

MERKEL WINS FROM ABILENE BY 3 TO 2

Wednesday afternoon the Merkel mixed team revengefully took the big end of a three to two score from the "Abilene Paid Nine."

For Merkel Stanley and Adams worked while "Smokey" Joe Clemmons and "Catchy" Crawford retaliated, (occasionally.) Throughout the entire game the playing was marked by temporary looseness, spectacular plays, freak put out tricks, long hits, flying catches, double plays and put outs from the outer garden. Few men of either team seemed unable to get their eye on the ball for nearly everyone up connected for some kind of a swat. Every player on the Merkel team was given an opportunity to assert himself and many of them did a grandstand job of it.

Hays, a recruit to the Merkel Booster Team hailing from Atlanta of the Southern League, caught all that came in or about the center garden with one exception, this one being very difficult. He also opened up a series of long smashes for Merkel by slapping the face off of everything. "Smokey Joe" tried, even to the emery ball. "Chief" Ferrier stopped a probable run by making a one-handed stab in right garden.

"Smiles" Burroughs, the "kid" who held down his brother's sun-spot, was also in the game. Boring, somewhat new on first but old in the game, was there for nine innings, (every moment). Renfro, on second played his usual game of steady baseball, while Woodrum at shortstop got 'em all, from easy ones to slapping down the bad ones and then polling out the Abilene fast men. Jones, who started on third, developed a bad charlie-horse, necessitating the newlywed Burroughs going into the game. The late tolling of wedding bells and the glow of the worm bothered him only once, after which he worked all around the third base position like an old timer.

Stanley pitched a good game and kept the nine hits so well scattered that Abilene could only register twice. Adams, a practically new man behind the 16 inch board, is improving with each game.

The last words spoken by the visitors and the last signs given by them on their departure were, to-wit: "Robbers," connected with a surprised look of disgust.

The elements permitting and the financial backing being substantial enough, the Sweetwater team will cross bats with the Merkel Boosters at 3:30 promptly this afternoon, Friday. It is not known positively that the Sweetwater team will reach Merkel, but in case they do the game will be called promptly in time to allow them to return home on passenger train No. 3.

MEETING WILL BE GIN 4TH SUNDAY

Rev. R. A. Kimbrough of Abilene, assisted by Rev. L. B. Owen, pastor of the local Baptist church, will begin a meeting at the tabernacle the fourth Sunday in this month.

Rev. Owen, in conversation with our reporter the first of the week, promised to give full reports of the meeting at an early late.

Leaves for San Francisco.

Monday afternoon Vol Martin departed for the northwest, going to Fort Worth, from where he expects to visit in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and make an extended stay in California, seeing the Panama and San Diego Expositions before returning home. Mr. Martin will be away for two months or longer.

LIGHTNING PLAYS A FREAKISH TRICK

The three-year-old boy of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mattingly of Route 3 escaped death in a miraculous way Sunday afternoon when a bolt of lightning struck him.

The child's waist was torn almost from its body and the edges of the rent were scorched by the lightning. Large blisters appeared on the body of the child from the right breast down toward the right limb and the body marked by a wide red mark to the toe of the right foot. Dr. Armstrong, who was called out, pronounced the case most unusual and expressed his surprise that the child was not killed instantly.

When the lightning struck the house the family was seated at the table eating supper. The bolt knocked the child to the floor and a heat from the freakish electric phenomenon caused cream gravy on the dining table to fry in the dish.

ABILENE TO GET \$25,000 THEATRE

Announcement of the organization of a stock company with a capital of \$25,000 was made in the Abilene Reporter Sunday. The new organization will promote the erection of a magnificent motion picture theatre in Abilene at the corner of Third and Pine streets.

J. J. O'Mally, formerly of this city, is to be the manager of the new undertaking which is scheduled to open to the public in October.

EX-ABILENE MAN BULLET VICTIM

Lloyd B. Thomas of Galveston, son of O. P. Thomas of Abilene, was shot down Thursday of last week in the offices of the Galveston Labor Dispatch by John W. Young, owner of the paper.

Thomas formerly lived in Abilene, having been connected with the Abilene Reporter. Later he worked on the Galveston Tribune before becoming associated with the Labor Dispatch. His father reached the bedside of the stricken young man Friday morning.

Mistake in Poultry Prices.

In last week's issue of the Mail an advertisement appeared from the Ash Bros., Poultry Co., quoting a price of 18 cents per pound on frying chickens.

The advertisement should not have appeared and had been ordered stopped by Mr. Ash but an error in the Mail office caused the mistake and consequently much explaining on the part of Mr. Ash to those who offered him their poultry at this high price.

DRIVE TO THE RIGHT, PLEASE ON FIRESTONE non-skid tires. None better made. Sold only by G. F. West Co.

PLANS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR MERKEL'S NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Plans and Specifications in Hands of C. H. Leinbach of Dallas. Capacity of Building Twelve Hundred and Fifty Including the Auditorium.

Plans for the erection of a new school building at Merkel have been accepted and bids for the contract should be opened within the next three or four weeks, or probably sooner.

The C. H. Leinbach Company of Dallas were awarded the architectural contract, the manager of the company, Mr. Leinbach, being here in person the first of the week and presented the most acceptable plans, according to members of the school board. The building when completed will be two stories and basement, containing twelve standard class rooms, three class rooms of greater capacity than standard, an auditorium of 400 to 500 seating capacity, library and principal's office.

The seating capacity of the class rooms, according to present arrangements, will be 800 and if need be the auditorium can be used for this purpose.

The building will be re-enforced concrete foundation, the building proper finished with mat-faced brick and trimmed in cast cement stone. All rooms will be lighted from the left, heated and ventilated according to the very latest State laws. It will also have a steel fire escape on outside of building, an equipment required on such structures by action of the recent legislature. Students cloak rooms with wardrobes will be one modern convenience—in fact, nothing is left out of the plans that will tend to make the building less convenient or substantial under the resources available. According to Mr. Leinbach, ninety working days will be required to complete the building in all its parts after the ground has been broken.

SECRETARY OF STATE W. J. BRYAN RESIGNS—PRESIDENT ACCEPTS SAME

Action Brought About Over Signing and Construction of Second German Note—Does Not Suit Bryan and He Says So.

Washington, June 8.—Secretary Bryan handed his resignation to President Wilson late this afternoon. The resignation, coming like a bolt out of a clear sky, is the result of a disagreement over the new note to Germany. Bryan urging that it be so framed as to court arbitration and Wilson favoring a more stringent stand. Bryan and Counselor Lansing were closeted a long time today regarding the note and when Bryan finally submitted his idea of how the note should read he failed to get it indorsed by the cabinet which held a long session today. Bryan considers that the present note is practically an ultimatum to Germany and he says that he believes the people of the United States do not want such an ultimatum sent. The exact language of the note will not be given out until it reaches Berlin. It may be sent tomorrow.

Wilson accepted the resignation. It was stated authoritatively that the resignation, which had been under consideration for several days, was accomplished with the utmost good feeling between the secretary of state and President Wilson.

Crazy Sentence Not Solved.

Various attempts have been made at the sentence "that that is is that that is not is not that it is" but so far none have correctly solved it. According to an authoritative source it should be as follows:

"That that is, is. That that is not, is not. 'Is not that it?' It is."

June 19th, is the time E. L. Rogers gives a sewing machine away free. No game of chance just come in any day and get your ticket. Its free.

The Wilson hose supporter for children, sizes 2 to 14 for 20 cents the pair at the Star Store.

No Speeding.

Do not break the new speed limit of 15 miles per hour unless you have FIRESTONE tires. They stand the fastest travel on the hottest days. Sold by G. F. West Co.

Work Progressing on Home.

Work on the B. C. Moore home in southwest Merkel is progressing rapidly and before many days the owner and his family will be domiciled in their new apartments.

Try a sack of Light Loaf flour. A guarantee to be as good as you ever used. W. F. Hamblet.

Improves Gin Plant.

F. P. Hamm, manager of the Hamm & Douglass Gin Co., returned from Dallas the first of the week where he purchased new equipment for the company's gin on North Front street.

The new machinery installed will consist of 5 70-saw Munger latest improved gin stands and other accessories.

CAUGHT IN BINDER; ESCAPES UNHURT

Special to The Mail.

Nubia, Texas, June 7.—Dresden Casey, a young man living south of Nubia, in a runaway one day last week, miraculously escaped transportation "to that unknown country from whose bourne no traveler returns."

He was running a binder and dropped one of his lines and in his attempt to recover same frightened the team and they started running. Meanwhile the boy continued to hold to the one line, thus causing the team to run in a circle. Dresden was finally pulled under the machine and it being in gear, caught his clothing and tore a goodly portion of them off his body. When the team stopped the boy was held tenaciously to the binder by cogs and sprockets, and his father had to lend assistance to extract the boy from under the machine. Apparently the boy must bear a charmed life.

M. E. CHURCH TO RECEIVE PAINTING

Funds for painting the exterior woodwork and roof and repairing the roof of the Methodist church were partially raised Sunday.

In all the amount required for the needed work will probably amount to over \$200 while the amount collected Sunday amounted to \$150. With this amount of available funds the workmen will be started repairing the roof within a few days.

BUILDING NEW GIN PLANT IN MERKEL

The Brown Gin Company of Merkel and Trent are adding to the ginning capacity of the Merkel country by the erection of a gin across Elm street, north of the city waterworks.

Work on the plant was delayed to an extent but is now progressing rapidly and will be completed in time to take part in the ginning of the 1915 cotton crop. The company is composed of a partnership of Messrs. G. B. Brown, R. O. Anderson and B. C. Moore, the former a well known gin man in the Merkel country and manager of the new enterprise.

Here From Brownwood.

Joe King came in from Brownwood Tuesday afternoon to visit his father Dr. J. M. C. King who has been very sick for several days, he was accompanied here by his brother John King of Waco.

From here the former returns to Greenville where he accepts a new position, having resigned as manager of the Duke & Ayres store at Brownwood after a seven years connection with that company in various parts of the state.

Phone Bob Martin Gro. Co., for Cake Flour.

SPECIAL SESSION DISTRICT COURT

A special term of the Taylor county district court was ordered Saturday night by District Judge Thomas L. Blanton of Abilene. The date for the special term is set at June 14, and the term will last through that week.

This action was made necessary principally to peculiar circumstances rising out of the many changes of base made by the local court since the old courthouse was torn down and the new one begun. The law governing the sale of property under the dispensation of legal procedure requires that such sale of property shall be made at the door of the building where district court last convened.

The last session of the local court was held in the Knights of Pythias Hall. The Federal courtroom was also used for most of the past few terms. In order to officially establish the new building as the seat of justice for Taylor county and fulfill the requirements of the law governing the sale of property under court orders, Judge Blanton found it necessary to call this special term.

The special term will handle nothing but non-jury cases, as stated in Judge Blanton's order. The new courthouse is already the official seat of government for the county, having been designated as such by the county commissioners. — Abilene Reporter.

Big Springs a Winner.

The Big Springs Herald of last week gave their readers a report of the first game of baseball between Merkel and Big Springs and an idea of how all three games in that city terminated.

Big Springs took the three games. Pitcher Crutchfield, who was to have worked for Merkel on the final day, was injured before entering the game all of which no doubt saved the terminal bunch from a good coat of calomine.

The following was taken from the Herald:

The Merkel team is now here for a series of three games with the Big Springs team, while crippled for lack of seasoned pitchers, is expected to make a good showing.

Thursday's game resulted in a neat victory for Big Springs by the score of 5 to 3. Hatch pitched the first seven innings for the home boys and Baxter held them down in the last two innings. It was Big Springs' game all along the line and unless the Merkel team show better class than they did in this game we are going to make a clean sweep of the series. A hot game is expected this afternoon and the fans should turn out in force.

Safety First.

Motorist are now assured of perfect safety and comfort by using FIRESTONE tires. The best yet. G. F. West Co.

REV. W. M. M'INTOSH TO HOLD MEETING

Rev. W. McIntosh, who is now engaged in conducting a meeting at Abilene, has been engaged to hold the Methodist meeting in Merkel.

Arrangements for the meeting have not been made definitely but it is known that the services will be in the month of August.

WE CAN FILL YOUR NEEDS

SAFETY FOR YOUR SAVINGS

PLENTY OF MONEY TO LOAN

ON APPROVED SECURITY

Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas

**GOODFELLOWS NEED
MONEY FOR POOR**

Monday afternoon a member of the Goodfellow Club of Merkel was called upon to lend financial assistance to a widow who being kept at home with two sick children was unable to properly care for her family.

Of the two children sick, one was reported to be suffering with appendicitis and the cause is a worthy one. Groceries were needed and it behooved those of the club to act immediately, which was done. Much needed groceries were purchased and sent to the home and the Goodfellow Club is now without funds to pay the bill.

On inquiry at the bank the available funds were found to total sixty-four cents. Several dollars are needed and Merkel people are the only ones who can be relied upon to replenish the depleted treasury. People feeling disposed to contribute to a good cause would do well to send donations to Mesdames H. F. Groene, J. T. Warren or Jno. Sears, or to make deposit of money at F. & M. Bank, where the account has been kept.

This money is needed now. Help a good cause.

Grandma Leamon Dead

Mrs. Alice Templeton received a message from Pecos Tuesday morning announcing the death of her mother, Mrs. Leamon. At the time of her death Mrs. Leamon was eighty-four years of age and had been making her home with her son Mitchell Leamon on a ranch south of Pecos.

Prior to her departure to Pecos Mrs. Leamon had made her home in Merkel with her daughter Mrs. Templeton much of the time and had a host of friends in the city.

She enjoyed the best of health for a lady of her advanced years and up until only a few days before her death was very hale and hearty.

Mrs. Templeton joined the funeral party here Wednesday morning at 1:54 o'clock going to Honey Grove where interment is to be given the body today. Accompanying the deceased were two sons Mitchell Leamon of Pecos and W. B. Leamon of Oklahoma, Mrs. Templeton of this place.

The Mail joins the many friends of the family in extending sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

TO ABILENE DAILY

Abilene Auto Service Car leaves Merkel for Abilene every morning at 9 o'clock until further notice is given. Fare from here 50 cents. Car leaves from front of Grimes Drug Store each morning.

It will pay you to get J. A. Duckett's price first.

A NEW FARM MACHINE

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The Crown Hardware Co.

Here From Kentucky

J. T. Williams of Mayfield, Ky., who accompanied the body of his father C. H. Williams here for burial Tuesday remained a few days to visit his brother "Boao" Williams and sister Mrs. Sam Provine.

Mr. Williams stated he expected to return to the Merkel country to live within the next few months, having once been a resident of this country he has decided to again make Merkel his home.

A LAND BARGAIN

Three hundred acres good Merkel country farm land, 150 in cultivation and 150 in pasture land. Will exchange for smaller place. Above mentioned land has good three room house and is well watered. See H. L. Easterwood at Merkel Mail office.

In Contest to Win Piano

To those who have not already promised their votes from the Anchor Mercantile Co., I will appreciate same if you will cast them for Miss Dixie Duncan who I am sure you will find is deserving to win this prize piano.

A Friend.

Buy Your Wood Now.

Good dry mesquite wood delivered for \$3.50 per cord, \$2.50 on the ground. 4 miles east of Merkel, phone R. D. Allen your order today. 11t5pd.

Bidders Wanted: An Old Fashioned Picnic will be given at Trent June 17th. Speaking, ball games and various other amusements. For concessions of stands and rights address Picnic Committee. All bids close June 12th.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—A large brood mare, gentle. E. D. COATS. 4tf
FOR SALE OR RENT:—One concrete business house across the street from the Post Office. H. L. Coleman, 1015 W. Seventh street, Fort Worth, Texas. 4 tf

FOR SALE—7,000 feet second hand lumber and 30 squares of sheet iron, 9 foot lengths, in Royal Airdome. See E. S. Harrison at Royal Theatre.

NOTICE—If you are sick with any chronic trouble and want to get well, write Prof. J. H. Surles, Putnam, Texas.

FOR SALE—Six lots with 9 room house, bath, hall and porches; cistern windmill, barn and orchard. Close in. Mrs. Nanie Causseaux.

FOR RENT—Residence in Merkel. Well located. A. C. Boney. tf

FOR SALE—Good milch cows. Chas. Orr, two miles southeast of Merkel. 1Augpd

FOR SALE—Second hand reaper in fair condition. Chas. Beard. 11t2pd.

FOUND—A practically new summer buggy lap-robe. Owner can have same by describing it and paying for this ad at Merkel Mail Office. 11J

FOR SALE—Wagon and set of harness. Cheap, see T. L. Grimes.

FOR SALE—Two nice little homes in Merkel cheap. Will take small amount in trade and give long terms. E. D. COATS.

**HAYES STOCK CO.
HERE THIS WEEK**

The Fred and Ethel Hayes Stock Company, playing at the Cozy Theatre and Airdome all this week, are giving some of the cleanest shows yet brought to Merkel and are deserving of commendation in many ways.

They conclude their stay of the present engagement with shows of tonight and Saturday night. Incidentally the management of the company, Mr. Hayes, assisted the Merkel baseball team to down the Abilene bunch Wednesday afternoon and on top of the favor extended the Merkel team a complimentary pass to the show on Wednesday night as a token of his friendly feeling in behalf of his company.

Going to San Francisco?

Buy travelers checks at the express office and avoid thefts. "Safety First." Frank Ferguson, Agent. 4t2pd

Mrs. W. V. Cranford is at home from Wayland where she visited her sister, Mrs. W. H. Morris.

Miss Eather Williams, who has been attending the Christian College at Abilene during the past session, has accepted a position in Abilene and will remain there during the summer.

LOST—One little red pig has escaped from a chicken proof lot. Will appreciate the return of the pig. Can not offer reward as I spent all my money for the pig. Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rogers of Watervalley, Miss., came in last week to visit their sons, Freeman and Ernest Rogers, and other relatives they have in the city. From here Mr. Rogers will go to San Angelo to visit a brother.

Mrs. R. J. Miller of Tolar who has been here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett returned to her home Wednesday morning.

Miss Imogene Hayes of Comper is here this week visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sublett.

Pennsylvania Tires and Tubes for sale by H. M. Rose. Satisfactory adjustments always made. Dont forget the No. 285.

Mr and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs, Jr., entertained with an informal dinner Sunday. Their guests were Misses Fannie Burroughs, Beulah Burkett, Messrs Roy Bradley, Lytton Howard and Mrs. Dickson.

Bob Malone was in Abilene on business Monday.

Coal cheap for threshing, if taken at once off car. G. R. Gazaway. 1tpd.

Coon's sanitary bread at the Anchor.

Miss Fay Allen of Denton is here visiting her aunt Mrs. W. Parten.

Mrs. J. M. Bates of Wichita Falls returned to her home Monday after a visit with her aunt, Mrs. N. E. Sandlin.

Coal cheap for threshing, if taken at once off car. G. R. Gazaway. 1tpd.

**FLOODS IN NORTH
TEXAS DO DAMAGE**

Wichita Falls, June 8.—Clear skies and warm sunshine through out this section today promised relief from flood conditions. A five-foot fall was reported in the Red river, and other streams which for a week have been overflowing were gradually going down. Railroad traffic is being slowly restored but no trains were expected here from the east before tomorrow.

At midnight last night the Burnett street suspension bridge over the Wichita river here went down, but steel cables are holding the steel work of the bridge at the bottom of the river.

No lives have been reported lost in the floods, but the damage to grain, vegetables and railroad tracks has been large.

"Jitney" boat service was started here today in the overflowed portions of the town.

Half a dozen boats were plying and were reaping a rich harvest of nickels.

C. H. Williams Dies in Dallas.

C. H. Williams age 83 years a resident of the Merkel country for the past twenty five years died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Pilkington in Dallas Sunday evening following an attack of poisoning contracted from eating ripe fruit.

Only a few weeks before Mr. Williams' death he was among his friends on the streets of Merkel and was a picture of good health seldom found in a man of his four score past years. Mr. Williams was a native of Kentucky and was married to Miss Mary Frances Provine in February 1861, to this union there were born ten children, four of whom survive the father, the mother having passed into the great beyond two years ago. The deceased while in his young manhood joined the Cumberland Presbyterian church, continuing in active membership and work up to his last day.

Surviving the deceased are Messrs. J. T. and B. Williams of Mayfield, Kentucky, and of this respectfully, Mrs. Sam Provine of this place and Mrs. Pilkington of Dallas. All the children attended the funeral of the father, the body being brought here from Dallas Tuesday morning, interment taking place in Rose Hill Cemetery at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon, Rev. A. A. Baker conducting services.

The death of Mr. Williams takes an old land mark from the Merkel country and deprives the country of a widely known and liked man. The many friends of the family will regret to learn of the aged man's death.

Coon's sanitary bread at the Anchor.

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	Case Round Tread	Case Non-Road	Grey Tube	Red Tube
30 x 3	\$ 9.40	\$10.55	\$2.20	\$2.50
30 x 3 1/2	11.90	13.35	2.60	2.90
32 x 3 1/2	13.75	15.40	2.70	3.05
34 x 4	19.90	22.30	3.90	4.40
34 x 4 1/2	27.30	30.55	4.80	5.40
36 x 4 1/2	28.70	32.15	5.00	5.65
37 x 5	35.55	39.90	5.95	6.70
38 x 5 1/2	46.00	53.50	6.75	7.55

G. F. West Company

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Cake Flour at Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Mrs. A. C. Rose is at home from Sweetwater.

Coon's Sanitary Bread at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Mrs. R. V. Paul and daughter visited in Dallas.

HOGS WANTED. Bond & Edwards.

Miss Eula Pinson of Gadstone Ala., is visiting Miss Hallie Buzbee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Styles left Saturday for Adolphus Ky., to visit relatives.

Be sure and see me about prices on wheat and oats before you sell. J. Shelton, Merkel.

Miss Frances Burroughs is at home from Sweetwater.

Coon's Sanitary Bread at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Miss Annis Burnett spent the week-end in Abilene visiting Misses Ruby and Elva Payne.

Misses Ruby and Elva Payne have returned to their home in Abilene.

Am in the market for your small grain at the very best price. J. J. Shelton, Merkel.

Miss Nellie Stanley of Nubia visited relatives here Monday.

Miss Margaret Annis of Brownwood is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. S. F. Annis.

Try a sack of Cake Flour from the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Miss Cordie McLaurin of Dallas is spending the summer with Mrs. H. F. Groene.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Adams of Harold are here visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Adams.

Make life for your stock more comfortable by using Dr. Hess fly chaser, for sale at T. L. Grimes.

Miss Marjorie Saffle of Plainview is here visiting her sister, Mrs. W. J. Largent.

Will renovate old cotton beds for \$1.50 or make feather mattresses for \$2.00. All work guaranteed. R. J. Bassett. Phone 214.

Miss Jewell Garrett of San Angelo came in Saturday to visit Miss Maud Jenkins.

I will stand my registered jack, Toby, at my place 3 miles southeast of Merkel. J. H. Couch.

Mrs. Jack Paramore was in the city the first of the week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Leighty.

Mrs. J. L. Yarborough of Fredericksburg is here visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Owen.

See me before selling your wheat and oats. J. J. Shelton, Merkel.

Mrs. Ed Vickers and little daughter, Floy, are here from Pecos visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Tucker.

Coon's Sanitary Bread at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Mrs. H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Misses Jewel Garrett, Jessie Sutphen and Franco Burroughs motored to Abilene Tuesday to visit Misses Payne.

I will buy your wheat and oats. Top price paid. J. J. Shelton, Merkel.

J. M. Kelsce of the Noodle country was in town Wednesday and reported a good rain reaching the river country.

Ladies shoes 75 cents to \$1.75 at J. A. Duckettes. The Price is The Thing.

Mrs. T. H. Largent and children and her mother, Mrs. J. P. Sutphen and son Charles spent Wednesday and Thursday in Abilene with friends.

6,000 mile guarantee on Pennsylvania Vacuum Cup. For sale by H. M. Rose.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Morris are in Abilene for the summer.

S. P. Martin was in Abilene Wednesday on business.

Miss Genevieve Rust is attending summer Normal in Abilene.

Dr. Hess' fly chaser is guaranteed by T. L. Grimes to keep flies off your stock.

Mr. Tye of Abilene who has been in the Nubia country for a short time visiting his nephew J. V. Tye, returned to his home Wednesday.

Mrs. J. M. Green of Abilene returned to her home Wednesday after a weeks stay with her mother Mrs. N. E. Sandlin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Garrett of Winters who have been visiting the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Farris of the Noodle community returned to their home Wednesday morning.

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Miss Alice May oyce of Abilene is the guest of Miss Elma Sheppard this week.

Miss Margie and Mertice Saffle, Mina Cox, Zora West and Mrs. Willie Joe Largent were dinner guests last Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. James West.

Beginning Monday, June 14, the Public Library will be open from 5 to 6 o'clock instead of 4 to 5 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent and children, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Largent spent Sunday at the Morris ranch near Colorado City.

Mrs. L. Kirkratric of Paris came in the first of the week to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Decker of the Stith community.

Miss Mamie Rieter visited Miss Alice Williams in Abilene Sunday.

Miss Mamie Moore is visiting friends in Abilene this week.

Gallon berries and fruits at the Anchor.

Clyde Garrett, who has been attending Trinity University at Waxahachie, returned home last week to spend the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

Mrs. J. W. Jennings left Wednesday for Abilene where she will make her home in the future with the family.

Miss Mabel Dugley and mother Mrs. N. C. Dugley of Lockney came in Tuesday evening to visit the latter's sister Mrs. S. P. Martin. From here Miss Dugley went to Abilene Wednesday where she will be in school during the summer.

Miss Josephine Goode of Plainview was here the first of the week in company with Miss Mertice Saffle visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. W. J. Largent.

Messrs. J. F. and A. F. Douglass, J. A. Collins and daughter, Sadie, are home from Quanah where they visited the family of W. L. Douglass. Miss Fannie May Douglass accompanied them home.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Black and children of Snyder are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black.

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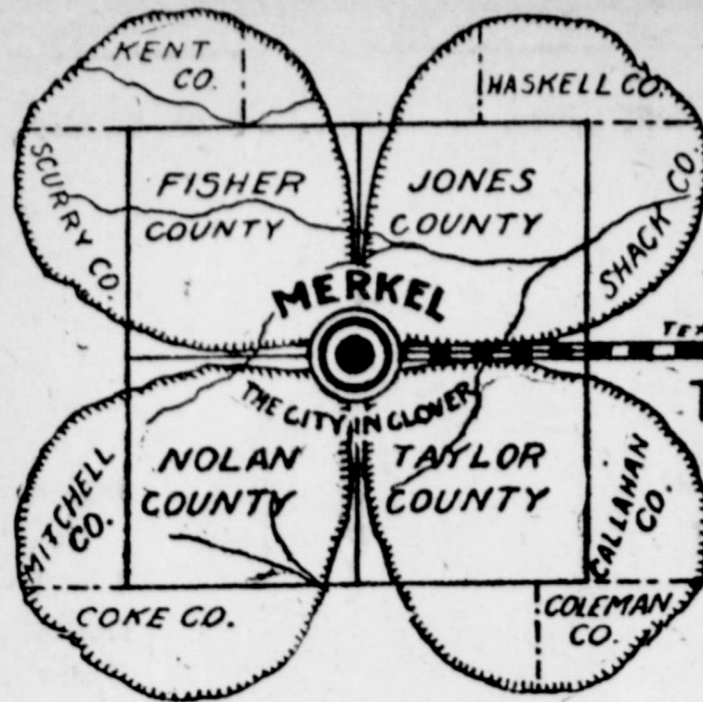
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TELEPHONE No. 61

MAKE IT IN TEXAS.

To those who are calling loudly for the people to "buy it in Texas," the Reporter would suggest a change of heart and tactics. The "buy it in Texas" cant was originated for the benefit of retailers, jobbers, commission men and state-rights men, who themselves buy their goods out of Texas. They buy their goods in Eastern and Northern States or even in foreign countries, bring them to Texas and plead with the Texas customers to "buy in Texas." There is a surprising amount of inconsistency in this. The "buy it in Texas" protagonists should take a little of their own advice.

Let us change the slogan to "Make it in Texas," and then it will be time to preach the other doctrine. As long as Texas wholesalers buy their goods outside the State, they have no kick coming if the customer does likewise. The thing to do is to get more manufacturing plants here. Every gin plant in Texas could be turned into some kind of manufactory with slight cost, and the eight idle months the gins are forced to endure out of the twelve could be turned to profit. Texas sends to other states for her flour, bacon, beans, potatoes, fruits, canned goods, textile products and other things that she could make herself and the consumer can not be blamed for buying his wares from the big industrial jobbing centers.

The problem will never be solved until the people of Texas form community organizations for the promotion of manufacturing enterprises, — Abilene Reporter.

The idle gin suggestion seems to be a logical one—only to find it's adaptability.

SWAPPING WIVES AND HUSBANDS.

Supreme Court Justice Frederick E. Crane of the New York supreme bench delivered last week a stinging rebuke to men and women who rush heedlessly into marriage and heedlessly into the divorce court.

It was a brief but crackling philippic and forceful denunciation of our marriage and divorce system of today.

"Marriage is the cheapest thing under our law," declared the justice, with sincere earnestness. "Marry one day and come into the court the following morning and get a divorce. Swapping wives and husbands has become as common as swapping horses in our country. If we want polygamy, why don't we come out bravely and establish it here? We judges, the supposed guardians of the law, are forced, practically, to sit back and wink at felonies and watch the offenders go free."

Here is food for thought. Justice Crane is but echoing the growing opinion of all serious thinking people. — Commercial Appeal.

This will probably will sting Dallas. Only a week or so ago a Dallas woman met a man on Monday, married him on Wednesday and filed a petition for divorce on Friday.

THE HEIGHT OF TWO-FACEDNESS.

The Kaiser, the military spirit of the world, plays the game in America differently, and why? Life Magazine says that Karl G. Karsten of the Columbia University is on the pay-roll of the Kaiser's. We also find that Karl in all his American glory holds that distinguished position of president of the Collegiate Anti-Military League.

These two facts alone should have been enough to have made even the Honorable W. J. Bryan resign without further provocation. The idea of

Karl preaching peace and anti-military manoeuvres in America while nature and duty call him to the other side of the issue. No doubt Germany would be pleased to see the United States hold her hands while the Kaiser espoused the cause of militarism. President Wilson has dealt leniently with the situation and has done so in an admirable way but Karl and the Kaiser are enough to make him want to fire every member of his cabinet, even to the tumultuous Tumulty should they discredit his self-preservation ideas.

BRYAN'S RESIGNATION.

Mr. Bryan is determined that nothing would cause him to resort to war. Then he is for peace at any price.

That nation whose policy is peace at any price is a dying nation.

Mr. Bryan entertaining these views should never have taken the office of secretary of state.

Washington, Jackson and Lincoln were for peace. They resorted to war as the last resort. Mr. Bryan's views turned into a national policy would mean national suicide. Such a policy enforced, the influence of the United States for the advancement of the world's civilization would be negligible. Mr. Bryan's theory carried into practice would make for international barbarism instead of international peace.

To go into a controversy determined that no provocation will make us fight against a fighting adversary would mean the triumph of the adversary. It is unfortunate that Mr. Bryan resigns now. The importance of his resignation will be exaggerated abroad.

Mr. Bryan's act will stiffen the neck of Germany. It really aggravates the danger of a violent rupture.

Some way must be found to prevent a recurrence of murder of Americans on the high seas such as the killing of the passengers on the Lusitania.

If force is necessary, then the resort to force would be an act of supreme patriotism and humanity. — Commercial Appeal.

There may be a better town in Texas than Whitewright, but we have not been able to locate it. — Whitewright Sun.

Editor Waggoner should pinch himself and wake up to West Texas facts before emitting another such assertion.

Terre Haute didn't have much on Corpus Christi when it came to election irregularities. Forty in the little Texas seacoast town to have their heads fall under one indictment isn't a bad showing for those who can be called the watchdogs-of-the-ballot.

A big grain crop in west Texas. Don't let the Kaiser find it out, he started the fight last year just as soon as it was known that this section of the state was going to make a bumper cotton crop.

An European scientist now come forth with the assertion that pallegra is caused by the use of drinking water seeping through clay formations. This beats Doc Cook.

Monday would have been a good time to kill hogs in west Texas only the pork raisers didn't have their knives sharpened and water hot for the cold spell.

The Merkel baseball team and the Dallas Giants are in a class to themselves. For this reason we herewith challenge the Joe Gardeners.

The first note to Germany was soaked in Bryanism; the second one will likely have a Wilsonian-Lansing air.

How long can America feed the warring world? Don't reply unless you profess to know something about it.

With the Trinity river on a rampage State Press better watch out for periscopes.

Ex-Secretary Bryan is now open for Chautauqua work at a moments notice.

Catchy paraphrase: That he didn't raise his Ford to be a jitney. — Ex.



The Boy Who Saved Holland

You remember the story of the little Dutch boy whose courage and foresight saved his country. He spied a trickle of water on the side of the dike, where the sea had found an entrance. He knew that the hole would spread, the dike weaken, collapse, and bury the country under many feet of water.

Thrusting his hand and arm into the hole, he stopped the leak, staying at his post until found in the morning.

It was only a small leak, but it would have worked great havoc.

Just the stopping of a trickle of water saved the people of a country. Of course, all trifles are not so important as this, but they are always fraught with possibilities.

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NOODLE

Homer Herring has been very sick the past few weeks but is able to be up now.

Misses Bertha and Beulah Ely and brother Lucious were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ely of Stith, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee of Merkel motored to W. L. Barbees Sunday afternoon.

Eld. Cyfert of Merkel preached at the Christian church Sunday.

Luther Richard who has been attending school at Simmons the past term spent last week with homefolks, but returned to Abilene Saturday to attend the summer Normal.

Rev. Gaddis filled his regular appointment at the M. E. church Sunday.

Misses Stella and Mabel Goode left Saturday for Abilene where they will attend the summer Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Winters spent Saturday in Abilene.

There was a number of Shiloh people attended services at this place Sunday.

W. J. Ely of Abilene spent a

few days of last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ely. Messrs. Sam and Clade Rosson and Oliver Ely attended the ball game at Trent Saturday.

Leldon Goode left Monday for Abilene where he will enter the summer Normal.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Cook, Saturday, June 5th a fine boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago of Shiloh were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Herring Sunday.

Crops are looking real pretty since the rain. The farmers are real busy harvesting their small grain and chopping cotton.

Coal cheap for threshing if taken at once off car. G R Gazzaway Itpd

Get Rid of Your Rheumatism.

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. You can do it if you apply Chamberlain's Liniment. W. A. Lockhard, Homer City, N. Y., writes, "Last spring I suffered from rheumatism with terrible pains in my arms and shoulders. I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and the first application relieved me. By using one bottle of it I was entirely cured." For sale by all dealers. adv

SALT BRANCH

Rev. Griffith of Abilene preached for us Sunday.

Miss Annie Petty visited relatives near Clyde this week. Amos Jones is reported very sick with pneumonia at this writing.

W. L. Barker and family attended church at Salt Branch Sunday.

Several from the Mulberry community attended singing here Sunday afternoon.

T. C. Allen and family visited relatives near Hawley Friday and Saturday.

Misses Laura and Monia Stone of Merkel were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Several from here attended the school exhibition at Mulberry Tuesday night.

Salt Branch second team played Warren Saturday. The score was 17 to 18 in favor of Warren.

Singing was well attended Sunday.

HOGS WANTED. Bond & Edwards.

BUTMAN

A light shower fell here Monday. A little more would have been welcomed, as the want of it is now beginning to be felt.

A great many were present at the Baptist Rally held at Butman, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Latimer of Nubia visited relatives in Merkel, Sunday.

Both cotton and feed are looking well, especially cotton but unless it rains soon feed will begin to recede.

Mrs. M. F. Slope and daughter Opal of Trent are visiting at the homes of J. T. and H. A. Lewis.

There were a good many hearty eaters at the cream supper given at Harry Riney's Saturday night.

Wheat and oats are nearly all out, and threshing will begin at Mr. Caseys next Monday. The yield is expected to be above normal.

The literary society will meet again next Friday night at Nubia. Everybody come.

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Sore Nipples.

Any mother who has had experience with this distressing ailment will be pleased to know that a cure may be affected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as soon as the child is done nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the babe to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with best results. For sale by all dealers.

COMPERE

Still dry at Compere. Needing rain badly. Grain-cutting is the order of the day.

Health of the community is good as far as we know.

Rev. Dawson failed to fill his appointment at Compere. We were badly disappointed.

A goodly number of people have not planted their cotton. The ground got so hard they could not plow it. The early



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may be wielded by some people to an advantage, but we rather believe in the POWER OF PERSUASION

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feed will be sorry if we don't get rain.

Quite a number of people went from here to the First Monday and the Fiddlers Contest.

Compere school closed Saturday night with a real nice program. Had two nice plays. Had a good crowd and if the cloud had not looked so bad there would have been many more.

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SHILOH

Mrs. McRunnell of Eastland county is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Terrell Winters.

Mesdames J. D. and Will Barnes spent a portion of last week with Mrs. Chas. Seago near Anson.

Misses Mattie and Cora Scott of Trent spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Scott.

Mrs. Wilner Grayson has returned home from a visit with her parents in Howard county.

Miss Albertine Winters of Simmons College is at home for a week's visit with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. Wilner Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ulric Wheeler on Sweetwater Creek the past Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mattingley of the Noodle community.

Mr. and Mrs. Beasley of the Noodle community spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Conder.

Mr. and Mrs. Beavers and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

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For an Impaired Appetite.

To improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion try a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets. Mr. J. H. Seitz, of Detroit, Mich., says: "They restored my appetite when impaired, relieved me of a bloated feeling and caused a pleasant and satisfactory movement of the bowels." For sale by all dealers.

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

A linen shower was given Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Rieters on Oak street in honor of Mrs. H. C. Burrough, Jr. The hostesses were Misses Elva Payne and Maude Jenkins. Tables were arranged for progressive 42. The shower was very informal. Many beautiful gifts were presented. The hostesses served brick cream and cake to Misses Sophia Howard, Lillian Tunnell of Mt Pleasant, Elma Sheppard, Maude Martin, Jess Sutphen, Carrol Rieter, Ruby Jones, Mae Valentine, France Burroughs, Beulah Burkett, Mesdames W. E. Brittain, G. H. Adams, H. C. Burroughs, Sr., James West, G. A. Rieter, the honoree and hostesses.

Miss Sophia Howard entertained the Twentieth Century Club at her home Saturday afternoon, in a business and social meeting. Miss Lillian Tunnell of Mt. Pleasant visited the club. The hostesses served cream and cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe White entertained Sunday with a noonday dinner at their rural home. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shaffer, Mrs. D. O. Hudleston, Misses Annie Smith, Minnie Houghton, Messrs. Clarence Hudleston, Horace Hogan, Ollie Shaffer and members of the family.

On Tuesday afternoon Mesdames W. E. Brittain, R. O. Anderson and Miss Evelyn Williams honored Mrs. Jno. W. Briggs with a miscellaneous shower. Fifty guests were entertained with forty two during the first part of the afternoon. At the end of seven games delicious punch

was served. Refreshments of brick cream and cake in brown and white, with olives were served. When everyone had finished the guests were invited to assemble in the dining room where Miss Cordia McLaurin of Dallas was given beautifully crocheted towels, she having won high score for the afternoon. These Miss McLaurin charmingly presented to the bride, Mrs. Briggs. Mrs. Anderson then presented to Mrs. Briggs the numerous beautiful and varied gifts which the many friends of Mrs. Briggs had showered upon her.

After lingering for a time to admire the varied gifts the guests in departing voiced one and all a most delightfully spent afternoon.

The out-of-town guests were Mrs. Geo. P. Ralstin of Snyder, Mrs. Oscar Adams of Harrod, Mrs. Jack Parramore of Guthrie, Miss McLaurin of Dallas, and Miss Saffie of Plainview.

Miss Mary Anna Mayfield entertained in honor of Miss Kathryn Henderson last Saturday evening. Bunco and other games were enjoyed.

Dainty refreshments were served to Misses Virginia Swafford, Lucille Bell, Gladys Walters, the honoree and the hostess, Messrs. Cecil Jobe, Q. Rust, Clarence Hamm, Roger and Loring Hamblett.

Baptist Bereans Meet.

Saturday evening the Baptist Berean Class met at the home of Ben. T. Merritt. The meeting was called for the purpose of organizing a quartet. Those present had a very enjoyable time playing several games and singing. After the business was attended to, they were invited to the dining table, where delicious ice cream and cake were served by Mrs. Ben T. Merritt and Miss Sadie Collins. The meeting then adjourned.

Press Reporter.

The Methodist Philathea Class entertained the Baracas Friday night at the home of Dr. and Mrs. O. F. McMaster with a lawn and porch party. Games, music, etc., were greatly enjoyed by about sixty members and their visitors. The dining room was beautifully decorated in the class colors, blue and white. Frozen punch and wafers were served.

Mrs. J. F. Pickrel assisted her daughter in serving and entertaining the guests.

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The Merkel High School Seniors held their closing exercises Monday evening, May 31, at the Methodist church. The stage was beautifully decorated with ferns, roses, carnations, the class colors purple and gold, and the senior pennants.

The following program was beautifully rendered:

Invocation—Rev. L. B. Owen.
High School Chorus.

Salutation—Whither in Life?—Miss Olive Teaff.

Duet—Misses Mary and Jackie Jennings.

Class History—Miss Nell Tracy
Presentation of Class Book—Sherlie King.

High School Chorus.

Valedictory—America's Greatest Achievement—Miss Beulah Garrett.

Address—Dr. O. H. Cooper.

Presentation of Diplomas.

Class Song.

Class Roll—Misses Mamie Ellis, Nell Tracy, Mary and Jackie Jennings, Willie Swann, Zora West, Mollie Hall, Willie Toombs, Olive Teaff, Almeda Harris and Beulah Garrett, Messrs. Shirley King, Lytton Howard, Jasper Tucker and Arthur McMurry.

Dance at Trent Thursday.

A public dance will be given at the Wallace Hall in Trent Thursday afternoon and evening of June 17th. A stringed orchestra of five pieces will furnish music for the occasion.

Hall will open at 3 and 8:30 o'clock respectfully. Come to the Picnic and enjoy the day. (adv)

HAVE YOU WEAK LUNGS?

Do colds settle on your chest or in your bronchial tubes? Do coughs hang on, or are you subject to throat troubles?

Such troubles should have immediate treatment with the strengthening powers of Scott's Emulsion to guard against consumption which so easily follows.

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SYNOPSIS.

Zudora is left an orphan at an early age. Her father is killed in a gold mine. Zudora and the fortune from the mine, which grows to be worth \$200,000, are left in the guardianship of Frank Keene, Zudora's mother's brother. Zudora, giving promise of great beauty, reaches the age of eighteen. The uncle, who has set himself up as a Hindu mystic and is known as Hassam Ali, decides that Zudora must die before she can have a chance to come into possession of her money, so that it may be left to him, the next of kin. Hassam Ali sees an obstacle in his scheme in the person of John Storm, a young lawyer, for whom Zudora has taken a fancy, and he commands the girl to put the man out of her mind. Zudora insists that if she cannot marry Storm she will marry no one. "Well, well," says Hassam Ali, "if you take such a stand I'll compromise. Solve my next twenty cases and you can marry him; fail in a single case and you must renounce him."

CHAPTER IX.

The Missing Heir.

THERE was something strange about this man Hassam Ali. There were times when he seemed young, times when he seemed old, careworn, broken. Zudora thought nothing of these subtle changes, however. Her mind was occupied with other affairs. But Hassam Ali's servant knew what it signified, and he boarded his savings against that day when he would have no master. For a long time he knew that it was not Hassam Ali who went forth from the mystic room, but Hassam Ali's double, and a very dangerous double, had Hassam Ali known. The man was fond of money, though he was not quite the miser Hassam was. But often, while in the mystic room, going through the mummerly he disliked and despised, he could hear the real Hassam counting his gold.



Zudora Was an Extremely Attractive Young Woman.

which Baird determined some day to get hold of. He lived in the house directly back of the mystic house, and there was a secret tunnel between the two houses. In the beginning he had followed out Hassam Ali's orders without any particular notice of the victim, but after the affair of Wu Chang, Baird awoke to the fact that Zudora was an extremely attractive young woman. Thus his interest in doing away with John Storm began to have something more than a negligible interest. But Zudora: That was another matter after he began to recognize that his heart beat faster whenever she came into his presence. It was fortunate that Hassam Ali was by nature cold and

undemonstrative in the matter of bestowing affection. Baird longed to touch her, but, knowing his part, dared not. Hassam Ali's long black hair was, as Zudora very well knew, nothing but a wig. Except that Baird's skin was a little fresher, he and Hassam Ali might easily have posed as twins. There was no occasion for Zudora, then, to look upon this substitute for her uncle with suspicion. She began to suspect seriously his attitude, but not his personality. So Baird banked the fires in his eyes and endeavored to think of her as little as possible. But thoughts are masters, and they lead us whither they will. One day he entered the secret chamber at the foot of the shaft to confer with the real Hassam Ali, who lay upon a cot. "How do you feel today?" "Badly," said Zudora's uncle. "You have failed three times." "I have done no better, no worse, than you, if that is what you mean," said Baird without much humility. "I have told you that Zudora bears a charmed life. Luck is always with her, and John Storm stands at present in the light of this luck." "You are a fool, Baird!" snarled the sick man. "You are falling in love with Zudora. I may be ill, but I am not blind. She is not for you. Don't waste your valuable time with any thought like that. I tell you she must die. I hate her!" "You have promised that if you should die what you have would become mine," said Baird. "You have promised to make me your heir. I have seen that will, but wills can be torn up and rewritten." Hassam Ali rubbed his hands together. "So they can," he said, "so they can. I don't quite like the tone you use today. Do you think I am moribund? Are you looking speculatively at my shoes? Jim, if you make the least misstep I'll break you as easily as I could a church warden pipe. Amed knows and my attorney knows. If I disappear mysteriously and don't return"—Hassam Ali drew his finger around his throat suggestively. "But if I rid you of this girl what are you going to do with all that gold—millions? You're a miser, and we both know it." "Perhaps I want the gold to play with," grinned Hassam Ali. "I had no playthings when I was a child; I was too poor. Go along, I've talked enough," peevishly. "There is another little secret," said Baird. "Oh, there is? And what might it be?" "Diamonds." Hassam Ali sat up stiffly. "What the devil do you mean?" "Zudora's father once had a partner who went to Brazil. This partner found brilliant of a high order. She has a half interest in this mine without knowing such a thing exists." Hassam Ali lay back. "I have warned you. Now go and send Amehd with my tea." Baird returned to the mystic room, his mind awfully with a thousand schemes. He played his little comedy with Zudora, saw some patients, and later took the evening paper. Upon the front page he read a bit of news that interested him. The Van Wick child, heir to the Van Wick millions, had been kidnaped despite all the precautionary measures to prevent such a catastrophe. "So they've done it!" he mused aloud, unthinkingly. "Done what?" asked Zudora. "Kidnaped the Van Wick child. There may be a little work for us, my child—a little work for us. I think that I'll go downtown and make a few investigations before they come to us." For one thing, he wanted to get away from Zudora. All these thoughts of her were crowding dangerously near action. A misstep at this time would bring his house of cards tumbling about his head. He proceeded to a house situated in a semi-fashionable district and rang for admittance. The servant admitted him without question. This house was the residence of a woman who called herself Mme. Du Val. The fall of her late confederate, Wu Chang, the hypnotic opium smuggler, had not implicated her. She had made her escape before the police had battered their way into the Chang house. She came into the drawing room to find Baird, sans wig and makeup; in fact, himself. He was in the middle thirties, and certain kinds of women would call him fascinating. "Jim?" "Yes. So you've accomplished the feat in spite of the private detectives?" "What do you mean?" innocently. "Come, come, Nora; between you and me there should be no secrets. I mean the Van Wick child. You've got him." "So we have. And it will take a hundred thousand to get him back. I'm getting a little tired of this career. I want enough to live in simple comfort in France. Do you know, Jim, that you are a fine looking man?" Baird shrugged. "And that if you'll listen to me this girl Zudora shall vanish so completely that she'll be as hard to find as a puff of smoke? And when that is done by by to Hassam Ali, whom I've always hated. He's as cold blooded as a fish. Millions, boy, for both of us! Travel and luxury!" She sat down beside the man. She was undeniably handsome, but Baird had seen tigers equally as handsome. And even as he gazed upon her the dreamy face of Zudora seemed to flit past. "But there is one man we must get rid of absolutely before we make any attempt upon the girl," he said. "Storm? You will never get him except through Zudora. With the girl

as a lure you can bring Storm into any kind of a spider web." Baird felt himself pulled in two ways. To even hint to this woman that he desired to shield Zudora for purposes of his own would be the signing of Zudora's death warrant. And yet he needed Mme. Du Val, for she had control of an organization whose ramifications reached across the continent. He wanted John Storm out of the way, and Mme. Du Val was the one ultimately to accomplish this. "Well, what is your plan in regard to Zudora?" he asked curiously. "I could very easily send Zudora off on the same train with the Van Wick child."



"My niece will see what she can do," said Hassam Ali.

my own home I am a woman of comfortable income, who indulges in mystics as a pastime. Many noted people come to my house. And I've an idea of one way of bringing Zudora. I will send her an invitation. You will urge her to come, but not insistently. She will then receive an anonymous note saying that if she wishes to know what has become of the Van Wick boy she will find the information at my house. Oh, nothing will point to me. I know my business." "I'll have to admit that," said Baird, listening. When he had these chats with Mme. Du Val he was not always sure that there was not a third person somewhere near. But he never committed himself, never confessed that he was not Hassam Ali. In certain degrees he admired this handsome woman, but there was always a bit of fear of her. "Your idea isn't a bad one." "I'll give the ball on a chance, anyhow. It is up to you, Jim, if you wish to make use of the idea." Alone, the woman smiled. It was not a pleasant smile. There was no man in the world who could fool her. Baird was falling in love with Zudora, and was willing to let her cross her path, even if unconscious. She wanted Jim Baird for her own, and she was determined to clear the path of all obstacles in his direction. Zudora off the scene, she was quite confident that her own powers of attraction would not fall upon barren ground. The Van Wick family was distracted. Despite precautions that had cost thousands, the boy had been stolen



Zudora Was Puzzled.

The father knew that to recover the boy he would have to dig deep into his purse. That he was willing enough to do, but what he wanted to be sure of was that the payment should be final. He did not wish to be hounded and pursued by that terror of uncer-tainty, of suspense. He was willing to pay in pride and money, but he wanted security and peace in return. The police were scouring the city, but they found not the slightest clue to the whereabouts of the boy or of the character of the abductors. After a week of misery some friend suggested that the services of one Hassam Ali, the mystic detective, or the services of his niece should be secured. The father was reluctant, for he held all these mystics as contemptible mountebanks who thrived upon the credulity of fools. But the metropolitan police had failed, and he was not

a man to leave any stone unturned to recover his boy, the apple of his eye. So he and Mrs. Van Wick decided to pay Hassam Ali a visit. They summoned the car and started out for Hassam Ali's house. Zudora impressed them both far more than the mystic himself. "Do you think you can help us?" "My niece will see what she can do," said Hassam Ali, or rather Hassam Ali's double. "But a young woman!" said Van Wick doubtfully. Hassam Ali laughed. "She may look fragile, but wire looks fragile." "But these men are desperate characters."

"And will be the last people in the world to suspect a fragile young woman of being on their trail." "Don't worry over the fact that I am a woman," said Zudora, smiling. "I can take care of myself. I have been able to do so thus far. If it is possible to find the boy I'll do it." "And remember," said the father, "there is no depth to my pocketbook so far as that boy is concerned. But God help those dastards if they are cruel to him! Well, we'll trust the case to you, Miss—Miss—" "Keene," said Zudora. "Zudora Keene." "Good luck, and God bless you, Zudora Keene," said the mother. "Poor thing!" said Zudora, when the parents had gone. "The most despicable being in the world is a kidnaper. It is a vile game; and these men should suffer the exact fate of murderers. Think of the little boy, suddenly bereft of mother love, surrounded by strange, menacing faces! It is horrible!" The pseudo uncle looked at her with strange fires in his eyes. He admitted that kidnaping was a low crime so far as taking children away from their parents and holding them for ransom, with threats of mutilation or death. He did not add, however, that between kidnaping and abduction there was a wide difference in significance. The truth is, Baird was wearying of this game he was playing. He wanted to be himself, to play a game of his own; he was young, and he wanted the liberty that went with youth. There was no doubt in his mind that Keene, the real Hassam Ali, was dying. He might



Zudora Was Warmly Welcomed by Mme. Du Val.

live for several months, but nevertheless he had his ticket for the long journey. Baird determined to play the game out to the end; for Hassam Ali had promised him a handsome bit of money for his loyalty. He had seen the will, but not without a certain doubt. Wills could be destroyed quite as easily as they could be made. When Zudora received the invitation to Mme. Du Val's ball she was puzzled. She had among her acquaintance no woman of that name. But she found her name in the blue book and decided to attend out of mere curiosity. She called up Storm and asked his advice and was surprised to learn that he had been invited also. "I think we'd better ignore it," he advised. "But I have so little amusement!" she pleaded. "And it will be a lark for both of us." "All right, sweetheart; we'll go. Indeed, I'd like to find out why we both were invited."

Zudora went about the house next day humming. So long as John was going she was bound to have a good time at the Du Val ball. It would be as she had said, a lark. Then came the mysterious note warning her to keep away from the Du Val house, and this note was signed, "From one who knows where the Van Wick boy is." Nothing, Zudora determined, could keep her away now. Even in this short time it was evident that the kidnapers had heard that her services had been engaged, and it looked as if they feared she would pick up some information at the Du Val ball. Of this note she said nothing to either Storm or her uncle. On the night of the ball she was rather surprised to learn that Hassam Ali was also going. "But were you invited, uncle?" "I was, indeed. I wrote and asked for an invitation," said Baird blandly. "Is Storm going to call here for you?" "He is." "In spite of my protests?" "He will not be accepting your hospitality. He will merely wait until I come down. And it would be a very gracious act on your part, Uncle Frank, to go with us." "And have a stiffieff in the cab?" "Tonically."

"Suit yourself, then. The sooner you understand that I am determined to marry Storm, in spite of all your objections, the sooner peace will come to this house." Baird had good control over himself. It was very difficult to resist the charm of this high spirited girl. He silently cursed the real Hassam Ali for outlining a cold aloofness toward this girl. Well, in a little while he would be free of this damnable wig and the painted lines on his face and the stoop in his shoulders. Neither Zudora nor Storm saw any one they knew well, but the music was good, and they enjoyed the dancing. Zudora was warmly welcomed by Mme. Du Val. They saw Hassam Ali at the beginning of the festivities, but after the first dance he vanished. And with good reason. He had dodged into a dressing room and removed his Hassam Ali makeup, determined to meet Zudora under his own colors. He had played a hard but clever game, controlling both his facial muscles and the tone of his voice. He was reasonably positive that Zudora would not have the least idea what or who he was. He immediately sought Mme. Du Val.

"I want an introduction to Zudora," he said. "An introduction to Zudora! Good heavens, I forgot! Of course she will not recognize you. So you want an introduction? You shall have it. And now listen carefully. The men are back of the wall leading to the conservatory. The wall has a secret door. At 10 o'clock promptly you must maneuver her over there. At the same time I will occupy John Storm, keep him busy. When he finally misses Zudora he will not be able to point in any way to me." "I get the point. But if she begins to ask questions, due to that mysterious note of yours about the boy Van Wick?" Mme. Du Val smiled. "Leave all the details to me, my friend. Tomorrow your Zudora will be just where you want her." Under her breath she added: "Perhaps!" "Very well; introduce me." And under his breath he added: "You tiger cat! You mean some trickery that I shall be in on. But if you harm one hair of her head!" Still, his lips were smiling all the while.

The introduction took place. That instinctive warning as of old did not stir Zudora. This rather agreeable young man in no wise created any suspicion in her mind. And when she accepted an invitation to dance she was pleased to find a nimble dancer. Storm, however, did not take to this new man. As a matter of fact he did not take to any young man where Zudora was concerned. So he fretted and fumed during the dance and regretted that he had been persuaded to come. Mme. Du Val talked, but he never could recall what she talked about. Finally Baird brought Zudora back, bowed and made off elsewhere, rather satisfied that he had made some impression upon his willow niece. "Come," said Madame to both Zudora and Storm, "let us go to the conservatory. I have some remarkable orchids."

She led the way, and it occurred to her that this moment would be as good as any. She rather wanted Baird out of the way while disposing of Zudora. In the corridor there was a wall seat. The entrance to the conservatory was at the other end of the corridor. "Let us sit here for a moment," said the hostess. "Mr. Storm will get us an ice, and then we'll take a look at the orchids." The two women sat down and Storm hurried off toward the supper room. Mme. Du Val leaned back and absent-ly tapped the wall with her fan. "Wait just a moment," she said, rising. "I will get you an orchid before Mr. Storm returns." Zudora watched her complacently. She sensed no danger whatever. Perhaps her mind was too busy with this problem of the Van Wick boy. Some one in this house knew; some one had warned her to keep away. She wondered if she dared tell Mme. Du Val, who seemed to be an agreeable creature. She heard a slight sound and turned. Immediately she was seized by strong arms. A hand covered her mouth and she was drawn swiftly behind the wall, which closed instantly into place again. She felt her hands and ankles being tied, and she was blindfolded and gagged. No one spoke. She was



"Tomorrow your Zudora will be just where you want her."

lifted up and carried through a secret passageway. Then she smelled the sickish odor of chloroform, and after that—blankness. When she came to she was in a small room. She was still blindfolded, but her ears were alive, and she could hear the plaintive sobbing of a child. Meantime Storm returned with the

ices to find the bench deserted. He sat down the dishes grumblingly and went out to the bathroom. He saw Mme. Du Val and this stranger Baird talking pleasantly. "Madame, where is Miss Keene?" "Why, didn't she run after you to tell you to bring coffee instead of ices? I left her just as she departed for the refreshment room. Doubtless you will find her there." Storm rushed away, not at all pleased with events. There was no Zudora in the supper room; there was no Zudora anywhere to be found. Then his suspicions were fully aroused. He knew now. Hassam Ali was back of all this.



To the Arms of John Storm.

any one who called Hassam Ali contemptible had at least some attribute in common with himself. "I will inquire if the young lady has been to the dressing room," said Mme. Du Val, moving off. But Zudora's cloak and scarf were still on the bed in the dressing room. That was enough for Storm. He left the house immediately and drove to police headquarters. Upon his departure from the Du Val house Baird resumed his Hassam Ali disguise and returned home. Zudora was his. He concluded to make his patron a visit. The real Hassam Ali was evidently sinking. To Baird's eyes the mask of death already lay upon the pinched features; the mind alone was vigorous. "Keene, you are on your deathbed." "Am I indeed?" Ironically, a fit of coughing followed, and Hassam Ali writhed upon his cot. The Hassam Ali standing over him frowned. "Where is the will?" he asked. "Do you wish to murder me?" "In God's name, no! But you are dying, and I've done all your work on promises of the future. You know that you are dying." "Where is Zudora?" "She is in the hands of Mme. Du Val." "You will be a pauper, my man, if you fall this time. She must die, die!" "No, she shall not die. You are not a human being; you are a fiend! Zudora shall not die for the simple fact that I have grown to love her!" "Grown to love her?" Keene fell back, looking as if he were really dead this time.

Baird left the chamber, angry with himself for having given the old scoundrel a glimpse of his heart. But he was dying, there was no doubt of it at all. Zudora, together with the Van Wick boy, were taken away from the basement where they had been confined, and from the whispers floating about Zudora understood that they were to be conveyed to a ship of some sort. She understood for thought she did now; she had been lured to the Du Val place for the purpose of abduction. The scoundrel who had kidnaped the Van Wick child feared her. Whether Mme. Du Val had any place in the affair she was not ready to determine, but it was rather odd that a good woman should live in a house with secret rooms and exits.

It was through a simple countryman's alarm that Zudora and the child were brought back to the world again. The old man had read about the abduction, and the sight of a pathetic little boy being carried aboard a cat-boat on a siding was enough to set his suspicion into lively action. He telephoned the police, who in turn warned the metropolitan force. And that is how Storm and the detectives arrived in time to prevent the catastrophe. The kidnapers put up a strenuous battle, and nearly all of them were captured. Baird alone escaping. But strange to relate, Baird had taken sides with the police. In reality it signified that the turn in the road had taken place. Baird wanted to be good, wanted to go back to the world again with clean hands and guard the woman he had grown to love. It dug into his very soul to turn this woman over to the arms of John Storm, but he did so. That night Hassam Ali died in his little cell, and with him died his double, for never again would Baird do that black shining wig which he hated. [TO BE CONTINUED.]

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