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Grading Contract Let For Highway 1

Contracts for grading and small drainage structures on the Bankhead highway (Merkel road) from Abilene west 11 miles to a point just west of Mulberry creek was awarded Tuesday by the Texas Highway Commission to Frank Purvis of Fort Worth, says Wednesday's Abilene Morning News.

Sullivan & Davis received the contract for the bridge work on this section of the highway.

Definite figures for the two contracts were not available last night. Highway officials advised the Morning News in a telephone communication that the total was about \$70,000, of which \$50,000 was for grading and small drainage structures and \$20,000 for bridges. The successful bidders were low.

Completion of the project, which is to be started immediately, all of Highway No. 1 will be ready for surfacing as soon as this section has been permitted to set. The section east of Abilene to Callahan county is now in process of being paved by the McClung Construction Company.

MAX MELLINGER IN NEW YORK BUYING GOODS

Mr. Max Mellinger, of the Mellinger Dry Goods Store, left first of the week for New York, where he will spend some time buying the fall and winter stock of dry goods for his store in this city.

Roaring War Film on Way

What might well be advertised as the shortest flight in the history of the prize ring takes place in the opening round of Paramount's first Wallace Beery-Raymond Hatton starring vehicle, "We're in the Navy Now."

Wallace Beery as Knockout Hansen is matched against Sailor Percival Scroggs, (Tom Kennedy). With the first blow, Beery is knocked clear out of the arena. He wakes some hours later and sets out to find his manager, Raymond Hatton, who has flown with their combined resources. After an extremely funny chase, both find themselves inside the gates of a naval training camp. War has been declared and they are accepted as unwilling recruits.

"We're in the Navy Now" comes to the Palace Theatre at a time when the enthusiasm roused by "Behind the Front" is just dying away. Those who saw the first "sunny side of the war" film will never forget the riotous characterizations of these two stars. As dumb doughboy buddies, they wrecked all laugh records. Now, comes their latest, and from advance reports it will probably break both the receipt and roar records created by "Behind the Front."

This Edward Sutherland production comes to the Palace on Friday and Saturday. In addition to the stars—Tom Kennedy and Chester Conklin, featured players, head a cast which includes Donald Keith, Lorraine Eason and Joseph Girard.

We are glad to report to the many friends of Mrs. R. A. Martin, who has been seriously ill for some time, that she is now resting fairly well at the Alexander Sanitarium, at Abilene. We join many friends in the sincere hope that she may continue to improve and regain her former good health.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Toombs returned first of the week from their trip and visit with relatives in California. Los Angeles, San Diego and other points of interest were among the places they visited. They had the pleasure of visiting their son, L. T., who is now in the U. S. Navy. Uncle Tom says "it was a great trip."

Mrs. Homer L. Easterwood, who has been visiting friends and relatives here for the past two weeks, left today for her home at Taft, Texas. On her return home she was accompanied by her sister, Miss Christine Collins.

C. L. Tucker returned last week from an extended visit in the state of Kansas. He reports conditions splendid there, and also stated that he was well pleased with the country in general.

Mrs. Della Campbell of Paducah, after a visit with her mother, Mrs. Frank Sears, and other relatives and friends, has returned to her home.

Mrs. T. G. Ferguson Answers Last Call

After an illness covering many months, Mrs. T. G. Ferguson, for many years one of this community's highly respected and beloved citizens, passed away at 2:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 20th.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock at the Church of Christ, conducted by Elder Arthur Slater, with burial following in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mary Ella Hunt Ferguson was born June 15, 1868, in the state of Tennessee and was married to T. G. Ferguson January 17, 1889, in Ball County, Texas, they moving to this community in 1905. Three children besides the faithful and beloved husband survive as follows: Mrs. I. D. Simpson, Abilene; Jesse Ferguson, and Miss Minnie Ferguson, both of this city.

Deceased was loved and admired by all who knew her, and this paper joins the family's host of friends in extending to them sincere sympathy in the loss of one so near and dear.

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We are requested to announce that beginning tonight, Friday, July 22, Elder J. D. Boring, of Big Spring, will conduct a ten days revival meeting at the Cross Roads Church of Christ, one mile south of Nubia.

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FRIENDS YOU CAN TRUST

Advertised products are your friends wherever you find them. You know them. And you can buy them with confidence—sure of honest value for your money. For they have stood the test of public scrutiny, they have been advertised and found worthy.

For advertising, after all, is a test—a trial by the fire of public approval. Today no manufacturer would start advertising his products unless he knew they were sound and good. And if errors did not creep in, he would be quick to correct them, for to hold business he must uphold the confidence advertising has created among millions of people for his wares.

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3:30 Caring for rural membership of the Presbyterial church, and adding to the membership from rural districts, led by.....Rev. J. T. Bryant, Anson, Texas

4:00 Shall the church resort to modern entertainment as a means of increasing church attendance, such as games, picture shows, etc.? Led by.....Judge W. R. Chapman, Stamford

Also at 4 p.m. Mrs. Fred Rodgers will meet with the young people's organizations in the basement of the church.

Song service, closing at 5:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m. R. A. Walker will be installed pastor of Merkel Church. Rev. Henry C. Schneider of Breckenridge to preside and preach sermon. Rev. Fred S. Rogers to charge the congregation; and Rev. J. T. Bryant to charge the pastor.

Grading Contract Let For Highway 1

Contracts for grading and small drainage structures on the Bankhead highway (Merkel road) from Abilene west 11 miles to a point just west of Mulberry creek was awarded Tuesday by the Texas Highway Commission to Frank Purvis of Fort Worth, says Wednesday's Abilene Morning News.

Sullivan & Davis received the contract for the bridge work on this section of the highway.

Definite figures for the two contracts were not available last night. Highway officials advised the Morning News in a telephone communication that the total was about \$70,000, of which \$50,000 was for grading and small drainage structures and \$20,000 for bridges. The successful bidders were low.

Completion of the project, which is to be started immediately, all of Highway No. 1 will be ready for surfacing as soon as this section has been permitted to set. The section east of Abilene to Callahan county is now in process of being paved by the McClung Construction Company.

MAX MELLINGER IN NEW YORK BUYING GOODS

Mr. Max Mellinger, of the Mellinger Dry Goods Store, left first of the week for New York, where he will spend some time buying the fall and winter stock of dry goods for his store in this city.

Roaring War Film on Way

What might well be advertised as the shortest flight in the history of the prize ring takes place in the opening round of Paramount's first Wallace Beery-Raymond Hatton starring vehicle, "We're in the Navy Now."

Wallace Beery as Knockout Hansen is matched against Sailor Percival Scruggs, (Tom Kennedy). With the first blow, Beery is knocked clear out of the arena. He wakes some hours later and sets out to find his manager, Raymond Hatton, who has flown with their combined resources. After an extremely funny chase, both find themselves inside the gates of a naval training camp. War has been declared and they are accepted as unwilling recruits.

"We're in the Navy Now" comes to the Palace Theatre at a time when the enthusiasm roused by "Behind the Front" is just dying away. Those who saw the first "sunny side of the war" film will never forget the riotous characterizations of these two stars. As dumb doughboy buddies, they wrecked all laugh records. Now, comes their latest, and from advance reports it will probably break both the receipt and roar records created by "Behind the Front."

This Edward Sutherland production comes to the Palace on Friday and Saturday. In addition to the stars, Tom Kennedy and Chester Conklin, featured players, head a cast which includes Donald Keith, Lorraine Eason and Joseph Girard.

We are glad to report to the many friends of Mrs. R. A. Martin, who has been seriously ill for some time, that she is now resting fairly well at the Alexander Sanitarium, at Abilene. We join many friends in the sincere hope that she may continue to improve and regain her former good health.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Toombs returned first of the week from their trip and visit with relatives in California. Los Angeles, San Diego and other points of interest were among the places they visited. They had the pleasure of visiting their son, L. T., who is now in the U. S. Navy. Uncle Tom says "it was a great trip."

Mrs. Homer L. Easterwood, who has been visiting friends and relatives here for the past two weeks, left today for her home at Taft, Texas. On her return home she was accompanied by her sister, Miss Christine Collins.

C. L. Tucker returned last week from an extended visit in the state of Kansas. He reports conditions splendid there, and also stated that he was well pleased with the country in general.

Mrs. Della Campbell of Paducah, after a visit with her mother, Mrs. Frank Sears, and other relatives and friends, has returned to her home.

Mrs. T. G. Ferguson Answers Last Call

After an illness covering many months, Mrs. T. G. Ferguson, for many years one of this community's highly respected and beloved citizens, passed away at 2:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 20th.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock at the Church of Christ, conducted by Elder Arthur Slater, with burial following in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mary Ella Hunt Ferguson was born June 15, 1868, in the state of Tennessee and was married to T. G. Ferguson January 17, 1889, in Bell County, Texas, they moving to this community in 1905. Three children besides the faithful and beloved husband survive as follows: Mrs. I. D. Simpson, Abilene; Jesse Ferguson, and Miss Minnie Ferguson, both of this city.

Deceased was loved and admired by all who knew her, and this paper joins the family's host of friends in extending to them sincere sympathy in the loss of one so near and dear.

REVIVAL MEETING AT CROSS ROADS

We are requested to announce that beginning tonight, Friday, July 22, Elder J. D. Bering, of Big Spring, will conduct a ten days revival meeting at the Cross Roads Church of Christ, one mile south of Nubia.

Every one is cordially invited to hear Elder Bering, who is a very able and energetic minister.

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Advertised products are your friends wherever you find them. You know them. And you can buy them with confidence—sure of honest value for your money. For they have stood the test of public scrutiny, they have been advertised and found worthy.

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No town in West Texas offers more or better advantages to any one desiring to locate in a town having the best highway and railway facilities than Merkel.

Sales and real estate here would be active if our real estate men or owners would advertise the property they have for sale and in that advertisement would accurately describe the property offered for sale.

Interest in town property can not be stimulated in any other way than by properly advertising. Any one can sell Merkel property by setting forth the advantages offered by Merkel to those who may desire to locate in a town.

If the owners of property in Merkel would co-operate with the Chamber of Commerce in advertising Merkel they would create activity in every line of endeavor in Merkel. The Chamber of Commerce has abundantly justified itself in the things accomplished through its efforts, every progressive citizen knows this and only those who are too envious to give credit to any one but themselves will deny it.

Mr. R. M. McCarter and wife, of Los Angeles, California, who have been here for the past ten days visiting in the home of the former's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. E. McCarter, left yesterday for their home. Young Mr. McCarter is a teacher in the schools of that great city.

CONDENSED STATEMENT of CONDITION of

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas, as called by Banking Commissioner June 30th, 1927

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$471,170.41
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture, Fixtures and Vault Equipment	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	6,939.00
Due from Guaranty Fund	6,940.91
U. S. Bonds	\$ 50,150.00
Cash & Exchange	130,573.47
AVAILABLE CASH	180,723.47
Total	\$698,273.79

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Profits, Net	23,383.19
Dividend Unpaid	2,500.00
Bills Payable	NONE
Re-Discounts	NONE
DEPOSITS	622,390.60
Total	\$698,273.79

The above statement is correct. W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.

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Geo. T. Moore is back at his post as bookkeeper at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, after spending a two weeks vacation.

Mr. Hubert Blair, bookkeeper at the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, left last week to spend a two weeks vacation with home folks at Belton, Texas.

We kill home-raised meat and try to keep Merkel money in Merkel. Baker & Wheeler Market.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis, their son Carlton, and daughter Miss Lola, returned last Thursday evening from a few days outing and vacation trip to West Texas and New Mexico. They visited Roswell, Carlsbad and the Great Cañon near there, returning by El Paso. They report a very fine trip.

Jack Anderson, bookkeeper at the Farmers State Bank returned Wednesday from a vacation trip to Arlington, Denton and other eastern points.

Biblical Names for Slaves of Preacher

Biblical or historical names were bestowed upon nearly all the 49 slaves of Rev. George Whitfield of Georgia, founder of the first orphanage in America, according to a writer in the Kansas City Star. The appraisal of his estate, a document now 150 years old, recently became the property of the Georgia state department of archives and history, and it is the document that reveals the odd manner of designating slaves.

When Whitfield had a man's job to be done about the place he would call on Adam, Thomas, Luke, Peter, Job, Matthew, Abraham, Samson, Saul, Daniel, Paul, Isaac, Jonathan, Abner, Cato, Scipio, Oxford, London, Dick, Tom, Tobe or old Sambo. Upon the women servants the preacher bestowed such names as Amoretta, Rachel, Esther, Ruth, Dinah, Phoebe and Bet.

On his plantation surrounding Bethesda academy, which he established near Savannah in 1739 Whitfield amassed a personal estate valued at \$15,000, the document records.

Howe Too Optimistic Over Girl's Greeting

The first person Viscount William Howe, English general and commander in chief of North America from 1775 to 1778, saw an American soldier when his ships arrived off Brooklyn was Nancy Cortelja, who had climbed to the top of a high hill near the Narrows and waved her petticoat in greeting to the incoming troops. The English troops considered the girl's greeting a favorable omen, says Maude Stewart Welch in her book, "Vrouw Knickerbocker."

To Howe, ever attracted by a petticoat, it suggested pretty girls and the social life of the community. Howe, the general and soldier, felt it presaged good will and allies to further his cause. But it proved an omen discredited during the years of fighting that followed. "Welcome" was not written on Breucklen's (as the Dutch spelled the name of the then small town) doormat, even if one of its daughters had enthusiastically suggested it.

Dickens

Yes, he had many and grave faults. So had Sir Walter and the good Dumas; so, to be candid, did Shakespeare himself—Shakespeare, the king of poets. To myself he is always the man of his unrivaled and enchanting letters—is always an incarnation of generous and abounding gaiety, a type of beneficent earnestness, a great expression of intellectual vigor and emotional vivacity. I love . . . to reflect that even as he was the inspiration of my boyhood so is he the delight of my middle age. I love to think that while English literature endures he will be remembered as one who loved his fellow men, and did more to make them happy and amiable than any other writer of his time.—W. E. Henley, in Views and Reviews.

Old Chinese Banknotes

The oldest banknotes on record are the "flying money" or "covenant money" issued in China in 2037 B. C. At first these notes were issued by the treasury department. But it was found that the attendant expense was large. This caused their transfer to banks which were under government inspection and control.

Thus China had a marvelous financial system centuries before the Christian era. The notes issued were printed in blue ink on paper made from the fiber of mulberry trees. Several specimens of Chinese notes issued during the Ming dynasty, in the Fourteenth century, are still in existence. That was about 50 years before the establishment of the first European bank.—Mentor Magazine.

Emerald Isle

Ireland is known as the Emerald Isle because of the bright verdure of its grass and other vegetation, due to the frequent rains for which the island is noted. It is supposed that Dr. William Drennan (1754-1820), an Irish physician and poet, was the first to apply the name Emerald Isle to Ireland. In a poem entitled "Erin" and published in 1795 Drennan spoke of "the cause of the men of the Emerald Isle." It was the opinion of the poet himself that he was the first to use the nickname which later became so popular.

Encouraged to Proceed

Sargent was sometimes criticized on account of the sketchy, Impressionistic style of his pictures. One time after finishing three or four new works he gave a tea at his studio in Tite street. Among the guests was a certain duchess, who scanned the new pictures through her lorgnette. Stopping before one of them, she said to Mr. Sargent in the condescending tone that duchesses use toward all who work: "I say, I like this, you know. I should go on with it, if I were you."

Valhalla

Valhalla was the abode of Odin the Norse god; it was a huge house of joy and all the heroes went there when they died. The same name was given the temple of fame, built by Louis I of Bavaria at Donaustauf and consecrated to the Germans who had become renowned in war, and the arts. And now it has come to be applied generally to buildings dedicated to national heroes or distinguished folk.

PLANTS ALSO HAVE DISEASE CARRIERS

Leaf Hopper Found to Spread Yellows Disease.

New York.—Just as yellow fever is due to an invisibly small germ or virus carried from person to person by an insect so are some of the most serious and destructive illnesses of plants due to invisibly small germs carried from plant to plant by an insect.

In a report to the Engineering Foundation Dr. L. O. Kunkel, plant pathologist at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, Yonkers, tells how a little gray insect, the aster leaf hopper, spreads the yellows disease of asters by first biting sick plants and then, after the virus has had ten days to incubate in its interior, biting healthy ones and planting the infection in their tissues.

Carries it to Fifty Others.

The same leaf hopper that transmits yellows to the China aster also carries it to more than fifty other species of wild and cultivated plants. Lettuce is one of the most important hosts of aster yellows. On this plant it has long been known in the Southwest as the Rio Grande disease and in New York and other eastern states as the white heart disease. In the winter yellows lives on perennial weed hosts. During the summer, when the carrier leaf hopper is very active, it spreads rapidly to susceptible annual plants, such as the China aster and lettuce.

Spread of aster yellows and its host range depend largely on the likes and dislikes of the aster leaf hopper. The African marigold is quite susceptible but seldom takes the disease even when grown adjacent to yellowed aster plants. The leaf hopper does not like the marigold and seldom feeds upon it when other plants are available. If confined in a cage containing only marigold plants hunger drives it to feed upon them and they readily take the disease. It is fortunate that although wheat and other cereal crops are favorite hosts of this leaf hopper they are immune to the yellows.

Disease Known Only Here.

The aster leaf hopper is thought to have been accidentally introduced into the United States from Europe fifty or more years ago. Although it is prevalent in Europe and the Orient, where the China aster is extensively grown, the aster yellows disease is known only in America. Thus a disease which is apparently endemic in America has been rendered much more serious through the importation of a European leaf hopper, and of an oriental plant, the China aster.

No satisfactory means is known of controlling the aster leaf hopper, but the yellows which it spreads can be held in check by digging out all infested perennial weed hosts in the vicinity of the field to be protected and by destroying all diseased annuals as soon as observed. A yellowed plant is a menace to nearby healthy plants just as a malaria patient is a menace to a healthy community in a region infested with the Anopheles mosquito.

Find Old Roman Town on Farm in Britain

London.—Recent discoveries in and around the town of Stockbridge, Hampshire, have led archeologists to believe that the site of a former Roman town has been discovered.

In 1924 Ernest Barnard discovered on his 850-acre farm the foundations of two Roman baths and three villas. He has since unearthed the positions of over a dozen other Roman buildings.

Among the more recent discoveries are several hundred copper coins, parts of a tortoise-shell necklace, an oyster opener, a razor, a quantity of broken pottery and two grinding stones.

Barnard has also discovered what he believes to have been a Roman vineyard, with terraces cut in the rising upland. Further finds were two huge stones, probably forming the bases of pillars of the entrance gates of an imposing Roman building.

Roman bricks have been found built into the walls of an Elizabethan cottage in the town, while in the neighboring village of Kings Somborne several people have collected quite a show of Roman and early British relics.

Such importance is attached to the discoveries that a British museum expert is making a personal investigation.

Lord Balfour Admits He's Lazy and Likes It

London.—Lord Balfour is a lazy man—and admits it.

"I am a great lover of idleness myself, though I never say much about it, and I always love to hear that there are to be certain hours of the day when no one will ask me to do anything," the former prime minister said at a luncheon of the National Institute of Industrial Psychology. "The Institute is engaged upon one of the most important tasks facing people engaged in social welfare," Lord Balfour went on. "That is the complete explosion of the superstition that all hours of work are a misus quantity in the happiness of life and all hours of idleness a plus quantity."

Lord Balfour's idea of perfect bliss and laziness is to listen to performances of Handel or lie in bed and read "thrillers" or detective stories.

STATEMENT of CONDITION

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business June 30th, 1927

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$272,311.78
Overdrafts	535.42
Furniture & Fixtures	7,500.00
5 Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Bankers Acceptances	\$105,729.51
Commercial Paper	15,000.00
U. S. Bonds (owned)	116,850.00
Cash & Sight Exchange	79,622.87
AVAILABLE CASH	\$317,202.38
Total	\$599,812.08

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	14,218.03
Circulation	6,250.00
Borrowed Money	NONE
Rediscouunts	NONE
Other Liabilities	NONE
DEPOSITS	\$514,344.05
Total	\$599,812.08

STATE OF TEXAS

County of Taylor

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ier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier

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Kindness to Animals

Trait of Portuguese

The Portuguese are the only Latin nation that is kind to animals. For hundreds of years noble Arabian steeds were raised here and the Portuguese rider sits well in the saddle by second nature.

The donkeys here are smaller than in other Latin countries, and the largest beast of burden is the ox. In Portugal this creature is a strong red, well-cared for animal, with wide-spreading horns. The streets are full of yokes of oxen pulling carts with solid wheels bound fast to their axles. Since the axle is ungreased, a frightful squeaking announces the approach of these wagons which can be heard a mile away.

Oxen are particularly common in northern Portugal, where the yokes themselves are made of beautifully carved hardwood decorated with many colors. The wheels of these wagons, bearing tremendous burdens, clatter in the streets of Oporto.

I have never seen a driver maltreat his animals. In the country the cowherds guide their flocks with enormous bamboo staffs.—Roda Roda in Uhu Berlin (Living Age).

No Absolute Proof

of "Madstone's" Value

The term "madstone," says the National museum, is applied to a variety of natural objects superstitiously believed to have the power of drawing out poison from a wound made by a venomous animal. One of the oldest forms of the madstone is the "bezoar stone," which is a biliary calculus from the gall-bladder of an animal. Some form of madstones are composed of halloysite, which absorbs moisture with avidity and adheres to a moist surface until nearly saturated. Some years ago what was claimed to be a madstone of known efficacy was offered for sale to the National museum for \$1,000, but it proved to be merely a polished seed of the Kentucky coffee tree. A pebble of carbonate of lime, said to have been found in the stomach of a deer, was presented to the museum as a veritable madstone, and on another occasion two hair balls from the stomach of a buffalo were sent to the same institution as madstones with the statement that one of them had been "successfully used in two cases of dog-bite." The museum says it can supply no information as to the value of objects of this character.—Pathfinder Magazine.

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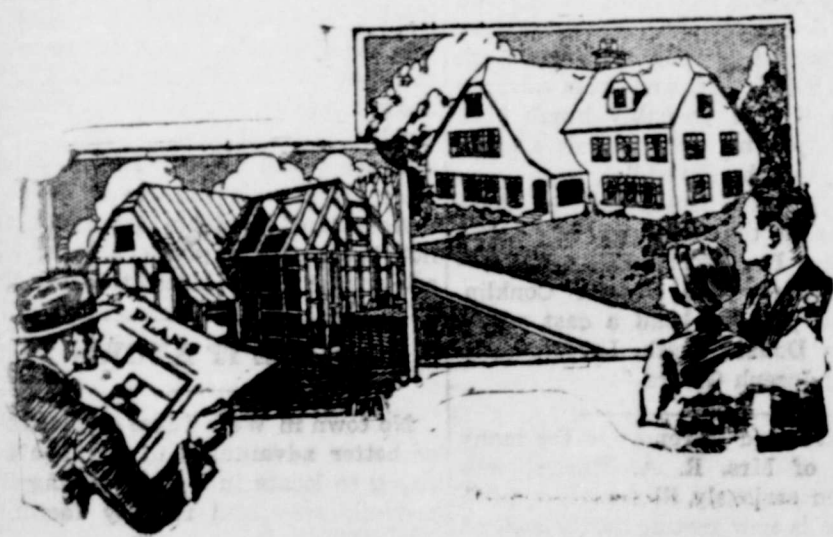
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The business of giving a negro 101 years at penal servitude by a jury in a Dallas court, for criminal assault, was according to hoyle and should become an epidemic with juries throughout this land. Sure and sufficient punishment should not only apply in the case of a negro, but to the white man, under similar circumstances and conditions. In fact, a white man who has had the advantages of higher education and cleaner home environment who stoops to the same level with the negro in crime is not entitled to as much sympathy or consideration as the unfortunate black. Sure and swift punishment administered to both upon conviction will help wonderfully in the suppression of crime.—Van Alstyne Leader.

We believe that you are exactly correct. Everything is tip, top and hotsy, tots in Merkel now—business men coming alive, crop conditions very flattering. Work is progressing rapidly on water main extensions, everybody signing up for paving; prices of what you must buy as reasonable here as can be had anywhere, and the price of cotton looking up. Come to "The Garden Spot of Texas," and settle down where you can feel sure of being able to settle up.

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Every day some one who has just returned from an extended trip to distant points in this and other states makes the statement that "no where in our travels have we found any better, and few places where crops are half as good as they are in the Merkel community." We have the finest of fertile soil and the best class of fine farmer citizenship to be found on earth, and with a little moisture occasionally, we always make a fair crop. If the price of cotton continues to steadily rise and maintain a high level throughout the fall, old man prosperity seems certain to make an extended landing in this community ere the holidays roll around again.

HIGHWAYS

Afar back in the more or less early history of this part of Taylor county the qualified voter—almost without exception—walked up to the ballot box and voted for a bond issue of \$350,000.00 with which to supplement state and federal aid in building a highway—or highways—through Taylor county. We were assured by the advocates of this issue that the government was anxious to build a hard surfaced road to the Mexican border and that if the issue was voted there would be no doubt whatever that highway No. 1 would be hard surfaced at once through the county. A little less than six miles of this contract has been let—from Abilene east to the county line. Every time a citizen of Merkel makes inquiry of any one supposed to be in possession of any knowledge concerning or affecting highway No. 1 he is shown a picture of one or more members of the commission and given assurances that everything is in readiness to begin construction as soon as the engineers report is received and the contract let. We are paying \$19,250 per year interest on these bonds and it is highly improbable that we receive as much as three percent of \$10,500—or a difference against us of \$8,750 per year, a total of \$35,000 in four years.

Mr. J. J. Pribble was in from Cuba last week and reported that crops were indeed looking fine since the late rains.

Jim Hogg, of Houston, was up last week for a visit with his sister, Mrs. Houston Robertson, and many friends.

Mrs. O. R. Rodden, of this city, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. J. R. Sanders, of Muleshoe, Texas, left last week for a visit with relatives at Detroit, Michigan. They will likely be away until early October.

Miss Lottie Washburn has returned home from Caddo, where she has been working.

Just two more days of the Used Car Sale Week at Lowe-Brackeen Motor Co. Have you gotten yours? It

Coal for Heat. SWAFFORD, Phone 44.

OLD VIOLIN SHOP BOASTS FAR FAME

Great Musicians Pick Way to Dingy Quarters.

Atlanta, Ga.—All the world's a stage for Mays Badgett. In it he humbly plays the part of a violin maker.

His shop, two stories above Atlanta's busiest corner, is dingy. About his bench is a confused ensemble of musical instruments. The clutter of traffic pounds in through dusty windows. But Badgett, as he works away with the knowledge that the proof of the fiddle is in the playing, would not trade his shop for a palace.

Famous personages of the musical world have made a beaten path to his place. Once a year he has a big party attended by members of the Metropolitan Opera company. Once Badgett gave a bear supper to 600 guests, including the opera stars, Sousa's band and southern artists.

Artists who sing and play for the public for thousands of dollars perform for Badgett between courses. Occasionally the party is broadcast and opera goes rush away from the auditorium to reach their radios for two more hours of music by the stars.

Proudly displayed by the violin maker is a letter from Eugene Tsaye, praising his instruments. David Love, New York conductor; Fritz Schaeffer and Henri Georgia of the Metropolitan orchestra, and Rickard Schelwen of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music are among those who use his violins.

One of Badgett's latest violins was made from a bedstead of curly maple more than two hundred years old. Badgett's wife is an expert string maker.

American Army Relics Still Seen in France

Chateau-Thierry, France.—American army relics and souvenirs are still visible throughout the former battle zone in France.

Some recall grimly death and devastation of war; others have a lighter touch showing that the doughboy's sense of humor never abandoned him even when shells were flying.

The motor of the plane flown by Quentin Roosevelt on July 14, 1918, when the son of the former President of the United States was killed in aerial combat at Chamey, is installed in the American War Relic museum at Chateau-Thierry. Though battered and smashed, it is kept clean and shining.

When the American soldier, who modestly signed his design of an Indian's head, "L. G. Q., Santa Monica, Calif.," finished his work in July, 1918, he little realized that he was creating a masterpiece for the admiration of natives for miles around Missy-aux-Bols.

The owner of the ruins expects to rebuild his property this year, but he says he will keep the stones upon which the Indian's head is "painted."

Driving through the St. Mihiel sector, the correspondent noticed a baker's delivery automobile which had a familiar appearance. It was one of the old ambulances of the American army. Now it is dispensing bread to the French in the same sector.

Fish Fight to Regain Homes in Flood Area

Memphis, Tenn.—With conservation of all wild life the aim of every true sportsman in the flooded areas, no greater opportunity for restocking of favorite lakes and ponds with game fish has been offered than that which is being afforded now as the flood recedes and the high waters, especially in the lakes, pour out into the bayous.

This is especially true, observers claim, for Horseshoe lake and the other smaller lakes in eastern Arkansas.

Thousands of small game fish between an inch and two-inch growth are fighting their way up the streams in an effort to get into the lakes. At four culverts on the Horseshoe lake road a party saw countless numbers of small fish swarming at the bayou side of road culverts, unable to push their way up against the heavy outpouring stream from the lake.

More to Come

Cesaree, Turkey.—This town in eastern Turkey has a railroad connection for the first time in history and has 100 less sheep and one less camel than before modernity arrived. The animals were sacrificed in ceremony when the railroad was opened.

Girl's Brittle Bones

Mystery to Doctors
Burton-on-Trent.—An eleven-year-old girl here, the daughter of a miner, is puzzling medical men who have come from all parts of England to study her case.

Her bones are so brittle that they break easily and she has already suffered seven bone fractures, five to her legs and two to collar bones. She spent two years in a local infirmary, but had been discharged as cured several weeks ago.

Two weeks after she was discharged she stumbled and fractured a leg bone again.

A CENSORIOUSNESS THAT IS PROFESSIONAL.

Because Governor Moody vetoed a small appropriation having to do with the enforcement of liquor laws he is accused of treason to prohibition. By the same harsh logic he can be convicted of hostility to education, justice, agriculture, and a great many large and worthy causes. He even vetoed an appropriation intended for use in his own office as Governor. It follows, then, does it, that he hates himself?

Sincere friends of prohibition will do well to curb the tendency to view every action with which they disagree as proceeding from the prince of the powers of darkness. Governor Moody has made some mistakes and probably will make some more. But the act for which he is condemned in this case is not one of them. His defense of his action has come promptly upon the heels of the criticism of it, and to a reasonably unprejudiced mind it will appear that the facts are with the Governor as well as is the law.

When one becomes a leader of a cause there is a tendency to label all opposition with opprobrium. Such a leader acquires a censoriousness that is professional. He sees evil because seeing evil is evidence of his usefulness in the office which he holds at the hands of the forces of right. His prepossessive eye is a meal ticket to him if he hold a job in the watch tower of civic virtue and a sort of medal of vigilance to his credit if he serve without money and without price. But such people by their continual and indiscriminating outcry give offense and retard the reform they would advance. From their own standpoint they err.—Dallas Morning News.

Salt Branch News

We are all glad to hear that Mr. Truman Jaynes is much improved.

Bro. Perry King of Abilene preached here Saturday night. Bro. Willis Taylor, the pastor, preached Sunday night.

The meeting will start on Friday night of this week. Bro. Houston Scott will do the preaching and Bro. Willis Taylor will direct the singing.

Austin Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays and family attended the Baptist Encampment at Lueders the past week.

Miss Dottie Rister spent Sunday with Miss Ouida Rice.

Miss Léona Mullin visited Miss

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Ruth Pinckley Sunday.

Mr. Buster Horton of Mulberry was the guest of Mr. Bill Hays last Sunday.

Messrs. Byers and J. C. Petty returned home Sunday from a trip to the Rio Grande Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Higgins of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays Sunday afternoon.

Misses Evelyn Robertson and Lela Higgins were the guests of Miss Faye Pinckley Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Earthman and son, Raymond, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lee last Sunday.

Several from Salt Branch attended the Baptist meeting at Stith last week.

Bob Dennis spent Wednesday on a trip through the Callahan county oil fields. Bob says they are doing much development in the oil fields of that section.

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Mr. G. E. Comegys and grandson, Bill Comegys, left this week for Haskell, where they will make an extended visit with relatives and friends.

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Mr. Ben F. Bird, the popular proprietor of the Magnolia Filling Station, was in Fort Worth and Dallas this week on business.

IDLEWISE CLUB

The home of Mrs. George White was the scene of a lovely party on Tuesday morning when the members of the Idlewise Club and invited guests gathered to enjoy the early, cool hours together. Beautiful cut flowers attractively arranged added to the beauty of the entertaining rooms and gave a delightful fragrance to the pleasant morning air.

Tables were placed for games of Bridge, and the hours quickly passed away. At eleven o'clock the hostess served an elaborate three-course luncheon, consisting of tomato and cheese salad, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, timbales of creamed peas and carrots, gravy, hot rolls, iced tea, and pie.

Those who attended this lovely affair were: Mesdames R. O. Anderson, Mat Dillingham, Charlie Jones, Pete White, West Edwards of Marinell, Roy Largent, Bill Brown, Sie Hamm, Emmett Grimes, Tom Largent Frank McFarland, Misses Evelyn Hamm Christine Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Ruby Hamm, Lucy Tracy, Boog Sears, Lorena Dry, Jess Sutphen.

Mr. J. S. Swann, bank president and ranchman, returned Wednesday from a business trip to Fort Worth. Mr. Swann reports grass fine and cattle doing extra well.

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EVANGELINE'S EDEN ENGULFED BY FLOOD

Acadians Again Driven From Their Homes.

Washington.—The United States sixth Great Lake, the Lake of the Mississippi, larger than Ontario or Erie, has engulfed the Evangeline country.

When it broke the Atchafalaya river's west dikes, the flood lake rolled its shores over and beyond St. Martin and St. Landry parishes.

"Again the Acadians have been driven from their homes," says a bulletin of the National Geographic society from its Washington headquarters. "And the disaster is greater, by number of sufferers, than that visited upon Evangeline's people in her time."

"Only 8,000 Acadians were expelled from Nova Scotia in 1765 by Massachusetts and British bayonets to be scattered over the earth from Detroit to Corsica and Cayenne. Fifteen hundred of them found their way to New Orleans; many pushed on to Bayou Teche, 150 miles west. There they increased to some 150,000, occupying 15 parishes, or counties, when the flood spread over their homes, towns, and lands.

Beautiful is the land, with its prairies and forests of fruit trees; Under the feet a garden of flowers, and the bluest of heavens Bending above, and resting its dome on the walls of the forest. They who dwell there name it the Eden of Louisiana. . . . All year 'round the orange groves are in blossom; and grass grows More in a single night than a whole Canadian summer.

Turn to Stock Raising. "For a poet, Longfellow's geography is fairly good. Basil, the Acadian blacksmith, has become a herdsman in 'Evangeline.' Most of the refugees in 1765 did turn to stock raising with a few cattle given to them by charitable French merchants of New Orleans. Descendants of the Acadians gave up stock raising for sugar cane when Etienne de Bore, a Louisianian, discovered how to crystallize sugar from cane syrup. They have helped to make Atchafalaya valley the Sugar Bowl of Louisiana.

"The route over which Longfellow takes Evangeline serves very well for a visitor today. Fifteen miles below Baton Rouge, where,

Sweeps with majestic curve the river away to the eastward, They, too, swerved from their course; and entering the Bayou of Plaquemine, Soon were lost in a maze of sluggish and devious waters.

"This bayou admits to the 'lakes of the Atchafalaya,' where 'water lilies in myriads rocked on the slight undulations,' and rocked for years until the Mississippi broke through, threatening to make the Atchafalaya river its real mouth instead of an abandoned one.

"How Evangeline got to Bayou Teche, the poem does not clearly relate. Many swamp lanes communicate. The Bayou Teche parallels the Atchafalaya, but it is a true river out of the reach of swamps and bordered by Druid oaks. The two early centers of Acadian settlement were Opelousas and St. Martinsville on the banks of the Teche. Now the flood has reached St. Martinsville for the first time in history and swirls at the foot of the 'Evangeline' oak where her boatmen landed. An Acadian descendant gave the Evangeline oak, with 150 acres of land for a state park.

"While to readers of 'Evangeline' the inhabitants of southwest Louisiana are still Acadians, to Louisianians they are 'Cajans' or 'Cajuns,' a corruption of Acadian. Four kinds of Frenchmen inhabit the state: the Creoles, natives of French and Spanish descent; Frenchmen, who were born in France; the San Domingan Creoles, and finally the Nova Scotian Acadians, the 'Cajans.'

"The typical Creole frequents the city; the 'Cajan' remains a countryman. Raise Perique Tobacco. "The savor of the 'Cajan' coast comes to us even though we never travel there. It rises steaming from chicken gumbo soup—real gumbo soup—a 'Cajan' creation. It rides on the blue smoke wreaths from many pipes, for perique tobacco is also a 'Cajan' product.

"Under the sad banners of Spanish moss waving on Evangeline's oak at St. Martinsville, one hears a different ending to the story Longfellow has given us in verse.

"Evangeline's real name was Emmerline Labiche, 'Cajans' say, and Gabriel was Louis Arconeaux. They were deported on separate ships, but Emmerline landed in Maryland. Emmerline heard that Louis was in Louisiana, so she set out to reach him, and after many hardships came to St. Martinsville.

"Gabriel had gone, according to Longfellow, but Louis was there. In fact, local legend holds Emmerline rushed to Louis, the first person she saw at the landing. Louis told her gently, that he had despaired of seeing her again. He had married. When she heard this her arms slipped from his neck. Her mind became blank. Emmerline day by day grew more frail. She drooped and died. This is the 'Cajan' story.

"They buried her in the little churchyard near the tree where she found Louis; the little churchyard where water now laps at the ancient graves. She has slept there undisturbed beside the bright bayou where bloom acres of sky-blue water lilies in years when there is no flood.

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Y. M. F. CLUB

Members of the Y. M. F. Club were the guests of Mrs. Jerome Hutchison and Mrs. Boots Smith on Thursday afternoon, July 14.

The house was attractively decorated with summer flowers. After various games and contests were enjoyed, refreshments were served to Mrs. McGehee and little son, Mrs. Bayless and Mrs. Wheatley, of Abilene, visitors; and mesdames Harry L. McCandless, Claud Dye, George T. Moore, W. L. Johnson, Jr., Rolfe Wagner and the hostesses.

HARMONY CLUB

Miss Alice Church was hostess to the Harmony Club Tuesday afternoon in her home on Oak Street. After a short business meeting, the following program was given, sponsored by Miss Mary Pence.

Life of Handel, Orpah Patterson. Harmonious Blacksmith, Orpah Patterson. Beautiful Star of Heaven (duet), Lois Whiteley and Alice Church. Long, Long Ago, Gladys Watts. Sweet Clover, Ruby Blackburn. Exercise in Counting, Lena Faye Harrell. Chop Sticks (duet), Wanda Hunter and Odell Hunter. Little Fairy Waltz, Emma Campbell. March of the Boy Scouts, Lois Whiteley. Dance of the Bears, Alice Church. Falling Waters, Mary Click. Impromptu music was enjoyed before delightful refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to the members: Lois Whiteley, Gladys Watt, Orpah Patterson, Lena Faye Harrell, Ruby Blackburn, Mary Click, Emma Campbell, Mary Pence and the hostess. Other guests were: Nina Lois Anderson, Wanda Hunter, Odell Hunter, Kennedy Whiteley, Charlie Church, Homer Campbell, Jr., Mesdames S. T. Campbell, Homer Campbell, W. H. Pence, C. P. Church, E. M. Blackburn and Mr. C. P. Church.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Two Chinas. 1. Introduction, Himalaya Swafford. 2. China Changing and China Changeless, Bennie Sheppard. 3. China Hopeless and China hopeful, Harold King. 4. China Inert and China Invigorated, J. D. Ashby. 5. China napping and China newborn, Juanita Harmon. 6. China Alone and China anchored, Missie Dye. 7. The Secret of China's changing, Ruby Lee Slater.

Messrs Byers and J. C. Petty returned last Sunday from a two weeks vacation trip to points in South Texas and the Rio Grande. They spent considerable time at Corpus Christi and at points in the lower Rio Grande Valley.

Methodist Church

We had a splendid day last Sunday at the Methodist Church.

The church school was well attended and the results satisfactory. We are expecting a big day next Sunday and are making plans in keeping with our expectations. We hope that all the members of the church school above the primary children will come with the purpose of staying for the morning worship.

All visitors will be given a warm welcome and strangers are invited to attend our services. W. R. McCarter

Adult B. Y. P. U. Program

Leader, R. H. Matthews. Introduction by leader. David, a leader in worship, Mrs. A. J. Hartley. Worship taught the woman at the well, Mrs. Earl Lassiter. In spirit and in truth, Mrs. E. N. Brown. Prayer, public and private, Mrs. R. L. Griffin. Music as worship, Rev. Ira L. Parrack. The best place to worship, Mrs. John Rister.

Homer Laney, who for the past two months has been in the state of Missouri, arrived home last week.

Messrs L. W. Cox and H. L. Propst, of this city, and W. C. Matthews, of route three, are ably representing their respective communities on the Grand Jury this week.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m., Wm. Elliott, Superintendent.

Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. C. E. at 7:30.

Prayermeeting and choir practice Wednesday evening.

We will be glad to have a good attendance at the next services; some important announcements are to be made. Visitors always welcome.

R. A. WALKER, Pastor.

Baptist Church

The pastor, Rev. Ira L. Parrack, and family, being away at Lueders, attending the Encampment there this week, the Mail is requested to announce that at the Baptist Church on next Sunday there will be held all the regular services as usual. A cordial welcome is extended to one and all to attend each and every service.

Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

A Great Question and the Answer. 1. Introduction, Dot Swafford. 2. We must realize that we are lost, Thelma Matthews. 3. We must repent of our sins, Iris Copeland.

4. We must believe on the Lord, Jesus Christ, Overton Patterson. 5. What does it mean to believe? Margaret Canon.

6. The Life that Counts, by four boys: a. First boy, John A. Jones. b. Second boy, Harry Boaz. c. Third Boy, Roger Derrick. d. Fourth Boy, Vernon Davis.

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Mr. and Mrs. **Clyde Foster** and Mr. and Mrs. **Howard Hand** returned first of the week from a trip to **San Antonio** and other points in **South Texas.**

Milton Deavers, who for some months has been in the sanitarium at **Kerrville, Texas,** returned to his home in the **Shiloh** community last week. His friends will be glad to know that his health is holding up fairly well since his return.

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2. Warship taught the woman at the well, Bessie Westerhoyer.
3. In spirit and truth, Mary Par-rack.
4. Prayer, public and private, Joe Hartley.
5. Music as worship, Iris Garrett.
6. The best place to worship, W. J. Largent.

Mr. A. H. Brackeen, of the Lowe-Brackeen Chevrolet Company, of this city, returned Wednesday from a trip through the big oil fields of West Texas, visiting Crane City and other points. He states that there is every evidence of a great oil field in that section.

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Dallas county takes a decisive step toward highway beautification. It is officially announced that all signs on Highway property and on adjoining property which may come under the jurisdiction of the highway authorities are coming down. Only official markers will be permitted. In addition telephone poles too near the roadway or which interfere in any way with traffic are to be moved as fast as possible.

The Dallas County example is a good one for other counties to follow. The State Highway Commission is working to eliminate unsightly and visionimpeding signs on designated highways throughout the State. Counties can expedite this work locally by taking it into their own hands. In addition, the numerous roads designated as state highways may also be included in the clean-up.

The public has condemned highway advertising signs which are of a nature to detract from the pleasure or safety of travelers along the highway. Merchants and business men have pretty generally come to the conclusion that such advertising is a mistake, since it creates resentment more than it does good-will toward the advertiser. It ought not to be a difficult matter to clean up Texas' highways in this respect.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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EVERYBODY'S GARAGE

THIRD DEATH ADDS TO KANAGA RIDDLE

Caves of Island May Hide Wild Animal.

Kodiak, Alaska.—Do the deep sea-worn caves of lonely Kanaga Island conceal strange animal-like men who venture out at low tide to prey on natives and white fox-farm attendants? For the third time in a year a Seattle man's death adds to the North riddle. Thus far the toll of Kanaga includes T. Shruger, Tom Marrah and P. H. Munro.

More than a score of Aleuts have fallen victims to some mysterious power at various times in recent years, yet there has been no witness of the terrible deeds committed nor has a clue to the malefactors been found. Fox-pelt poachers do prey among the islands, but they rarely molest the islanders, fearing disclosure of their crimes. The Aleut natives are peaceful men, seldom perturbed to the fighting point.

Has Largest Blue Fox Farm. Kanaga is the home just now of the largest blue fox farm in the world. The island lies near the tip of the Aleutian group, the relic of terrific submarine upheaval centuries ago. Besides Aleuts, there are a few persons descended from the Baranoff explorers and the Muscovian influence is shown in their mode of living—low-roofed stone houses with large fireplaces where the fires seldom die down as a rule. Pelting of furs is the occupation, besides fishing and hunting.

Day after day in autumn and winter Kanaga is veiled with dense fog; the furious sea beats the rocky shores, wearing deep caves far into the bowels of the sandstone formation. Some of the caves are a mile back with high vaulted ceilings. In these natural tombs Aleuts bore their dead, each body rolled in layer after layer of long seaweed or kelp. The dead were mummified and today are in a good state of preservation.

Wild Beauty in Spring. In spring Kanaga casts off the drab clothing of winter. Lupines, lilies and wild celery transfer it into a great flower garden. Sea fowl by the million come to eat the wild rice and schools of fish. The towering cliffs are covered with spruce and there is a strange wild beauty all around. Wild and semidomesticated foxes overrun the land.

Lured by the natural torpid surroundings, the Aleuts have become half-dazed, the white settlers morbid, until all move about as dead living people. In the mummy caves are found grotesque masks, ikons and oriental carvings. The beach receives a backwash from many shores. Driftwood from Asia reaches Kanaga in the Japan current. This adds to the terror and superstitions of the islanders.

Little wonder the stranger landing at Kanaga is held at a distance, and peering eyes watch from secret places until suspicion is overcome.

On Kanaga Island it is said Irish turn into Russians, Russians become Chinese and all finally become queer primitive human beings lacking ambition and imbued with a curious desire to worship the mummies in the caves of Nature.

Recognize Persons 13 Miles Away in Mirage

Cape May, N. J.—The most remarkable mirage seen hereabouts for years was visible the other day from the board walk. Ships that were 20 miles at sea, hull down beneath the horizon, were seen clearly. The beach at Cape Henlopen, 13 miles away, was so plainly seen that persons walking on the sand could be recognized. Woodland, back of Rehoboth beach, also was clearly visible. Old seamen say that the phenomenon is a certain sign of the approach of a severe storm.

Houses of Worship Found in Odd Places

The miners in the Myndd Newydd coal mines in Wales have no call to shave, shine their boots, or don Sunday garb when they go to worship. They have a chapel all their own at the bottom of the shaft, so that when they descend the pit they can have a short service before going to their working places.

Rough timbers form the pillars and beams of this chapel, and a coal trolley serves as a pulpit. The miners sit on rough wooden benches and the oldest among them acts as pastor.

A chapel, more finished in appearance, the St. Anthony, exists in the salt mines of Wieliczka, Austria. It has an altar, crucifix, and life-size figures of the saints, apparently in black marble, but really made of salt.

In the old German town of Oberstein an ancient church stands in a great rock rising from the river. The front is of stone, but the church itself is hollowed out of the rock and penetrates far into its heart. This curious church is now the only Protestant place of worship in the town.

A church in a Pennsylvania town is said to possess the distinction of being the work of one pair of hands. One man carried every block of stone of which it was constructed, cut each of them into shape, and laid it in place.

Wisconsin "U" Leads With 40,450 Students

Madison, Wis.—Wisconsin university leads the universities of the country in service. If figures in the current issue of a magazine devoted to education are correct, more individuals are now receiving instruction in and from the Badger institution than in other universities or colleges in the United States.

The Wisconsin state school, with a total of 40,450 students, including 8,220 full-time resident and 32,130 extension students, is well ahead of its nearest competitor, Columbia university of New York city, where there are 37,734 students.

The University of California ranks second to Wisconsin in the number of extension students, but has less than half the Wisconsin number in that branch. The western state leads all the others in full-time students registration, with 17,101.

Fruit Growers of Ozarks Will Have Banner Year

Kansas City, Mo.—Fruit growers in the Ozark mountains are to have one of the greatest years on record, according to report of one of the principal fruit growers' associations. More than 20,000 acres of strawberries will be under cultivation and from 2,500 to 3,000 carloads of berries are expected to be shipped to the city markets. Officers also stated that about 2,000 carloads of grapes would be shipped this year.

Desolate by Winds

There lies between Formosa and the coast of China a group of 21 islands interspersed with innumerable reefs and ledges, which are called the Pescadore Islands. According to the investigations of certain geologists these islands have suffered in a remarkable manner from the northeast winds which blow with violence there during nine months of the year. The original area of the islands has been greatly reduced by erosion, and their surfaces are barren and desolate, so that the wind-whipped group forms a quasi-desert amid the green island world of Southeastern Asia.

Wild-Animal Stories

The story of two Idaho men who killed a mountain lion with rocks is not quite so good as the story of the African hunter who, unarmed, met a lion. He held the beast's mouth open until it starved to death.—Atchison Globe. And neither is quite so good as that of Baron Munchausen who meeting an angry bear, thrust his hand down its throat, grabbed it by the tail and jerked it inside out—Carpenter's Weekly.

Tolerance's Great Value

Tolerance is the most lovable quality men and women can possess. Its vision enables them to see things from others' viewpoints. Its generosity concedes to others right to their own opinions. Its very highest wish is other to be happy in their own way.—Grit.

Criminal Colds

For a jury to acquit a prisoner on the ground that he was suffering from a cold when he committed a crime sounds ridiculous. But before long this may be accepted as a legitimate plea by even the sternest judge.

According to a famous doctor, infection of the nose and cavities of the skull by cold germs often results in confusion and lack of memory. Mental disturbances of this nature cause a person to act abnormally.

A woman stole a ring from a friend's dressing table. Everyone thought she was a common thief. It was proved later that she was suffering from a severe cold and was incapable of distinguishing between her own and other people's property.

Joshing the Elevator Man

The old fellows who run elevators in public buildings are notoriously deliberate and independent. A Detroit citizen, relates the News, was recently conveyed by one of these political favorites in a slow and dignified manner to the top of the post office building. Then the old man stopped and slowly and deliberately opened the door to let his passenger out. The passenger handed him a traffic cop's ticket for speeding. It made the old elevator man mad for two days.

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