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## THE SAN ANGELO CONVENTION NEWS

Of course there will be the usual business of the convention speakers of note—men of vision and of national fame, will talk on themes of universal interest. There will be meetings of group committees—reports—resolutions and the election of officers for the next year. But aside from this, San Angelo has prepared a varied program for you.

There will be from twenty to thirty bands in San Angelo, representing contesting towns for the next convention and taking part in the contest for the best band in West Texas. Prizes have been offered that amount to \$2000. The winners in the three classes will be announced the last day of the convention.

Tuesday night, the second night of convention, the West Texas Pageant will be presented. Over a thousand will take part in this great extravaganza which will depict the development of West Texas from the days of the frontier posts and pony express to the present. Seventy-five young women, selected by the various cities that make up the chamber will take part in the spectacular finale of this crowning event of the convention.

A golf tournament, tennis matches, baseball, swimming contest, a water fight between firemen of the various cities, trapshooting, and a great cowboy reunion and rodeo will furnish sporting events enough to satisfy every taste.

Special entertainment has been prepared for the women visitors and especially for the various city sponsors. The San Angelo Country Club house will be thrown open to the women and luncheons and receptions given for them every day. A dance in the open air will be held on Monday and Tuesday nights.

An automobile tour has been arranged to beautiful Christoval where springs that burst from under giant boulders supply clear pure water of the fountains.

By the most interesting will be the Banquet on Tuesday night. By the side of the fire pits where chevron and the "fatted calf" were served, and amid the glow of the famous "Texas" the largest "Texas" served in Texas "Texas" hot to over women.

fight for the night is the event of the San Angelo program.

Walton who are Dorothy

## PARENT-TEACHER CLUB NOTES

The Parent-Teachers Club will have their regular monthly meeting on next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 at the School Building. This will be our last meeting until the opening of school again in the fall. A nice program has been prepared for the meeting. We will also have the report of our delegates to the Amarilla convention. We are expecting a good attendance at this meeting. Come and help your child's room win the Parent Teacher Club banner. The Winner this time will hold it until the fall term of school begins.

The following program will be given:

Devotional led by Rev. Cypert.

Music by the Music department.

Themes, by English Department.

Story, Duncan Briggs.

Number, By Spanish Department.

Tribute to the teachers, Mrs. Rogers.

Report from the District Convention, Mrs. Booth and Mrs. Cummings.

President's message.

Business.

## RED CROSS CONFERENCE ABILENE

The Taylor County Chapter American Red Cross will hold its annual Child Welfare Conference on May 3, 4, 5, at the County Court House. The afternoon of Saturday, May 5, one until five, has been set aside for the children of the county outside of Abilene.

At this time any child, not over 7 years of age, who comes to the conference will be given a complete physical examination by the best physicians, specialists, and dentists of the county. This examination is absolutely free and is offered for the sole purpose of bettering the health of the children of our county, by the early detection of any defect, which might have an injurious effect on their development.

In the interest of increased health for our children I urge that you use your influence in advertising and persuading the people of your community to take advantage of this opportunity. Faithfully yours, M. A. Williams, County Supt.

## NUBIA EPWORTH LEAGUE TO GIVE PROGRAM

On Sunday evening, May 16, the Nubia Epworth League will give a program at Blair. This will be given at the regular preaching hour, 3:30. We are expecting a good time. Every one is invited, and we expect to make it worth your while to be there.

## MERKEL EPWORTH TO UNION RIDGE SUNDAY

Arrangements are being made for the Merkel League to go with us at Union Ridge at the first Sunday in May. The Union Ridge people have a cordial invitation to one who is interested in people's work to visit us this time. Get in your car and drive over. It will give you a change of fresh air as well as a change of scenery that always keeps in touch with the hand in hand with folks. U. S. Bird, Merkel Circuit.

Moore and mother in Abilene, Wednesday

## CLOSING EXERCISES THE HIGH SCHOOL

The Merkel Schools will close on Friday, May 18, 1923. The closing exercises will extend over the week of May 14-21. The Senior Play, "Much Ado About Betty" will be given on Thursday evening, May 17th. The seventh grade exercises on Friday evening, May 18th. On Sunday evening, May 20th, at the First Methodist Church, Rev. W. O. Dallas, pastor of the First Christian Church of Abilene, will deliver the commencement sermon. On Monday evening, May 21st, the commencement exercises of the Merkel High school will be held. Bishop Hiram A. Boaz of Nashville, Tennessee, will deliver the commencement address. This also will be given at the Methodist Church.

The Valedictorian of the Senior class of Merkel High school for the year is Hattie Procter, with a yearly average of 94.58 percent. Carvel Tucker is Salutatorian with an average of 94.05 percent. The class will number between twenty-five and twenty-seven, one of the largest Merkel has ever graduated.

## BEASLEY CASE IS AFFIRMED

According to an Austin dispatch, published in Thursday morning Abilene Reporter, the case of Robert Beasley, from Taylor county, was affirmed by the Supreme Court of Criminal Appeals; wherein Beasley was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary in connection with the killing of John Chadwick, Merkel about two years ago.

Alvin Larrey and party touring from Huntington, California to Fort Worth, were the guests of A. R. Cox and family Saturday night.

## 5TH SUNDAY SINGERS LIKE STITH

On last Sunday, the same being the Fifth Sunday in the month, the Merkel Fifth Sunday Singing Association met with the good people of Stith, and loud in their praise are the people attending, for the fine treatment and good entertainment accorded them by the fine citizenship of the Stith community.

Notwithstanding the fact that there was a very large crowd in attendance, it is stated that the Stith people were indeed equal to the occasion when it came to giving all a big, fine dinner.

We are also informed that the next meeting of the association will be held in Merkel, on the fifth Sunday in July.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE WILL HAVE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Program for installation of officers is as follows:  
Leader—Miss Roberta Gay.  
Song, Be a Volunteer.  
Prayer, Russell Pike.  
Responsive reading, Psalm lxxvii.  
Leader, Romans xii 1-8; Matt xxv 14-27.  
Apostle Creed.  
Leader, Miss Gay will talk.  
Song.  
Reading, Miss Travis.  
Address by pastor.  
Installation of officers.  
Doxology and benediction.

## DRILLING ON THE STITH WELL AGAIN

The Mail is informed by those in a position to know that work on the Stith well eight miles east of Merkel, will be resumed to day. That is actual drilling will again be started and pushed to the completion of 3,500 feet deep according to contract between the citizenship of Merkel and the drilling contractors, Mr. Geo. Ebberhart and associates, unless oil or gas in paying quantities is found at a lesser depth.

Of course every one knows that the work of getting a real oil test; one that is honest and square, has been a hard job apparently, but it is believed that those in charge of the test now actually mean business and will do all in their power to send the drill on down to the required depth to find the golden fluid.

And there has been many rumors, regarding the test. In that there are many who believe that when the drill was stopped some time ago, a showing of both oil and gas had been encountered sufficient to make those in charge believe that with a few more strokes of the drill a paying well would be brought in. While others who are not optimistic usually over such matters, have their doubt; hence we shall all "see what we shall see."

## ICE NOTICE

We now deliver Ice every day. Our Coupon Books are also ready, and by buying them for CASH, you save money on the discount given on coupons. You save both money and time by buying coupons. Phone 203. The Merkel Ice Company. If

Elder W. G. Cypert and better-half were in Trent Sunday and the Elder occupied the pulpit at the church of Christ at the 11 o'clock services.

## T. A. JOHNSON TO MCKINNEY BANK

We are informed that Mr. Thos. A. Johnson, for many years identified with the banking interest of Merkel and for several years connected with one of the strong banks of the state of Kansas, and who has lately been making Merkel his home again, has recently acquired considerable interest in the Collin County National Bank, of McKinney, Texas, and in which institution he has been elected active Vice-President and Cashier.

Thos. A. Johnson is not only a most excellent citizen and Christian gentleman, but is recognized throughout the country as one of the safest and most capable bankers to be found anywhere, and the Mail has no hesitancy in making the prediction that under his efficient management the above mentioned bank will go forward in a manner that will be both pleasing and beneficial to all interested.

Mr. Johnson informs the Mail that he expects to leave within a few days for his new home and business, and will be followed in the near future by his splendid family. In just plain old Texas English, they are fine folks and we commend them to the best people of McKinney and old Collin County.

We understand the Collin county National Bank with a capital of \$200,000, is one of the best and most prosperous banks in the whole state.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST NOTES

Regular services Sunday and throughout the week. Remember your place in the Bible classes, prayer meeting, and the ladies Bible class on Wednesday afternoon at the church at 3:30. Come and bring some one with you at all these services.

## Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Devotional meeting— "What May I pray about?"

Bible readers Quiz

Leader, Warren Smith.

1. Paul tells us what to pray about, Nell Swann.

2. In matters of religion; 1st, 2nd, division, Ola Sharp; 3, 4, 5, 6th division, Mr. Deutscherman.

3. About our Everyday work, O. R. Bird.

4. Love, Mrs. Cummings.

5. Play, Cinnie Heizer.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee have moved to the old H. C. Williams homestead in north Merkel and will occupy same. We are told that Mrs. Williams contemplates visiting at various places during the next few months.

## METHODIST MEN MEET TO-NIGHT

Although the attendance at the Men's meeting at the Methodist Church on last Monday evening was small in numbers, it was a very enthusiastic meeting; those present resolving that the work of the Men's Club should and would be pushed to an enthusiastic success. To begin with, the organization is indeed progressing nicely, and with the following committees appointed it is expected that active work in this church among the men will go forward in the future with a greater vim.

The following are appointed as Captains; with the first named as chairman, whose duty it will be to take steps to increase the church attendance among the Methodist people in Merkel; Judge N. D. Cobb, Roy Harrell, M. R. Hail, Tom Largent, T. A. Bidleman, G. W. Boyce, Walter Leach, and J. R. Pee. A committee of Lieutenants, whose duty it shall be to assist the above committee in their work, is composed of the following: Loring Hamblett; Sie Hamm, Russell Barnett; Tom Toombs Jr Chas. K Russell A. Morton, J. E. Richardson, and Dr. Gambill.

Committee on Education, L. R. Thompson, Dr. Armstrong, H. M. Rainbolt, G. W. Boyce.

Committee on Social Service, Robert Hicks, D. O. Huddleston and T. G. Bragg.

Committee on Evangelism, W. D. Hutcheson, L. W. Cox; Henry Frazier.

Committee on Missions, H. M. Rainbolt, D. H. Vaughn, Eli Cace, and Mason Pee.

Committee on Sunday school; Walter Leach, T. G. Bragg and W. H. Frazier.

Committee on Speakers, Thos Durham, A. T. Sheppard, and R. A. Burgess.

The officers of the organization are: L. R. Thompson, President; Dr. M. Armstrong, Vice-President; A. T. Sheppard; Sec. F. Y. Gaither, Treasurer. As assistants, Russell Pike was chosen assistant to the president; Tom Blair, assistant Vice-pres.

At the meeting on last Monday evening it was decided to call another meeting of ALL THE MEN OF THE CHURCH, to meet again to-night, Friday, May, 3rd and pastor Hays urges that every man who possibly can be present on this occasion and help to start the men's work of this church off with vim and enthusiasm.

## HOME TALENT PLAY AT COZY MAY 10TH

The Music Department of the High school assisted by Miss Connie Travis, reader; Miss Lynn Thompson, violinist, and the Merkel Glee Club, will present a miscellaneous program at the Cozy Theatre, on Thursday evening, May 10th.

The little Opretta to be given, "The Quest of the Pink Parasol", in three acts, is a beautiful little story, made more attractive by the costuming.

The Merkel Mail is informed that the above interesting program will be given under the auspices of the Parent Teacher Club, and admission to same will be 10, 15 and 30 cents.

## MARRIED AT BAIRD

On last Tuesday morning after remarking to a few intimate relatives that they were going to get married, Mr. J. G. Hale, prosperous local cotton buyer, and Miss Minnie Houghton, one of Merkel's most excellent young ladies, left this city in the former's car, and were happily married at Baird; after which it is understood that the happy couple made their way on to Lipan and Patillo, Hood county, Texas, where they will spend some time with relatives, after which they will return to Merkel to make their future home.

As stated above, the groom is a well known and prominent cotton buyer of this city, while the bride, Miss Houghton, who is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White, of this city, and one of Merkel's most excellent and charming young ladies, and both of whom have scores of friends with whom we join in extending to them best wishes for a wedded life of happiness and prosperity.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Last Sunday was an encouraging day in all departments of our work. The Sunday school was well attended, but we missed some familiar faces. A good sized crowd heard Rev. R. L. Irving bring a most excellent message. The choir, and the singers from the Merkel Glee Club rendered some fine music. Sunday May the 6th, let us begin the new month right by attending all the services of the church. Our trip around the world in the Sunday School is nearing an end. We go to East Africa Sunday morning. Come and help your side win, and learn of the great Missionary work of the Presbyterian Church in Africa. The Presbytery of Carcisa in West Africa has twenty thousand members and seventy thousand in Sunday school. There will be preaching services both morning and night.

For Mother's Day, we are planning a special service at both services, the evening hour will be a singalogue program entitled "Mothers of Men". This is one of the most unique and best programs ever arranged for Mother's Day. You will want to see it. And don't forget, visitors and strangers are made to feel at home. Fred S. Rogers.

## MUSIC CLUB NOTES

The Music Club met Saturday afternoon, April 21st, at the home of Mrs. Geo. Brown, with Inice Brown and Dorothy Sanders as hostesses.

The meeting was quite a success and was enjoyed by all present. Delicious refreshments were daintily served.

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### STRENUOUS KIND OF SPORT

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Swordfishing for broadbill swordfish with rod and reel no doubt heads the list of the most strenuous kinds of angling. This remarkable form of sport has been practiced for a number of years on the Pacific coast in the neighborhood of Santa Catalina Island and to a less extent, and more recently, along our own Atlantic seaboard. In many respects it is the most fascinating of all forms of fishing. C. K. Stillman writes in the Health Builder. There is considerable difficulty in finding the prospective victims as they swim or float solitary near the surface of the sea, and more yet when found in persuading them to bite. Once hooked, the swordfish is a very resourceful antagonist and hard to keep on the line. The angler never knows what is going to happen next and is never entirely free from apprehension that the fish may attack his boat. No fishing is more productive of super thrills and of grievous disappointments. To the swordfish angler the landing of one fish is a season's triumph. Many have gone out year after year for swordfish without success, but they keep on doggedly in the knowledge that a lucky turn of events may at any moment bring achievement.

### PERIOD WHEN WOMEN RULED

By Far the More Important Sex in Early Days of the World, Is Recent Statement.

Recent research, by some French professors, into the ways of women of a hundred thousand years ago, have given an unexpected jolt to preconceived ideas. Now the professors declare that woman, in the days of our cave-dwelling ancestors, was regarded as of the more important sex. Men held a secondary position, tolerated for the sake of the food and skins provided. Women ruled, and were the inventors of the earliest arts and sciences. It was the woman's ingenuity which devised snares for animals and made plans for storing food against times of scarcity. Women taught ways of making clothing from skins of animals, and by the efforts of their brains improved the lot of all the human race. Woman's cunning and wit were the outcome of her lack of physical strength, which obliged her to resort to strategy rather than force. On the whole, the prehistoric woman apparently held the same position and ruled man in the same manner that she does today, according to these gentlemen, who may however have a different opinion for us tomorrow.

### Love of Trees.

Love of trees is almost a religion to the Jungo-Slav peasant. The new kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes boasts some of the oldest forests in the world. During the Middle Ages wood from the provinces east of the Adriatic was exported to Venice, where it was made into ships, and furniture, and cabinets—some of the far-famed works of art that have survived the early renaissance.

One of the native picturesque customs deals with the choosing of a tree for a yule log at Christmas time, says the Detroit News. Without this yule log, or "badnjak," as it is known in Slovenia, no Christmas is complete and no family is too poor to have one. The first chip that flies when the tree is being felled is placed in the milk, the beehive, the hen roost, anywhere that the housewife especially desires prosperity. In some regions the chips of the badnjak are all gathered up and presented to members of the family and to the animals of the farm.

### President Tyler's Love Affairs.

John Tyler, tenth President of the United States, was married twice, and in each case it was a marriage of affection. His first wife was Letitia Christian, daughter of Robert Christian, one of the best known men of Virginia. It might almost be called a boy and girl affair, but they were married and lived happily together for 20 years. The second wife of the President was Julia Gardiner. She married the President while he was still in office, and after his death went to Richmond, where she spent the remainder of her life.

Most Americans—regarding him in a superficial way—think of Tyler as one of the prosaic, matter-of-fact Presidents of the United States, yet in the wooing of Miss Christian he gave proof that he possessed an ardent temperament—the temperament of a love-stricken and romantic young man.

### Uruguay—A Sketch.

The broad plains of Uruguay in the amber April that is autumn here. The vintage season, great black and rose-colored muscat grapes, whose crisp skin crackles under my teeth. Swarthy laborers picking heavy clusters. Dashing horsemen, their silver stirrups inlaid with gold, in white ponchos, broad sombreros, with long, flowing scarfs fluttering over their shoulders, shout a greeting to the rhythm of their horses' hoofs, and speed on. Gardens of pink laurel and red hibiscus. Grand avenues of eucalyptus, silvery in the sun, their trembling foliage outlined high above us, against the blue vaults of heaven. Peons singing in the vineyards, or after sunset improvising rustic chants to the accompaniment of their guitars. A vineyard festival—Renee Franchon in La Revue de L'Amérique Latine.

### GREAT "GOLD BLUFFS" HOAX

Reported Finding of Yellow Metal Caused Intense Excitement in San Francisco in 1851.

To San Francisco in January, 1851, came a tale that set even its excitement-jaded pulses a-throb. Briefly, 10 prospectors had proceeded in the steamer Chesapeake toward the Klamath river, and near this stream the seashore for miles was composed—half, at least—of pure gold, writes Eugene Cunningham in Adventure Magazine.

Digging was not required. One had only to raise as much as he wished of the golden sand from the beach. Small wonder that San Francisco went mad. Eight vessels prepared to sail for "Gold Bluffs."

Then the bottom dropped out. It was rumored first that the gold was mixed with black and gray sands; that because of its exceeding fineness it could not be separated from the sand. Worse still, the sea washed through huge piles of collected sand and flood-tide brought none of it back. Working "Gold Bluffs" promised a reversal of ordinary mining—gold went into, instead of coming out of, the ground. So the greatest excitement of the decade was done. But it was a "thriller" while it lasted.

### FELT THE BISHOP WAS SAFE

Woman's Apprehensions Disappeared With Her Increasing Confidence in the Small Boy.

When Phillips Brooks, the great "low church" bishop of Massachusetts, made his visitation at the Church of the Advent, Boston, celebrated for its elaborate ritual, the rector considered it inquired if the bishop would like the usual service simplified.

"Oh, no," was the reply. "Tart something on!"

A young but well-trained acolyte was told to attend the bishop, and before the towering figure paced, with impressive dignity, the small red-casocked lad.

A lady, who knew and admired Phillips Brooks, but knew little of ritual, regarded the situation at first with anxious face, but soon became serene. On leaving the church after service, she remarked:

"In the beginning I was dreadfully afraid the bishop would not know where to go or what to do, but I felt perfectly safe about him when I saw that little boy knew a great deal more about it all than the bishop did, and was taking good care of him."—Harper's Magazine.

### An Inventor at Seventeen.

One Saturday morning, more than 70 years ago, writes Floyd L. Darrow a St. Nicholas Magazine, a man and a boy might have been observed standing over a piece of pipe in a machine-shop in Schenectady, N. Y. The man was giving instructions to his fourteen-year-old son, George Westinghouse, Jr., as to how he wished this pipe to be cut into pieces of a certain length. George had wanted to go on a hike with some other boys, but his father, a somewhat stern man, was assigning a task which, he assured the lad, would require all his spare time for several days to come. While his father had been talking, the boy had been thinking out a scheme to escape the drudgery. In a few hours he had rigged up a combination of tools which, when attached to a power machine, automatically fed the pipe and cut it into the proper lengths.

In this youthful incident we have the first glimpse of the wonderful inventive genius of one of the most extraordinary men that America has ever produced—George Westinghouse.

### History of Vaccination.

Smallpox vaccination, generally regarded as a modern practice, dates back more than 2,000 years, according to Dr. W. G. McCoy, director of the Hygienic Laboratory of the United States Public Health Service. "When the ancients noticed that recovery from the first attack gave immunity from others," says Doctor McCoy, "they began inoculating their fellows; first by exposing well persons to others ill with the disease and later by inoculation."

Jenner, who is generally conceded to have been the father of vaccination for smallpox with cowpox, only "put vaccination on a rock where it would be immovable," explains Doctor McCoy. Records show that years before Jenner's time men had been vaccinated with cowpox and then with smallpox to demonstrate their immunity.

### Rachel's Tomb Jewish Shrine.

Rachel's tomb, about a mile from Bethlehem, is a sacred shrine of the Jews. It is the only spot of Old Testament interest to which the Jews have exclusive rights, and the chief rabbi of Jerusalem has the key to it. They assemble there from time to time for prayer. They do the same at Hebron, where the patriarchs are buried, but in general they do not have ready access to the graves of their forefathers. The Moslems refuse this privilege to them.

### Wanted More Information.

The medical officer on duty in the eye, ear and throat department of one of the great London hospitals was about to examine a man who complained of severe pain.

"Now, then, my friend, is it this ear that's causing the trouble?" he asked.

"This 'ere what?" inquired the pa-

## THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL

All Victory Loans have been called for redemption on or before May 20th We shall be glad to serve you in sending them in.

### CONDENSED STATEMENT

Close of business, April 3rd, 1923

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$331,064.83
Cotton	None
U. S. Securities	13,600.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	27,672.19
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,350.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bk. Co.	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Other Real Estate	4,100.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX.	135,233.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$520,033.24</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	9,366.29
Circulation Act.	6,250.00
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
DEPOSITS	439,416.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$520,033.24</b>



## THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank OF MERKEL

J. T. Warren, President L. R. Thompson, Cashier  
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### RECEIVES A FINE GOAT

Dr. J. B. Bell, local Veterinarian, is happy over receiving this week from his friend Dr. L. W. Kitchen, Veterinary Surgeon of Post City, a fine young "Nanny" Goat.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Pribble were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Dowdy, at Trent Sunday.

Come by the Bakery every day noon for those delicious sweet milk rolls.

Voile, Crepe, Taffeta, China silk, and wool dresses, Coat suits, Men's suits, boys suits, cleaned and pressed by help who know now. One day service—no gas odor. Ligon, the laundryman, Phone 218.

Mr. J. D. Daniel went down to Fort Worth first of the week to meet his daughter, Mrs. Jake Zabludial, of Oklahoma, who will visit here for some time with her parents near Stith.

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  4. Leader Talk.
  5. Sentence Prayers.
  6. Song.
  7. The son of God; (a) Lois Dixon; (b) Roy Elliott
  8. Blackboard talk—Elizabeth Hutchison.
  8. Reading, Missie Dye.
  10. Special music (In charge of music committee.)
  11. Arguments that Jesus Christ is the son of God, Intha Bird.
  12. The divinity of Jesus Christ, Bro. Rogers.
  13. Since Jesus is the Son of God, Norma Shannon.
  14. Questions
  15. Song; Announcements.
  16. Mizpah.

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## The Brown D. G. Co.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By Carvel Tucker Mary E Sears  
Owing to the strife that has been going on between the boys and girls of the Senior Class in the High school notes, especially it has been decided to have a boy and girl to write them together in order that both sides may be protected. These notes are the results of the combination.

In chapel Monday morning, Mr. Burgess presented Roy Stevens with a silver loving cup. This cup was awarded by the Athletic Department of Abilene District number 7, to the high point winner in the district meet held at Abilene on April 21. The High school and the business men are backing Stevens and are going to send him to Austin to the State meet which is to be held the third, fourth, and fifth of May. The cup has been placed on the desk in the study hall and all who wish to do so may make a small contribution. If you want to see the cup, come to the study hall and look at it, but be sure that you do not take any of the money.

The time is speedily coming for the Seniors to have what was formerly called commencement exercises, but this year's class has changed this expression to "Conclusion Exercises"! An interested Senior has observed:

1. That Mr. Tabor does the family washing.
  2. That Mr. Burgess, although he has been married only a short time, is already a henpecked husband. Every time the telephone rings he grabs his hat and jumps in his Henry Ford.
  3. That Miss Williamson makes frequent trips to Abilene
  4. That Miss Pearce spent the week-end in Sweetwater this week and failed to have her papers graded.
  5. That the wind and sand do not affect Miss Bird's wavy hair and rosy complexion.
  6. That Miss Stanfield continues to make daily trips to the office and record demerits, ending them by putting "For talking in the Study hall by S. S. (We think that S. S. stands for Sunday school.)
- It remains to be seen just how many of the high school students really get married when school is out this year.

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THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB IN MEMORY OF J. P. SUBLETT

The Friendship Club met on Friday, April 27, with Mrs. E. Stanford. Forty two and conversation was enjoyed until a flower contest was held in which Mrs. Goldaday knew the most names of flowers and received a dainty work apron.

It was unanimously voted to donate \$10.00 of the treasury money to the cemetery fund. Refreshments of delicious Pineapple Ice Cream and cake was served to club members and Mrs. Roy Stoker of Breckenridge, visitor.

Mrs. W. O. Boney received the sad news first of the week from Oil City, La., that her sister, Mrs. S. H. Winfrey was dead, and that the remains would be shipped to Pampa, Texas, for burial. Mrs. Boney left immediately for Pampa, that she might be present when her sister is laid to rest. The Merkel Mail, with many friends extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. Boney and other bereaved relatives.

Mrs. C. L. Cash has been suffering with a bad case of tonsillitis this week.

To the Worshipful Master Warden and Brethren of Merkel lodge No. 710 A. F. and A. M.

Whereas it has pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in his infinite wisdom to remove from among us our dear Brothr, J. P. Sublett and to transplant him as a member of that celestial lodge, above where the supreme architect of the universe presides.

Therefore, be it resolved by Merkel Lodge of A. F. and A. M. that in the death of our brother this lodge has lost a worthy member; one who lived and practiced the true principles of our order and his every day life was a living example of those great tenets faith, hope, and charity, having faith in God, hope in immortality and charity towards all mankind always ready to lend a helping hand to a brother or friend and give him advice that would aid in his reformation.

We bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly father and leave in his hand the soul of our deceased brother.

Be it further resolved that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy delivered to the family of our deceased brother and a copy handed the Merkel Mail for publication and that the members of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days. Respectfully submitted this 28th day, of April A. D. 1923. Committee: A. B. Patterson; W. O. Boney; A. E. Brown.

Mrs. Clifford Rose and baby we are informed left this week for California, where they will join Mr. Rose in making that state their future home. Mr. Rose we are told has a good position with the Magnolia Oil company.

Miss Madge Pierce, one of the high school teachers spent last week end as the guest of Miss Mary Wight in Sweetwater.

PURITY BLACKLEG AGGRESSION

One treatment immunizes Calves for life. Burl Wheeler, Agent, Abilene, Texas. 204p

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my appreciation to the good people who came to the cemetery Monday afternoon and worked so faithfully. I realize that it was your civic pride that caused you to go; and perhaps some never thought of it as helping me but it was a help to me and I want you to know that I am thankful for it.

I also wish to thank Mrs. Anderson, especially, for her untiring efforts and words of encouragement. J. S. Bickley.

Clifford Rose left last week for Los Angeles, Calif., where he goes to take a position with the Standard Oil Company. His wife will join him in a short time.

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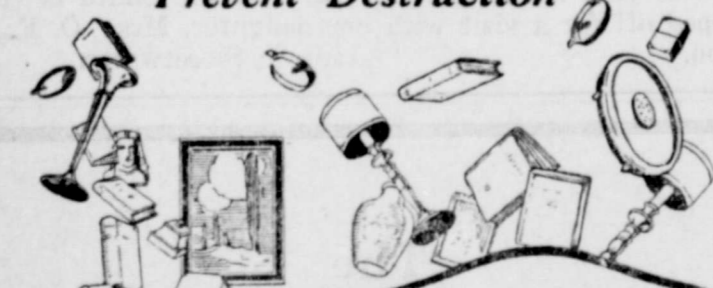
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RESOURCES	
Loans and dis. personal or collateral	\$ 61,283.81
Loans, real estate	4,100.00
Overdrafts	288.45
Bonds and stocks	7,550.00
Real Estate (banking house)	7,000.00
Furniture and fix. inv.	2,125.00
Due from other banks and bankers, and cash on hand	2,058.97
Interest in Dep. Civ. Fund	2,768.00
Assessment Dep. Civ. Fund	5,432.22
Other Resources, cash collection	21.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$99,602.81</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 1,000.00
Surplus Fund	1,192.15
Undivided profits, net	811.17
Individual Deposits Sub.to Check	61,414.81
Time certificates of Deposit	
Cashier's Checks	218.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$99,602.81</b>

State of Texas, County of Taylor: We, E. Kogane, as president, and E. D. Toulon, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

E. Kogane, President  
E. D. Toulon, Cashier  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of April, A. D. 1923.  
(SEAL) L. T. Adria  
Notary Public Taylor County, Texas.  
Correct—Attest:  
L. S. Swann  
E. Kogane, Directors  
L. E. Adria

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Who is it that does not want  
to see every boy and girl, rich  
or poor, well educated and fitted  
for future life.

A kind word about our neighbors,  
friends, citizens, our town and  
community, it seems to us is, far  
better than something mean and  
hateful.

The biggest crook in the community  
and the man who is the most  
detrimental asset of any community,  
is the fellow who thinks every  
one else is crooked but himself.

Hurrah! for the 27 graduates of  
the Merkel High school. May they  
keep up the determination for a  
still higher education, which will  
fit them for a future life of  
usefulness.

We think Merkel has a splendid  
citizenship; splendid bankers,  
honest and upright; an excellent  
bunch of merchants, professional  
men. If we thought they were  
all crooks we would move. We  
believe in patronizing our banks,  
business and professional men.

May it be said to the credit of  
the faculty of the Merkel High  
school, that same is made up of  
men and women of the highest  
type of Christian citizenship. Men  
and women who have their heart  
and soul in their work. Who are  
interested in giving to the boys  
and girls of today the best  
training that is possible for them  
to obtain in the free school of the  
present age.

We have mighty little patience  
and time to fool away with the  
fellow who is only living for  
himself; his wife; his son John  
and his wife and says to hell  
with the rest of the world. May  
God have pity on such men. Talk  
about your Red Russia and other  
socialistic ideas, when men in  
this American country get to  
where they have no care for the  
interest and welfare of their  
neighbors and their children, and  
their interest, then it will be a  
condition bordering on to that in  
Red Russia.

Because my father plowed and  
tilled the soil with an ox team,  
the bluntstock, the double shovel,  
the side harrow etc., is no reason  
for me to hate and despise the  
man who today uses a double-row  
cultivator and planter combined  
or even the tractor and disc plow.  
The same rule will apply to the  
improvement and advancement  
of the present day improved  
school system. In fact, every  
man should adjust his ideas  
along all lines in a way that  
keep him in harmony with the  
advancement of the times. When  
a man fails to do this he finds  
himself out of joint with conditions  
and at those who are in and  
with the trend of better  
improvement.

In the Merkel High school  
this year there will be 27 boys  
and girls to graduate. Every  
man and woman within the  
Merkel Independent school district  
should feel proud and happy  
over same. For let us say that  
the future of this world depends  
upon the proper educating of  
the young men and women of  
this country. No country can  
advance without education, and  
may God forbid the day when  
the boys and girls of this country  
may not have the opportunity

of securing at least a high school  
education. As an example of a  
country without free school  
education we would cite those  
indifferent about same, to Mexico  
on the south.

**SOMETHING FOR NOTHING**

All over Texas various city  
and town councils are passing  
ordinances prohibiting street  
peddlers, vendors, and fakirs  
from operating on the streets,  
alleys and vacant lots of their  
towns. Certainly it is a move  
in the right direction. These  
transients contribute nothing  
to the upkeep of the town and  
community; they do not help  
support the school, nor the  
church, nor any other public  
institution in the community;  
not one of them was ever  
known to subscribe a penny to  
the unfortunate man whose  
insured home was destroyed by  
fire, or to the needy and afflicted;  
not one of them has ever  
been caught making donations  
to the upkeep of the "silent city  
of the dead", nor the maintenance  
of the road leading thereto. Yet,  
in the face of all these facts,  
there are people in every  
community who are continually  
chanking their money into the  
coffers of the commercial parasites,  
when in nine cases out of  
ten, there is a skin game  
connected with every sale. During  
the past six months the writer  
has seen a number of these  
street vendors in Royse City  
and in every instance coming  
under our observation they  
have left town full handed. The  
News-Times would suggest that

the local business men present  
this matter to the City Council  
with a view of obtaining legislation  
regulating the visits of this  
class of barterers.—Royse City  
News Times.

The above is also applicable  
to deport—Such an ordinance  
would save the people's money  
and is nothing more than justice  
to local business houses, who  
help support our schools, churches,  
roads, and the unfortunate.—Deport  
Times.

**10,000,000 SACKS NEEDED TO HANDLE MAIL**

Through the courtesy of Post  
master G. E. Comey, the Mail  
is furnished the following regarding  
the number of pouches and sacks  
needed to handle the mails of this  
great country of ours. According to  
an item in the Postal Guide for  
April, it takes 10,000,000 sacks  
and pouches to handle the mails  
of this country, and the Post  
Office department is now making  
a great many of this equipment  
through its own manufacturing  
department and ultimately  
plans to make all that it uses. It  
was during an emergency in  
1917 that the department realized  
the need of an attempt to  
make its own equipment and  
began at first in a small way,  
which has continued to grow  
until last year, when the production  
reached an average of 7,720  
sacks and pouches each day.  
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shops kept the department well  
supplied with locks for the

pouches etc, and all of this at  
a great saving to the government  
over the old contract system  
to private or corporate concerns.  
Thus does our postal system  
continue to become more perfect  
in every way that is helpful  
and accomplishing to the  
general public.

**Womans' Missionary Society**

The Womans Missionary Society  
met on last Monday afternoon  
and this being the fifth  
Monday and no regular program  
our delegate, Mrs. Thompson  
who has just returned from the  
Annual Conference at Snyder  
gave her report of the meeting.  
Although the weather conditions  
were so very unfavorable on  
account of the raging sand storm  
there were 15 members present.  
And all had come for no other  
purpose than to hear the report  
of this annual conference. But  
after we had heard the splendid  
report by Mrs. Thompson, we  
all felt amply repaid for our  
time and effort in coming. Mrs.  
Thompson surely brought us a  
wonderful message from this  
meeting giving a detailed  
account of every session from  
the opening to the close. We  
enjoyed every word of this  
report and felt glad indeed that  
we had sent our president as a  
delegate to this conference and  
we enjoyed this message to the  
extent of giving her a rising  
vote of thanks for this report.  
At our next meeting Mrs. Hays  
will give a report of what she  
gathered at the conference on  
the young people's work. All the  
members are

urged to be present and especially  
the young ladies of the church  
to hear this report. There will  
also be the regular business  
meeting.

Mrs. E. L. Wills returned last  
week from an extended trip to  
Los Angeles, California where  
she accompanied her daughter,  
Mrs. W. T. Wilson, who with  
her husband will make that  
state their home. Mrs. Wills  
was very much pleased with  
California and the climate  
found there.

Mrs. E. B. Mitchell of Dallas  
is here for a visit with her  
brother, L. P. Ligon. She had  
been to El Paso to visit her  
daughter and stopped off for a  
visit with Mr. Ligon.

Mrs. Ergeal B. Meador and  
Miss Willie Toombs went to  
Lubbock Monday night, the 23rd,  
to visit Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hunter,  
returning Thursday night. This  
was their first visit to the  
plains and both report a very  
favorable impression of that  
part of the west.

Mesdames A. R. Booth and E.  
S. Cummings, left Tuesday for  
Amarillo, where they go as  
delegates from the Merkel  
Prent Teacher's Association, to  
the district meeting of the  
Womans Federated Clubs of  
Texas, which will be in session  
several days.

Mrs. A. T. Smith is visiting  
her daughter, Mrs. O. F. Leer-  
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If you are an unbeliever and don't go to church, don't be a scoffer at religion.

While the go to church movement has been sweeping the country like a prairie fire, there is found in very community men who seek to belittle it. To these men a special appeal here is made. What would it be without religion? Just ponder for a minute. There would be an era of lawlessness and crime that would be awful to contemplate.

Even unbelievers admit that churches benefit a community. Of course there may be some people who go to church just for the appearance of things. But happily there are thousands who are sincere in their religious belief and their worship of God. These people help to make this glorious country what it is. Statistics show that there is a minimum of crime in communities where there are plenty of churches. The most herdent criminal has been reached by an appeal to his better nature, by an appeal to his belief in a supreme being.

Basically, every one is all right. To use an apt saying, "There's a lot of bad in the best of us, a lot of good in the worst of us. Going to church surely brings out the best in us. Proximity is a great thing. A man who goes to church regularly, even as a matter of form, eventually is sure to nibble the teachings of God. The environment will make him righteous. It will make him a better citizen.

It is not enough that you go to church. Be prepared to answer the scoffer. Don't give him any peace. Try to show him where he is wrong. Everybody can do a little for the go to church movement. Are you doing it?

It is not enough that you go to church. Get others to go. Ex.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Simpson were visiting in Sweetwater the forepart of the week.

M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday was indeed a great day in the history of the Methodist Sunday School. There was 319 members present.

This goes to show just what a prospect we have for getting a Sunday school attendance to equal our entire church membership. When so many have shown by their presence that they are interested in our Sunday school work.

So let us put Merkel on the map in a Sunday School way.

We can do so by all being in

our places on each and every Sunday, helping to carry on the Master's work.

Also we want to mention the attendance of so many of our young people on each Sunday morning for which we are always thankful. Hard tasks call for cooperation. So lets all join together in making our Sunday school just what it ought to be. Let God work in us and thru us. Just what we are doing now may be his way, or he may show us in a better way. L. W. Cox, Supt.

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W. F. Hamblett returned on Monday evening from a visit with his son Roger and family at Breckenridge.

Dr and Mrs. J. N. Smith of Hamlin have been here this week, the guest of friends and relatives.

Eld. W. G. Cypert will leave Saturday for Rotan where he will preach Sunday morning and evening.



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## PROPER PLACING OF MIRROR

Attention to Which Housewife Should Give Careful Attention Before Making Final Decision.

A mirror in a dull gold frame is a very decorative and useful item in any furnishing scheme, but the position which it is to adorn must be carefully thought out. A long mirror at the end of a narrow, dark hall will do wonders towards giving a sense of light and space, especially if it runs right down to the floor, with a few flowers in an old brass pot standing in front of it.

A mirror along one side of the bath will protect the walls and impart an air of cleanliness to a stuffy bathroom—an apartment which in small flats so frequently suffers from lack of light and air. Over the drawing room mantelpiece is a favorite place for a large mirror, but it is rather an ordinary idea, and may be improved by placing the looking-glass across one corner of the room, in front of a small table bearing old china. If this corner is directly opposite the door, so much the better; it will give quite a vista to the room.

Never hang a mirror on the wall facing the head of the bed. It will irritate the occupant, and throw any light it catches straight into the eyes.

At the head of a staircase a mirror is perhaps found of the greatest advantage, and when it hangs in such a position there should be nothing else near it, and the walls should be either plainly distempered or papered.

## IN EARLY CALIFORNIA DAYS

Justice Administered in Somewhat Crude Fashion After the Conquest of Mexico.

A Justice of the Supreme court, mounted on horseback and armed with a Winchester, was O. Henry's definition of a ruffian, and, barring the horse and the Winchester, the same would apply to an alcalde of the old California days. This refers particularly to the powers of the American alcaldes who came in after the conquest of Mexico. Here is one of the many amusing incidents that happened, John L. Considine writes in Adventure Magazine:

Lawyer Leander Quint of Sonora, for whom Alcalde R. C. Barry entertained a violent dislike, had lost the first three fingers of his right hand. In argument he would gesticulate violently with this hand, extending the remaining thumb and little finger in a manner that annoyed Barry excessively. After a trial in which Barry had as usual ruled against him, Quint exclaimed:

"Judge, I never did stand any chance in your court!"

"No, sir," replied Barry, "and you never shall. When a man comes into court and wriggles his fingers and rolls up his eyes as you do, he can't have any show here. In Texas, we have man-traps, sir, that cost thieves their fingers. It looks — suspicious, sir, it looks — suspicious; but I hope it's all right."

## Sport in Ancient Egypt.

Egyptians were the oldest admirers of sport. From the pictures on temple walls and tombs one learns how they spent their days in work, religious rites or pleasure. Girls played ball, sitting on the backs of their girl friends. They also danced to the rhythm of songs, which were accompanied by hand clapping. Boys ran races, balanced on beams or stood on their heads. They tried their skill in throwing pointed sticks at a wooden stump and had themselves blindfolded, beaten by their comrades, and then guessed who was beating them.

Fencing was done with a light wooden saber; a shieldlike piece of wood was fastened to the lower arm during the combat. Pictures of wrestling matches along the tomb walls of Beni Hassan would illustrate a modern textbook of wrestling.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Latham, who formerly lived in Merkel; Mr. Latham and brother, Bert, who recently died in Dallas, conducting a Cafe here, came in last week from Dallas, where they have been in business for some time. Mr. Latham stated that he was glad to get back out west, and that he might decide to again locate in Merkel or possibly Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Latham are fine people and have many friends here who would be glad to see them permanently return to the west.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith Miss Josie Smith and others composed a party who motored to Abilene Saturday to see the play "Robin Hood".

Miss Esther Roehl, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Hays, who has been very sick this week, we are glad to learn is resting well and improving at this writing.

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Elder W. G. Cypert, accompanied by his wife and Mrs. Will Burns attended the Busby meeting at Abilene Christian College Sunday evening.

### HORSES! HORSES!

Have some good work horses for sale. See H. L. Propst, at the Merkel Garage. 1t.

That the little city of Trent ably and excellently handled the large crowd of Methodist attending the District Meeting in that city of the Abilene District, will be attested to by every one attending.

Quite a crowd of Merkelites attended the singing convention at Stith Sunday. Dinner was spread on the ground and every one had an enjoyable time. The next meeting of the convention will be held with the Merkel class on the 5th Sunday in July.

Misses Dota and Ollie Garrouette returned Saturday evening from a weeks stay out on the farm.

Mrs. Ellen Hayes left Saturday morning for Arkansas, where she will make her future home.

### REPAIRING

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Mrs. N. D. Cobb left first of the week for Dallas where she will visit her daughter, Miss Maurine, and other relatives. She was accompanied by her son, Newton, who returns to that city after a visit with home folks and friends.

Mrs. C. L. McNees of Bisbee, Arizona, came in last week for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McNees Sr. She will be joined by her husband within a few days on her visit.

Miss Mabel McNees who attended the Sull Ross State Normal at Alpine, this term of school, returned to her home here last week. Her many friends welcome her return.

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**No Foolish Romance**

By JOHN PALMER

LAWYER JOHN EDMONDS looked up from his desk. "Leaving me, Miss Prentiss? May I ask why, after all these years? If it's a matter of the salary—"

"It isn't that," said Miss Prentiss, looking down.

Miss Prentiss was silent.

"Come, Miss Prentiss, as an old friend, surely—?"

"Well, Mr. Edmonds, if you must know, people are talking about us. It was your seeing me home those dark nights last winter."

John Edmonds looked at her thoughtfully. He was a widower of fifty, and Ellen Prentiss a comely business girl of thirty-three. Decision came into his mind, one of those Napoleonic decisions that had made him what he was—the most successful lawyer in the city.

"Did you ever think of getting married, Miss Prentiss?" he asked.

"No, it never occurred to me," Miss Prentiss answered.

"I'll be frank with you, Miss Prentiss. I have been thinking of getting married again. I want a wife. But I don't want any foolish romance. I never had much taste for it, and I'm growing old. Would you consider the proposition?"

"Indeed, yes," answered Miss Prentiss frankly. "I—I hate romance, Mr. Edmonds, and you men are so foolish. Now you've put the idea into my head; it suits me very well. As a business proposition I accept it gladly."

John Edmonds arose and shook her hand. "You are the most sensible woman in Clayton, Miss Prentiss," he said. "But then I've always known that. I shall be delighted to marry you on—let me see!" He consulted his diary. "On the 4th prox. That will give us two clear days—er—honey-moon, before that court case comes on. You don't mind honey-moons, Miss Prentiss?"

"I—I've never tried one," Miss Prentiss answered, "but I suppose they're all right."

"Then that's settled," said John Edmonds. "You will call me John in future and I shall call you Elizabeth."

On the way home with Miss Prentiss, who boarded in the same street, John Edmonds said thoughtfully: "How about—er—kissing Elizabeth? I don't see any sense in it myself, but I approve in a way of keeping up the old customs."

"Why, yes, I've thought of that," answered Elizabeth. "I suppose it's all right now and then."

John kissed her at the door, and then, absent-mindedly, he kissed her again. Elizabeth's face wore a thoughtful look.

To his surprise he found that he rather looked forward to those kisses. Elizabeth Prentiss never said anything about them.

Yes, John Edmonds felt strange, forgotten impulses stirring within him. One day he sat down at his desk and composed the following letter:

"Darling Elizabeth:

"You will never see this, but I have to relieve my mind. I find that I love you. It is nonsense, and I should be very much ashamed if you ever found out, because you are my ideal, so sensible and all that, and if you dreamed what I am thinking about you would probably never marry me. The sight of your beautiful face fills me with a terrible longing for I know not what. Every time I touch your lips with mine thrills run through me. When you smile it sends me straight into heaven. But you will never know. With fondest love, darling, Your John."

Just then the telephone rang. A man had been stabbed to death, and his assailant, pleading self-defense, had sent for John Edmonds from the jail. Forgetting all about his letter, John put on his hat and rushed out.

When he came back three hours later Elizabeth seemed particularly cold to him. He remembered the letter. He felt his heart sink into his boots. Elizabeth had to go to the courthouse that afternoon. As soon as she was gone he took the fatal letter from under his blotting pad. Yes, she had arranged his desk, she had seen it. What was this? He hadn't written that!

"Darling John, I was afraid you'd never care for me. I am the happiest woman in the world. You are so noble and so strong and good and brave. Won't you take your little Popsy in your arms when she comes back and say all that to her?"

The clerk came in. John Edmonds started.

"That murderer wants to see you, sir, about—"

"I'm too busy to bother with murderers," answered John Edmonds.

"Gee, the old man's sitting at his desk like he was waiting for a funeral," the clerk told the filing girl.

But that was only John Edmond's way. He was waiting for Elizabeth.

**Red-Striped Goats.**

Discovery of a species of mountain goat with red stripes on the backs and with straight horns has disclosed the fact that Indians living in Musorokak, Alaska, still regard Queen Victoria as their ruler. They planned to send their specimens to the Anglican bishop of Yukon, and when informed that the Right Rev. Peter T. Dowe, Bishop of Alaska, in the United States church, was their ecclesiastical friend, they decided to send goats to both prelates.

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**TRENT ITEMS**

Last Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock Uncle Johnnie Lee, who has been sick for quite a long time passed away. His death had been expected for several days and his people had been called to his bedside.

Everyone thought well of Uncle Johnnie. He was not a member of any church at the time of his death, but was said to have stated that he was ready to meet his God.

Dr. Watkins has been quite sick for the past few days. He had another attack of appendicitis and it seemed for a while that the only relief for him was an operation but we are glad to report that he is better.

John Reynolds and Phil J. Little of Abilene went to Buffalo Gap and Abilene Monday afternoon in interest of the B. Y. P. U. and S. S. encampment to be held in Buffalo Gap next July.

Mr. Clarence Duke of Meadows Texas is visiting in Trent this week.

Mr. Othel Watkins who is attending Simmons College has been at home a few days first of the week.

Among those going fishing this week are Mr. and Mrs. H. Easterwood; Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hamner, Miss Christene Collins of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. McCarty and Curly and Aline Edwards.

Rev. E. D. Landreth and wife are the proud parents of a son born on the 26, weighing 10 lbs.

De Verle Johnson who for some time has been connected with a bank at Yuma, Arizona came in last week for a short visit with home folks and friends.

**Intermediate Christian Endeavor**

The Abilene District Christian Endeavor convention meets at Colorado City during the 3 days of May, 4, 5 and 6. Merkel Intermediate Society is going to send delegates, of course, for these meetings are very helpful to any one.

Our corresponding secretary has already ordered many helpful 'hints' for the committees as well as other literature.

Next Sunday the subject of the program will be "Why do we believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God. Is it not an interesting one? The prayer meeting committee has prepared a very interesting program. Bring some one with you when you come.

When warm weather comes, let us not let it get a hold on us and slack upon our attendance. This is usually the case, so lets watch ourselves. We need you at all times, and of course you are not "exempt" in the summer. So lets all come next Sunday at 5 p. m.—Publicity Committee.

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

You are especially invited to come to the little store in the alley. I will save you money on what ever you buy from me. I will pay you cash for your chickens, and eggs, and as much as the other fellow. Try me and save money. W. P. Duckett. 11

We are glad to learn that our friend and most excellent citizen, Mr. J. A. Collins, who has been very sick for quite a while is now improving nicely and bears every indication of soon being able to again be out and among his host of friends.

**Intermediate League Program**

The parable of the Cradel, Subject. Leader, Intha Bird. Announcements. Song. Light bearing for Christ, Eva Mae Johnson. Story of Solomen's choice, 1 King, 3 5-14, Emma Toombs. Matt. 20 27 28 11, Ruth Jenkins. Matt 8 12 Lukke 14 11 Godie Richie. Story of John the Baptist as a leader, Matt 8 1-6 John 3 30. Elfe Chaney. A modern leader who gave

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**The Outsiders' Class**

By AUSTIN FLEET

SINCE Larry the Blood had reformed and settled down with his wife, Minnie, and the finest baby in the world, in a Harlem flat, things had gone slowly.

No more burglary, no more strong-arm work, no more haggling with fences—nothing but an occasional transaction to remind him of the days that were.

"Ya see," he said to his pal, Skinner, likewise reformed, "It ain't that I wanta go crooked again. I promised Minnie, and that holds. But it's the life, Skinner; it's the life."

That was why he welcomed a diversion that he would have turned up his nose at scornfully in the good old days.

"Skinner, come here," he said, a week later, as he stood at the apartment house entrance and saw his friend approaching. "Look at that mutt! Picked him up on Fifth avenue, I did, and whistled him home. Whadaya make of him?"

"I'd call him a cross between a dachs and a hairy sardine," said Skinner, examining him critically.

"Jesso. Affectionate little thing, too, if he is mustard color," said Larry, surveying the fawning animal. "I'm thinking of entering him for the dog show, Skinner."

"Say, got any pains or anything up here?" asked Skinner, tapping his dome.

"You got me wrong, Skinner. Look here, now. Ever see a King Charles spaniel?"

"I've seen plenty spaniels, but I dunno if they was King Charles," answered Skinner.

"Skinner, you don't get my meaning. These here King Charleses is very fashionable dogs. My old woman uster have one. Mustard and black they are, with long hair like this one. Now this here mutt would be the living breathing image of a King Charles, with them long, hairy ears. If he was doctored up a bit. He's a good King Charles born wrong, Skinner, and I'm going to make him one and win first prize in the toy spaniel department at the dog show with him."

"You gotta show me," said Skinner, unconvinced.

"I'll show you now. I got the dope in my apartment."

The mongrel, carried upstairs, was speedily transformed. Great patches of black dye, applied skillfully to the back, sides, legs and tips of the ears, gave it a decidedly rakish appearance. The mustard color was deepened into a tawny red. The hair was clipped here and there, with the result that at the end of an hour the mutt had assumed a totally different aspect.

"So that's King Charles?" said Skinner, thoughtfully, as he inspected the result. "Well, all I gotta say is, I'm glad he ain't named after me."

The day of the dog show arrived. Larry and Minnie, with Skinner, were early on hand after the opening and went around the show, looking for the toy spaniel section.

The largest entrance was of Pekingese, but to these they devoted hardly a glance. Eventually they came upon the toy spaniels. There were four kinds, Rubies, Blenheim's, Prince Charles and King Charles, but the mutt was not among them. Furthermore, an inspection of the judges' cards affixed to the kennels promptly convinced them that no prize had been awarded it.

"Well, whadaya think of that?" demanded Skinner.

"Say, what they done with him?" asked Larry. "They got to have him put somewhere. Mebbe he's got among the poodles by mistake."

There were black poodles and white poodles, but a survey made it sure that the mutt was not among the poodles, either.

And, in turn, they inspected the dachshunds, the terriers, the bulls, the greyhounds and whippets. All was in vain.

It was not until they had been wandering about for an hour that they found the mongrel at last, to be welcomed with vociferous barks. It was among a dozen others, labeled "Miscellaneous Mutts."

"Well, whadaya think of that?" exclaimed the three, simultaneously.

"I guess you only thought you was making a King Charles out of him," suggested Skinner.

"A very interesting animal," said a pompous-looking gentleman to his friend, as they stood before the kenne pointing to Larry's dog—and Larry pointed with both ears. "If it were for the coloring I'd swear that w famous Pekingese Royal Dowage was lost on the street a few ago. The finest Pekingese in the world and valued at twelve thousand dollars on account of the growth of hair."

"D'you suppose it's the same, stolen and doctored?" asked his friend.

"Not unless the owner's a fool other answered. "Anyway, worth nothing now, with clipped. It never grows."

**Ben Franklin's W**  
Money never made a minor will it. There is a nature to produce more a man has, the more. Instead of its filling a vase one. If it satisfies one lies and troubles that way.—Franklin.

**Few Church Spires**  
Shingling church spire extinct industry, altho churches still have thered in this way.