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COMMISSIONERS OF COUNTY MEET

The commissioners court after three days of constant work will adjourn this afternoon until the August term.

One of the most important orders entered, at least the county judge, E. M. Overshiner believed so, was order number 29, which permits a leave of absence for the county judge from August the first to August the tenth for the purpose of getting married. Judge Overshiner explained to the court he had completed arrangements to be married in Fayetteville, Ark., on the sixth day of next month, and with one accord the commissioners granted the leave of absence.

All the commissioners, R. V. Bigham, J. L. Banner, S. J. Waldrop, W. H. Cooper and Judge E. M. Overshiner presiding, were present and thoroughly discussed the tax levy for this year. After carefully considering the actual needs of this county and the amount of money it will take to run this county with an economical administration, the tax levy was set at 41½ cents on the hundred dollar valuation for this year. This amount is divided as follows: 18c general fund, 15c road and bridge fund, 8½ cents court house (which is the same levy made heretofore to cover interest on bonds and sinking fund).

The commissioners court sold the old Taylor county court house to C. A. Clayton of Sweetwater, Texas, at a price of \$100.00, the county reserving all movable furniture and two vault doors. Mr. Clayton is to enter into bond in the sum of \$1200 to remove said building within forty-five days from date of contract and with as little damage to shrubbery and grounds as possible, said building to be removed level with the ground.

Regarding the bonds for the new court house Judge Overshiner said: "All bids the commissioners have received have been withdrawn as the bond market is down at this time. We received a bid of 95 this morning, which had a ten year option in it, but it will not be considered. The commissioners court will not sell the bonds at a sacrifice, but they will be held until we can receive a fair price for them."

The following orders were passed:

It appearing to the court from the report of auditors, John S. Oglesby and R. W. Mitchell, employed by Taylor county, that former county judge T. A. Bledsoe, has fraudently misapplied and converted to his own use, county funds to the amount of \$3,698, and that said moneys were paid the said Bledsoe on checks presented to the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Abilene, by said bank, which payment was, in the judgment of court without lawful authority and it being further the opinion of this court, that the surities on the official bonds of said Bledsoe, to wit: Henry James, Geo. L. Paxton, C. W. Merchant, B. F. Jones, Sr., are liable for said delinquency as well as the said bank,

COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

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A few months ago I was explaining to a small-town merchant the many benefits to be derived by those residing in the community from the practice of "Community Co-operation." Among other things I made the assertion that every dollar spent with the merchants in the town benefitted every person living in the entire community. This statement was challenged by a gentleman in the store who remarked that he could not see wherein he was benefitted by the money spent with the town merchant, as he lived some six miles out in the country. He admitted the fact that the town's growth depended upon local trade activities and that all civic improvements depend directly upon the town's growth. In answer to my questions he gave me the following information: He owned a little more than 200 acres of farm land for which he had paid from \$10 to \$16 per acre some ten years before and for which he had lately been offered \$75 per acre.

I asked him if he didn't think that the town's growth was responsible for these increased values. His reply was: "No. Farm lands have enhanced in value all over the southwest during the past ten years, due to the settling up of the country." I wanted to know if his land would produce any more now than it did when he bought it, and by way of reply he stated that it would not produce as much, and that furthermore he could buy land in a new section of the country for less than \$10 per acre that would produce as much as his land ever did. "Why don't you sell out at the splendid profit you have in your place here and move to the new section?" I asked. His answer to the last question furnished me ample information with which to prove my argument.

He has four girls and two boys still in school, he must educate them and there were no schools convenient to the new prospective location. His family went to church and Sunday school regularly and he didn't want to deny them these advantages. Furthermore the macadam pike leading into town ran right past his door and he hated the idea of going back to the mud roads.

Wasn't this town responsible for the good roads, churches, schools, markets, society, etc., mentioned, and didn't the growth and existence of the town depend entirely upon its trade activities? Didn't he owe it to himself, his family and his local merchants to patronize them, quality and prices being equal? If the unsettled section afforded all the advantages the lack of which kept him from moving into it, land there would bring just as high a price.

Get better acquainted with your local merchant, he is or should be your friend. Patronize him whenever possible, keeping in mind the fact that his prosperity is your prosperity.

MERKEL MAN IS HURT BY AN AUTO

W. D. Woodroof proprietor of the W. D. Woodroof & Co. store was painfully injured Monday morning while cranking his automobile.

Mr. Woodroof, L.H. King and Will Evans had gone to Ballinger on business. On driving his Buick 17 into a garage there Mr. Woodroof failed to throw it out of gear, stopping the car with the engine in gear. On returning to the garage to show the car Mr. Woodroof cranked it into motion by the slightest touch. Having one foot over the bumper rod he could not get out of the way and was pined between his car and the rear of another machine the force of the lick breaking his left leg just below the knee. After having the injured member bound with a plaster of paris Mr. Woodroof was able to return home in his car. The trip was made Monday night at the suggestion of the attending physicians Mr. Eveys piloting the car through.

The force of the lick from the car was hard enough to push the auto that was standing in front several feet and stopped only when the wall was met with. The oncoming car was then thrown back some and again it plunged into the auto in front, the force of this lick stopping the engine. From witnesses it is short of miraculous that Mr. Woodroof was not seriously injured. He will be confined to his home for several weeks.

Notice.

To the Voters of Tayloy County: I wish to take this opportunity of stating that I am now out of the County Clerk's office.

As is well known, I have been connected with said office for eight years, most of the time as chief deputy. I am well acquainted with all of the affairs and details of same feel that I can make a competent official. At the proper time it is my purpose to announce as a candidate for the Office of County Clerk, and wish to assure all of my friends who have so kindly proffered me their support that I very much appreciate same, and will highly appreciate the support and influence of the entire citizenship of the county. 1814 Miss Fannie Tippet.

Business Change

The firm of Rust & McCauley Drug Co. is now operating under a new head. J. W. Wheatley who has been with the popular firm for some time having purchased a stock in the business and took charge of the business affairs last week. Mr. Wheatley has made a host of friends since his arrival here and we predict a successful business connection for him in his new place.

Meeting at Trent.

A Christian meeting began Saturday night at the Tabernacle. Elder Showalters is in charge of the work and the meeting is progressing nicely. A broad invitation is extended to everyone to attend the meeting and assist in making it a complete success.

FARMERS TO MEET IN ABILENE SAT.

We the committee appointed by the County Farmers Institute at the regular meeting June 28th, to arrange for called meeting of said Institute, later; beg leave to report as follows.

In order to get better organized, and to plan especially for the Farmers Congress and State Farmers Institute work at College Station July 28th, to Aug. 1st, we ask that all members of the County Institute and Delegates that are to represent same at the Congress, and all the Presidents and Secretaries of the different Locals of the County, together with all of their Delegates, meet at the Chamber of Commerce in Abilene, at 2 o'clock p. m. on Saturday 19th, inst. 14 or more people can by a ticket all together at 2 cents per mile.

J. K. Fuller.
Mrs. A. T. Finch.
F. A. Peel.

Come to Cozarts July 24 & 25.

and demand for the payment of said moneys having been made on said surities and said bank, and payment thereof refused, it is therefore ordered by the court, that the county judge, E. M. Overshiner, be authorized and directed to bring suits, for and on behalf of said county, against the said Bledsoe and his bondsmen and said bank.—Abilene Reporter.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED—Man with family to gather maize and cotton crop. S. H. L. Swafford, Merkel, Texas, Rt. 1. 2tpd

FOR SALE—One fine full size violin known all over West Texas, in good condition, with case, stand, bow and chin rest; a "fiddle" that talks...\$50
One fine G. S. cornet, A B C low and high pitch, in perfect condition...\$40
One B flat cornet, A and B shanks, good case...\$12
One low pitch C clarinet, a splendid instrument, fine tone, no checks, good case and one doz. extra reeds...\$35
A good mandolin and guitar, both have cases; price low.

Don't worry me unless you mean business. Call on or address S. S. Schöller, Merkel, Texas.

TAYLOR COUNTY LADY FOR OFFICE

The first woman to announce for a public office in Taylor county was Miss Fannie Tippet of 518 Elm Street, Abilene, Texas. Miss Tippet has been connected with the office of County Clerk for the past eight years. Most of the time in the position of chief deputy to the County Clerk. She is well and favorable known to the voters of the county and has a host of friends in practically every corner of the county.

This is the first announcement to be made by a woman in this county it is not at all uncommon throughout the state for county clerks office to be filled by com-

FIREMEN'S MEET AT SWEETWATER

The Panhandle Firemen's Association of west Texas is preparing for one of its biggest meets ever held, to convene this year at Sweetwater August 19, 20 and 21.

The local firemen were invited to become members of the association but the proposition was tabled for the present as the local boys were already members of the state association and did not think it best to incur an extra expense at the present time. Many of the local enthusiasts will attend the Sweetwater meeting just as visitors to see the work that is being done in the lesser state organization. A good program has been arranged for the three days, invitations are being sent broadcast over this section of the state to firemen and members of all city councils.

Killed In Auto Accident.

Mrs. J. T. Warren received a message last Friday morning from her sister Mrs. D. M. Doyle of El Paso, Ark., stating that Mr. Doyle had been injured in an auto accident at Des Arc, Ark. on Thursday evening and died at 1 o'clock Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle were visitors in Merkel only a short time ago and many people here will remember Mr. Doyle quite well.

competent woman officials. In other columns of the paper appears the announcement of Miss Tippet.



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MEETING CLOSES SUNDAY NIGHT

The Christian meeting at the Tabernacle conducted by Evangelist W. F. Ludlow continues with interest. The attendance has been good and the attention and interest fine. To date there have been two confessions. With the meeting closing Sunday night Evangelist Ludlow invites the whole town to be present at the remaining services and especially at the Sunday and Sunday night services. The subject of Character Building which was announced to be his subject for last Sunday afternoon's services was put off until the 4 p. m. services of the coming Sunday.

The subjects for the remaining part of the week are as follows. Friday night: Seven Great Things, Saturday night, The Christian and Jewish Tabernacle, Sunday at 11 a. m. The New Testament Church and the subject of Character Building for the 4 o'clock services Sunday evening. The closing services will begin as usual, at 8:30 Sunday night. The subject for this night The Judgement Day will be one of the strongest ever heard here.

Auto Party Stops Here.

J. B. Beugler and sons Price and Ben of McAlister, Oklahoma stopped here Wednesday night to visit Mr. Beugler's old friend W. R. Walker.

Mr. Beugler and sons are on their way to Portland, Ore., on a prospecting trip, going from here to El Paso, Globe and Yuma Arizona, on to Los Angeles and Portland, where they will end their trip and start on their return, making in all over 3000 miles. The travelers are making the trip in a two-cylinder Buick model 14 car and an Indian motorcycle and are averaging 100 miles per day.

No Excitement.

A young man was compelled by his father to turn farmer against his will. Not liking the profession, he went and hanged himself, leaving this written statement: "Farming is a most senseless pursuit; a mere laboring in a circle. You sow that you may reap and then you reap that you may sow! Nothing ever comes of it."—Life.

She Wouldn't Pay the Price.

The Southern Missionary Training school of Louisville, Ky., among its myriads of activities, offers music lessons for five cents to each little one with budding talent and no money. The one dissatisfied student who failed to appear for a second lesson explained that she "never got no nickel's worth at the first."

Do You Want Results

THEN TRY A WANT AD IN THE MERKEL MAIL

Good Never Die.

There is nothing, no nothing, innocent or good that dies and is forgotten. An infant—a prattling child dying in its cradle—will live again in better thoughts of those who loved it, and play its part through the world, through the redeeming actions of the world, though its body be burnt to ashes and drowned in the deepest sea.—Charles Dickens.

Merkel Mail One Dollar Per Year A Good Investment.

W. D. Magli, a well-known merchant of Whitewater, Wis., bought a stock of Chamberlain's medicine so as to be able to supply them to his customers. After receiving them he was himself taken sick and says that one small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was worth more to him than the cost of his entire stock of these medicines. For sale by all dealers.—adv.

Don't You Owe Yourself Something.

For beautifully illustrated literature descriptive of the numerous splendid, home-like and not unreasonably expensive resorts throughout Wonderful Colorado and along the Pacific Coast, including the Great Colorado Chautauqua at "Boulder-the-Beautiful", address A. A. Glisson, General Passenger Agent, "The Denver Road", Fort Worth, Texas. Little vacations in those directions are always worth more than they cost! (a16)

Closing Notice.

The leading business houses of Merkel will close at 6:30 each day except Saturdays until September 1st.—Adv.

Saving Magazine Covers.

Strips of cotton cloth, cut diagonally and fastened with library paste to the back of a magazine cover when it is new, will save wear, and add to the life of the cover.

Causes of Stomach Troubles

Sedentary habits, lack of out of door exercise, insufficient mastication of food, constipation, a torpid liver, worry and anxiety, overeating, pertaking of food and drink not suited to your age and occupation. Correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be well again. For sale by all dealers.—adv

Empty Feast.

"Why did you leave that boarding-house?" "Because the swellness was at the expense of the food supply." "What do you mean?" "Four kinds of forks and two kinds of vegetables."

PIANO CONTESTANTS

And their standing. Watch the list of numbers change.

CONTEST CLOSES AUGUST 20

Only two more weeks and some Merkel young lady will be awarded the West Texas Hdw. Co's \$400 Piano.

No. Votes.	No. Votes.
3-640680	102-783005
4-640205	140-751995
6-812410	148-641585
7-802645	158-754735
17-685410	159-780755
20-591470	166-650130
52-792705	168-654180
56-581010	169-657120
58-581745	173-662845
64-798525	174-777015
71-797375	179-783890
84-647505	180-500455
99-800585	181-783730
101-.....	—774020

BE SURE AND GET YOUR VOTES

WEST TEX. HDW. CO.

Mrs. Melinda Woodson Warnick Dead.

Mrs. M. W. Warnick died at the home of her daughter Mrs. J. C. Provine, Thursday evening of this week.

Grandma Warnick, as the aged lady was known to her many friends came to her death from old age, and until the last year was conspicuous among her friends on account of her active home and religious life. Mrs. Warnick has been a resident of Merkel for the past 28 years coming here from Dallas county where she lived with her family during her first two years in Texas, coming to Texas in 1883 from Tennessee where she was married. She was born at Dover, Ky., May 13, 1826 and spent the first 19 years of her life along the historic banks of the Cumberland river, leaving there only upon her marriage. From childhood Mrs. Warnick has been a staunch member of the church, under her paternal home of the Watkins name she was a member of the Methodist church, after marriage she became a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church living and practicing her belief in her daily walk of life as a wife and mother.

The pioneer Merkel lady was the mother of six children, three of whom survive here and all of whom are residents of Merkel. Dr. J. H. Warnick, J. B. Warnick and Mrs. J. C. Provine.

Funeral services are to be held Friday morning near noon hour with burial services immediately afterward. Rev. A. A. Baker conducting the services.

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PHONE 43

City Depository.

Notice is hereby given that the city council will meet in adjourned, regular session on Monday night, July 21st., 1913, for the purpose of receiving and considering sealed proposals for the custody of the city funds of the City of Merkel, Texas, for a period of one year from said date. Any banking corporation, association or individual banker doing business within the said City of Merkel, may submit a sealed proposal, as herein before provided. R. A. McClain
 City Secretary.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending July 19, 1913.

- Atkins, Lawrence
- Atkins W. D.
- Cooper, Bud
- Hertford, Madeline
- Hudson, R. L. 2
- Kingrea, J. G.
- Diaz, Sr Andres

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Aug. 2, 1913.

H. W. Derstine, P.M.

Old-Fashioned Storm.

What's become of the old-fashioned harmless storm that merely cleared the atmosphere.

To Prevent Blood Poisoning

apply at once the wonderful old reliable DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL, a surgical dressing that relieves pain and heals at the same time. Not a liniment. 25c. 50c. \$1.00.

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Hard Work Called For.

One of the popular song demonstrators was making more racket than usual the other day in one of the big stores, his voice reaching far beyond its usual limits. A sales woman in another department, seeing one of her customers wince at the terrible noise, explained: "You see he got here a little late this morning and has been singing loud to catch up."

Your Friends.

Treat your friends for what you know them to be. Regard no surfaces. Consider not what they did but what they intended.—Thoreau.

T. G. Bragg of Hillsboro who has been here visiting friends and relatives returned to his home Monday. Mrs. Bragg remained for a longer visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes, and sisters Mesdames E. M. McDonald and Fred Guitar of this place and Mrs. John Childers of Trent.

John (Pierpont) Morgan our mainstay combination printer is spending atwo weeks vacation in Arlington visiting his mother and seeing the sights of the big burge in that vicinity.

The birth of a girl is reported to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson of the Canyon country on Wednesday.

Dr. G. M. Williams was called to Temple this week to assist in an operation on a patient from Rochester.

Messrs Will Evans and Harve Warren and families left Thursday night for a fishing trip to the river going in Mr. Warren's car.

Watermelons from 30 to 45 pounds and cantaloupes at all times. Hamlet & Rogers. We feed Merkel.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. W. T. Hulling of Loraine is here visiting Mrs. W. L. Hark-rider.

Elder Jno. M. Rice left Thursday for Okra to hold a ten days meeting.

Mr. Parker Henderson of Abilene was a social caller in the city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Rudd of Arlington are here visiting the latters sister Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Ed Young of Lampasas is here this week visiting his wives parents Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bigham

Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Henderson of Abilene were here Sunday visiting Miss Eather Williams.

Miss Anna Dyas of Colorado who has been here visiting Miss Eather Williams and Miss Clara Moore has returned to her home.

Mrs. W. H. Laney returned home Thursday from Foss, Okla., where she has been visiting her mother Mrs. Foss. Mrs. Foss returned to Merkel with her daughter for a visit.

Mrs. B. S. Teague and son of Brenham are here this week visiting her parents Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Gaddy.

Messrs Paul Jones and Sterling Heitt of Abilene and New Orleans respectfully were social visitors in the city Saturday.

R. A. Adcock of Coryell county is here in company with his sister Mrs. C. B. Smith of Waco visiting his son O. J. Adcock and their mother Mrs. Lucinda Adcock.

Miss Prudie and Georgia Robertson of Farmersville stopped off here Wednesday to visit the family of G. J. Jones. The visiting ladies have been spending the summer in Cloudercroft, N. M.

Henry Orr formerly of this place was here Sunday visiting friends. Mr. Orr returned to his home at Abilene Sunday night where he has accepted a position with the City Drug Store of that place.

Elder W. G. Cypert returned Monday from holding a ten days meeting at Atwell, Texas. He reports a rousing good meeting a good success in every way. After a short stay here he will go to Abilene to conduct a meeting.

W. A. Scott received a letter from his brother-in-law Ed Vickers of Lockney Sunday stating that his little daughter had died suddenly. No particulars were given. Mr. Vickers is well known in this section of the country, having been in business at Capp before going to his present home.

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT COMES TO A VOTE JULY 19

On tomorrow you will have a chance to vote on the proposition for an amendment to section 49 and 52 of article 3 of the state constitution, authorizing the issuance of bonds for the University of Texas, Agricultural and Mechanical College, state penitentiary system and other public improvements and buildings of warehouses for agricultural products.

The foregoing is how the ballot will read and to vote for it is to vote for the improvement of the educational conditions in this state. To vote against it or scratch it out is to say that the conditions of the state schools and penal institutions shall remain handicapped on improvements and facilities. The purposes for which bonds may be issued by the legislature are clearly set forth in the amendment and the amount of bonds authorized is limited as far as the needs of our state institutions may be ascertained. The proposed amendment authorizes the legislature to issue only three kind of bond, each of which is limited.

The legislature is authorized to issue bonds to be approved by the governor for the purpose of purchasing additional grounds and erecting necessary buildings of the University of Texas. These bonds are to be provided for by the revenue received from the permanent university fund and no bonds can be issued for the university unless the interest on the bonds and the sinking funds for the bonds are paid from the revenue derived from the permanent university fund. This income has been used for years to pay for improvements of the university buildings and permanent repairs and its use to pay the interest and provide a sinking fund for the university would in no way subtract from the annual maintenance fund of the university. The state treasury will not be affected by this amendment for section 14 of article 7 of the constitution remains unchanged and forbids paying money out of the state treasury for buildings at the university.

The legislature is authorized to issue bonds for the penitentiary system. These bonds are necessarily limited because the proposed amendment states specifically that such bonds shall be secured by a lien on the real property of the penitentiary system and any person knows that a lien on property cannot be had where it exceeds or comes near the absolute value of the property in question.

The legislature can also issue bonds for the erection of necessary buildings for the state institutions. This applies to all state institutions excluding the university and penitentiary system, as these two are covered by the other two proposed bond issues.

As it is now should there be an immediate need for the erection of state buildings it is not in the power of the legislature to vote bonds for the necessity, an election would have to be called for that purpose and the cost of the election held throughout the state would be far more than

would be necessary of the amount needed to erect a building. Instead of the old way of maintaining these state institutions the proposed amendment would form an efficient plan of handling the matter of erection of absolutely needy buildings and the proposition of their maintenance.

It is alleged by the opponents of the amendment that it authorizes the legislature to issue unlimited bonds. Any person who reads the amendment will find this statement to be a serious mistake. The proposed amendment authorizes the legislature to issue only three kinds of bonds, each of which are limited. It is seriously in need of your vote.

FARM MEN OUTLIVE WOMEN.

Our vital statistics show that the farm women of Texas die earlier than do farm men. The opposite is true in the towns. The farmers of Texas should not let it be said that the city man treats his wife with more consideration than is given our wives on the farm.

The biggest factor in the development of this state of affairs is in my opinion the woeful lack of labor-saving devices in the farm woman's home. She may have a more bountiful supply of fresh air and sunshine than her city sister but she has not conveniences. The carrying of water is one of the most back-breaking tasks belonging to the housekeeper. Then there is chopping wood for cooking meals, milking the cows and a multiplicity of chores that, during the busy season, sometimes fall to the lot of a good wife. In many instances a good husband is the best labor-saving device that can be obtained, but there are many cheap contrivances that can be easily procured that will save the wife labor. A kitchen sink, a good pump and the well conveniently located will keep the roses in her cheeks. A good wife is the greatest jewel on earth and deserves the best of care and attention.

An attempt will be made to cap wild gas wells at Shreveport. If successful the cappers should be sent to Austin on July 21 and given a chance to try their methods on the perambulating gas wells that will be found under the big dome and in the boarding houses of that city.—Fort Worth Record.

We can agree with the Record to some extent for we believe if that crowd down at Austin gets busy during these hot summer days it will only be a short time until we will hear the regular cadence of the pop valve on the big dome mentioned above. For a man to sit in a hot place so disagreeable as that one might be and swelter under his duties to the common people it is natural to expect that he himself will give the pop valve a run for its money and any man who can invent a contrivance to catch the escaping rarefied element will make himself notable.

According to figures compiled by Secretary Howerton of the state senate it cost the state exclusive of contingent expenses \$34,475.75 for operating the state senate during the 78 days the legislature was in session. Of this amount \$10,416 was for the per diem of the 31 members; \$2,736.40 for mileage, \$20,870.35 for salaries of officers and employees. The per diem of the lieutenant governor was \$341 and mileage of \$115. The largest amount of mileage was drawn by Senator Claude B. Hudspeth of El Paso, he receiving \$239.60.—Exchange.

Charles Becker of New York has been denied a new trial by the higher courts. Begins to look like Mr. Becker is guilty of murder and that the law is going to have its course.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Eat Pure Food Bakery bread.

Big Picnic at Cozarts July 24 & 25.

W. M. Elliott is in Hamlin this week visiting his parents.

I have the Light Crust flour. Walter Clark.

Miss Fannie Anthony of Nubia is in Aubrey visiting relatives.

Candies kept fresh by candy refrigerator at the Elite.

W. R. Bigam was in Abilene Tuesday on business.

Drop in and drink at the center of town. Grimes is the place.

James Bright of Trent was in the city Monday looking after business matters.

Your picnic party is not complete without a kodak. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. J. T. Coggin and daughter Miss Zora were in Abilene Saturday the guest of friends.

Ball games, horse racing and bronco busting July 24 & 25 at Cozarts Tank.

Mrs. G. C. McDonald of Stamford is here this week visiting her sister Mrs. W. L. Harkrider.

Wanted—A man with small family to do farm and ranch work. C. M. Largent. tf

Tully B. Lucas who has been here visiting friends for the past week left Tuesday for Plainview on a prospecting trip.

Get fresh tomatoes on Friday Saturday and on all other days from Hamlet & Rogers. (We feed Merkel)

Miss Minnie Kniffin of Clyde who has been here visiting Miss Higgins returned to her home Tuesday.

I am agent for the Weatherford Steam Laundry. Will appreciate your laundry trade. J. E. Martin.

Mrs. L. B. Shipp who has been here visiting her brother W. T. Sherrill of Route 1 returned to her home at Sherman Tuesday.

We carry all the leading brands of Stock and poultry powder. Grimes Drug Store.

Miss Viola Hutto of Blankett came in Sunday to make her home with her friend Mrs. W. M. Scarborough.

The only candy refrigerator in town. Fancy box candies in all sizes from 5c up at the Elite.

Mark. D. Ussery came in Monday afternoon from Madisonville where he has been assisting in conducting a meeting.

Mulford's Talcum, the newest and best made. A fresh lot on hand at Grimes Drug Store.

Mrs. John Sears returned Monday from a visit with Mrs. P. Pettit of Cisco.

Bring us your fat hen and friers. Kent Street Grocery Co.

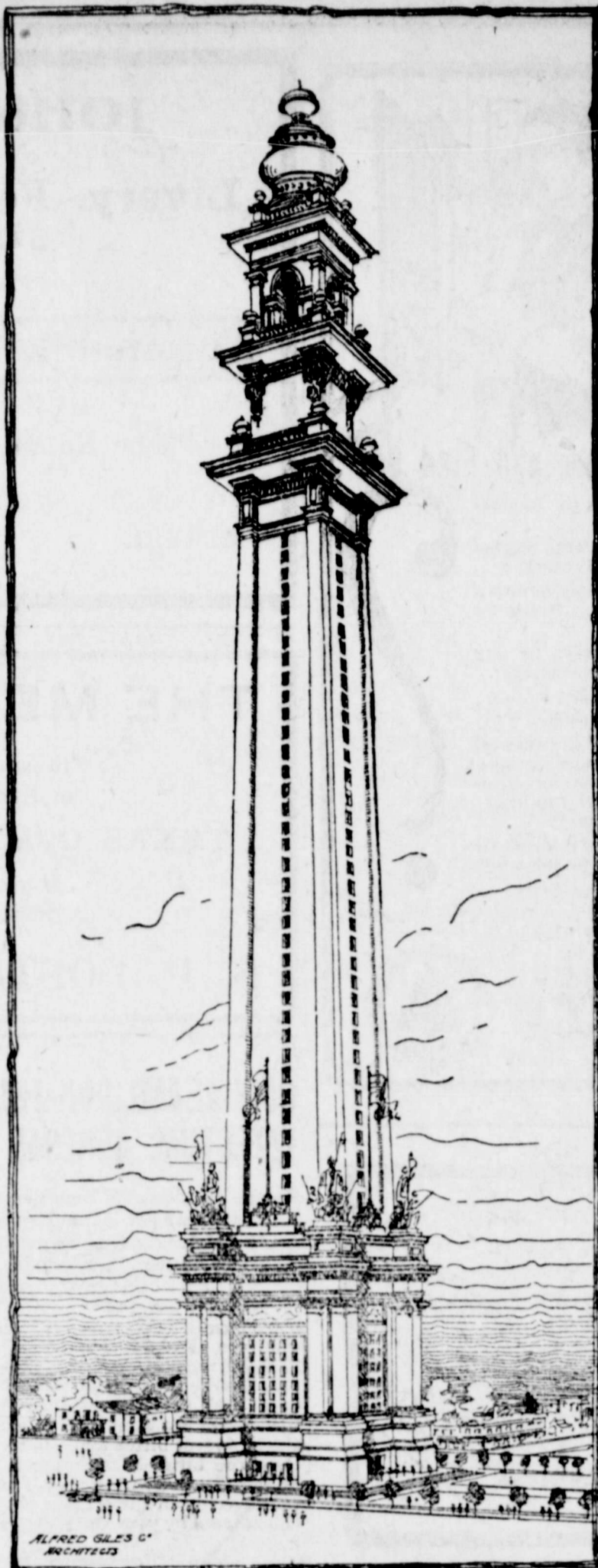
Mrs. V. E. Adcock of Blair was in Abilene Wednesday visiting friends and relatives.

Bring your laundry to Martins Barber Shop.

J. W. Powell returned home this week from an extended business trip in central Texas where he has been engaged in conducting sales.

Dont fail to come—Cozarts Tank Picnic July 24 and 25.

Mrs. M. C. Walker of Baird was here this week visiting her brother W. S. Harris.



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The animal was so large and vicious that he could pull down a horse with the ease other loboes pulled down steer yearlings. His hunger caused him to kill at least three large animals a week.

Merkel Grapes Fine Ones.

R. E. Bowles who lives in the north part of town brought a fine large bunch of white grapes into the Mail office last week. While the grapes were yet green they showed they of the finest variety and well developed. The bunch weighed one pound and twelve ounces and measured twenty inches around the largest part.

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Ice Cream Supper.

On July 12, at Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hall's home at Blair an ice cream supper was given in honor of Mrs. Hall's sixty-eighth birthday. A large crowd was present, estimated at about two hundred.

The families present and others were J. W. Moore and family, J. M. Beever and family, T. O. Lackey and family, J. W. Mayfield and family, Sam Provine and family, Will McCandless and family, Elze Stanley and family, O. W. Walker and family, Goens and family, George Hunter, and wife, Alfred Derrington and wife, J. L. Tucker and family, Jim Campbell and little daughters, W. A. Campbell, mother and sister, D. C. Doan, brother and sister, Roy Coghburn, brother and sister, Arthur Clark and two sisters, Mollie McCollum of Tenn., who is visiting relatives here, Miss Lela Clark of Weatherford, Mr. Williams, father of Mrs. Sam Provine.

All of the surrounding communities were represented.

All seemed to have had an enjoyable time. Even the old folks seemed to enjoy dishing out the cream, and it is understood that the young folks enjoyed eating it.

The new game of "Snap" was played on the lawn.

There were some presents presented to Mrs. Hall, who wishes to express her appreciation to all who presented gifts.

Farmers Short School.

Who desires to attend the farmers short course at A & M. College July 21 to August 1st.

This most excellent school is given one week preceding the farmers congress so that anyone appointed as a delegate to the congress can easily attend the short course, as the passes to the congress will be issued in time to be used for the short course also.

\$2.50 laboratory fee and your meals are the only costs of this schooling and you will not often have such an opportunity so I say lets go on the 20th and take the short course and be ready for the congress on the 28th.

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One 25 cent box of Washclean compound with every 25 cent or larger cash purchase at Rust & McCauley's Drug Store. Be sure and call for your box, its good.

Mrs. W. A. Scott and mother Mrs. W. H. SoRelle left Monday for Durant, Okla., where they will visit Mrs. Scott's sister Mrs. Mackey.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Fresh chocolates on ice at the Elite.

Mayor W. T. Potter left for Vernon Sunday night for a short business trip.

Cigars that are always fresh at Grimes Drug Store.

Ross Jenning of El Paso came in last week to visit his mother Mrs. J. W. Jennings.

Plenty of oats, shorts and chops at the Kent Street Grocery.

Messrs J. E. Faucett and T. B. Lucas were in Abilene Monday on business.

Let Wheatley fill your prescriptions at Rust & McCauley's Drug Company.

J. E. Davis of Navada came in last week to visit his daughter Mrs. G. J. Jones.

J. B. Ferrier left Monday for Westbrook to look after a brick contract he has there.

Public speaking by T. B. Holiday at Cozarts Tank July 24 & 25.

J. D. Gaither and C. L. Barker were in Abilene Monday attending court.

Take a kodak along on your vacation. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

A. L. Boyd of Nubia was in town Monday on his way to Abilene

Miss Pearl Jackson of Hubbard City is here this week visiting her brother Editor Jno. G. Jackson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. G. Jackson and children and Miss Pearl Jackson were in Abilene Monday visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Pickrel who has been in El Paso visiting relatives for some time returned to Merkel Monday to visit with her daughter Mrs. O. F. McMaster.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Free of Abilene were here Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Eoff and attending the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Farmer of Aledo who have been here visiting the latters parents Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Fergusson of Route 5 returned to their home Monday morning.

Mrs. Lucy Hughes of Blair and grandson Earl Hughes left Monday for Benjamin to visit Mrs. Hughes' brother during the next three weeks.

S. P. Martin left Saturday night for an extended visit with his sister Mrs. H. B. Smith of Austin. He met his brother J. T. Martin of Sulpher Springs in Fort Worth who will also visit in Austin.

County Commissioner J. L. Banner and J. R. Dye were in Abilene Monday looking into the new court house proposition.

Mrs. Della Campbell who has been here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sears left for her home at Paducah Monday

C. I. Moore and family of Big Springs stopped here Monday to visit relatives. The former Merkel people have been in Oklahoma visiting for some time and were on their way home when they stopped here.

E. L. Rogers is in Watervalley, Miss., this week visiting friends and relatives. Mrs. Rogers who has been there visiting will return home with her husband the first of the week.

Get chocolates off of ice at the Elite.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

A few evenings since a float filled with pretty girls, motherly chaperones, well trimmed lanterns, baskets laden with edibles and last but not least, boys grown tall, left for an all-night fishing on Mulberry. From start to finish this perfectly planned outing was a treat from the boys who furnished the motor-boat and the exquisite luncheon. Those in attendance were Miss Eva Walters and her guest Miss Rebecca Sewell of Pilot Point, Misses Gene and Carroll Rister and Genevieve Rust; Messrs. John and James West, Ben Merritt, Jack Walker, Taylor Jennings and Robert Hicks; Mesdames E. M. Rust, G. A. Rister and A. B. Walters.

Mrs. W. H. Roach entertained with a blue bird contest Tuesday evening in honor of her niece Miss Ina May Chambers of Stephenville. Various contests were used during the evening hours. Little Misses Maurine Cobb and Lotta Chambers presided over the punch bowl. At the conclusion of the contest cream and cake were served to Misses Carroll Rister, Ruth Merritt, Bessie Touchstone, Eva Walters and Rebecca Sewell and the honoree; Messrs. Frank Ferrier, Luther Grimes, Ben Merritt, Robert Hicks, Oscar Pate, James West and Choc Jones.

An all-day party in which was served a delightful noonday dinner was given Tuesday by Miss Zora West in honor of Miss Ruby Black of Sweetwater, who is visiting her aunt Mrs. W. Parten. Games, music and songs were all on the impromptu program. Those who participated in its pleasures were Misses Hattie Bell, Genevieve Rust, Ruby Black, Tommie Lou Coggin, Dorothy Lee Potter and the hostess.

Miss Tommie Louise Coggin gave a slumber party Friday night in honor of Miss Ruby Black of Sweetwater. A dainty 6 o'clock dinner was followed by a visit to the air dome in the Coggin "special." Cake and sherbet were served near the midnight hour. The guests were Misses Dorothy Lee Potter, Ruby Black and Zora West.

Monday evening Misses Virginia and Venona Hamblet entertained with a 6 o'clock dinner at their home on Oak street in honor of Miss Estelle Tooley of Weatherford and Mrs. Leslie McCall of Dallas. A dainty five-course dinner was served to the honored guests, the hostesses and members of the family.

Mrs. Twyman Collins celebrated her birthday last Monday with a slumber party and luncheon. As usual a little sleep and lots of conversation was reported. Those who enjoyed Mrs. Collins' hospitality were Misses Lizzie Calvert, Effie Hutson and Ezma Allday.

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Didn't Look Good to Her.

My five-year old niece went to a restaurant with me one day. I ordered some hash for both of us. When the waitress set it on the table my little niece kept looking at it. I asked her why she didn't eat and she replied, "Aunty, I don't eat anything that looks like a puzzle to me."—Chicago Tribune.

Eyes and the Brain.

With the lower animals there is a pronounced relation between the size of the eyes and the brain, it is claimed by some recent investigators. Even among fishes it is said the more cunning species are those that have large eyes, and upon investigation it was found that the fish with large eyes had larger brains than those with small eyes.

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League Programme.

Subject: The home and how to make it better. Leader, Dr. O. F. McMaster. Song. Prayer. The topic—Leader. How to make the home better—H. C. Williams. Variations of Home Sweet Home—Miss Fannie Burroughs. Prayer, God bless our parents. The obligation of youth, Eph. vi 2—Robert Hicks. The fathers resolve, Ps. ci 2—Miss Ezma Allday. The abiding principle, I. Cor. xiii 4—Ollie Shaffer. Solo—Miss Dorothea Lee Potter. Prayer, God keep the children. The family altar—Mrs. J. W. Jennings. Contrast the home of fifty years ago with the home of today—W. T. Potter. Prayer, Improvement of the home. Epworth visitor. Announcements. Benediction.

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Our Lucid English.

Tell a Harlem girl that she is homely, and, even if she is, watch for fireworks. But say the same thing to a young woman in England and she'll thank you for the compliment. The word there has another meaning: a "homely" girl is one who likes domestic surroundings, thereby being a good candidate for matrimony. "Homely" has a different effect here when it comes to orange blossoms.—New York Press.

Help for Those Who Have Stomach Trouble.

After doctoring for about twelve years for a bad stomach trouble, and spending nearly five hundred dollars for medicine and doctors' fees, I purchased my wife one box of Chamberlain's Tablets, which did her so much good that she continued to use them and they have done her more good than all of the medicine I bought before.—Samuel Boyer, Folsom, Iowa. This medicine is for sale by all dealers.—adv.

Artistic Pottery.

English and American pottery making the silver deposit work is very pretty. This is newer than the deposit on glass, which has lost its popularity because of its fragility. A valid would appreciate one of the pottery tea sets, which is so ingeniously fitted together that it takes up only a few inches on the tray. The English ware is either black, white or dark brown in color, while some of the American ware is beautifully shaded in tones of brown.

Preachers With Odd Names.

At Canterbury a Partridge preached at Peterborough a Pheasant, at Ripon a Swann, at St. Albans a Gosling, while at Lincoln a Bullock was listened to, no doubt with great attention and profit. At least a few of the present members of the Anglican episcopate can not assert that they are "neither fish, flesh nor fowl," to we find among our bishops in various parts of the world a Henn, a Part ridge, a Peacock, a Woodcock, a Pollock and a Roach.—Church Family Newspaper.

Altruistic.

Mrs. Flittherby—"So you are on the visiting committee of your social workers' society. I should think you'd find it dreadfully irksome making all those slum calls. Mrs. Hunter-Padde—"I'm willing to make the sacrifice for a good cause. Every visiting day I send my maid around with my cards."—Judge.

Daily Thought.

Riches take wings, comforts vanish, hope withers away, but loves stay with us. Love is God.—Lew Wallace.



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"What puzzles me," said Uncle Snooks, as he looked up from a book he was consulting, "is this. If a man is standing on the side of a hill or mountain, how is he to settle in his mind whether he is on an acclivity or a declivity? According to my dictionary here, the former is 'a slope up,' and the latter 'a slope down.' I've never yet seen a slope up that didn't slope down."

Surprising Cure of Stomach Trouble

When you have trouble with your stomach or chronic constipation, don't imagine that your case is beyond help just because your doctor fails to give you relief. Mrs. G. Stengle, Plainfield, N. J., writes, "For over a month past I have been troubled with my stomach. Everything I ate upset it terribly. One of Chamberlain's advertising booklets came to me. After reading a few of the letters from people who had been cured by Chamberlain's Tablets, I decided to try them. I have taken nearly three-fourths of a package of them and can now eat almost everything that I want." For sale by all dealers.—adv

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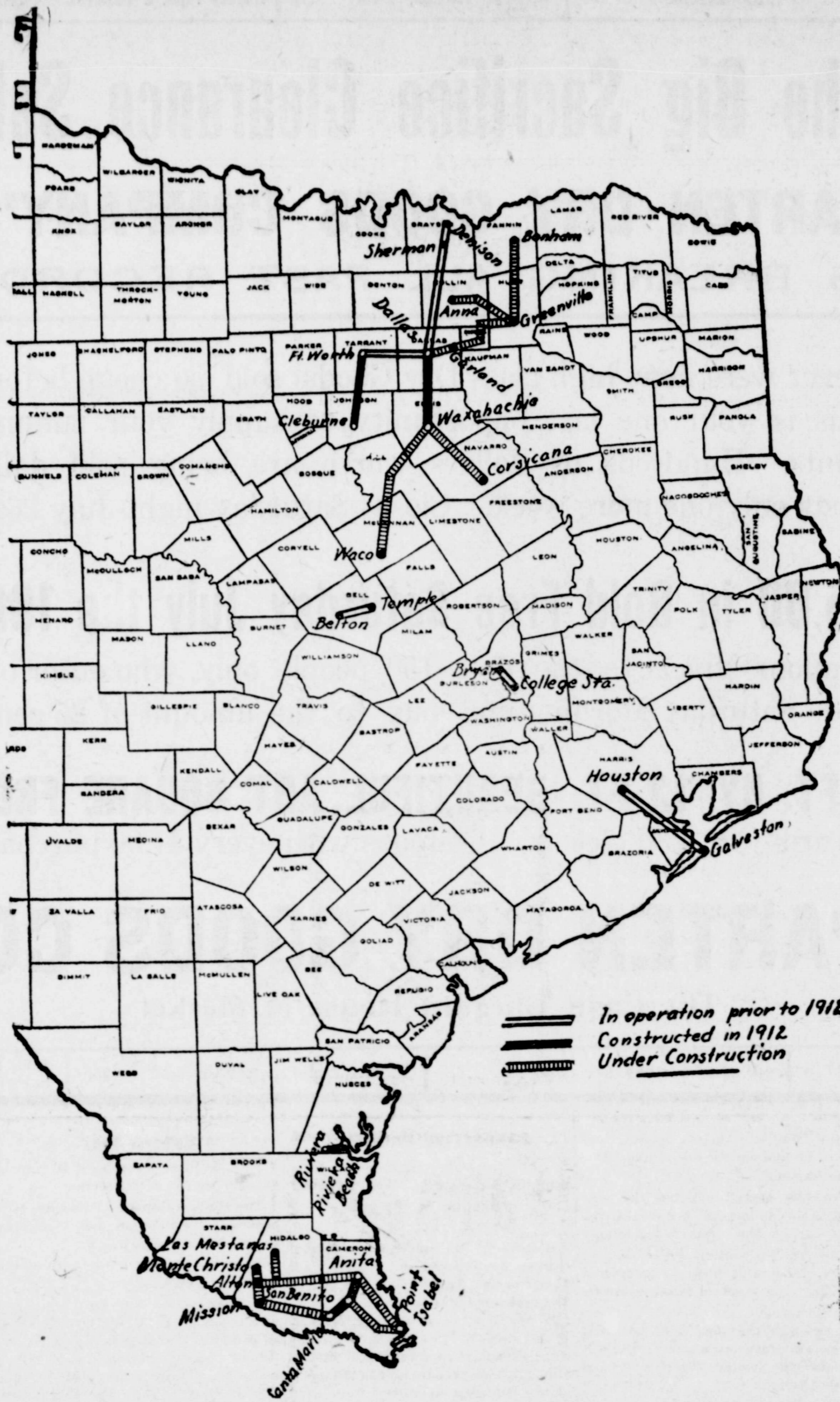
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RAILROAD BUILDING IN TEXAS



Post Woman Murdered at Angeltown.

Mrs. John M. Seitz of Post City was found dead in an alley at Angeltown last Wednesday, several knife wounds were found in the body. Mrs. Seitz had been in Angeltown for some time and from reports had formed very few acquaintances. The day she was found murdered she had received a message from her husband stating he was on his way from Post to Angeltown to spend a short vacation.

Two negroes are being held as suspects. The teeth prints on the woman's neck corresponding to the teeth of one of the negroes, there being a missing tooth print and the negro also having a missing tooth that corresponded. The husband of the name was also detained but now evidence or complaint was filed against him.

Aged Lady Dead.

Mrs. Amanda Barker mother of J. L. Barker of the Salt Branch community died at the home of her son on last Friday evening.

At the time of her death Mrs. Barker had reached the age of 81 years, six months and 11 days. For some time she had been in very bad health due to her old age.

Burial services were held in Rose Hill Cemetery at this place Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. Lynn preaching the funeral.

White Crest

Devils Food Cake.

Served in demonstration at Hamblet & Rogers and published by request.

1/2 cup of butter, 1/2 cup of sugar, 1 cup of cooking molasses, a teaspoon full each of ginger, cinnamon and cloves. 2 1/2 cups of White Crest flour 2 teaspoons full of soda dissolved in a cup of boiling water, two well beaten eggs added last before baking. Use any kind of filling desired.

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Owe "Sandwich Man" to Dickens. The "sandwich man," whom man-correspondents are trying to trace to birth, existed long before the '40s. And it seems highly probable that Charles Dickens invented his nickname, for in one of his "Sketches by Boz," written about 1836, he remarks: "So he stopped the unstamped advertisement—an animated sandwich, composed of a boy between two boards."

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The terrible itching and smarting, incident to certain skin diseases, is almost instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Salve. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.—adv.

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Doing Things by Halves.

An old woman of enormous size tumbled a tram-car, and with considerable difficulty managed to climb up and get a seat inside. When she was comfortably settled she looked at a man sitting opposite and said: "If you'd been 'arf a man you'd 'a' helped me in." He gave her a sad smile and replied: "If you'd been only 'arf the woman you are I might 'ave 'ad a try."

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The first to visit this table will get the best.

10c Embroidered and Bands.....5c

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Butman News.

July 14—Rev. Henry Purcer of White Flat is conducting a successful meeting at this place.

Misses Lottie and Margorie Butman returned Monday from Big Springs where they have been visiting their sister Mrs. J. B. Sloan.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cook made a trip to Abilene Tuesday.

The work on the cotton gin that is being put up at Mr. Butman's tank is being pushed rapidly ahead.

J. A. Reighours and Sam Butman made a trip to Merkel Saturday.

Mr. Whisenhunt and family of Mount Pleasant attended preaching here Sunday.

Miss Vergie Wood is visiting her friends Misses Beulah and Monnie Whetsell of Mount Pleasant.

A committee of the White Church Sunday school met with the joint committee here to decide upon plans for a Sunday school picnic.

Misses Onie and Zella Stanley of Nubia attended Sunday school here.

Those who attended the reception given by the W. O. W. boys at Nubia report the time of their lives, with plenty of ice cream, cake and lemonade.

Blair Items.

July 15—Everybody is busy getting their feed put up.

Arthur Clark and sister Miss Lela of Weatherford are visiting their sister Mrs. Eliza Stanley and other relatives and friends.

Mr. Clinton and daughter of Stanton were in Blair last week visiting the family of J. L. Tucker.

W. N. Moore of Comper was here Monday visiting his daughter Mrs. Adison.

D. A. Sherrell made a prospecting trip to Knox county and brings a favorable report from the country.

Chas. Moore and family are visiting the former's brother Jim Moore.

W. A. McCandless has a brother here from Fannin county visiting.

Miss Minnie Campbell spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother Mrs. Eliza Campbell.

Grandma Powell suffered the misfortune of falling off her front porch last week. She was considerably bruised but not seriously hurt.

Rev. Percer will begin a protracted meeting at the school house Saturday night.

A nice program has been prepared for the childrens day services that will be held here Sunday, which will open at 10 o'clock.

The people of this community decided Sunday to build a brush arbor to hold the meeting under.

Rex McLean who has been very sick with fever is much better.

Mrs. R. J. Meeks is reported much better at this writing.

Trent Items.

Mrs. Cliff Miller of Saragosa was here this week visiting relatives. She left Sunday night for Granberry to visit per parents.

Albert Moore and family of Abilene visited James Bright and wife Sunday. Mr. Allen of Abilene is here erecting the furnace for the big 100 h.p. boiler to our new gin.

The dignity of our city was very much at stake Sunday on account of two young men parading the streets in a drunken condition. The names are being held for the present and no publicity given the offenders, but a similar offense will cause the names to appear in print.

Mrs. Will Smith is here from Oklahoma visiting Mrs. H. N. Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones will leave tonight for Enloe to meet two of Mr. Jones' brothers who are coming from Mississippi. This will be quite a reunion, for the brothers have not met in many years.

In case a good rain strikes our country you will hear from me again.

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Inkum Items.

July 14—T. G. Burleson and wife left Wednesday for Plainview to visit relatives.

Among recent visitors to Inkum were Walter Holt, wife and little daughter and Misses Lela and Zada Holt, all of Caps.

Curt Holt and wife of Altus, Okla., were among recent visitors to the mountains.

The Methodist meeting is now in progress at Elm Grove with good attendance.

G. W. Wilson and wife made a trip to the Potosi country and to Abilene the latter part of last week.

Oscar Perry was trading in Merkel Saturday.

Lem Dudley made a trip to Merkel Tuesday.

The Best Hot Weather Tonic

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Mulberry News.

July 15—Most everybody is having their maize cut in this section.

The Mulberry Sunday school has purchased a new organ and everybody seems very proud of it.

There was a large crowd out for both services Sunday.

A singing class has been organized at this place. L. A. Watts was elected president and Miss Lula Britton secretary. Sonley Patton, Curren Daniel and Henry Prathor as leaders while Misses Martha Bird, Ida Patton and Lera Daniel have been selected organists. We hope to have a good class and ask that who can come out and help.

Misses Lillian Watts and Ollie Rogers were the guests of Miss Nora Harrison Sunday.

Guy Britton of Delk who has been in the El Paso country on business was here to visit his father Bob Britton last week. He reports very dry and hot weather in the west.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Horton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Daniel.

Bob Britton spent Monday on the river.

J. D. Daniel and son Curran and Aaron Horton left Monday for Oklahoma on a prospecting trip.

Miss Stella Watts is visiting in Merkel this week.

Miss Clara Daniel is visiting friends at Hodges this week.

Clint Allen and family of Salt Branch attended the singing here Sunday.

D. F. Rogers and Lason Childers attended church at Salt Branch Sunday.

Mrs. Addie Britton spent Monday with Mrs. Annie Rogers.

Frank Rogers and Charlie Harrison were in Abilene Thursday on business.

The Best Medicine in The World

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Shiloh Items

July 16.- Edgar Mays of Fort Worth who has been here visiting his uncle Mr. Maberry returned to his home this week. He was accompanied by Miss Edith Maberry who will visit relatives for awhile.

Ben Bond is here visiting his sister Mrs. Laura Brown.

Mrs. Amy Calahan was a pleasant caller at the home of the Misses Barnes Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hail were visiting the latters prents Mr. and Mrs. Pomroy on the river this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dupree of this community opened their home one night this week to their many young friends and for several hours the home was the scene of joy making. Icecream and cake were served.

Mrs. Richards of near Noodle is reported very low.

Terrel Winter is thinking of going to Cottle county on a prospecting tour.

A few friends of Mr. and Mrs. Slate Eason gathered at their home Tuesday night and spent a few hours in making and eating ice cream.

Lon Martin was in Merkel Tuesday after a load of ice.

J T Morgan of near Putnam is coming to visit his uncle Lon Martin.

Clide Goodman and wife have been here visiting Fred Dupree.

Quite a number of people from this section were in Merkel Saturday.

The Misses Hail and Wess Derstine attended church at Noodle Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Slate Eason will start for Oklahoma Tuesday where they will make their future home. We are very sorry to lose good friends and neighbors and trust they will meet with much success in their new location.

Sam Grayson has just finished cutting three acres of oats which netted him 164 bales.

Mrs. Myar Sellers spent one day this week visiting her father R B Bryant. Mrs R B Bryant visited Mrs R L Ford of the river country Tuesday.

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