saving will mean to you with coal at its present price.

REMEMBER:

Cole's Original Hot Blast will—
Save one-third your fuel—
Burn any fuel—
Hold fire thirty-six hours!

Step in today and let us show you this great fuel saver.

West Company

"Twenty-five years of Better Service"

Mrs. Fred Latham left last week for South Texas, where she will join her husband in making that country their home. We join their many friends in wishing for them much happiness and prosperity.

J. L. Bene returned last week from a visit with relatives in Calahan county. He reports crops shorter there than in this part of the country. He sends the Mail to relatives for a year, for which we are thankful.

MAGGIE AND JIGGS AT THE GOLDEN GATE

St. Peter stood guard at the golden gate,
With a solemn mein and an air sedate;
When up at the top of the garden stair,
Maggie and Jiggs, both ascending there,
Applied for admission; then came and stood
Before Saint Peter, so great and good;
In hope of the city of peace to win,
And asked Saint Peter to let them in,
Maggie was tall and dark and thin,
With a scraggly beardlet on her chin.
Jiggs was short and thick and very stout,
And his stomach was built so it rounded out.
His face was pleasant and all the while
He wore a very kindly and genial smile.
The choir in the distance the echoes woke,
And Jiggs kept still while Maggie spoke.
"O thou, who guardest the gate said she,
"We two came here beseeching thee
To let us enter the heavenly land,
And play our harps with the angel band.
Of me, St. Peter, there is no doubt,
There's nothing from heaven to bar me out,

I've been to meeting three times a week,
And almost always I'd rise and speak
I've told the sinners about the day
When they'd repent of their evil way;
I've told my neighbours—I've told them all
'Bout Adam and Eve and the Primal Fall;
I've shown them what they'd have to do
If they'd pass in with the chosen few;
I've marked their path of duty clear—
Laid out the plan of their whole career.
I've talked and talked to 'em loud and long,
For my lungs are good and my voice is strong,
So, good S. Peter, you'll clearly see
The gate of heaven is open for me.
But Jiggs here, I surely regret to say
Hasn't walked in exactly the narrow way;
He smokes and swears and grave faults he's got.
So I don't know whether he'll pass or not.
He never would pray with an earnest vim,
Or go to revivals, or join in a hymn.
While I the sins of my neighbour bore,
He gaddled about with that Dinty Moore,
He made a practice of staying out late,
Which is a sin that all women hate
But at last when he did come home,
The rolling pin went straight for his dome,
"I know him, Saint Peter, know him well,
To escape from me he would go to hell;
But, St. Peter, I do so much need him here,
And I hope you can see your way clear
On earth I bore a heavy cross,
Give me in heaven still Jiggs to boss
I've brought my rolling-pin, plates and jars,
To keep him dogging among the stars
But say—St. Peter—it seems to me
This gate isn't kept as it ought to be
You ought to stand right by the opening there
And never sit down in that easy chair,
And say—St. Peter—my sight is dimmed
But I don't like the way your whiskers are trimmed.
They're cut too wide with an outward toss;
They'd look better narrow and straight across."
St. Peter sat quiet and stroked his staff,
But in spite of his office he had to laugh,
Then said, with a fiery gleam in his eye;
"Who's tending this gate, Maggie, you or I?"
Then he arose in his statue tall,
And pressed a button on the wall,
And said to the imp who answered the bell
"Escort this female around to Hell."
Slowly Jiggs turned, by habit bent,
To follow wherever Maggie went
St. Peter standing on duty there
Saw that the top of his head was bare,
He called the old boy back and said
"Jiggs how long hast thou been wed?"
"Thirty years" (with a sad and weary sigh)—
And then he thoughtfully added "Why?"
St. Peter was silent with head bent down
He raised his hand and scratched his crown;
Then, seeming a different thought

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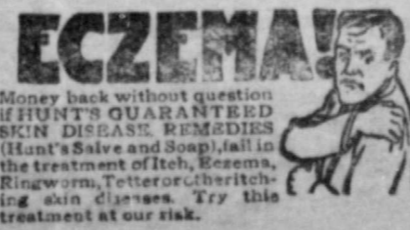
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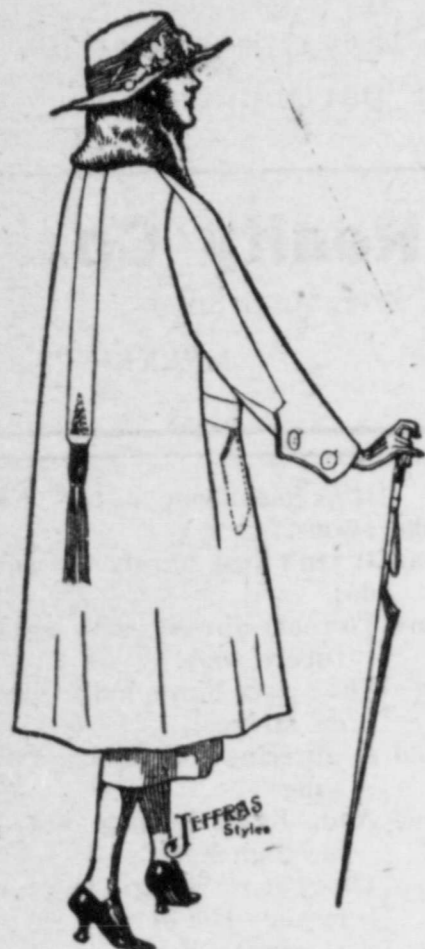


SANDERS DRUG STORE

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" Duveltyne, 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 BLACK KID AND BLACK KANGAROO \$10.00 BROWN CALF SKIN BROGUE LAST \$10.00

MARSHALL SHOES

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

NEW FALL STETSONS

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

The Merkel Dry Goods Co.

The Merkel Mail

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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.

Those who always look down seldom get a bright outlook.

Education is a fine thing, of course but some of the finest cooks we ever knew never saw inside of a cook book.

A man never graduates from the school of experience.

The way to make business pick up is to get out and run it down.

Women are covering their ears now, but they manage to hear just about as much as formerly.

"Booze to Stay Down," says a headline. But haven't you seen the time when it wouldn't?

It may be true that nobody loves a fat man, but a lot of old skin-and-bones envy him.

The only way we can account for the husband that some women select is because of their love of cheap things.

Read Mayor H. C. West's article in this issue of the Mail. It will do you good. The Mayor, City Council and other officers are desirous of making Merkel a clean town in which to make a home. They also desire and ask your cooperation. They should have it.

The Merkel merchants have large and complete stocks of goods in every line. Their prices are in keeping with the present trend of things, and they are beginning to enjoy a brisk trade as



Doctor John A. Adkisson

Special Attention to Diseases of the Kidneys, Stomach and the Nerves ABILENE, TEXAS

Office over Montgomery Drug Store. Phone 1202



the result of the high price of cotton. There should be no sending away for goods that can be bought for the same money in your home town. And in most cases the quality is always better.

We know not the day nor the hour when sorrow and death may enter our life, therefore it behoves us all to so live that when such misfortunes come our way we will be prepared. The saddest thing in this world, to our mind, is the man or woman who walks the streets of their home city posing as pure and righteous, and then when they enter the dark recesses of another city engage in unquestionable practices and then later meet death or misfortune and have no sure hope in the Saviour who says, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Sweet-water Reporter.

The Merkel Mail \$1.50 per year.

THE "OLD RELIABLE" THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

White Haired Alabama Lady Says She Has Seen Medicines Come and Go But The "Old Reliable" Thedford's Black-Draught Came and Stayed.

Dutton, Ala.—In recommending Thedford's Black-Draught to her friends and neighbors here, Mrs. T. F. Parks, a well-known Jackson County lady, said: "I am getting up in years; my head is pretty white. I have seen medicines and remedies come and go but the old reliable came and stayed. I am talking of Black-Draught, a liver medicine we have used for years—one that can be depended upon and one that will do the work."

"Black-Draught will relieve indigestion and constipation if taken right, and I know for I tried it. It is the best thing I have ever found for the full, uncomfortable feeling after meals. Sour stomach and sick headache can be relieved by taking Black-Draught. It aids digestion, also assists the liver in throwing off impurities. I am glad to recommend Black-Draught, and do, to my friends and neighbors."

Thedford's Black-Draught is a standard household remedy with a record of over seventy years of successful use. Every one occasionally needs something to help cleanse the system of impurities. Try Black-Draught. Insist upon Thedford's, the genuine. At all druggists. U. M. for them to do so. And which will be sufficient to keep them from coming. Here's hoping, let's stay with the City Council, give them our help, not cussing, and we believe they will do their best to make Merkel a decent, clean place in which to reside. Ten Records for \$3.00. Columbia or Pathe. This week only. Merkel Drug Co. tf

We are Still After Your Business

We are striving to build up our business with QUALITY DRUGS and EFFICIENT SERVICE. We have succeeded to the extent we are continuing this plan and are trying harder to make our stock better, if possible, and to make our service second to none.

The Best Reasonable Priced

Is the kind you get at our store. Prompt and Courteous Treatment given all of our patrons

The Merkel Drug Company

"It's a Pleasure to Please" PHONE No. 105

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

- Subject—"How to make the most of our Bible."
 Leader—Murphy Thomas.
1. Song Service.
 2. Scripture References (Ps. 19:7-14; John 5:39-40; Acts 17:11-12).
 3. Prayer.
 4. "How to make the most of our Bible in the Prayer meeting"—Leader.
 5. Questions which will help us—Mrs. Vaughn.
 6. Bible Study—Ruth Pike.
 7. Song.
 8. Business.
 9. League Benediction

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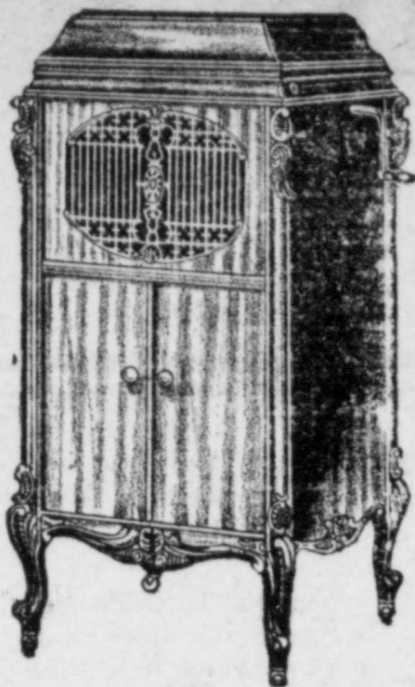
Sam, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Houston, left Thursday for Arlington, where he will attend the Grubbs Vocational School. This is a splendid school for young men, and the Mail joins Sam's many friends in wishing for him splendid success.

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Frank Armstrong left last week for New Orleans, where he will attend Tulane Medical University. Young Armstrong will finish the course in this one of the nations best medical schools and when he returns it will be Dr. Frank Armstrong. We join his host of friends in wishing for him that splendid degree of success to which he so richly deserves.

Maize Headers at Bob Martin Grocery Company. 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.



Free BRUNSWICK Special

For the next ten days we will give, with each Phonograph, \$25.00 worth of Records FREE.

Sanders Drug Store Phone No. 93

NO. 7481 Report of the Condition of THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on Sept. 6, 1921

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts	\$267,022.52
Overdrafts, secured	\$1,437.93
Unsecured	\$154.40
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)	\$6,250.00
All other United States Government Securities	\$5,379.73
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	21,516.37
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	3,900.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	24,841.32
Cash in vault and amount due from national Banks	121,459.12
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	270.98
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	\$121,730.10
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	1,107.22
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
Total	\$457,252.09
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits	\$11,596.48
Current expenses, interest and taxes paid	2,795.62
Circulating notes outstanding	8,800.86
Cashiers checks on own bank outstanding	6,250.00
Total of items 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25	154.97
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	307,746.40
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	18,022.00
Deposits requiring notice, but less than 30 days	11,239.00
Dividends unpaid	0,000.00
Total demand deposits subject to Reserve:	
Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31	\$337,007.40
Other time Deposits	40,038.86
Total of time dep. sub. to Res., Items 32, 33, 34, and 35	\$40,038.86
Total	\$457,252.09

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
 I, L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of Sept., 1921.
 J. T. HOWARD, Notary Public.
 Correct—Attest:—G. F. WEST,
 J. T. WARREN,
 SAM BUTMAN Sr., Directors

The Farmers and Merchants of your old cast off clothing, let National Bank calls your attention us dye and make over for the ion to their published statement If you want to make good use inthis paper, also their adver- little ones. Ligon the laundry- tisement on page two. Itp man, phone 218. tf

\$13.95

Is the Price of a 30x3 1/2 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

GOODYEAR OR RACINE

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

One used Ford for sale, 1920 Model

For SERVICE and SATISFACTION COME TO

The Merkel Garage

PHONE No. 123

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H. L. PROPST

TEXANS WILL SEE NUMBER OF GREAT SHOWS THIS YEAR

Amusement Program of State Fair of Texas High in Standard and Variety.

Texans are known the world over as firm friends to wholesome amusement. The population of the State, living as it does in an environment that encourages broad-mindedness and develops mass intelligence, gives favor to good productions in a way that leaves no doubt as to their feelings. This year Texans will have full opportunity to display their love for the tinsel, for the amusement program of the State Fair of Texas and International Exposition—Oct. 8 to 23—has just been announced and brings to light that some of the leading shows of the country will make America's greatest Fair.

"Smiles of 1921" will lead off the program as headliner, and it is a show well worthy of this important rank. It is a musical revue produced under the direction of Emile de Recat, the noted French maitre de ballet, who will bring the most beautiful chorus to the State Fair that has ever been seen outside New York or Chicago. The show itself will be a sparkling medley, filled to a delightful measure with snappy songs, clever dancing, and bright hued costumes. "Smiles of 1921" will be staged in the Coliseum Building every day during the Fair, with one show in the afternoon and another at night.

Down on Amusement Row that well known showman, Clarence Wortham, will provide outdoor amusement with his series of shows and rides. This feature of the State Fair will advance many novelties, chief among them being a three-ring circus, which will play every day during the season.

Before the grandstand in the afternoon there will be auto races, motorcycle races, and a hippodrome show which will include some of the best vaudeville actors in America.

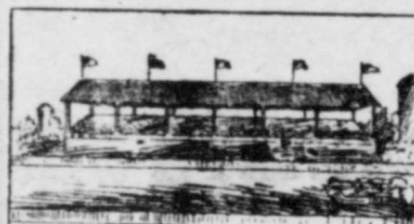
At night before the grandstand a scenic of deep historic interest will be shown. It is called, "Montezuma, or the Last Days of the Aztecs." This show is staged on a tremendous scale, and depicts in startling fashion the vain struggle of the proud Aztecs to withstand the conquering arm of Cortez. There will be a vivid pyrotechnic display, featuring the roaring volcanoes of Old Mexico.

There are other attractions galore that the State Fair is announcing from time to time, and the visitor to the 1921 Exposition is sure to find something of particular interest.

AUTO RACES AT STATE FAIR TO BRING TALENT

Famous Drivers Of Dirt Track World Showing Interest in Meet.

When the best racing talent of the United States gathers together for a series of contests in fast-flying cars,



Auto racers from every country will make this year's races international contests.

there is bound to be quite a little excitement. This is the indication for the State Fair of Texas race meeting for the 1921 season. October 8 to 23.

Prominent drivers all over the country are eagerly awaiting the posting of the State Fair purses and the outline of the State Fair program. This is being worked out now by the proper committees, and sanction of the International Motor Contest Association for the meet will soon be secured.

Some of the newest and fastest automobiles in the world will be on hand, according to the advance dope. On a fast track like that of the Dallas oval, world's records are quite likely to fall in bunches.

An added feature of the State Fair season may be a series of motorcycle races. It is now being determined by experts whether motorcycle racing is practicable on the State Fair track. If this report is favorable it is quite probable that the fastest thing on wheels—the motorbike—will join the autos in making a speed holiday for State Fair crowds.

American Public Service Company

Notice of Dividend on Preferred Stock

The Board of Directors of the American Public Service Company has declared a quarterly dividend of One Dollar and Seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per share on the outstanding preferred stock of this Company, payable October 1st, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Thursday, September, fifteenth, 1921.

EUSTACE J. KNIGHT,
Secretary.

How Would a Dividend Check Every Quarter Appeal to You?

Others in your town are receiving them: Why not You? Would you be interested in a Safe and Permanent investment that is exempt from Income Tax and which pays a quarterly dividend on the First of January, April, July and October (Dividends on this stock have been paid without interruption since the incorporation of the company.)

This Income can be had in the American Public Service Company 7% Cumulative Preferred Stock. The Merkel Power Company, Abilene Gas and Electric Company, Abilene Ice Company, Abilene Water Company, Abilene Traction Company, together with other large companies in Texas and Oklahoma comprise The American Public Service Company.

You can now buy a \$100 share of this stock for \$87.50 in cash or by easy payment plan of \$5.00 down and \$5.00 per month until the \$87.50 has been paid at which rate it will yield 8% on the investment.

For full details see

MERKEL POWER CO.

OR PHONE NO. 202

**PARENTS!
THAT SON OR DAUGHTER?
WHAT ABOUT THEIR
FUTURE SUCCESS?**

Their ability to think, to do, to act, according to the laws of a well trained mind will measure their success.

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Rev. W. M. Murrell and Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson were among those of our citizens who attended the breaking dirt for the building of McMurray College, at Abilene, Monday. Mr. Thompson is a member of the board of directors and one of the Trustees of the college, and states that he expects to see the building rushed to completion, and that another great school will be established in West Texas.

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Friday September 16
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IN MEMORY

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I wonder dear Bufford, If your spirit looks down On our desolate hearts As you're wearing your Crown? Or are you too happy

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Adoring your savior Who loved you so well. In anguish to die To save you from hell.

Oh glorious thought! That soon we will meet, Where suffering's unknown And Joys complete.
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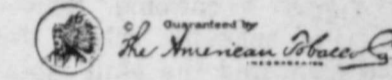
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Showed most everything to me;
Met the president who said
That his little boy was dead
And my father should be glad
And he sighed and wiped his eye
Now I understand just why.

Now I am older and wiser grown,
With a youngster of my own,
And at times that little lad
Begs to go to work with Dad.
Likes to occupy a chair
In the down town office, where
Everything seems strange and
new.

And there's such a lot to do.
So I take him now an' then
Down among the busy men,
And the boy that is with me
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In the eyes of long ago,
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To try to measure the enjoyment of others by your own.

To expect uniformity of opinions in this world.

To fail to make allowances for inexperience.

To endeavor to mold all dispositions alike.

Not to yield to unimportant trifles.

To look for perfection in our own actions.

To worry ourselves and others about what can not be remedied.

To consider a thing impossible that we can not ourselves perform.

Failing to help everybody, wherever, however, and whenever we can.

To believe only what our minds can grasp.

Not to make allowances for the weakness of others.

To estimate by some outside quality when it is that within which makes the man.

REGULAR APPOINTMENT AT BLAIR

Rev. Q. Brown announces that hereafter he will have a regular appointment at Blair, every third Sunday, at the School building.

He will preach at eleven in the morning and at three thirty in the afternoon. He extends a cordial invitation to one and all to attend any and all services.

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

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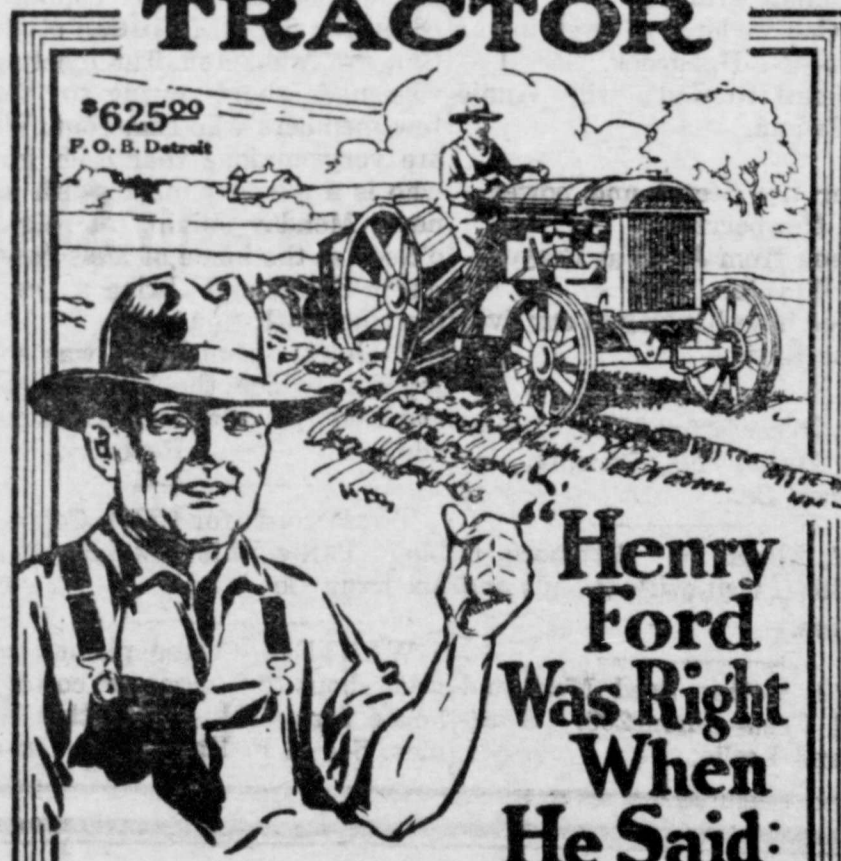
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MAN'S QUEER PETS

Animals and Birds That Have Figured in History.

Death of King Alexander of Greece, Credited to Bite of Monkey, Calls Forth Reminiscence.

The report, which later was denied, that King Alexander of Greece died from the bite of a pet monkey, and the presentation to the prince of Wales of a young koala, or Australian bear, a mountain devil, and a barking lizard, during his trip around the world, bring to mind the peculiar pets of nations and of famous men and women of history, says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society.

The natives of Pisa, Italy, kept tame eagles. The Florentines kept lions, and the Romans had wolves, the latter as an outgrowth of the Romulus-Remus story of the foundation of the city. Many peoples besides the Romans have made pets of wolves. Despite their proverbial ferocity in the wild state, many, taken as cubs, grow tame and manifest the traits of a faithful dog as a companion.

The history of the sport of hawking, or falconry, engaged in to some extent today, extends to prehistoric times and recalls the intelligent devotion displayed by the pet hawk of Genghis Khan, which three times in succession dashed a cup of water out of the hand of its master, who was thirst-parched after a hunt, in order to save his life. The water had been collected drop by drop from a pool on the height of a cliff. When the hawk had deliberately knocked the cup from his hand for the third time and at last sent it spinning between the rocks, the master drew his sword and killed the bird. Then he wearily climbed the cliff, only to find the dead body of the most poisonous variety of snake coiled at the bottom of the clear pool.

Monkeys have nearly always been general favorites, perhaps because of the uncanny intelligence they show. The pathetic little beggars with the organ grinders on our streets, the mascots of airplanes, and Prof. Garner's "Little Susie" are notable examples. King Solomon had apes brought into his kingdom once in every three years, and after stating this fact, the account naively adds that he exceeded all the kings of the earth for wisdom.

The part played by dogs and horses in the World war is a complete story in itself, but cats, chickens, cows, and goats shared with them the honors among the boys in France. The cats in the trenches furnished amusement, so the tale is told. Puss seemed to have no fear of bullets, but manifested a high degree of annoyance when her glossy coat was splattered with mud during the process of washing her face and combing her fur on the top of a parapet.

Every child has heard the story of Dick Whittington's cat which was sent to sea and won her poor little master a fortune by killing the rats that wrought such havoc on the dinner table of a foreign king. But, sad to relate, the history of this early lord mayor of London does not substantiate the legend.

Solved the Mystery.

While still a novice in the art of stenography I was called one day to take a very important letter from the president of the firm. In my nervousness I failed to notice that there were but a few blank pages in my notebook, and as a result was compelled to write on the cover of the book. All went smoothly in the transcription of my notes until I reached the cover, and then try as I might I could not make out a single word. Finally in desperation I went to the president and told him of my plight. He was quite kind, offering to dictate that portion of the letter over and suggested that I endeavor to read a few lines so that he might get the connection. However, this was an impossibility on my part, whereupon he began studying the little dots and dashes and suddenly



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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 con-

CHAS. F. TAYLOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Leader—Ola Sharp.
How we can receive this power—Lillian Craig.
How Can we let God dwell in our hearts—N. Hancock.
Obedience to God's will—Annie Mae Swann.
Song.
Prayer the Secret and power—Ruth Newberry.
A lesson from Jesus at Prayer—Alva Wheeler.
Let God have his way in our lives—Miss Byri.

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B. A. Hogan of Pottsville, is here for a visit with friends and relatives.

NEW Cotton Seed Meal and mixed Feed—Phone 203, Swafford and Leslie.

Y. P. M. S. NOTES

The young peoples missionary society met at the home of Miss Ruth Pike in Mission study. An interesting lesson was conducted by the Supt. of Mission study Ganevra Middleton. The meeting was made short owing to the few members who came out. We are very anxious that each girl who is a member meet with us next Monday night at eight o'clock at the home of Miss Josephine Smith and bring a new member with you.

A short social hour was enjoyed in which the hostess served cake, pie-a-la-mode and lime ade. Reporter.

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CARD OF THANKS

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Mrs. J. A. Collins returned first of the week from an extended visit with friends and relatives in her native state, Tennessee, and on her return she was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Emma Williams, who will spend some time with the former.

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To try to measure the enjoyment of others by your own.

To expect uniformity of opinions in this world.

To fail to make allowances for inexperience.

To endeavor to mold all dispositions alike.

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To look for perfection in our own actions.

To worry ourselves and others about what can not be remedied.

To consider a thing impossible that we can not ourselves perform.

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To believe only what our minds can grasp.

Not to make allowances for the weakness of others.

To estimate by some outside quality when it is that within which makes the man.

REGULAR APPOINTMENT AT BLAIR

Rev. Q. Brown announces that hereafter he will have a regular appointment at Blair, every third Sunday, at the School building. He will preach at eleven in the morning and at three thirty in the afternoon. He extends a cordial invitation to one and all to attend any and all services.

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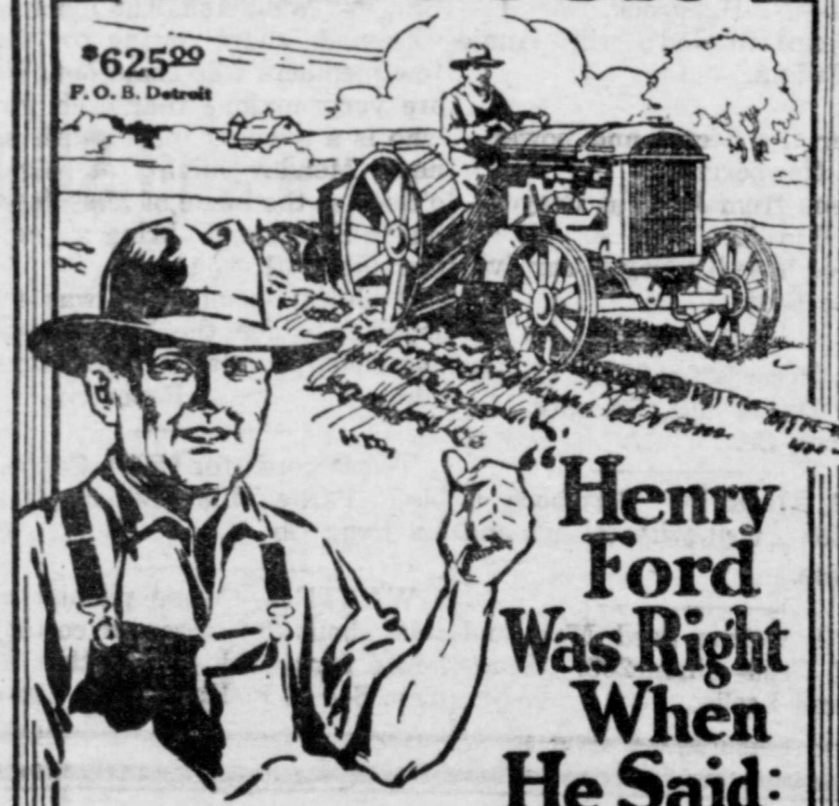
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MAN'S QUEER PETS

Animals and Birds That Have Figured in History.

Death of King Alexander of Greece, Credited to Bite of Monkey, Calls Forth Reminiscence.

The report, which later was denied, that King Alexander of Greece died from the bite of a pet monkey, and the presentation to the prince of Wales of a young koala, or Australian bear, a mountain devil, and a barking lizard, during his trip around the world, bring to mind the peculiar pets of nations and of famous men and women of history, says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society.

The natives of Pisa, Italy, kept tame eagles. The Florentines kept lions, and the Romans had wolves, the latter as an outgrowth of the Romulus-Remus story of the foundation of the city. Many peoples besides the Romans have made pets of wolves. Despite their proverbial ferocity in the wild state, many, taken as cubs, grow tame and manifest the traits of a faithful dog as a companion.

The history of the sport of hawk-ing, or falconry, engaged in to some extent today, extends to prehistoric times and recalls the intelligent devotion displayed by the pet hawk of Genghis Khan, which three times in succession dashed a cup of water out of the hand of its master, who was thirst-parched after a hunt, in order to save his life. The water had been collected drop by drop from a pool on the height of a cliff. When the hawk had deliberately knocked the cup from his hand for the third time and at last sent it spinning between the rocks, the master drew his sword and killed the bird. Then he wearily climbed the cliff, only to find the dead body of the most poisonous variety of snake coiled at the bottom of the clear pool.

Monkeys have nearly always been general favorites, perhaps because of the uncanny intelligence they show. The pathetic little beggars with the organ grinders on our streets, the mascots of airplanes, and Prof. Garner's "Little Susie" are notable examples. King Solomon had apes brought into his kingdom once in every three years, and after stating this fact, the account naively adds that he exceeded all the kings of the earth for wisdom.

The part played by dogs and horses in the World war is a complete story in itself, but cats, chickens, cows, and goats shared with them the honors among the boys in France. The cats in the trenches furnished amusement, so the tale is told. Puss seemed to have no fear of bullets, but manifested a high degree of annoyance when her glossy coat was spattered with mud during the process of washing her face and combing her fur on the top of a parapet.

Every child has heard the story of Dick Whittington's cat which was sent to sea and won her poor little master a fortune by killing the rats that wrought such havoc on the dinner table of a foreign king. But, sad to relate, the history of this early lord mayor of London does not substantiate the legend.

Solved the Mystery.

While still a novice in the art of stenography I was called one day to take a very important letter from the president of the firm. In my nervousness I failed to notice that there were but a few blank pages in my notebook, and as a result was compelled to write on the cover of the book. All went smoothly in the transcription of my notes until I reached the cover, and then try as I might I could not make out a single word. Finally in desperation I went to the president and told him of my plight. He was quite kind, offering to dictate that portion of the letter over and suggested that I endeavor to read a few lines so that he might get the connection. However, this was an impossibility on my part, whereupon he began studying the little dots and dashes and suddenly



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Y. P. M. S. NOTES

The young peoples missionary society met at the home of Miss Ruth Pike in Mission study. An interesting lesson was conducted by the Supt. of Mission study Ganevra Middleton. The meeting was made short owing to the few members who came out. We are very anxious that each girl who is a member meet with us next Monday night at eight o'clock at the home of Miss Josephine Smith and bring a new member with you.

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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 con-

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