

## COTTON BUYERS ARE IN THE WEST

Erroneous reports have evidently reached some of the eastern parts of the country about cotton and prices of the fleecy staple in western Texas.

At present west Texas is flooded with transient cotton buyers. This fact is accounted for by the cotton being short or already sold in the eastern part of the country, and a larger field of operation can be had in west Texas.

One idea that has probably brought cotton buyers to our section of the country were reports that cotton could be bought at an inducing figure, but a telephone conversation held between a buyer here and the firm he represented in the east seems to put to sleep any such reports. The buyer on getting connections with his home office informed them that prices were not low at Merkel and he found it hard to do a land office business. Evidently the buyer was sent here by his company with hopes that they could get Merkel cotton at prices far below the market, but when they investigated conditions, found that they had been misinformed.

Merkel will at all times be found to pay by her merchant cotton buyers the very best price on practically every sale made, and the reports that cotton can be bought here at prices under the market are erroneous.

### Attorney Keeble Here.

County Attorney Rob Keeble was in Merkel Tuesday checking up the criminal docket of the Justice of the Peace Court. This was not a very hard task and the work was finished in time for him to return to Abilene on the 10:45 T. & P. passenger.

### Piano Tuning

For the next thirty days I will tune pianos for \$2.50 and guarantee my work. Leave orders with E. D. Coats. L. A. Mangum, the blind man.

### Agents Wanted.

\$5 to \$7 daily selling New Fibre Brooms; every woman will buy. Sample by parcel post, 30 cents. Wynne Broom Co., Elmira, N. Y.

O. A. Cordell, who has been connected with the Universal Studio here, leaves Sunday for Big Spring where he has accepted a similar position in his profession. Mr. Cordell is an excellent photographer and we regret that he is leaving the town. The Studio will hereafter be under the management of H. F. Groene, the owner.

P. B. Deavenport, who has been making his home in the Stanton country during the past year, has moved to Trent where he will farm during the present year.

## SHREWSBURY STOCK COMPANY COMING

The Shrewsbury Stock Company, many of the actors formerly composing a part of "Dad Spooner's" shows, so popular here, will be in Merkel all next week, February 1 to 6.

These people have been playing to crowded houses in west Texas during the last few weeks and will come here strongly recommended.

This company will be at the Cozy Theatre all next week, February 1 to 6. Prices 10 and 25 cents.

### Pay Your Taxes Here

Tax payers who do not desire to visit Abilene for the purpose of paying their taxes can have these matters looked after by the Merkel banks if they act promptly.

In paying your taxes through the Merkel banks it serves to leave the tax money of the Merkel country in the banks for a longer time and carries out the idea of patronage to home industry in a small way.

B. F. Cox, who has been sick at his home in south Merkel has suffered a relapse of inflammatory rheumatism and, according to reports, is very sick, being unable to move his limbs or turn his body.

## FROM NEW YORK TO SAN FRANCISCO

The greatest achievement in telephone service has been completed, that of telephone connection from New York to San Francisco, the first message of its kind having been communicated across such a vast area of country.

This task has been completed by the Bell Telephone company, and the first conversation scheduled was between the inventor of the Bell telephone (Dr. Bell, himself) and Mr. Watson, his able assistant, who has worked with him since the beginning of the telephone service, when the first message was successfully sent. The first words, according to history as it now is, were spoken by Dr. Bell in an attempt to perfect a talk reproducing instrument. The words "Come over, Mr. Watson, I want you," were spoken by Dr. Bell, and in a very short time Mr. Watson had responded to the command. This message was carried over a wire of less than three hundred yards in length, and now these same two men have recently talked to each other by use of the telephone, one being in New York while the other sat in his office at San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Martin left Tuesday night for Arbella where they will visit their daughter Mrs. Ethel Penny for a few weeks.

## NEW DOCTOR AND FAMILY COMING

Dr. W. B. Foster and family will arrive in Merkel in a few days; they are leaving the State of North Dakota to come to a less strenuous climate on account of Mrs. Foster's health.

Dr. Foster is a physician of high attainments. He is a graduate of two universities and has had ten years of general and hospital practice. He will be associated with and have offices with Dr. Miller.

We welcome these new comers and wish them well.

### Here From Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Smith of Paris are visiting the former's uncle, Capt. J. H. Oliver. While in the city Mr. Smith is looking after the purchase of cotton for a Paris firm he is connected with.

Preparatory work for spring gardening in Merkel is being taken up by a few. Wesley Edwards, a resident of Elm street, has been making extensive improvements about his home during the past ten days, all of which will serve to make his palatial home all the more comfortable.

## A NEEDED ENTERPRISE FOR THE MERKEL COUNTRY

### A Wholesale Poultry Commission Firm for Handling Merkel Country Poultry

With the fact undisputed that Merkel is the best and largest market in the west for cotton, cotton seed and feed stuffs, it should be the next endeavor of Merkel people to create a market for poultry second to none in West Texas.

Several towns in the western part of the state are building up an immense business through the poultry industry and none of them are better, or so well adapted to the successful raising of chickens, ducks and turkeys as the surrounding country to this town.

More attention to selling your poultry and increasing the yield will spell spending money for the grower throughout the year.

A constant source of revenue thus derived will displace the draw-back brought on our country to such a marked degree by the excessive acreage of cotton and its low prices.

Abilene and Sweetwater, two towns that rival Merkel in some respects, have already built up an immense wholesale poultry business, thus creating a ready market at all times for the farmer's poultry in their country. In these towns, in many instances, the poultry is dressed and prepared for the consumer before leaving the town. This adds materially to the pay roll of the town and creates a better market. These enterprises, however, have not been started in these towns without an effort on the part of the citizenship of the respective places, and much work has been done to perfect the organizations.

What Abilene and Sweetwater can do with much work in respect to the poultry business, ought to be comparatively easy for Merkel to do with the unlimited farming area that surrounds our country.

What will we do about it. Every citizen should be a wheel horse during the present year, and enjoy seeing the year 1915 close with our town one of the best markets for all products of the farm to be found in West Texas.

## FRATERNALISM IS NEEDED AMONG MERKEL MERCHANTS

All organizations that meet with success are active in their work. To drag with the duties incumbent upon you is to see the depreciation of your business and the vanishing movements of any bright prospects you may have.

This applies to every individual in his business, at his home and in all his affairs. Most men take care of their personal future in this respect; some fail and, as a result, fail in their undertakings.

During years gone by Merkel has seen enthusiastic organizations for the advancement of every interest of the town. At times these organizations have been over zealous and have failed in their undertakings, as a result of which the fraternalism among those who constituted the organization was given a set-back.

There exists now in Merkel an order of merchants known as the Retail Merchants Association, organized, mainly, for individual protection to the merchant. This organization is well and good in its work if all work connected with the association is carried out successfully, and all members took an active interest in its welfare, but such is not the case from the fact that to many it seems to mean nothing.

Merkel is in need of a more perfect working association of merchants and men in all affairs of commercial life in our town. Merkel is badly in need of an organization to further the cause of any good enterprise, and until such an organization is perfected, and the individual members show a spirit of co-operation, the work needed to be done for our town will "continue to lag."

The Mail is for an organization to facilitate every interest of our town. This one association, if correctly organized and given the proper backing, will work a wonder of good during the present year. You may have many personal business worries and lack of time to devote to matters other than those that effect your own business, but with mature thought every reader of the Mail will readily see that those matters which constitute increased business and enterprises for our town are matters that will eventually effect your own business. There comes to our mind a saying that muchly fits our contention: "There is a tide in the affairs of men when taken at its flood leads on to victory; omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in misery."

The man with the small business owes as much co-operative spirit to the progressiveness of the town as does the banks and larger mercantile establishments. When a spirit of fraternalism is established among all representative business men, we will find it much easier to handle delicate propositions that confront us.

Let's have such fraternal feeling.  
Let's have a co-operative organization.  
Let's work for the betterment of Merkel in general.  
Let's not put off until tomorrow the things that need our attention today.  
Let's all pull together.

### Tax Payers to Abilene.

Many Merkel people are visiting Abilene now for the purpose of paying their taxes. Those going Tuesday were J. M. Ensminger, Watt Blair, G. F. West, W. A. Scott, C. E. Mims and others.

Local tax papers have also been keeping City Marshal Hall's office force busy this week writing out receipts of city taxes and today and tomorrow promise to be the largest collecting days of the year. Saturday is the last day to pay your taxes so you had better get busy.

Mrs. Marvin Smith and children visited relatives in Sweetwater the past week.

## MID-TERM EXAMS ARE BEING HELD

Mid-term examinations in the Merkel public schools are being held this week.

Superintendent H. M. Morris and his assistants have been very busy during the entire week holding examinations in various classes and grading papers preparatory to making the mid-term promotions.

### Sells Ford Automobile

H. M. Warren local representative for the Ford's made sale of a five passenger car this week to Jim Byrd of the Smith community.

Mr. Bird was in town Tuesday and practically closed the deal by having Mr. Warren to deliver the car at the Byrd home the following day.

### Attention Master Masons

The attention of all Masons is called to our regular meeting Saturday night January 30.

Work for the evening will be one installation and one second degree. The presence of visiting Masons is heartily requested. Wesley Edwards, W. M.

### Mentholine Balm.

Is recommended by us for the relief of headache's, Facial Neuralgia, Sciatia, Chiblam, chapped Hands, Catarrh of nose and throat, bites and stings of insects. Ask for 2 z jar for 25 cents at Mrs. E. M. Rust.

## COTTON SEED ON BIG RISE HERE

Within the last week's time cotton seed prices have climbed from \$21 to the handsome price of \$28 per ton.

The first unusual advance came Thursday of last week when they were advanced by one of the gins from \$21 to \$25. This advance seemed a good starter and the Merkel ginner have been paying the highest prices for seed during the last week of any town in Texas so far as we have been able to ascertain. The price of \$28 is given to all farmers who bring their cotton here to be ginned. Prices of seed in other towns adjoining Merkel are still quoted at \$21 and \$22. One Merkel ginner, when asked what the price of seed was on Thursday morning of this week, replied that they were worth \$28 then but he couldn't say just how much they would be worth by night.

### Notice.

I have opened a first class blacksmith shop just east of the Moore & Meek shop and will appreciate a part of your trade. R. L. Porter.

## SOME 'GAT' THIS GERMAN GUN IS

Amsterdam, Jan. 24.—A German newspaper announces that a new naval gun of sixteen-inch calibre and with a range of 28 miles has been created.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—Remarkable figures regarding a new German naval gun are given by a German artillery expert, writing in the "Artilleristische Monats Hefte."

In discussing an assertion by the London Times, that the German navy possesses a gun which carries three miles farther than the best British weapon, the writer admits that Krupps are manufacturing a gun whose projectile weighs 920 kilograms (about a ton) and which develops muzzle velocity of 940 meters (about 3700 feet) a second. The expert reckons from these figures that the gun has 58 per cent more muzzle force than the British navy's best weapon, and has a range of about forty-two kilometers, (about 28 miles), while the channel at Dover is only 33 kilometers (about 22 miles) wide. He says the figures given, if correct, will permit the Germans eventually to command the English coast from Calais for a distance of nine kilometers (about six miles) inland with the new gun.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald Misses Mary Reid and Carrol Rister were in Trent Wednesday afternoon visiting Mrs. McDonald's sister, Mrs. John Childress.

J. G. Jackson of Abilene and C. Ions of Houston have been in the Merkel country most of this week looking after matters pertaining to Mr. Jackson's real estate business.

### Death Invades Home.

Death invaded the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Allen of this city Monday morning and took from it their daughter Rowena, age 14.

The child had been sick for several days but was thought to be recovering during the first part of last week when she suffered a relapse, and gradually succumbed to her afflictions. Burial was given the body Tuesday afternoon at Rose Hill Cemetery. Prof. Witt conducted the services in absence of the Baptist minister. The Mail extends profound sympathy to the bereaved parents.

Will Boring was among the Abilene visitors this week. Going down Wednesday to look after his taxes.

D. O. Huddleston returned the first of the week from east Texas where he purchased a shipment of cattle. He made sale of the cattle at Port Worth.

Mrs. J. F. Holdridge, who has been visiting her parents at Cottonwood, returned home Wednesday.

## STRONG COMPANY HERE THIS WEEK

The Gibson-Bradfield Stock Company, a really high class show, is here showing at the Cozy theatre until Saturday night.

The Sweetwater Reporter says the above company was the best one to visit their town during the present season. The strong drama being of a class to produce tears to the most hard hearted and their comedy of a kind to produce side splitting laughter.



**ASSOCIATION**  
MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

**West-Rister**

The marriage of Mr. James West and Miss Eugenia Rister fulfilled the class prophecy of class '10 which told of the marriage of James and Gene, members of Merkel High school of that year.

The marriage of this popular young couple took place at Jay-ton Sunday afternoon at 2:15 at the boarding house where the bride had been boarding while engaged in teaching. Rev. O. M. Addison, pastor of the M. E. church, read the marriage service which was witnessed by a few special girl friends of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. West left immediately for their home here via Abilene where the former's brother, H. C. West, and wife met them in a car, expecting to bring them home on the arrival of the Abilene Northern, which was late. Car trouble added an hour or more delay in leaving Abilene and 'twas the wee small hours of morning before the bridal party reached here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rister served a beautifully appointed dinner in their honor Sunday. Covers were laid for the immediate members of the contracting families. The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rister. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. West and is connected with the G. F. West Co., Inc., as secretary of the enterprise. Mr. and Mrs. West are among our most popular young people. The Mail extends best wishes and congratulations.

**Rogers-Bowles**

The quiet wedding of Mr. Charlie Rogers and Mrs. Minnie Bowles of the Stith community was solemnized Wednesday evening of last week, and the contracting parties had departed on a short honeymoon to Hillsboro so quickly and quietly that only a few intimate friends knew of the affair until Mr. and Mrs. Rogers were well on their way east.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are well known in the Merkel and Stith country. The groom is a prominent farmer of the north Merkel country, and the bride the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. West of Stith. The contracting parties returned from Hillsboro Monday evening and are at home on Mr. Roger's farm four miles north of Merkel.

The Mail joins the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers in extending congratulations.

**Hayhurst Wheeler**

Owing to the absence of our correspondent from the Noodle community we failed to get news of the Hayhurst-Wheeler marriage until this week.

The wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's father, Ben Wheeler, Sunday, January 17th, when Mr. Joe Hayhurst, son of S. A. Hayhurst of Noodle, was married to Miss Ruby Wheeler. Both the contracting parties were popular young people of the Noodle community and have a host of friends who extend congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Hayhurst will leave Monday for Wichita Falls where they will make their home.

**Saunderson-Whitley**

The marriage of Wm. Saunderson and Miss Annie Enola Whitley took place Monday evening at the home of Rev. R. A. Kimbrough, pastor of the First Baptist church, who officiated.

The wedding was a great surprise to the friends of both parties. It was very quiet, being witnessed only by the family of Dr. Kimbrough and a few special friends of the contracting parties.

Miss Whitley is well known here and has many friends who join in with the Mail in extending congratulations.

**Entertains M. H. S. Seniors.**

On last Friday evening, January 22nd, the High school faculty of M. H. S. entertained the Seniors of '14-'15 at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Garvin. The house was beautifully decorated in purple and gold, the class colors. Music and conversation were enjoyed until all the guests arrived. They were then given sheets of paper on which were written the names of English authors and some of their productions in "dog Latin" and asked to translate them. The blue ribbon was won by Mr. Witt. The girls were then given strips of purple and gold and asked to make ties, sewing with their left hand, and the boys were given aprons of purple and gold. The blue ribbons were won by Mamie Ellis and Jasper Tucker. The guests were then invited into the dining room, where the color scheme was carried out in serving brick cream. They were then given gum and cards to make animals, the show being fun for all. At a late hour "Home Sweet Home" was played and the guests reluctantly made their departure, declaring that they had never had such a time in their life. Class Reporter.

**The Methodist Baraca Class**

The Baraca class met at the class room Sunday, 24th, with a very good attendance considering the nature of the day.

The subject under discussion was "Gideon and the Three Hundred." The main thought of the lesson was that God does His work through men who have faith in Him. It was shown very plainly, that no matter how weak a man might be in the sight of men, if he has faith in God there is victory in the end.

There are at the present, great armies of Medianites in the form of various sins and each type of sin has a leader. There are calls for men today who have faith as that of Gideon when he won the great victory for God.

Every young man who is not in any Sunday School is cordially invited to come and enjoy life with us. Our motive is to help somebody in the spiritual world and in so we help ourselves. Press Reporter.

**League Program**

Subject: Evenings with great hymns.

Responsive reading of Psalm LXVII.

Hymn, No. 2.

Repeat Lord's prayer in concert.

Song, No. 454.

Prayer.

Address by leader.

The history of the use of hymns in the church, by Mrs. G. H. Adams.

Tell something of the authors of the two hymns we have for a topic this afternoon, Mamie McNeess.

Hymn, No. 481.

Prayer.

What is my favorite hymn and why? Discussed by all.

Miscellaneous.

Benediction.

**The Woodrow Wilson Society**

Met in the Ninth grade room January 22nd, 1915. The house was called to order by the president, then a business meeting followed. The by-laws and constitution were read and accepted. The following program was rendered:

Minutes, by Secretary.

Song, by Room, Annie Laurie.

Roll Call, by Secretary.

Duet, Misses Winnie and Elsie Sharp.

Sophomore Prophecy, Dorothy Duckett.

Journal, Beatrice Nideaver.

Presidents farewell address.

Song, My Old Kentucky Home.

Adjournment.

Erving Jennings of Abilene was in the city Wednesday afternoon visiting his mother, Mrs. J. W. Jennings.

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For City Marshal—  
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SAM ROBERTS  
B. C. GAITHER  
R. E. COUNTS

For City Secretary—  
G. W. JOHNSON

Mrs. R. L. Bland was hostess Sunday afternoon for the Presbyterian Class of Willing Workers. Many needful topics were under discussion. The senior Phila-thea girls and their teacher, Mrs. Bullock, were invited to co-operate with the Willing Workers. Those present were Mesdames McMillen, Angus, Bullock, McClain, Dickson, J. T. Tucker and R. L. Bland and Miss Bullock. The next class meeting will be with Mrs. H. E. Bullock on the first Sunday.

The social meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church was held Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. C. Burroughs on Rose street. A very interesting program was carried out, followed by delightful music and conversation. The hostess served refreshments to about 20 guests.

**Meeting At Trent**

The W. H. M. Society of Trent will give a fishing and tea party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott, Friday evening February 5th. Everybody invited. Admission 10 cents.

**Purchases New Buick.**

E. M. McDonald has purchased a new 25 Model Buick from the Fulweiler Electric Co., of Abilene. Delivery of the car was made Friday of last week by the Merkel Agent, H. M. Warren, who is connected with the Buick distributing agency at Abilene.

**An Ordinance.**

An ordinance making the City Secretary of the City of Merkel ex-officio Assessor and Collector of taxes and relieving the City Marshal of such duties on and after the 6th day of May, 1915.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Merkel: Sec. 1. That on and after the 6th day of May, 1915, the City Secretary of the City of Merkel, in addition to the other duties now required of him under the ordinances of said City, shall be ex-officio Assessor and Collector of taxes for said City and shall do and perform all duties in reference to the assessing and collecting of taxes for said city as is now required by ordinance of the City Marshal of said City; and for such additional services as such assessor and collector of taxes the City Secretary shall receive such compensation as the City Council may allow, in addition to the compensation now allowed such officer; that from and after the 6th day of May, 1915, the City Marshal of the City of Merkel shall cease to be ex-officio assessor and collector of taxes for said City, and shall not therefore be required to perform any of the duties relating to the assessing and collecting of taxes for said city, except as hereafter may be required of him by order of the City Council.

Sec. 2: That all ordinances, orders and resolutions now in force in conflict herewith be and the same is hereby repealed from and after the taking effect of this ordinance.

Passed this 4th day of January, 1915. J. J. Stallings, Mayor. Approved this 5th day of January, 1915. J. J. Stallings, Mayor. Attest: F. J. Ferrier, City Secretary.

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**List Your Land Now**

Taylor county and all West Texas is the base of operations and any thing from a peanut patch to a pig pasture worth the money you ask for it will sell if the proper attention is given it.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

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.

### AN UNCALLED FOR CRITICISM.

The Dallas News in all probability did not give the ink on Governor Ferguson's message time to get dry before they jumped on it with all four feet, digesting and dissolving it by jerks, tearing it up by scraps, and finally disposing of the entire message.

The News is sorry that there is not a law or custom compelling the Governor to be definite in outlining his suggestions to the legislature in conformity to good breeding and to make his propositions concrete in order that the legislature and people may mark the limit of his proposed legislation.

In this The News thinks Governor Ferguson has fallen woefully short and charges that his most definite proposal is somewhat vague. They further criticize him for being a novice in politics which fact according to the view The News takes of it shows in the beginning the immaturity of ideas advanced by Mr. Ferguson. The spokesman of The News happens to remember in their criticism that Governor Ferguson is a lawyer. With this qualification they think he should have a more comprehensive, fundamental and clarified notion of what ought to be done in State affairs. Here The News sees a bright light of errors in the message and finds that Governor Ferguson has completely incapacitated himself in this respect.

The News further belittles their imagination by stating that all proposals made by Mr. Ferguson are vague. They see in his suggestions for rental legislation his inability to solve the problem himself, so leaves the matter up to the legislature. They further criticize him for asking for careful investigation on the part of the legislature the actions of any combine, pool or trust formed to fix arbitrarily the prices of products of the farm. At this point The News goes back through the entire history of Texas but fails to find anything that would justify protection to farmers from combines, pools and trusts. Hon. News Ed. further sees that Ferguson in asking such investigation desires to interfere with co-operative schemes to enhance the price of cotton. These combines, The News says, are mythical but in event of the existence of such a combination cannot see anything in their purpose but to exploit the farmer in his affairs.

With Mr. Ferguson on education The News agrees and does not agree. They commend him on compulsory attendance but seem to think that adequate education laws would in no way meet with the Governor's approval, hence they are afraid of his proposals on this question. They agree with him that the control of the University and A. & M. should be in one unit but disagree with him as to the management of the two schools. They say Ferguson is prejudiced against higher education but do not quote their authority.

In closing a two column criticism of Governor Ferguson's message The News lacks space, according to their own words, to fully take up and discuss every feature of the message yet they qualify all their criticism by saying Mr. Ferguson will at all times find them a critic far more eager to praise than to censure.

With the Texas Legislature and Governor working like a new clock it seems that The News is in general dissatisfied with conditions when they attempt to criticize Mr. Ferguson's position before they have had time to fully know his ability to grasp the delicate proposition which confront him. Probably S. P. is the one to send a message to the Texas Legislature in which will

be found concrete propositions and outlines for State management that will work smoother than those employed by our present administration. Probably State Press is a Daniel and can decipher the figures on the wall. Probably State Press and those through whose hands every editorial The News contains and must be sanctioned can with all their wisdom see the fallacy of all legislation and correct it through the columns of their sheet.

The News throughout the State of Texas and adjacent counties to our republic is known as a perfect working system of gathering news and preparing it for the public but after this is said all praise to them is overdue to a great extent. In all probability the editorial of The News under date of January 22 on the Message of Governor Ferguson was a rip-snorter before all members of their editorial staff added to and took from it what they saw fit, but after all they made it a plain bare-back proposition that takes the cake for being a fence riding criticism.

### SUBSCRIBERS IN ARREARS.

The Round-Up has something like \$1,000 that is past due on subscription. This is a small amount to each individual and will amount to a great deal to this office. Let every subscriber who is in arrears come and at least pay his arrears. If the subscription is not paid by February the first you will be asked to pay through a collector.—Cisco Round-Up.

We have noted during the last few months that the Round-up, of which Mr. Geo. Fish is editor, has been having a time through its editorial columns getting people to come and pay up their back subscriptions, and on giving this matter of our brother editor very mature thought we have arrived at the conclusion that probably there are some on his list who are not desirous of taking his paper for a longer time. This very fact has been brought home to us and when a man does not want a paper it is not right for any Editor to try to force him to continue to read it. Editor Fisk gets out a good paper but no man can please all the people so the best solution of a subscription department to a paper is to have it on a cash basis. Those who want your paper will come in and plank down a dollar and those who do not desire to read what you have to say will stay away and they have a perfect right to do so. The Mail once had a large amount of arrearages the same as Editor Fisk has now and the shortest route we found with those bills was through the P. & L. Account via the waste basket.

### THE BORN BOOSTER.

The following is going the rounds of the Missouri press:

"Editors are born boosters. The other day the editor was solicited to join a lodge and was handed a petition printed by a supply house; he got a dun from a merchant in a government stamped envelope and written on a gargling oil statement; he made a purchase at a store and got a duplicate bill printed in Chicago and wrote a check on a blank printed in Denver. Ye Gods, how can an editor expect to join lodges and pay bills on such treatment as that, and all the time tell the people to trade at home! Editors have to be born boosters prepared to live on dried herring and stand for anything."

The Star-Telegram, a newspaper published at Fort Worth, continues to harp about making Tarrant county the best farming county in the State of Texas. About the only good job that has been done in that county lately was the farming out of seven county prisoners Sunday evening when the inmates escaped from the Tarrant county lock-up without being noticed.

A woman is always as young as she appears—provided it doesn't come off in the wash.

Too bad General Sherman is not here to give us a revised definition of war.

The local oracle who laughs at his own jokes is always sure of a laugh.

Every time the devil thinks of this war it gives him the shivers.

They say a good poker player habitually walks with a shuffle.

The murderfest moves merrily on.

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**Generous Little Soul.**  
Mother—"Bobby, we're making a box of broken toys to send to the poor children. Go and bring me any you have." Bobby (returning with armful)—"I didn't have any broken ones, mamma, so I smashed these."

**Deafness Can not Be Cured**  
by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. adv

**Left Lawyer Gasping.**  
"A good story was told to me recently," says Dr. Charles W. Elliot, president emeritus of Harvard university, "of how a lawyer secured a verdict in favor of an Irishman charged with assault with intent to kill on the ground of temporary insanity. Several months later he met the Irishman and said: 'Well, Dan, don't you think it is about time you handed me that \$1,000?'"

"What \$1,000?" queried Dan.  
"Why, the fee of \$1,000 that you promised me I should have if I saved you from prison," said the lawyer.  
"Shure, an' did I promise ye that?" asked Dan. "I don't raymlmber."  
"Don't remember!" cried the lawyer, sternly. "Why, you were so grateful at the time that you promised me over and over again that I should have it within a week!"  
"Dan gave a sickly smile. 'Shure I think th' claim is not a good wan,' he said, 'ye know, I was crazy thin!'"

**Franklin on War.**  
Mad wars destroy in one year the works of many years of peace.—Franklin.

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**THE MERKEL MAIL**

What He Was Counting.  
"What is that man over there—the one counting his fingers?" "That's Dobbs, the poet. But he isn't counting his fingers; he's counting his feet."—Boston Record.

**Biliousness and Constipation Cured.**  
If you are ever troubled with biliousness or constipation you will be interested in the statement of R. F. Erwin, Peru, Ind. "A year ago last winter I had an attack of indigestion followed by biliousness and constipation. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets so highly recommended, I bought a bottle of them and they helped me right away." For sale by all dealers. adv

### Cough Medicine for Children.

Never give a child a cough medicine that contains opium in any form. When opium is given other and more serious diseases may follow. Long experience has demonstrated that there is no better or safer medicine for coughs, colds and croup in children than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is equally valuable for adults. Try it. It contains no opium or other harmful drug. For sale by all dealers. adv

### A Pig's Tail.

There is a proverb that "you can't make a whistle out of a pig's tail," but Popular Mechanics tells of a man who has made one. He allowed the tail to harden and then carved out a whistle which gave as good a tone as any.

### Stomach Trouble Cured.

If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klote of Edina, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by all dealers.

### What He Would Say.

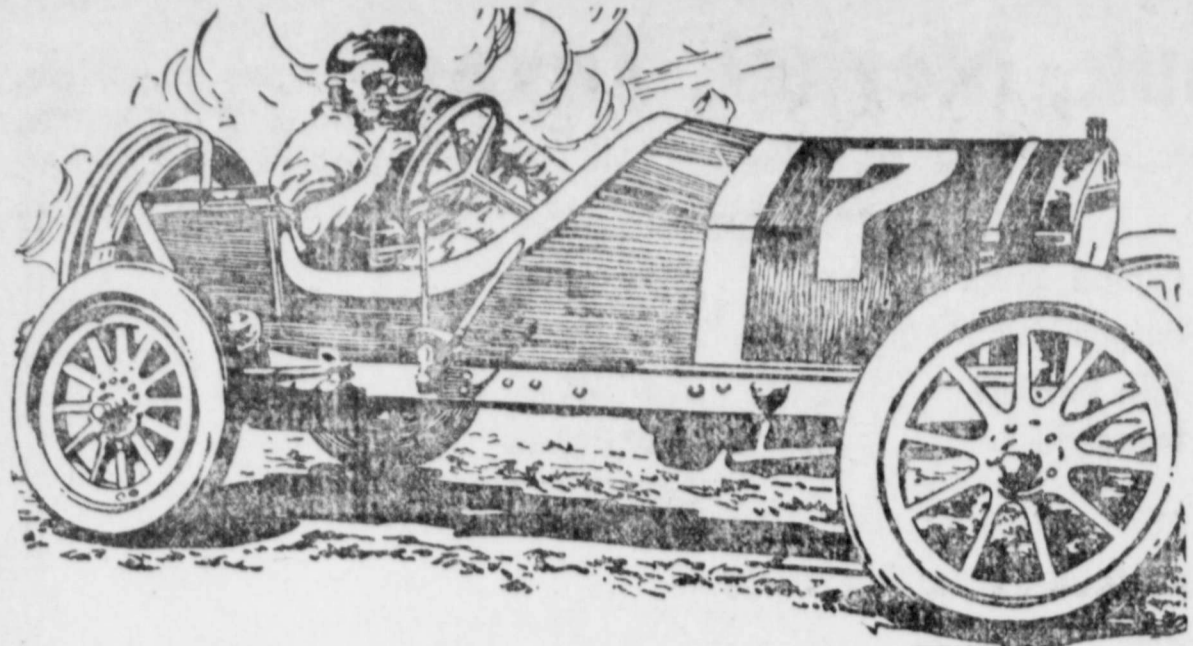
Mamma—"Howard, when you get to be the head of the family, what will you say to your children when they are naughty?" Small Howard—"Oh, I'll do like papa does. I'll tell them how awfully good I was when I was a kid."

### Notice by Publication of Final Account

State of Texas, County of Taylor. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor county, Greeting:  
W. F. Stanford, administrator of the estate of Newt Harrison, deceased, having filed in our county court his final account of the condition of the estate of said Newt Harrison, deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said administration, you are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days in a newspaper regularly published in the county of Taylor you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the February Term, 1915, of said county court, commencing and to be holden at the courthouse of said county, in the town of Abilene on the 15th day of February, A. D. 1915, when said account and application will be considered by the Court.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 9th day of January A. D. 1915. J. D. Hilton, Clerk County Court, Taylor County. [L.S.] A true copy, I certify. J. T. Dodson, Sheriff, Taylor County.





## Winning the Race

Louis Disbrow, who has secured every world's record for automobile racing up to fifty miles on dirt tracks, demands of the products which he uses quality and service capable of withstanding the most severe treatment.

Disbrow says himself that the class of racing he does is particularly hard on the motor, owing to the dust which comes in through the carburetor and gets into the cylinders.

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Thinkers  
"Men of thought" are the thinkers, the creators of ideas, the men who furnish the inspirations and theories, while "men of action" are the workers, who carry out the plans furnished by the others. Sometimes the two are combined in one, as in the case of Napoleon, Caesar, Da Vinci, who were at one and the same time great in both theory and practice.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv

### Dangers of a Cold.

Do you know that of all the minor ailments colds are by far the most dangerous? It is not the colds themselves that you need to fear, but the serious diseases they so often lead to. For that reason every cold should be gotten rid of with the least possible delay. To accomplish this you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy of great help to you. It loosens a cold, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration and enables the system to throw off the cold. For sale by all dealers. adv

### Not At All.

When the wind propels a hat it is chased, but the remarks of the owner are nothing that even sounds like that.

### ALL CHARGED UP TO BROWN

Janitor Had Lost Nothing and Had Made Something of a Reputation for Urbanity.

One day Brown lost his temper and determined to discipline the janitor.

"Why is it," he said, "that every time anybody in this building loses anything you ask us if we know what has become of it?"

"Because," the janitor replied, "you are the only folks that never lose anything."

Next morning Brown shouted down the dumbwaiter shaft: "We're short a bottle of milk; where is it?"

"I don't know, sir," the janitor answered humbly. "I'll see if I can find it."

"Why," said Mrs. Brown, "we got our milk."

"Don't worry," said her husband. "Of course he can't find it, but it will do him good to stew around a little."

About 15 minutes later Brown was summoned to the dumbwaiter.

"Here's your milk," said the janitor. "I'm sorry I made a mistake."

Brown was bewildered. "Now, where on earth did the fellow get it?" he said.

"He has taken it from one of the neighbors," wailed Mrs. Brown.

Next day Brown complained of the loss of a package of sugar, which, though purely imaginary, so far as the Browns were concerned, very soon materialized in the hands of the resourceful janitor.

Even Brown got uneasy then; but, being bent on vengeance, he subsequently reported as lost bread, a head of lettuce, and a bag of potatoes, all of which were immediately produced by the janitor.

When Brown paid his grocery bill for the month, Mrs. Brown, who is a systematic housekeeper, scanned the account.

"Why, they have made a mistake," she said. "They have charged us for milk and sugar and things we never got."

Brown went back to the grocery to inquire.

"It's all right," he said; upon his return. "We got the stuff. The janitor ordered it."



MR. ERNEST WINTERS and MISS ALICE DE LANE

in a scene from "Barriers Burned Away," one of the plays to be presented by the Gilson-Bradfield Stork Co. at Cozy Theatre Jan. 28-29-30.

## Any Doctor

will tell you a fellow's constitution went last forever—and in these strenuous times it needs a good overhauling occasionally.

## Mineral Wells

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### Mistaken Identity.

Thomas C. Lee, councilman, is the father of twins that are the pride of the family. When the twins were babies they were in need one night of a simple home remedy. The twins, as children usually do, began crying and insisted they did not wish any medicine.

Mrs. Lee, with much difficulty, succeeded in getting one of the babies to take the medicine. She was called from the room for an instant and when she returned picked up what she thought was the other baby, which began crying and expostulating, but Mrs. Lee finally forced the child to take the dose.

"Now, why did you cry?" asked Mrs. Lee. "That medicine was not bad."

"No," cried the child, "but you gave me the other dose, too."—Indianapolis News.

### The Exception.

A noted English suffragette said the other day to a New York reporter: "Your idea of us militants is that we are vixens, tartars and man-haters, but, as a matter of fact, we have in our ranks some of the most elegant and fascinating women in London society."

"No, the militant is not like Mrs. Blanc, who said to her daughter one day:

"I am certainly easy on shoes. Look at this pair of elastic sides. I've worn them three years and they're still as good as new. I'm easy on clothes, too. There's my tweed—just as fresh as the day I bought it seven years ago. And hats, gloves, stockings—in fact, I'm easy on everything."

"Except father, eh?" said the daughter, without looking up from her book."

### Might Be Useful.

"Have you had any experience with guns?" asked the enlisting officer.

"Oh, yes," replied the applicant.

"What have you done?"

"I have shot pigeons and rabbits."

"Well, I'll put you in the commissary department."

### Looked Pretty.

Patience—Polly said they had a highly-polished hardwood floor up where she called.

Patience—And did she say it looked pretty?"

"Why, of course. She said she could see herself in it."

## NEWBRO'S HERPICIDE SAVES THE HAIR

And Keeps You Looking Young

Don't look older than you are. It is just as easy to look younger. While lack of hair or poor hair is not always an indication of age, it is frequently accepted as such.

A person well advanced in years possessing a good head of hair is always spoken of as "well preserved."

Everyone can retain beautiful, luxuriant hair if they make the effort. In almost every instance poor hair or the loss of hair may be traced to the activity of the dandruff germ. Newbro's Herpicide prevents the scale-like accumulation and puts the scalp in a perfectly healthy condition. With the elimination of the dandruff the hair no longer drops out. The itching of the scalp stops almost at once.

Newbro's Herpicide is the remedy for which there are many substitutes, preparations claimed to be "just as good." You don't have to accept a substitute. Insist upon having genuine Herpicide.

Sold and guaranteed, and your money back if not satisfied.

H. C. BURROUGHS.

### Considering the Ant.

A sapper of effectiveness is the habit of thinking ourselves busy, says the Nevada Post. Its confusion of thought is a certain preventive of accomplishment. The ant which frantically runs up a grass stem and then runs down again is doubtless racking his nervous system with the idea that he is busy, but he is gathering no food for the colony.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by HERBINE. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### Citation by Publication of Final Account

The State of Texas.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor county—Greeting:

R. Y. Lacy, Administrator of the estate of W. M. Lacy, deceased, having filed in our County Court his final account of the condition of the estate of W. M. Lacy, deceased, numbered 556 on the Probate Docket of Taylor county, together with an application to be discharged from said administration.

You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this Writ for twenty days in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed in the county of Taylor, you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on or before the February term, 1915, of said County Court, commencing and to be held at the Court House of said county, in the city of Abilene, on the 15th day of February, A. D. 1915, when said Account and Application will be given under by said Court.

Acted under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in the city of Abilene, this 18th day of January, A. D. 1915.

J. D. Hilton,

Clerk, County Court, Taylor Co.

By Bertha Early, Deputy Clerk.

[L.S.]

A true copy, I certify.  
J. T. Dodson,  
Sheriff Taylor County.

Justice is the great principle of business and social world, and you are rendering one of the greatest possible services to your child if you plant it within his soul as a young child. By this same principle of justice he will not only learn later what is due to his fellows, and how to grant it, but will also know what is due to himself, and how to exact it.

### Fever Sores.

Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely, but should be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by all dealers. adv

### Who Wrote the Constitution?

It is generally understood that James Madison was the chief author of the Constitution of the United States. Beyond a doubt the great instrument was the joint product of the entire convention, but from the best accounts Madison was the man who put it into shape as we have it today.

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## MR. SUBBUBS' GUESS

JUST AN IDEA OF WHAT SENSATION MIGHT BE.

But Then Possibly His Experience of Life in a Country Town Had Left Him in a Slightly Pessimistic Mood.

Eagerly Mr. Subbubs had moved from a congested city district to the broad coolness of a country town. At least so he supposed, and on his arrival one warm afternoon within the shelter of his own vine and fig tree, he proceeded to array himself, according to a free, unconventional fashion, in a cool, easy costume, minus the superfluity of collar or coat.

"I wouldn't do that, dear," said Mrs. Subbubs, when he had joined her in the breezy shade of the front veranda; "at least, not until we are better acquainted here. People judge one so from appearances, and I have noticed very few gentlemen about here in negligee dress."

Mr. Subbubs obligingly retired to assume his collar and coat, and then, returning, endeavored to make his discomfort more endurable by tilting back in his porch chair, with both feet elevated to the railing before him.

"I wouldn't do that, dear," again objected his wife. "People judge others so by their attitudes, and I haven't noticed that anyone lounges about on their porches out here."

Again Mr. Subbubs, always accommodating, acted on the suggestion, this time preparing to solace himself with a cigarette, the materials for which he had at hand.

"I don't know as I would do that," once more suggested his wife, noticing his design. "Perhaps you had better smoke cigars until you are a little better known here. Some people are so prejudiced against cigarettes, and one is so apt to be judged by one's habits."

If there was a silky softness in Mr. Subbubs' movements as he went in to hunt up the preferred cigar, it was entirely deceptive, for within he was full of white-hot, boiling wrath.

When he returned Mrs. Subbubs was listening in surprise to a loud altercation which had suddenly arisen a few blocks away in the streets of the usually orderly, polite little town.

"I can't imagine what that noise can be about," she began, as Mr. Subbubs returned to his seat, cigar in hand. "Why do you suppose they are talking so excitedly?"

"Easy to guess," returned Mr. Subbubs, applying a lighted match to his cigar. "Probably some poor devil has been moved to declare his soul is his own. I imagine an event like that would stir this town to its foundations."—Judge.

### Activities of Women.

Russia has over 3,000 women physicians.

The Woman's Trade Union of America has over 65,000 members.

Three out of every four nonagenarians in Berlin, Germany, are women.

Miss Jean T. Moehle, an automobile saleswoman, recently showed that she could handle machinery as well as sell cars. In a leather apron and blue jean coat she stood on a platform in a New York salesroom and dismantled and assembled a motor taken from a car she had driven over ten thousand miles.

The wearing of a skirt which was so tight that it interfered with the free use of her limbs caused Mrs. Della Wilson of Kansas City to lose her suit for \$5,000 damages against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad. The jury contended that a skirt which was only 32 inches wide was entirely too narrow for free use of the feet in boarding a train.

### Artful Tommy.

Private Tommy Sims had had pneumonia, and had been for some time in hospital, where they treated him so well that he was much averse to the prospect of being discharged as "cured." One day the doctor was taking his temperature, and while Tommy had the thermometer in his mouth the doctor moved on, and happened to turn his back. Tommy saw his chance. He pulled the thermometer out of his mouth and popped it into a cup of hot tea, replacing it at the first sign of the medico's turning. When that worthy examined the thermometer he looked first at Tommy and then back at the thermometer and gasped:

"Well, my man, you're not dead, but you ought to be!"—London Tit-Bits.

### Wonderful New Resistance Alloy.

A new alloy for use in making electric resistance was put on the market in Germany shortly before the war and is said to be of great use in case the resistance wires or strips need to be worked at a high heat; for the new alloy of chromium and nickel can be run at even a bright red heat without suffering damage, and such heating does not make the metal brittle upon long use.

Specific gravity of the alloy is 8.25, and it has a specific resistance per meter length and square millimeter section of 1.10 ohms. It can support a temperature of 1110 degrees C. on constant run. The melting point is 1400 degrees C.

### Dividing the Work.

Bill—I see Doctor Naegeli, professor of medicine at Liege university, commends the practice of yawning.

He says it is excellent for the lungs. Jill—Well, let him go on doing the talking, and we'll do the yawning.



Condensed Statement of Condition of

# The Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas

Close of Business for December 31, 1914

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$132,696.93	Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Banking House	9,500.00	Surplus and Profits	3,166.65
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00	Bills Payable	13,500.00
Interest Guaranty Fund	1,089.48	Deposits	139,047.49
Cash and Exchange	42,927.73		
	\$190,714.14		\$190,714.14

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This Bank opened for business January, 1912, and has the largest line of deposits in Merkel. We have no City or School funds, nor due from Banks among our deposits. This is the only Guaranty Fund Bank in Merkel. **Safety First** is our motto. We solicit your account.

## BLAIR

James Maddera was in Abilene Saturday.

All who attended the candy breaking at S. F. Provines Saturday report a nice time.

J. W. Moore and wife have been sick for several days but are better at this time.

J. H. Campbell went to Abilene Monday to pay his and some of his neighbor's taxes.

Miss Frankie Swift, who is teaching at View, came in on Friday evening's train and remained until Sunday morning, visiting her sister, Miss Ruby Swift, who teaches at Blair.

Two of Mr. Clayton's children have been very sick from the effects of eating mistletoe berries which proved to be very poisonous. They are thought to be out of danger at this time. Mr. Clayton is picking cotton on the J. L. Tucker farm.

Miss Altha Chambliss spent last week with her grandmother, Mrs. G. W. Cox.

The Blair singing class met Sunday night at the school house and reorganized, starting in with bright prospects for the new year.

**BEE'S LAXATIVE COUGH SYRUP**  
RELIEVES COUGHS AND COLDS

## SALT BRANCH

The health of the community is good at this writing.

Mrs. W. B. Robertson and daughter were visiting relatives in Abilene Tuesday.

J. H. McMurray and family of near Trent are moving on the Guitar place.

Manly Stone of near Merkel was visiting relatives in this community one day this week.

W. M. Hays and C. A. Higgins were in Abilene to pay their taxes Tuesday.

Oscar Mobley and family and Emery Mobley and mother are moving near Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allen were in Merkel Tuesday visiting relatives.

Dr. J. B. Robertson of Monday was visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson were in Abilene Sunday and Monday visiting relatives.

**Whenever You Need a General Tonic**  
Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

## NOODLE

Kirby Good and his baby sister have been sick, but are reported some better at this writing.

Wilbur Fogleman of Dallas has been visiting his sister, Mrs. E. Horton.

The singing given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Herring last Friday night was enjoyed by all present.

W. L. Barbee and W. Green made a business trip to Anson the first of the week.

While in a fight with snow balls Sunday morning Walter Witt had the misfortune of getting hit in the eye with a snow ball which was thought to have a rock in it. His eye is reported getting along nicely.

J. Dyer, who has been here for some time, has returned to his home in Lamar county.

The young folks of this place went kodaking Saturday. All reported an enjoyable trip.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee gave the young folks a singing Sunday night.

**How To Give Quinine To Children.**

FEBRILINE 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 FEBRILINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

## NEWS FROM TRENT

Uncle Scott Robertson of Bango stopped off a day or two last week to see old friends.

A deal has been consummated here between N. Nemir a merchant of this place and W. D. Haney of Roscoe in which Mr. Haney comes into possession of 160 acres of land near Ranger and Mr. Nemir takes in exchange a brick house and other property at Roscoe.

The Star Hardware company are having their wareroom moved this week in order to get a lower rate of insurance on their business.

Miss Orpha Owens was in Merkel Monday, and while there made a purchase of a fine buggy horse for which she paid the neat sum of \$150.

Mrs. A. P. Boyd, who has been in very bad health for some time, has been moved from the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. Howell of Route 2, to the home of her son, W. L. Boyd of this place.

Jack Miller, who has been suffering with his eyes, due to the effects of smallpox which he contracted some three months ago, is able to be out but has not fully recovered his sight.

John Howell, rural carrier of route 2 from this place, has purchased himself a new motorcycle with a side car attachment. Presumably he is getting a vehicle for the family.

Will Roland of Loraine was visiting a very special friend here Sunday.

C. T. Beckham was in town Friday marketing hogs at the awful price of 10 cents per. However, he seemed to find a ready sale for his porkers.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bright are on an extended visit and business trip to Roxton, Texas, leaving here Saturday night for that place.

J. A. McRee has moved from the Hutcheson farm to his own place in the White Flat community.

W. R. Bigham left Sunday for Fort Worth for a short business trip.

Mrs. J. W. Jennings was in Abilene Sunday visiting her son Ervin Jennings and family.

If you want a clear cut picture use an Eastman Kodak and if you use the Eastman Films you will have no trouble in developing. A new supply at Mrs. E. M. Rusts.

The famous Peacemaker flour at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

**Electric Bitters**  
Succeed when everything else fails. In nervous prostration and female weaknesses they are the supreme remedy, as thousands have testified.  
**FOR KIDNEY, LIVER AND STOMACH TROUBLE**  
It is the best medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter.

## STATEMENT Farmers & Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL

December 31st, 1914

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$103,367.71
U. S. Bonds—Par	9,250.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real Estate	6,657.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund	1,062.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	500.00
CASH AND EXCHANGE	68,735.97
Total	\$193,173.43

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	27,585.10
Circulation	5,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
DEPOSITS	134,338.33
Total	\$193,173.43

We enter the new year with a clean sheet, a high cash reserve and no borrowed money. We are well equipped to take care of good loans.

J. T. WARREN, Pres. THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

### PROFESSIONAL

DR. S. L. DAVIS  
DENTIST  
Office over Woodroof and Company.  
Telephone.

O. F. McMASTER  
DENTIST  
Terms Cash

Office 2nd floor with Dr. Geo. L. Miller

M. ARMSTRONG, M. D.  
Practicing Physician  
Office at Grimes Drug Store  
Merkel, Texas  
Telephones: Res. 1-2; Office 1-0-

W. U. W.  
Merkel Camp No. 719 meets second and fourth Friday nights of each month.  
W. M. Elliott, C. C.  
S. Hamilton, Clerk

### HAULING NOTICE.

For hauling ring me at Clarke, phone 195 or Porters Grocery, phone 286. H.S. (Dad) Wilson.

### Only One "BROMO QUININE"

To get the genuine, call for full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. Stops cough and headache, and works off cold. 25c.

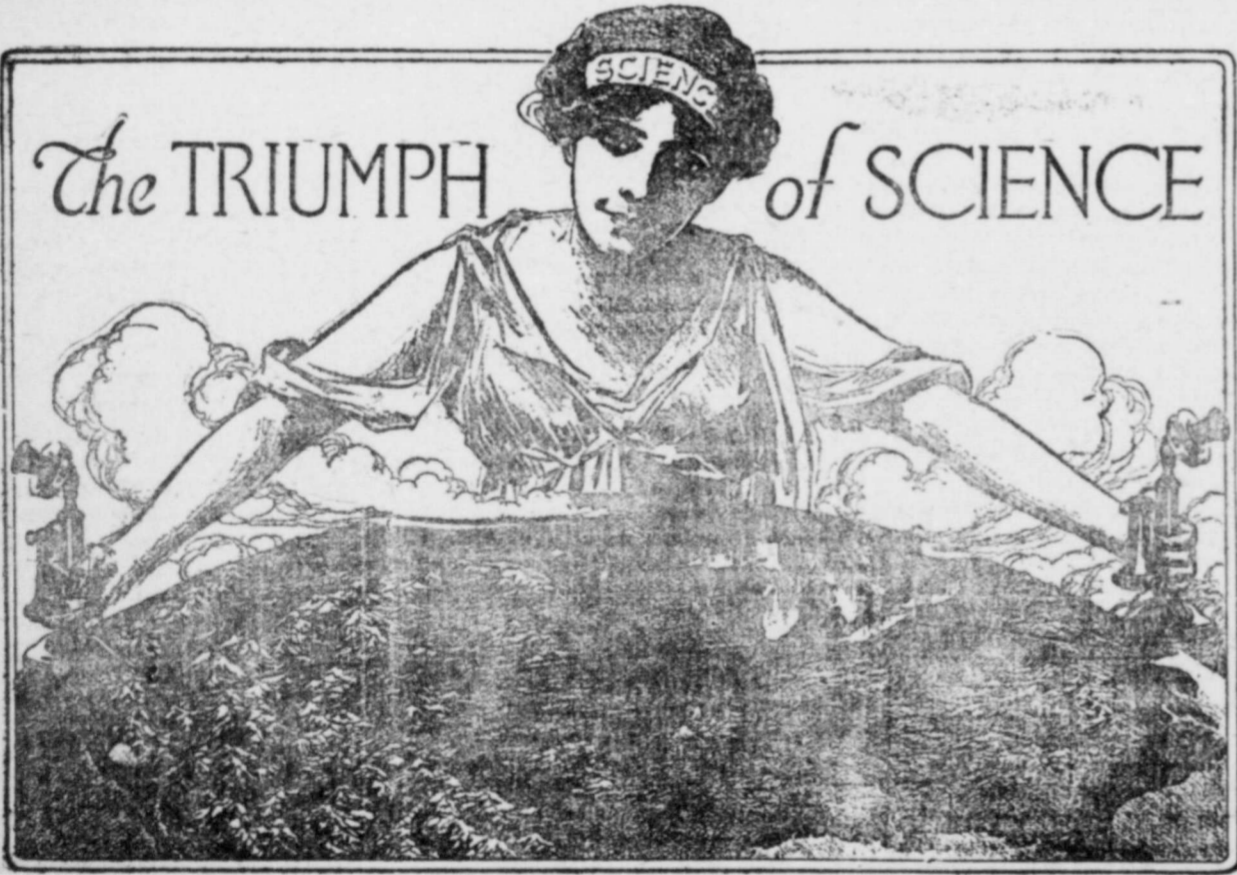
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## Talking by Telephone from New York to San Francisco Is Now an Accomplished Fact.

THE latest and greatest triumph in the art of telephony is a transcontinental telephone service, the equal of which is not even approached in all the other nations of the world. Within a short time it will be open for public use.

This splendid scientific achievement is the product of American brains, American initiative and American scientific and technical skill. The human voice has been made to travel as fast as light over a distance of 3,400 miles and is reproduced perfectly and instantly across the continent.

This work was planned and completed by the Experimental and Research Department of the Bell System which consists of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and Associated and Connecting Companies, giving universal service to 100,000,000 people.

With no traditions to follow and no experience to guide, this department which is now directed by a staff of over 550 engineers and scientists, including former professors, post graduate students, scientific investigators—the graduates of 140 universities—has created an entirely new art—the art of telephony, and has given to the people of this country a telephone service that has no equal anywhere in the world.

It has required vast expenditures of money and immense concentration of effort, but these have been justified by results of immeasurable benefit to the public. The transcontinental telephone line, 3,400 miles long, joining the Atlantic and Pacific, is part of the Bell System of 21,000,000 miles of wire connecting 9,000,000 telephone stations located everywhere throughout the United States.



The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company



# The Latest—Greatest—Most Up-to-Date

Stock of Spring Merchandise Yet Handled by Us Will Be on Display Within the Next Thirty Days  
**TO JUSTIFY ROOM FOR THIS IMMENSE STOCK ALL WINTER GOODS MUST GO**

## BLANKETS AND COMFORTS

\$2.50 Blankets and Comforts now ..... **\$1.95**  
 \$1.50 Blankets and Comforts now ..... **\$1.25**  
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## MEN'S SHOES

One lot \$2.50 Men's Shoes, now only ..... **\$1.95**  
 Men's \$3.00 Shoes ..... **\$2.45**  
 Men's \$4.00 Shoes ..... **\$3.45**  
 Men's \$4.50 Shoes ..... **\$3.90**

## LADIES' COATS AND SUITS

\$3.50 Coats now ..... **\$1.75**  
 \$6.50 Coats now ..... **\$3.50**  
 \$18.50 Coats now ..... **\$9.25**  
 \$15.00 Suits now ..... **\$6.95**

## DOMESTICS

10c bleached and brown domestic, now only ..... **7 1/2c**  
 10c outing, only ..... **7 1/2c**

**THESE PRICES ARE EVEN LOWER THAN OUR GREAT JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE**  
 Take Advantage of Them, Realizing the Greatest Saving You Have Yet Been Able to Make

# W. D. WOODROOF & CO.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes of Sylvester were here Tuesday visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes. They were accompanied here by H. W. Terrell and daughter of Xenia, Ohio, who returned to their home the following day. Mr. Terrell was in Sylvester visiting his daughter, Mrs. R. I. Grimes, and came to Merkel to start his return trip home.

New grocery in corner Crenshaw Bldg., fresh Fruits, Produce and fresh Vegetables. Merkel Produce Co. J. G. Kitchens, Prop. Phone 174. 84

Wilbur Foglerman of Dallas was here the first of the week visiting his father J. S. Foglerman and sister Mrs. Bob Sadler. From here he visited his mother in Anson before returning to his home.

If your cough is not a pleasure to you it must be an annoyance. Why suffer when you can relieve it with a 5 cent box of Mentholized Beans at Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Call and see the Merkel Produce Co., the new grocers in the corner Crenshaw Bldg. J. G. Kitchens, Prop. Phone 174. 84

Mrs. T. L. Grimes left Wednesday morning in company with her son, R. I. Grimes and wife of Sylvester for a short visit with them at their home. Before returning here she will go to Blair, Okla., where she will visit her brother and other relatives.

Private room wanted; with or without board, by young man. Reply Box 223, Merkel, Tex. 1f

Mrs. Ed. Young of Lampasas who is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bigham spent Monday in Abilene visiting Miss Claire Tate.

The Best Flour Bell Vernon. G. M. Sharp.

Have your films developed at the Universal Studio.

Miss Amanda Curtis visited her brother Salem Curtis in Sweetwater the past week.

Nice apple butter at wholesale apple house. John M. Westenhouser. 2912

Miss Keene of Sylvester visited Miss Mary Garvin this week.

Try Bell Vernon Flour at G. M. Sharps.

Mrs. A. J. Leighty visited friends in Abilene Monday.

Highest cash prices paid for eggs. G. M. Sharp.

Miss Evalyn Williams visited in Abilene the past week.

### JUDGE FOR YOURSELF

Which is Better—Try an Experiment or Profit by a Merkel Citizen's Experience.

Something new is an experiment. Must be proved to be as represented. The statement of a manufacturer is not convincing proof of merit.

But the endorsement of friends is. Now supposing you had a bad back. A lame, weak, or aching one. Would you experiment on it? You will need of many so-called cures. Endorsed by strangers from far away places.

Its different when the endorsement comes from home.

Easy to prove local testimony. Read this case:

W. G. Cypert, preacher, Merkel, Texas, says: "for a long time I suffered from pains in the small of my back and in my side. My kidneys were weak and I had to get up often at night. Several boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, which I got from the Rust & McCauley Drug Co. quickly cured me. Others of my family, including the baby, were cured of kidney trouble by Doan's Kidney Pills."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same Mr. Cypert had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.



TAKE TWO SHIRTS

one brand new, the other one that we have done up. It's dollars to doughnuts that you pick out the one that we have laundered as the new one. Send your linen here if you want it to look like new all the time. It will take but one trial to convince you.

SWEETWATER STEAM LAUNDRY  
 M. B. BELL, Agent, Merkel.  
 Phone No. 133

### A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

### Hay for Sale.

Baled oats and Johnson grass delivered at 25c all over 20 bales; less than 20 delivered at 35c. T. D. Compton, 1544pd



FOR SALE.—Good mesquite cord wood four miles east of Merkel at \$2.50 per cord on the ground. Phone R. D. Allen at Stith. 22t3pd

STRAYED—Friday, December 11th, from Trent, brown horse mule four months old. No mark. Fresh roached. Finder notify D.E. Tedford, Trent, Texas. 3tpd

For Sale—Some good young horses and good work mule. See me at once. E. D. Coats.

MEN—Our illustrated catalogue explains how we teach the barber trade in a short time, mailed free. Write. Moier Barber College. Fort Worth, Texas.

FOR SALE—Small gentle work mare; second hand buggy cheap for cash only. Daniel Livery Stable. 1f

FOR SALE—Good grade work mules and horses. Anchor Mercantile Company.

FOR SALE—Good milk cow. Anchor Mercantile Co.

EGGS—Eggs wanted. Cash paid for them. N. Roberts, one door east of West & Sons store. 2212

FOR SALE—Good Stanhope buggy, \$100; \$50 cash takes it. Daniels Livery Stable. 1f

FOR SALE—A rich stalk field with fallen grain, cane, cotton stalks, grass and plenty water in Jones county, six miles from Merkel. B. M. Black, 22t3pd

WANTED—To mend all your violins, guitars and other broken instruments. All work guaranteed. Gordon Wetzel, Merkel. 1f

FOR SALE—Good work mare. Chas. Beard. 2912

WANTED: At Wetzels New Barber shop one thousand customers. Price 10 and 15 cents. E. D. Coats building.

ROOMS TO RENT—Three rooms for light house keeping. Address Merkel, P. O. Box 445.

Kodak prints 4 cents each at the Universal Studio.

Mrs. S. E. Tarlton of this city is in Stamford this week visiting friends.

Plenty white and red onion sets at the Bob Martin Grocery Company.

All films developed 10 cents per roll. Universal Studio.

I want your Grocery Trade. G. M. Sharp.

Jack O'malley of Abilene has been in our city this week.

### GOOD IDEA TO WRITE

MAN WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH FAMILY IN FUTURE.

New Jersey Man Had Decidedly Unpleasant Experience as a Result of His Carelessness as a Correspondent.

Patrick J. McMahon of Passaic, N. J., walked recently into a saloon he had conducted in that city and was served with a drink by his son, who failed to recognize him. The reason was that McMahon, Sr., had disappeared from home eight years before and had been given up as dead.

He asked his son a number of questions about his own disappearance and the family pedigree, all of which were answered without the son's realizing he was being quizzed by a man who knew the answers to the questions better than he did. When McMahon, Sr., revealed himself the son felt sheepish for a week.

James Osborn of Trenton, N. J., had an odd reappearance a few months ago. He went to Australia to look up the disposition of an uncle's estate in which he thought he should have had a share. While he was in Melbourne he noticed in one of the daily papers an account of the death of a James Osborn who had come on from the United States to look up relatives.

The similarity of the name struck him, of course, and he mailed a copy of the paper with the item marked. He was never much of a letter writer, so he let five months go by without sending a line, deferring what he had to say until he should know whether or not his quest had been successful. Finally after nearly eight months sojourn in Australia he arranged to start back, and wrote to his family.

When he arrived in Trenton he found that his little wall paper business had been sold out and that his wife and daughter had removed, nobody seemed to know whither. But a clue soon came to view.

Osborn filled out a check against his account and it was returned with the "no funds" comment. An investigation revealed that every cent he had in the bank had been withdrawn by his wife, she having had power of attorney during his absence. The bank officials, however, were able to give him the address of a Chicago bank where they thought from something dropped by his wife she would deposit her money. He telegraphed and received word to come on at once. He did so, and found his wife and daughter.

They had received the Melbourne paper, had cabled and had got no response, and finally believed the report true. A Chicago suitor for his daughter's hand urged their removal to Chicago and they had sorrowfully left their home in Trenton.

While they were hugging and staring at Osborn the letter carrier delivered his letter announcing his departure from Australia. It had been forwarded from Trenton. Now Osborn says that a man should write at least once a week when away from home if it's only to say O, and good-by.

### I Have Moved

When you want fresh Fruits and Vegetables call on me at my new location, 1st door of G. F. West's store, N. Roberts. 8t4

### Cream of Roses.

Will keep your hands from chapping. Will keep them soft and white, 25 cents at Mrs. E. M. Rust Drug Store.

R. H. Dean of Route 1 was a pleasant caller at our office Wednesday and renewed his subscription to the Merkel Mail and Dallas News for another year.

Don't forget the old reliable Peacemaker flour. Bob Martin Gro. Co.

W. E. Brittain and Verner Sublett were business visitors in Abilene and Hamby Wednesday, making the trip on motorcycles.

It pays to be on the square. Burroughs.

R. O. Anderson, cashier of the Farmers State Bank, and G. E. Comegys, proprietor of the Star Store, spent Wednesday in Trent.

Miss Mabel Collins is in Abilene this week, the guest of Mrs. J. G. Jackson and other friends.

Mrs. C. P. Stevens left Wednesday afternoon for Hamlin to visit her sister, Mrs. W. L. Cash.

Parker lucky curve pens at Burroughs'.

Prof. Carter and daughter of Robert Lee were guests of Capt. and Mrs. J. T. Tucker last week.

All standard magazines and periodicals at Burroughs'.

Mrs. Stanley and daughter Miss Ona of Nubia visited their son and brother E. F. Stanley

Cow feed, chops, bran, shorts and Trico. Bob Martin Gro. Co.

J. P. Sublett was among the taxpayers in Abilene Tuesday.

You will find practically every make of toilet article at Burroughs'.

J. A. Woodard made a business trip to Abilene Thursday.

A good place to trade—Burroughs'.

A good remedy for a bad cough is BALLARD'S HOREHOVND SYRUP. It heals the lungs and quiets irritation. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv

### Chickens for Sale

A few more White Plymouth Rock Cockerels, Fishel Stock. 75 cents each. Mrs. O. F. McMaster.

Ragged wounds are painful and cause much annoyance. If not kept clean they fester and become running sores. BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT is an antiseptic healing remedy for such cases. Apply it at night before going to bed and cover with a cotton cloth bandage. It heals in a few days. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. HERBIN is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength, vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

D. M. Miller was in Abilene Wednesday looking after his county taxes and other business he had in the city of paved streets and picked roads.

If the best is not too good for her, why not make it a box of Adolphus' chocolates. Burroughs.

Dr. J. M. Brittain of Cisco will be in Dr. Armstrong's office on Wednesday evening the third of February and Thursday morning the fourth. Adv.

Buy your dried fruit from G. M. Sharp

Highest cash price paid for your eggs. Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Will Decker, a former resident of the Trent community, has moved his home to the Stith country and will farm the place known as the Burton farm during this year.

One of the classiest lines of stationery ever shown in Merkel to be found at Burroughs'.

Highest cash price paid for your eggs. Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Mrs. F. E. Allyn, Jr., and Mrs. C. V. Binham and little daughter are in Eskota this week visiting relatives.

Cranberries, celery, oranges, apples and all kinds of fruits at Bob Martin's Gro. Co.

Stop that horrible cough by using Burroughs' famous cough and cold remedy.

Jack Walker, who is attending Simmons College at Abilene, spent Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Walker.

G. M. Sharp sells Bell Vernon flour every sack guaranteed.

Miss Willie Spurlock of Roby is here visiting her grandfather Sibley this week.

Meet your friends at Burroughs'—a good place to trade.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris are in Roby visiting the formers brother.

Buy your flour now and save money. G. M. Sharp.

Monogram stationery and colored correspondence cards at Burroughs'.

Miss Cecil Haley visited friends in Abilene this week.

Ansoo kodaks make enjoyment last forever. Burroughs.

Highest cash price paid for your eggs. Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Liquid smoke. Buy it now and preserve your meat. Hamblet & Rogers.



# AT THE COZY THEATRE

ALL NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 1 TO 6

## The Shrewsbury Stock Co.

In a Selection of High Class Plays, With Special Music and Vaudeville Acts at Prices That Will Greatly Surprise You

Overture at 7:30, Curtain at 8:00 Sharp

Matinee Saturday, February 6th, at 2 P. M. Prices 10c and 20c

COMPLETE CHANGE OF PROGRAM EACH NIGHT

ADMISSION: BALCONY 10c; LOWER FLOOR 25c; CHILDREN 10c



**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.**

14-40

Daily Thought.  
A strange volume of real life in the packet of the postman. Eternal love and instant payment.—Douglas Jerrold.

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

Daily Thought.  
The words we speak and the things we do today may seem to be lost, but in the great final revealing the smallest of them will appear.—Lowell.

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**At the Battle Front.**  
British soldiers on the march have taken a hint from their French brothers in arms, and among many thousands seen lately up-country in France, every other man had a long loaf of bread strapped on the top of his kit. At many places bakers have had big contracts, but the soldier buys the bread for himself as well, and so long as he can get a great loaf he does not mind how long he is in the train or on the road. Matches seem no longer a trouble, and cigarettes, coming in duty free, are now quite plentiful. Ration tobacco, too, is taken up by the officers as being the best obtainable for pipe smoking. Incidentally, it is remarkable how some younger men who were known to be confirmed cigarette smokers have taken to the more rational form of smoking, but a half-grown mustache is just as odd a sight as to see them sucking at a briar pipe. His friends would scarcely recognize the campaigner as compared with the "nut" of a few weeks ago.

### CLOSE TO AWFUL END

AGONIZING DEATH VERY NEAR TO THIS MAN.

On Bale of Silk in Vat of Scalding Water the Sufferings of a Lifetime Were Compressed into a Few Minutes.

A man who is now at the head of one of the largest establishments for dyeing silks in this country tells a story of a strange and thrilling adventure that he passed through when he was still only the superintendent of the "boiling room."

"Silk, he says, in telling the story, 'has been the means of my living, and once it saved my life. Have you ever been in a room where they boil the raw silk? It's a hot, steaming place, with great bubbling vats that are sunk to a level with the floor. The raw silk, in bales, all fluffy and sticky, comes in on rolling trucks and is dumped into the vats. The mass has to be stirred about a good deal before it goes under."

"Just before the noon hour one day a truck came in with two bales on it. 'Dump it into number six vat,' I told the men. 'I'll stir it if you fellows want to go to dinner.' 'When they had gone I began to look round for the stirring fork. I couldn't find it anywhere. 'Confound Bill!' said I to myself. 'He loses everything.'"

"I had hardly got the words out of my mouth when my foot went off the edge of the vat. I felt myself falling and I was seized with the full conviction of death."

"I had time to think over just how terribly hot the boiling water would feel and to wonder how much of me would be left when the men came back from dinner. Then I felt myself land flat on my back on the mass of floating silk."

"To this day I can see the very look of the old smoky roof as I lay on the island of silk with the boiling water on all sides. It was horribly hot there; the perspiration started out all over me, and I felt that I must move."

"First, however, I shouted as loudly as I could. When no one answered I cautiously tried to turn on my side. The bale of fiber began slowly to roll over. Nearly paralyzed with terror, I threw out one arm. It was just enough change in balance; I felt the rolling motion stop. Then I knew it wouldn't do to move. I lay on my back, poised on the middle of the bale, and waited for help. After a minute or two I began to realize that the silk was slowly sinking into the vat."

"You could hardly notice the motion. At first I could look out of the corner

of my eye and see the edge of vat number eight. A little later, when I looked again, it was out of my line of vision. I couldn't move without having the bale roll over, and if I remained still I would go down inch by inch into the scalding water below."

"I can remember that I became a little hysterical. It's funny, what tricks the mind plays. 'This is dyeing with a vengeance,' I said aloud, and I even laughed as I said it."

"It was growing hotter. Steam had begun to percolate through the silk, and I was wet through with the stifling clouds that rose from the surface of the water. I had no idea of time. By and by, however, some one answered my shouts. The door opened and two men came rushing across the room."

"'Get a pole!' shouted one. 'I knew that would be fatal; the slightest push and I would roll over into the steaming stew.'"

"Boys, cried I, 'don't touch me or it will be all over! One of you turn off the feed pipe. Let the other man go down the ladder. The pipe that empties this vat is on the left. Turn it on—full. Do it quick!'"

"I could hear the chug! chug! of the steam being cut off from the vat; a moment later I could see the wet rim that broadened round the edges, and I knew the water was falling. It took half an hour to empty number six. For a while the two men ran round like excited June bugs. Then they got a rope and sat on the edge of the vat watching me with great staring eyes."

"As the water ran out, the silk sank now on one side, now on the other. Once it started to roll. Both the men grunted and sat up very straight. Suddenly one of them cried out: 'There's the bottom!'"

"I felt the mass of silk settle against something. I heard the last water gulp as it ran out. Then I fainted away."—Youth's Companion.

### Values Tree at a Pucker.

A pucker is about all a persimmon tree is good for, according to the view of attorneys for Mrs. Ella R. Chew of Commercial township, in her suit against the Commercial Gas company for damages for the killing of six of her trees by gas from a leaking main.

In adjusting the claim the plaintiff's counsel explained that his client would not ask damages for a persimmon tree included among those that were killed by gas, but asked remuneration for five silver maple trees. The jury awarded her \$50 for each of the maple trees.—Port Norris (N. J.) Dispatch to Philadelphia Inquirer.

### Most Assuredly.

Church—This paper says that Toledo employs a woman food inspector on its board of health staff.

Gotham—Well, they've got to have somebody to pass on the quality of fudge handed out, haven't they?

### LIVED UP TO REPUTATION

Not for Nothing Had Mrs. Fifer Become Celebrated for Economical Dealings.

Mrs. Hannah Fifer, a widow, who earned her living by renting rooms for light housekeeping, had the reputation of being a shrewd manager and much inclined to carry economy to the farthest possible point. She was hard-working, thrifty, and seemed never to reach the end of her daily labor. On a certain day Mrs. Castle, one of the "light housekeepers," finding a surplus of time on her hands, kindly offered to help Mrs. Fifer out with her overflow of work.

"Well, if you feel like it, I wouldn't care if you'd take hold and bake me up a couple of pies," Mrs. Fifer conceded. "That'll help me a lot. There's a bowl of apple sauce that I'm afraid won't keep, if it ain't used soon."

After Mrs. Castle had begun work Mrs. Fifer appeared with a supplementary suggestion.

"While you're about it," she said, "mebbe you wouldn't mind baking four pies. 'Twon't take any more coal to bake four than two, and that'll be a saving. You can make the fillin' hold out by having lots of juice to it."

Mrs. Castle agreed to the amendment, and worked away industriously until her task was accomplished, when, wearied with her labors, she retired to her own apartment.

In a short time Mrs. Fifer's small daughter, Peggy, appeared at her door. "Ma says," reported Peggy, "that she don't b'lieve she'll be able to use all them four pies before they dry out and she wants to know if you won't buy two of 'em off her for 20 cents—and she'd like the 20 cents right away, please."

Mrs. Castle bought the pies, observing to herself with a dry smile, "She might have let me have two for fifteen—considering!"—Youth's Companion.

### Not a Fatal Age.

It was written at the death of Elisa Rachel, the great French actress, which happened January 4, 1858, that she was thirty-eight years old, "that age which appears so fatal to genius, when an overworked nervous system comes naturally to a close." This is not the fact even in regard to "emotional" actresses, of which Rachel was one of the greatest in all the history of the stage. Adelaide Ristori, who toured America and gave many "farewells," died at the age of eighty-four. Our own Clara Morris, who played many of the characters portrayed by Rachel, is living at sixty-five, though she suffered a nervous breakdown several years ago. Sara Bernhardt, also eminent in parts presented by Rachel, is sixty-nine and still acting. Mrs. Drew died at seventy-seven, and only a few years before her death played

parts in which dancing had to be done. Mrs. Gilbert was playing "old woman" parts when she was past seventy, and lived to be eighty-three; and the list might be greatly extended. Probably nobody will remember seeing Rachel in America, but she made a tour of this country in 1855-6, and it was at the ending of this that she broke down.

### Gold in Australia.

A "List of Nuggets Found in Victoria," published as No. 12 of the Memoirs of the Geological Survey of Victoria, Australia, shows that it is not only a land unusually rich in gold, but nuggets have been more lavishly distributed in this state than elsewhere in the world, and in sizes that have never been exceeded. The list describes 1,327 nuggets, many of which are waterworn. Contrary to general belief, examination shows that these alluvial nuggets could not have resulted from the aggregation of gold while in the gravels from an original small piece. The famous Welcome Stranger nugget, weighing 2,284 Troy ounces net, was found in a bed of quartz. No evidence was found that the size of the nuggets grows in the drifts, but there is ample proof in some cases that drift waters contain gold.

### First Cremations in America.

Thirty-eight years ago the first scientific cremation in the United States took place at Washington, Pa. The pioneer cremator was Dr. Julius Le Moyné, and the subject was the body of Baron de Palm, a Russian theosophist. The following spring the body of Mrs. Benjamin Pitman of Cincinnati was cremated. But the American precedent had been set 83 years before when under penalty of losing a legacy of 60,000 pounds if he refused, the son of Henry Laurens, South Carolina's Revolutionary patriot, consigned his father's body to a funeral pyre. The ghastly experience of seeing his infant child come to life just before burial in the earth is said to have been responsible for Laurens' demand to be cremated.

### What Puzzled Donald.

An amusing story was told in connection with the appointment of the emperor of Russia as colonel in chief of the Scots Greys, who, it may be mentioned, fought in the Crimea during the war. After the appointment had been duly promulgated an enthusiastic subaltern of the regiment communicated the information to his soldier servant.

"Donald," he said, "have you heard that the emperor of Russia has been appointed colonel of the regiment?"

"Indeed, sir," said Donald. "It's a verra gran' thing for him." Then, after a pause, he inquired: "Beg pardon, sir, but will he be able to keep bath jobs?"

### Advertised Letters

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Callahan, Stella.  
Jurdan, Eibert.  
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Susom, Lenard.  
Simpson, Dot.  
Hermades, Ernesto.  
Mangolas, Jenaro (2).

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Thorough soaking in sea water lengthens the life of telegraph poles.

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He is rich enough who has no wants.

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"Chamberlain's Tablets are just fine for stomach trouble," writes Mrs. G. C. Dunn, Arnold, Pa. "I was bothered with this complaint for some time and frequently had bilious attacks. Chamberlain's Tablets afforded me great relief from the first, and since taking one bottle of them I feel like a different person." For sale by all dealers. adv

### Sheep and Human Beings.

Sheep will follow an old bell-wether through an opening in the fence in regular order, but human beings all want to get on the street car at the same time.—Toledo Blade.

### To Demonstrate Plow

Messrs. Scott and Armstrong, who have the agency for the "Bull" tractor plow, will give their scheduled demonstration Saturday if the weather permits enough farmers to come to town to view the gas plow work. No demonstration was given last Saturday on account of bad weather.

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Local people are surprised at the QUICK results received from simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ka, the German remedy which became famous by curing appendicitis. This simple remedy draws off such a surprising amount of old foul matter from the body that A SINGLE DOSE relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation INSTANTLY. It is the best remedy we have ever sold.

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