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TRADE TRIPPERS CONCLUDE ROUND

Wind Up Strong With Dance on Public Square Wednesday Night—One of Those Square Dances

TRAVELED 300 MILES TOTAL

Third Day Proved Biggest of All With Most Cars in Line and Most People on the Trip

The Sweetwater Trippers finished up the expedition strong with a concert on the public square Wednesday night, with another unscheduled stop at Roscoe on the way in.

And just to show pep was not lacking, there was another one of those square dances put on.

After R. M. Chitwood has introduced Mayor Joe H. Boethe of Sweetwater-Roscoe took the speakers stand, which was at Snyder, Rev. G. W. Parks of the east steps of the court house out of the wind, and told of the progress Roscoe was making. E. J. Anderson, secretary of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, officially welcomed the visitors.

At Hermleigh James Henry Beall Jr., was the spokesman with the inimitable Chief of Police Buck Johnson pouring it on 'em at Inadale, a new community north of Wastella.

Although the street was not so smooth as it might have been, one of the very popular old fashioned square dances was pulled off at Hermleigh, with A. B. Chambers and Murray Hubbard presiding at the fiddles.

Dallas Whaley did a land office business in the Hermleigh Drug Store dispensing soft drinks, and then joined the Sweetwater delegation. He was formerly in the Wright Pharmacy here.

Trade Trip Notes

The mileage for the three days was 99 Monday, 97 Tuesday and 98 Wednesday.

Lake Trammell was very much more appreciated after the Trippers had an opportunity to sample the water alleged to be for drinking purposes at some of the towns visited.

R. C. Crane, official photographer of the Fisher County day, was not in evidence Wednesday.

Colorado's new paving, enhanced by ornamental White Way electric lights, looked like a million dollars.

Gus Farrar suggested that a fire be lighted under Lake Trammell to facilitate dust removal. His suggestion was especially timely following the third day trip when large portions of sand, mixed with young boulders, deluged the caravan all the way from Colorado to Snyder.

There was a big crowd every day of the trip but the third day was especially a crowded one. It would almost be necessary to pick up the business directory of the town bodily in order to tell 'em all. When strung out, the motor caravan was about two miles long.

George Massey requested that nothing be said about trouble with the vacuum feed line on his car which forced him to drop out of line between Colorado and Snyder, and so nothing will be said about it, whatever. He was on hand promptly for the cats at Snyder, it was observed.

There is no truth in the rumor that Sir Timothy Cowan is going to purchase a restaurant. And if he did he surely wouldn't call it "Cowan Cafe."

Trade Trippers brought back enough real estate to plant a garden without spading the back yard. In their "years" for instance.

Murray Hubbard handles a fiddle like a monkey juggling a cocoanut. And so does Abie Chambers, by hokey. Do-co-do.

The men alone did not—not by a jugful—put over that memorable trip. No sir-e-bob. The dear ladies, foolishly referred to by foolish wits as the weaker sex, played an important role. You're mighty right.

Weather

West Texas: Tonight not quite so cold in western portion; probably frost; Friday generally fair and warmer.

DO YOU KNOW WHO'S A SAND HOG?

—Lots of folks don't, even if they were on the Trade Trip.

Anyway, how the Sand Hogs dig their way under the Hudson River in the vehicular tunnel that will connect New Jersey and New York, is told in next Sunday's Western Weekly, a supplement of the Sunday Reporter.

—What the 150 million dollars the railroads are spending for wreck proof trains is going to get the public, is another story you'll want to read in the Western Weekly next Sunday.

—News dealers should order extra copies early!

Pay Dividend

By International News.

CLEBURNE, Texas, April 16.—Three years after the failure of the National Bank of Cleburne here, Johnson County recently received a check for \$32,000 from the institution covering the five per cent dividend due the county.

The money was immediately applied to the general indebtedness of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buck are the parents of a nine-pound son, who was born Wednesday and has been named Louis Eugene.

CAMPBELL SAYS WHEELER DIDN'T

Gordon Campbell, Alleged to Have Employed Senator Wheeler, Denies This Emphatically

INDICTED WITH WHEELER

Grand Jury at Great Falls, Montana, Alleges Wheeler Appeared Before Interior Department

By The United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—Gordon Campbell, of Montana, today denied before the Senate committee investigating the indictment of Senator Wheeler that Wheeler had ever appeared before the Interior Department for him in the capacity of a paid attorney.

Campbell was indicted with Wheeler at Great Falls, Montana. The indictment charged that Wheeler had illegally accepted a retainer fee from Campbell to represent him before the Department in connection with oil drilling permits.

Campbell said he had not had business with the Department in January or February, 1923, when Wheeler is alleged to have received the retainer. He said that Wheeler had "repeatedly" told him he could not appear before the Department for him.

FLIERS HELD UP

Ill Luck Pursuing American Enroute to Cairo Egypt

By The United Press.

CORDOVA, Alaska, April 17.—The U. S. Army round-the-world flight was held up at Chignik today as the three planes that reached here Tuesday were awaiting the arrival of Commander Frederick L. Martin in the air cruiser Seattle.

Martin and his mechanic, Sergeant Harvey, were with their plane which was towed to Kanatak after being forced to descend near Portage Bay. Radiograms from the Destroyer Hull, which found the two airmen, said the Seattle would need repairing before proceeding to Chignik.

Britishers Carry On

By The United Press.

ATHENS, Greece, April 17.—The British round-the-world flight was resumed here today when the big Ancharian Plane commanded by Major Stuart MacLaren, took off from the Old Phaleron airbase for Cairo.

The airmen hoped to make the long trip in a single flight, one of the longest legs of the entire flight.

Mrs. A. J. Hamner has gone to Austin to visit her sister, Mrs. A. E. Stelfox and family.

DARING BANDITS ROB MAIL SACKS

Postal Employees Transferring Registered Mail Held Up By Five Bandits at St. Paul

LOSS \$35,000 REPORTED

Check-up of Theft May Reveal Even Greater Losses, Postal Officials Report—Loot Was Cash

By The United Press.

SOUTH ST. PAUL, Minn., April 17.—Five bandits obtained more than \$35,000 cash in a daring mail robbery here today.

The money was taken from a sack of registered mail being transferred at the Great Western station by postal employees. It was consigned to the Stock Yards National Bank from the 9th District Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis.

How much more money was contained in the registered sack officials were unable to say.

Two postal employees were driving along the street with the mail sacks when the bandits drew alongside the truck and seized the sacks and fled.

Permits

City Secretary Bartlett issued a building permit to E. B. Hull for the erection of a residence on Ragland street, block 5 at an estimated cost of \$3800. J. L. Hemby was awarded the contract.

TWO AMERICANS KILLED

Attacked and Murdered by Band of Highwaymen, According Reports

By The United Press.

ATHENS, Greece, April 17.—Two more American tourists were killed near Tirana, Albania, according to unconfirmed reports received by the Ministry of War here today.

The report does not give any names, merely reporting the attack on the tourists by a band of 15 highwaymen, stating that two Americans were killed.

Albanians are very anxious, the message said, and fear grave consequences from this second attack.

WORK IS BEGUN

Carpenters Erect Big Tabernacle Which Will House Crowds During Rayburn Meetings Here

Construction work on the big tabernacle which will house the crowds during the Union Revival Services to be held here by Rev. James L. Rayburn began Thursday with 17 carpenters on the job. It will be completed in time for the services, which begin Sunday. Lumber was hauled to the location on West Third Street Thursday morning.

A. O. Cheek, who will have charge of the singing during the services, arrived Thursday morning and is aiding in the tabernacle construction.

BENNETT HERE

Former Ranger Chamber of Commerce Secretary Back on Job

B. F. Bennett, formerly secretary of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce has returned to his earlier work with the West Texas Chamber of Commerce as Field Secretary. He arrived in Sweetwater Thursday, following a trip to Merkel and Ballinger earlier in the week and will be here the balance of the week, he says.

He inspected the new plant of the United States Gypsum Co., here Thursday.

Said He Swore

By The United Press.

GALVESTON, Texas, April 17.—E. Mayer Jr., local fireman, was called before the city council Thursday to answer to charges of violating the department's rules against profanity and quarreling. Mayer was also accused of keeping intoxicating liquors about the fire station.

R. C. Crane made a trip to Abilene Wednesday looking to the proposed organization of the West Texas Historical Association in that city Saturday. Mr. Crane stated that indications pointed to a creditable organization, judging from letters he had received from parties interested in the move. Several parties will attend from Sweetwater.

HEAD OF DALLAS VETERANS BUREAU DEFIANT

Officials Dallas Bureau for Disabled Veterans Bureau Say They Have No Intention of Resigning

VETERANS DEMAND ACTION

Fort Worth Chapter Disabled Veterans Ask Immediate Resignation Kile and Assistants

By The United Press.

DALLAS, Texas, April 17.—Officials of the local U. S. Veterans' Bureau have no intentions of resigning as demanded by the Fort Worth Chapter of the disabled army veterans of the world war.

"We will stand by our post—the charge against us is without foundation," it was stated at the offices of Captain S. C. Kile, district manager.

Immediate resignation of Kile and his assistant, Paul Kunzmueller, and S. P. Kohen, were demanded in a resolution forwarded by the Fort Worth veterans to Brigadier General Frank T. Hines at Washington.

The resolution charged the Dallas bureau with graft and mismanagement.

Jas. A. McFarland, National Commander of the disabled veterans, was to confer with Capt. Kile late today.

"I intend to study charges made against this bureau and if there is any ground for the charges the National Veterans organization will demand a Senatorial investigation," he said.

FOOT IS CUT

Capitola Youth Injured While Splitting Wood Wednesday

Frazier Wallace, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wallace, of Capitola, was brought to Sweetwater late Wednesday with his left foot cut in two places resulting from an accident while splitting kindling wood.

He was using a double-bit axe. Nine stitches were taken in the two gashes.

Cap Newman left last night for Fort Worth and Dallas on a business trip.

TO REFER ACTION

The Republican Commission Decides to Refer Report of Experts to Respective Governments

By The United Press.

PARIS, France, April 17.—The Reparations Commission today decided unanimously to refer to their governments parts of the expert's report of reparations which is not within their jurisdiction.

The commission also decided to demand that Germany submit a text of its bill for rapid execution into laws enacted with recommendation of the experts and designation by the German government's members for the committee on railroads.

Arrest Doctor

By The United Press.

VICTORIA, Texas, April 17.—Dr. O. R. Stewart and Mrs. O. W. Raven are held here without bail in connection with the death of a young woman in the former's office. Irwin Wehmeyer, said to have accompanied the girl here from Port Lavaca, is held in jail at Del Rio as a material witness. Arrests followed postmortem examination of the girl's body.

New Dance Step

By The United Press.

PARIS, France, April 17.—The Prince of Wales has swept Paris with a new dancing step, known as the "Prince de Galles Trot." The Prince, while dancing in the Montmartre quarter, favored an oscillating right knee, an eccentricity all his own. Dancers are trying to follow the step.

First Straw

By The United Press.

DALLAS, Texas, April 17.—The first straw hat on a white man appeared on Dallas streets Wednesday with the opening of the baseball season. It was worn by Cecil Miller, who returned from New Orleans, sporting a brand new straw derby. "Sure, I'll wear it from now on," he said. "They started wearing 'em Monday in New Orleans."

St. Louis Browns Trade Homer Ezzell To Boston Red Sox

Homer (Forked Lightning) Ezzell, who can skip through the dew with the fleetest baseball chattel under the big top, has been traded by the St. Louis Browns to the Boston Red Sox for infielder Norman McMillan, according to press dispatches Tuesday.

The deal was a straight player trade with no mazzama involved and becomes effective immediately. Thus the former Swatter returns to toil under the guiding hand of the close-mouthed Lee Fohl.

Fohl, last season's boss of the Browns, kept Ezzell sliding from one end of the bench to the other and not until the astute skipper received the tinware late in August did the Texas league flash get an opportunity to display his wares. Under pepper boxer Jimmy Austin, the former pride of Sweetwater, finished the season at the hot corner in a blaze of glory.

Local fans, remembering the graceful and extraordinary bits of defensive play exhibited here by the nimble-footed Homer, will scan with interest the daily Red Sox box score.

Following a brilliant season with Sweetwater in 1921, Ezzell, a free agent, hooked on with San Antonio who later loaned him to Shreveport where he launched a base stealing crusade that literally astonished the baseball world; so well did he go that the St. Louis Browns departed with fifteen thousand perfectly good kopecks and tossed in five ball players to boot. The rest is baseball history.

RAZORS USED BY DALLAS NEGROES

One is Dead and Several More in Hospital as Result of Free-For-All in Dallas Black Belt

WIELDED THEM VICIOUSLY

But Long Knife Proved More Effective Than Even a Great Big Razor—Many Are Cut Up

By The United Press.

DALLAS, Texas, April 17.—Lee Strong, negro, is dead and two other blacks are in a serious condition and several others are cut up with knives and razors, following a free-for-all in Gibson Alley in the local black belt.

Strong was stabbed to death in a cutting duel with Lonnie Townsend. Strong wielded a razor viciously but was finally mowed down by Townsend with a long heavy knife. Strong is in a hospital with severe razor wounds about his face and head.

Homer Bradford seems to be holding his own, according to a statement made by his mother, Mrs. J. A. Bradford today, but is still in a critical condition. He has been ill with typhoid fever the past ten days.

ENDORSE DANIELS

North Carolina Democratic Convention Held Thursday—McAdoo and Underwood to be in Primaries

By The United Press.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 17.—Adoption of a platform and election of four delegates at large to the New York convention was the principal matter before the North Carolina Democratic convention which convened here today.

The convention will endorse Joseph Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy, for President without opposition, it was indicated by party leaders. Daniels, however, according to friends, will not file for the June primaries in which William Gibbs McAdoo and Senator Oscar Underwood are entered.

F. J. Neal reached home last night from San Antonio, having been called to his wife's bedside, who is suffering with typhoid fever.

Woman's Missionary Society will hold their social and calendar meeting Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the basement of the Methodist Church. The Gleaners will give an entertaining program and a "Capsule Drawing" will take place. A full attendance of both societies is desired in order that all members may take part in the drawing.

JAP EXCLUSION UP TO COOLIDGE

Chief Executive Considering Immigration Bill and "Grave Consequences" Threatened by Japan

HAS TWO COURSES OPEN

May Sign Bill if Hanihara Will Mitigate Statement—or May Veto it if Advisable To Do So

By The United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—President Coolidge today took under consideration what action he shall take regarding the immigration bill excluding Japanese when the measure reaches the White House.

The President conferred in rapid succession with Secretary of State Hughes, known to oppose the exclusion provision in the immigration measure; Senator Lodge, Republican leader of the Senate who took the lead in supporting the exclusion provision because of Ambassador Hanihara's famous note and Senator Willis, Ohio, who voted for the exclusion measure.

One of the following two courses is likely: That Coolidge will sign the measure and at the same time issue a statement that if signing is deferred Congress would pass by a veto in view of the temper of Congress; that no affront is meant to Japan and that the administration had made it plain that it strongly opposes the enactment of legislation against Japan. See that the President will veto the measure under some arrangement such as a plan whereby Ambassador Hanihara would issue a statement clearing up the supposed "threat" of "grave consequences" in his note which would give Congress an opportunity to reconsider passing the exclusion bill in view of Hanihara's explanation.

BROKE HIS BACK

Glasscock County Man Fell From Windmill

By International News.

SAN ANGELO, Texas, April 16.—After falling thirty feet headforemost into a pile of broken glass, P. A. Ratliff, is expected to recover from his injuries here although the probability of being permanently paralyzed looms physicians say.

Ratliff was working on a windmill tower when he lost his balance, plunged downward, careened off a fence into the glass heap. Doctors marveled that his head was not severed or his face horribly mutilated by his fall into the jagged glass but his injuries were confined to bruises and a fractured vertebra.

BLACKWELL WINS

Takes Ball Game From Bronte; Falls Takes Goat Roping Money

Special to The Reporter.

BLACKWELL, Texas, April 17.—Blackwell's trades day was a whale of a success with large crowds featuring the day Monday. The visit of the Sweetwater boosters was appreciated.

Blackwell and Bronte tangled up in a first class ball game with Blackwell coming out on top with a score of 7 to 2.

West Fall took first money in the Goat Roping with Larking second.

Jeff Blair won first in the Broncho Busting with Will Jagers second and Jesse Jagers third.

Ditch Diggers Ball

By The United Press.

HOUSTON, Texas, April 17.—Houston society has been invited to attend Ditch Diggers' Ball, to be given at the auditorium here May 14 under the auspices of city employees. Besides ditch-diggers, street cleaners, teamsters, helpers, laborers, chauffeurs, truck drivers, watchmen, school janitors, and park employees are promoting the dance.

Accused of Murder

By The United Press.

DALLAS, Texas, April 17.—Janet Paleka, negro woman, is being brought here from Phoenix, Ariz., by Dallas officers to face charges of murder in connection with the murder of Ed Reed, negro cab driver. The woman is jointly accused with Lavanne Twitty, negro sweetheart, of luring the cab driver to Oak Cliff and clubbing him to death. Twitty's trial begins here Thursday.

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ON TO BROWNWOOD

The Trade Trip demonstrated as never before that Sweetwater has a good dependable band, and with that as a nucleus, the Sweetwater delegation to Brownwood should have no difficulty in making itself known as among those present.

"I am going to Brownwood," was the principal expression among the Trade Trippers. And judging from the number of those present on the Trade Trip, Sweetwater will be well represented.

THAT TRADE TRIP

Until something else comes along to beat it, the 1924 Trade Trip will go down in the record as being the best thing that Sweetwater has done for community development.

Here is the record: Owners of cars put them through more than 300 miles of gruelling cross country running.

Leading business men and women numbering nearly 400 left their business and other interests for three solid days—working for the interests of Sweetwater and West Texas.

And briefly, here are the results accomplished:

Left a record of Sweetwater pep and good will in four counties and cemented still further the friendly relations already existing with our neighbors.

Advertised the best band that Sweetwater has ever had.

Educated local folks in the possibilities of surrounding territory.

And not the least, by any means, is the stimulation of local community spirit as especially evidenced by those who made the trip and noticeable by the increasing number who went each day.

There were no serious mishaps to mar the pleasure of the occasion. Everybody had a good time, which is right and proper when folks are doing the right thing.

HISTORY

The call for a West Texas Historical Society recently issued by R. C. Crane, J. M. Radford of Abilene and others has met with editorial approval in many newspaper editorial rooms of West Texas.

The Breckinridge American says: A call has been issued by history teachers and others of Abilene and Sweetwater for the forming of a West Texas historical association. West Texas has a history as wonderful, inspiring and interesting as can be found in any section of the world. What more useful service can be rendered than revealing of this history in its proper setting through a West Texas Historical Association. Let it be organized and let all West Texas co-operate in accomplishing the ideals for such an association.

The Wichita Falls News-Record says in part: "But one fact is certain: Our country can never again be a frontier. Myriads of people may live

here during the ages that are to come, but it was given to a few men and women of one single generation to see this country in its virgin condition and to turn it into a land of homes, schools and churches, through their energy, faith and courage."

We hope that the planned organization may get a good start and are hopeful that a branch or collateral organization may be formed in Wichita Falls at an early date.

The Abilene Reporter endorses the move: "The real history of West Texas is scarcely more than half a century old. It is possible today to gather together the scattered pieces of the story and work them into a fabric of wondrous quality. Ten or twenty years from now the task will be infinitely more difficult."

The West Texas History Association should start off with a membership of 1,000. The meeting called for next Saturday should attract hundreds of persons from all parts of this great section. If you are interested in the great work, by all means be present.

MONEY REQUIRED

Boys, it is going to take a bankroll to sit in the West Texas poker game this year. From present indications the big blue sky is going to be the limit. Some little doubt may exist concerning the exact rules thereof, whether it will be duces wild or whether the rest of us will be that way, but such is the case. The hand Sweetwater is holding looks like four aces to us; are we going to be bluffed out by somebody with a big stack of chips?

The following editorial excerpts from Abilene and San Angelo will prove interesting in this connection:

Civic Loyalty

From the San Angelo Standard.

Being loyal to one's city is going to cost Abilene \$21,000 to maintain its chamber of commerce this year in the various undertakings it has mapped out. A "Loyalty Campaign" is to be placed under way there on May 19 for the purpose of raising that sum of money, the largest budget yet asked for in Taylor County capital. The plans are described as being "as big as the future of Abilene," which, on the basis of some cities, might not be considered so large, but from the viewpoint of the average San Angelo citizen when it comes to supporting our own Board of City Development, would seem like a gigantic undertaking.

It would seem heavy for San Angelo for the reason that to date the city furnishes only approximately \$6,000 a year, while private subscriptions may bring this to \$10,000 or a little better. The only difference in San Angelo and Abilene is that the latter is building toward great accomplishments. Our own Board of City Development, cramped financially, but doing a great work regardless and well worth the price, can only look on Abilene with the hope that such an example set by the sister city might be well taken in San Angelo, whose opportunities for growth are yet as great as those of Abilene with its colleges. Our assets are possibly as great, if not greater, than Abilene can show. But they have not been promoted. We have failed to capitalize on them. To do that will require the doubling of the support we tender our local booster organization.

From the Abilene Reporter.
San Angelo learns with interest that the Abilene chamber of commerce is out after a budget of \$21,000 this year. The remarks of the San Angelo Standard on this subject will be found under "Viewpoints" today.



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The chamber of commerce in any community is the dynamo of civic activities. It generates the current which keeps the wheels of progress spinning. It lubricates the machinery of municipal mutation. It is the engineer in the cab of the Twentieth Century Limited.

If it is worthwhile to spend a thousand dollars in chamber of commerce work, obviously it would be twenty-one times better to spend \$21,000 for such purposes.

If we can persuade our people to provide the sinews of war for a new and greater advance under the banners of progress, we shall have demonstrated anew the civic greatness of Abilene.

Bring on your subscription blanks—and let us all kick in for the rebuilding of the old home town.

Successful Afternoon Tea

The girls of the Young Peoples' Missionary Society give a most delightful tea party Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Cox, assisted by Mrs. Cox, Mrs. M. A. Becher, Mrs. J. T. Hughes, Mrs. S. Z. Williams and Mrs. Tom Crutcher. The object in view being to raise funds to send a delegate from the society to the missionary conference, which convenes at Vernon April 26.

An interesting program was given in which Mrs. John Perry gave piano numbers, Mrs. Roy Scudday sang, with Mrs. Perry at the piano; Aline Gray gave a violin number and an encore, with her mother, Mrs. Alvin Gray, playing her accompaniment; readings were given by Mary Alice Casper and Mary Clovis Cox. Both received generous applause and responded to encores.

The package sale under the charge of Mrs. Tom Crutcher, added much zest to the party and was a popular means of adding quite a bit to the treasury. The packages remaining unsold will be disposed of at the social and calendar meeting next Monday afternoon.

Mrs. S. Z. Williams poured fruit

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CURE WEEVILS!

Farmers Claim Onions Keep Boll Weevils Away

FARMERSVILLE, Texas, April 17. Farmersville, with its onion patches, is competing with Fort Worth and its stockyards for civic distinction.

The Texas "packing town" has no soft-scented advantage when onions are brought into play, the farmers in this section claim.

Farmersville growers at the same breath announced they had just set the three-millionth Bermuda onion. The onion growers are planting 30,000 sets to the acre, and the yield averages 120 bushels each acre. One farmer alone laid out half million sets, and he lives on his own farm.

Some of the growers planted cotton and onions on the same tracts. It kept the boll weevil away, it was reported.

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MERKEL NEWS

Mrs. Nina Cox, nee Provine, is reported seriously ill with pneumonia. A trained nurse from Fort Worth is in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox of Plainview are the guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. W. B. Alsbrook.

J. S. Whittenburg of Sweetwater, was the guest of relatives here Sunday.

Mr. Hellum left the first of the week for Canada and points in the northwestern part of the United States to spend the summer with relatives whom he has not seen in many years.

Nothan Razezy of Abilene, was in the city Tuesday on business. He represents the Deming Investment Company.

Miles Morton is still confined to his bed from the effects of a fall which

he received some three months ago.

Thos. Durham, the genial editor of the Merkel Mail, was transacting business in Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Witcher, who reside in the northwest part of the city, have as their most welcome guest a fine young son, who has been stopping with them since Sunday morning.

An inch rain fell here Sunday morning which will be beneficial to all stockmen and enable farmers to finish their planting.

E. M. Brown, one of Merkel's leading dry goods merchants is very low with pneumonia at his home in this city.

J. T. Warren returned Sunday from Fort Worth where he had been to look after a shipment of cattle. He also visited his daughter, Mrs. Winnie Coyet near Dallas while absent.

Mrs. M. G. Parker, daughter Mabel, and son Houston, returned to their home at Slaton Monday after a short visit here in the home of Leonard Abernathy.

R. D. Anderson, former cashier of the Farmer's State Bank here will leave on the first of next month for Wichita Falls. He goes as district manager for a life insurance company.

TREASURES WATCH

Commander Proud of Watch Given Him by Wilson

HOUSTON, Texas, April 17.—Captain Francisco Caray, master of the Nervion Line steamer, Mar Blanco,

proudly displays a watch given him by President Wilson as his most treasured possession.

Engraved on the inside are the words: "From the President of the United States to Francisco Garay, master of the Spanish steamship Mar Del Norte, in recognition of his humane services in effecting the rescue at sea, December 4, 1916, of three seamen of the American schooner Marcus L. Urann."

The watch was presented to Captain Caray by the American Ambassador to Spain, at Madrid, several months after the rescue.

The skipper is the oldest master in the service of the Nervion line.

AMUSEMENTS

A list of the high lights of action in the William Fox spectacular feature picture "The Silent Command," to be shown Friday and Saturday at the R and R Palace would seem to indicate that there are enough thrills, unusual locations and dramatic incidents in this screen play to make a dozen ordinary pictures. Directed by J. Gordon Edwards from a story by Rufus King, "The Silent Command" is far out of the beaten track of screen plays.

There are scenes in which the Atlantic Fleet plays an important part. The Panama Canal also figures prominently in the plot. Washington, Annapolis and New York are all scenes of novel and interesting incidents in the development of the story. One of the big moments at sea and the realistic wrecking of a vessel on the Atlantic Coast. There is an attempt by a gang of foreign spies to steal important plans belonging to the United States Government, which is defeated by an American naval officer. An undercurrent of love and devotion, and the romance of a daughter of a foreign diplomat and the son of a United States admiral, furnish the strong heart interest that is a feature of the story.

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"The Enchanted Wood" "The Enchanted Wood," is the title of the operetta to be given Friday evening at the East Ward school building under the auspices of the East Ward Parent-Teacher Association.

The story carries out a delightful plot in which the fortunes of the fairies, the ever marvelous Mother Goose and even a prosaic School Marm is interwoven. Jaunita Holland will present a very ethereal appearance as the Fairy Queen and in an inimitable manner rule the destinies of her subjects. Josephine Coleman will forcibly impress some of the audience with the fact that school teachers actually have wearisome cares. Mother Goose known to her school mates as Maurine Risinger, will cause many in the audience to review their childhood with her.

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TO BUILD COLLEGE

Plan Methodist University to be Built at Amarillo

By International News. AMARILLO, Texas, April 16.—Construction of the proposed million dollar college for the Panhandle, loom as a certainty with leading churchmen of North and West Texas scheduled to gather here May 2 for the purpose of approving the plans for its erection that have been in materialization for almost a year.

The school is proposed to be erected in Amarillo under the sponsorship of the orthodox Texas Conference of the Methodist Church.

The college, if present plans are approved, will offer A. B. and B. S. degrees and will utilize McMurray and Clarendon Colleges as feeders.

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Big Rabbit Drive Today
A large party of men and boys on horseback met near the Owen's Refinery, about two miles west from the city, this morning and started a big rabbit drive, which led to the slaughter of several hundred long-eared jacks and festive cotton-tails.

The windmill on Zack Roger's farm was the concentration point for the hunters, where a bountiful lunch was spread by the ladies at the noon hour.

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For Tax Collector: JIM BUTLER MISS WILLIE ELLIOTT Re-election

FOR TAX ASSESSOR H. P. HARKINS re-election

For Public Weigher Precinct One LLOYD ROGERS, re-election

FOR COUNTY JUDGE A. S. Mauzey re-election

FOR COMMISSIONER-Precinct 1 W. H. Thompson, re-election. A. J. Roy.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2 G. W. Koerth Sy Dennis

COUNTY CLERK Gus Farrar, re-election.

FOR SHERIFF Jack Yarbrough re-election. Jesse Lambert.

SUPERINTENDENT Public Instruction. J. C. Gilliam. Miss Minnie Fowler, re-election. Will H. Scott

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY R. D. Cox, Jr., re-election.

FOR COMMISSIONER, Precinct 3 G. O. McGinley, Hylton.

FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE, Precinct 1 I. W. Brashear, re-election.

For District Clerk DAN CHILDRESS, Re-Election

For County Treasurer W. T. HIGHTOWER, Re-Election G. C. Farris.

FOR STATE SENATE Harry Tom King, Abilene, Texas. Jesse R Smith (Stephens County)

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