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CYRUS FOUNDED POSTAL SYSTEM

Persian King Maintained Relays of Mounted Men at Fixed Stations.

IN AMERICA FROM SETTLEMENT

North Dakota Postmaster Traces Origin and Growth of Postal System—Paul Revere's Ride Covered Regular Postal Route.

Jamestown, N. D.—The earliest known postal system was that established in 550 B. C. by Cyrus the Elder, king of Persia, who maintained relays of mounted men at fixed stations, ready at a moment's notice to forward the king's messages from post to post. Dr. R. A. Bolton, Jamestown postmaster, said in an address at San Francisco before the National League of Postmasters, in which he traced the origin and growth of the postal system.

He said that systems similar to that established by King Cyrus, existed among the Romans in the time of Augustus, B. C. 31, and a postal system was fully developed in connection with the great military roads; but like the Persian, the Roman system of posts existed for the use of the state alone. Letters were not carried for private individuals.

Commercialized in Twelfth Century. Charlemagne established a postal system in France in 807 A. D., but the first actual letter-post for commercial purposes appears to have originated in the Housetowns early in the Twelfth century, and a century later the University of Paris established an efficient postal system which continued till the beginning of the Eighteenth century.

China maintained a postal system from a very early date, and Marco Polo, a Venetian traveler, tells us that in his day, about 1280 A. D., there were about 12,000 post stations and 300,000 horses for the use of the Chinese government in carrying its messages, a fresh horse and rider being furnished every 25 miles.

The post office existed in America from its earliest settlement. Originally it was merely a receptacle in the coffee-house where letters arriving from abroad were deposited to be taken by those to whom they were addressed or carried to them by their neighbors.

The first legislation on the subject is found in the records of the general court of Massachusetts for 1639, and the next in the Colonial law of Virginia in 1656. The Colonial law of Virginia required every planter to provide a messenger to convey dispatches as they arrived to the next plantation and so on, on pain of forfeiting a hog-head of tobacco for default.

Gradually a postal service was established between the several colonies along the Atlantic coast, and in 1672 there was "a post to go monthly from New York to Boston."

Franklin First Postmaster. In 1739 Benjamin Franklin was appointed postmaster at Philadelphia and later entered upon duties similar to those of a postmaster general. In 1753 he was appointed deputy postmaster general for the colonies. It was a lucrative office and he held it until 1774, when he was dismissed because of his sympathy for the colonists in their quarrel with England.

In 1775 the continental congress appointed Franklin postmaster general. Under his management post offices and postal routes were established from Maine to Georgia. These routes were also used to spread knowledge of acts of congress and the progress of the revolution. At the outbreak of hostilities between the colonists and England there were really two postal systems, the British or parliamentary system, and the constitutional post office. It is not generally known that Paul Revere's famous ride was taken in traveling along his regular postal route.

Growth of the postal system has since been rapid.

OLDEST GERMAN NOW A POLE

Aged One Hundred and Seventeen, Citizenship Is Transferred to Poland With Upper Silesia.

Berlin.—Among other things awarded to Poland in the division of Upper Silesia was Germany's oldest man, Valentine Paluschke of the village Krella, in the province of Bydnik, now Polish territory. He has celebrated his one hundred and seventeenth birthday.

Two hundred and fifteen of his children and children's children attended the ceremony.

Bank in Wooden Leg Robbed.

Rochester, N. Y.—Nathan B. Chamberlain, who has a wooden leg, slept peacefully as a thief entered his lodgings, unstrapped the artificial support and removed \$340 secreted inside. Chamberlain awoke to find the wooden leg under his bed. He notified the police.

Thieves Raid Scotland Yard.

London.—Scotland Yard, the world's most famous sleuth center, has been the victim of burglars. The thieves entered the lost property office of the bureau one night recently and stole a number of packages, umbrellas and aprons.

TO MAKE MAN BOSS OF HOME

Daring Emancipators Seek to Charter Society for Regulating the Household.

RUN IT ON MASCULINE BASIS

Promulgates Bill of Rights for Husbands and Declares for Diverse and Sundry Reforms—Regulates Visits of Wife's Relations.

New York.—If they never do another thing in their lives, the names of Edward Bonns of 424 East Eighty-fourth street, William R. Ferguson of 83 West Seventy-seventh street, and Hugh J. Connelly of the Knickerbocker building are likely to be remembered forever as among the foremost emancipators of the married man. Messrs. Ferguson, Bonns and Connelly have collaborated in the promulgation of a bill of rights for married men that seeks to revolutionize the oldest traditions of household management by making the husband the judge and jury not only in the matter of his own life, but also the undisputed boss as to the conduct and habits of his wife, even to the determination of the question whether the wife should have her hair bobbed and also how long or short her skirts should be.

"Brothers Under the Skin." The three men, heretofore unknown to fame, have organized what they call the "Association of Brothers Under the Skin." The association filed an application with Justice Marsh of the Supreme court for a certificate of incorporation. The trio, who said their headquarters were at 1637 Third avenue, also filed a list of the association objects, as follows:

"To establish, maintain and operate the household primarily as a masculine institution.

"To protect the husband from the performance of any and all household duties, such as sweeping, marketing, cooking, washing dishes and nursing the kitchen or furnace fires.

"To prevent any purchases by the wife, whether for cash or credit, except after consultation with the husband and with his consent.

"To prevent the entrance into the home of mothers-in-law and all relatives on the wife's side, except upon written permit signed by an officer of the association, which permit shall not be issued for use on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.

Bars Delicatessen Meals.

"To prevent the delivery into the home of all so-called delicatessen meals and to compel the serving of regular food, home cooked.

"To prevent any reference, however much justified, by the wife to any past faults or deficiencies of the husband.

"To establish the right of the husband to absent himself from the home for a specified number of evenings each month to attend business, lodge and club meetings, and to establish his right to return therefrom at any reasonable hour—to be fixed solely by himself.

"To develop 'cave man' methods for the better discipline of jealous, nagging or unreasonable wives.

"To establish the exclusive right of husband to determine the brevity of the back hair and the length of the wife's skirts.

"To compel the wife to share in the troubles as well as the pleasures of married life, and to establish the fact that the wife's place is at home and that her duty is to co-operate to make the home happy."

RUSS TO BANK IN SWEDEN

Soviet Government Attempts to Establish Guaranteed Bank Connections.

Stockholm.—A new Russian effort to establish closer financial and commercial relations with Sweden is seen in the arrival in Stockholm of Aron Scheinman, head of the Russian State bank.

Mr. Scheinman has declared the bank which he heads may place its foreign assets and clearing funds in Swedish banks, providing a safeguarding agreement can be arranged between the two countries. He has come here, he says, to enlarge the financial co-operation between Russia and Sweden. He considers Sweden one of the safest countries for the deposit of money, owing to its independent position and its well-ordered conditions.

The Russian State bank, declares Mr. Scheinman, has acquired 90,000,000 gold rubles (\$12,540,000) at the end of the present year and had 50,000,000 to the total figure.

Flames Spared Masonic Bible.

Middletown, N. Y.—There has just been recovered from the ruins of the Masonic Temple, which was partly destroyed by fire here several weeks ago, the Bible which was presented to the lodge in June, 1815, by Marth Hoffman, who was the ninth deputy grand master and eighth grand master of Masons of the state. The Bible had been protected by debris.

School Boy Kills Big Deer.

Elgin City, Ore.—One Sunday Mest Seltinger, a local high school boy, killed a three-point buck that weighed 228 pounds. Old hunters here say without a doubt this is the largest buck that has been killed in these mountains for many years.



Four Reasons Why You Should Buy Your Ford Car This Month

I.

The unprecedented demand for Ford Cars throughout the the winter months has taken the entire output of the Ford plants working at capacity, indicating that the demand this Spring will be far in excess of the number of Ford Cars that can possibly be built.

II.

January was the tenth consecutive month in which retail deliveries exceeded 100,000 Ford Cars and Trucks. Requirements for February, the month when preparations are already under way for Spring business, called for 148,403 Cars and Trucks—more than 24,000 in excess of the number we can possibly produce.

III.

Ford dealers in many parts of the country are already finding it necessary to specify future delivery dates on Ford Products because there are no reserve stocks to draw from.

IV.

Your order placed now will protect you against delay or disappointment later on—It is the only way you can be assured of reasonably prompt delivery.

We consider it important to give you these facts so that if you are planning to purchase a Ford Car, Truck or Fordson Tractor for use this Spring or Summer you can list your order at once and take advantage of our dealer's first opportunity to make delivery.

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L. R. Thompson left Wednesday night from Abilene, in the Bankers Special, for Fort Worth, where he will attend the meeting of the West Texas Bankers Association. On his return he will be accompanied by Mrs. Thompson, who has been with her mother in Kansas for the past month.

Miss Julia Martin was on the sick list last week. She is able to be at her duties at school this week.

Just received, a car of oats, chops and corn, at G. M. Sharps Grocery. tf

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Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hendrix, had with them Sunday, their children as follows: Mrs. T. H. Tarbet and little son of La Mesa Miss Selma Hendrix, of Eastland; C. P. Hendrix, Harold and Miss Reece of Merkel. Mr. and Mrs. Hendrix enjoyed having their children with them once more.

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Attorney J. T. Sanders is back at home from a business trip to Coleman and Dallas.

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Mr. Guy Darsey will leave the last of this week for Big Spring, where he is assisting Hendrix Bros. in putting up a gin, near there.

F. T. Hogan shipped out Saturday night one car of cattle to Fort Worth, consigned to Armour and Co.

Mrs. J. R. Baize has returned from Millerview where she was called last week to the bedside of a sick sister, Mrs. Jones. We regret to learn that her sister died the morning after her arrival. The sympathy of a host of friends go out to Mrs. Baize in her sorrow.

Have just installed a new creamery at W. F. Hamblett's Grocery Store. Will appreciate your patronage. H. Robins. It

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Don't abuse the other fellow for his short comings. He may be having a harder time doing as well as he does, than you ever dreamed of.

The real business man these days is no longer a knocker, he is willing to join his competitor and other business men in any move that has for it's purpose, the betterment of the town and community.

The big thing needed in Merkel to make of the city a town such as all would like to see, is for every business man and citizen to work harmoniously for the best interest of the town.

It may be religion to be among those who are always found in the forefront in church work, and then go home and raise the devil continually until time to take a front seat again.

Other towns are reaching out after trade—they are extending their trade territory by seeing that good roads are built leading to them. This Merkel should do. And it is the purpose of the Merkel Commerical and Agricul tural Club to look after securing better roads leading to this city

At 7:30, on the second Tuesday night in each month, the Merkel Chamber of Commerce holds it's regular meeting. All members, of which there are more than 200, are urged to be present, and the public is cordially invited.

A man can make a success when it comes to dollars and cents piled up during his life, but he is a miserable failure if he has done nothing for the betterment of his town or held out a helping hand to those around him who may be in need.

A real business man never sits around on a goods box and howls for the want of business to come to him. He goes after it by the many ways of advertising to the public what he has to offer him. But there are some people who think they are business men.

The Merkel Commerical and Agricultural Club is not a dead organization. It is very much alive. That is the way it looked to the editor while the same was in session last Monday night. There were but a few of the business men and citizens present, but those attending were as a unit in their desire to help build up our town and community.

We like Merkel, we like the people, we had rather live here than any town we know of, but we must say that her citizenship as a whole are not alive to the town's best interest as they should be. Every man, woman and child should be willing to lend their aid and encouragement to any move that has for it's purpose the upbuilding of the town and community.

Why should't Merkel get in the race for the big Million dollar Technological State school to be located in West Texas? We have many advantages to offer here, such as plenty of water, the finest agricultural lands to be found. It is possible that a site could be secured for this school between Merkel and Blair, which would locate the school practically right on two of the best railroads in the state. Why not let's

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FOR LICE REMOVER—Positively rids all poultry of BLUE BUGS! FLEES and MITES, by using the preparation in the drinking water, and is sold all dealers to the user under a money back guarantee if the remedy does not do all the directions claim. You can treat your entire flock at one time and saves the trouble of dip, spray, or power, also is positive tonic to all poultry and positive ly prevents sore head. Get a bottle today at John S. Hughes Grocery Co. 2313.

C. P. Hendrix will leave next week for a two weeks trip west and into New Mexico. He is traveling for an Abilene wholesale firm.

Program for M. E. Women's Missionary Society Feb. 26

1. Song.
2. Bible Lesson: Jesus the Lamb of God. John 1, 9-37 by Mrs. C. B. Smith.
3. Prayer—Mrs. Hays.
4. Missionary Topic, Working at the Task — (a) In evangelistic centers—Mrs. Bidleman. (b) In training centers, Mrs. Bob Martin. (c) In Iteneration—Mrs. Butt man.
5. The heaven working in Mexico (Mrs. Rainbolt).
6. Song—America. Benediction.

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Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Leader—Lillian Craig. Building for the Kingdom through the teaching of a full gospel, by Vennie Heizer. The Theological Seminaries, by Nell Swann. The Missionary training schools for women, Ola Sharp. Our schools and colleges, by Bro. Parrack. Supporting our church forces by Warren Smith. Better housing of our churches, by C. L. Deutschman. Our hospitals and orphanages, Lorena Frazier. Azurea, Three Flowers, and Mavis face powder—Lyle. It Mrs. Wm. O'Briant is now able to be up after a few days illness.

PUBLIC SALES

We have purchased 122,000 pair U. S. Army Munson last shoes, sizes 5 1/2 to 12 which was the entire surplus stock of one of the largest U. S. Government shoe contractors. This Shoe is guaranteed one hundred percent solid leather, color dark tan, bellows tongue, dirt and waterproof. The actual value of this shoe is \$6.00. Owing to this tremendous buy we can offer same to the public at \$2.95. Send correct size. Pay postman on delivery or send money order. If shoes are not as represented, we will cheerfully refund your money promptly upon request. National Bay State Shoe Company, 296 Broadway, New York, N. Y. tf. Subscribe for the Merkel Mail.

Lost In A Snow Storm

I walked across the pasture One cold and cloudy day, In search of Kidds and Nannies I thought had gone astray. The earth was covered over With ice and downey snow, And soon I lost my pathway; And knew not where to go. I crossed some pasture fences I thought they were my own. But when I got my senses: Was miles away from home. I see I acted simple In every fence I crossed, My goats still in the pasture; I was the big goat lost. I rambled through the country I wondered round and round, Was lost for many hours; But not a goat I found. At last I found a ranchman Whom I was glad to see. For I was tired and hungry; And cold as I could be. He knew from whence I drifted And told mehow to go. So homeward bound I started; Back thru the drifting snow. With hills and rocks before me And woods so very dense, I had my friend go with me Back to my pasture fence. I passed another ranch-house My neighbor on the west, Here I stopped to warm a while And get a little rest. He took me on his pony And brought me to the ranch I'll surely compensate it; If e'er I get a chance. Again I reached my fire-side Just at the close of day. The goats can go to Guinea; At home I aim to stay.

T. S. Dennis Feb. 5, 1923

The above poem, as will be noticed by the name signed to same was written by our former townsman, Mr. T. S. Dennis, and who is a brother of Mr. J. T. Dennis, local business man and excellent citizen.

C. R. L. Crick splendid farmer residing on route two was in the city first of the week and had us put him down for the Mail for the next year. Thanks.

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Even if you are doing your own washing and ironing at home, A trial will convince you that my service is not only cheaper and better, but eliminates worry and drudgery. My Semi Finish Service, includes—Sheets, Pillowslips, Towels, Table Clothes, Napkins, Kitchen Towels, Counterpanes, Cotton Blankets, Shirts, Soft Collars, house dresses, Underwear, Socks, Stockings, Childrens Clothes, Handkerchiefs, Overalls etc. Nothing excluded except stiff collars, silk and wool. The customer must have 10 lbs or over. Guaranteed against broken buttons, fading and shortage. Put an itemized list with bundle. My Cleaning and Pressing also Dying service is endorsed just as highly as my special family washing and ironing service. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning calls, returned Thursday, Friday and Saturday. If its cheaper and better, I have helped you, a trial will convince you.

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Biloxi, Miss.—"I had, for a year or more, nervous indigestion, or some form of stomach trouble," says Mrs. Alonzo Ford, 1117 Clay Street, this city. "The water I drank at that time seemed so nervous I wanted to get down on the floor and roll. I felt like I could tear my clothes.

"Every night, and night after night, I had to take something for a laxative, and it had to be kept up nightly. My side would pain. I looked awful. My skin was sallow and seemed spotted. I would look at my hands and arms, and the flesh looked lifeless.

"I happened to get a Birthday Almanac, so I told my husband I would try the Black-Draught, which I did. I took a few big doses. I felt much better. My liver acted well. I made a good, warm tea and drank it that way. Soon I found

that nervous, tight feeling was going, as was the pain in my side. I found I did not have to take it every night. Soon, after a few weeks, I could leave it off for a week or so, and I did not suffer with constipation. I gained flesh. I have a good color, and believe it was a stubborn liver, and that Black-Draught did the work.

"I went to my mother's (Mrs. Deeters) one day, and she wasn't well at all. I told her we'd try Black-Draught. We did, and now she keeps it to take after eating. It certainly helped her, and we neither will be without it in our homes. It is so simple, and the dose can be regulated as the case may be. We use small doses after meals for indigestion, and larger doses for headache or bad liver."

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Fresh new Spring goods arriving daily. Bought months ago before the advance, which enables us to sell them for much less than if bought on today's market.

You will find prices on all merchannise in this store much below competitors, values compared.

We are showing a wonderful, well assorted line of tissue, imported gingham, imported crepe, basket weaves, voils, crystal, broadcloth, tropical, tissues, ratine, French and Domestic dress gingham, in all the newest weaves, at unmatchable prices.

A few pieces of Standard Dress Gingham; as long as they last at only 15c the yard - - worth to day 25c.

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Complete line men's 1923 Spring Shirts, all sizes, wide range of prices to select from
Also underwear, hosiery and neckwear, hats and shoes.

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Just unloaded a car of Single and double row implements come in and look them over. Everything for the promoting of the 1923 crop. Harness, Sweeps, Singletrees, Clevises, Hoes, Rakes, Shovels, Spades etc.

Nothing but hardware; but everything you need. Come in and give us the once over, our stock is getting better and larger day by day.

Liberty Hardware Co.

Where you should trade if you are not doing so already

Baptist Ladies Missionary Society

The Missionary Society met at the church last Tuesday afternoon in a business meeting. Our president was out of town and Mrs. Cummings presided at this meeting. She led the devotional by reading and discussing the Daily Bible readings of our Sunday school lesson for next Sunday. This was enjoyed very much by every one present and gave us lots of beautiful thoughts on our lesson. After this we went in to a business session which kept us over our time as we had many important plans for the Society, through which we expect to interest the others in our work, as we need each of them working with us.

It was decided to begin a study course connected with our other work. The program committee will select the book we will study. Mrs. Cummings was elected teacher of this study course.

Mrs. Garrett made a motion that we send 25 dollars to Buckner Orphanage, which we agreed to do. Mrs. Earl Lassiter resigned as pianist and Mrs. Roy Miller was elected to fill place.

After counting the Rustlers, and the Hustlers, we find the Hustlers far ahead. So it is up to the Rustlers to be at the next meeting. We are glad to report a large attendance, with 4 new members which we were delighted to have. Our next meeting will be at the church next Tuesday afternoon at 3. The following program will be rendered.

Hymn.
Scripture lesson by Mrs. Booth.
Prayer by Mrs. Campbell.
Special song by Mrs. Burl

Scott and Mrs. Earl Lassiter. Singing with understanding—Mrs. Cummings.

Missing—Some Baptist Women by Mrs. Sharp.
The feet of the children—Mrs. Jud. Sheppard.

A contrast—Mrs. Sam Swann Daughters of the Union—Mrs. Jim Swann.

Sons of the Denomination by Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Plants and Corner stones, by

Mrs. Burl Scott. His Story— Mrs. E. N. Brown With other tongues, Mrs. Cas seaux.

Song.
Prayer by Mrs. Hamm.

Throw the Slack out—Fancy Lump Coal screened in the yard —We have coal from \$8 to \$14 at the yard. Merkel Ice and Coal Co. South Side Phone 203. It

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ORDINANCE NO. 3.

An ordinance entitled an ordinance prohibiting working on Sunday; providing whom it is not applicable, horse racing, gaming and selling goods, and providing a penalty for its violation. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section 1. Any person who shall hereafter labor, or compel, force, or oblige his employes, workmen or apprentices to labor on Sunday, or any person who shall hereafter hunt game of any kind whatsoever on Sunday within the corporate limits of the City of Merkel, shall be fined not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars.

Section 2. The preceding section shall not apply to household duties, works of necessity or charity; nor to necessary work on rail cars, wagon trains, common carriers, nor to the delivery of goods by them or to the receiving or storing of said goods by the parties or their agents to whom said goods are delivered; nor to stages carrying United States mail or passengers; nor to persons traveling; nor to keepers of hotels, boarding houses and restaurants and their servants; nor to keepers of livery stables and their servants; nor to any person who conscientiously believes that the seventh or any other day of the week ought to be observed as the Sabbath, and who actually refrains from business and labor on that day for religious reasons.

Section 3. Horse racing, gaming etc., on Sunday.—Any person who shall run, or be engaged in running, any horse race, or who shall permit or allow the use of any nine or ten pin alley, or who shall be engaged in match shooting, or any specie of gaming for money or other consideration, within the corporate limits of the City of Merkel, on Sunday, shall be fined not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars.

Section 3. Selling goods on Sunday.—Any merchant, grocer, or dealer in wares or merchandise, or trader in any business whatsoever, or the proprietor of any place of public amusement, or the agent or employe of any person, who shall sell, barter, or permit his place of business or place of public amusement to be open for the purpose of traffic or public amusement on Sunday, shall be fined not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars. The term, place of public amusement, shall be construed to mean circuses, theaters, variety theaters and such other amusements as are exhibited and for which an admission fee is charged; and shall also include dances at disorderly houses, low dives and places of like character, with or without fees for admission.

Section 4. Exceptions from operation of this ordinance.—This ordinance shall not apply to markets or dealers in provisions as to sales of provisions made by them before 9 o'clock a. m., nor to the sale of burial or shrouding material, newspapers, ice, ice cream, milk, nor to the sending of telegraph or telephone messages and the keeping of offices for that purpose.

Section 5. The fact that there is no ordinance now covering the above subject creates an emergency, and the rule requiring the reading of this ordinance at three several meetings is here by dispensed with and this ordinance shall be in full force

and effect after its passage and publication. Past February 5, A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor Attest G. W. Johnson, Sec. (SEAL)

ORDINANCE NO. 6

An ordinance entitled an ordinance defining Vagrarancy and prescribing a penalty for its violation. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL

Section 1. "Vagrarancy" defined.—The following persons, are and shall be punished as vagarants, viz.

(a) Persons known as tramps, wandering or strolling about in idleness, who are able to work and have no property to support them.

(b) Persons leading an idle, immoral or profligate life, who have no property to support them, and who are able to work and do not work.

(c) All persons able to work, have no property to support them, and who have no visible or known means of a fair, honest and reputable livelihood. The term "visible or known means of a fair, honest and reputable livelihood," as used in this article, shall be construed to mean a reasonably continuous employment at some lawful occupation for reasonable compensation, or a fixed and regular income from property or other investments, which income is sufficient for the support and maintenance of such person.

(d) All able-bodied persons who habitually loaf, loiter and idle in any city, town or village, or railroad station, or any other public place in this state for the larger portions of their time, without any regular employment and without any visible means of support. An offense under paragraph (d) of this section shall be made out whenever it is shown that any person has no visible means of support, and only occasionally has employment at odd jobs, being for the most of the time out of employment.

(e) Persons trading or bartering stolen property, or who unlawfully sell any vinous, alcoholic, malt, intoxicating or spirituous liquors.

(f) Every common gambler or person who for the most part maintains himself by gambling.

(g) All companies of gypsies, who, in whole or in part, maintain themselves by telling fortunes.

(h) Every able-bodied who shall go begging for a livelihood.

(i) Every common prostitute.

(j) Every keeper of a house of prostitution.

(k) Every keeper of a house of gambling or gaming.

(l) Every person who shall abandon his wife, or child, or children, without just cause, leaving such wife, or child, or children, without support or in danger of becoming a public charge.

(m) Every able-bodied person who lives without employ-

ment or labor, and who has no visible means of support.

(n) All persons who are able to work and do not work, but hire out their minor children, or allow the mto be hired out, and live upon their wages, being without other means of support.

(o) All persons over sixteen years of age and under twenty-one, able to work, and have no property to support them, and have not some known, visible means of a fair, honest and reputable livelihood, and whose parents, or those in loco parentis, are unable to support them, and who are not in attendance upon some educational institution.

(p) All persons who advertise and maintain themselves in whole or in part as clairvoyants or foretellers of future events, or as having supernatural knowledge with respect to present or future conditions, transactions, happenings, or events.

(q) All male persons who habitually associate with prostitutes, or habitually loiter in or around houses of prostitution, or who, without having visible means of support, receive financial aid or assistance from prostitutes.

Section 2. Duty of sheriff and other officers.—It shall be the duty of marshal, deputy marshal, and other like officials, within the corporate limits of the city of Merkel, to give information under oath to any officer empowered to issue criminal warrants, of all vagrants within their knowledge, or upon complaint; thereupon the said officer shall issue a warrant for the apprehension of the person alleged to be a vagrant.

Section 3. Complaint charging vagrarancy.—All complaints charging vagrarancy shall be under oath; and, while it is made the special duty of the officers named in section 6 of this ordinance to file said complaint whenever they shall have knowledge or good reasons to suspect that any person is a vagrant, as defined by any clause of Section 3 of this law, yet any information charging vagrarancy may be filed under oath by any resident of the state.

Section 4. City Court having jurisdiction; penalty for.—Whenever any person shall have been arrested on a charge of a vagrarancy, he shall immediately be carried before the city recorder, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed two hundred dollars.

Section 5. Failure of officer to perform duty; penalty for.—If any officers named in section 4 of this ordinance shall fail or refuse, or neglect to perform the duties therein required, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 6. The fact that there is no ordinance now covering the above subject creates an emergency, and the rule requiring the reading of this ordinance at three several meetings is here by dispensed with and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication.

Passed February 5, A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor. Attest: G. W. Johnson, Sec. (SEAL)

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Episcopal Ladies' Missionary Society The Missionary Society met at the church last Tuesday afternoon in a business meeting. The report of the officers was read and approved. A collection was taken and the same was forwarded to the proper authorities. The meeting was closed with prayer and singing.

After counting the business and the books, we adjourned to the parlour. So it is up to the ladies to be at the next meeting. We wished to see how many ladies would attend with a large attendance. We were delighted to have our next meeting will be at the church next Tuesday afternoon at 7 P. M. The following program will be presented.

Tut's Pills To cure constipation the medicine must be used. It is a powerful laxative and cathartic. Tut's Pills

IMPLEMENTS Just unloaded a car of single and double row implements come in and look them over. 1923 crop. Saws, Sweeps, Singletrees, Clev- ices, Hoes, Rakes, Shovels, Spades etc. Nothing but hardware; but everything you need. Come in and give us the once over, our stock is getting better and larger day by day. Liberty Hardware Co. Where you should trade if you are not doing so already

ORDINANCE NO. 4.

An ordinance defining and prohibiting the use of abusive language, affrays, and disturbances of the peace, and providing a penalty for its violation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL.

Section 1. Abusive Language.—If any person shall, in the presence or hearing of another curse or abuse such person or use any violent abusive language to such person, concerning him or any of his female relatives, under circumstances reasonably calculated to provoke a breach of the peace, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in a sum not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 2. Affrays. If two or more persons shall fight together in a public, and within the corporate limits of the city of Merkel, Texas, they shall be punished by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Section 3. Disturbance of the peace.—If any person shall go into any public place, or into or near any private house, within the corporate limits of the City of Merkel, and shall use loud and vociferous language, or abusive, vulgar, or indecent language, or swear or curse, or yell or skriek, or expose his person or rudely display any pistol or other deadly weapon, in a manner calculated to disturb the inhabitants of such public place or private house, he shall be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Section 4. Vulgar or profane language over telephone.—If any person shall use any vulgar, profane, obscene or indecent language over or through any telephone in the corporate limits of the City of Merkel, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined in any sum not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 5. "Public place" defined.—A public place, within the meaning of this ordinance, is any public road, street or alley within the corporate limits of the City of Merkel, or any inn, tavern, store, grocery or work shop, or place at which people are assembled, or to which people commonly resort for the purpose of business, amusement, recreation or other lawful purposes.

Section 6. Discharging fire arms across street, road etc.—If any person shall within this city discharge any gun, pistol or fire arms of any description, on or across any public square, street or alley, or in any public place, or on his own premises or the premises of another, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not more than one hundred dollars.

Section 7. Horse racing on public road and streets.—Any person who shall run or be concerned in running in any way any horse race in, along or across any public square, street, or alley within the corporate limits of the city of Merkel, he shall be fined in any sum not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 8. Appearing in a nude condition, etc.—If any person shall appear in any public place within the corporate limits of the city of Merkel, or in a dress not belonging to his or her sex or shall make an indecent exposure of his or her person, or the person of another, or shall show or expose in public, or shall sell or offer for sale, any indecent books, sign writing, drawing, print or caricature, which may incite scandal or disturb public peace, shall be fined not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 9. Disturbance of congregation in any manner.—Any person who, by loud or vociferous talking or swearing, or by any other noise or in any other manner, wilfully disturbs any congregation, or part of a congregation, assembled for religious worship and conducting themselves in a lawful manner, or who wilfully disturbs in any manner any congregation assembled for the purpose of conducting or participating in a Sunday school, or to transact any business relating to or in the interest of religious worship or a Sunday school, and conducting themselves in a lawful manner, shall be fined in any sum not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 10. Double penalty for second offense.—Double the punishment prescribed in the foregoing section 9 may be imposed for any subsequent offense of the same kind.

Section 11. Offender may be bound over.—If complaint be made to any magistrate that a person has committed the offense mentioned in section 9, he may be, at the discretion of the magistrate, bound over to keep the peace and to refrain from like disturbances for the term of one year.

Section 12. The fact that there is no ordinance now covering the above subject creates an emergency, and the rule requiring the reading of this ordinance at three several meetings is here by dispensed with and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect after the passage and publication.

Passed February 5, A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor.
Attest C. W. Johnson, Sec.
(SEAL)

ORDINANCE NO. 5.

An ordinance to prohibit drinking liquor and drunkenness in a public place, for its violation and prescribing a penalty.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section 1. Drunkenness in public or private place; how punished.—Any person who shall get drunk, or be found in a state of intoxication, in any public place, or at a private house except his own, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction before a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be fined in any sum not more than one hundred dollars for each and every such offense.

Section 2. Drinking intoxicating liquors on railway passenger trains.—It shall be unlawful for any person to drink intoxicating liquors of any kind in or upon any railway passenger train, or coach, or closet, vestibule thereof or platform connected therewith, while the said passenger train or coach is in the service of passenger transportation within the corporate limits of the City of Merkel. Provided, that nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the use of intoxicating liquors as stimulant in case of actual sickness of the person using said stimulant.

Any person violating this article shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be fined in any sum not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 3. The fact that there is no ordinance now covering the above subject creates an emergency, and the rule requiring the reading of this ordinance at three several meetings is here by dispensed with and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication.

Passed February 5, A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor.
Attest: G. W. Johnson, Sec.
(SEAL)

COZY THEATRE

Matinee Saturday From 2 to 5:30

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May McAvoy
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"A Virginia Courtship"
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IN
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Mrs. Ben Campbell returned Wednesday morning from Fannin county where she was called last week to see her father, Mr. Adkins, who was reported very sick. She left her father improving.

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Our good friend and excellent citizen Mr. J. L. Barker of the Salt Branch community, was here last Saturday, and made this office a pleasant call. He was highly pleased and in good spirits over the fine prospects at this time for a bumper crop in this country.



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FOR SALE—Good Mesquite Wood at \$2.50 per cord on the ground. W. W. Haynes, in the French Pasture. Phone number 9032 F1-3. 15t2

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FOR SALE—Single row planter and Cultivator, in good condition at my home in West Merkel. Mrs. Casseau. 1tp

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LOST—On last Sunday, Feb 11 between Merkel and Abilene, wire wheel and Mitchel cord tire 30x3 1/2 on wheel. If finder will return the wheel to us he may have the tire and tube. Horton Bros. Overland Co. Abilene Texas. 23t2

LOST—A 1-A Autographic Fold ing Kodak, in or near Merkel last Sunday afternoon. Finder will receive a reward, if returned to Ona Fae Rose. 1t

See our list of used Fords—All bargains. Merkel Motor Co. Authorized Ford Dealers. 1t

Thrashed Maize and Mixed Chick Feed at G. M. Sharp's 1t

The remains of Mrs. J. J. Anderson, whodied at the family home at Eskota Wednesday were laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery in this city Thursday afternoon. Mr. Anderson is a son of Riley Anderson, a pioneer citizen of that section.

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TRENT NEWS
By Lillian Tedford

Mrs. J. C. Murdock was called to Cottonwood Thursday afternoon on account of the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Akein. Mr. Hardy Murdock accompanied his mother but he will return as soon as the weather permits.

Mrs. Ideal Howell and little daughter of Fort Worth are visiting Mrs. Howell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McRee.

Last Sunday evening, the Volunteer Missionary Band of Simmons College rendered the following program at the Baptist church of Trent.

"Three Lives or the Triple life."
Opening, Mr. McHaney.

1. The secret life of the life of prayer, Miss Rich.

2. The Outer life on the life of Purity, Miss Jones.

Music, Mr. Hale.

3. The active life, Mr. Foreman. Solo, by Mr. Foreman, accompanied by Miss Rich at the piano.

Mrs. Lucky and baby of Dallas are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Harwell of Trent. They motored to Rotan Monday to spend a few days with her sister.

Messrs. Rap and Tom Green left last week for the plains, where, Mr. and Mrs. Rap Green are moving. Mrs. Green and her father will join him soon.

Mr. Tom Rosson spent the week end at home.

Mr. Othel Watkins spent the week-end at home.

Mr. Noble Forester who is attending A. C. C. spent the week end at home.

Miss Bessie English spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burks have moved into Mrs. Stroud's house while she is gone.

Mr. John Howell of Abilene motored to Trent Wednesday afternoon and his father went home with him and stayed until Thursday afternoon.

Mr. B. C. Hamner sustained a severe burn on one of his hands while throwing a gasoline lamp out which was about to explode.

Mrs. Minnis returned to her home in Fort Worth. She has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Howell motored to Rotan last week.

Mr. Cecil Murdock left for Cottonwood Saturday morning where he will join his wife and little daughter, Corene.

Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Landreth motored to Abilene Sunday afternoon to visit Mrs. Landreth's aunt.

Mr. Chas Murdock spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Massey and family were in Trent getting their things ready to move to Sweetwater. They spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Massey.

Mr. Gilbert went to Abilene on business Saturday.

The Mothers Club will meet next Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Every mother and father

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Directly after the ceremony, was pronounced in a solemn and impressive manner, the bride and groom repaired to their car, which stood in waiting and drove to Merkel to the residence of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp, where a hearty reception awaited them.

The groom is one of our most worthy young men, of high standing and character, having been reared and educated and grew to manhood in our city and is esteemed by all. He is at present an honored employe of the A. T. Lyle Dry Goods establishment.

The bride, while a stranger to most of our people, yet she comes to us as one who is worthy of our confidence and esteem, and is said by those who know her best, a most lovely young woman.

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HORN NEWS

Another good rain has fallen here.

There is quite a bit of sickness in our community now.

Mrs. Cole has been confined to her bed with a case of the flu.

Mrs. Velma Deutschman has been quite sick but is now able to be up.

Mr. J. N. Hatfield gave a Valentine Party last week. A large crowd attended and a good time is reported.

Mr. Fred Deutschman and wife with Archer Kerby motored to Abilene last Sunday afternoon to meet Melton Kerby from Fort Worth.

Our roads have been in a bad shape, but they will soon be dragged.

Sunday the 25, there will be regular services. Let all who can be there.—Blue Bell.

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er are invited to attend the program.

Mrs. Carl Black spent the week-end with her parents, who live at Merkel.

Mr. Walker Steadan's family have been very sick and are reported to be some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Orbia Dowdy went to Abilene Monday.

Mr. W. A. Buford returned from weir, Texas last Thursday accompanied by his bride, formerly Miss Unia Cotham of Weir. The many friends of Mr. Buford extend to them congratulations and we hope that Mrs. Buford will like the town and people. We extend to her a hearty welcome to our town.

Miss Ruth Holmberg is visiting her sister Mrs. E. D. Landreth of Trent.

Trent Junior League Program

Songs.
Scripture reading— Bessie

Smith.
Prayer—Dollie Bishop.
Bible story—Dagmah Rawlings.
Prayer—Carmen Walker.
Songs.

Rev. and Mrs. Landreth, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock and Miss Ruth Holmberg motored to Merkel Monday evening to attend a Radio Program.

Mr. Ellis Freeman Sr. was seen driving a new Ford Car on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. Cal Hamner is in Abilene with her sister to take treatments with the doctors. We are very sorry that Mrs. Hamner is sick and hope that she is soon better.

The infant child of Mr and Mrs. Spurgeon Scott was buried Sunday afternoon.

The Pageant which the Senior Epworth League will put on Sunday the 25th will begin at 7 o'clock Sunday evening.

Mr. M. G. Scott motored to Sweetwater on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Sallie Johnson motored to Merkel on Monday.

Mr and Mrs. Winn motored to Sweetwater Monday to visit Mr. Winn's Sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Skillern moved to Sweetwater Monday.

Mr. J M Jones motored to Sweetwater Tuesday afternoon

on business.
Mr. Dowdy, Mr. Bruce Cole, and Miss Gertrude Dowdy motored to Abilene Tuesday.

Mr. Homer Easterwood and Mr. J. T. Archer motored to Abilene Monday.

Mr. Wilbur Estep spent Tuesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep.

The Methodist revival will begin Sunday Feb. 25th. Rev. Ben Hardy of Big Spring will do the preaching

Presbyterian Ladies Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church met with Mrs. Hutchison on last Monday afternoon. In the absence of our president, Mrs. Bland presided. Roll call was answered with, "Why I believe in Missions. Prayer followed by Mrs. Geo. West.

The devotional was read by Miss Dota Garrouette. Reading on India was given by Mrs. Hutchison. "A question answered" was read by Mrs. Chas. H. Jones Mrs. Rogers gave a Liability or an Asset.

We were dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Rogers. Our next meeting will be with Mrs. Tucker. —Reporter.

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