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Fine Watch Repairing

Done promptly and correctly. Give me a trial and be convinced.

J. B. LOVE,

Jeweler and Optician

Mountain Street,
KERRVILLE, TEXAS.

KERRVILLE OFFERED THE ACADEMY

Baptists Hold Meeting and Decide to Locate Institution at Famous Mountain Resort

(San Antonio Express)

Although the Business Men's Club of Kerrville failed to secure the Baptist encampment buildings to be built at Sutherland Springs by a narrow margin, they will get the Baptist Academy, which will be erected in the near future.

The money obtained by donation through the efforts of the Business Men's Club of Kerrville for the purchase of the encampment will now be used to purchase the grounds for the academy.

The land, which is the property of A. B. Davis, near part of My Ranch, is situated one-half mile from Kerrville. The property is the same offered to the Baptists for the encampment. It consists of 40 acres on the West bank of the Guadalupe river and is particularly adapted to this school proposition, there being a natural playground, boating and fishing facilities. The elevation is 1900 feet.

"This will be accepted by the Business Men's Club of Kerrville," says Mr. Davis, "as they have discussed this matter, and are after all institutions of this character."

The school will be built on a prominent knoll overlooking Kerrville and the surrounding country.

The resolutions adopted at the meeting of the Southwest Texas Baptist Workers executive board last Friday:

"Resolved, first: That it is the sense of the executive committee of Southwest Texas Baptist Workers conference that the next Baptist Academy be located at Kerrville provided that the Business Men's Club of Kerrville should be willing to donate the forty acres of land offered as a site for the Baptist encampment for a school site.

"Resolved, second: That we pledge our co-operation to Kerrville in the opening of said academy by the fall of 1911, if possible, or by the fall of 1912, at the latest.

"Resolved, third: That the academy equipment should be laid out on a basis of not less than \$25,000.

"F. F. STOKES, President,
"WESTON BRUNER,
"T. V. NEAL,
"F. M. THOMAS,
"Proxy for E. C. Routh."

FALL KILLS A CARPENTER

Companion is Also Seriously Hurt at Ingram.

Lee Dowdy was killed and E. L. Vann was seriously hurt at Ingram, eight miles west of here, last Friday night when a scaffold on which they were at work in a church fell, precipitating them to the floor. Both were old residents of Ingram and both had families.

They were engaged in ceiling a church when the accident occurred. Dowdy lingered for about an hour before death came. His funeral was held Sunday at Sunset burying ground. Vann will recover.

GILLESPIE COUNTY FAIR AT FREDERICKSBURG

24th Annual Opens with Big List of Exhibitors—Considered Best Fair in Years—First Day's Races Draws Big Crowd—Jockey Thrown and Stepped on by Horse May Die

Fredericksburg, Texas, September 15.—The Gillespie County Fair opened here today under the most promising conditions that have prevailed at fair time in many years.

The management is elated on account of the splendid show. Every department is full. The cattle and horse show is a big winner. In fact, every branch of live stock industry in this section is well represented.

The agricultural and horticultural exhibit is something that might well be a source of pride to communities making greater claims to prominence in the production of these articles. The wheat and oats exhibit is very complete, and the quality of the grain is A1. Feed stuffs and forage are shown in great variety. The corn exhibit, notwithstanding the dry weather, is a winner. The ears are large and the grain is well matured and heavy.

In the matter of fruits and vegetables, there is no room for other comment than the statement that it is very good. A 65-pound watermelon, a mammoth squash, bunches of grapes almost like those Joshua found in Canaan, Irish potatoes that cause Colorado to look to her laurels, sweet potatoes, of the real "sandy land" kind, big, fat ones, apples, pears and other fruits, fresh from the orchards and vineyards, and not from cold storage, vie with one another in attracting the attention of the visitor.

The Ladies' Department, under the management of A. E. Schmidt, Miss Clara Evers, Mrs. A. R. Gold, Miss Olga Hagen and Miss Clara Boeckmann, is what that feature of chiefest attraction. In this department the exhibits comprise everything, almost that the human mind can conceive in the way of woman's handiwork, and their name is legion.

Fancy needlework, plain sewing, painting, decorating and the very multitude of things that a man can neither name, nor remember the name of when told. There is also a display of bread, cakes, preserves, jellies, wines and articles of household preparation that, in themselves are a pean of praise for the housewives of Gillespie county.

The racing stables are well filled with thoroughbreds and that feature of the big show is strictly up to the standard. The racing committee is composed of Jno. Klaerner, Geo. Zoerner, and Clayton Morris, and they are seeing to it that the lovers of this sport get full value for their money.

On the whole this is the best fair Fredericksburg has had for several years. The weather is perfect. A fine shower fell just before the fair to thoroughly settle the dust. The roads are in fine condition. The breeze is cool and invigorating, and everybody is having a good time.

EXHIBITORS

Among the stockmen showing animals are:
J. W. White, of Mason, standardbred horses.
Chadwick Bros., Mason, Hereford cattle.

Wm. Lott, Morris Ranch, Hereford cattle, coach horses and sheep.
Wm. Roeder, Hereford cattle.

August Lott, jacks.
Ben Reiley, black Polled cattle.
Louis Kenese, Durham cattle.
John Burrier, Poland China hogs.

Wm. Bierschwale, Tamworth hogs.
Moritz Hartmann, Angora goats and Ramboulette's sheep.

Wm. Huey, coach horses.
Alvin Bernhard, standardbred horses.
Rud. Itz, German coach horses.

In the agricultural department the list of exhibitors would fill a volume, and that and the ladies' department

would comprise a roster that is indeed, "too numerous to mention."

TODAY'S RACES

First race, $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, for Gillespie county saddle horses, eight entries: J. P. Moore, 1st; Hugo Schmeer, 2nd; J. P. Moore, 3rd.

Second race, $\frac{1}{4}$ miles: Entries: King, Capt. Joe, Horace H. Lykers; Lykers won; King, 2nd; Capt. Joe, 3rd; Horace H. also ran.

Third race, mule, $\frac{1}{8}$ mile: J. W. Burrier, won; Will Washington, 2nd; Jeff Ward, 3d.

Fourth Race, $\frac{3}{8}$ mile: Entries: Gee Whiz, Arch Oldham, Maud; Arch Oldham, won; Gee Whiz, 2nd; Maud, 3d.

JOCKEY HURT

In the first race, Jockey Fred Lewis, negro, was thrown from his mount and seriously hurt. Dr. Keidel, who examined him, reported that one of the horses had stepped on Lewis' abdomen, while he was down, and that there was grave danger that internal injury had been sustained.

FAIR NOTES

Among today's visitors Hon. Jas. L. Slayden, of San Antonio appears. Mr. Slayden had been to Llano, where he delivered an address to the teachers' institute in session at that place.

Chas. Heinen, E. Schwethelm and H. Mosel of Kerrville are here.

Ernest Critzer and Lee Miller of San Antonio are here.

H. N. Carter, Ira Kuykendall and F. C. Lumm of Llano are in attendance.

H. B. King and Bruno Wendler, of Boerne, were among today's visitors.

A Relic of Kerrville's Erstwhile

Through the courtesy of Mr. S. S. Haight, of San Antonio, who formerly lived in Kerrville, we have a copy of a daily paper that made its appearance in Kerrville on Friday, July 19, 1895. The copy sent this office is one of the first issue. We are informed that the publication did not live long to enlighten the world, but only long enough to demonstrate the fact that the time was not ripe for the publication of a daily in the Gem City of the Guadalupe valley.

Among the advertisements published in the paper, the name of which is the "Day's Doings," we find that of Hy. Cardlin, teacher of Stenography and Shorthand; Parsons & Long, Liverymen; W. V. Gregory, General Merchandise; Zuercher & Heinen, Butchers; W. E. Stewart, Druggist; Albert Glock, Photographer; J. L. Pampell, dealer in Seasonable Fruits, and Summer Dishes; The Star Livery Stable, and the Obar House. Most of these establishments are long ago matters of history. J. L. Pampell, "dealer in seasonable fruits and summer dishes," is owner and proprietor of Kerrville Candy and Bottling Works, Pampell's Opera House, and one of the largest wholesale and retail confectionery establishments in this part of the state. All of the other concerns that were advertised in the first issue of the "Day's Doings" have, like the publication itself, become weary of the race and rested from labor.

"Day's Doings" was edited by one Leone Rankin, whose whereabouts are not known to any citizen of Kerrville at this time. It was published from the office of the Kerrville News, which was subsequently purchased by the MOUNTAIN SUN and retired to the foundry.

"Day's Doings" made a bold start for the open reaches of the sea of journalism, as evidenced by the following clipping from the columns of its first issue, which bears evidence that the editor was a live one:

THE WAY TO KILL A TOWN

Never encourage a man who intends to establish an industry, always tell him that there is no money in the country and that he will make a failure.

If a man wants to buy a lot and erect a residence, tell him that he cannot make a living, and that the lot is not worth ten dollars.

Should a stranger come to your town complain of hard times and never forget to run your town and county down. Tell him that you intend to leave just as soon as you can sell out.

Always complain about a one-man's town. Should a shrewd business man who has been in the town always, and by honest and fair dealings and judicious and liberal advertising make a success, run him down. And when you want a favor step round to his back door and pretend to be his best friend.

If you are out of employment from sheer laziness, complain about the monopolies and railroads and individuals.

THE CONSERVATIVE BANKER

in making loans must know to a certainty that his applicants or sureties are responsible and worthy of credit.

Likewise, the prudent depositor should know the character and the standing of the bank with which he deals.

The business reputation and the experience and ability of our officers with a record of many years of successful business is sufficient guarantee that the interests of every depositor will be carefully protected

CHARLES SCHREINER

BANKER

[Unincorporated]

Individual Responsibility More Than Two Millions Dollars

WOOL COMMISSION MERCHANT

Kerrville, Texas

And talk about the good old times long gone past.

Never give a stranger a welcome for he may wish to engage in some kind of business.

And last, but not least, never advertise in a newspaper, for you might sell some goods, and people might find out that such a man was alive.

When a reporter solicits your custom, and politely asks you for an advertisement, tell him that advertising does no good and that it is simply money thrown away.

Never subscribe for a newspaper for you might find out that the world revolves around every twenty-four hours, and that the rushing business man is still in the swim while the dust of years accumulates upon your shelf worn goods.

Among the local personal notes of that period we call some that might interest old citizens:

"There was a string band organized last night composed of two violins, two guitars, mandolin, flute and piano."

There are possibly people in these days of advanced thought who would question the statement that a flute was a stringed instrument, some who are over punctilious might cavil at the idea of allowing the wires in a piano putting it in the stringed class, but we are giving "history, according to the historian." Perhaps reference was made to strings; the instalment man had on the flute and piano.

"The streets have been exceedingly dry and dusty for the past two weeks."

"Day's Doings" was no doubt giving its readers a valuable piece of information in that item, and had the type been left standing there would have been many occasions in recent times when it could have been used "to fill up."

Glancing on down the column we find: "Mr. Lee Mason of the St. Charles Hotel, is erecting a large stable in the rear of his hotel."

Customs have no doubt changed in recent years, at any rate it would be a remarkable thing at this time to see a man erect a large stable in any part of his hotel.

"Kerrville is the finest location in the state for an ice plant. It is almost impossible to buy ice at any price, and a first-class plant would make an independent fortune. Who will start the ball rolling?"

That same independent fortune is

still undeveloped, and going to waste, and the question with which the paragraph closes is still pertinent.

Among the local advertising matter we find:

"You can get the best choice and lowest prices on Organs and Pianos by calling at this office. Don't fail to get our prices before closing a trade with anybody."

There seems to have been no objection to customers "closing trades" with other people, so they first secured the price of the publisher of "Day's Doings."

"Don't neglect to secure a receipt for the Johnson grass exterminator before it is too late. How easy to sprinkle a little upon it and watch it die."

The exterminator was a fake, or else the people of this section overlooked a good bet. There is still some Johnson grass in Kerr county. The tone of the paper seems to indicate that there was at that time a necessity for a publisher to have several "side lines" in order to make good in his profession. Pianos, Organs, Johnson Grass Exterminator, and The Electropoise "as a remedy for all Diseases" appear to have been favorites.

A paragraph in the "salutatory" of this edition of "Day's Doings" demonstrates how futile it is often to hope, and also how sadly wrong an aspiring journalist often reads the charts of "the seas of journalism." The optimistic, and effervescent ebullition of the editor of "Day's Doings" reads as follows:

"The paper will be devoted to the interests first, last, and always of Kerrville and Kerr county. Although many a sturdy craft has been wrecked upon the hidden rocks and shoals of the era of journalism, we hope with skillful piloting and a thorough knowledge of the sea to avoid the dangers and come to anchor safely within the harbor of success."

"Day's Doings" has long gone to its reward, indeed it is said to have died in infancy. Peace to its ashes, and peace to the ashes of every man of letters from Cadmus the Phoenecian down to the last who, like Jacob of old, "drew up his legs in the bed and was no more." When a newspaper is "started" it is destined to demonstrate something—either that it can live or that it cannot.

LOCAL and PERSONAL

BY SUN REPORTERS.

Ren Alexander of the South Fork country was in Kerrville Monday.

Mrs. A. E. Burge and daughter, Miss Sadie, left Tuesday for the mineral springs near Calistoga, Calif.

W. P. W. Holmes and wife and son, W. N. Holmes, of the Leaky country, were among the visitors in Kerrville, Monday.

W. F. Sibert and Geo. Altkruse of San Antonio, who had been at the Dubose ranch on a fishing trip, left Tuesday for home.

Kodak work finished right, and at reasonable charges. MRS. O'NEAL.

Ed. Schmidt, Jr., was in Kerrville Monday from his ranch on Turtle creek.

Robert Penninger, editor of the Fredericksburg Wachenblatt, was among the visitors in Kerrville last Saturday.

Henry Burney, of San Antonio, spent Sunday in Kerrville with his parents, Judge and Mrs. R. H. Burney.

We wish to call your attention to our new line of fall goods. We bought them before the advance in price, and can now save you money on your fall purchases. We invite your inspection, and assure you of courteous treatment and first class values for the money you spend at our store. T. W. F. Dietert & Bro.

Judge R. H. Burney came up from Boerne last Saturday to spend Sunday with his family. He returned Monday. Court will continue all this week at Boerne.

Dr. Edward Galbraith,



Dentist

Office Next to Rawson's Drug Store
Kerrville, Texas.

Dr. J. B. Love returned last Sunday from Seattle, where he had been attending the Exposition. Dr. Love says it was a great show and that he had a fine trip.

The new fall stock of dress goods now ready for inspection. Chas. Schreiner Company's.

Herman Mosel attended the fair at Fredericksburg this week.

Capt. Alonzo Rees of Center Point spent Wednesday in Kerrville.

G. P. McCorkle of Center Point spent Wednesday in Kerrville.

Hats cleaned and blocked at the Model Tailoring Co.

Miss Ida Pfeuffer left Tuesday for Houston to visit her sister Mrs. F. G. Hoffmann from which place she will extend her visit to Galveston.

Felix Moezgemba, a traveling man of San Antonio was on a business trip to Kerrville Wednesday.

W. F. Owens, of Rock Springs, was in Kerrville on business Monday.

W. D. Newton, of Austin, was a guest at the St. Charles Monday.

C. W. Wiley, of Fort Worth, was registered at the St. Charles Monday.

For first-class tailoring see the Model Tailoring Co.

C. A. Hamer, of San Antonio, was in Kerrville this week.

D. L. Bourland, Jr., of San Antonio, was in Kerrville Tuesday.

J. H. Tharn, of San Francisco, was in Kerrville Tuesday.

A nice line of suitings for ladies and children at 20c a yard. Chas. Schreiner Company's.

W. Bender and wife, of Snyder, were guests at the Gerdes Monday.

Sam H. Jones, of Center Point, was registered at the Gerdes Monday.

Miss Bessie Pepper, of Rock Springs, was in Kerrville Monday.

There is nothing more serviceable than Red Seal gingham for school dresses and aprons. New stock at Chas. Schreiner Company's.

Hy Stevens, Jr., of Bandera, was in Kerrville on business Tuesday.

Hy Henke, of this city, attended the fair at Fredericksburg.

E. Schwethelm and Chas. Heinen attended the fair at Fredericksburg this week.

If you have a good hat that has lost its shape, take it to the Model Tailoring Co. They will make it as good as new.

Miss Marguerite Rummel, who had been spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. G. F. Schreiner, left Wednesday for her home in San Antonio.

L. A. Wyatt, of San Antonio, was in Kerrville on a business trip Wednesday.

Max Piccord and W. M. Basse, two prominent business men of San Antonio were guest at the St. Charles Wednesday. They left in the afternoon to attend the fair at Fredericksburg.

Miss Ada Bessan left last Saturday for a week's visit to Sisterdale City.

Mrs. R. W. P. Thompson, of Mexico, is visiting at the home of her brother, Dr. F. L. Fordtran.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hughes of the divide are visiting relatives in Kerrville.

See the Model Tailoring Co's samples before buying your winter suit.

Miss Emmie Haag who had been visiting in Kerrville for the past month left for Boerne Sunday. She was accompanied by Miss Clara Hendricks.

Misses Addie and Jessie Denton, of the Turtle creek community visited last week at the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Williams, near Medina.

The kind of pictures that please in quality and price. O'Neal's Studio.

W. E. Aiken, of New Orleans, was a guest at the St. Charles Wednesday.

C. E. Hamlin, of Dallas was in Kerrville on a business trip Wednesday.

B. E. Patch, the automobile man and traveling salesman for Hugo, Schmeltzer and Co., was in Kerrville Wednesday on a business trip.

J. M. Olivorri and G. Ebeling, traveling men of San Antonio, were in Kerrville Wednesday looking after the needs of Kerrville merchants.

Rain Report

At 1 o'clock Tuesday morning rain began to fall in Kerrville and vicinity, and continued, at intervals, throughout the night, until a total precipitation of .73 inches had fallen.

Official reports from the surrounding territory are as follows:

Rock Springs, 4 inches; Diamond Ranch, 3 inches; Whorton Ranch, 3 inches; Live Oak Ranch, 2 inches; Harper, 3 inches; Center Point, 1 1/2 inch; Bandera, 1/2 inch and Medina, light.

Unofficial report from Junction, 3 inches, and Fredericksburg, 1 inch.

The rain was accompanied by a brisk "norther" which is the first of the winter season.

I won't do your work—unless I can do it as well as it can be done. I guarantee prompt service and my prices are popular.

S. P. BENTON.

Tivy House Sold

H. B. Hunt, of Franklin, has bought the Tivy hotel. Mrs. Wilson has the refusal of a year's lease of the property and will probably run it as a light housekeeping and rooming establishment.

LOST—Shorthaired Shepherd bitch, black, white breast with white ring around neck. Return to A. C. Schreiner, at store, and receive reward. F. S. Seales. 14-1f

Wood Wanted for the Kerrville Public Schools.

Bids will be received for 30 cords of straight Spanish oak wood cut in cord lengths. Nothing less than 4 inches in diameter will be accepted and all over 6 inches must be split. Bids will be opened at the office of the secretary, Monday, September 27.

H. V. SCHOLL, Sec., Kerrville—Public Schools, Kerrville, Texas. 14-2t

Why Druggists Recommend Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

Mr. Frank C. Hanrahan, a prominent druggist of Portsmouth, Va., says: "For the past six years I have sold and recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is a great remedy and one of the best patent medicines on the market. I handle some others for the same purposes that pay me a large profit, but this remedy is so sure to effect a cure, and my customer so certain to appreciate my recommending it to him, that I give it the preference." For sale by all druggists.

The best photography, at popular prices. MRS. O'NEAL.

We are agents for the reliable Paul Steam Laundry. We call for and deliver all laundry. Basket leaves Tuesday and returns Friday of each week. Herbert Rawson, agent. Phone 37. 12-4t

Go With a Rush.

The demand for that wonderful stomach, Liver and Kidney cure, Dr. King's New Life Pills—is astounding. Rock Drug Store say they never saw the like. Its because they never fail to cure Sour stomach, Constipation, Indigestion, Biliousness, Jaundice, Sick Headache, Chills and Malaria. Only 25c.

FOR OUT DOOR WORK IN THE WETTEST WEATHER NOTHING EQUALS

TOWER'S FISH BRAND WATERPROOF OILED GARMENTS

THEY LOOK WELL—WEAR WELL AND WILL NOT LEAK

LONG COATS \$3.00 - \$3.25
SUITS \$3.00

SOLD EVERYWHERE CATALOG FREE

A. J. TOWER CO. BOSTON, U.S.A.
TOWER CANADIAN CO. LIMITED - TORONTO, CAN.

Dr. Black's Eye Water Contains No Poison

Is a Remedy for all forms of Inflammation of the Eyes.

No matter whether a case of common red sore eyes of only a few days, or a case of granulated lids of twenty years' standing.

For acute conjunctivitis (common red sore eyes) no remedy in the world equals Dr. Black's Eye Water. The most aggravated cases are often cured in thirty-six hours by this celebrated remedy. It can be used with safety for sore eyes in people, horses and dogs.

J. R. BLACK MEDICINE CO., Kennett, Mo.

SPECIAL TESTIMONIAL.

A LETTER FROM ONE OF OUR CUSTOMERS TO A FRIEND.

Senath, Mo., June 6, 1936.
Mr. T. M. Karnes, Yorkville, Tenn.
Dear Sir:—Replying to your favor of the 4th inst. beg to say the J. R. Black Medicine Co. is thoroughly reliable and responsible and their Dr. Black's Eye Water the most nearly a specific for sore eyes of any remedy I ever handled. You need not hesitate to recommend it. I sold nearly two quarts last season and did not have to refund on a single bottle. Sell and guarantee it, and if you are called upon to make a refund, do so, and they will protect you. Yours truly,
CANEER DRUG STORE.
For Z. P. Caner, Prop.

Use Golden Crown Flour--Best for Bread, Cakes and Pastry.

Will Open Dairy

Notice is hereby given that I have leased the Richards rock quarry farm, and have opened a dairy, and will be pleased to furnish milk and butter in any quantity and at all times. Your patronage respectfully solicited.

E. C. FELTY.

Rhode Island Reds for Sale

My birds won the blue ribbon at the West Texas Fair. I have about forty of these chickens for sale.

ROBT. HORNE,
Kerrville, Texas.

The ROCK Drug Store

What you want to find in a Drug store, especially, is a competent, careful and attentive registered Pharmacist, so that you may know that there is absolute safety in the medicine you take.

Next you want the purest drugs. The highest class of patent medicines and proprietary drugs. All these you will find, together with a complete stock of Sundries and Jewelry at the

Rock Drug Store

A. B. Williamson Prop., Kerrville

H REMSCHEL,

DEALER IN

LUMBER

Sash, Doors, Etc

YARD NEAR DEPOT

Ready-Mixed Paints.

KERRVILLE, TEXAS

DIETERT BROS.,

The Mutual Interest of Buyer and Seller

Is the basic principle of honest trade and commercial friendship. We do business on that basis. Our efforts to secure trade are always directed toward giving our customers such prices as will make our trade relations mutually beneficial.

T. F. W. Dietert & Bro.,

General Merchants

Dry Goods, Clothing, Ranch Supplies, Farm Machinery

Kerrville, Texas.

You Can't Live

That is a startling statement, but you can't live unless you eat.

Now we know this. We know that you want the best groceries, and want them as cheap as cheap as you can get them—Our store is the place.

R. S. NEWMAN

Phone 124

Home Again

We are now in our new concrete store building, and are at home to the trade. For twenty years we conducted a drug business in the old wooden building. We now have a modern building, equipped for a modern drug business.

The same policy, the same methods, the same watchful care in handling all business entrusted to us, is used today in our big, modern drug store, that we have always given the business since it was established.

There are three registered pharmacists connected with the store, and one or more of them is always in attendance. We solicit your trade. We are the same old people, doing business in the same old way. The only thing new is the store, come in and see us.

W. H. Rawson

Dispensing Chemist

Kerrville, Texas

AUTOMOBILE CRAZE STRIKES KERRVILLE

Simultaneously With the Opening of Paech's Garage on Mountain Street—Citizens of Kerrville Buy Machines, and the Beginning of the Auto Era is at Hand

EIGHT MACHINES ARE NOW OWNED HERE

Less Than One Month Ago There Were But Two Machines Owned in Kerr County—People are Rapidly Becoming Convinced That Automobiles are Practical Conveyances

There is a starting point in every business. The change from old to new methods is not usually one of slow and measured tread. True, there is a season of experiment in all things that are not too simple to require a second look to assure one of their absolute value and practicability, but when that is passed the change is made at a jump. In such cases the desire to own a new thing that has been proved to be good often "breaks out" in a community, like the measles or the whooping cough.

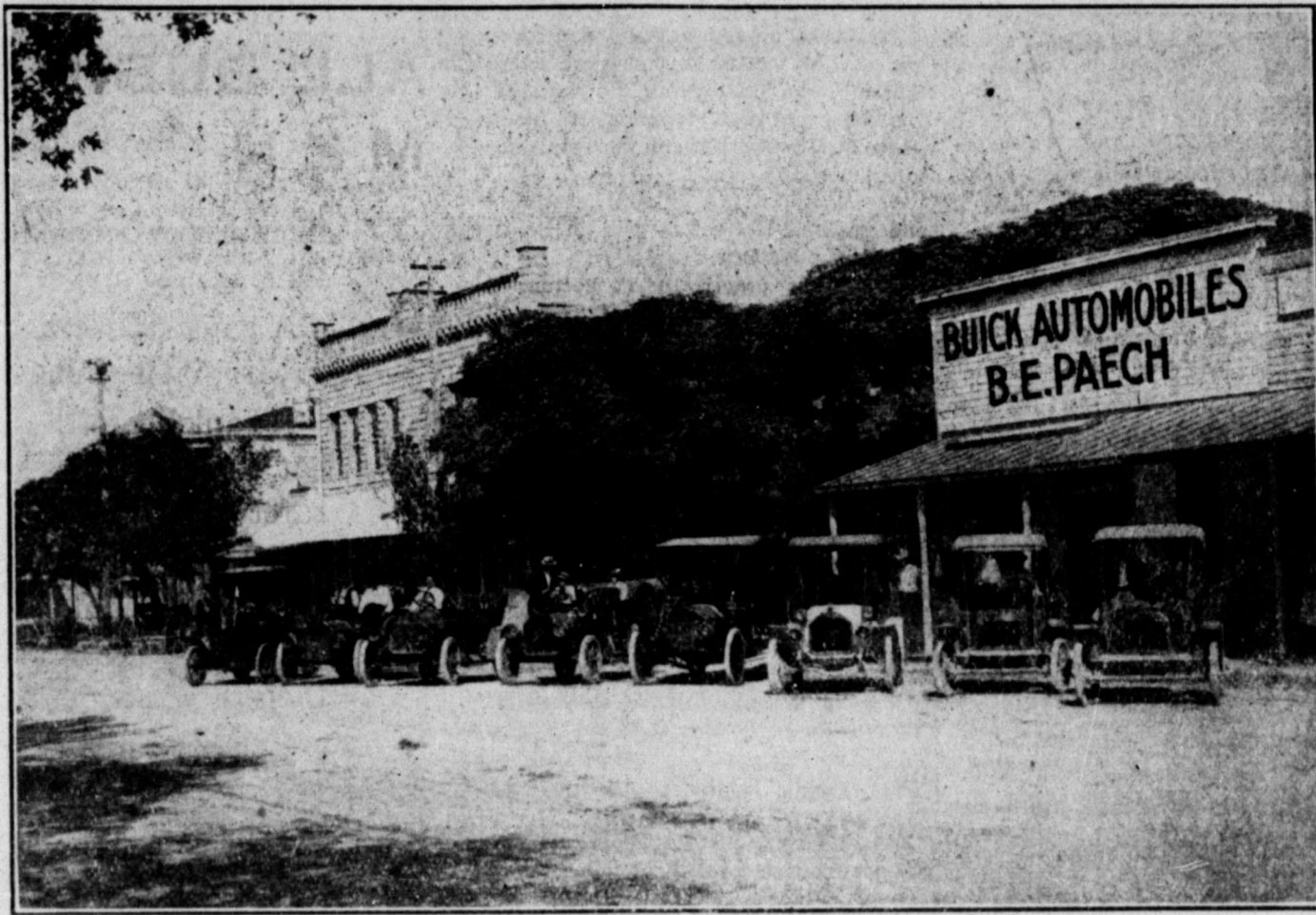
This seems to be the nature of the automobile craze in Kerrville and surrounding country. About a year ago Mr. Jack Hamlyn purchased a small machine and began to demonstrate that it was a practicable means of conveyance over all kinds of roads. In addition to selling automobiles, Mr. Hamlyn started an automobile livery business, which has in the short space of one year practically revolutionized the livery business in this section, so far as carrying passengers to and from inland towns is concerned. A month ago B. E. Paech, president of the San Antonio Post, T. P. A., and a salesman who stands high with his fellow-travelers, as well as with the trade, seeing the promising opening for an automobile business in Kerrville, secured the agency at this place for the celebrated Buick automobiles, and opened a garage on Mountain street. People began talking automobile, studying automobile, and then buying automobiles.

Last week a consolidation was made of the interests of Mr. Paech and Mr. Hamlyn, and they will run the big Garage, selling automobiles, board and room automobiles, feed them on gasoline, repair them, and do all things needful to be done for the peace and happiness of the tourist who is crossing the country in a machine that is suffering from any kind of external or internal trouble. Mr. Hamlyn is a machinist of scientific ability, and beyond question one of the most capable demonstrators of the usefulness of the machines to be found in the state.

In addition to the selling, housing and repairing of automobiles, Paech & Hamlyn will now conduct a general automobile livery business to all points in reasonable reach of Kerrville. They have several machines now in commission for the livery business and will secure others as the growing business demands them.

In point of cheapness of service the busy man must give his vote to the automobile every time. A little while ago the drummer who had to go Junction or Rock Springs was down east at the thought of the trip. It took three days to make the trip to Junction, see the trade and return. It took a whole week to make the trip to Rock Springs and back. A salesman gets into a auto in Kerrville at 7:30 in the morning, arrive at Junction at noon, after dinner see the trade, and in the evening returns to Kerrville. Two days time and two days hotel bill have been saved, to say nothing of making the trip in an easy gliding car, instead of jumping over the rough roads in a buggy.

There can be no doubt that the auto-



IN FRONT OF NEW AUTOMOBILE GARAGE ON MOUNTAIN STREET

BUICK AUTOMOBILES PAECH & HAMLYN, Agents

KERRVILLE, TEXAS

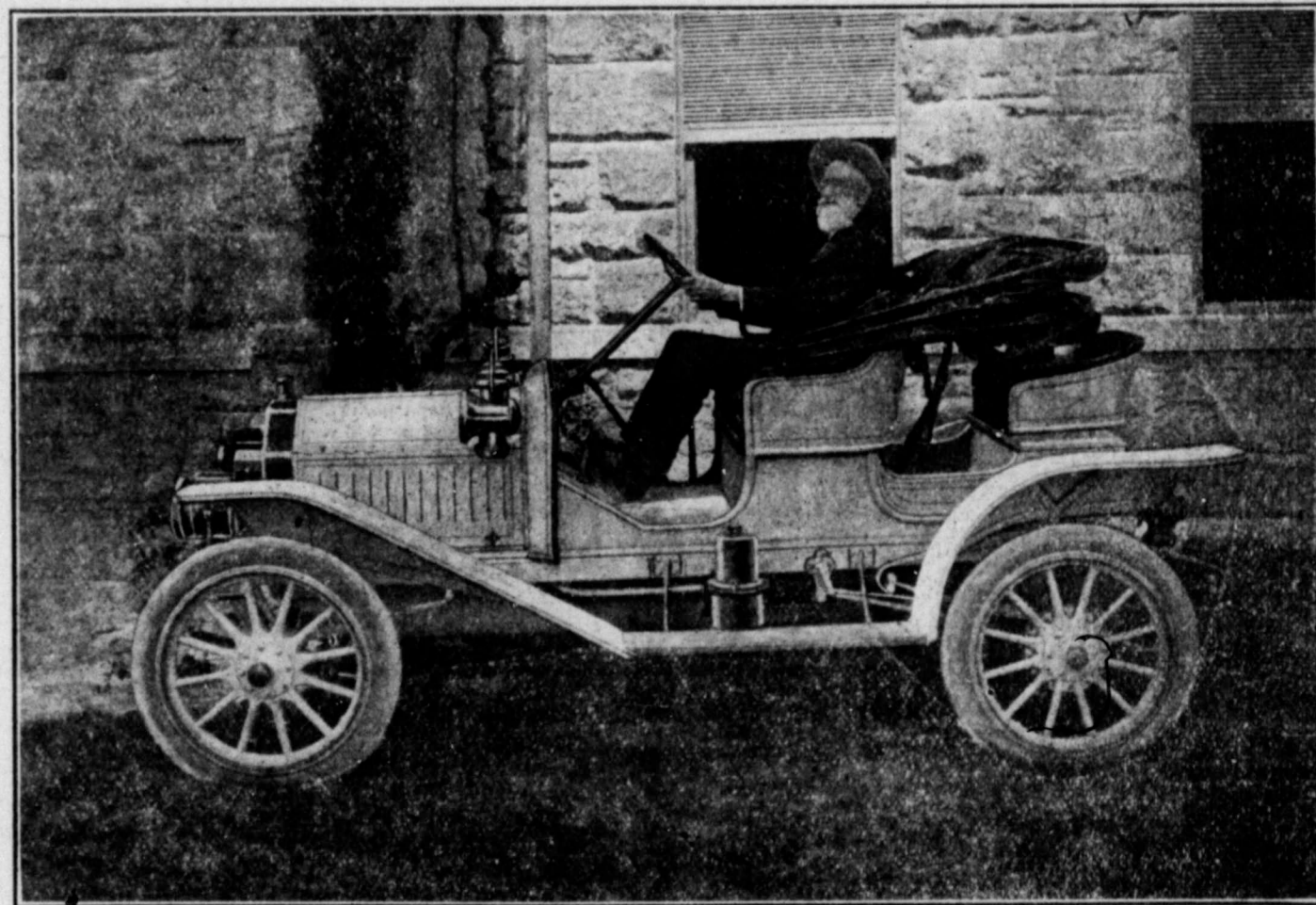
GENERAL AUTO LIVERY BUSINESS
GARAGE NEAR POSTOFFICE

Special Offer

A CAR THAT COMMONLY SELLS FOR
\$2000, WE ARE OFFER-
ING AS A SPECIAL IN-
DUCEMENT AT \$1250

TOURING CARS
AND RUNABOUTS

NOTHING BETTER
THAN "BUICK"



THE FIRST SHERIFF OF KERR COUNTY, IN A BUICK AUTOMOBILE

The above cut shows Capt. W. D. C. Burney, who was the first sheriff of Kerr county, seated in a Buick Automobile. Captain Burney was elected sheriff of Kerr county in 1856, when the county was organized, and in pioneer days had many thrilling experiences.

From the day when the first long-haired, knee-bucked Pilgrim, or wooden-shoe Holland Dutchman, or whoever he was, shouldered a blunderbuss and went out to keep the peace of King's county, New York, on down to the present hour, the office of sheriff has been a responsible one. There has never been, however, in any county, more "parlous times" than were witnessed by the sheriffs of newly organized counties on the Texas frontier about the middle of the last century. The man who held the job down had to be a "live one," and keep working at it. There were Indians, outlaws, and all round toughs of every sort to contend with. The history of this country is full of instances wherein DeWitt Burney made good.

W. D. C. Burney was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, in October, 1828. From there he removed with his parents to McNary county, Tennessee, which was then out west. In 1849, at the age of 21, he came from Tennessee to Texas. In 1850 he lived in San Antonio. In 1852 he went to Boerne, and a year later he established a shingle camp on the Medina river, where the town of Bandera now is, and put in a year making cypress shingles and hauling them to San Antonio to sell. In 1854 he went into the sawmill business where the town of Center Point now stands, and sawed the cypress lumber that was used in building the old fort at Camp Verde. Subsequently he removed to Kerrville, and when the county was organized and the town of Kerrville was founded, he was elected sheriff as above stated.

Capt. Burney is now 81 years old. He has seen the wonderful development of this country, from a trackless waste infested by savage beasts, and more sav-

age men, to as fair a spot as the sun ever shown upon. From rough mountain trails but dimly blazed, there being today over one hundred miles of road in Kerr county over which automobiles can with perfect safety run at a speed of twenty to thirty miles per hour. Not only has he seen the changes, but the pioneer ex-sheriff has kept pace with the progress, and seen everything with the big, broad view of the west and her progressive spirit, with the spirit that believes good things, and instead of waiting for them to happen makes them happen. He believes in the evolution of the automobile just as much from the strong view into the future that he has gained by carefully scrutinizing the past, as he does in the evolution of the weaving industry from the hand cards and the spinning wheel to the great cotton mills of the present, which he has witnessed. All in all W. D. C. Burney is one of the most interesting characters in Texas. Still sprightly, at his advanced age, it is a great pleasure to hear him talk of "old times."

mobile has come to stay, and that it is just as practical as the self-binding harvester, the electric car, or any one of a hundred other things that people looked at with doubt when they first came in vogue.

The word "automobile" was coined in the year 1888. There had been nothing to apply it up to that time. Today it is a household word. A year ago there were no doubt thousands of people in this country who had never seen an automobile, today there are few, if any, who are not familiar with these machines and the fact that they are rapidly revolutionizing rural transportation facilities, and putting rural communities in close touch with the great trade centers. The only feeling a man has who purchases an automobile and realizes its usefulness, is a sense of regret that he did not buy it sooner. There are many men in this country who have sufficient means to buy such a machine. They keep horses and carriages that amount to as much in value as an automobile, and worse than that when they are not at work they eat just the same, while the machine stands quietly in its shed and does not create expense, except while it is actually at work. It is not that people cannot afford to own automobiles, that more people have not bought them. It was the same way at one time in Texas about the buying of buggies. Many a ranchman who had thousands of cattle, years ago, would not buy a buggy because he was unable to figure how he could ride in it with his spurs on, without scratching the paint, never thinking that it would be an easy matter for him to take the spurs off! The same thing today confronts the farmer and ranchman in regard to the automobile. There is not a ranch in Kerr country that cannot readily be reached in an automobile. A ranchman living forty miles from Kerrville takes three days to come to town, look after a little business and return home. With an automobile he could leave home at eight o'clock in the morning, come to town, attend to his business and get back home to supper. He is two days' time and expense to the good, and not only if he wants something in a hurry he gets it. There are hundred of times that hurry means a good deal. You often hear a ranchman or farmer say, "I don't see how I ever got along before I had a telephone put in;" in five years from today you will hear the same ranchman say, "I don't see how I ever got along without an automobile." The joke about automobiles "laying down" on folks is now about as ancient as the mother-in-law joke. For years the automobile people have been working to perfect the automobile, and they have succeeded. There is about the same chance of an automobile laying down on the road as there is of a mule having a violent case of "Botts."

There is now every indication that there will be more automobiles than buggies sold in Texas in the next five years. The man who has money to buy an automobile is cheating himself if he fails to do so. There are old men and women in Texas that have lived frugally all their lives and laid up a competency, that they might enjoy old age. They should buy machines. They are as comfortable as a rocking chair, and, notwithstanding all the jokes and stories about them, are safer than the average buggy team.

As evidence that automobiles have been improved to the degree of certain practicality, the fact that every factory in the world is being run on full time and cannot supply the demand, speaks eloquently.

At the beginning of this era of prosperity, when there are enough machines to go round, some people may get impatient and buy automobiles that are not worth the money, but in the purchase of an auto the same judgment is required as in a buggy or wagon. A good machine invariably costs a little more than a poor one, and also invariably a good machine is worth a good deal more than a poor one.

The celebrated Buick machine, like the Elgin watch, the Singer sewing machine, and other masterpieces in their class, may cost a little more, but is well worth the price, and will under the same treatment will outlast two of the cheap ones, and save more than the interest on the money in the matter of repairs. With a reasonable degree of care Buick machines do not get out of repair.

Too Technical.
The artist was picking at a very small bird at the little table d'hote. He finally laid down his knife and fork and looked plaintively across at his companion. "I don't see how you can eat these table d'hote dinners," said he. "I can't. There is too much technique."

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METEOROLOGICAL RECORD

Taken at Kerrville, Texas, for the Week Ending, Friday, Sept. 17 6.30 a. m.

	Max.	Min.
Saturday	96	63
Sunday	95	74
Monday	94	73
Tuesday	93	65
Wednesday	73	54
Thursday	82	60
Friday	84	66

Average night temperature, 65.
The nights are fine and cool in the "Hill Country."

ADVENTURE VS. EXPLORATION

A wire-edged critic defines the difference between Cook's achievement and that of Peary. He says triumphantly that Peary's reaching of the north pole was an exploration, while Cook's was a mere adventure. We presume that for this reason Cook's discovery is entirely null and void. This distinction rivals in burning importance the difference between Tweedledum and Tweedledee and no doubt the "scientists" will now look wise about the head and decide that Cook is an undesirable citizen. This controversy precipitated by the disappointed discoverer, will probably wind up in a general case of dry grins. The only way that the discovery of the pole appeals to the people is as an adventure. Any astronomer can take a globe and calculate just where the pole is, and there has been pretty generally accepted idea that no land would be found at the pole; but simply a sea of ice. Cook, as well as Peary, confirms this view. But the discovery of the pole is of no practical value: and the calculations made by the two discoverers have no value whatever except as establishing the fact that they got there. The pole is where it was thought to be.

Although DeSoto was not the first European to see the waters of the Mississippi, he is popularly credited with having been the discoverer of that river. But he was looking for gold and didn't care a continental about the river. Still that did not blot out the fact that he found it and crossed it.

Commander Peary, we very much fear, is a constant violator of Rule 5, which enjoins all of us from taking ourselves too d—d seriously. He has become a sort of monomaniac on the subject of the pole. He came within 206 miles of it in 1906; and from that time it became My Pole, all the Eskimos of the Arctic Circle were My Eskimos, and the sole right to discover the pole belonged to Me. Hence, when "I" came back in 1906, it was incumbent on all persons in the world to hold hands off, and wait till "I" had another whirl at it. That's the Peary view of it, and yet he expects those of us who are endowed with a sense of humor to refrain from snickering.

The north pole itself and all the ice around it for a hundred miles are not worth thirty cents to the government of the United States and the people of the world. Its discovery will have one practical effect: it will probably prevent

other chumps from losing their lives in trying to find it.

There is absolutely nothing to the discovery of the north pole except the adventure. Dr. Cook evidently regarded it that way. Other adventurous souls have tried to reach it and failed. Cook had an idea that he could reach it in a certain way and he succeeded, unless he is the most monumental and intrepid liar in the world, and there is absolutely nothing in his previous career that has not been honorable and to his credit.

This was an adventure that appealed to a man like Cook, and he embarked upon it. Unfortunately, he paid no attention to the Peary claim of pre-emption. He seems to have had a vulgar notion that there would be something unique in his finding the pole and finding it first. This we are bound to believe, he did, until his claims are thoroughly exploded.

In the meantime Peary has been very busy nailing the flag to Cook's pole and presenting Cook's pole to Taft and everybody else that wouldn't have it. No sooner does he get back than he begins to denounce Cook as a fraud and a liar, and Mrs. Peary opens up on Francke as a blackmailer. This whole assault of the Peary family and their friends upon Cook, who has conducted himself as a modest gentleman throughout, evidently comes from a bitter disappointment and a lean and hungry spirit of envy. If Peary keeps it up and does not promptly submit incontrovertible proofs of his sinister charges, the sympathy of the world will turn to Cook and he will be acclaimed the worthy hero of the great adventure.—Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tennessee.

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Fredericksburg, Texas, September 15.—At Albert, twenty miles from Fredericksburg, late yesterday evening, G. Lange was seriously hurt in a cotton gin. Mr. Lange was oiling a large revolving press, when the operator, not knowing of his presence, threw the machine in motion. Lange was badly crushed. One hip was broken, also several ribs. Internal injuries are thought to have been sustained, and it is feared, may prove fatal.

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Says Cotton Crop Is Very Short

E. Habecker, representing E. P. Jersig & Co., cotton exporters of San Antonio, was in Kerrville, Monday. Mr. Habecker had been visiting at his ranch house on Turtle creek and was returning to the markets.

Speaking of the general condition and yield of the cotton crop in South Texas, Mr. Habecker said:

"There is practically no cotton. I have lived in this section of Texas 32 years. I have never seen as poor a crop of cotton as we have this year. Four weeks ago there was great hope of a good 'top crop.' Cotton growers and cotton factors are all well aware that the top crop is not a very lucky star to hitch one's wagon to. A good top crop is the exception and not the rule. This year it is leaning sadly to the rule. In some localities cotton fruited heavily after the July rains, but extreme heat, no rain for weeks, boll weevil, sharpshooters, and apparently every other evil thing appears to have befallen it. There is no doubt that the cotton yield in Texas this year, in proportion to the acreage, is the shortest in its history."

Continuing, Mr. Habecker mentioned the peculiar meteorological and thermic conditions that have existed throughout the country, and wound up by saying, "I cannot recall a year in which we have had such hot weather, such floods of rain, such a severe drouth, and," he added after a pause, "one in which so many North Poles have been discovered."

Notice

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HOME NEWS.

Interesting Items From Town and County.

F. L. Rose, of Beaumont, was registered at the St. Charles Wednesday.
 John Heimann, Sr. attended the fair at Fredericksburg.
 Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rosenthal, attended the Fredericksburg fair Thursday.
 M. O. Plambeck, of Gruewell, Iowa, spent several days in Kerrville this week.
 F. C. Hunnam, formerly a resident of Kerrville, but now engaged in the real estate business at San Antonio was a guest at the St. Charles Wednesday.

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Miss Lila Bradwell left Thursday for Dallas, where she has a position as a teacher in the Dallas High School.

Miss Embra Bailey, who is attending St. Mary's school for girls at San Antonio, is in Kerrville visiting her friend Miss Mary Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Josie who have been visitors at Kerrville on and off for the last two years, left Wednesday for Denver, Col.

The new owner of the Tivy house has decided that henceforth it will be known as the Franklin house.

D. H. Comparette, of the local telephone exchange, and son, Louis, left this morning for a two week's vacation during which he will visit at St. Louis and Chicago. He will also visit his parents at Hicksville Ohio.

Fate and Journalism.

I feel a certain grudge against the fate that drives many men of literary genius into the ephemeral and often perfunctory work of journalism.—T. P. O'Connor, in London T. P.'s Weekly.

The Tuesday Musical Club opened on Tuesday 14th at the residence of Mrs. Florence Coleman with a Schuman program as follows:
 Paper on Schuman's Early-Life
 Mrs. Galbraith
 Duet (a) Traumerei
 (b) Little Romance
 Mrs. Coleman and Miss Williams
 Vocal Solo "Messages"
 Mrs. J. W. Burney.
 Piano Solo - Novelette Op 21. No. 1
 Mrs. Nelson
 Vocal Solo "Moonlight"
 Mrs. Pampell
 Piano Solo The Joyful Peasant
 Miss Hazel Hamilton.

MILLINERY DISPLAY

Our display of Pattern Hats and Millinery Novelties, began Wednesday, September 15, and will continue through out the season
 Every day is opening day and new goods are arriving continually

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The concert at the opera house last Friday night under the auspices of the Methodist church deserved better support than it received as a really meritorious program was rendered. Ernest B. Gatten a 14-year-old elocutionist made his first bow to a Kerrville audience and convinced them that he has acquired the knack of entertaining and was applauded generously in all his numbers. The rest of the program was by local talent and taken as a whole furnished an enjoyable evening.

TO LET—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping \$6 to \$10 per month. No consumptives taken. See Mrs. Wilson, at the Franklin house, formerly known as the Tivy house.

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 Kerrville, Texas

Mrs. B. H. Hurt, of Franklin, have been visiting Mrs. Mattie Wilson at the Tivy house.

Mr. and Mrs. Crossley, of Corpus Christi, were registered at the Tivy house Friday.

Men's and boys' nobby hats at Chas. Schreiner Company's

Mr. Herbert and children of Mountain Home, were registered at the Tivy house Friday.

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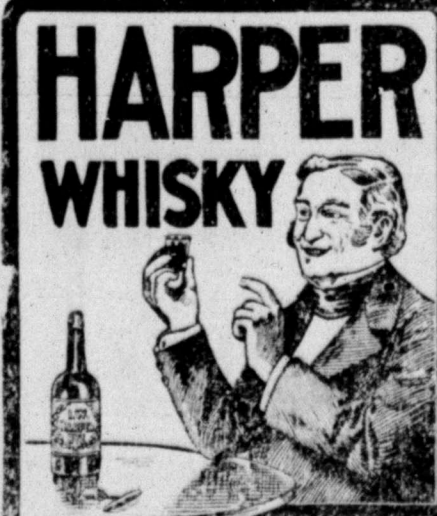
Church Notice.

Next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the pastor will take as a subject: What the Methodist Church Stands for. At 8 p. m., Rev. T. Lee, the Presiding Elder, will preach. A full attendance is desired at each service. The fourth Quarterly Conference will convene Monday at 10 a. m.

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(Continued From Last Week)

"Rather! Have you thought of anything else?"

She laughed a little, but was grave the next moment, for she knew him much too well to believe that he had taken such a step out of caprice, or a mere fancy for change. He noticed the grave look and was silent for a few moments.

"The Derby's a side show," he said at last. "I've come over to get married, and I want you to help me. Will you?"

"Can I?" asked Lady Maud, evasively.

"Yes, you can, and I believe there'll be trouble unless you do."

"Who is she? Do I know her?" She was trying to put off the evil moment.

"Oh, yes, you know her quite well. It's Mme. Cordova."

"But she's engaged to Mons. Logotheti—"

"I don't care. I mean to marry her if she marries any one. He shan't have her anyway."

"But I cannot deliberately help you to break off her engagement! It's impossible!"

"See here," answered Mr. Van Torp. "You know that Greek, and you know me. Which of us will make the best husband for an English girl? That's what Mme. Cordova is, after all. I put it to you. If you were forced to choose one of us yourself, which would you take? That's the way to look at it."

"But Miss Donne is not 'forced' to take one of you—"

"She's going to be. It's the same. Besides, I said 'if.' Won't you answer me?"

"She's in love with Mons. Logotheti," said Lady Maud, rather desperately.

"Is she, now? I wonder. I don't much think so myself. He's clever and he's obstinate, and he's just made her think she's in love, that's all. Anyhow, that's not an answer to my question. Other things being alike, if she had to choose, which of us would be the best husband for her?—the better, I mean. You taught me to say 'better,' didn't you?"

Lady Maud tried to smile.

"Of two, yes," she answered. "You are forcing my hand, my dear friend," she went on very gravely. "You know very well that I trust you with all my heart. If it were possible to imagine a case in which the safety of the world could depend on my choosing one of you for my husband, you know very well that I should take you, though I never was the least little bit

in love with you, any more than you ever were with me."

"Well, but if you would, she ought," argued Mr. Van Torp. "It's for her own good, and as you're a friend of hers, you ought to help her to do what's good for her. That's only fair. If she doesn't marry me, she's certain to marry that Greek, so it's a forced choice, it appears to me."

"But I can't—"

"She's a nice girl, isn't she?"

"Yes, very."

"And you like her, don't you?"

"Very much. Her father was my father's best friend."

"I don't believe in atavism," observed the American, "but that's neither here nor there. You know what you wrote me. Do you believe she'll be miserable with Logotheti or not?"

"I think she will," Lady Maud answered truthfully. "But I may be wrong."

"No; you're right. I know it. But marriage is a gamble anyway, as you know better than any one. Are you equally sure that she would be miserable with me? Dead sure, I mean."

"No, I'm not sure. But that's not a reason—"

"It's a first-rate reason. I care for that lady, and I want her to be happy, and as you admit that she will have a better chance of happiness with me than with Logotheti, I'm going to marry her myself, not only because I want to, but because it will be a long sight better for her. See? No fault in that line of reasoning, is there?"

"So far as reasoning goes—" Lady Maud's tone was half an admission.

"That's all I wanted you to say," interrupted the American. "So that's settled, and you're going to help me."

"No," answered Lady Maud quietly; "I won't help you to break off that engagement. But if it should come to nothing, without your interfering—that is, by the girl's own free will and choice and change of mind, I'd help you to marry her if I could."

"But you admit that she's going to be miserable," said Van Torp stubbornly.

"I'm sorry for her, but it's none of my business. It's not honorable to try and make trouble between engaged people, no matter how ill-matched they may be."

"Funny idea of honor," observed the American, "that you're bound to let a friend of yours break her neck at the very gravel pit where you were nearly smashed yourself! In the hunting field you'd grab her bridle if she

wouldn't listen to you, but in a matter of marriage—oh, no! It's dishonorable to interfere. She's made her choice and she must abide by it, and all that kind of stuff!"

Lady Maud's clear eyes met his angry blue ones calmly.

"I don't like you when you say such things," she said, lowering her voice a little.

"I didn't mean to be rude," answered the millionaire, almost humbly. "You see I don't always know. I learnt things differently from what you did. I suppose you'd think it an insult if I said I'd give a large sum of money to your charity the day I married Mme. Cordova, if you'd help me through."

"Please stop." Lady Maud's face darkened visibly. "That's not like you."

"I'll give a million pounds sterling," said Mr. Van Torp slowly.

Lady Maud leaned back in her corner of the sofa, clasping her hands rather tightly together in her lap. Her white throat flushed as when the light of dawn kisses Parian marble, and the fresh tint in her cheeks deepened softly; her lips were tightly shut, her eyelids quivered a little, and she looked straight before her across the room.

"You can do a pretty good deal with a million pounds," said Mr. Van Torp, after the silence had lasted nearly half a minute.

"Don't!" cried Lady Maud, in an odd voice.

"Forty thousand pounds a year," observed the millionaire thoughtfully. "You could do quite a great deal of good with that, couldn't you?"

"Don't! Please don't!"



Went to the Window, Softly Blowing a Queer Tune.

She pressed her hands to her ears and rose at the same instant. Perhaps it was she, after all, and not her friend who had been brought suddenly to a great cross-road in life. She stood still one moment by the sofa

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THE DIVA'S RUBY

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without looking down at her companion; then she left the room abruptly, and shut the door behind her.

Van Torp got up from his seat slowly when she was gone, and went to the window, softly blowing a queer tune between his closed teeth and his open lips, without quite whistling. "Well—" he said aloud, in a tone of doubt, after a minute or two.

But he said no more, for he was much too reticent and sensible a person to talk to himself audibly even when he was alone, and much too cautious to be sure that a servant might not be within hearing, though the door was shut. He stood before the window nearly a quarter of an hour, thinking that Lady Maud might come back, but as no sound of any step broke the silence he understood that he was not to see her again that day, and he quietly let himself out of the house and went off, not altogether discontented with the extraordinary impression he had made.

Lady Maud sat alone upstairs, so absorbed in her thoughts that she did not hear the click of the lock as he opened and shut the front door. She was much more amazed at herself than surprised by the offer he had made. Temptation, in any reasonable sense of the word, had passed by her in life, and she had never before understood what it could mean to her.

She was eight-and-twenty years of age and a widow, and now it came to her suddenly in a shape of tremendous strength, through her trusted friend, who had helped her for years to help others. It was real temptation. The man who offered her a million pounds to save miserable wretches from a life of unspeakable horror, could offer twice as much, four, five, or ten millions perhaps. No one knew the vast extent of his wealth, and in an age of colossal fortunes she had often heard his spoken of with the half-dozen greatest. "You can do quite a great deal of good with forty thousand pounds a year."

Van Torp's rough-hewn speech rang through her head, and somehow its reckless grammar gave it strength and made it stick in her memory, word for word. In the drawer of the writing table before which she was sitting there was a little file of letters that meant more to her than anything else in the world, except one dear memory. They were all from rescued women, they all told much the same little story, and it was good to read. She had made many failures, and some terrible ones, which she could never forget; but there were real successes, too, there were over a dozen of them now, and she had only been at work for three years. If she had more money, she could do more; if she had much she could do much; and she knew of one or two women who could help her. What might she not accomplish in a lifetime with the vast sum her friend offered her!—the price of hindering a marriage that was almost sure to turn out badly, perhaps as badly as her own!—the money value of a compromise with her conscience on a point of honor which many women would have thought very vague indeed, if not absurd in such a case. She knew what temptation meant, now, and she was to know even better

before long. The prima donna had said that she was going to marry Logotheti chiefly because he insisted on it.

The duel for Margaret's hand had begun; Van Torp had aimed a blow that might well give him the advantage if it went home; and Logotheti himself was quite unaware of the skillful attack that threatened his happiness.

CHAPTER III.

A few days after she had talked with Lady Maud, and before Mr. Van Torp's arrival, Margaret had gone abroad, without waiting for the promised advice in the matter of the wedding gown. With admirable regard for the proprieties she had quite declined to let Logotheti cross the channel with her, but had promised to see him at Versailles, where she was going to stop a few days with her mother's old American friend, the excellent Mrs. Rushmore, with whom she meant to go to Bayreuth to hear "Parsifal" for the first time.

Mrs. Rushmore had disapproved profoundly of Margaret's career, from the first. After Mrs. Donne's death, she had taken the forlorn girl under her protection, and had encouraged her to go on with what she vaguely called her "music lessons." The good lady was one of those dear, old-fashioned, kind, delicate-minded and golden-hearted American women we may never see again, now that "progress" has got civilization by the throat and is squeezing the life out of it. She called Margaret her "chickabiddy" and spread a motherly wing over her, without the least idea that she was rearing a valuable lyric nightingale that would not long be content to trill and quaver unheard.

Immense and deserved success had half reconciled the old lady to what had happened, and after all Margaret had not married an Italian tenor, a Russian prince, or a Parisian composer, the three shapes of man which seemed the most dreadfully immoral to Mrs. Rushmore. She would find it easier to put up with Logotheti than with one of those, though it was bad enough to think of her old friend's daughter marrying a Greek instead of a nice, clean Anglo-Saxon, like the learned Mr. Donne, the girl's father, or the good Mr. Rushmore, her lamented husband, who had been an upright pillar of the church in New York, and the president of a trust company that could be trusted.

After all, though she thought all Greeks must be what she called "designing," the name of Konstantin Logotheti was associated with everything that was most honorable in the financial world, and this impressed Mrs. Rushmore very much.

Logotheti was undoubtedly considered honest, and Mrs. Rushmore made quite sure of it, as well as of the fact that he had an immense fortune. At Versailles, with its memories of her earlier youth, the prima donna wished to be Margaret Donne again, and to forget for the time that she was the Cordova, whose name was always first on the opera posters in New York, London and Vienna.

She traveled incognito. That is to say, she had sent her first maid and theatrical dresser Alphonsine to see her relations in Nancy for a month, and only brought the other with her; she had, moreover, caused the stateroom on the channel boat to be taken in the name of Miss Donne, and she brought no more luggage to Versailles than could be piled on an ordinary cart, whereas when she had last come from New York her servants had seen 87 pieces put on board the steamer, and a hat-box had been missing after all.

Mrs. Rushmore came out to meet her on the steps in the hot sunshine, portly and kind as ever, and she applied an embrace which was affectionate, yet imposing.

"My dearest child!" she cried. "I was sure I had not quite lost you yet!"

"I hope you will never think you have," Margaret answered, almost quite in her girlish voice of old.

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"Don't take it so seriously," Margaret answered with a little laugh; "I'm not married yet!"

The elderly face brightened. "Do you mean to say that—that there is any hope?" she asked eagerly. Margaret laughed now, but in a gentle and affectionate sort of way.

"Perhaps, just a little! But don't ask me, please. I've come home to forget everything for a few weeks."

"Thank heaven!" ejaculated Mrs. Rushmore in a tone of deep relief. "Then if—if he should call this afternoon, or even to-morrow—may I tell them to say that you are out?"

She was losing no time; and Margaret laughed again, though she put her head a little on one side with an expression of doubt.

"I can't refuse to see him," she said, "though really I would much rather be alone with you for a day or two."

"My darling child!" cried Mrs. Rushmore, applying another embrace, "you shall! Leave it to me!"

Mrs. Rushmore's delight was touching, for she could almost feel that Margaret had come to see her quite for her own sake, whereas she had pictured the "child," as she still called the great artist, spending most of her time in carrying on inaudible conversations with Logotheti under the trees in the lawn, or in the most remote corners of the drawing room; for that had been the accepted method of courtship in Mrs. Rushmore's young days, and she was quite ignorant of the changes that had taken place since then.

Half an hour later, Margaret was in her old room upstairs writing a let-



"My Dearest Child!" She Cried.

ter, and Mrs. Rushmore had given strict orders that until further notice Miss Donne was "not at home" for any one at all, no matter who might call.

When the letter already covered ten pages, Margaret laid down her pen and without the least pause or hesitation tore the sheets to tiny bits, linking her fingers in the process because the last one was not yet dry. "What a wicked woman I am!" she exclaimed aloud, to the very great surprise of Potts, her English maid, who was still unpacking in the next room, the door being open.

"Beg pardon, ma'am?" the woman asked, putting in her head.

"I said I was a wicked woman," Margaret answered, rising; "and what's more, I believe I am. But I quite forgot you were there, Potts, or I probably should not have said it aloud."

"Yes, ma'am," answered Potts meekly, and she went back to her unpacking.

Margaret had two maids, who were oddly suited to her two natures. She had inherited Alphonsine from her friend the famous retired soprano, Mme. Bonanni, and the cadaverous, clever, ill-tempered, garrulous dresser was as necessary to Cordova's theatrical existence as paint, limelight, wig, and an orchestra. The English Potts, the meek, silent, busy and intensely respectable maid, continually made it clear that her mistress was Miss Donne, an English lady, and that Mme. Cordova, the celebrated singer, was what Mr. Van Torp would have called "only a side-show."

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