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## PRIZES ON FIRST BALES OF COTTON

The growers of the first three bales of cotton to be ginned and marketed in Merkel are to receive prizes given by the merchants and business men of Merkel. The first bale is to draw fifty per cent of the amount subscribed, the second 331/2 and the balance to be given to the grower of the third bale.

The merchants subscribing amounts are as follows, some may not be mentioned owing to the list not being exactly complete when given to us.

Farmers State Bank	
Cash Grocery Store	2.50
Southern National Bank	5.00
F. & M, Nat'l Bank	
West Texas Hardware Co	_ 2.00
Whitley, Son & Co	1.00
W. D. Woodroof	2.50
Hamblet & Rogers	2.00
J. T. Dennis	
J. L. Banner & Son	_ 1.00
Anchor Hardware Co	
G. M. Sharp	
Merkel Mail	
Walter Clark	
Merkel Lumber Co	
Merkel Electric Co	1.00
W. H. Laney	1.00
R. L. Bradshaw	_ 1.00
Chas. West	.50
W. L. Harkrider	1.00
W. Parten	_ 2.00
Armstrong Drug Co	1.00
McClain Drug Store	.50
Hogue & Hamilton	1.50
H. C. Burroughs	1.00
G. R. Gazzaway	1.00
Behrens & McMillen	1.50
G. F. West	_ 1.00
Burton Lingo Lumber Co	2.50
Rust & McCauley Drug Co	1.00
Brown Gin Co	2.50
Brown Gin Co	_ 1.00
J. P. Sharp	2.00
Merkel Dry Goods and Gro. Co	- 5.00
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#### Away for Meeting.

Rev. G. L. Hamilton left for Loraine Monday afternoon where he will assist in holding a union meeting with the Methodists of that place. In a talk with the reporter he informed us that he would return in time to look after the meeting that is to start here the second Sunday in August. The preaching will be done by Rev. W. Graham of Greenville in the meeting which is to be held here.

#### Away to Market.

will no doubt visit other well sum of \$92.30. known markets in order to make his trip and line more complete.

#### Farms For sale.

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#### Money to Loan.

\$250,000.00 to loan at 8 per cent per annum, on improved Farms or ranches, or will buy first lien notes on this class of property. C. L. Barker, at daughters Alice and Exa of An-Southern National Bank, Merkel, son were here the past week vis-Texas.

#### Return From Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Turner returned Tuesday morning from Fayettville, Ark.. where they have been visiting for the past three weeks. While in Arkansas they visited A. Stamps a former Merkel citizen now of Prarie Grove in the fruit growing business. Mr. Turner in describing the apple lane Wins Renomination for Comptroller crop that Mr. Stamps would gather this year said that there would be a yield of 15,000 bushels on the place which would net the grower about 30 cents per bushel.

On the way home they visited in Oklahoma and at several points in Texas.

show house erected after the best of Sweetwater. of plans of moving picture shows and the best of machinery is to be installed that can be secured. as follows.

This place is to be opened by Fred Groene on the vacant lot just across from where his studio now stands. The work of getting the building ready will be about complete Saturday night, but the machine which has to be shipped direct from New York will not reach here until time to open the house Saturday night, August 10th. The plan used by Mr. Groene will make the house very comfortable to the patrons and the service we feel will be of the best, the seats will be so arranged as for the back seats to be six feet above the ground and then a continual drop in each seat until the ground is reached a few feet from the screen.

# FIRST COTTON FOR

Wednesday afternoon the first bale of cotton for the year of 1912 was ginned at Merkel by the R. E. Bowles Gin Company and sold to The Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co., for the price of 13 cents per pound.

The cotton was raised by O. L. Derrington who lives south of town on the H. H. Tittle place. Mr. Derrington in addition to selling the 460 pound bale for 13 Mr. W. D. Woodroof left Sat- cents per pound captured 50 per urday night for St. Louis where cent of the prize money offered he will spend some two weeks in by the merchants which amountmaking selections for the fall line ed in his part to \$32.50 in prize of goods that he is going to place money and \$58.80 for the cotton in stock here. While away he making the bale net him the nice

divided between the two next your land or for the sale of your captured but they could not be bales that are brought to Merkel first lien land notes. In the mat- verified. The forces that are and as the earliest cotton seems to be opening some it will not be very long until all the prize money will have been paid out.

Miss Pauline Johnson left for Stanton Friday afternoon to visit her sister Mrs. Bartley Smith. She will be away about a month spending most of her time at the ranch home of Mrs. Smith out from Stanton.

iting the family of J. N. Teaff.

Colquitt Wins Renomination by About 40,000 Majority.

### SHEPPARD DEFEATS WOLTERS

While Mays of Brownwood Wins for Lieutenant Governor.

With practically every vote in the state counted Governor Colquitt is assured of being our next Governor by at least 40,000 votes. Morris Sheppard wins over Wolters by something like 20,000, Lane is to keep his seat as comptroller by 10,000 over Barker, while Will H. Mays out ran his opponent Wiley M. Imboden by a large majority. Homer P. Breisford of Eastland was elected Merkel is to have a summer State Senator over Dr. Overton

The correct returns for the county and district officers are

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DISTRICT JUDGE	1875
Blanton	_1500
Hill	1173
REPRESENTATIVE	
Wagstaff	_1481
Wagstaff	_1162
COUNTY JUDGE	N. HJE
Bledsoe	1355
Overshiner	755
Sewell	568
SHERIFF	
Weir	.1385
Taylor	
TAX COLLECTOR	
Harkrider	924
Crawford	_ 761
Burleson	- 755
Stephens	_ 260
TAX ASSESSOR	
St. John	915
Vance	845
Manley	
Williams	
TREASURER	
Tittle	1174
Red	753
Christopher	534
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Jno. G. Jackson, Merkel.

Mrs. L. E. Sanders and children and Mrs. H. T. Merritt and baby Leoel returned Wednesday morning from Tennessee where they have been visiting for the past two months and were ac-Mrs. R. E. Burns and two companied home by Miss Aileen Sanders who will spend the summer months with her cousin Miss Ruth Merritt.

#### Meeting at Tabernacle.

The meeting at the tabernacle that began Saturday night is progressing nicely under the preaching of Bro. Sewell, president of The Abilene Christian College. The services are very short and the effect of the hot weather is not noticed during the thirty to forty-five minute sermons, the afternoon services in taking only an hour including the song service and prayer. For this reason it is the wish of Elder Sewell that every one come who can and he promises not to tire them with lengthy sermons.

radical change in the temperagoing from high to higher durshade and at no time during the much below 100.

being set back by the continueous hot weather and unless the conditions change soon the amount of cotton produced will be much shorter than was expected before the hot days came.

community was a very pleasant caller in the Mail office Tuesday.

# NEGRO SHOOTS

Clarksville, Tex., July 31 .-Two thousand men this morning began a search for Leonard Potts. the negro who killed Sheriff Stevens here last night, and who is also wanted at Dallas for the killing of Policeman Tedford

Fourteen negroes are in jail here. It is believed that some of them are in grave danger of violence unless Potts is caught soon or their innocence of attempts to hide him are quickly established.

Potts had been here since Sunday. The negroes say that they Merkel Country Farmers: If did not know that he was want-

Reports were current this morning that Potts had been hunting the man were greatly vice am confident I can please augmented today and business here is practically at a standstill.

> Fred Bigham came in Saturday from Fort Worth arriving here in time to vote. Mr. Bigham left Fort Worth in his auto Friday morning and made the trip here in 13 hours driving time. He reports the condition of Mrs. Bigham's eyes as much improved.

> Arthur Rose spent Friday in Abilene visiting.

Since the rebels have moved their scenes of actions the Americans seem to have lost all protection that was ever afforded to our citizens in that country.

Americans in Northern Mexico have been officially notified by rebel commanders to give up their arms and leave the country, according to advices received at El Paso by representatives of the Mormon colonists. An only alternative is to join the rebel ranks and fight against the constitutional government of the repub-

Refugees from the Mormon colonies in Chihuahua are flock-As the returns from the elec- ing to the border. The first tion showed that several of the group of nearly one thousand races were very hot and many men, women and children was due which extended over all the to arrive in El paso by a special state no doubt brought about the train early Sunday morning. A. W. Ivins of Salt Lake City, & ture which has consistantly been Mormon apostle, made arrangements for the reception of the ing the last four days. At many refugees. They will be housed times the reading showed the in tents, if necessary, and the heat to have gone to 110 in the El Paso custom house building will be thrown open to them. day has the temperature been Apostle Ivins telegraphed complaints to Senator Smoot of Utah The young growing crops are and Governor Colquitt of Texas.

According to advices received at El Paso, rebels armed with an order from Gen. Inez Salazar, commander at Casas Grandes, and vested with authority from Gen. Grozco, commander in chief, visited the homes of Mor-L. E. Perkins of the Nubia mons in Colonia Dublan Saturday and confiscated 300 rifles and much ammunition. This also was done at Colonia Juarez, a neighboring settlement.

> It was reported that stores were looted in Nueva Casas Grandes and a Chinaman killed when he refused the rebels the right to enter his store.

#### School In Masonry.

The local lodge of Masons have secured the services of J. F. McCullough of Snyder to teach them a ten days school in Masonry. The school began Monday and will run perhaps some over the specified time. While here Mr. McCullough will have the hall open to members at all hours during the day and at each night there will be team work by the local officers under direction of Mr. McCullough.

#### West Texas Odd Fellows Association.

Will meet this year at Sweetwater on August 14th and 15th... Arrangements have been perfected for the best time in the history of this association. A big delegation will be on hand and some of the biggest guns in the order will speak.

Papers in Eastland, Callahan, Taylor, Jones, Fisher, Nolan, Scurry, Borden and Howard counties will please copy this notice. W. L. Doss, Pres.

Ben Merritt returned from Mineral Wells and other points Sunday afternoon where he has been spending a week's vacation.

Miss Ruth Holmes of Abilene Mesdames. Jno. Sears and spent a few days in Merkel this week the guest of Miss Virginia Swafford.

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#### THIEVES OF PARIS CAUGH'I

Extraordinary Collection of Stolen Property Found in Their Camp in a Suburb.

The Paris police force made a remarkable haul at the suburb of Montreuil-sous-Bois. Eighteen men were arrested, and an enormous heterogehouses, which was divided between that would betwo gangs of thieves and apaches "Boers," owing to their houses being liar."-Mack's National Monthly. known as "Transvaal City."

Inquiries made by the police showed that every Sunday morning the inhabitants of "Transvaal City" sold stolen meat at 4d a pound, and organized penny lotteries with prizes such as clocks, stolen watches, bicycles and stores of preserved groceries. The police seized a quantity of harness, saddlery, bicycles, sewing machines, typewriters, mattresses and bedding, and in a newly plastered ceiling they unearthed jewelry and watches enough to stock two or three jewelers' shops.

The information on which the police acted was given by a poor woman who had been kept in bondage by the thieves in order to do their cooking for them. Every one of them could steal with both audacity and cunning, but not one could as much as cook a

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#### Marriage License.

Jack Parten to Miss Ezona Bertrand.

J. W. Pollock to Miss May Teague.

Pippin Allen to Miss Jessie

Jack Neel to Miss Zinia Ingle. Dr. Geo. L. Miller to Miss Clara Keeton.

Trying to Decide.

"Hear you have a fine baby at your house.'

"Yep; bouncing boy."

"Who does he look like?"

"Well, we haven't quite decided yet. To tell the truth, none of our relatives have very much coin."

#### What She Wanted.

Jim Mann was on his way back from Chicago and couldn't help hear ing the conversation of the couple in the section right behind his. They looked like newly married folks, but were not on their honeymoon, as Mann learned by deduction. The woman laid down a newspaper she had been reading and said to her hus-

"Do you know, I wish I had one of these affinities. Oh, I think it would be just g-r-a-n-d to sit on a rock with somebody and have him rave about the incomparable golden color of my hair and tell me that my eyes were the most beautiful in the whole world,

"Uh, huh," said the husband, yawn-

"And that the delicate pink of my neous stock of stolen properly was cheeks had been painted there by the angels, and that he couldn't live withcamp of amateurly constructed out me. O-oh, I think an affinity like

"'Tisn't an affinity you want," in-Most of the members belonged to the terrupted her husband. "What you chief band, commonly known as seem to want is a plain, old-fashioned

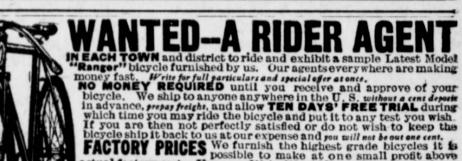
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The little old-fashioned tarts are beginning to be revived and appreciated. are such a delight, especially to children, and no child's party is complete without a few tarts.

Raisin Tarts.-Chop a cup of stoned raisins and add a quarter of a cup of shaved citron. Add the grated rind and juice of a lemon, a cup of sugar and one egg beaten slightly. Fill small pastry shells with the mixture and lay a few strips of the pastry criss-cross over the top, and bake.

Cut rounds of pastry and pair them off, using a thimble to cut three circles out of half of the rounds, spread with jelly after they are baked, and press the round that has the circles taken from it over the other. The jelly will press up through the opening and make a very pretty tart.

Orange and Pear Tart.-Line a tart tin with pastry and bake, Take from the oven and fill with sections of orange, leaving a space in the center; fill this with finely chopped pear, which may be either canned or fresh. Dust with powdered sugar and garnish with fresh leaves of mint. If that is not obtainable, geranium leaves may be used.

Ambrosia Tarts.-Fill tart shells with the sections of orange from which the membrane has been removed; sprinkle with freshly-grated cocoanut and powdered sugar.

Cocoanut Tartlets .- Line some tart pans with pastry and fill with the following: Beat two tablespoonfuls each of sugar and butter together, add a beaten egg and a tablespoonful of rice flour, four tablespoonfuls of freshgrated cocoanut. Put a tablespoonful of the mixture in each shell and bake. When cold decorate half of the tart with chocolate and the other half with white frosting and place a strip of citron or angelica on top.

## Nellie Maxwells.

Conquering Smallpox Scourge. Smallpox is no longer feared by civilized mankind. This is partly due, no doubt, to the immunization of the races through vaccination, and partly to the better methods of sanitation and preventive treatment generally. In the first year of our occupation of the Philippines, where smallpox was then an endemic or constant disease, there were 675 cases among our soldiers and 240 deaths. A system of rigid vaccination was adopted, and in the last five years there have been only five cases and not a single death. The army records in Porto Rico tell the same story, and seem to prove beyond question the efficacy of vaccination. Dr. S. C. Rockhill of Cincinnati reports that he has had much success in preventing the pock marking of the face in small ox cases by painting the pustules with a lotion of nine parts glycerine and one part lodine. By this treatment also the patients get over the attack in from eight to fifteen days. Others prevent the pitting by keeping the patients in a room where no light whatever but red light enters .- Pathfinder

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Mrs. Kate Peaks of Corpus Christi returned to her home Wednesday after a week's visit with her sister Mrs. J. B. Walsays: "An attack of the grippe sever- ton. Mrs. Peaks came here from Paducah where she has been visiting her father Mr. Craven formerly of this place.

> C. A. Campbell who has been here during the last month visiting his brother J. Ben Campbell left Thursday for Honey Grove where he will visit friends and relatives for awhile before return-

Miss Stella Martin who has been here visiting friends returned to her home in Sweetwater Tuesday evening. She was accompanied home by Miss Sutphen. Bessie Touchstone who will be her guest for some time.

Levi Greeson who has been making his home north of town ney and bladder troubles, weak left Wednesday for Los Angeles, and lame backs, rheumatism and Cal., where he goes to join his

Get the habit of buying from a cash store. It will put dollars in your pocket. Ask your neighbor if he believes this statement. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

Miss Settle who has been here the past week visiting the family of R. L. Bland left for her home at Prosper Wednesday morning.

Mrs. W. L. Harkrider left Wednesday for Stamford where she will visit her sister Mrs. Grover Cleveland McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Atwood of Vernon came in Wednesday to visit Mrs. Atwood's sister Mrs. C. B. Howard.

Misses Alice and Annie Goza of the Amity community were here Wednesday visiting their cousin Mrs. J. E. Barlow.

A. J. Douglass and Will Buchanan left Tuesday for Dallas to visit relatives. They will be absent about three weeks.

Mrs. W. T. Curb left Wednesday for Runnels county where she will visit the family of E. B. Warmack.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L./Ely left Thursday morning for Dallas Mineral Wells and other points east where they will visit.

Mrs. Pope Rister came in from El. Paso Monday morning to x it relatives.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Felix Jones was in town Friday,

Mrs. C. E. Stamp is in Putnam

J. J. Stallings attended to business in Abilene Monday.

Mrs. M. C. Vick of Snyder is here visiting the family of W. F. Hamblet.

Mrs. E. E. Greene of Abilene is here visiting the family of J.E.

Ladies new Lace Coat "COSA" QUES" at Woodroof's. Price \$1.50. to \$3.59.

Mrs. C. D. Mims and Miss Ruth Mims were visitors in Abilene Monday.

Tom Stanford left for Ballinger Wednesday where he will visit for a few days. Misses France Burroughs and

Dora Lee Potter went to Abilene Wednesday to visit Miss Jessie W. D. Peterson of Gustine.

Comanche county was here this

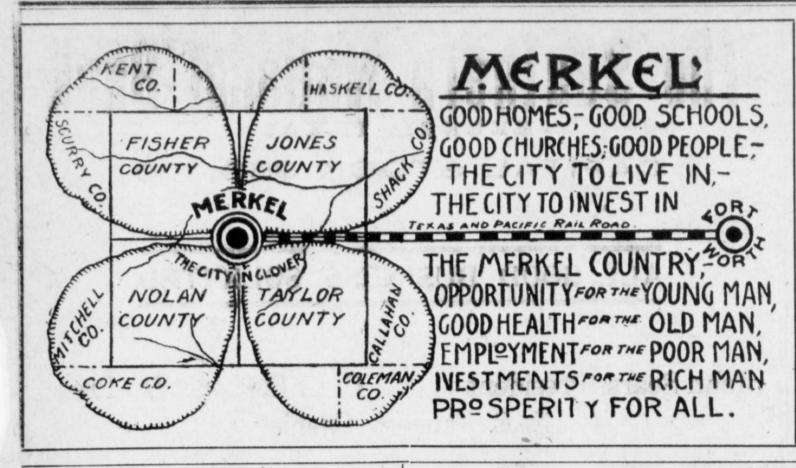
week visiting the family of W. A. Holmes. Mrs. W. Parten returned from

Pecos Tuesday where she has been visiting her brothers for some time.

Mrs. S. E. Jophlin and daughter Nerva returned to their home at Detroit. They have been here visiting J. S. Hutson a brother of Mrs. Joplin's.

Miss Bessie Sellers of Prosper stopped off here last week to visit the family of R. L. Bland. Miss Sellers was on her way home from California where she has been visiting for some time.





## The MERKEL MAIL

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TELEPHONE No. 61

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of in-terest to readers of The Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual inter-est transpires, a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars

#### \$7500 For A Letter.

Recently a young man came into a northern newspaper office and left an order for 500 sheets and envelope of the finest, richest, quietest, and most dignified stationery they could make. The details he left, and the order was filled in the regular course of business and forgotten. Later, when they mailed him the bill, on account of the extreme care taken with the order they found it had cost a little more than a conventional job would have cost. They explained the facts to him and asked if a bill for \$18 would impress him as being too high. The answer came back prompt-'No, that stationery cinched a \$7,500 a year job for me." It seems he had lately been in New York and was negotiating with some mill owners in New England for a position. They had adviced him that the matter would be considered, and to drop them a line in two weeks. He figured that some of the other applicants might have presented just as good an appearance and impressed them just as favorably in other particulars, and he might tip the scales a trifle in his favor through his correspondence. In the light of the \$7,500 job that followed, it does not require much discrimination to see where he was right. The difference between common-place stationery and the kind they made for him may have been a dollar or so, but the difference between landing the job and losing it was about \$5,000 per year.

As a matter of fact, there are lots of instances in which the end to be obtained quite overshad. ows the question of cost. The ranks of the shortsighted people who deliberately handicap themselves by using cheap stationery are constantly growing smaller.

#### Back To The Soil.

Now that the election is over, many of our politicians drawn by the suction of necessity will go "back to the soil" and the old vegaries for which they stood will return like sheeted ghosts to their graves but political fallacies, like weeds, when cut down, grow up again. Intelligence is the only safeguard to free government and if our politicians would only pursue knowlege as energetically the next few years as they have pursued one another the past few weeks, we would soon have the greatest civilization the world has ever known.

But the people should not take the spell-binders too seriously; remove from these generators of public strife the hope of reward and their torrid eloquence will cease to flow and they will become productive, rather than obstructive, citizens. Back to the soil with the politicians and give Texas a chance to grow.

#### Invest In Equipment.

ing the proper improvements. A small invest- commercial organizations of Texas.

ment in draining low, wet fields; irrigating certain crops; applying commercial fertilizer, barnyard manure and lime; or erecting barns, silos, granary, etc., may add greatly to the income from the farm. The lack of a small expenditure may keep the land from producing large crops and paying dividends upon the investment.

Capital is a very essential part of the equiptment in progressive farming. Not only must money be invested in good soil, but the necessary equipment must be provided so that dividends may be secured upon the original investment.

A progressive farm manager should know his farm and be willing to give it a fair show. He should not hesitate to make such improvements as are needed and thus make his equiptment more efficient. Capital for permanent improvements on good farms usually can be secured and when wisely expended, means more revenue from the products of the farm .- Farm & Ranch.

#### Cotton Acreage is Reduced 7 Per Cent.

The United States Department of Agriculture to-day gave out a report showing the acreage of the 1912 cotton crop in the United States to be 37,097,000 acres a decrease of 7 per cent under last years acreage. The acreage of the Texas crop is given at 10,927,000 acres a decrease of 223,000 acres or 2 per cent under 1911. Oklahoma shows the largest decrease in acreage which is 17 per cent. Texas shows the lowest decrease in acreage planted.

A press dispatch from Los Angeles quotes Lincoln Steffens, a witness for the defense in the Darrow case as saying: "I am worse than an anarchist, a man who believes in Christianity." Further along the dispatch recites as follows: "Asked on redirect examination what he meant by his reply as to his beliefs, Steffens said he was worse than an anarchist in the sense that he was more radical, for while anarchy demanded justice, Christianity demanded love and charity in addition." Steffens, who is a muck-raking magazine write by profession, classes dynamiting as a "social" crime that should be overlooked. His theory is that instead of punishing the McNamaras the state should treat the conditions that led them to the crime. Inasmuch as he has no theory with respect to the victims of the McNamaras we take it that the "love and charity" he "demands in addition" is what he expects them to be satisfied with. Indeed, Steffens is worse than an archist. He is an inciter of crimes he is too cowardly te commit himself .- Beaumont En-

Former editor Mays of a Brownwood paper is no longer a newspaper man and we extend congratulations to him in his success of being elected Lieutenant Governor of this state. Mr. Mayes we feel is well qualified to fill the office and if he should be called upon to take the place of the Governor it would be with ease that he would handle the business of the state and west Texas would be one of the first sections to have recognition from him.

The American shovel and the American dollar may yet be a big factor in establishing order in Mexico. Leastwise, Orozco's infantry and rough riders are said to be deserting the fortunes of a depleted war chest for the Saturday night pay roll of American construction work. A cook tent and a steady job make for peace and good times in any country.

Many of our farmers here in the southwest have Texas-made goods are fast gaining the not enough confidence in their soil. There is a preference over foreign articles due greatly to the reluctance to put the farm upon a fair test by mak home industry campaign being waged by the

#### Good Farm Loans Wanted: EIGHT PER CENT INTEREST

### GOOD FARM LANDS ON MY LIST TO SELL

It seems to me that I should be able to do some business with you on one of these propositions and I promise that I will give you the very best service possible and then will appreciate your business more than anybody.

I believe that I have a cash buyer for every real genuine bonafide bargain in good farming land and I want just such a bargain for every buyer who comes to me this season. I want the best land on the market in the Merkel country for that is my specialty-selling good land to good people. I will do my best for you and hope to do you some good-but if not I will do you no harm. My commission for selling land is just 5 per cent—no more and no less. I do not want more or accept less.

#### MONEY TO LOAN

I am promised a connection to handle all desirable loans wanted in the Merkel country and I hope that I am entitled to your business. If you want to borrow money on well improved farming land or an exceptionally good piece of unimproved land I will make you the best contract in the country.

Yours for lands and loans

## **JOHN G. JACKSON**

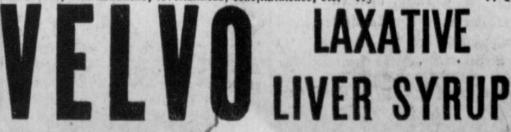
Merkel, Texas



## Physicians Advise

the use of a goodlaxative, to keep the bowels open and prevent the poisons of undigested food from gettinginto your system.

The latest product of science is VELVO Laxative Liver Syrup, purely vegetable, gentle, reliable and of a pleasant, aromatic taste. Velvo acts on the liver, as well as on the stomach and bowels, and is of the greatest possible efficacy in constipation, indigestion, biliousness, sick headache, feverishness, colic, flatulence, etc. Try



### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Bar Pins, the latest styles at Woodroof's.

J. L. Banner attended business in Abilene Wednesday.

A new lot of ladies collars and ties at Woodroof's.

C. V. Bigham came in from the west Tuesday morning.

Pate & Rose shaving parlor. Barber work a specialty.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hunter returned to Odessa Sunday.

You can now get Abilene bread at the City Meat Market.

Arthur Browning came Friday to spend a few days with 'his C. A. Vaughn of Big Springs parents.

Go to the City Barber Shop for first-class work. West & Evans, Proprietors.

Miss Carrie Simmons of Coleman is here visiting Miss Annie Lou O'Briant.

Ladies New Lace Coat "COSA

QUES" at Woodroof's. Price

\$1.50 to \$3 50. Mrs. J. G. Jackson visited her mother at Nugent the first part

of the week. Mrs. Arthur Cranston left for Gorman Tuesday where she will

visit her mother. Mrs. Dan Rollins of Trent was in Merkel the first of the week visiting Miss Pearl Rollins.

Miss Lula Jones and Alice Wainscott of Anson were here the past week visiting the family of J. N. Teaff.

Mrs. Belle Kunze of Fort Worth returned to her home Monday after spending a week here with her parents.

John Mann of Eastland an old time Merkel citizen was here Sunday visiting friends and relatives.

and buy Clean Easy Soap, 10 thats all. Whitley, Son & Co.

Miss Abbie Howell returned to Abilene Tuesday morning. She has been here visiting Miss Pearl Rollins for the past week.

Mrs. Belle Hodges of Heidenheimer returned to her home it has no equal on earth. It stands Tuesday. She has been here visiting her uncle J. L. Rosson.

Mrs. J. B. Ferrier returned home Tuesday afternoon from Abilene where she has been visiting for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Adcock returned to Merkel Tuesday after a visit with friends at Oglesby where they have been for some time.

"I was cured of diarrhoea by one dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes M. E. Gebhardt, Oriole, Pa. There is nothing better. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. Arthur Hays of Franklin returned to her home Friday. She had been here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tally of Trent.

Sallow complexion comes from billious impurities in the blood and the fault lies with the liver and bowelsthey are torpid. The medicine that gives results in such cases is Herbine. It is a fine liver stimulant and bowel regulator. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Mrs. J. E. Costepeens and two little daughters left for Roscoe Tuesday afternoon. They were Sunday from different parts of accompanied by Mrs. G. H. the state where he has been Johnson of that place who has speaking for the past three weeks been here visiting her mother in the interest of Governor Col-Mrs. Costephens.

#### J. W. Sanders Dead.

The expected death of J. W Sanders came Saturday night at his home in south Merkel.

For some time Mr Sanders condition has been very bad and for the last week prior to his death was momentarily expected. Some time ago Mr. Sanders went to Abilene where he spent several days under care of the doctors and during the time he was operated on for cancer, the cause of him having to go there. For a short time after returning Mr. Sanders thought he was improving some but the change was of very short duration his condition suddenly becoming worse some weeks ago and his daughter Mrs. was called to his bed side, at that time Mr. Vaughn in a talk with our reporter gave very little hope for his father-in-law. On last Friday they were again called here and arrived only a short time before Mr. Sanders death.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. G. L. Hamilton preaching the funeral and immediately burial was given the body in the Rose Hill cemetery.

The Mail extends profound sympathy to all the bereaved,

#### Something Extraordinary.

A personally conducted firstclass Special Train Excursion through the Rocky Mountains to the famous Yellowstone National Park and return, under the auspices of "THE CAMPUS,', the new monthly magazine of the Southern Medhodist University, at low rates and consuming about 15 days, (tickets will be good until Ociober 31st for returing and allowing stop-overs enroute) will leave Dallas and Fort Worth August 12th. For complete itinery, 'expense particulars and photographic literature illustrative of the journey's superb at-Throw away your wash board tractions, free of cost address Frank Reedy, Bursar, Southern minutes to the boiler full. Rinse Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

#### Stands Ahead.

There is something about Hunt's Lightning Oil that no other Liniment possesses. Others may be good, but it is surely the best. It does all you recommend it for and more. For Sprains head on my medicine shelf. Very truly yours, T. J. Brownlow, Living-

25 and 50 cent bottles.

#### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending Aug. 3, 1912:

Crider, Mrs. C. C. Smith, Mrs. Alice

Shanks, J. W.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Aug. 17,1912.

H. W. Derstine, p.m.

#### No Calomel Necessary.

The injurious effect and unpleasantness of taking Calomel is done away with by Simmons' Liver Purifier, the mildest known liver medicine, yet the sister Mrs. N. D. Cobb and most thorough in action. Put up in yellow tin boxes only. Price 25c. Tried once, used always.

> Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Griffith were here this week visiting Mrs. Griffith's parents Mr. and Mrs. F. Smith. They started on their return home to Upland Monday where they are elected to take charge of the Upland schools for the coming year.

> Judge W. T. Potter returned anitt's reelection.

### It's Smooth as Silk

A talcum powder containing the least particle of grit or foreign substance is not a proper powder to use on baby's tender skin-or on your own.

Before you accept a toilet powder rub a little on the back of the hand or on the tender part of the wrist-you will easily detect the presence of grit.

#### Apply this test to NYAL'S **Toilet Talcum**

-vou will notice two things-its perfect smoothness and a delightful odor. It is a delightful powder in every way.

Its smoothness combined with its antiseptic properties leaves the skin soft and velvety-and free from irritation.

#### 25 cents a box.

Besides good goods you get good treatment at our store. Always glad to have people come in and look around, whether they want to buy or not. We wait on you promptly, give you what you ask for but never tease anyone to buy anything.

#### RUST & M'CAULEY DRUC CO.

#### HOME A CENTER OF SERVICE

Old Time Ideals of Hospitality Should Be Maintained so Far as Possible.

The ideal home is not self-centered. It is a center of service. So far as circumstances will permit, the oldtime ideals of hospitality should be maintained. In wise and uplifting ways the home should be shared. It is a good practice to invite young people who are away from home. It relieves loneliness, discouragement and temptation. Remember it is-

Not what we give, but what we share The gift without the giver is bare

The home is the bulwark of civilization. Within the extreme limits of wealth and poverty a home may be good or bad, irrespective of social position or property.

Our homes are what we choose to make them. It is a question of what we admit and what we kept out of them. Our best selves and the best we have to give should go into the termines the character of children.

The home tends to make us better or worse. Thus the home becomes the chief factor in determining the character of the community and the nation. The trend of our times is away from the home into the countless amusements and interests of modern

#### Saved Him,

"It didn't kill me, but I think it would if it had not been for Hunt's Cure. I was tired, miserable and well nigh used up when I commenced using it for an old and severe case of Eczema. One application relieved and box cured me. I believe Hunt's Cure will cure any form of itching known to mankind." Clifton Lawrence, Helena, O.T.

If it is worth doing at all, it's worth doing well.

First class work at all times is our motto.

Let us figure with you on your next job.

Merkel Mail \$1.00 per year brook.

#### A Matter of Importance.

By request of a number of farmers and business men of Taylor county we have conferred with the officials of the Southern States Cotton Corporation as to when we could have a man in Abilene to lecture on and explain this new marketing proposition that we are all so much interested in, namely, Southern States Cotton Corporations plan of securing for the farmers 15 cents per pound for his cotton. We are just in receipt of a letter from Sec. Bailey of said corporation advising that Sidney B. Butler will be here on Monday, Aug. 5, and will explain fully and in detail the merits of this very important proposition.

Now people, come out and let's learn all about this matter. We must soon make up our minds as to whether or not we will adopt this method of marketing our cotton, and no better time can be to acquaint ourselves with the proposition. We deem it our duty as citizens to look into this matter that interests us all, farmers, lawyers, doctors and men in all lines of business, and we insist that you lay down any and all other business on Monday, Aug. 5, and come to Abilene and let's see what there is to this proposition that is creating so much interest and comment.

The place of meeting will be at either the court house or the chamber of commerce at 2 p. m

E. B. Bynum Pres. Cham. Com. B. E. Looney Sec. Cham. Com. F. A. Peel

Special Dem. Agt.

#### How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Re ward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. Cheney & Co,, Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made they will make their home. by his firm.

National Bank of Commerce.

Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucuous surfaces or the system. Testi-

bottle. Sold by all druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

monials sent free. Price 75 cents per

#### Operation for Appendicitis.

While S. C. Keith was working in his garden last Friday he was suddenly strickened with appendicitis at his home in north Merkel. An auto was procured and he was taken to Abilene where he was operated on that afternoon. The operation was successful in every way and he is doing very well at present. The age of Mr. Keith made many of his friends uneasy as to the outcome of the operation.

Another operation which we by all dealers. failed to make mention of last week was that of Miss Jewel Hicks daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hicks, she was operated on in the early part of the week and at times did not seem to rest very well but at the present is recovering very fast.

#### He Won't Limp Now,

No more limping for Tom Moore of Cochran, Ga. "I had a bad sore on my many serious diseases. To be healthy instep that nothing seem to help till I keep the bowels active and regular. Herused Bucklen's Arnica Salve," he writes, "but this wonderful healer soon cured me." Heals old, running sores, ulcers, boils, burns, cuts, bruises, eczema or piles. Try it, Only 25 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

visit the family of W. B. Also-

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Bar Pins, the latest styles at Woodroof's.

J. W. Teaff spent Wednesday in Abilene on business.

A new lot of ladies collars and ties at Woodroof's.

Miss Marhl Christopher went to Abilene Sunday to visit. The house that caters to your

wants. Whitley, Son & Co. Buy Abilene Bread at the City

Meat Market. Mr. Abbott of Trent was in

town on business Wednesday. Mrs. J. W. Brown of Tye was

in Merkel Friday. Jno. G. Jackson went to Dallas Sunday night where he looked

after business matters. Try a loaf of Abilene bread at the City Meat Market. 10 cents

or 3 for 25 cents. Mrs. F. A Polly of Noodle left Friday for Dallas where she will

visit for some time. Miss Ima Nortan of Cisco is the charming guest of Miss Mable Collins this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. James of Route 2 are the proud parents of a new girl. The little Miss making her arrival Thursday last.

Mrs. W. N. Hall went to Roscoe Tuesday where she will instruct the Roscoe Eastern Star in their line of work.

Mrs. V. B. Reynolds of Baird returned to her home Wednesday. She has been here visiting her son W. H. Reynolds.

Mrs. S. F. Holden of Trent stopped here Monday enroute to Abilene to place her little daughter in the sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. Blewett who were married late Wednesday afternoon of last week here left Friday morning for Dallas where

"Were all medicines as meritorious as Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy the world would be better off and the percentage of suffering greatly decreased," writes Lindsay Scott, of Temple, Ind. For sale by all

Miss Bertha Nelson spent Sunday with relatives. She returned to Abilene Monday where she is attending school.

Mrs. E. M. Larner of Morgans Mill is here visiting her daughter Mrs. R. E. Counts. Mrs. Larner was accompanied here by her sister Mrs. Lizzie Keron of Et

Mr. W. S. Gunsalus, a farmer living near Fleming, Pa., says he has used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in his family for fourteen years, and that he has found it to be an excellent remedy, and takes pleasure in recommending it. For sale

Miss May Perry of Abilene was here this week looking after the music class she organized here last week.

A. L. Hogue left for Sweetwater Wednesday where he will look after business matters. Mrs. Hogue will not go until about the first of September.

Constipation is the starting point for bine will remove all accumulations in the bowels and put the system in prime condition. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Mrs.A. Winn who has been here for some time visiting Mrs. R. E. Mrs. Reed Alsobrook of Sweet- Bowles left for her home at Fort water came down Tuesday to Worth Wednesday. She was accompanied as far as Abilene by Mrs. Bowles.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Merkel has a splendid chance to prove to all Texas that she is the cleanest, prettiest and healthiest town in the state. Our city dads knew they could depend on our citizenship to rally round Minnie and Almeda Harris, Geneva and the standard, so they have entered Nina Warnick, Gladys Christopher, Merkel in her class for the Hollands Georgia Moore, Dorethy Duckett, prize. Now it is up to the good women Marion McGee, Beulah Garrett, Lola of Merkel to start in a house and yard Parks, Evelina Turner, Messrs. Ernest clean-up. A few minutes in the early morning and in the late afternoon will Moore, E. E. Patterson of Lamesa, beautify all the homes here, to say the least it will make them wholesome and clean, which means less sickness, besides a duty we owe to ourselves and our fellowmen.

Try collecting the tin cans, bottles, etc., and putting them in a sack, box or barrel-see what a vast difference it makes in the back yard and alley. The old paper, rags and weeds ean be burned. Any of us can do this much and its lots easier than to have to care for a case of fever. Let us all pull together for our home town. Not one cent is to be asked for, just a little muscle and civic pride.

#### Porch Party.

Miss Mamie Rister entertained at progressive "42" Tuesday afternoon Miss Collins will be the next hostess. from 4 to 7 at her home on Oak street, naming her aunt Mrs. Walter J. Hodson of Brownwood as guest of honor.

The hostess in her usual happy manner gave welcome to her guests and presented them to Mrs. Hodson. After all had been served with punch they seated in the reception rooms, where Ezma Allday, Ona and Virginia Hambmusic and conversation preceded the games.

The entertainment was timed to meet the arrival of Mrs. S. P. Rister of El Paso and Miss Imogene Norton of Hico who is visiting Miss Mabel Collins.

Hand tinted score cards, "autumn leaves" were passed, on each was written a conundrum, the answers were found in the dining room on the table where articles that suggested the correct answer had been placed, in this unique fashion we were directed to the different tables, but on the porch, each table representing some tree.

Mrs. Hodson and Miss Norton were given places of honor and their table controlled for the afternoon.

High score was made by Miss Susie Penn and Mrs. S. P. Rister.

ton, Susie Penn, Maud Martin, Lulu Sold by H. C. Burroughs. Thornton, Olga Sheppard, Eva Walters, Mary Reed of Hillsboro, Inice Moon, Annie T. Daniel, Willie Bigham and Sophia Howard.

Mesdames Walter J. Hodson, S. P. life work. Rister, John D. Gaither, Deavenport Gaither, W. A. Scott, W. M. Jenkins, B. H. Wheeler, John Sears, V. B. Walters, W. H. Dickson, Claud Bigham, T.H. Largent and Mrs. G. A. Rister. 6, 1-1:3.

#### Six o'Clock Binner.

Miss Mabel Collins out on Bettes Heights served a six o'clock dinner Monday evening complimentary to her house guest Miss Imogene Norton of Hico.

The dinner guests were Messrs Homer Eosterwood, Lester Ellis, George Ferrier, Olly Sharp. Misses Lulu Thornton, Imogene Norton, Maud Martin and the hostess, later in the evening melons were served out on the lawn where games and conversation featured as specialties.

A number of social affairs have been planned in honor of Miss Norton, among which is a ranch "house" party for the first of the week.

#### Dutch Lunch.

Mrs. Deavenport Gaither honored her husband Friday evening when she served a dutch luncheon at their home on Rose street. Mrs. Gaither is a charming hostess and it is a treat to be a guest in her home. Those who shared in her hospitality were Messrs. Cote Hunt, Ernest Faucett, Forest Gaither. Deavenport Gaither, Miss Gertrude Thornton and the hostess.

If you sit in a cool draft when you are heated and get a stlff neck or lame back, you will be looking for something that will ease the pain. Fix your mind on Ballard's Snow Liniment and don't be talked out of it because it is the best pain relieving liniment you can get anywhere. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle, Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

A social was given Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. McDonald in honor of Mrs. McDonrld's sisters Misses Roxie and Nicie Morrow of Lamesa. The guests were received in the hall where punch was served by Mrs. Claude Whitley. From there the hostess ushered' them to the gypsy fortune teller where many things were revealed by palm reading. Many interesting games were played after which a second course of punch and cake was served to Misses Bertha, and Steve Duckett, John and Noel Ernest Costephens, Dennis McDonald, Marbley Whitley, Clyde Southworth, Con Warnick, Frank Smith.

Mrs. Claud Bigham was the charmng hostess Wednesday afternoon of the needle work circle. Conversation was sparkling and brimful of wit. Each guest had some dainty piece of hand work to keep their fingers busy while they talked. Mrs. Bigham assisted by her little daughter Alice and Miss Willie Bigham served peach sherbet and and angel food to Misses Mabel Collins,, Imogene Norton of Hico, Mary Brown of Temple, Maud Martin, Ruth Mims' Genevieve Rust, Elma and Olga Sheppard, Mesdames Lanier Brown and W. H. Dickson.

Tuesday afternoon Miss Virginia Hamblet entertained the Methodist Philathea class at her home. Business was discussed and plans made. Refreshments were served to Misses Pet Sears, Annie Smith, Minnie Harris, let. A call meeting of the Methodist and Baptist Philathea classes will be held at the Baptist church Monday afternoon at five o'clock. Let every one be present.

Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler and her sister Miss Bowler of Terrell will be home Friday from the Alexander Sanitarium where the former has been for the past two weeks, under treatment for appendicitis. Drs. Alexander and Armstrong pronounces the operation a success in every way. This will be good news to her many friends.

If your child is pale and sickly, picks at the nose, starts in the sleep and grinds the teeth while sleeping, it is a sure sign of worms. A remedy for Miss Rister was assisted by her sis- these parasites will be found in White's ters Misses Gene and Carroll Rister in Cream Vermifuge. It not only clears serving a dainty and delicious ice course out the worms, but it restores health to Misses Mabel Collins, Imogene Nor- and cheerfulness, Price 25c per bottle.

#### League Program.

Subject, The Growth and Culmination of Decision; Jesus assures his

Song.

Prayer.

Leader-Miss Georgia Moon. Scripture Lesson, Mark, 19-11; Isiah,

Talk by leader. Decision Service, led by-Dr. Mc-

Prayer. Discussion Lesson Topic No. 7-Miss

Quartette-Ernest Duckett, Dennis McDonald, John Moore and Ollie Shaf-

Announcements. Benediction.

One of the most common ailments that hard working people are afflicted with is lame back. Apply Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day and massage the parts thoroughly at each application, and you will get quick relief. For sale by all dealers.

#### Peculiar Western Banks.

The difference between the Amer ican east and west so strongly emphasized by rhetoricians and meteorologists extends even to the banking system. In the west they lend money on reputation, in the east on security. On a day in June last, six little banks in Seattle had lent on individual or than the names \$8,597,000; while the freeze. whole national bank group in New York had lent on similar paper only

closer and more accurate knowledge as smooth as velvet. of the man himself than can ever be possible in the bigger eastern cities. -World's Work.



What we've missed of calm, we couldn't have, you know! What we've met of stormy pain, And of sorrow's driving rain, We can better meet again, If they blow.

#### SUMMER DISHES.

Something new, odd or unusual always appeals to the cook, as her ingenuity is constantly strained to keep good things and variety at the same

Cabbage and Cherry Salad.-Take two cups of chopped white cabbage, toss it together with the salad dressing, made by cooking together equal parts of egg yolk and vinegar; add seasoning to taste of salt and sugar and just before serving time add a drained cup of cherries.

Date Tapioca .- Make a custard of a quart of milk, three tablespoonfuls of sugar and one beaten egg. Cook two tablespoonfuls of minute tapioca in the milk until thick, then stir in the egg and sugar. When cold add a cupful of chopped dates.

Chicken Pie .- Put all the pieces of chicken into a quart granite sauce pan, add all the gravy and enough water to fill the pan two-thirds full. Make a rich biscuit dough and drop small biscuits to cover the chicken. See that the dish is boiling hot before adding the biscuits. Bake in a hot oven ten minutes.

Wedding Cake .- One cupful each of sugar, butter and molasses, a cup of jelly or strawberry preserves, one cup of buttermilk, half a cup of strong coffee, two eggs, a grated nutmeg, two teaspoonful of cinnamon, one teaspoonful of cloves, two teaspoonfuls of soda dissolved in half a cup of boiling water, two pounds of raisins, one pound of chopped candied fruit, lemon, orange peel and citron, six cups of flour measured before sifting. the fruit with the flour, bake one hour in a slow oven. This will make three or four good sized cakes. Keep three months at least before using; wrap in waxed paper and keep in a

Nellie Maxwell.



"Only see what a ruby I've made." It forgot how the bees in their Maying Had brought it the stuff for its trade. -Lowell.

#### FROZEN DESSERTS.

When company is coming and a dish of extra quality is desired. Baked Alaska will be highly appreciated. Get a one or two quart brick of vanilla ice cream and make a meringue of three or six egg whites and three or six tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar. Cover a board with white paper, lay on a thin sponge cake and turn the ice. cream on the cake, which should extend a half inch beyond the cream. Cover with the meringue and spread smoothly. Place in the oven and brown quickly in a hot oven.

A cupful of crushed macaroons added to vanilla ice cream before it is frozen

hard makes a delicious variety. skins and rub through a sieve four good-sized bananas, add a cup of sugar and one and a half tablespoonfuls of lemon juice and a quart of cream, then

Chocolate Ice Cream .- Melt one and a half squares of bitter chocolate and dilute with hot water to pour easily; add to a quart of thin cream, then add a sup of sugar, pinch of salt and a tablespoonful of vanilla. Freeze.

Strawberry Ice Cream.—Crush a quart of ripe berries and strain through a cheese cloth, add a cup and three-quarters of sugar and a pint of firm notes without any other security cream, with a pinch of salt, and

Milk Sherbet .- This is a delicious frozen dish that is rich enough to sata little more than \$9,000,000. On that isfy many who find ice cream too same day, in San Francisco, the loans heavy for the digestion. Take the of this sort amounted to more than juice of three lemons, a cup and a half of sugar and a quart of good milk; The western system is one of credit freeze. The mixture may curdle when based upon industry, and upon much combined, but it will freeze out and be

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THIS PAPER

#### NO FIELD FOR THEIR V'OR'S

How The Good Young Man From California Set the Card Sharpers Right.

There are good men in California, very good men, and shrewd men, too (according to Eli Perkins). One day a real good young man, who used to teach a Bible class in San Francisco, boarded the Union Pacific train at Ogden. He was going home to Boston as a delegate from California to the Massachusetts Sunday-School association. He was neatly and sweetly dressed, and spent most of his time reading the Christian at Work. After a while he got introduced to a colonel, a professor, and a doctor, who said they lived in Boston, and they invited him to take a quiet game of euchre. During an animated religious conversation, three aces were thrown on his side of the table, after which one of the Bostonians gayly remarked, with the greatest coolness, "I wish that we were playing poker. I don't know that I have been favored with such a hand for years." Our religious young man from San Francisco immediately saw the game of the sharpers, looked up innocently, and remarked: "I have been favored also. I have a pretty good poker hand myself." The three looked at each other significantly. "They call you professor?" asked the young man from San Francisco. "And they call you colonel?" "Yes." "Yes." "You are from the East, I believe?" "Yes, from Boston." "Well, gentlemen," he continued, rising, "you had better take the next train back. We meet it just the other side of the Grand Canon. You can't make a cent at this. They have been teaching it in the Sunday-schools in California for years.



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#### NO MORE SPREES FOR HIM

Changing the Letter on Stenographer's Typewriter Cured Him of the Drink Habit.

In a certain railroad office in the West Bottoms is a stenographer, upon whom his employer places considerable confidence, for he is one of the best in the business. Only one shortcoming has ever been found against him, but this was a grievous one, the kind that was increased 100 per cent when the bi-monthly pay law went into effect. Long and faithful service kept him from being discharged, and his employer was very lenient. From month to month, however, it could be noticed that he was slipping a little more with each payday. Finally one last plan was decided upon to keep him in the service and prevent his falls from the wagon.

During an absence following a pay day a typewriter mechanic was pressed into service, to change the letters on the machine around. The next serving and garnishing of the fish dish morning the stenographer reported for as upon the cooking. work, with evidences of a "hangover." His employer started on him good and early, with a message which was to be rushed.

The stenographer started work. The result was something of an "x-&5!" affair. Finally he decided "it was no use.'

"I guess I have been cutting up a little," he said. "I expect I better take a day off and sober up."

It was agred thus, and during the day of sobering up, the letters on the dent occurred six months ago, the stenographer hasn't missed a day."-Kansas City Journal.

Last Resort.

Matrimonial Agent-Yes, sir, I think we can suit you perfectly. Ah-our preliminary fee is five guineas.

The Client-Five guineas? My dear laddie, don't be farcical. Why ever should I want to marry if I possessed all that money?-London Opinion.

#### REPORTER IS A HISTORIAN

No Other Is So True, and Few Are S Entertaining and So Useful.

A police reporter, indeed (or a pen ny-a-liner, as he is sometimes, with too much levity, styled), is the truest historian of his age. And, as no other histories are half so true, so few are nearly so entertaining, or so use ful, either, as those which he indites; there only have we the manners of the time caught "living as they rise served up, as it were, piping hot-and human nature naturally delineated; everywhere else it is dressed up, var nished over, idealized, perhaps, or otherwise so metamorphosed or mysti fled as hardly to be recognized for the same thing that one is accustomed to see and have to do with in its original condition of flesh and blood. Nay your penny-a-liner is not the greatest of historians merely, but the most penetrating of philosophers, going to the root of the matter, and the most instructive of poets and dramatists not only "high actions and high pas sions best describing," but low ones quite as well. All this he is by reason of the matter-of-fact spirit in which he works

For this is his distinction, that (tc the shame of literature it must be confesed) he is the only description of man of letters who is not in some sort, as such, a systematic liar. All other writers set themselves to embellish, elevate, refine truth and Naturesome have gone the length of maintaining that this falsification, this lying, is the very soul and indispensable essence of the poetical, in all its forms; he alone takes down and communicates what he hears and sees simply as he hears and sees it-'among the faithless, faithful ones he."

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FISH FOODS.

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Fish as an article of food is as valuable for variety of diet to those who are well as to the invalid. Fish is especially good for those of weak digestion, as it is easily digested. There are some foods which are hard to spoil even by cooking, but fish is not one of them. Fish should be carefully cooked and daintily served to be palatable.

Quite as much depends upon the

Another point to be remembered in serving fish is that it has no strong flavor like meats, but depends upon the seasoning and sauces for its piquant savor.

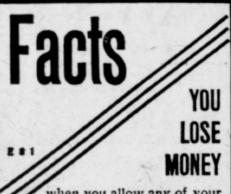
Fish is a food of which there need be little waste, for the cold fish may be made over into more palatable dishes than the fresh dish itself.

Curried Fish.-Slice a large apple and two onions in a frying pan containing three tablespoonfuls of fat and fry until a rich brown. Sprinkle into machine were set back into place. the frying pan a heaping teaspoonful The plan worked and though the incl. of curry powder and two tablespoonfuls of flour. Add a cup of stock or water and cook until smooth; strain and set aside to cool. Flake a pound and a half of cold boiled fish that has been freed from skin and bones. Add the sauce to the fish in a saucepan, bring to a boil and serve hot in a border of well-boiled rice.

> Shad-Roe Salad .- When the roe is not needed for the fish dinner, a salad can be made of it for the next day's dinner. As it spoils quickly, unless them laugh. My congregation will it is baked with the shad, cook it in slightly salted water for fifteen minutes at the simmering point.

Drain and wipe dry, dip in egg and crumbs and brown in a little butter. While still warm pour over it two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice, salt and pepper and set away to chill. When ready to serve, cut in pieces and mix with an equal quantity of cucumber cubes. Cover with mayonnaise dressing, decorate with capers and chopped olives and serve on lettuce leaves.

Mellie Maxwell.



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#### SOME OLD TIME PREACHERS

in Pioneer Days in Missouri Every C vine Carried a Gun With him to Church.

Nearly every pioneer preacher in Missouri was as expert in the use of the rifle as any of the laymen, sa s a writer in the Globe-Democrat. Sarv ices were usually held in a neighbor's cabin. Notice of a "meeting" was promptly and generally circu lated, and the settlers attended, uni formly bringing their rifles to guar against possible surprises or to obtain game on the way to or from the

The practice of carrying firearms was not abandoned or suspended even on the Sabbath. An old pioneer states that on one occasion religious services were held in Saline county when the preacher proclaimed the gospel of peace with his hand and his clothing covered with blood from a deer that he had killed and butchered on his way to the meeting that morning.

The pioneer preachers labored without money and without price. They gained their subsistence as did their neighbors, by the rifle and by their daily toll in the clearings and the corn fields.

Rev. Justinian Williams, Methodist, and Rev. Peyton Nowlin and Rev. Thomas Kinney, Baptists, were the first preachers in Saline county. They preached on Edmonson's Creek, and in the Big Bottom. "Old Man Nowlin," as he was called, was a sedate gentleman, dry as to manners and sermons, but with a kind heart and good

His colleague, Kinney, however, was of a jovial disposition and very popular. He was without literary attainments, but invariably provoked his congregation to laughter. Nowlin took him to task upon one occasion for his levity. Kinney answered:

"Well, I'd rather preach to laughing devils than to sleepy ones, as you do. You make them sleep and I make pass yours on the road to heaven. bet you a coonskin they will."

#### NEW WAY OF SAVING MONEY

How a Number of Working Girls Are Accumulating a Fund for Vacation Trips.

Some girls working in a certain trust company have organized a most unusual method of saving money for, their vacation trips. Two of the girls out of the thirty-five that have entered into the plan are appointed trus- itors; students before their examinatees, and the first Saturday in July tion feel more assured of succe (any month can be chosen) each girl pays just two cents. With thirty-five girls that makes seventy cents, which kimono. is duly deposited by the trustees in the bank.

Beginning with the week following, the assessment grows to four cents, then six cents the next week, and so on, increasing two cents each week. but the increase is so very gradual that it is no great effort to put the amount away.

The following June the money is drawn out and each girl receives the amount that she has paid in, which would be \$25.50, the saving beginning n July plus about \$1 interest. You will readily see that the amount saved will provide a girl with a nice two weeks' vacation and it is almost like finding money. Until Christmas, when they need money most, the assessments are nominal, the "big" ones coming in Lent, when one does not need so much spending money.

As the rule was made in the beginning that anyone who failed to pay would lose what she had already put in, everyone makes it a point to pay promptly. One good clause in the laws stipulates that if any girl loses her position or marries she can withdraw the amount that she has put in. -Harper's Bazar.

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#### FAMOUS ROBBER OF JAPAN

talk over our proposition.

Nezumi Kozo Stole From Old-Time Daimyos to Relieve Sufferings of the Poor.

Behind the temple sacred to the Nameless Dead and close to the wrestling amphitheater in Tokyo there is to be found the grave of the celebrated robber, Nezumi Kozo, who stole from the daimyos long ago in the old Yedo days that he might relieve the sufferings of the poor. There is a superstition connected with this grave which has made it a much frequented spot. If a portion of the headstone is carried away it acts as a lucky talfsman, particularly to those who speculate or are otherwise engaged in games of chance. It is usual for a person breaking a piece from the stone to make a vow that in case he is successful he will buy a new. headstone to replace the one he has mutilated. Many prayers must have been answered, for the stones are piled high on either side of the grave. and an enterprising individual near by has the stones already for sale and only waiting the name of the donor to be engraved and then set up. A shelter has been placed over the spot, and from the roof hang gay lanterns and pilgrims' banners. A large money box catches all the stray sen which go for the upkeeping of the grave. Gamblers and geisha are often visthey have a chip of Nezumi Kozo's headstone in the sleeve of their

#### Primitive Reasoning.

"Did you sell your vote?" "No, siree! I voted fur that feller 'cause I liked him."

"But I understand he gave you \$10?"

"Well, when a man gives you \$10 'taint no more'n natural to like him. is it?"-Washington Star.

#### Her Easter Hat.

Apropos of the latest foreign limousine-the limousine with a roof that slides back for aviation meetings-Frank Coffyn, of hydroplane fame, said the other day in New York:

"This car reminds me of a conversation I overheard between two girls. "'It was an awfully smart crowd at the flying,' said the first girl. I saw some awfully nice frocks.'

"'And who flew?' the second girl inquired.

'Don't ask me!' said the first girl. Do you think I was going to take of my new Easter hat just to see a lot of aeroplanes?"



Catch the Idea?

### **OUR CORRESPONDENCE**

#### Inkum Items.

July 29-Odie Mitchell and wife are visiting at Sweetwater.

J. J. Self and wife are the proud parents of a new daughter.

Mr. Reidenbach of Rock Crossing made a trip to Inkum Thursday.

Preston Lee who has been spending his vacation at W. C. Perry's left for his home at Abilene Friday in answer to a telegram telling him of the death of his brother.

J. A. Hallmark is visiting relatives at Guion.

Marvin Cox and brother Wilson attended the meeting at Buffalo Gap Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Hallmark and Miss Callie Hallmark made a trip to Merkel Thurs-

J. A. Wills and wife left Saturday by the way of McCauley going to Wheeler county to visit a daughter.

L. A. Dudley visited relatives at Mc-Cauley the first of last week.

There was an entertainment at G. T. Atkins' Friday night. R. C. Whetsel of Nubia was among the guests.

Ernest Perry, Lem Dudley, W. P. Bailey, Jeff Denton, Oran Perry and Preston Lee went to hear the candidates speak at Nubia Thursday night. There was an entertainment at Bob

Williams Tuesday night. Ben Harrison of View was among the guests.

attending the meeting at Buffalo Gap berry. the past week.

#### Shocking Sounds

in the earth are sometimes heard before a terrible earthquake, that warn of the coming peril. Nature's warnings are kind. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the Kidneys need attention if you would escape those dangerous maladies, Dropsy, Diabetes or Bright's disease. Take Electric Bitters at once and see backache fly and all your best feelings return. "My son received great benefit from their use for kidney and bladder trouble,' writes Peter Bondy, of South Rockwood. Mich. "It is certainly a great kidney medicine. Try it. 50 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

#### Blair Echoes.

July 29 - The protracted meeting closed at this place Sunday night, with several additions to the church.

Mr. Waddell of Rosenberg visited the family of J. W. Mayfield and C. R.

Rolland C. Goens and Arthur Deerington were passengers to Buffalo Gap Sunday.

Miss Adnie Belle Moore returned to her home Tuesday at Compere after spending a few days with her sister wealthy. With my inward eye I can Mrs. Effie Demere.

Raymond Demere and Ada Franks of White Church visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley of Nubia attended church here Sunday.

Mrs. Cina Jones has been very sick but is improving, we are glad to learn. Mrs. S. L. Harrison and daughter Doll are visiting Bob and Mark Malone the decolette truth."

in Illinois. Pat Adison left last week for his

home at Winters. Leslie Powell of Okiahoma is hare visiting his aunt Mrs. S. E. Adcock.

E. M. Sharman had the misfortune of sticking a nail in his foot last week.

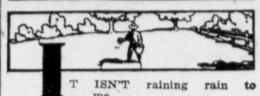
### Monday at the Mount Pleasant church.

J. W. Mayfield attended the baptizing

Almost Lost His Life. S. A. Stid, of Mason, Mich., will never forget his terrible exposure to a merciless storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, so it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several doses of Dr. King's New Discovery which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneu- the sleeping sickness. monia, but to continue with the Discovery. I did so and two bottles completely cured me." Use only this quick, safe, reliable medicine for coughs, colds fails to perform its functions properly or any throat or lung trouble. Price the whole system becomes deranged. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. A few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

Misses Roxie and Nicie Morrow of Lamesa are here this week visiting their sister Mrs. M. L. McDonald.

# TheKIFCHEN



But fields of clover bloom, Where every buccaneering bee May find a bed and room; A health unto the happy! A fig for him who frets! It isn't raining rain to me, It's raining violets. -Robt. Loveman.

#### HELPFUL HINTS.

When canning strawberries one may have the delicious red berry keep its color and flavor if carefully put up as follows: Fill the cans with the fresh fruit. Have ready a rich sirup of sugar and water and any broken berries to give it color. Fill the cans with the boiling sirup and then put into a boiler of boiling hot water deep enough to cover at least four inches over the top. Cover with a rug or carpet and let stand twenty-four hours or longer, when they are removed, wiped dry and put away for winter use. Putting the cans into the boiling water is easily done with a long-handled skimmer; set the can on it and steady it as it goes under the water.

The nice part of this canning method is that the fruit may all be put into jars ready, and when the boiler and sirup is ready a few minutes will finish the work, which is finished by the hot water. Fruit a year old that was canned by this method can-S. K. White and family have been not be told from the fresh cooked

> One may sit out in a cool garden or porch and get a dozen cans of berries

ready for the next morning's canning. If you want a delicious dish of baked beans use less pork, and an hour before they are to be served add a cup of rich thick sweet cream to the pot.

A delicious sandwich for the porch supper or picnic lunch is made of cream cheese, a little cream and chopped green pepper spread between buttered bread.

Cleaning Fluid .- This is a fluid one need not fear to use on the most delicate fabric: Shave thinly a ten-cent bar of white castile soap and add a quart of boiling water. When cold add a half pint of ammonia, a pint of water; mix and cork tightly. Use on spots or stains with equal parts of water unless badly soiled, using a piece of cloth like the goods with which to apply it. This will clean any thing from furniture and rugs to delicate dresses.

## Nellie Maxwells

A Bit of Real Philosophy. "Most husbands think they are good husbands."

"Say the rest of it." "And most wives humor them in that belief."

#### Happy Thought.

Clairvoyant-Yes, you will be very see heaps of money all around you. Mr. Wise-Well, suppose you take your fee out of it with your inward fingers.

Putting It Gently. "Ladies," said the speaker at the annual meeting of the Boston Beanbund, "I shall, in elucidating my subject, give you nothing but the-er-thethat is to say, I shall give you-er-the-

Wrong Position.

"Now is the time of opportunities for able young men, why doesn't William come forward?"

"Guess it's because he's too back-

#### Severe Rheumatism.

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#### Measurement.

"Your wife thinks a lot of you, doesn't she?"

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at my power of place and lordly sway,

I only pray for simple grace to look my neighbor in the face full honestly from day to day."—J. W. Riley.

#### BE SURE TO TRY THESE.

This is a delicious drink, which may better to give as a tonic than a fermented fruit juice:

Raspberry Shrub.-For every cupful of juice add a half cup of cider vinegar and two cups of sugar. Boil and skim, and when thick bottle. When serving, allow a fourth of a cup of the shrub to three fourths of a cup of cold water, unless the sirup is thin.

Cherry Conserve.-To a pound of raisins add two pounds of cherries, three oranges, juice and rind, and four pounds of sugar. Chop the fruit, add the sugar and cook for a half hour. Seal in glasses while hot.

Salad Dressing for Fruit .-- A half cup of orange juice, a fourth of a cup of lemon juice, two tablespoonfuls of butter cooked with two of flour, and a half cup of sugar. Cook until smooth

Mushroom Catsup.-Wipe, but do not wet, fresh mushrooms. Put in layers in a stone dish, cover with salt and press a plate with a weight over them. Let stand in a warm place for twenty-four hours, then mash and money without a word of argument if strain them through a sieve. To every you say, after using it, that it did not quart of the liquor add an ounce of help you. We can't make a stronger pepper corns and boil for half an hour. guarantee than this. You can't ask Then add a fourth of an ounce of allfor a stronger assurance that Rexall spice, half an ounce of sliced ginger root, a dozen whole cloves and three blades of mace; cook fifteen minutes. Cool and strain again and put into small bottles. Dip the corks in melted

> Beet Relish .- A quart of cabbage, a quart of cooked beets, chopped, two cups of sugar, a tablespoonful of salt, a teaspoonful of pepper and half a teaspoonful of cayenne and a cup of grated horseradish, enough vinegar to mix well, and put into cans cold.

> Canned Corn .- To nine cups of corn add a cup of sugar and half a cup of salt and one cup of water. Put into sterilized cans, seal tight. Freshen

when using.





It's raining daffodils; In every dimpled drop I see Wild flowers on the hills.

The clouds of gray engulf the day And overwhelm the town; It isn't raining rain to me It's raining roses down. -Robt, Loveman.

### A FEW UNUSUAL DISHES.

For those who are fond of Devonshire cream, which may be whipped and served on berries or used as pudding sauce, the characteristic flavor is enjoyed. Scald milk and allow the cream to stand thirty-six hours; skim and use either plain or whipped.

Madison Salad .- Cut up four cucumbers into uniform cubes, add a small onion, also cut fine; two tablespoonfuls of chopped parsley, and pour over this a French dressing. Serve in tomato cups.

Orange Fluffs.—For a light biscuit for five o'clock tea or for a luncheon dainty, mix a baking powder biscuit dough, roll it out in small circles; dip cubes of sugar in orange juice and plunge into the center of each. Add a brushing of melted butter and bake. Serve piping hot.

Baked Potatoes, Spanish Style. Bake six medium sized potatoes, cut open lengthwise and remove the contents. Mash the potatoes with grated onion, butter and salt and a little cream or milk. Replace in the shell, put a slice of sweet red pepper on the top of each and brown in the oven.

Strawberry Filling for Cake.-Beat a cup of cream until stiff, add a third of a cup of powdered sugar and a pinch of salt. Fold carefully into the beaten white of an egg and add a half cup of mashed strawberries.

Japanese Salad .- Remove ripe bananas from their skins, cut the fruit in cubes and mix with green peas and French dressing. Arrange the salad in the shells, place on lettuce leaves and garnish with slices of banana overlap-

Nellie Maxwell.



HAND WANTED-To work on farm by the month. Sam Butman, Nubia,

#### T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND

Train No. 2, leaves Merkel\_10:04 p.m. --11:38 a.m. Train No. 4 " --12:19 a.m. Train No. 6 -- 9:02 a.m. 4.6 Train No. 8

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#### The Mail is the Paper the People Read

Nos. 3 and 5, 4 and 6 stop at Sweet-water, Eskota, Merkel, Abilene, Clyde, Baird, Cisco, Eastland, Mingus, Weatherford and Fort Worth. West of Sweetwater all trains are locals except 3 and 4; they do not stop at Itan.

#### Where a Bath Comes High.

"There are some things about a trip through Holland that you recall when stopping at one of our modern hotels." says an American recently returned from a trip abroad. "In many places in that interesting country the hotels are run as they have been for ages

and candles still are the vogue. "Rooms with bath are unknown. Instead they charge you about 40 cents in American money for a bath. You ask for the privilege of using the tub and they send up a maid who brings with her towels and soap if you have none, for you are supposed to carry both with you. She fills the tub, has it about the right degree of heat, and the faucets are locked, so that if you want any more water you don't get it; also there is no chance for your traveling pal sneaking in and enjoying a bath without coming through with another 40 cents.

"You are provided with one candle a day and charged for it. The lights go out early in the night, and if you happen to get up or want to read you have to use a candle. This does not apply to Amsterdam, which is a metropolitan city."

#### What is Best for Indigestion?

Mr. A. Robinson of Drumquin, Ontario, has been troubled for years with indigestion, and recommends Chamberain's Stomach and Liver Tablets as 'the best medicine I ever used." If troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial. They are certain to prove beneficial. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at all dealers.

#### Laziness.

Persons may share the common complaint of laziness without any appreciation of how far it is responsible for the saddest cases of mental and moral disintegration. Laziness is really the key to a large share of what passes for lack of balance and perhaps for insanity. It takes hold in the schoolroom where pupils slight the work they most need because they like it least. Having shirked the studies which would have done most to balance their mentalities, they proceed to emphasize this lopsidedness by refraining from every line of endeavor which is not to their liking. They find a hundred excuses for doing so, but nearly always their excuses are not reasons. They do only what they like until finally they do not like doing that. Then they drift and regret that the ravens of today are not as active in their charities as in the days of Elijah.

#### Granulated Sore Eyes Cured.

"For twenty years I suffered from a bad case of granulated sore eyes, says Martin Boyd of Henrietta, Ky. "In February 1903, a gentleman asked me to try Chamberlain's Salve. I bought one box and used about two-thirds of it and my eyes have not given me any trouble since." This salve is for sale by all dealers.

An Injunction Wanted. "Do you favor limiting the powers of

the courts?" "Just now," replied the statesman, "I'm in favor of extending them. What I want is some way to get an Injunction that'll prevent publications from putting all the funny stories into print before I get a chance to tell 'em to my constituents."

#### Blamed A Good Worker.

"I blamed my heart for severe distress in my left side for two years," writes W. Evans, Danville, Va., but I know now it was indigestion, as Dr. King's New Life Pills completely cured me." Best for stomach, liver and kidney troubles, constipation, headache or debility. 25 cents at H. C. Burroughs.