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GREAT ROPING CONTEST CLOSES AT WALLA WALLA, WASH.-TEXAS BOYS WIN

Geo. and Chas. Weir who made their home in Merkel last winter were the Winners of Roping Contest of Washington

As usual when reports come back of the finals of roping contests it is almost always found that the Weir Bros., were there and gave a good account for themselves as is shown in reports of the Frontier Days recently closed at Walla Walla, Washington in which Chas. Weir won first in steer roping of the three days and his brother George took second.

Clippings from the Walla Walla Union, a daily newspaper of that place give reports of the event as follows for the opening day.

Among the stars to arrive yesterday for the Frontier Days Contests were "Red" Parker one of the best riders here last year; the Weir Boys of Texas, champion ropers last year; and Ed Strickland of Cheyenne a new man here who is expected to make himself well known before the show is over.

Reports of the opening day meet taken from the same paper gives Geo. Weir a seat by himself in the time events:

Gay and gaudily dressed cowboys, cowgirls and Indians gave 12,000 spectators an afternoon of thrills yesterday, it being the first day of Walla Walla's annual Frontier Days. Felix Warren an old stage driver piloted six horses hitched to coach, bears, elk and buffalo lassoed and driven around the track. Indians gave their war dances and the crowd was furnished much amusement watching movie and camera men dodge rushing steers and horses. George Weir roped and tied a steer in 21 seconds and Charlie Weir downed his in 33 1-5, others in the same contest roped and tied with the following records: Frank Roach tied a steer in 1:29; Jack Mabey 1:22; Strickland 1:17; Red Parker in 1:58; Lucile Mulhall roped and tied a steer in 1 minute and 45 seconds. She had hard luck on one throw and lost about 45 seconds. Riding bucking horses—B. E. Daniels thrown by Monkeywrench; Glen Harrison rode Entertainer, both good buckers; Jack Mobey rode Showbank, easy horse; Ernest Brown thrown by Dutch Jake; Claude Doll rode Barbwire, fair bucker; Alex Sidell could not handle Red Devil, but staid on; Jackson Sundown made good ride on Nancy; Allen Drumheller made good ride on Blue Streak; Clarence Plant made good ride on Blue Blazes until his saddle girth broke and he was thrown over the horse's head; Andrew Jack rode Mutt; Leland Kelly rode Blackhawk. Wild horse race—Won by Tex McLeod; Harry Ribbons, second; Dell Blanchet, third.

In the second days contest, the Weir roped and tied a steer in 24 seconds; John Ludd in 24 seconds; Lucile Mulhall in 1:10. W. H. Garrett, Jack Eretz, ner Wilson, Sam Yarnell and ers caught out of the two minute limit and were given no time. Geo. Weir did not rope. On this day Jack Fretz bulldogged a steer in 22 2-5 seconds a record time for the West.

On the third and last day, Chas. Weir won the steer roping and tying contest winning \$150 for having made the best average time during the three days; Geo. Weir was second winning \$100; the

Johnie Judd was third winning \$60. Tex McLeod won the fancy roping contest prize of \$125 and the Police Gazette Medal. Narcis McKi, an Indian, roped wild bear yesterday. The buffalo were not roped at all during the show. George Weir attempted it once but the buffalo proved too fleet for his horse. In the finals Miss Rose Henderson won the Cowgirls Bucking contest by riding Wild Cat in great form. The coveted cowboy bucking contest was won by "Red" Parker.

It is reported that George Weir will be seen in action at the Central West Texas Fair at Abilene in the goat roping contest. This however has not been ascertained further than Weir's statement made before he went west to enter the big shows when he stated he would return in time to take part in the goat roping at Abilene. He has returned and we suppose the Fair visitors will be given an opportunity to witness his excellent form of roping.

It will be noted that George Weir's record of 21 seconds made during the first day of the Walla Walla contest was not equaled on single steer time, this mark is within one second of George's best time and the record he holds as the fastest ever made in any contest when he roped and tied a steer in 20 seconds flat.

Clean-Up Proclamation

WHEREAS, Hon. O. B. Colquitt, Governor of Texas has issued a proclamation setting aside Oct. 9 as general clean up day, and whereas a great part of the destruction of property caused by fire is caused by allowing waste material to accumulate on the premises and such destruction could be prevented in part by the concerted action of the citizens of this city. Now therefore I, J. J. Stallings, Mayor of the city of Merkel, do hereby proclaim Oct. 9, 1914 as a general clean-up day and request that all citizens on that day clean up and burn all waste material that will burn and that all chimneys and flues be carefully examined and heating appliances be placed in safe and proper condition for winter use. J. J. Stallings, Mayor.

Piano Recital Date Changed

On account of the Alumni entertainment of the Merkel Public School, having been previously arranged for tonight (Friday) the piano and voice recital announcement to be held at the Methodist church for the same evening will be given tomorrow night (Saturday) at the M. E. church.

The recital will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited. No charges for admission will be made.

Ballas Merchants Here

Messrs C. A. Dunn and Harry Beck of Dallas, members of the Dallas Sales Co., are here this week in charge of the Hogue-Hall stock of Dry Goods and groceries which they are



He will avoid such by Sitting Steady in the Boat and Playing Hands Off.

MORRIS OF MIDLOTHIAN ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT OF CITY SCHOOLS

Election Made at Board Meeting Monday Night. Acceptance Received at Once. Schools Will Open Monday Without a Hitch in Any Way

M. H. Morris of Midlothian has been elected to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of T. S. Cox. Mr. Morris is a graduate of the University of Nashville and has been honored by the A. B. degree. When seen by a reporter Tuesday morning Mr. Morris stated that he was compelled to return home but expected to return this afternoon or Saturday morning at which time he will immediately get matters in readiness for the opening Monday morning. It is his request that patrons who have children to enter school for their first time, that entrance be made during the first two weeks of school for no beginners will be accepted after the first two weeks until the mid-season opens in January. Mr. Morris explains the necessity of this in that it will be impossible to start classes of beginners every week during school. A patrons meeting is called by Mr Morris to meet at the Methodist Church Monday evening at 7 o'clock of next week. All patrons and as many children as possible are requested to be present at this meeting. It is for the patrons and for the good of the school and should receive the support of those interested.

WAR SERVICE FOR SUNDAY AT 11. A.M.

Next Sunday, Oct. 4th is the date set apart by our Christian President for prayer for the Peace of the Nations now at war. There has been no call to prayer more important than this. In response to this call there will be a special prayer service held at the Methodist church with public prayers and a review of the delicate relationship now existing between the great Nations. It will be appropriate for praying people to fast, as well as pray, during the forenoon of that day. Please do not forget this. Lets have a longer full-time praying for Peace in your own heart and Peace in the heart of all the Nations.—Ed R. Wallace, Pastor

Coggin Back to Mexico

T. J. Coggin who came in Saturday from the border country, returned to the scenes of his future home Wednesday evening to urgent business affairs. It is supposed that since he has seen fit to start the going in Mexico again he is on our good to come over and give us a push.

MRS. CARRIE LEWIS PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Carrie Lewis, wife of T. E. Lewis of Merkel, Route 4 died at the local sanitarium at 9 o'clock Monday night following an operation. The body was prepared for shipment and Mr. Lewis carried it to Merkel Tuesday morning, where interment was made Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Lewis was well known in a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in the Merkel section, all of whom learn with sadness of her sudden demise. The Reporter extends condolence to the bereaved husband. Abilene Reporter.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors who assisted us so faithfully in the death and burial of our son. We also want to thank the people of Salt Branch and Stith communities for assembling and picking the four and one half bales of cotton Tuesday; also Mr. Dunagin for ginning same free of charge. May the blessings of God rest on each and every one of you and trust that you may never have to go through this ordeal.

C. W. HEARON OF ABILENE DELIVERS WELL SELECTED SERMON SUNDAY M.E. CHURCH

Sermon at the 11 o'clock hour was especially deep on the Principals of Fraternity, Brotherhood and Character Building

In opening his sermon Rev. C. W. Hearon read from the sixth chapter of first Kings. By way of introduction Rev. Hearon stated that he felt like a young Arkansas preacher, and in reality explained that he once was, who for the first time appeared before his congregation to preach and opened his sermon with text of "Wo is me, for I am undone!"

In the explanation of the connection of the Lode of Masons to that of the Church Rev. Hearon stated the institution was erected to God and dedicated to his work and service and in no way tries to take the place of the church, the order is filled with ministers of the gospel and devout Christians from all walks of life whose principle idea taught is brotherhood among men and faithful fulfillment of all obligations of a true and pure life and an endeavor to something higher in life.

He placed his church and religion above all things earthly but following them the Lodge which he represented in his talk before the people, for through its work he found teachings of the building of character of men to be broad minded and tolerant; tolerance in that that they were able to advance ideas of their own, have their own convictions in life's work but at all times allow their fellow man a like privilege and bear council with him in the consideration of such, persuasion with your adversaries rather than victory through forceful means.

His explanation of the misinterpreted ideas of what Masonry stood for among people who were not in position to know its teachings was often a source of having the order criticised as a body that detracted from the teachings of God and caused its members to become egotistical of their order. He explained that the fact that members of the order at times neglected their true christian duty was in no way in conformity with the teachings of the Lodge.

His interpretation of Masonry was a seeking of light whereby character could be built and its real meaning was to teach men more noble character in the building of mankind. Faith, Hope and Love being the principles that constitute that character in men. His historical relation of the Temple was that David in his time had a cherished hope that of founding the Temple on Mount Mariah and as all great men had done based his hopes and foundations for the edifice upon past traditions and sublime ideas he had in mind. He charged his audience and brothers of the Lodge to ever have in mind that higher and more noble purpose, that of building a temple of character in order that we might more easily be able to take our place in human life. That the teachings of Masonry were founded upon the Bible and the Temple erected to God and dedicated to his praise and service forever should shadow any man who was an Atheist from being a member thereof. He charged his hearers that masonry forever stood against the blind Atheist or Liberal who would face

against God, and cry "Where is He?" "Where is He?" That prayer was one of the lessons taught in Masonry was told the audience, for the teachings of the Lodge were that even the Wise men prayed for guidance.

In reference to the building of the Temple, he stated that it was a divine selection of Moses through God for the erection of the Tabernacle, wherein the Holy Bible was the great light and the divine place for buliding a human temple to God.

Rev. Hearon in referring to his past life as a student and not as a preacher, wherein he studied the ideas of great students of the world he found that none of them neglected the Bible, The Bible always occupying an altar in the Lodge the same as it did in the church, being an ever silent reminder of the best things possible in our lives.

In the building of the Masonic Temple as it was first constructed he explained the use of the Rough Ashler and the Cedars from the forests of Lebanon all of which were polished and hewn before taking their places in the great edifice to God and in a like manner the human edifice to God was always a product made from the rough and unfinished material, given beauty and grandure by character building as were the stones used in the erection of the Temple when modeled and finished with tools of God placed in the hands of men.

The time taken in the erection of this temple to God consumed a length of seven years, being memorable that no great work would be completed in a day and God in his wisdom took a hundred years to make an oak but only used two weeks to complete a squash, and human temples to God like the Temple of Masonry were products of a life training and not a work completed within a day or two weeks. His explanation of the fitness of the Lodge he represented in his sermon was its unity, the Temple representing a center of brotherhood; one of the greatest lessons of today being brotherhood as were acted by Jonathan and David in their life pursuits, even greater was the act of brotherhood shown by Jesus in giving his life, not for those who loved him but for those who had opposed him, this demonstration of unselfishness alone being the greatest lesson of brotherhood and a principle taught in the Lodge.

The speaker in giving his connection to the order he represented stated that next to God and his church he honored the opportunities offered him by Masonry, the ideals of the better man it furnished, the lessons of brotherhood it taught, its principles of unselfishness and its greatest teachings that of circumscribing our passions and controlling our desires.

Rev. Hearon closed his sermon charging his audience and brothers of the mystic altar to seek the great light of making a pure life and erect a human temple worthy of dedication to God.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. ... children ... day from

Gin Business in Merkel

Comparison of statistics show that the Merkel gins are obtaining more cotton than any town of the surrounding country. Not from the fact that Merkel gins are giving better service but from the fact of the central cotton location of the town. REALIZING THIS FACT OF CONDITIONS we are making special efforts to satisfy our customers, giving them the best possible service obtainable from new machinery and careful ginning of your cotton

We Give the Best Market Price Obtainable for you Seed and Figure the Weight of 200 Pounds of Seed to 100 lb. of lint in making settlement

Our business is Ginning Cotton and to make a success of same we are spending every effort, giving honest service and courteous treatment to all comers. WHERE DO YOU GIN YOUR COTTON? If you have not visited our plant, we ask that you do so. If our service is not satisfactory in every respect we do not expect a continuance of your patronage.

WE ASK CONSIDERATION OF OUR RECORD AS GINNERS AT MERKEL DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS

YOURS FOR
SUCCESS

McDonald & Stith GINNERS

Fair Dealings
Our Motto

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Misses Clara and Mamie Moore visited friends in Abilene Sunday.

Miss Lila Sandlin and mother Mrs. N. E. Sandlin were visitors in Abilene Sunday.

Gasoline and auto oils my specialty. Phone 265.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliot of Dora visited here Saturday.

School Books are cash. Burroughs.

Miss Venona Hamblet visited in Abilene Saturday.

School Books are cash. Burroughs.

Mrs. B. C. Gaither is at home from Dallas.

Burroughs—a good place to smoke.

Miss Gail McCarty visited in Abilene Saturday.

School Books are cash. Burroughs.

Mrs. W. Parten and children were Abilene visitors Friday and Saturday.

A gentle reminder. Drink, smoke and trade at Burroughs. Merkel's appreciative Drug Store.

Mrs. W. M. Elliott is at home from Stamford.

Mrs. Curtney Hunt of Haskell visited Mesdames R. O. Anderson and J. J. O'Malley Sunday.

Seed Rye and Wheat at G. M. Sharps.

Mrs. Lake Renfro visited her sister Mrs. Isenhouser of Putnam the past week.

Our fall candies have arrived, fancy and plain Boxes at reasonable prices. Burroughs.

Miss Louise Warren visited relatives in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rucker of Caps visited in our town Monday

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jackson and children motored to Abilene Friday. They were the guests of M. B. Hanks and family.

Chloroform and all kinds of worm destroyers at Burroughs.

Shower Sink, closet or lavatories of all kinds. Phone 265. Henry Rose.

Figure with me on a bath tub. Henry Rose.

Miss Zula Huffaker and Miss Zelma Fletcear of Greenville came in the first part of the week. Both Miss Huffaker and Miss Fletcher have been elected to positions in the Merkel schools for the coming year.

New and 2nd hand furniture, Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Mr. Ussery returned the first of the week from points east.

Mrs. John Eoff left Monday for Winters to visit her daughter.

We can't be Gods, but we try to keep every thing clean and neat to meet the approval of the discriminating trade. Burroughs.

Miss Edith Mayberry of Shiloh was in Merkel Friday.

Arkansas Apples \$1.00 per Bu. G. M. Sharps.

Miss Mattie T. Mann of Clyde is here this week visiting her aunt Mrs. Alice Templeton.

Pigs For Sale
Pigs for sale. See A. C. Boney.

BUTTER FOR SALE.
We will start making butter again Sat. Oct. 3. Will deliver twice a week at 30 cents per lb. Every pound guaranteed. Let us have your order early.
J. B. Walton, phone 597 r 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Booth and children of Hawley were here this week visiting the formers sister Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Miss Zula Huffaker of Greenville came in Saturday.

Trade your old furniture for new at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

E. L. Woodroof of Waxahachie a former Merkel merchant was here Monday visiting his brother W. D. Woodroof and looking after farming interests he has here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. O'Malley of Dallas are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

Mrs. J. L. Tucker of Blair visited friends here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W. Lyles were shopping here Saturday.

To Automobile Owners.
Pennsylvania Oil Cup Casings and inner tubes now on sale here. See H. M. Rose.

A. L. Reneau of McKinney called on the Mail office for a few minutes Saturday before leaving to inspect a farm he has in the Compare community. Mr. Reneau has been making a visit to this country yearly since becoming interested here and things look better to him now than in years heretofore.

Misses Willie Valentine, Emma Smith and Maude Jenkins visited the schools in Abilene Friday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Cypert left Friday evening for Rochester where they visited relatives and friends for a few days.

Mrs. Joe Brown and daughter Flora left Sunday night for a few days before returning to their home at Reisel.

Trade your old furniture for new at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Joos candy kitchen- see him.

Express Notice
Effective Oct. 1 there will be no telephone in Express office. If you are looking for express please call for it at office 8 and 12 a.m. and 1st Bar. J. A. Provine

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Phillips and children, and Mrs. Jasper McCoy of Dora visited here a few hours Saturday enroute to Abilene.

Miss Agnes Hall has gone to Waco to visit her sister Mrs. Will Clifton.

The Merkel country offers a good job to every able-bodied man and we would recommend this employment to you in preference to a place on the firing line in Europe, but get a cotton sack or rifle one. All vagrants in West Texas after the first of the year will be shot to make room for the new and live prospectors coming.

WANTED—Man with small family to do farm and ranch work. Good wages to right man. C. M. Largent.

Mrs. H. L. Michael of Fort Worth returned to her home Wednesday after a ten days visit with her sister Mrs. T. J. Evans of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Boaz were in from their home at Boaz ranch on the river Wednesday. Mrs. Boaz spent the day in Abilene while her husband remained here to transact business affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hargrove of Dallas are here visiting the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt. Mr. Hargrove, stated when seen by a reporter Saturday that he expected to again take up his residence in Merkel. Welcome back.

J. C. Moore who has been in various parts of Missouri for the last 15 days, returned to Merkel Wednesday evening. During most of his visit in the "Show-Me" State Mr. Moore was in and around the town of Joplin.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Haskins of Fort Worth were here Sunday and Monday. Mrs. Haskins was the guest of Mrs. W. R. Walker while in town.

If you are ready to get your reading matter now why not the Merkel Mail and the Dallas News. Both papers for one year only \$1.50. This offer expires within a short time.

How To Give Quinine To Children.
FEBRI-LINE is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for 2-ounce original package. The name FEBRI-LINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

C. N. Gore of Detroit, Mich. stepped off here Thursday while on his way to El Paso. Mr. Gore comes west for his health and while in the city is the guest of City Marshall Hall an old time friend.

Joos candy kitchen-see him.

It Always Does The Work
"I like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy better than any other," writes R. E. Roberts, Homer City, Pa. "I have taken it off and on for years and it has never failed to give the desired results. For sale by all dealers. adv

I. S. Allen of Denton former of this place and for a spasmodic editor of this paper, the Merkel Mail, returned to the scenes of his well spent days this week. Mr. Allen has numerous friends here who wish his stay could be prolonged. His visit here is for business purposes.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, builds up the system. A true Tonic. For adults and children, 50c.

D. D. Coats was in Abilene, Thursday of this week visiting his sister Mrs. Lee Cox who was operated on at a sanitarium there Sunday. According to Mr. Coats, Mrs. Cox was resting well Wednesday night and her speedy recovery looked forward to.

Every man, woman and child who happens to read this should remember the Dallas Semi-Weekly News and The Merkel Mail are only \$1.50 for the two for a year. You will subscribe sometime. Why not now?

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. H. Spradling and wife of Arlington are here with the prospect of making Merkel their future home.

James Black has returned to Merkel and accepts a position with the Anchor Mercantile Company.

Stops Pain Right Now
Hunt's Lightning Oil gives almost instant relief in cases of rheumatism, neuralgia, headache, etc., and acts as a healing oil on cuts and bruises. Every home should keep a bottle handy. Get it at any reputable drug store in 25c and 50c bottles. adv

Miss Cor Hodges and sister of Trent visited here Saturday.

School Books are cash. Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Dennis were in Abilene Saturday.

Burroughs—a good place to drink.

Hughes Famous Candies at Burroughs.

Miss Beatrice Milliken of McGregor visited Mrs. E. B. Canada the past week.

Give her a Box of Hughes at Burroughs.

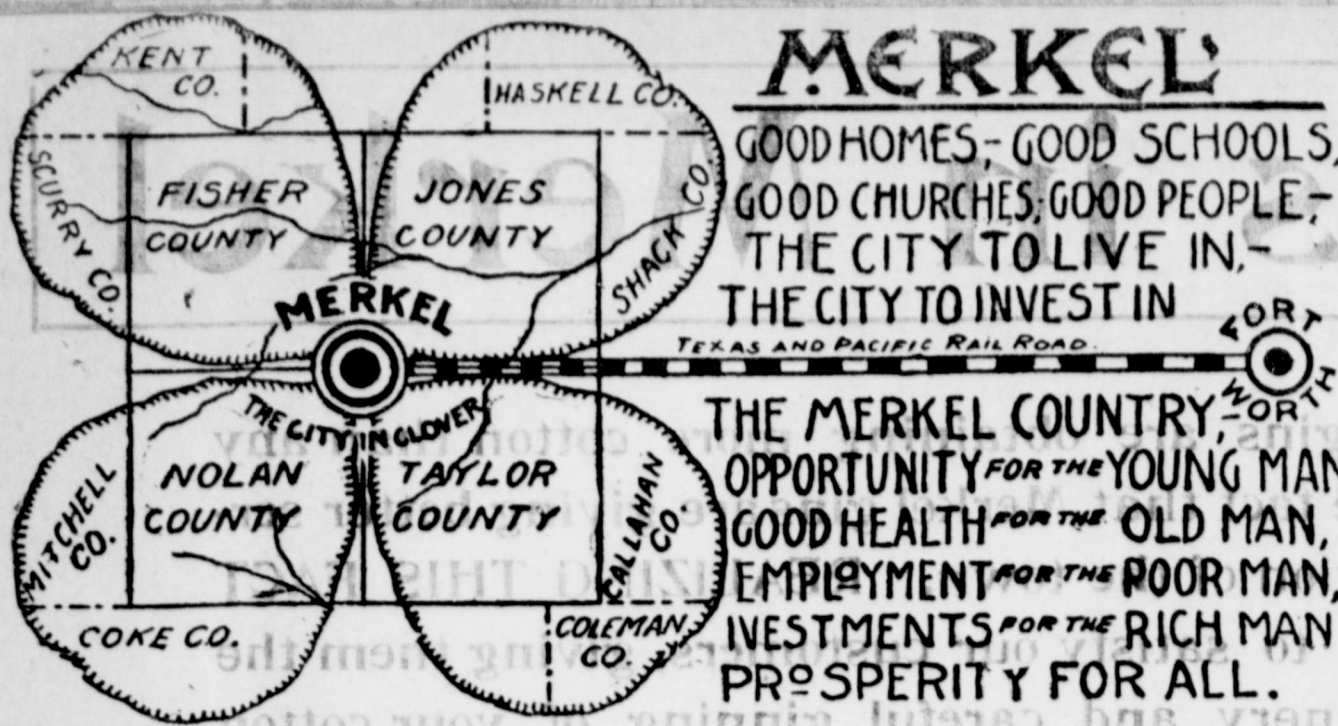
Mrs. W. A. Scott visited her brother a Roscoe this week.

Joos candy kitchen- see him.

We are interested in your health. Burroughs.

Mr. J. W. Brandon of Santo returned to her home Wednesday night after a weeks visit with her sister Mrs. W. M. Eoff of Noodle.

Joe P. King of Brownwood came in Sunday to spend two days with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. C. King. He returned home Monday night where he is employed as manager of Duke and Ayres store.



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GOOD CHURCHES; GOOD PEOPLE;—
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THE CITY TO INVEST IN**

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THE MEMORY OF A CHILD

How many of us ever stop to consider that a child forms lasting impressions from the little things of life and its associations with its elders? How many of us pause to reflect that the infantile brain is constantly reaching out for the knowledge which is to make or mar its future? What are we doing to encourage right thinking in the minds of the little ones in our own midst, who in time will shape the destiny of our community? How many of us, absorbed in weightier things are even prone to ignore the presence of the many little fellow who gives us a cheery greeting on the street, and whose sunny countenance is at once clouded by our seeming indifference and neglect? Trivial things are impressed on the minds of the young. Incidents are burned so indelibly into their memory that often time itself can never efface them. One such comes to our mind as we write these lines. It was of a small boy who went to a near by stream on his first fishing trip—the epoch of his life. After hours of vain waiting for a nibble he finally hooked a large sucker and by dint of much worrying and sweating and tugging succeeded in getting it to dry land. But just as success crowned his efforts and his little heart was beating high with the joy of exhibiting his catch to his mother, a well known and influential citizen came along with one small fish on his string. He looked at the sucker, remarked that the two would make a fair meal and asked which one should take both—he or the child. The boy gulped, hesitated and then handed over the fish and went home in tears. And that one act of selfishness on the part of a man has remained green in the memory of that boy for years. It will never fade. We of maturer years have much to be held accountable for, for the memory of a child is as long as its life. Think it over, brother, and give it more than a passing thought.

THE REWARD OF COURTESY

From little sprouts big trees will often grow. We trample on the sprouts of today and gaze with admiration upon the giants that were sprouts of a former generation. And it is much the same in municipal affairs. We think too much of the ending any not enough of the beginning. We overlook the little things of today which have in them the making of the big ones of tomorrow. This tendency of human nature is strikingly illustrated in the case of a gentleman who had occasion to spend a week in a country town, and was remarkably impressed by the uniform courtesy extended him by the citizens of the place. If he was interested in a public building, or a park or a manufacturing enterprise, a dozen men were ready with information and explanations, pointing out the various advantages and with ever a good word for the people. They made him welcome. A few weeks later while traveling in another state he met a manufacturer who was in search of a change of location for his plant. He mentioned the place he had recently left, and spoke in glowing terms of the people, their character-

istics, and especially of their courtesy to the stranger within their gates. The manufacturer was much impressed, and a few weeks later visited the place. He is now there with his factory and his 150 employees. Truly, a man's tongue has a wonderful influence upon the future of his own town. Is there a lesson in it for us?

TOO MUCH DYNAMITE

It has been suggested by some warped and twisted genius that the president appoint a commission of eminent American statesmen to submit proposals of peace to the warring kings of Europe, that commission to be composed of Theodore Roosevelt, William Jennings Bryan and William Howard Taft. It is a tremendous array of intellect, representing the three extremes of political faith, but we fear such a composite selection would be surcharged with so much dynamite that the inevitable explosion would scatter the dear kings to the four winds.

There is one feature of the Texas State Fair, which does not attract us particularly. That is the dog show. We can't see how any one can be aroused to a great pitch of enthusiasm over a bunch of pampered pups. Out side of this the state fair is all right.—North Fort Worth Sunday News.

An expression of true sentiment between neighboring towns like Dallas and Fort Worth. Always got a grudge and this time it was taken out under the pretense of not liking the canine variety. Here in Taylor county the Central West Texas Fair opens next Tuesday and there is going to be a GOAT roping. Personally we are interested and are going down to see it. We imagine the people of Abilene will look good roped and hog tied for a short time.

Governor Colquitt wants the legislature to provide for the establishment of a Central State Bank with a capitalization of twenty million dollars. Gov. Colquitt is playing politics.—Bonham News.

Somebody has always got to kick no matter how hard a man tries to do a good deed. We do not believe Colquitt is playing politics. He was not when he called the legislature for the warehouse project and the Central Bank is a supplementary proposition.

Some of the people who express themselves when they get a good crowd of listeners, begin to show what they know about the war by saying things about Villar, the bygone Hu-retter and end it up by telling you the French and English Alleys are sure to win. And to this you answer: After you my dear Prezemy!

The ladies might inaugurate a wear-a-cotton gown movement, and so use up all the goods now woven. During the Civil war the southern girls boasted that they wore homespun dresses.

Do your Christmas shopping early and your buy-a-bale early. Both of these duties are urgent and should be looked after at your earliest possible moment.

Old Kaiser Bill is evidently a George Washington with the Sauer Kraut eaters. At least he is first in war, the first to yell peace and the first in the heart of his Limbergerman.

Not long ago it was On-To-Paris with Kaiser Bill but now the tune has changed to Back-To-Berlin. So says the Commercial Appeal.

The Army worm that has been doing extensive damage to young cotton in this section of the state is now planning a hasty retreat in face of Jack Frost.

The mule population of the country is 4,500,000 but of course that does not mean all the kickers.—Commercial Appeal.

Right you are but the 45,000,000 only stands for the number of long-eared ones. We suppose you are speaking of that detestible variety.

The Commercial Appeal says that war may cause empty stomachs, but Colleges are forced to have full-backs.

TRIPS TO EXPOSITION

Texas Ladies Will Be Favored By Fort Worth Show.

Five Texas ladies will be given trips to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco next year as a reward for selling tickets to the National Feeders and Breeders show, which will be held in Fort Worth Oct. 10 to 17. This step was taken by the management of the show for the purpose of arousing an even wider and more personal interest in the great Fort Worth exhibition. These trips will be given as follows: One each to a North and South Fort Worth lady and two to ladies residing anywhere else in the state. Besides these, a trip will be given to the highest user of all the districts. Full information regarding the proposition may be secured by writing the management of the National Feeders and Breeders' show or its tour department. This is but one of the progressive steps taken by the management of the Fat Stock show in its great advertising campaign this year. Backed by every indication of the greatest livestock exposition in its history, the banner attendance of its existence is expected. In every way, both in the exhibits of fine livestock in the day show and the competition of equine aristocrats in the night Horse Show, the event promises to be bigger and better than ever before in history. A prize list of upwards of \$25,000 has been offered, which is sufficient inducement to draw exhibitors from all sections of the Southwest and hundreds—perhaps thousands—from without these boundaries. The Fort Worth Horse Show, which will be held Oct. 12 to 17, always has been recognized as a great society event and is certain to maintain its standard. The finest exhibition of saddle and harness animals—both from east and west of the Mississippi—is expected. Newspaper men will receive special consideration at the hands of the Fat Stock show. Monday, October 12, will be Press Day at the show and a splendid banquet will be tendered. Details for the entertainment of visiting scribes has not been arranged as yet, but the Fort Worth members of the profession will be asked to assist, and the entertainment will not be lacking in any way. Scenes from the National Feeders and Breeders' show of last year may be seen at the movies in many Texas cities. Slides have been furnished and are being run daily. The Coliseum building, in which the show is staged, is being put in excellent shape, and will offer every protection from any weather that may prevail.

A Magic Washing Stick

"The Magic Washing Stick is just fine. It did just what you said it would do and the clothes were so nice and white with all that hard rubbing left off," writes Mrs. Sarah Goodale, Preston, Texas. The Magic Stick is not a soap nor a washing powder. Sold by grocers and druggists, three 10¢ for 25¢, or by mail from A. B. Medicine Co., Sherman, Tex.

TO ENJOY WINTER

Prof. Frankland demonstrates that **COD LIVER OIL** generates more body-heat than anything else.

In SCOTT'S EMULSION the pure oil is so prepared that the blood profits from every drop, while it fortifies throat and lungs.

If you are subject to cold hands or feet; if you shiver and catch cold easily; take SCOTT'S EMULSION for one month and watch its good effects. **NO ALCOHOL.** REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.

Buy Coal Now

Many wise people buy their coal in the summer and fall, when prices are down, thus effecting a considerable economy in their coal bill. The money thus saved can be placed to good advantage elsewhere in the home, or added to the savings account.

I can fill your bin at an early date to better advantage than later and suggest that you at least talk it over with me before winter is here and the rush is on.

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Horses digest their feed less thoroughly than other farm animals. In order to insure thorough digestion of all the food eaten, and to make your horses readier for next day's work, add to their evening feed a teaspoonful of—

I am using Bee Dee STOCK MEDICINE with my horses regularly and find it a saving proposition on feed. It also makes them healthy, thriving and clean.

Ira Johnston,
R. F. D. No. 1,
O'Neill, Nebr.

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National Feeders and Breeders Show

FORT WORTH
October 10th to 17th

State Fair of Texas

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October 17 to Nov. 1st

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Dallas, Texas

LOCAL DRUGGIST MAKES A STATEMENT

We always advise people who have stomach or bowel trouble to see a doctor. But to those who do not wish to do this we will say: try the mixture of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-Ica. This simple new remedy is so powerful that **JUST ONE DOSE** relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation **INSTANTLY**. People who try Adler-Ica are surprised at its **QUICK** action.

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