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New Chevrolet Cars Creating Interest

The Brackeen-Hughes Chevrolet Company, local dealers for Chevrolet cars and trucks, received and now have on display several of the new 1928 models, including a coupe, sedan, coach and one truck, now known as the "Bigger and Better Chevrolet," and these gentlemen have been kept very busy demonstrating and explaining the many improvements. Concerning the new car they have the following to say:

Surpassing all its former achievements as a leader in the building of low cost transportation, the Chevrolet Motor Company today announces the most distinctive low priced automobile of all time.

The announcement of a complete new line of Chevrolet cars follows immediately on the close of Chevrolet's greatest year when its volume of one million units made it the world's largest builder of automobiles, and presages a year of unexampled activity for the organization that has been the pioneer volume producer of gear shift motor cars.

Known as the "Bigger and Better" Chevrolet, the new car that goes on display throughout the United States today, not only succeeds the "Most Beautiful Chevrolet" but incorporates all the advantages that made the latter so popular and in addition embodies a host of refinements that combine to produce what General Motors officials believe will be the sensation of the automobile industry in the year 1928.

A quick picture of the new car that seems destined to write a new chapter into the history of the automobile business may be had by noting the following highlights of the 1928 car.

Extended wheelbase, greater speed and power, four wheel brakes, longer roomier Fisher bodies, new Duco colors, thermostat cooling, shock absorbing springs, motor enclosure, and indirectly lighted instrument panel and other advantages built in as a result of lessons learned through 13 years of constant progress.

The new car has a distinctive big car appearance entirely foreign to its price class. This is achieved by adding four inches to the wheelbase, bringing the present total to 107 inches.

New honeycomb Harrison radiators have raised the front of the car that from the cowl to the base of the new low radiator cap the line is unbroken and nearly level.

Radiator shells are of non-rusting airplane metal, while thermostat control of the cooling system is an additional feature.

Complimenting the extra four inches in wheelbase is increased length in several of the body types. The coach body is five inches longer than a year ago. The sedan body likewise has been increased two and three-quarters inches.

Among the many new body refinements is a fully enclosed and indirectly lighted instrument panel, oval in shape, with the speedometer, ammeter and oil gauge in full view for day or night driving.

All passenger models have larger 30x4.50 balloon tires and steel disc wheels as standard equipment. Other standard equipment includes stop-light, rear vision mirror, gasoline gauge, complete tool set, and theft proof steering and ignition lock. Additional equipment is standard with individual models.

Mechanically the car has been improved to parallel in performance, speed and roadability its new beauty and advanced body design. It is powered by an improved valve-in-head engine that in road tests developed 34.6 per cent more power and approximately five miles per hour more than the previous Chevrolet engine.

New features developed in the engine include a new motor enclosure which completely covers the valve and makes for a quieter and cleaner engine, new crankcase breathing system which eliminates the leakage of engine gases through the body of the car; new exhaust system; new alloy constant balance "shar strut" pistons, new hydro-laminated camshaft gears, improved ashroom valve tappets, and larger crankshaft.

An oil pump provides efficient lubrication to all bearing surfaces, while a new oil filter and an AC air cleaner protect all moving parts of the engine from dirt and other foreign matter thus adding materially to the life of the motor.

New four-wheel brakes

Retail Merchants Assn. To Be Continued

Merkel business men are supporting for another year the Retail Merchants Association which will be affiliated with the state organization and will enable them to secure a rating on anyone applying for credit. Every person applying for credit who is not known to the merchants will be referred to the Secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association to whom he will give references which will be carefully checked and if they are favorable he will be recommended for credit. The organization is not intended to work any hardship on any one who highly regards their credit, or on any one who arranges for any extension of time in the meeting of his obligations.

If a customer of any member has been slow in keeping his promises and does not adjust his obligation satisfactorily with his creditor, that fact will be reported to the secretary and the information passed to other members of the organization.

No information will be furnished to any but members. This service will cost the members \$2.50 per month with \$1.25 annual dues which goes to the state office. The secretary will re-card all the names in the file and will make the service worth much more than it costs. Send in your list without delay.

SLAYER OF 13 EXPECTS TO KICK OFF JAN. 9

PLAINVIEW, Tex. Dec. 31.—After waiting a year to have the date of his execution fixed, George P. Hassell, 39, confessed murderer of his wife, eight step-children and another woman and three babies, smilingly awaits January 9 when he will be sentenced to death in district court at Farwell.

His resentencing will be a formality following his unsuccessful appeal to the higher courts. His execution date probably will be some time in February.

Presenting the appearance of a well fed, prosperous farmer, Hassell waits his fate with calm and good humor. He laughs and jokes with his fellow prisoners and enjoys his meals. "You know," he told an interviewer "I'm lots luckier than you are. You never know what day you may get run over by a car or shot at or take some fatal disease."

LOONEY W. TITTE PASSES AWAY

The remains of Looney W. Tittle, age thirty-three years and three months, son of Mrs. M. E. Campbell of this city, who died in El Paso on Tuesday of this week, arrived in this city Thursday morning and funeral services were held at four p.m. at the Baptist church with Rev. Ira L. Parack, pastor of the Baptist church of this city, assisted by Rev. Perry King of Abilene, conducting the ceremony. Interment was made in Rose Hill Cemetery immediately afterward.

Deceased had been a sufferer for many years, residing in El Paso for several years hoping by the climate there to recover from his disease. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. M. E. Campbell and several brothers and sisters.

We hope to publish a more extended mention of this fine young man whom every one loved and esteemed.

Political platforms of 1928 may be expected to carry the usual amount of deadwood.

sent an outstanding achievement of General Motors and Chevrolet engineers. They are the non-locking type, with positive brake linkage. Front brakes are internal expanding and rear brakes external contracting. Front and rear brakes have been proportioned to prevent side drag or pull. Their total braking service amounts to 20 square inches.

Each brake has an individual, easy adjustment, while "stops" are provided at the wheels to simplify the adjustment operation. So accurately has the leverage on the foot pedal been worked out between the front and rear brakes that maximum application of the brakes is obtained with a very slight pedal pressure.

In anticipation of the demand of bigger and better cars, Chevrolet factories are running day and night on capacity production. Shipments are leaving daily for all parts of the world, so that Chevrolet dealers may make prompt deliveries on all models.

Clarence Saunders Grocery Store To Open Here Soon

Mr. W. S. J. Brown, formerly of the Brown Dry Goods Company for many years, is to be the manager and proprietor of the new Clarence Saunders Grocery Store which will be opened at an early date in the corner building of the Mellinger Block; the furniture and fixtures for which are now being put in place, and Mr. Brown states that full announcement concerning the new store and its opening date will be made soon, possibly in our next issue.

The Clarence Saunders Store will be one among hundreds owned and operated by Clarence Saunders throughout the United States, and spreading into new territory all the time and one among the many popular chain grocery stores of the nation.

O. F. WEIDENBACH WILL OPERATE MARKET

In connection with the grocery business the Clarence Saunders Stores also conduct a first class meat market service, and Mr. O. F. Weidenbach, formerly owner and proprietor of the Quality Market and Grocery, which stock he has now closed out, will be manager and operator of the new meat market. Mr. Weidenbach is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the market business and his many friends and former customers will be glad to learn of his new adventure in this line.

Both Mr. Brown and Mr. Weidenbach are well known throughout the Merkel trade territory, are capable and successful business men, and under their able guidance the new chain grocery store in this city will no doubt be a success from the very beginning.

E. Yates Brown To Operate Chain Store

On last Saturday the remaining stock of the Brown Dry Goods Company of this city, after the firm had carried on a successful "Quitting Business Sale" for some time, was sold to Mr. E. Yates Brown, he being the highest bidder among those here to bid on same, and is now moving it into the W. O. Boney building formerly occupied by the Schindler Variety Store on Front Street, where he also announces he will conduct a chain dry goods store, restocking same with a new and complete stock of high class dry goods.

Mr. Brown has been identified with the business interests of the city for many years, and is well known throughout the city's trade territory, and will no doubt enjoy a fair share of business in his line. A detailed announcement will be made by Mr. Brown in our next issue. He is a believer in newspaper advertising and will no doubt give our readers some interesting news from the new and up-to-date store he is preparing to open within the next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hicks returned last week from their visit with friends and relatives at Wills Point, Texas.

Complete line Kelly Tires and Tubes. Maverick Motor Co. It

John J. Toombs Announces For Commissioner

The Merkel Mail is this week authorized to announce as a candidate for County Commissioner in this precinct No. 2, Mr. John J. Toombs. Mr. Toombs is too well and favorably known to the voters of this precinct to need introduction or commendation at our hands; since he has been a citizen of this community for the past 37 years, was born in the well known and famous Mulberry Canyon, and has resided continuously in this precinct. He is one of our successful and well to do farmers, has made a success of his own personal affairs, is highly qualified and capable of performing the duties of the office to which he aspires, and promises if elected to give the affairs of the office his careful and personal attention. Mr. Toombs is a believer in good roads and other matters of progress, but also believes in the county getting value received for every dollar spent on the roads or otherwise, and if elected he states that he expects to see that the people get full value for the money so expended.

He has never asked for public office before, and will appreciate your vote and influence in his behalf, expecting to render to one and all alike honest, faithful and courteous treatment.

This paper would ask that before casting your vote for Commissioner in precinct 2, that you give his claims due and fair consideration, in the coming July primary.

Thos. A. Bearden For Public Weigher

We are this week authorized to announce as a candidate for re-election to the office of Public Weigher of this precinct, Mr. Thos. A. Bearden, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

Mr. Bearden has held the office for only one term, two years, and his excellent record is before the voters as an open book; therefore too well known to need comment from us. However, suffice it to say that he has made a fine record for efficiency and accommodating service, serving his constituents without special favor to any one but with fair and impartial treatment for all alike. He promises if elected to continue the same fair and honorable treatment to all in the future, and feels that with his past experience he is but the more competent and capable of rendering more efficient service during a second term which, according to Democratic usage and principle, he feels he is entitled to.

This paper would urge that the voters give his claims fair and due consideration when casting their ballot for Public Weigher next July.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell Eugene Brittain of Abilene are announcing the birth of a daughter, Patricia Lynn, born on December 31, 1927. Mrs. Brittain was formerly Miss Burnis Rainbolt, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt of this city. Mrs. Rainbolt returned Tuesday from Abilene, where she has been attending her daughter.

TAYLOR COUNTY IS FIFTH IN 1927 COTTON GINNING

Taylor County stood fifth in the production of cotton in Central West Texas for 1927, according to the report made by the United States Department of Commerce on cotton ginned prior to December 13. Jones county as usual continues to hold first rank, with Runnels second, Knox third, and Haskell fourth.

Material declines in the number of bales produced in 1927 compared with the 1926 crop is shown in the report for all counties and for the state as a whole. In Taylor county 31,332 bales were ginned prior to December 13 as compared with 51,923 for the same period last year, while in Jones, the leading county for this section, 57,829 was ginned compared with 77,750 last year.

The ginnings for the entire state totaled 3,973,679 as compared with 4,857,315, a decline of 883,636 bales.

The boost in the price, though not as great as many expected and that, many thought the shorter crop justified, made up for the short crop, according to those who keep in touch with the situation.

Ginnings for the 10 leading counties in Central West Texas up to December 13 follows:

| | 1927 | 1926 |
|----------|---------|---------|
| Jones | 57,829 | 77,750 |
| Runnels | 51,935 | 59,841 |
| Knox | 43,497 | 35,538 |
| Haskell | 42,712 | 43,685 |
| Taylor | 31,332 | 51,923 |
| Dawson | 33,532 | 30,956 |
| Dickens | 29,072 | 20,905 |
| Coleman | 28,502 | 41,747 |
| Scurry | 28,254 | 34,422 |
| Mitchell | 24,958 | 35,564 |
| Total | 382,723 | 432,331 |

HIGHWAY NO. 1 TO BE OPENED SOON

The Abilene Morning News says that rapid progress has been made by contractors building bridges and the dump on highway No. 1 from Abilene west 10.5 miles and it will be possible to discontinue the detour from one mile west of Little Elm creek westward late this week, W. J. Van London, resident state highway engineer, said last night.

The grading and small bridges being built by Frank Purvis, contractor, were 98 per cent complete January 1, while only 62 per cent of the working time allowed the contractor had been consumed. The large bridges nine in number, being constructed by Sullivan and Davis, contractors, were 83 per cent complete, with only 72 per cent of the stipulated working time consumed.

Mr. Van London said he expects the large bridges to be ready for traffic within six weeks, so that the road will be open all the way from Abilene West. Sullivan and Davis are now building the Big Elm and Little Elm bridges.

Cold weather has retarded operations on the paving of Highway No. 30 from Tuscola south through Ovalo, Guion and Bradshaw to the Runnels county line. The contractors, McClung Construction company, started work at Guion, moving westward. Concrete has been laid on a total of 2 3-4 miles of the road. Due to the cold weather the contractors were able to carry on operations but 12 days of December, Mr. Van London's report shows.

Plans and specifications for paving the section of Highway No. 1 from the Nolan county line eastward thru Trent and Merkel to a point two miles west of Mulberry creek, totaling 10.5 miles, are being finally completed by Austin by the state highway engineer's department and Mr. Van London expects the contract to be let late in January or early in February.

BIG CAMPBELL OPENING GROCERY ON KENT STREET

Mr. Robt. N. Campbell, for the past year residing on his farm near town, and favorably known in the business realm of this city, he having formerly been in the grocery and cafe business here, will open a week in the Crenshaw block on Kent street, a new and up-to-date stock of groceries.

Mr. Campbell knows the grocery business and will no doubt succeed from the beginning.

Mr. John West of this city, Messrs. M. P. Latimer and Jim Moore of the Canyon, and Holland Teaff of east Merkel, were doing service for their state and county this week as grand jurors.

Taylor County's Big Road Program Will Start Soon

With the money available from the sale of \$600,000 worth of Taylor County road bonds, an extensive designated highway and lateral road improvement program will be inaugurated at the next meeting of the commissioners' court, Tom K. Eplen, county judge, stated last night.

The funds were deposited to the credit of this county by the Mercantile Trust & Savings Company, which purchased the bonds last November 29. A premium of \$2,826 and accrued interest was paid by this company for the 4 1-2 per cent bonds.

The program as outlined in the election campaign, will be carried out in full, Judge Eplen declared. Of the \$1,000,000 bond issue, voted on October 24, \$700,000 will be spent on designated highways and \$300,000 on lateral roads, he said.

Work Is Started
"For about two weeks after the election the Commissioners' Court debated the question as to whether it would sell all the bonds or only a portion. It was estimated that 600,000 of the money would be needed during the year 1928," the county judge said.

"The court had to either sell all of the bonds, taking advantage of the highest bond market ever known, at a low rate of interest, or else sell only \$600,000 of the bonds and take a chance on the market remaining steady or falling when the money is needed. After careful consideration the court was of the opinion that the people would be better pleased by selling only a part of the issue.

"By selling only \$600,000 the tax rate which had been to retire the outstanding bonds will be 18 cents per \$100 valuation for 1928 instead of 30 cents, as the people were told the rate would be on the entire \$1,000,000. The bonds were sold on a 4 1-2 per cent rate of interest, which was really lower than the commissioners' court ever hoped for," he stated. "In fact no other bonds in this section of the state are known to have sold at such low interest rate and at the same time bring a premium of \$2,826 on \$600,000 worth. This excellent price was due to the fine financial resources upon which credit is generally based.

Economy Practiced
"The legal proceedings were all handled under the direct supervision of the county judge and commissioners' Court. The bonds were approved by leading market makers. The papers were shipped to Austin Saturday, December 31, delivery charges, after final approval of the attorney general, were paid by the purchaser. The total cost of the county for handling the entire proceedings was less than \$1,000," Judge Eplen said.

"The bid stating 'par and accrued interest,' means that the county paid no interest whatsoever until the bonds were paid by the purchaser.

"Upon belief that the \$1,000,000 issue would carry three of the commissioners started improvements upon lateral roads in their precincts before the final passage. The commissioner has already completed 11 miles of new graveled roads in his precinct. All of this work is under the direct supervision of the commissioners and rural roads should show marked improvement within the next few months.

More Paving Soon
"Perhaps the first contract to be let on designated highways," he said, "will be for concrete pavement on 14 miles of Highway No. 1 in the west part of the county. Work will start just as soon as weather will permit in the spring.

"The money being on hand, the only obstacle now is in the proper settling of dumps, that is, graded roads, before the surface can be laid. We mean to pave the best paved of our roads and there cannot afford to take any chances," Judge Eplen concluded.—Abilene Morning News

WILL OPEN NEW CAFE
Mr. W. P. Melton, of Emory, Texas, an experienced cafe man, is preparing to open in the Danels block on Front street, a new cafe, in the building recently vacated by the Copeland Cafe. He will move his family here as soon as school is out.

Mrs. R. N. Maulden of Clark County, Texas, spent Christmas with her father, Mr. E. H. Thompson, and other relatives and friends here.



Business Is Sensitive

It will not go where it is not invited and will not stay where it is not well treated.

We invite your business promising service and safety

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas

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- David Hendricks

THE DOER OF DEEDS

By EVELYN GAGI BROWNE

IT ISN'T the man who tells you How everything should be done; Who points out this one's failures, And jibes at everyone.

Who boasts how he'd have done it, And criticizes the way, The Doer of Deeds is working— Who counts in the world today.

It's the man who's in the struggle, Whose face is grimed and worn, Who keeps on fighting bravely, Though battle-scarred and torn.

He may fall—but gets up gamely, And, striving, never heeds, The ones who sneer and slander, But dares to do the deeds.

He gives himself, unsparring, And never counts the cost; But knows the joy of fighting, Although his cause is lost.

To him belongs the credit, And the victor's laurels, too; For the world today is needing The man who dares to do!

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By F. A. WALKER

THE LOGICAL SEX

ABOUT the oldest tradition in the world is the one that describes the "race of men" as the logical sex. The masculine human being is convinced that he solves his problems by reasoning with himself about them.

On the other hand, he is convinced that the female of the species is simply guided by instinct.

This is in spite of the fact that all over the world, from China to Peru, when it comes to the question of feminism, the men lay down a general proposition and then proceed to evade it.

In a word, women and men are "equal." But man's prejudices must not be interfered with. He still reserves to himself the right to protect and regulate the other half of humanity.

Women have the right to vote at elections all over the continent of North America. They may be admitted to the bar and plead before the courts. But the question whether or not they should be allowed to sit on juries is not yet settled in most of the states.

Various reasons are given by those who oppose the change.

When it is examined the opposition is found to be based on the theory that the gentle sex must be regulated as it has been in the past.

An interesting example of masculine logic is supplied by the German republic.

In the constitution of that state it is provided explicitly that men and women have the same rights and, apart from fighting, must perform the same duties.

Yet when the proposal to make women eligible for jury duty came up before the federal council in the form of the proposed draft of a law, it was negatived.

The explanation given by Herr Von Preger, the Bavarian representative, ought to be framed and hung up in every woman's club in the world as an example of how not to reason.

"The Bavarian government," he said, "maintains the principal standpoint that women are not suited to judicial office. The admission of women would result in a softening of justice, which is most undesirable just at this time."

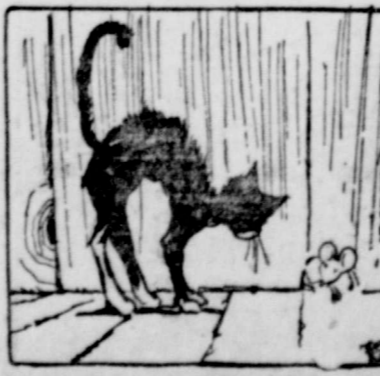
So it all comes to this: Women may elect those who make the laws; they may expound the same laws, but they are not fit to decide simple questions of fact arising in connection with the administration of the laws.

When Mrs. Poyser made the tart generalization that the women were made fools "to match the men" she was really unnecessarily severe on the long suffering sisterhood.

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What Does Your Child Want to Know?

Answered by BARBARA BOURJAILY



WHY DOES A CAT'S FUR STAND UP WHEN SHE IS FRIGHTENED?

To make the cat seem larger. And scare away its foes, it humps its back and says, "apeet, apeet," And then away it goes.

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SOVIETS HIT AT HEAD OF MOSLEM

Russians Attack Islam in Samarkand, Quaint City of Central Asia.

Washington. — Samarkand, venerable city of central Asia, has been the scene of a series of recent clashes between the Soviet apostles of modernism and the conservative religious leaders of Islam.

The quaint city with the melodious name lies about 250 miles southwest of Tashkent, Turkestan, on the Trans-caspian railroad.

Perhaps nowhere in the Moslem world, except Mecca, could the Russians have invaded a more hostile territory to attack Mohammedanism, says a bulletin of the National Geographic society. According to ancient legend, Samarkand was the head of Mohammedanism and Mecca the heart. Two Arab missionaries visited this region. Hungry, they cut up a sheep and put it on the fire to roast. While the meat was cooking they planned their work. They agreed that the one drawing the sheep's heart from the pot should go to Mecca, and that the one drawing the head should remain at Samarkand.

Samarkand is more than 6,000 years old and once had a population of more than a million. Today it has fewer than 60,000 inhabitants. The Persians once called it the hub of the universe. When Alexander the Great destroyed it, in 329 B. C., it was a prosperous city surrounded by a nine-mile wall, pierced by nineteen gates.

Famous Public Square.

After the Russians took the city in 1926, they built a new city outside its western limits. A long, wide boulevard, shaded by tall poplars, now separates the two settlements.

The native city is a labyrinth of narrow, crooked, dusty streets, bordered with dirty mud walls of courtyards and one-story houses. In the business blocks cluster dilapidated booths, cluttered with edibles and garments. Bearded men and veiled women crowd the streets, dodging camels, donkeys, droskies and high-wheeled carts, all mud-brown from the dust, while peasants, laden with produce from their farms and gardens, plod along to the public square.

Samarkand's register, or public square, is one of the most famous in the world. It is the market place, parade ground and meeting place for the inhabitants for demonstrations of rejoicing and protest. Paved with cobblestones, it is inclosed on three sides by mosques where young Moslems are educated. The huge polychrome tile facades and melon-shaped towers, flanked with minarets 175 feet high, are splendid examples of Arabian architecture. Surrounding the courtyard inside each mosque are schools in whose cloisters, 10 by 12 feet, the students live with their instructors.

The fourth side of the square is occupied by ramshackle booths of odd pieces of lumber or tin, or strips of canvas on tall poles. They are filled with vegetables, fruits and other commodities. Near by are other booths where squatting natives sip coffee, smoke cigarettes, and gossip. As a public information bureau the oriental cafe serves the purpose of newspapers. Fortune tellers, professional letter writers and peddlers ply their professions where they find a shady place to sit. The register also is the Samarkand employment agency.

Brilliant Garb of the Men.

From an elevated position above the surging mass of humanity the riot of color suggests that the natives vie with the rainbow and each other. A man will go hungry for a single garment of brilliantly colored material. Green, red, purple and yellow in all their hues will be seen on the same garment.

In a secluded spot in the old city, perhaps a half mile from the register, is the tomb of the mighty Tamerlane, conqueror of Asia. It is an architectural gem, its graceful peacock blue dome rising above the dusty treetops.

A large park in the center of the Russian quarter is the hub of the new city, from which wide, well-shaded streets radiate in all directions. They are all paved to the city limits. Then they become mere trails in the desert. Some pass through masses of ruins of Samarkand when it was at the height of its prosperity. One of these roads leads to the citadel, situated on a hill between the two cities. Its wall incloses a subterranean prison, an immense dark chamber about 30 feet deep. Prisoners were let down by ropes and it is said no one ever came out of it. Grooves worn by the ropes can still be seen. The Russians abolished the old-fashioned method of punishing the offenders and have built clean, wholesome and well-ventilated jails.

Blocked by Mere Man

Knoxville, Tenn.—An attempt of woman members of the board of education to equip a beauty parlor in the vocational school here was so frowned upon by male members of the board that the move has been abandoned.

Buried Two Days

Chisholm, Minn.—Buried under tons of ore and earth for two days and believed dead, Nick Bozenich was found alive in the Bruce mine by fellow workers who had been digging for his body 46 hours.

STATEMENT of CONDITION

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business December 31st, 1927

RESOURCES

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Loans, Time and Demand | \$199,245.57 |
| Overdrafts | 2,200.30 |
| Warrants, Ind. School Dist. | 1,415.78 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 6,750.00 |
| 5% Redemption Fund | 312.50 |
| Stock in Federal Reserve Bank | 1,950.00 |
| Banker's Acceptances | \$ 73,524.08 |
| Commercial Paper | 161,500.00 |
| U. S. Bonds (owned) | 116,150.00 |
| Bills of Ex., Cotton | 88,318.54 |
| Cash & Sight Exchange | 123,743.99 |
| CASH AVAILABLE | \$563,236.41 |
| Total | \$775,110.56 |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Capital Stock | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Surplus and Undivided Profits | 33,860.59 |
| Dividend Unpaid | 3,000.00 |
| Circulation | 6,250.00 |
| DEPOSITS | \$681,999.97 |
| Total | \$775,110.56 |

STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Taylor } I, Booth Warren, Cash

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

Directors

- J. T. Warren
- G. F. West
- Sam Butman, Sr.
- Geo. L. Paxton
- Booth Warren

Shiloh Happenings

Health in the community is very good at present.

Miss Edrie and Mr. Joe Tiner returned to Abilene to attend school, after spending the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Grayson and babies of Bovina returned home on Thursday after spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson.

Miss Maude Greene made a flying trip to Oklahoma this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greene are the proud parents of a baby boy, born December 29th.

Mrs. Bernice Simpson and baby of California are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brown.

Louis Tiner has been on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill James and babies

and Miss Bessie James returned home Thursday from Lubbock, where they have been visiting. Topsy.

Junior E. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: "From a Palace to a Desert."

1. Introduction, by J. E. Lassiter.
2. Pharaoh decides to kill the baby boys, by Kathleen Harmon.
3. A Baby in a Basket, by Harry Baz.
4. Found by a Princess, by Mildred McClure.
5. Moses Grows up in the palace, by Ota Derrick.
6. Mises' choice, Cullen Tittle.

Complete line Kelly Tires and Tubes, Maverick Motor Co. It

Repairing and remaking furniture, staining, enameling, etc. Shop at my residence. B. M. Black. 1tp

Just ReCeived

We have just received a large shipment of new merbhandise to fill in our stock which was depleted during the holidays. We are ready now to supply all of your needs.

We will carry the "ANNA LOU" line of house dresses. These garments are of excellant workmanship and compare with higher priced lines.

Sears Variety Store

"The Home of Bargains"

THE BATTLE OF THE CENTURY

RETURN ENGAGEMENT OF THE EXCLUSIVE RING-SIDE PICTURES OF THE

TUNNEY-DEMPSEY

World's Heavyweight Boxing Contest
Round by Round-Blow by Blow
DON'T FAIL TO SEE THE EVENTFUL 7th ROUND IN SLOW MOTION!

See for yourself whether Tunney was out or just down. 160,000 people paid close to \$3,000,000 to see this fight. You can see it now just as good and even better than those who held \$40.00 ringside seats.

ALL SCENES SHOWING AT CLOSE RANGE

Showing WEDNESDAY ONLY

Jan. 11, at the

Queen Theatre

"Not Occasionally, But Always a Good Show"

ADMISSION 10c and 35c

PALACE

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P. T. A. PROGRAM FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY

The following will be the program for the Parent-Teachers meeting to be held at the Grammar School auditorium next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

- Club Song.
- Invocation, Rev. W. J. Mayhew.
- Playlett, Miss Lucy Tracy.
- Sanitation in our Grammar school, L. R. Thompson.
- Report of committees.
- Mixed quartette, Miss Collins' department.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bickley's many friends will be glad to learn that they have moved back to their home in this city from Vernon, where they have been for the past year or more.

BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be all the regular services at the Baptist Church Sunday and through the week, Pastor Parrack of the church announces. He also extends a cordial welcome to all who will to worship at this church.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee A. Lee have enjoyed having as their guests this week a friend, Miss Orpah Archer and Mrs. Allie Matthews, Bill Harding and wife, cousins of Mrs. Lee, all of Los Angeles, Calif.

SHOE SHOP MOVES

I have moved my shoe shop two doors north from my former location on Kent street, next door to Ocie's Cafe. I also thank you for all past patronage. E. L. Ash. 11p

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DO WE FULLY APPRECIATE OUR KINDERGARTEN

One of the most interesting places to visit in Merkel is the children's school conducted by Mrs. McSpadden. The enthusiasm and desire to know awakened by this good teacher in the minds of her pupils is an inspiration to us older folk, and you cannot visit that little school without becoming more impressed with the possibilities of that little group.

Her work is of such importance, and the compensation so meager, it should receive the attention of those interested in good schools for little folks.

WARREN NEWS

The people of this community are very busy breaking their land, while others will be compelled to wait for rain before they can break land.

Mr. and Mrs. Zebbie Sumpter spent Saturday night and Sunday with his parents of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Jones and Miss Lena Maye Chancey spent Tuesday night with Mr. Willie Chancey of Abilene.

We regret to learn that Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington of this community have moved to the Horn community. We hope they will continue with their success as usual.

Miss Azlene Sumpter of Merkel spent Friday night with Misses Artie and Helen McCormick.

We are glad to announce that Mrs. Leathy Petty is moving to the Warren community. We will give her a warm welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Zebbie Sumpter and Mr. Robert Sumpter visited Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Jones Monday night.

Mrs. H. C. Chancey and little daughter, Loyce, visited Mrs. I. D. Cross Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Higgins spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Truman Jaynes.

Miss Artie McCormick visited Miss Azilene Sumpter Saturday night and Sunday.

Misses Elsie and Deci Sharp each returned to their respective schools, the former to Childress and the latter to Clyde, after spending the holidays here with home folks.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris were happy to have their daughters, Mesdames W. E. and S. A. Duckett, with their families, visit them during the holidays. The former lives at Comanche and the latter at Tulia.

Out of gas? Phone 25—Day and night. 11

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Regular services Sunday, beginning with Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

If your children are not in a Sunday School and you are not a church attendant, this is a good time of the year to make new resolutions. You can make no better one than to say we are going to attend Sunday school and church this year. You will always be welcomed at our services.

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INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Subject: "The League's Partner."
 Leader: Mattilou Largent.
 Song: Prayer.

A loving companionship; 1st Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-4, Margaret Turner.
 A faithful companionship; Ruth 1:16-17, Thelma Leach.

A helpful companionship; Ex. 17: 11-12, Milton Case.

A wise counselor; Ex. 18:10-26; Numbers 10:29-32, E. L. Turner.

Advice to a young man; 2nd Timothy 2:1-10, Nadine Tippett.

God's written Counsel, 2nd Timothy 3:14-16, J. E. Boaz.

Laborers together, 1 Cor. 3:8-9, Eleanor Mae Hamilton.

League Benediction.

Mr. J. A. Jaynes, for many years one of the well-to-do and successful farmers residing near here in the Salt Branch community, left first of the week with his family for Tahoka, where they will make their future home, he having purchased a farm near there. Mr. Jaynes for many years has raised the finest

Maize that is grown anywhere almost, winning many premiums at various county and state fairs. They are fine folks and we regret their departure.

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Mrs. E. C. Simpson and little daughter, Bonnie Jean, of Los Angeles, California, are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brown, near Noodle Dome.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE NOTICE

Patrons who have children between the ages of 7 and 14 inclusive, must have them in school daily or furnish a legal excuse for their absence. The school authorities hope this will be observed by the patrons with the minimum trouble. When the child is absent please fill the blank properly and correctly and return at the earliest possible date.

The period of compulsory attendance is 100 school days. Time previous to this announcement may count on the minimum number of days. Irvin L. Jackson, Supt.

Got a Flat? Phone 25—Service day and night. 11

THURSDAY CLUB

One of the lovely New Year affairs of the last week was the party given by Mrs. James West complimenting members of the Thursday Club. All house decorations and party appointments stressed the passing of the old year and the advent of the new. Games of progressive 42 furnished diversion throughout the afternoon, after which the guests were served a most delicious refreshment plate of Tongue salad, fruit cake with whipped cream, cranberry sauce and olives with coffee, while each plate bore a tiny lighted candle, symbolizing the passing of the old year, and as the candle burned low each guest made New Year's resolutions. Out of town guests were Mrs. Lawrence and Will Brown of Anson, other guests were Mesdames Dennis, Sheppard, Gaither, Guitar, Warren, Scott, McFarland, Tom Largent, Dee Grimes, W. J. Largent, R. I. Grimes, Charlie Jones, T. L. Grimes, W. L. Diltz, Gamble, Anderson and John West.

IDLEWISE CLUB

Mrs. Roy Largent received members of the Idlewise Club in the home of her mother, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider, on last Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. An open fire combined with an attractive arrangement of pot plants and hanging baskets of blooming lillies, made an inviting setting for the afternoon games.

Tables were arranged for games of Auction Bridge and all table appointments featured the "New Year" motif. At a late afternoon hour the hostess served a delicious refreshment plate of cream chicken, pear salad, cheese straws, olives and coffee, with clever plate favors announcing the New Year to: Misses Mary Cleo Booth, Alva Wheeler, Lucy Tracy, Christine Collins, Ruby Hamm, Nadine Tippet, Elizabeth Harkrider, Mesdames W. J. Largent, Jack Durham, Tom Price, Matt Dillingham, Kirby Beckett, Emmet Grimes, Harry Cookston, Warren Smith and W. S. J. Brown.

MARRIED

At 12 noon Saturday the 17th of December, Rev. Batsel Baxter, president of A. C. C., pronounced the words that made man and wife of Mr. Milford Brabbin of Cisco and Miss Thelma Fuqua of the Nubia community in the presence of only a few friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Brabbin left for a few days visit in Cisco, after which they will spend some time at Mrs. Brabbin's former home.

BRIDGE GAMES

Miss Flora Frances Anderson extended hospitality to a number of her friends with games of Auction Bridge on Tuesday evening of last week. At the culmination of the games refreshments of sandwiches, fruit cake served with coffee and Christmas candies were served to Misses Sue Stevenson, Melba West Doris and Tommye Durham, Messrs. Wrenn Durham, W. L. Harkrider, Arthur Comper of Abilene and Jack Anderson by the hostess.

On Friday evening Miss Melba West was hostess to friends at Bridge. The games were interspersed with piano and radio music, after which dainty sandwiches were served with orange ice, olives and Christmas mints, to Misses Tommye Durham, Gladys Mayfield, Lola Dennis, Frances Anderson, Mona Margaret Jones, Melba West, Messrs. Weston West, Ed McCrary, Doyle Garrett, Arthur Comper of Abilene, and George West.

TRENT CHURCH of CHRIST

As the Christmas season is now over and the new year has begun we are planning to enlarge our work along every line. Our house is being repaired to make it more comfortable and pleasant. Our song service will be given special attention during the next few weeks and our class teachers will soon be making special preparations each week. Our aim throughout this year is to extend every one who comes a hearty welcome, to help them to learn more about God's book and to walk, to the best of our ability, in paths of righteousness. Come and let us all draw nearer to God as the days roll by.

Bible study Sunday 10 a.m. Sermon 11 a.m. Subject: "Types and Anti-types." Communion 12 M. Young People's service 6:30 p.m. Subject: "Teachings of Christ." Sermon 7:30 p.m. Subject "Types and Anti-types, Continued." Midweek Bible study Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Lesson, Matthew 7." Carl A. Collins, Minister.

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WANTED

WANTED—A few more men for Watkins dealers in South Lynn county, Bristoe county and West East-land county. For other localities not mentioned see W. A. Whiteley. tf

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—5-room house on Kent street. Piped for gas. See P. H. Douglas. 1tp

FOR RENT—2-room house in north-west Bettis Heights, \$10 per month. See E. C. Brown. 1tp

FOR RENT—4-room house, close in. Also have plenty of kindling to sell. S. F. Haynes. 1tp

FOR RENT—Modern apartment, gas heater and cook stove. Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, phone 274-J. 1t

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Some where in Merkel this week, girl's horned rim glasses in leather case. Finder please leave at Merkel Mail office. Mary Click. 1t

LOST—Between my home and town, a gold watch attached to a short silver belt chain. The watch is a

Hamilton, and the crystal was broken. Finder please return to Thos. Durham at Merkel Mail, and receive reward. tf

Got a Flat? Phone 25—Service day and night. 1t

Dora Items

Well, Santa has come and gone, making every one feel glad by some kind deed or gift and now we are all ready to begin a New Year with more pep than ever.

Mrs. Sarah Porter is on the sick list this week but we hope she will soon be up and about.

Mrs. Drew Clark of Clovis, N. M., returned home after a week's visit with home folks, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Perry.

Those radiators that did not freeze during the few days of cold weather are lucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pogue of Concho county spent the night with E. P. Perry and family this week.

Miss Faye Lawlis of Lockney spent the holidays here visiting relatives and friends. Nance.

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The picture was made under the direction of Sidney Oleott and contains an exceptional cast.

The famous Tunney-Dempsey fight picture will be shown on Wednesday and Thursday also at the Queen.

Judge and Mrs. Eakman, of Amarillo, parents of Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Jr., are here to spend the winter with the latter. Judge Eakman and wife have visited here during the winter for several years, and have many friends who are glad to welcome them back again to our city.

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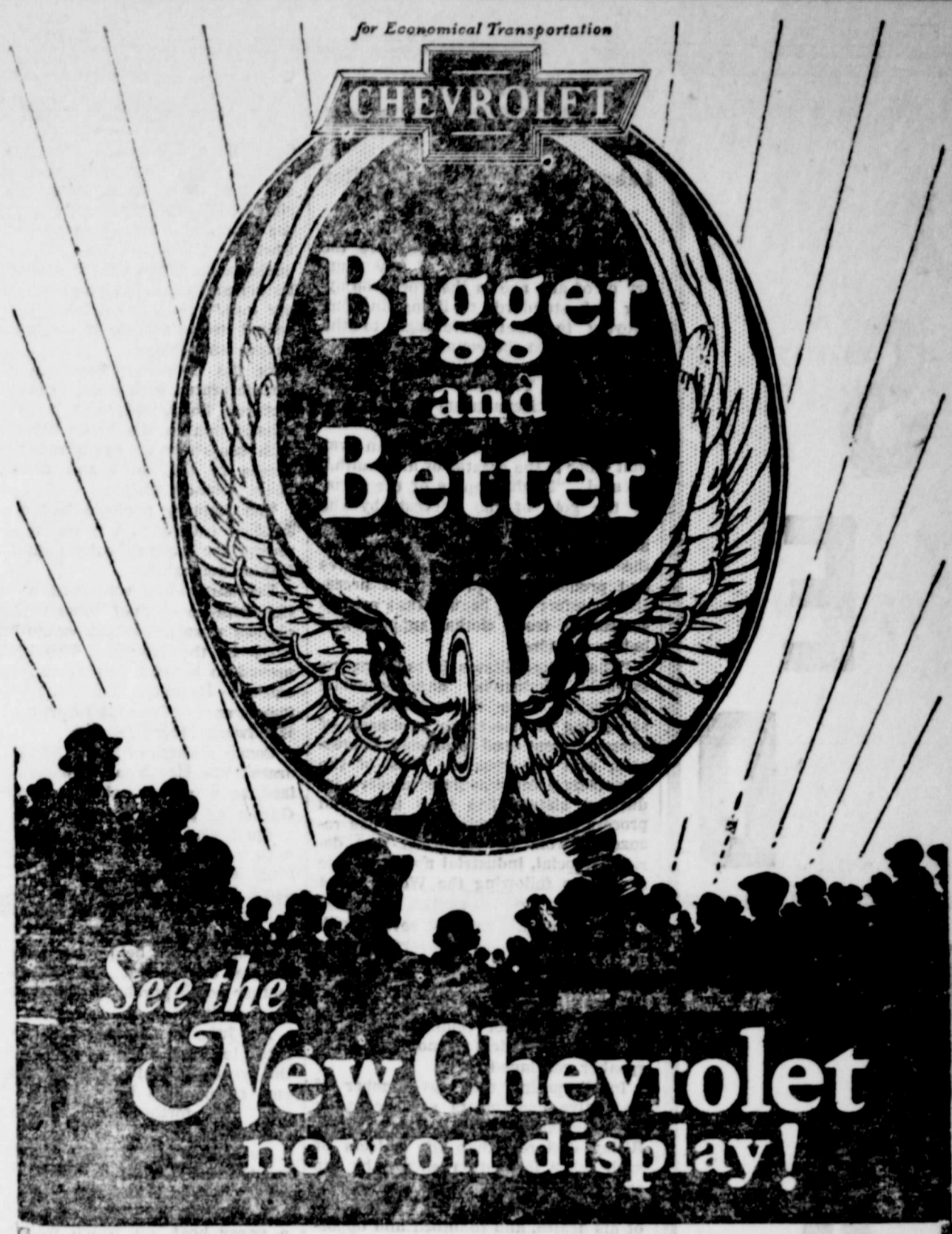
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Labor Department Solicitor Gives Workers Credit.

Chicago.—Americans today are the most productive people of any country or of any age in the world, enjoying high standards of living and employing to great advantage to the laborer and to the country as a whole machinery to an unprecedented degree, Judge Theodore G. Risley, solicitor of the Department of Labor, declared.

"The world realizes more than ever that labor is the creator of all wealth," he said. "In the depths of the mine, in the gold of the harvest, by the throbbing engines, the flaming furnaces, the whirring spindles and on the foam-crested seas labor creates and produces the products of necessity, comfort and beauty that are essential to feed, clothe, support and better mankind.

"The United States is enjoying remarkable industrial and economic prosperity while other nations are struggling to meet the problems of unemployment and economic depression, said the speaker. One of the surprising achievements of modern industrial history has been the rapid process by which this country has recovered from its disturbed and deranged social, industrial and economic conditions following the World war," he said.

"The re-employment of several millions of unemployed laborers and the maintaining of a wage scale practically equal to, and in many instances greater than, that of the war scale is regarded by other countries as little less than a political phenomenon," the speaker continued.

In discussing the vast number of legislative enactments and proposals affecting labor of this country, Judge Risley declared that the objects of such labor legislation should be the safeguarding of the rights and the interests of the laborer, the conserving of his health, and to afford him opportunities which enable him to live in comfort and respectability, properly to educate and rear his family and to enable him by thrift and industry to lay by enough to care for his family and to shake off the haunting fear of poverty in old age.

Find Weave Lets in Rays More Than Fabric

Washington.—To be bathed by the beneficial ultra-violet rays, wear open-weave fabric.

To test the claims that artificial silk cloth allowed large amounts of the health-giving short wave lengths of sunlight to pass through, various fabrics were submitted to test at the national bureau of standards. Cotton was found to be nearly as transparent to the ultra-violet light, as viscose and cellulose acetate, and real silk had about the same transparency as cotton.

The viscose artificial silk was more transparent than that made from cellulose acetate but the maximum transparency measured was only 27 per cent. Dyes or the yellowing due to age was found to reduce the transmission to only about 5 to 10 per cent and in most fabrics the threads occupy 95 to 99 per cent of the total space.

The experts conclude that the composition of the fabric is of less importance than the coarseness of weave.

Volcano Causes 2 Pacific Islands to Be Made One

Dutch Harbor, Alaska.—News covering the recent volcanic disturbance in Bering sea reached here recently via the coast guard cutter Northland. The vessel visited Bogoslof Island to examine new formations.

The older rock mass is unchanged

CHRISTMAS CLIMAX THAT WAS WELCOME

THIS practical and pleasing gift was planned by a son and daughter for their aged parents, who claimed that the joy it carried through the year was a climax to all previous Christmas love tokens. When the package, on which was written, "Dear Father and Mother, with greetings and our love," was opened there were revealed twelve parcels of various sizes, shapes and colors.

In the December envelope, which was decorated with seals, Santa Claus pictures, holly, etc., was a five-year subscription to the home newspaper, with snapshots of the grandchildren, scenes in the son's and daughter's home, friends, etc.

The January package had a small January calendar on it which held a receipt for a year's subscription to a fashion magazine.

February's box contained a valentine with an original verse which explained a surprise that would arrive early in the month. The surprise proved to be two current magazines, one on Hunting, Trapping, Winter Sports and a Woman's Household and Handwork Magazine.

Comic pictures of March papers decorated the March parcel, which promised, by a receipt inside, a Home and Gardening publication.

April was in the form of a joke, with a note on which was written in large letters, "When? What? Why?—April Fool." Through the month a popular weekly Farm and Home Journal arrived each week.

A May basket held coins with lines to the effect that the father and mother could purchase whatever they most desired.

For June was a letter, fittingly decorated, in which were congratulations—the wedding anniversary of the parents occurred in this month. There was also forthcoming an "Outing" publication.

As July and August were the months in which the birthday anniversaries of the parents occurred, these packages were wrapped together. In a paper boat, on which was pasted a flag, was wrapped a check to cover a trip to the homes of the son and daughter with instructions to purchase a popular Recreation Magazine, as well as highway guides and maps, for the father had a hobby of studying road guides and maps.

When the September magazine arrived it contained a number of greeting postal cards which the parents could send to their friends.

October's envelope was an order for a religious publication.

November's was a copy of a magazine reviewing the interesting topics of the past twelve months, as a fitting climax to the year's reading material which had given such satisfaction.

The son and daughter had arranged with a book stand to deliver the magazines. What a joy they must have experienced in planning this gift, which was indeed a Christmas climax that lasted throughout the year!—Gertrude Walton. (©, 1927, Western Newspaper Union.)

At Christmas Time

AT CHRISTMAS TIME Bethlehem is the famous capitol of all the earth. Then, the star of Bethlehem outranks all the flaming constellations. Then angels and archangels crowd the sky and fill the night with chants and praise. Then the shepherds come to seek for Mary's child. Wise men come, with gold for a new-born king—with frankincense for the high-priest of all the ages and with myrrh for the sacrificial lamb. At Christmas time the manger

PALACE

"NEVER A DISAPPOINTMENT"

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

TOM MIX

—in—

"SILVER VALLEY"

A Story of Love, Laughter and Lightning Action

—NEWS and COMEDY—

MONDAY and TUESDAY

ADOLPH MENJOU

—in—

"THE ACE of CADS"

—NEWS and COMEDY—

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

—GERTRUDE ATHERTON'S SENSATIONAL NOVEL—

"PERCH OF THE DEVIL"

A Universal Jewel

Featuring Pat O'Malley, Mac Busch and Jane Winton.

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We wish to announce also to our patrons and the public that we now have a full line of feeds of all kinds which we will sell to you at the lowest market price.

When in the market for

Hulls Meal
Cake Corn
Bran Dairy Feed
Chicken Feeds

let us figure with you. We will keep a complete line at all time and will appreciate your patronage.

JIM TOOBMS
— AT THE —
PLANTERS GIN

NOTHINK LIKE "METROPOLIS" HAS EVER BEEN SEEN ON THE SCREEN

Paramount's "cinemiracle" which arrives at the Queen next Monday and Tuesday, received the following commendation in the New York Times.

Nothing like "Metropolis," the ambitious UFA production that has created international comment, has been seen on the screen. It, therefore, stands alone, in some respects, as a remarkable achievement. It is a technical marvel with feet of clay, a picture as soulless as the manufactured woman of its story. Its scenes bristle with cinematic imagination, with hordes of men and women and astounding stage settings. It is hardly a film to be judged by its narrative, for despite the fantastic nature of the story, it is, on the whole, unconvincing lacking in suspense and at times extravagantly theatrical. It suggests a combination of a preachment on capital and labor in a city of the future, an R. U. R. idea and something of Mrs. Shelley's "Frankenstein." Its moral is that the brains and the hands fail when the heart (love) does not work with them. The brains represent capital, and the hands, labor.

The production itself appears to have been a Frankenstein model to the story. Fritz Lang, the famous German director, who was responsible for the "Siegfried" film, handled the making of the photodrama. Occasionally it strikes one that he wanted to include too much and then that all one anticipates does not appear. But at the same time the various ideas have been spliced together quite adroitly. It is a subject on which an adverse comment has to be taken from the perspective of the enormity of the task, as most other pictures would fall into insignificance if compared to it. When one criticizes the halting steps of workmen, their staggard efforts to demonstrate fatigue and even the lacking details of life in this metropolis, one realizes that there is in this screen effort much that borders on symbolism.

Messrs. Clesby and Comer Patterson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Patterson, left for Arlington, where they are attending the North Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Think what a singer Patti might have become had she enjoyed the benefits of toasted cigarettes.

WARNING!
To Car Owners

Those who use Anti-Freeze in their car will please take notice that to be safe it is necessary to come in occasionally and have same replenished as it is not guaranteed to not freeze when the strength is low. It is **SAFE** when **KEPT UP** and **DANGEROUS** when not up to its right strength.

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