

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## MOTHER THANKFUL

Fort Worth men Benefactors of Little Girl from Tye.

## ARTIFICIAL LIMB A PRESENT

Last fitting was made in Fort Worth this week and the child returned home with her mother.

Happy in the knowledge that she will soon be able to walk about like other little girls, Iva May Holton and her mother, Mrs. Sarah F. Holton, will leave Tuesday for their home at Tye. The last fitting for the artificial limb, funds for which have been collected by The Star-Telegram and Leon Gross, president of Washer Brothers, probably will be made this afternoon. Owing to the necessity of repeated measurements, the stump of the child's limb has been bruised. It is rapidly getting well under the care of Dr. Ross Trigg.

"I cannot sufficiently express my gratitude to the kind people of Fort Worth who have helped my little girl," said Mrs. Holton Monday morning. "I wish I could come here to live. I may do so later if it can be arranged."

Mrs. Holton's decision is influenced by her desire to place Iva in a business college where she can secure training for office work. Farmers' Business College has offered to give the child a scholarship and Mrs. Holton wants to accept. It will be two years, however, before Iva is ready to take the course. She is in the fifth grade of the public school at Tye and her mother wants her to complete the seventh before she begins her business training.

Iva has two sisters. The oldest, Miss Lavada Holton, is a school teacher at Tye and is the sole support of the family. Another sister, Alma Lucile, is 7.—Tuesday's Fort Worth Star Telegram.

## BAPTIST WILL MEET SUNDAY

A meeting at the Baptist church will be held Sunday to consider the calling of a new minister.

All members are requested to be present at this gathering as this is an important meeting and needs your attention.

Committee.

## Leaves for Market.

J. P. Sharp, Sr. left Wednesday morning for Dallas where he will purchase new goods for his establishment.

Before leaving Mr. Sharp stated that he would likely go on to St. Louis before returning in order to complete his purchases.

Miss Mary Reese of Noodle visited here Saturday.

Mrs. F. E. Allyn, Jr., visited her parents in Eskota the past week.

Mrs. J. W. Daniel left Saturday for St. Louis and Chicago.

Mrs. W. H. Hathaway has returned from Cisco, where she visited her sister, Mrs. Carl Brabbins.

Mrs. F. A. Polly of Noodle visited friends here Saturday.

Mrs. Claude Bigham and daughter, Alice, have returned from Eskota, where they visited their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Allyn.

## Home from California.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. O'Briant and two sons William and James came in last Thursday from Brawley, Cal. where they have been making their home the past year.

In a talk with Mr. O'Briant he stated that his absence from Merkel during the two years was only a long vacation for he and his family and that his intentions now are to make Merkel his home for all time to come.

Miss Jessie O'Briant and Frank O'Briant eldest daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. O'Briant remained at Brawley and will not return here for the present at least.

## FORT WORTH TO SAN FRANCISCO

Two young men E. Reynolds and Roy Farmer of Brownwood spent Wednesday night in Merkel while on a hike from Fort Worth to San Francisco via the Texas & Pacific railroad to Sweetwater and then following the line of the Santa Fe road to their destination.

The hikers are walking against a time record set by an Italian a short time ago and propose to discount the walking time he made. They are required to get the signature of every section foreman over roads which they walk and number of the section the foreman is in charge of. They left Fort Worth at noon January 23 and arrived here at 4 o'clock Wednesday evening. Twenty four miles ahead of them when they left Fort Worth was Alfonso Winehurst an Italian who is racing against them. Winehurst was overtaken at Abilene by the boys, they having gained twenty four hours over him from January 23 to February 2nd., in a walking distance of 160 miles. At Sweetwater Winehurst goes to Frisco following the Texas & Pacific Route through El Paso and through the great desert along the southern route. Reynolds and Farmer cross the desert known as Death Valley and propose to reach their destination May 1st. If they do this they will have lowered the walking time by ninety and one half hours.

According to their statements the desert has only been crossed twice on official walks, and both times by Italians. Americans have tried but have failed each time. Three soldiers attempted the feat last year, one of the party was killed near Siera Blanco by an insect bite and his companions gave up the trip. Another American succeeded in getting half way across the Death Valley and gave up the trip, returning by rail.

In crossing the desert by the route the two young men have selected they will pass over about 270 miles of barren country part of which has section houses about every thirty five miles, one section of which is seventy eight miles without shelter or water of any description to be found. In completing the journey they will have walked 1465 miles or an average of 22 miles per day. Their best time up to the day of reaching Merkel was 34 days, having completed 25 the day they reached here.

If they are successful in lowering the time made by the Italian in 1913 which was the fastest time ever made on foot from Texas to San Francisco they expect to be rewarded by appointments to West Point Military Academy. They started without finan-

## DIVIDING THE NEW STATE? THEY WILL OR WON'T-WHICH

Prestige of Historical Name Should Not Be Forgotten by West Texas People

The stir created in Austin about forming a new state named Jefferson of the western portion of Texas seems to have taken on alarming possibilities which may or may not be logical as to the different view points from which the division is considered.

One regrettable phase of the proposition submitted by Senator Johnson was the proposal to name the new state Jefferson. The name Jefferson is a cherished one in the hearts of all good democrats but this is the wrong time to use it. The Jeffersonian policy, as the Mail sees, would demand that in creating a new state in the western part of Texas that the new state be called WEST TEXAS. There is a certain distinction attached to the name and a certain amount of prestige which forbids that the delineation we have so long been accustomed to, be discarded. The Virginias are well classified as to location and condition, when a person speaks of Virginia and West Virginia. The Dakotas and Carolinas are examples of the similarity of names to states, then why not Texas and West Texas?

About ninety-nine per cent of the people west of the east line of Clay, Palo Pinto, Jack, Erath, Comanche, Mills, San Saba and north of the south line of Llano, Kimble, Edwards, Kinney and Maverick counties no doubt when selecting a name for a new state bordered as above would advocate WEST TEXAS as their first love.

The joint resolution offered by Senator Johnson of Hall county, hailing from the Plainview country provides that an election on the constitutional amendment shall be held on the first Tuesday in July and that in event the amendment is adopted and election shall convene in the new state on the first Tuesday in August to elect state officials; that the first session of the legislature shall convene in the city of Abilene on the second Tuesday in September (Shadows of Hon. J. M. Wagstaff's foresightedness).

The western part of our state or West Texas has throughout the history of our statehood been the medium through which Texas has been advertised. This part of the state is exemplified of real Texas more than the eastern part and the name is worth consideration. DISCARD THE JEFFERSON BUT IF YOU WILL HAVE A NEW STATE MAKE IT WEST TEXAS.

If the new state is organized the people from El Paso to Wineral Wells and from Texline to Eagle Pass will see one of the warmest fights for the state capitol ever inaugurated in any country. The two contestants would no doubt be Abilene and Sweetwater. Amarillo probably would ask for a look in on the Governor's mansion, San Angelo would get the fever, a few other towns would roar out their possibilities but it would all simmer down to a battle royal between the first two mentioned, and in all probability it would be some battle with the best town the winner.

## NEXT COTTON REPORT TO BE 20,000 BALES FOR TOWN

Receipts up to Present Time Have Passed 18,000 Mark by Small Margin.

Thursday evening of this week the receipts of the Merkel cotton yards passed the 18,000 bale mark.

There has been a slight slump in the daily receipts of the town owing to many farmers having finished with their crop but there yet remains throughout the Merkel country more than enough cotton to make the 20,000 estimate.

The next report given by the Mail will be after the above estimated number of bales has been received. This report may not be given for two or three weeks yet, but we are confident that before the month of February has passed we can assure our readers of this exceptional mark having been attained.

cial means and defray their expenses by selling their photograph and doing light vaudeville acts in towns where they find openings.

Winehurst is reported to be offered \$500 if he succeeds in beating the Brownwood boys and lowering the official time.

Farmer and Reynolds made use of the Mail office for a short time to answer correspondence and write letters to friends at home.

Reynolds especially partook of a lot of our stationery, which his companion explained afterward by saying it was to HER. They left Merkel about nine o'clock Thursday in view of walking to Sweetwater during the day. Each man carried ten pounds of luggage strapped to his back.

Miss Beulah Burkett visited her parents in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

## Geos to St. Louis.

W. D. Woodroof left the first of this week for an extended visit in the eastern markets for the purpose of purchasing new spring and summer goods for his store.

He was joined at Dallas by his brother E. L. Woodroof who goes with him each year to market also others from Hillsboro who are in the east for the same purposes.

Mrs. Ed Young and little daughter, Alice Glenn, who have been visiting their parents and grandparents, left Saturday for their home at Lampasas.

## SELLS HEREFORD CATTLE IN OKLA.

C. M. Largent, owner of the Blue Ribbon Herd of Hereford's shipped one yearling bull and four yearling heifers Wednesday to F. A. Gillespie, millionaire oil man of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mr. Gillespie made purchase of the stock several months ago and came here a few days ago to confirm the purchase by making a personal inspection of the cattle. He was highly pleased with the improvement they had made in the few months time and closed the trade at once with the Merkel man. We did not ascertain the exact money consideration of the deal but understand that the Merkel cattle brought their former owner a nice little bunch of one hundred dollar bills.

## Returns From Sanitarium.

J. T. Toombs, who has been in a sanitarium at Abilene for the past three weeks, was able to be returned to his home this week and is resting much better, according to reports.

## Arrests Abilene Burglar.

Sheriff J. T. Dodson passed through the city Tuesday morning en route to Abilene from Sweetwater with a negro prisoner arrested for burglary of the Wooten home at Abilene.

Numerous burglaries have been perpetrated in Abilene during the last few weeks and the officers have been kept busy hunting down the culprits.

## Card of Thanks.

We want to thank our many friends who did all they could to help and comfort us in our dark hours of distress during the illness and death of our loving daughter, Rowena.

Also, we appreciate the kind intentions of those who would have been with us had circumstances been different. God knows how grateful we are for every deed of kindness from small to great, and are most deeply grateful for the affectionate sympathy shown us by the school.

Our prayers are that God may use her short life here as a blessing to all who knew her. And may we all live acceptable to Him and meet beyond this vale of sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Allen.

Miss Lou Sears of Whitewright is visiting her brother, Jno. Sears and family.

Mrs. M. E. Baccus, who has been in Cisco visiting her daughter, Mrs. Carl Brabbins, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. M. S. Allen of Clayton visited the family of H. P. Allen the past week.

## INSURANCE RATES

Chief Engineer of State Insurance Commission Here.

## HE COMPLIMENTS FIRE DEPT.

Inspects Town With Reference to Granting Lower Insurance Key Rate and Makes Suggestions.

Chief Engineer R. B. Godley, Jr., of the State Fire Insurance Commission was in Merkel Monday making a minute inspection of the condition of our fire risks and offering suggestions through which a lower key rate could be secured.

The 3 cent reduction for a horse drawn hook, ladder and hose wagon will be one of the reductions Merkel will get through Mr. Godley's report.

In addition to this Mr. Godley suggested the following to Mayor Stallings and members of the city council in regard to obtaining additional reductions to our present rate. A reward for arson lowers insurance rate 2 cents; a day and night police, paid by city, 2 cents; paid driver for fire department, 7 cents.

It will be seen that with practically no expenditure on the part of the city our insurance payers can be given a 7 cent reduction while with the addition of a paid driver for our fire department our present key rate could be lowered a total of 14 cents from what it now is or a total of approximately \$700.00 saved property owners of Merkel annually by these few additions.

No action has been taken by the city council as to the employment of a paid driver but this matter will likely be taken into consideration by the body at an early meeting.

Miss Gail McCarty, who is visiting in Sweetwater, spent the week-end with Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

## CHAS. CHAPLIN HERE SATURDAY

The funny motion picture actor, Chas. Chaplin, who is so popular in Keystone comedy parts, will be shown here Saturday in "Fatty's Graft."

In addition to this a two-reel feature, "Through The Dark," showing May and Anne, two sisters, at work in a jewelry store. May borrows a necklace to wear to a dance and is late at work next morning. The missing necklace is discovered and to avoid being detected with the gems she hides them in Anne's coat. Silent, through fear, May sees her sister arrested and sent to prison. May in long after years confesses the truth to protect her sister from further embarrassment. (adv)

## Buys Ford Automobile.

W. H. Frazier is the proud owner of a new five passenger Ford automobile.

Mr. Frazier made his purchase last week through H. M. Warren the local distributor for the Ford cars.

H. D. Clark is another purchaser of a 5 passenger Ford, closing the deal with Mr. Warren Thursday evening of this week.

Elder W. D. Black of Thorpe Springs was here Monday and Tuesday visiting his brother, James Black, manager of the grocery department of the Anchor Mercantile Company.

# One Million Dollars Protection

Have you stopped to consider that the Depositors Guaranty Fund of the State of Texas now has approximately \$1,000,000.00 in **CASH** for the benefit of depositors? In addition to this the board has a right to levy an assessment of 2 per cent against the average deposits of all State Banks in Texas in any one year, should there be need for it.

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#### TRENT NEWS ITEMS

Mr. John McCracken of Abilene and Miss May Southworth of this place were quietly married at the home of Rev. W. A. Scott last Sunday evening. Their many friends are showering them with best wishes. They will be at home in Abilene after the 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bright have returned from Roxton, where they have been visiting for some time. Mr. Bright says it rained all the time he was there and for his part he wants no more east Texas.

Miss Geta Beekham has accepted a position with the R. H. Reeves Dry Goods Company.

The Trent gins are still running on full time and everybody seems exceptionally busy.

L. E. Adrian, cashier of the First State Bank, and wife left Monday for Dallas and other points in east Texas.

C. V. Bigham, farmer, stockman and chicken fancier, says it is no small job to feed the 650 head of calves he has on his ranch southwest of here.

Mrs. Grace Robertson, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Terry, at Meridian, returned to her home last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pribble gave the young people an entertainment last Friday night.

The attendance of the Trent schools is being somewhat disturbed by some of the students contracting mumps.

W. A. Nally, who left this section of the country two years ago, has returned to Trent from Wilbarger county and purchased the Horton farm adjoining his old home place. He says he likes the Trent country and Trent people and has decided that this is a mighty good place to finish up his days.

#### NOODLE

Little Merrill Thompson, Alma Barbee and Pauline Green are on the sick list.

Miss Ora Bryson, who is attending school at Merkel, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bryson, Saturday and Sunday.

The party given at the home of Miss Arminta and Rosa

Wheeler was enjoyed by all present.

There were a number of young people of this place attended the show at Merkel last Saturday.

Mrs. A. B. Ely visited her son, A. W. Ely and family, of Stith the past week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Richards, a boy, on January 24.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Witt visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Witt, of Carpenter's Gap Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Winters visited in Trent Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walker of Kale visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Eoff Sunday.

W. L. Barbee went to Eskota Monday on business.

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Miss Minnie Fergusson is spending this week with her sister Maude, who is teaching school at this place.

S. A. Hayhurst and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hayhurst left for Wichita Falls the first of the week where they will make their future home. We regret to lose these people from our community.

#### SHILOH

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson gave the young people an entertainment Saturday night. Those present had a most enjoyable time.

G. W. Scott and S. L. Grayson attended the Fifth Sunday meeting at Anson Sunday.

Grandma Bennett spent a part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson.

J. W. Hardy of Noodle spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Beavers.

Miss Lettie and Beulah Jones attended services at Noodle Sunday.

Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy of Noodle spent Sunday night and Monday with Misses Lida and Nina Beavers.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago went to Anson Sunday. They intend moving back to our community and make their home with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson. We welcome them back.

Several from here attended the singing at Mr. Ben Wheeler's of

Noodle Saturday night.

W. L. Boyd of Trent was in this community Saturday.

Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy, Lyda and Nina Beavers, visited the Grayson school Monday afternoon.

H. A. Deavers of Dallas county spent Sunday night with S. L. Grayson.

J. H. Grayson killed hogs Monday.

#### COMPERE

Health is good so far as we know. Nearly everyone has had a bad cold and some few almost had pneumonia.

People are still gathering cotton. So long as we have cotton we have something to eat and some money.

We have had the coldest winter we remember of ever having in the west. Am afraid the oats will all be killed.

Mr. Hays from Pecos has moved close to Compere. We welcome him in our midst.

People are moving all the time now as the weather was so bad during Christmas.

Our school is progressing nicely. It is not as full as it will be when the cotton is all gathered.

Mr. Lucas had the misfortune to get a bad fall and broke his arm. He is doing nicely now.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Foster and little daughter spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Foster.

Good many of the Compere people attended the show at Merkel Saturday night. Joe Shannon's horse came home and left him.

Rev. William Rister preached at Compere Sunday. Brother Dave Rister gave us a farewell talk. He is moving to Hodges. We regret to lose him.

#### BLAIR

E. B. Rainer was a visitor in Abilene Friday.

W. M. Clark and daughter Mrs. Brown went to Anson Monday to attend the bedside of Mrs. R. Clark who is very sick.

Miss Hailey Moore received the prize Piano she won in the Woodroof contest. It is a beautiful and grand prize of which she and her friends are proud.

There was a singing at S. F. Provine's Sunday night.

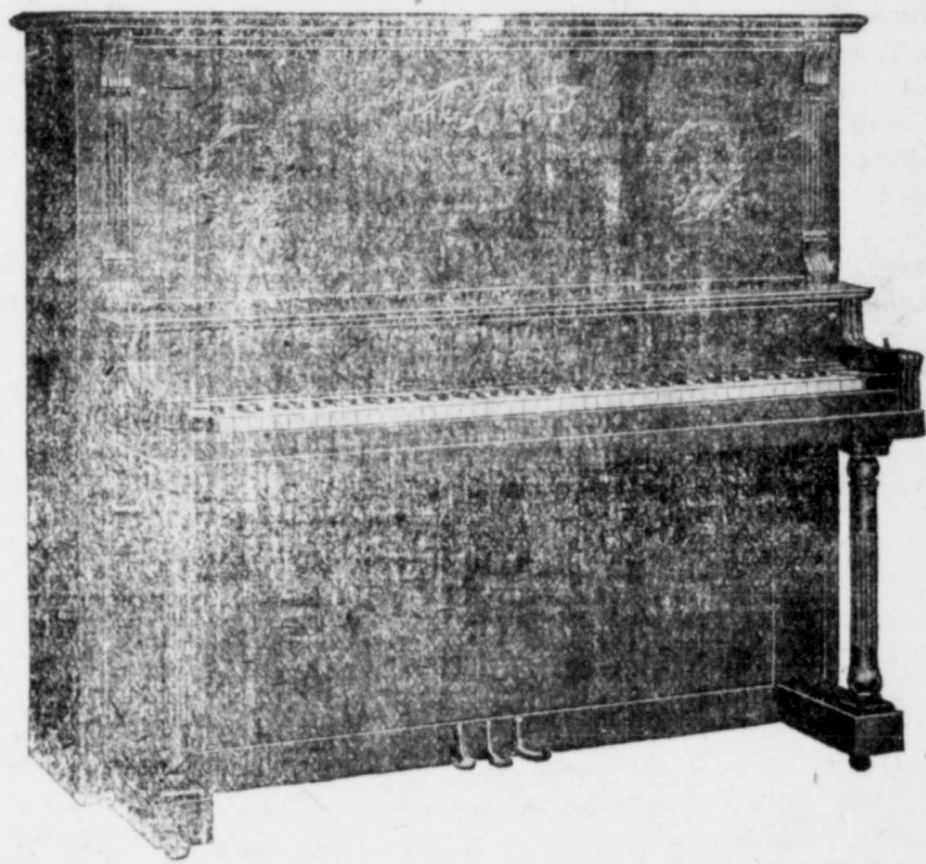
Miss Altha Chambliss gave a birthday party on last Friday evening. A large number of relatives responded to the call and all report a pleasant time.

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Coming events cast their shadows before. This is especially true of bilious attacks. Your appetite will fail you will feel dull and languid. If you are subject to bilious attacks take three Chamberlains Tablets, as soon as these symptoms appear and the attack may be warded off. For sale by all dealers.

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#### SALT BRANCH

Cotton picking is about a thing of the past in this community. Mrs. Allea of Anson spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allen.

L and W. L. Barker were in Abilene Wednesday.

W. E. Petty left for Clyde Saturday to attend the bedside of his mother.

W. B. Robertson is in Clyde visiting Mr. and Mrs. Petty.

T. C. Allen and family spent Sunday night with friends on Mulberry.

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Good dried Peaches, per lb. . . . .	10c
10 lbs. Lard Compound . . . . .	\$1.00
3 cans Prince Albert Tobacco . . . . .	25c
3 10c boxes Crackers . . . . .	25c
3 gallon Onion Sets . . . . .	\$1.00
Large jar Kraut . . . . .	1.10

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Joe Brown and son Hollis of Trent were here in the formers ear Wednesday.

Nice apple butter at wholesale apple house, John M. Westenhouver. 29:2

A good place to trade—Burroughs'.

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

J. A. McRee of the Trent country was in Merkel Wednesday.

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

Monogram stationery and colored correspondence cards at Burroughs'.

Mrs. W. E. Brittain visited friends in Sweetwater Friday evening.

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

It pays to be on the square. Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bright of Trent were visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Moore Wednesday.

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

When the bowels become irregular you are uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. You can get rid of this misery quickly by using HERBINE. Take a dose on going to bed and see how fine you feel next day. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv

J. Parker Sharp who has been in Dallas for sometime has returned home and is now a full pledged member of the insurance dispensing fraternity having as his line health and accident insurance only.

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Because meats are so tasty they are consumed in great excess. This leads to stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. Revise your diet, let reason and not a pampered appetite control, then take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will be well again. Try it. For sale by all dealers. adv.

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You will find that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has recognized advantages over most medicines in use for coughs and colds. It does not suppress a cough but loosens and relieves it. It aids expectoration and opens the secretions, which enables the system to throw off a cold. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. It contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult. For sale by all dealers. adv.

#### Hay for Sale.

Baled oats and Johnson grass delivered at 25c all over 20 bales; less than 20 delivered at 35c. T. D. Compton. 15t4pd



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—Small gentle work work mare; second hand buggy cheap for cash only. Daniel Livery Stable. tf

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. tf

FOR SALE—Good work mare. Chas. Beard. 29:2

LOST—Blue serge coat between Merkel and C. M. Largent's. Finder return to Mail office. J. W.

FOR SALE—200 bushels Silver Mine seed corn, \$1.25 per bushel. John S. Hughes, 6 miles south of Merkel. 5t2pd

WANTED—Jobs on farms for large boys 16 years and older; to start them at small wages. Address Emile Reck, Agent, Weatherford, Texas. 1Feb3mo

HELP WANTED—House help wanted for small family. Phone 221 or write Box 38, Merkel.

FOR SALE—Pair good mules for sale. Apply at G. F. West store.

FOR SALE—I have a good second hand buggy for sale. In good shape and cheap, see me. Walter Clark.

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

#### Motorcycle for Needs.

The Anchor Hardware Company last week purchased a two cylinder Harley-Davidson motorcycle from Agent W. E. Britian of this place.

It will be used by members of the firm in visiting various parts of the country to adjust and set up harvesting machinery they have sold and sell during the coming season.

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

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Try Bell Vernon Flour at G. M. Sharps.

All standard magazines and periodicals at Burroughs'.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Phillips of Dora were in Merkel Tuesday in their car.

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

Ocie Burns and Price Banner left Tuesday for Gainesville where they will be for sometime.

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

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

A child that has intestinal worms is handicapped in its growth. A few doses of WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE destroys and expels worms; the child immediately improves and thrives wonderfully. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv

E. M. Sherman of Blair was in the city Tuesday looking after business.

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

Buy your dried fruit from G. M. Sharp

No matter what you need in Dry Goods line Parten will sell it to you for a much less price and nothing but New goods will be offered you. Parten D. G. Co.

Miss Jetta Parten of Marlin is here visiting her uncle, W. Parten and family.

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

Mrs. G. C. Beauchamp of Fort Worth visited here this week.

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

Mrs. M. D. Goodyear of Anson visited her mother, Mrs. Mashburn, this week.

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

We are not asking for even freight charges on our Winter goods for we must have room for our big Spring stock that will soon be here. Parten D. G. Co.

#### For that Terrible Itching.

Eczema, tetter and salt rheum keep their victims in perpetual torment. The application of Chamberlain's Salve will instantly allay this itching, and many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all dealers. adv.

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### KING COTTON AND KING COMMERCE.

Cotton is a wonderful plant. Its fleecy staple clothes the world.

It is coming more and more into general use in all the arts and manufactures.

It supplies an article of food as well as a most delicate covering for the human body.

It is being used in the manufacture of gun cotton and celluloid. It is asserted by Dr. E. P. Schoch, a noted professor of chemistry, that the best silk on the market is a material manufactured from cotton by a process that imitates the production of silk by the silk worm.

This noted scientist of the University of Texas asserts that the new material has displaced the silk worm silk. This is not all he asserted. A recent invention makes cotton goods fire-proof. He has subjected samples of this material to a blaze and the same will refuse to burn. This is a fire-proof material. In other words the cotton or a flannelette is made fire-proof by the invention of a substitute known as cellit.

Dr. Schoch says this material is in every respect similar to celluloid but is absolutely non-inflammable.

There was a time not remote when cotton was not supposed to have any by-products.

How is it today? Paper goods is made from the short lint taken from the seed. This paper may be washed and used repeatedly. It is as tough as fibre and water will not dissolve or destroy it.

Did you know that motion picture films are made from cellit, this new cotton compound? Did you know that cellit also forms the base material for the production of artificial leather?

Well this Texas chemist says so and he is one of the foremost in his profession.

Crisco is a compound from the hard substance from which cotton seed oil is extracted. It is said to be a prime article of food.

Another material has been produced from cotton seed oil. It is a material similar to rubber and is obtained by a simple mechanical separation of this material from the rest of the cotton seed oil.

Prof. Schoch predicts that within a very short while cotton seed meal will take its place as one of the cheapest and best food materials on the market.

He advises against its use until further tests have been made, but is confident that when a meal has been produced free from fibre and hulls and excessive oils, the value of the meal will then be easily double that what it is now and the possibility of it being much more valuable still is also admitted.

Texas is the leading cotton producing state. Under southern skies farmers have a practical monopoly of this fleecy staple of commerce. This scholarly chemist in a recent lecture prefaced his remarks by calling attention to the magnitude of the cotton industry in the Lone Star State. He said:

"Texas is a huge factory; it has a fuel supply equal to 250 times the output of all coal mines in the world and an annual output of products that may be conservatively estimated at \$300,000,000. I refer to the cotton industry, which is impelled primarily by the heat of the sun's rays, and which yielded during 1914 more than 4,000,000 bales of fibre and 2,000,000 tons of seed. The latter yielded 480,000 bales of lint, 750,000 tons of hulls, 80,000,000 tons of meal."

Cotton is woven into clothing.  
 Cotton furnishes a splendid article of oil for

the table.  
 Cotton produces a meal which is a fine article of food.

Cotton supplies fattening feed for cattle.  
 It enters into a thousand articles of commerce. It should be a paying crop as well as a monopoly crop.

Dr. Schoch rang the bell when he said, "Wherever manufacturers are confronted with the condition of a supply, greater than the demand for their product at a profitable price, they try to find new uses for their products or they try to improve their methods of manufacture in order to lessen the cost of the production of their article."

Now why should Liverpool fix the price? Why should raw cotton be cheap this year or any year to come?

Why should the men who manufacture the finished product dictate to the owners of the staple who are the producers of the raw material?

Why should the men who till the soil, the men who do the rough work, be the servants of those who neither toil nor spin and yet arrogate to themselves the right to be the masters?

Cotton isn't wheat. It isn't a world's staple that may be produced in almost any land under the sun.

It can only be grown in favorite spots. When God made the earth, He must have selected the South as the natural home of the cotton plant.

Now why shouldn't its producers get at least an even share of the fruits of their toils?

Why should the spinners of the British Isles and Europe continue to fix the market price as they have done for 125 years?

Cotton growers should form themselves in one compact organization.

They should be in a position to fix the minimum price for this monopoly staple.

They should be in a position to do their own marketing.

They should be in a position to regulate the acreage and to do this they must have the exact number of surplus bales left over from the preceding year.

King Cotton should be restored to his throne. An American king should not be controlled by foreign masters.

It is up to the farmers.  
 They have the power to make or mar their own destiny.

Professional politicians cannot assist them.  
 Professional place hunters cannot give them relief.

Arrant demagogues with highly tintured nostrums for sale have never yet solved a great problem which concerned the people alone.

Organization points the way. Then comes grave deliberation and intelligent action.

This is the path alone through which the producer of raw wealth must march to the mountain top of financial independence.—Fort Worth Record.

## Pasted Paragraphs

### YOU'VE MET HIM.

- Beware the man who is half shot.  
 He is a pest, by jing;  
 For he can talk an awful lot  
 And never say a thing.  
 —The Cincinnati Enquirer.
- Beware the man with gobs of gall,  
 The self-sufficient pup  
 Who seems to think he knows it all,  
 But doesn't know straight up.  
 —Nebraska State Journal.
- Beware the man who turns the knob  
 And drifts into your den,  
 And spoils an hour of your good time  
 Ere he drifts out again.  
 —Houston Post.
- The man who is half shot and he  
 Whose gall is big and "gobby,"  
 Is not a snitching to the man  
 Who rides a hobby.  
 —Commercial Appeal.

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### Notice by Publication to Non-Resident and Unknown Owners

The State of Texas, County of Taylor.

To H. B. Hardeman, Greeting:

Whereas, the State of Texas, through its County Attorney, did, on the 3rd day of July, A. D. 1914, file in the District Court of Taylor county, in the state of Texas, its petition in Suit No. 331a on the Civil Docket of said court, being suit brought by the said The State of Texas, as Plaintiff, against H. B. Hardeman as Defendant, and the nature of the plaintiff's demand as stated in the said petition being an action to recover of the defendant as the owner of the lands returned delinquent (or reported sold to the state) for the taxes due thereon for the year 1912; and, whereas, the said owner is non-resident of the state (or the name of said owner unknown), and upon the affidavit of Eugene DeBogory having been made, setting forth that said owner is non-resident of the state of Texas (or the owner unknown to the affiant, as the attorney for the state of Texas, and after inquiry, not ascertained).

These are therefore, to cite all interested parties and to make parties defendant by notice in the name of The State of Texas, and the county of Taylor, directed to all persons owning or being in any way interested in the lands delinquent to the state and county for taxes, to be published in a newspaper in said county one time a week for three consecutive weeks, in the manner and style following:

The State of Texas and the County of Taylor.

To H. B. Hardeman and to all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the following described land delinquent to the state of Texas and county of Taylor, for taxes, to-wit: Being lots 7-8, block 1 in the city of Merkel, which said land is delinquent for taxes for the following amounts: \$9.35 for state taxes, and for county taxes, and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the state for the collection of said taxes and you are commanded to appear and defend such suit at the March term of the district court of Taylor county, and state of Texas, being the next regular term thereof to be held at the court house thereof, at Abilene, on the 8th Monday after the 1st Monday in January, being the 1st day of March, 1915, and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said land (or lots), and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes and cost of suit.

Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Abilene, Texas, this 1st day of Feb., A. D., 1915. [L.S.] J. FULLER, Dis. Clerk Taylor Co., Texas.

### Notice by Publication to Non-Resident and Unknown Owners

The State of Texas, County of Taylor.

To Frank Simeon, Greeting:

Whereas, the State of Texas, through its County Attorney, did, on the 3rd day of July, A. D. 1914, file in the District Court of Taylor county, in the state of Texas, its petition in Suit No. 337a on the Civil Docket of said court, being suit brought by the said The State of Texas, as Plaintiff, against Frank Simeon as Defendant and the nature of the plaintiff's demand as stated in the said petition being an action to recover of the defendant as

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the owner of the lands returned delinquent (or reported sold to the state) for the taxes due thereon for the year 1912; and, whereas, the said owner is non-resident of the state (or the name of said owner unknown), and upon the affidavit of Eugene DeBogory having been made, setting forth that said owner is non-resident of the state of Texas (or the owner unknown to the affiant, as the attorney for the state of Texas, and after inquiry, not ascertained).

These are therefore, to cite all interested parties and to make parties defendant by notice in the name of The State of Texas, and the county of Taylor, directed to all persons owning or being in any way interested in the lands delinquent to the state and county for taxes, to be published in a newspaper in said county one time a week for three consecutive weeks, in the manner and style following:

The State of Texas and the County of Taylor.

To Frank Simeon and to all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the following described land delinquent to the state of Texas and county of Taylor, for taxes, to-wit: Being lots 11-12, block 44 in the city of Merkel, which said land is delinquent for taxes for the following amounts: \$9.29 for state taxes, and for county taxes, and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the state for the collection of said taxes and you are commanded to appear and defend such suit at the March term of the district court of Taylor county, and state of Texas, being the next regular term thereof to be held at the court house thereof, at Abilene, on the 8th Monday after the 1st Monday in January, being the 1st day of March, 1915, and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said land (or lots), and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes and cost of suit.

Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Abilene, Texas, this 1st day of Feb., A. D., 1915. [L.S.] J. FULLER, Dis. Clerk Taylor Co., Texas.

### Notice by Publication to Non-Resident and Unknown Owners

The State of Texas, County of Taylor.

To M. A. Sertenis, Greeting:

Whereas, the State of Texas, through its County Attorney, did, on the 3rd day of July, A. D. 1914, file in the District Court of Taylor County, in the State of Texas, its petition in suit No. 345a on the Civil Docket of said

Court, being suit brought by the said State of Texas, as plaintiff, against M. A. Sertenis as defendant, and the nature of the plaintiff's demand as stated in the said petition being an action to recover of the defendant as the owner of the lands returned delinquent (or reported sold to the state) for the taxes due thereon for the year 1912; and, whereas, the said owner is non-resident of the state (or the name of said owner unknown), and upon the affidavit of Eugene DeBogory having been made, setting forth that said owner is non-resident of the state of Texas (or the owner unknown to the affiant, as the attorney for the state of Texas, and after inquiry, not ascertained).

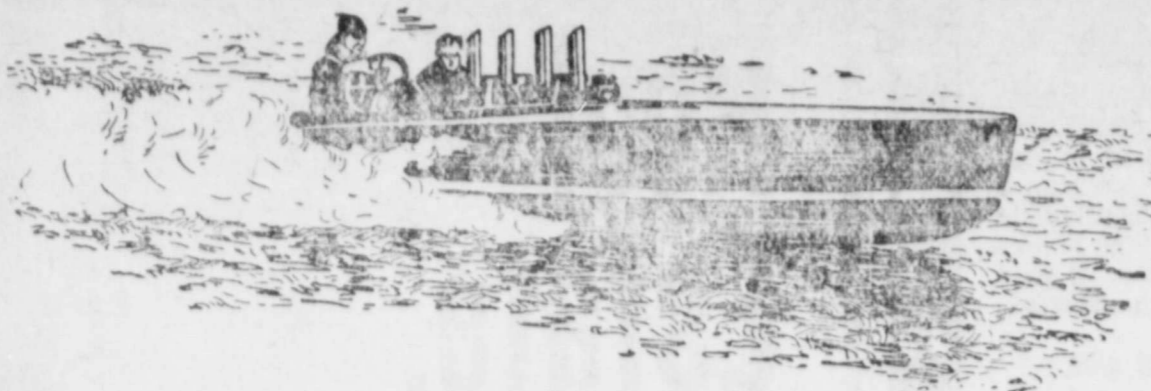
These are therefore, to cite all interested parties and to make parties defendant by notice in the name of the State of Texas, and the county of Taylor, directed to all persons owning or being in any way interested in the lands delinquent to the state and county for taxes, to be published in a newspaper in said county, one time a week for three consecutive weeks, in the manner and style following:

The State of Texas and the County of Taylor.

To M. A. Sertenis and to all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the following described land delinquent to the state of Texas and the county of Taylor, for taxes, to-wit: Being lot 3, block 204, out lot 4, division B, in the city of Abilene, which said land is delinquent for taxes for the following amounts: \$10.47 for state taxes, and for county taxes, and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the state for the collection of said taxes and you are commanded to appear and defend such suit at the March term of the District Court of Taylor county, and the state of Texas, being the next regular term thereof to be held at the court house thereof, at Abilene, on the 8th Monday after the 1st Monday in January, being the 1st day of March, 1915, and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said land (or lots), and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes and cost of suit.

Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Abilene, Texas, this 1st day of February, A. D. 1915. [L.S.] J. FULLER, Dis. Clerk Taylor Co., Texas.

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 Your druggist will refund money if PAIN OINTMENT fails to cure any case of itching, bleeding, or protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives ease and rest. — 30c.



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Up at Lake George last summer, on July 31, the motor boat "Baby Speed Demon" broke the world's record for speed, covering the thirty miles at the rate of 50.59-100 miles per hour. At Buffalo the "Baby Speed Demon," driven by Robert Edgren, sporting editor of the New York World, got two firsts and one second. In all, this little marvel won six firsts in nine free-for-all races during the season.

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### 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 county, 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 holden 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 acted upon by said Court.

Given 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.



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**Physiological Facts.**  
Several recently discovered facts about the body's growth are surprising. One is that the height increases more during the warm months, while the reverse is the case with the weight. Another is that women continue to grow tall long after men have stopped. A man's height rarely increases after he is twenty-five years old, but a woman, when she becomes a mother or under other conditions, may add as much as an inch to her stature up to the age of thirty or even beyond.

### 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

### Dresden's Cigarette Industry.

Of the 7,000,000,000 cigarettes manufactured annually in Germany 52 per cent are produced in Dresden.

### Health Hint.

If you fall out of a window fall up instead of down.

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

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### 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,  
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Extermination of Game Animals Planned to Avert the Annual Great Forest Fires.

Extermination of deer and rabbit in New Jersey is planned by the state forestry commission as the only effective means of protecting the state woodlands against forest fires such as destroyed nearly \$200,000 worth of property during the first two weeks of the recent gunning season.

The commission decided to seek the co-operation of the state fish and game commission in procuring legislation revoking the closed season for deer and rabbit. In the discussion preceding the adoption of this resolution it was freely admitted that such a course would ultimately result in the extermination of deer and rabbits, which are now to be found in considerable numbers in various parts of the state.

That the action of the forestry commission will stir up the opposition of most of the 70,000 hunters with which New Jersey is credited seems almost certain. On the other hand, farmers who say their crops are destroyed by deer and rabbits may line up on the other side and make the fight interesting. It is scarcely conceivable that the fish and game commission, whose every effort has been directed toward procuring greater restrictions, will join with the forestry board.—Trenton (N. J.) Dispatch to New York Sun.

## LITTLE AFFECTED BY WAR

London's Whitechapel Pursues the More or Less Even Tenor of Its Way.

The wave of war has swept over London's Whitechapel, but has changed it very little, says Herman Sheffauer. Some of the physical signs and symbols are there—the garish posters, the bronze-brown of khaki, and the darkened streets that make London's Ghetto still more Ghetto-like.

Whitechapel is not only in the East, but of the East. Like Asia that "watched the legions thunder by, then plunged in thought again," the East end lifts up its eyes to the troops of the king, then turns to trade again.

There is always war in Whitechapel—the struggle to survive. To one fresh from the nervous West end and the hushed suburbs, the stir-and-bustle of Whitechapel has a brave defiance. It is not only business as usual, but business as from time immemorial. The Whitechapel tenacity has withstood crises more terrible than this—and among its own people. Refugees grow tough and indifferent, and Whitechapel is a retreat for the world's oldest and most numerous refugees.

### Baseball's Birthday Coming.

The fortieth anniversary of the good old National league is to be celebrated some time next year. The circuit was organized at the Broadway Central hotel in New York city in 1875, and former Governor Bulkeley of Connecticut, who still is living, was its first president. The present plans are to fix upon a certain date as anniversary day and have it celebrated by double headers in the four cities in which the National teams will be playing at the time. There will also be a great gathering of veteran and modern fans in the metropolis to celebrate the day and among those who will be invited to this jollification will be all of the former presidents and leading baseball men representing the leagues in organized ball in the United States and Canada. What's that? Will there be a banquet? Of course there will; otherwise the irrepressible spellbinders would worry the real fans to death with their chatter around the hotel corridors.—Ed A. Goeway in Leslie's Weekly.

### Dog-Meat?

A new export industry has sprung up in Denmark as a consequence of the war, that of the making of gullach—a kind of stew. Gullach is packed in tins and forwarded to Germany in great quantities. Every vacant factory, workshop and bakery all over the country has been turned into a cooking place for the production of gullach. Even with this increase of facilities the manufacturers say that the demand is greater than the supply. Anybody who can cook gullach need only apply to the German quartermaster's office in Berlin to get funds to put up a factory for cooking it. The consumption by the German army of gullach amounts to millions of tins weekly.

### Franklin Pierce Statue.

New Hampshire has at last erected a memorial to the only president she has ever had. In one legislature after another the bills to provide a statue of Franklin Pierce have been introduced and defeated. It is the irony of fate that the very things which made him president and so eligible as the subject of a statue prevented his native state from thus honoring him. He became president by favor of the South and his gratitude impelled him to a course of action on the eve of war which made him an exile from his own home thenceforth.—Chicago Daily News.

### New Enemy of Prairie Dog.

In South Dakota the automobile has been found a great success as a prairie dog exterminator. A piece of hose slipped onto the exhaust conducts the gases into the dog hole for a few minutes, when the hole is covered with earth. That is enough for the dog.

## SHOULD SHE TELL?

By CLARA CROSS.

"If you could have seen his profile!" mourned the girl with the sunburned neck. "Anyhow, I still think Emily ought to have told me! She was my hostess."

"I always thought Emily had a lovely nature," objected the girl in the new basque waist.

"She may have a lovely nature," agreed the young woman with the sunburn, "but she begged me to stay over with her when the rest of the house party left, just to keep me from going back in the same crowd with Wayne Hipple! How could I help it if Wayne was nicer to me than he was to her—"

"If it wasn't Wayne, then who was it?" demanded the girl in the wrinkled basque.

"Emily said I simply must stay because I loved nature so, and now that most of the cottagers had gone home there were oceans of nature lying around loose and unappropriated, and, anyhow, her mother was going in to Chicago, and she'd be so lonesome all alone. She was so mournful about it that I had to stay, or make myself out a perfect brute."

"I went out to fish," said the girl with the sunburned neck. "Not at all because I like to fish, but because there was nothing else to do, and the meat hadn't come. Emily said that unless I caught some we'd have no dinner. So I took the rowboat and rowed around the bend into the bayou. He was there."

"The fish?"  
"The man. Right in the spot where I wanted to anchor swung his boat. I thought he was a native because of the old straw hat till he turned, and it



"Right Where I Wanted to Anchor."

was then I was smitten dumb by the profile. And the eyes! And the general look of being somebody! I knew immediately he must be a man of importance who had buried himself in the wilds to rest, and I was so thankful that I had on the newest style of middy and a becoming shade hat. I resolved to be perfectly oblivious and self-possessed, so I proceeded to stop and fish as I had first intended. A man always admires an unfledged girl. I couldn't help it, could I, if my bamboo pole dropped overboard?"

"Oh, horribly crude!"  
"It was better than falling overboard myself," protested the other. "Not nearly so mussy! I wish you could have seen the manner in which he retrieved that pole and gave it to me! When he raised his hat I decided that he was some movie star."

"Finally he called over to me to say that he thought I'd catch more fish if I baited my hook! Fancy! I was so confused that he rowed over and baited it for me! But I didn't seem to catch any, so he generously divided his own, after he had discovered that I was fishing for my dinner."

"I went fishing again the next morning, too. There was no reason I should be driven off the lake by a stranger. We didn't talk so much, but you should have seen his eyes! In a week I felt we had known each other a lifetime! You can tell by a man's expression whether he has a superior soul, I think! That is, usually."

"Emily said she couldn't imagine why I had grown so crazy over fishing, and said she believed she'd come along, but I persuaded her not to. The sun always gives her a headache. I was bound that for once she should not interfere with my friendships. It certainly would take her down a peg when she found how far I had progressed with the handsome unknown."

"Every morning he, too, fished. He maintained the utmost reserve about himself, as do all great people, but I could tell from his expression, when he looked at me that he was living in the same dream I was."

"And then one morning Emily came charging through the bushes on the bank and surveyed the scene. Her curiosity had overpowered her, as it does all ordinary persons. She simply glared and I resolved to freeze her if she tried to be unpleasant."

"Well! she called, addressing her words to my handsome friend. 'No wonder the meat has been late for over a week, if this is how you spend your time when you should be delivering it, Hoskins!' And you should have seen Hoskins leap for shore and the butcher's cart concealed in the shrubbery!"

"I am sure that Emily knew all about it from the first and never told me, just to be hateful! If she tells Wayne Hipple—"

"Oh, she will!" comforted the girl in the new wrinkle basque.—Chicago Daily News.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

### Methodist Baraca.

The Baraca class was called to order by the president Sunday January 31 with a large number present. We were pleased to have Robert Hicks as a visitor.

The lesson discussed was, "The Birth of Sampson" a temperance lesson. The main thought was: that the parents of Sampson prepared him for God's service. They kept themselves clean and pure, the mother did not eat anything that was not in keeping with God's commandments. This could be observed to some extent in and around our city and much better environment would exist. If the parents would keep themselves free from the strong drink the child would not be likely to use it. I suppose no one fails to see the evils that come from the effects of intemperance.

We hope, that if there be a young man in town who feels that he has no friends he will come and cast his lot with us. Press Reporter.

### Celebrates Her 67th Birthday.

Grandma Mashburn celebrated her birthday Saturday at the home of her sons H. N. Mashburns. Her children and grandchildren had planned the surprise feast held in her honor. A few special friends were invited to share the pleasures of the day. At the noon hour when the home dinner was about to be served the children and grandchildren with boxes and baskets filled brimful of dainty and delicious eatables arrived at the Mashburn home. The table presented a beautiful picture to all. The 14 1-2 lb fruit cake beautifully decorated with "Mother 67" written on top of occupied the center of the table. The national bird with rich dressing, salad and other things too numerous to mention were served to the thirty guests present including the children and grandchildren. Many pretty and useful gifts were given as tokens of love and respect.

With wishes of many more returns of the day the guests reluctantly said their good-byes. The editor of this department extends thanks for a portion of the birthday cake.

### Womans Home Missionary Society.

The Merkel Auxiliary of the Womans Missionary Society meets every Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The first Monday is the business meeting, the second Monday is devoted to Bible study conducted by Rev. Garvin, third Monday we have the Mission study course under the leadership of Mrs. M. Armstrong, fourth Monday the social meeting in charge of Mrs. H. C. Burroughs. The ladies are cordially invited to attend at any time.

The Women of Southern Methodism are laboring for the Master at home and abroad. The following are some of the places where they have schools or missions: China, Korea, Brazil, Cuba and Mexico, Texas, West Virginia and Florida. During the past three years more than three hundred of the islands of the Pacific Ocean have been evangelized. On some of these islands not a heathen remains. When the European war is over this country may expect the greatest tide of immigration that has ever reached its shores. It is a matter for serious thought, and calls for discrimination on the part of our official.

There are more than four hundred Buddhist or heathen in the U. S. in which idols are being worshiped. In the face of this can one remain indifferent? Wont you step over the line and help in mission work? Publicity Superintendent.

The Twentieth Century club will meet at Mrs. G. F. Wests Saturday afternoon at 3:00.

The famous Peacemaker flour at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Jack Smith of the Trent country was in Merkel Tuesday looking after business.

Mrs. A. Whisenhunt of View visited here Monday.

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

A heavy cold in the lungs that was expected to cure itself has been the starting point in many cases of disease that ended fatally. The sensible course is to take frequent doses of BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP. It checks the progress of the disorder and assists nature to restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv.

Little Misses Murphy Thomas and Maurine Cobb were in Trent visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Walter Holt, the past week.

Mrs. G. W. Boyce visited in Abilene the past week.

Anscokodaks make enjoyment last forever. Burroughs.

I have moved my wholesale and retail apple store from Kent St. to 1st door North of G. M. Sharps Grocery. Call and see me for fresh fruits of all kinds. J. B. Cox. 514

Mr. and Mrs. W. Parten returned home Sunday evening from Marlin and other points in east Texas, where they spent two weeks. When seen at his store Monday morning Mr. Parten seemed much benefitted by the trip and highly pleased with his January business during his absence.

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Mrs. Samuel Butman visited friends here last Saturday.

I. Sharp and C. J. Neese of Abilene were here Tuesday.

J. E. Bishop of Slackland, Ala., came in last week to look out a location in the western part of the State and to visit friends he has here.

H. A. Deavers of Forresteron came in last week to look after farm property he has in the Merkel country, and to visit J. B. Dyess. Mr. Deavers is highly pleased with the showing his farm land has made during this last year and is looking forward to the time when Merkel country land will be sold at much higher figures.

Parten has gone to all the big Eastern Markets and will buy the greatest line of Spring and Summer goods that was ever brought to Merkel and in order to make room for this big stock all Winter goods of every description must be sold and will be sold at the lowest prices you ever heard of for the next two weeks. Parten D. G. Co.

### Farm Loans.

In spite of the war and dying republicanism, I am still in the loan business. My money is no better than any other but I can give the best and quickest service on earth. I make my own inspections and have your title examined at home and if both are good I can give you the money on short notice. There is no long-winded delays waiting for inspectors and mail-order attorney opinions. Your loan must be first-class security. It makes no difference to me but the man furnishing the money for my business is powerfully particular. If you are going to need money any time this year, better give me the business. Your application left at the Mail office at Merkel will receive my prompt attention. I can sell a real, genuine bargain any time, sometime. Jno. G. Jackson, Abilene. 3t. -DH.

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Program conducted by the United Brotherhood to be held at the Methodist church Sunday night, February 7.

Leader—Prof. Witt. Opening Song. Prayer. Scripture Reading—Leader. Song.

How Can We as Laymen Influence the No-Church Goers to Become Interested in the Church—Prof. Morris.

Open Discussion. Song. Are Our Churches Doing All That Can be Done to Reach the irreligious Class of Our Town?—J. T. Howard.

Open Discussion. Song. What Are Some of the Chief Hinderances That Keep Young Men Away From the Church?—C. L. McNeese, Robert Hicks and Henry West.

Closing Song and Benediction. Music Committee—Ira Armstrong, Prof. Witt and E. F. Stanley.

Everyone invited to attend this service.

### League Program.

Subject—The Promise of Forgiveness.

Leader—Mrs. Morris. Responsive Reading—Psalm xxxii 1-7.

Hymn No. 1. Lord's Prayer. Hymn No. 137. Prayer. Address by leader. Hymn No. 304.

Repentance. The Condition of an Abundant Pardon. (Isa. vi 14)—Walter Duckett.

Discussion of Forgiveness; (Mat. vi. 14; Acts v 31; Eph. 1. 7)—Miss Mary Garvin.

God's Faithfulness. The Guarantee of Our Pardon is We Repent. (I. John 1-9.)—Ulysees

### McNeese.

Remission of Sin. The message of the Gospel. (Acts xiii 38)—Miss Lillie Ayers. Prayer.

### Clocks! Clocks!

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### Advertised Letters

Becker, L. H. Cameron, Mrs. Bettie Cooper, Willie Davidson, Arthur Davis, Mrs. Annie Kent, David McDaniel, Peter 2 Murphy, Della Porter, Lewis Pyron, Mrs. W. Walker, Mrs. R. G. Lopez, Virgil. These letters will be sent to the dead letter office February 13. H. C. Williams, P. M.

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