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S. L. NEELY VISITS MERKEL HURRIEDLY

Thursday of last week S. L. Neely of Abilene an old time Taylor county citizen and newspaper man stopped off here while on his way from Abilene to Trent to take in the picnic.

Mr. Neely while in our city took opportunity to shake hands with many of his old time friends and paid the Mail office his respects. During all the maneuvers he seemed to be entirely sober and we believe he was, but an article appearing in the Abilene Reporter last Friday from his pen, giving an account of his days travels and the sights he saw would cause the average Merkel citizen to view with astonishment the correctness of Mr. Neely's eyesight and description, though they know him to be absolutely sincere in all his assertions.

The commentary in question is as follows:

Going out we stopped in Merkel about 30 minutes, and I made a few old friends there a short call, it being my first visit to "The City in Clover," for more than three years. There is not a better business town of its size in Texas, but there have been but few if any improvements since 1912.

There also appeared in the same article the following:

Coming into Merkel we noticed great volumes of black smoke boiling up from the residential section on the south side, and within a few minutes we were watching the Merkel fire fighters do some of as good work as we have ever seen done in Abilene.

Each of the comments were made by Mr. S. L. N. in an article giving account of his days travels from Abilene to the Trent picnic and return. Every reader of the Mail will quickly see a mistake Mr. Neely made in the first paragraph. Why he did this we cannot say evidently his ability to correctly gauge the conditions of his surroundings other than those that effect him personally is circumscribed to a magnanimous degree. What we would like to know is, where Mr. S. L. N. got all his information? What was the matter with him while he graced our city that he failed to see the many (IF ANY) improvements that have been made in our city since his last visit in 1912. A person would think from reading what Mr. S. L. N. had to say that Merkel was prone to remain unchanged just from the fact that S. L. N. of Abilene formally of the Tuscolia Valley Vidette had failed to visit our sanctum sanctorium within the passing three years. To get Mr. S. L. N. on the right trail again, for he surely was on a cold on last Thursday week, we extend to him a cordial invitation to return to Merkel, when we will take a week off and me by one point out to him the various improvements that have been made in our town within the last three years or since S. L. N. was here for his last visit. Our respect for this pioneer newspaper man is not faded in the least by the "bust" he made in giving the readers of the Reporter the bunch of space fillers he did in Friday's issue. We thought he was going fine in the first part of his first above paragraph but he jolted all and made us sodarned mad we wanted to cuss when he found up his first Merkel special saying there had been few IF ANY improvements here since 1912. All the Mail readers will remember the story of the mad wind and red flag.

Now to the second bust of S. L. N. in his account of his trip to Trent. As he was returning to Abilene; well we will leave it to our town citizenship to read his fire article and compare same with the usual accounts of the HEROIC work of the fire fighters of Abilene as usually appears in the Abilene Reporter following nearly every fire in that city. Say, Mr. S. L. N., it is a joke among even some of your local representatives that the Abilene fire fighters are usually able to save the lot and well adjacent to any house that starts burning. Right here we want to give Mr. S. L. N. some unsolicited advice. If he is ever in Merkel in the future when the fire alarm is sounded he had better not go to the fire, for the threats already made by the small band of Merkel firemen are evidence enough that Mr. S. L. N. has a good shower bath coming if he ever gets within range of the man on the nozzle. Again we mention the mad bovine and the flag as applicable to Mr. Neely's account of the Merkel fire. On behalf of the citizenship of the city of which all Merkelites are proud we invite comparison of conditions now and conditions in 1912 also at the same time comparison of the work of the Merkel fire department as compared with that of the Abilene bunch. No doubt the work Mr. Neely saw here Thursday afternoon which saved a large portion of the Thornton home from ruins and left a monument to the effectiveness of Merkel Firemen, was as good work as any person ever saw done by the Abilene Firemen and more than likely a darned sight better.

Mr. Neely need not think he has ruined himself completely with Merkel people for each and every one of them will be ready to lend a helping hand in getting him again in the "Straight and Narrow" if his Abilene neighbors can only keep him there.

Furnished Rooms.

Furnished suit of rooms with water connections. Apply to Mrs. J. W. Daniel at Woodroofs Store.

Coon's Sanitary bread at E. L. Rogers.

FRANK'S SENTENCE COMMUTED BY GOV.

Atlanta, Ga., June 21.—Leo M. Frank's sentence was commuted to life imprisonment today by Governor Slaton. Announcement of the governor's decision came several hours after Frank had been secretly taken from the jail here and hurried to the state prison farm at Milledgeville. Frank was sentenced to be hanged here tomorrow for the murder of Mary Phagan in April, 1915.

Governor Slaton still was at his country home when he announced his decision over the phone. In making the announcement, the governor said:

"All that I ask is that the people of Georgia read my statement of the reasons why I commuted Leo M. Frank's death sentence to life imprisonment before they pass judgment.

"Feeling as I do about this case, I would be a murderer if I allowed this man to hang. It may mean that I must live in obscurity the rest of my days, but I would rather be plowing in the field than to feel for the rest of my life that I had that man's blood upon my hands."

Mrs. J. F. Holdridge and children are visiting friends in Trent this week.

GRAIN EXPORTS AVERAGES TWO CARS PER DAY DURING SEASON

Daily Receipts Grow Larger. Sales During First 10 Days of Season Averaged \$1400 Per Day to Merkel Farmers

Tuesday of this week was a busy day for farmers bringing grain to Merkel and the total sales up until that time being in excess of \$14,000.00, an average of \$1400.00 per day, the first car having been shipped from Merkel June 10.

The average car shipments have during the past few days exceeded two cars per day, the average up until Tuesday being that. Various grain growers of the Merkel country who have marketed oats and wheat here during this season are as follows:

Wheat Sales—H. M. Rainbolt, 642 bushels; Jno. Henry, 664; Jim Casey, 782; J. H. Campbell, 170; R. L. Bland, 149; W. L. Diltz, 100; W. Oden, 37; J. J. White, 169; J. V. Tye, 80; D. O. Huddleston, 121; J. D. Beasley, 181; H. B. Chambless, 35; J. D. Fouse, 90; C. S. Childress, 168; F. W. Reidenbach, 68; C. A. Price, 28; S. H. L. Swafford, 1935; J. H. Byrd, 53; Jim Slape, 37; Lee Estes, 113; Ed Vantreesse, 288; M. C. Perry, 20; J. N. Teaff, 219; Joe Douglass, 750; J. F. Shaffer, 566; Jas. Patterson, 118; Earl Diltz, 476; R. O. Baxter, 116; Geo. Anderson, 60; H. P. Wilkins, 85; J. A. Woodard, 461; G. Williams, 42; H. H. Toombs, 43; S. L. Penny, 52; T. W. Vantreesse, 76; W. T. Wilson, 105; J. K. Higgins, 380 bushels wheat.

Oat Sales—Jno. Wheeler, 283 bushels; J. D. Foust, 35; S. L. Penny, 821; Earl Diltz, 1126; J. V. Tye, 853; R. O. Baxter, 112; W. J. Hayes, 165; Joe K. Higgins, 573; G. Williams, 81; H. D. Chambless, 105; J. H. Byrd, 105; J. D. Beasley, 457; J. R. Nichols, 105; C. M. Foster, 408; J. L. Knight, 1096; R. J. Meeks, 1122; W. L. Meeks, 153; J. A. Meeks, 134; S. T. Anderson, 340; R. H. Dean, 429; J. F. Shaffer, 1527; C. L. McNeese, 193; W. L. Diltz, 713; U. M. McNeese, 219; J. A. Hartley, 989; W. A. Campbell, 1051; Jno. Burns, 106; D. J. Kelly, 373; J. M. Dunn, 243; J. H. Campbell, 100 and S. H. Rister 80 bushels wheat.

These above figures represent amounts sold here up until Tuesday morning and are not correct as to the amount each above individual raised for many of them have reserved a supply of grain, especially oats, for future use or need.

GREAT NECESSITY FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE METCALFE STUDENT LOAN

Amendment to the Constitution to be Voted On July 24, 1915—An Address to the People

Thousands of flood people in Texas have no financial means to fully educate their children. They must depend entirely on the local public primary schools in the country; in the cities pupils may go through a high school, in neither case is a complete education available, so in either case it is impossible for the youths of our state to acquire, without financial assistance, the knowledge so much needed. A few students do work their way through schools, but in many instance the strain of hard physical work and the constant mental study ruins their health. With a small amount of borrowed money these ambitious ones may possess necessary training and knowledge without paying with their lives. A money obligation undertaken for this good purpose is a debt of honor and stimulus to character.

It is astounding, marvelous, and disheartening to realize, as one who is informed will do, the prevalence of ignorance among the mass of our people. I do not say this to detract from the value of the native ability and the sterling worth of those who do not have an education, but to emphasize the truth, so that we may pause long enough to cast a ballot which will ultimately help banish the darkness of ignorance from the minds of the thousands of needy ones, who only lack the

temporary use of small amounts of money with which to compound the value of their services to others and themselves. Any thoughtful reader of this can easily recall numerous young people who need assistance to remove from their lives the load and handicap of hopeless ignorance.

A wise, learned and benevolent editor of the Dallas News, speaking of the necessity for the adoption of this amendment and the benefits to flow therefrom, in a most profound and lucid editorial analysis of this measure from which I quote, says:

"The realization of the idea which this proposed amendment involves would pay the expense in the larger economic and social efficiency which would result from multiplying the number of disciplined and cultivated minds. What it proposes is to permit the people of a country, if they should wish, to create a fund to be lent to young men and women who may need assistance to complete their education. That there would be many applicants for such assistance one will easily be convinced on looking about him and beholding the multitude of thwarted ambitions. * * * Poverty wreaks a real tragedy only when it deprives a talented mind of an education, and of such tragedies the world is littered. * * * It is in the

truest sense a democratic idea, since it is designed to put within reach of all an opportunity which is enjoyed only by the few."

To those who have means I appeal that you remember those who have not; true you may be called to contribute a trivial sum of your abundance to develop your neighbor's child into a useful man or woman, but you may be sure you will get full value, for your children and theirs will surely be richly repaid when living among educated wise people and citizens. Help with your ballot to open a way by which the needy ones may themselves also reach the priceless boon of knowledge, and, by repayment of the loans, pass the blessing on to unborn generations.

To those who have by indomitable will wrested knowledge from poverty, and know so well the difficulties and long hard road to success, I say you are outstanding examples of pertinacity, perseverance, physical endurance and industry; you know the values of knowledge; do not in the pride of your success forget those others who are not so fortunate, strong and richly endowed by nature; cast a ballot to help.

To those in need themselves, or whose neighbors are, I urge you to be active to secure the adoption of this amendment by the people at the election on July 24. The adoption of the amendment does not levy one cent of tax but merely empowers the legislature to pass a law giving each county the right to hold an election to decide whether or not a fund shall be established.

The need for help is imperative; the plan to help is simple, reasonable and purely democratic. It is hoped our people will avail themselves of this opportunity to do a patriotic duty by casting their ballots to incorporate the amendment into the Constitution so those needing assistance may have it, and knowledge with all its attendant blessings shall multiply.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES B. METCALFE,
San Angelo, Texas.
Glenmore Farm.

ORDERS ELECTION FOR ROAD BONDS

In winding up the affairs of the Commissioners Court Saturday afternoon, they passed upon a petition of one hundred names from Merkel asking for an election to vote for the issuance of bonds in this precinct.

The election is called for July 24, the same time the constitutional amendments are to be voted on. The two issues coming at the same time the Merkel precinct will no doubt poll the heaviest proportionate vote of any precinct within the State in comparison with its legal number of voters. One peculiar phase of the present issue on bonds is the absence of criticism one way or the other. People seem interested but contrary to the spirit manifested in our road election some few years ago no personalities are being brought into the coming election. Some are for the issue and others against but a more friendly feeling was never exhibited between two factions, if they could be called that.

Joins Ford Club.

J. H. Insminger has joined the co-workers of Ford boosters by purchasing a five passenger T.H. from H. M. Warren the local Ford agent.

THORNTON HOME IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

Thursday afternoon of last week, while by the merest accident many of the local firemen were out of the city, the home of A. H. Thornton caught fire from an oil stove in some manner and was damaged to an extent by both fire and water.

When the alarm was sounded a few scattering firemen were ready to take the apparatus out and by the time water was going on the flames enough recruits had joined in to make a good company and as S. L. Neely of Abilene explained it, the heroic work that followed was as good as any ever seen in Abilene. Evidently it must have been heroic for the home to have been saved at all. Some valuable paintings and furniture belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Thornton was saved as result of the good work of local firemen and volunteers.

When Mrs. Thornton first discovered the conflagration she attempted to get the oil stove from the house and was slightly burned about the face and arms in her endeavor, her hair being singed to an extent.

REVIVAL MEETING BEGINS SUNDAY

Let everybody remember the Baptist meeting to begin at the tabernacle next Sunday. Are you ready for it? Are you telling people about it? Are you working for it? How is your faith?

A letter from Dr. Kimbrough tells me he will be here Sunday morning for the first service. Is there any one in your home that you want to see saved, or have you an unsaved friend for whom you are interested? Have you spoken to them about their souls? This is a great work in which we are to be co-workers with God. I hope you are taking it seriously.

Again let me say we earnestly invite every christian to attend and co-operate with us; and in a very special way do invite all the unsaved to be with us. May the Lord give us a great blessing in the salvation of the lost of our town and community.

L. B. Owen, Pastor.
P.S.—There will be choir practice Friday night. Come.

\$2900.00 FOR 5 LARGENT CATTLE

Tuesday afternoon C. M. Largent was in the city making preparation to ship five head of registered cattle to R. B. Rogers of Melrose, N. M. The cattle had to be examined and inspected before being shipped.

The amount received from the shipment which consisted of one herd bull and four cows was \$2900.00. Which is in itself another reason of "Why is Merkel."

Operation for Appendicitis.

Mrs. May Reed of the Canyon country was operated on for appendicitis at an Abilene sanitarium Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Her brother C. D. Demere and other relatives were passengers to Abilene Monday to be at the bed side of Mrs. Reed.

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CHEAP RATES TO EL PASO JULY 4

Following upon the excursion to El Paso in February, the Texas & Pacific Ry. Co., are advertising another such rate for the celebration of July 4th, in that city.

Among the features of the coming event in the Pass city will be aviation meets, military parades, bull fights, league ball games etc. The rate from Merkel to El Paso will be \$7.00 for the round trip as quoted in their ad in this issue of the Mail.

Allyn-Day

On Saturday evening at the Methodist parsonage Rev Garvin read the marriage which united, in wedlock, the lives of Miss May Allyn and Mr. Hood Day who had motored here from Eskota.

Mr. and Mrs. Day are both members of prominent and well known families and possess a host of friends. The bride at one time lived here, she being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Allyn who are now living in Eskota. A brother F. E. Allyn, Jr. and a sister, Mrs. C. V. Bigham, live here.

Mr. Day is one of Sweetwaters successful business men. Mr. and Mrs. Day will make their home in Sweetwater.

As there was no previous announcement the wedding came as a surprise to their many friends who are offering hearty congratulations and best wishes.

John Winship Dead.

Mrs. A. J. Leighty who was called to Tyler several days ago to attend the bed side of her father John Winship, telegraphed her husband Agent Leighty of this city Tuesday night of her father's death. Mr. Winship was 85 years of age and had been in very ill health for several weeks, his death being expected at any time.

Mr. Leighty left here Wednesday night for Tyley to attend the funeral leaving his duties as Agent here in charge of Ross Ferrier, cashier of the Texas & Pacific at this place.

Sore Nipples.

Any mother who has had experience with this distressing ailment will be pleased to know that a cure may be effected 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.

"A Good Servant Gone."

Simon, the old family horse of W. W. Wheeler, was born in Ellis County, Texas, in the year 1885, and died at Merkel, at the ripe old age of 30 years on June 18th 1915.

At the age of five years, in the year 1890, he furnished one-half the motive power to propel a two horse wagon from his place of birth, which conveyed Mrs. Wheeler and her four children to Merkel, where he remained with the family to his death.

From the beginning of his services to the family, he was kind in disposition and dependable upon to perform any and all duties assigned him, and was instrumental in teaching the children of the family how to handle a horse, what horses were for and how they should be treated; always returning kindness and services for good treatment.

He had a host of friends among the young grown folks that knew him in the active stage of his life, all of whom doubtless will be sorry to hear of his demise.

Peace be to his ashes.

A friend.

Only One Entirely Satisfactory.

"I have tried various colic and diarrhoea remedies, but the only one that has given me entire satisfaction and cured me when I was afflicted is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I recommend it to my friend at all times," writes S. N. Galloway, Stewart, S. C. For sale by all dealers.

Masonic Burial Given.

Sunday week the local Masonic body met and escorted the remains of W. C. Wilson to its last resting place at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Wilson was a Mason and a member of and east Texas lodge. Seeing his near approaching death from tuberculosis he requested that his body be placed in the hands of his order for burial. The deceased had lived in the Merkel country for a very short time only and leaves a wife and several children to mourn his loss.

Merkel 12 Trent 3

Thursday afternoon of last week the local baseball boys fattened their club average by giving Trent their second trouncing of the season. The casualties were 12 to 3 when the storm was over. Chief Ferrier a former day twirler of some repute tossed them over for eight innings. By this time a substantial lead was chalked up by his backers and he retired in favor of Woodrum who finished the game with three men to face him.

Notice of Road Bond Election for Commissioners Precinct No. 2.

Pursuant to an order of the commissioners court of Taylor county, Texas, made and entered on the 19th day of June, A. D. 1915, notice is hereby given that an election will be held in and for Commissioners Precinct No. 2, said county on

Saturday, the 24th day of July, A. D. 1915,

at the regular voting places in said precinct as defined in the minutes of said commissioners court, Book G, pages 62 and 63, constituting a road district to be known as Road District No. 2, shall be issued in the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating of macadamized, graveled and paved roads and turnpikes, said bonds to be of the denomination of \$1,000.00 each bearing five per cent interest, payable semi-annually, said bonds being due forty years from their date, with the option of redeeming the whole or any part thereof ten years from date.

All resident property tax paying voters of said precinct shall be eligible to vote at said election, and those favoring the proposition shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the issuance of Bonds," and those opposed shall have printed upon their ballots the words "Against the issuance of Bonds."

Witness my hand officially seal this 21st day of July, A. D. 1915. E. M. Overshiner, County Judge, Taylor County, Texas.

C. L. McNeese on Streets

C. L. McNeese who has been confined to his bed for the past four months from injuries received in a fall was able to come to town last Friday for the first time in over four months.

Mr. McNeese seems to be well on the road to recovery and by use of crutches can get a bit of much needed exercise.

Advertised Letters.

Mulhern, Ben
Parker, J. T.
Parks, Fletcher
Weatherford, Roy
Gonzales, Juan
Flares, Matio
Rodriges, Zapopa

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office July 3rd.

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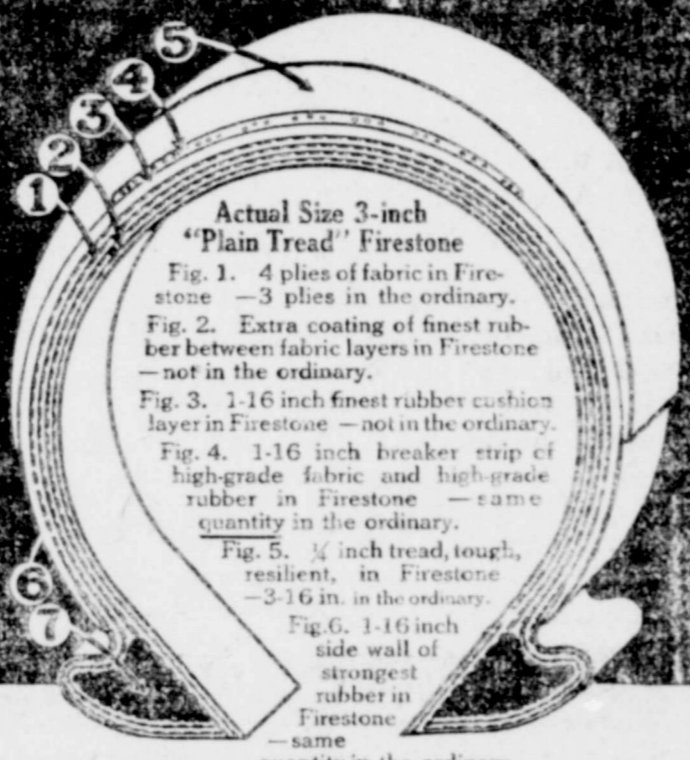
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30 x 3 3/8	11.90	13.35	2.60	2.90
32 x 3 1/2	13.75	15.40	2.70	3.05
34 x 4	19.90	22.30	3.90	4.40
34 x 3 3/8	27.30	30.55	4.80	5.40
36 x 4 1/2	28.70	32.15	5.00	5.65
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To Weatherford in Car.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and family and Miss Elma Shepard left Sunday in the formers Chalmers-6 for Weatherford to visit Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble. From Weatherford the Merkel people joined friends in a fishing trip in that vicinity.

J. W. Sibley Very Low.

J. W. Sibley who has been sick at his home for several weeks is reported to be dangerously ill. Mr. Sibley is a member of the older citizenship of the country and has a host of friends who hope to hear of his bettered condition.

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FOR RENT—Residence in Merkel. Well located. A. C. Boney. 1t

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

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

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

FOR SALE—76 head common cows, also 50 head yearling steers. See or write Cecil Childers or Jno. Myer, of Abilene. 1tpd.

LOST—Gentleman's gold band ring on streets of Merkel near Grimes Drug Store. Has initials G. T. E. engraved inside. Reward of \$1.00 will be paid for return to Merkel Mail Office.

FOUND—Two coats, man and boys. Owner can get information by calling and paying for this ad.

WANTED—33 acres of cotton chopped by the acre. S. H. L. Swafford. 1tpd.

Awarded Sewing Machine.

The expression of "Every man has his day, or words to that effect" came home to A. W. Hunter Saturday June 19, Emancipation Day in Merkel.

Mr. Hunter evidently read in the Mail where E. L. Rogers was going to give away a sewing machine for he was on hand when the drawing took place and he happened to be the lucky man. Mr. Hunter had only filed his name a short time before the contest was held.

Try the New Taylor Shop.

Suits cleaned and pressed for 90 cents. Satisfactory guaranteed. Roy Rosson, Kent Street. 1tpd.

Refrigerators.

Absolutely closing them out at real money-saving prices. See "Mack."

Stove Wood for Sale.

Stove wood cut. Phone Jim Bridges 545 R 1-2. 25t4pd.

Win the piano at E. L. Rogers by getting 100 extra votes Saturday on each bucket of coffee or syrup. Watch for these bonus votes they will do you big counting.

J. W. Mayfield Jr., returned home Wednesday afternoon from Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sublett and Mrs. L. C. Sublett left Tuesday for a ten days fishing expedition to the Concho. They were joined at Abilene by Miss Merle Christopher. Tracy Barlow left Wednesday night and will enjoy the outing with them.

Mrs. J. R. Lamar and son Z. T. and little daughter, accompanied by Mrs. Allen and son, Lawrence left Tuesday for Putnam and Clyde where they will visit the former's daughters Mesdames Orr and Tyler for a few days.

Mrs. Ed Vickers and little daughter, who have been here visiting their parents and grandparents, Capt. and Mrs. J. T. Tucker, have returned to their home at Pecos. Capt. Tucker returned home with his daughter.

Luther Swafford of Dallas came in the first of the week to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford and to be with his wife who came in last week to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent.

Mrs. A. W. Hunter and daughter, Hattie Cox, left Wednesday afternoon for Rochester to visit the formers mother Mrs. J. W. Watkins. They were accompanied as far as Sweetwater by Mr. Hunter who returned home over the A. T. & S. F. Ry.

Mrs. Alice Templeton and little grandniece, Mildred Harrison, are at home from Honey Grove where they attended the funeral of the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Leeman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cleveland of Atkins, Ark. came in Wednesday afternoon for a few day visit with J. T. Warren and family. Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland have been in Abilene visiting relatives.

Miss Mrytle Bradshaw of Roxto who has been here for a short time visiting returned to her home Tuesday.

Misses Kate and Beulah Elliott of Sweetwater who have been in the Noodle country visiting for a short time left for Abilene Tuesday to visit friends.

Misses Murtice Saffles and Josie Goode of Plainview, who are attending the Normal at Abilene, visited Mrs. W. J. Largent Saturday and Sunday.

Phone 54, the Home Furniture Co., for furniture and coffins.

Miss Inez Sharp was in Abilene Wednesday visiting.

Miss Blanche Walker who has been here visiting her sister Mrs. E. Hall is in Abilene this week.

Mrs. W. R. Walker of Abilene was the guest of friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Canada left last week for Big Springs where they will visit relatives for a short time.

J. L. Johnson who recently moved here from Deport is on the list of subscribers to the Mail and has sent another copy to a friend, A. R. Hooper at Guntersville, Ala.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Callie Owen is visiting relatives at Hamlin.

See the Home Furniture Co., for your house furnishing needs.

Mrs. R. V. Paul and children are at home from Dallas.

Miss Lucile Peek of Waco is here visiting Misses Pet and Mossie Sears.

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

Miss Abbie Cox of Abilene is here visiting her father for a few days.

Keep cool by having a nice refrigerator with it full of ice. Get "Mack's" reduced prices.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bigham and daughter, Alice, were in from the ranch Saturday.

Mrs. T. A. Rudd of Arlington was the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. M. Rust the past week.

Phone 179 for Coon's Sanitary Bread. Fresh every day. E. L. Rogers Grocery.

Miss Gail McCarty of Sweetwater visited Mrs. W. H. Dickson Sunday.

Dr. Hees' fly chaser protects your stock. For sale at Grimes Drug Store.

Mrs. D. A. Tyson of Fort Worth visited her sister, Mrs. E. M. Rust, the past week.

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

Mrs. Genery Marlin of San Angelo visited Mrs. O. W. Williams and other relatives here this week.

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

Miss Ruth Mims left Thursday on an extended visit. While away she will visit Mrs. Ray Gray in Nacogdoches.

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

Mrs. C. D. Mims and little daughter, Billie Burk, are visiting their mother and grandmother, Mrs. A. J. Price, at Nacogdoches.

Pennsylvania Tires and Tubes for sale by H. M. Rose. Satisfactory adjustments always made. Dont forget the No. 265.

Misses Maude Jinkens and France Burroughs motored to Abilene Monday where they visited Misses Elva and Ruby Payne.

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

Miss Genevieve Rust who is attending the Normal at Abilene spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Misses Winnie and Louise Ford of Abilene visited Mrs. C. E. Conner Sunday.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

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

THE INCREASED TAX RATE.

Commenting on the prospect of an unprecedented tax rate, the Houston Post voices the view previously expressed by The News, namely, that, for the most part, it is the inexorable consequence of having for several years neglected the duty of the moment. Doubtless it is true that some of this increased expenditure is chargeable to Governor Ferguson and the Legislature. Several offices were created, for some of which the need was at least doubtful. But after charging up all that could in justice be charged to Governor Ferguson and this Legislature, it would still remain a fact that this high tax rate has been made necessary chiefly by the negligences of both the Campbell and Colquitt Administrations. This instance, cited by the Post, is literally true: "In 1910, the year when the Waters-Pierce windfall fell to the State, instead of using this money to make improvements needed by the several institutions, as the Legislature desired to do, it was converted into the general fund to pay the current expenses of the State, and the ad valorem tax rate was fixed at 4c on the \$100 of valuation. The result was that needed public improvements were delayed and a tremendous deficit followed. In order to repair the deficit and avoid increasing the tax rate, Governor Colquitt deferred needed improvements by vetoing many appropriations."

Governor Campbell set a bad example which Governor Colquitt followed, and Governor Ferguson has had the courage and good sense not to emulate that evil precedent. It is altogether likely, if there is any prophecy in experience, that the rural precincts will lead the chorus of lamentation when the Tax Collectors begin to circulate, but it is precisely from that quarter that we should hear nothing. This burden will fall most heavily on a few counties having a large urban population. Even before now many of the small counties whose population is mostly rural have been getting more from the State school fund than they have paid into the State's treasury. And to this customary amount there is now to be added the \$1,000,000 that is to be distributed among the rural schools. So far as The News is concerned, there is no protest to be made on this score. It is the duty and the interest of the cities to bring about an improvement in the rural schools. But the burden of doing this will fall on the cities, just as will the major part of the nearly \$10,000,000 which the State will have to collect this year. —Dallas News.

COMMUTATION TO FRANK.

The first impression formed of a thing remains with a person though the sentiment may speak differently.

In forming first impressions the case of Leo M. Frank sentenced to hang for the murder of little Mary Phagan we did so believing in our own minds that Frank was guilty. He may not have actually committed the murder but being so closely associated with the facts in the case his position seems that of a guilty man as the first jury so found and all higher courts upheld. Governor Slayton said he would rather plow the rest of his life than to have the blood of Frank on his hands.

Should Frank have hanged for the hideous murder of Mary Phagan, would his blood have stained the hands of Governor Slayton or would it have smirched the garments of the twelve men who found him guilty and assessed his punishment at death.

No doubt a portion of the stain, if it could be called stain would have rested on the various

members of the supreme and high courts who refused to change the finding of the twelve men who ruled that Frank should die. The Mail does not believe it was the duty of Governor Slayton to have taken so great a blame on himself, it was not he who found Frank guilty, twelve American citizens are responsible for that verdict and on them and the courts would have rested all stains from the payment of the Phagan debt. To the state of Georgia, someone owes a debt and Frank was adjudged the guilty party. That he may have been innocent is possible but not probable.

The right to commute death sentence to life imprisonment as Gov. Slayton did is only in the due course of common events. Gov. Slayton may have been entirely correct, Frank may be innocent but to refrain from acting until the eleventh hour makes the unseen forces of the Frank case all the more prominent.

As has been predicted by many Georgia citizens, this action will do more to promote mob law in that state than any other one thing that has ever happened in the entire history of the commonwealth.

FOR GENERATIONS AND GENERATIONS.

The president of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association has delivered an address in which he argues that the use of liquor adds to efficiency instead of taking away from it. Jess Willard, champion pugilist of the world, has just received twenty-six thousand dollars for a history of his life because he is the only world champion who never drank liquor. Jess believes that the drinking of liquor is unnecessary for success as a pugilist. There seems to be a diversity of opinion on this subject, with the question left open for discussion. —Temple Telegram.

If the abstinence from drinking liquor helped Jess to win, which no doubt it did, he is worthy of honor. From his point of physical perfection and success many people will be influenced, no doubt, for Jess is said to be the cleanest fighter the ring has ever seen.

COMMERCIALISM

Corn on the cob? Oh, shucks!

Everybody to his taste, but sitting on the lid this weather is some job.

"Mr. Bryan says he needs a rest." Take it, Billy, take it—and we'll take the same.

If Lord Kitchener is the "knight of only one garter," how's he going to hold up his other sock?

No; we can't just give Mexico a hot tamale, and let her go—she wants chili mac and another "hot dog," if you please.

Becker will make no appeal to Gov. Whitman, but his wife will. Becker has lost all control of his wife.

One of the nicest things about a vacation, explains Jerome, is that you do not have to take it unless you want to.

A paragraph advocates a law to forbid the use of a can opener, then times will be good again. No doubt he is right for raising it at home solves half the problem.

Once upon a time a man invented glasses with which people could see their own faults. He found no sale and starved to death. So the story goes.

There were no submarines in Noah's day. Aren't you glad? If a torpedo had struck the ark, where would we be?

Josh Billings said of the man who does not laugh that "thar waz sum mistak made in the way he waz put together."

The average man knows better but is too contrary to carry his designs into effect.

The doctors have discovered the cause of the "high cost of living." It is EXRAVANTITIS.

There are two persons who are never too busy to be polite, viz., a politician and a gentleman.

Some men bleed for their country, and some men bleed their country.

BURROUGHS DRUG STORE

A drug store that caters to your every want, and we consider the reliability of our store is our

Greatest Asset

Won't you make our store your store?

If so eventually, why not now?

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CAR LOAD OR SMALL LOTS

To the Grain Growers of the Merkel Country:

I am the oldest grain buyer in the city and know that I have some of the best accounts in the State. You will always find me in the market for all kinds of grain and with the best prices out. Don't fail to see me before selling.

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SURE, Mr. Man, that you are doing your utmost to solve the NATION-WIDE problem—THE HIGH COST OF LIVING?

This is a VITAL SUBJECT and should receive your most serious consideration.

A visit to our store will help you greatly, in solving this IMMENSE problem.

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Regular Lunch 25c

Short Orders

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To Drive Out Malaria
And Build Up The System
Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents

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Biggest Entertainment Event of The Year

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TWD FULL DAYS OF SIGHT-SEEING AND SPORT

Low Rate Excursion to CLOUDCROFT, New Mexico
ROUND TRIP \$3.50

Leaving El Paso Sunday Morning July 4th

For Particulars See

A. J. Leighty, Ticket Agent

The Anchor Mercantile Co's Price-making and Money-Saving Sale

Beginning Saturday, June 26th, and Ending Saturday, July 17th

We have enjoyed a most splendid spring business. In fact a career far beyond our expectation, increasing our sales more than 90 per cent over last year up to this date, hence we are in position to slaughter our prices to the Merkel trade territory in appreciation of the most wonderful business given us, thereby letting our customers share with us in our profits. We have no hard luck stories to raise cash, as our bills are already settled and our only aim is to reduce our stock and increase our bank deposit to get ready for fall cash purchases. With the wonderful increase in our cash business we have been enabled to pay cash for our goods and obtain the best cash discounts. We offer you nothing but all new, up-to-date merchandise and have no old junk to offer you. Remember we stand behind each and every article purchased of us and cheerfully refund the cash on any article not satisfactory. Take a glance at our prices and compare them with so-called cash houses and

See if We are Not in The Lead by Far

OUR DRESS GOODS DEPT.

Our Silk, Woolen and Cotton dress goods all go at Phenominal Low Prices

Our regular \$1.00 silk taffetas, messaline, poplins, woolens, etc., now go for..... **77c**
 Our regular 75c and 85c silk, taffetas, crepes, messalines, poplin, serges, etc., now..... **59c**
 Our regular 50c and 65c silk, woolens and crepes..... **39c**
 Our regular 50c silk crepes, silks, lace cloth, etc..... **39c**
 Our regular 35c cotton crepes, voiles, organdies..... **29c**
 Regular 25c crepes, tissue lawns, organdies, voiles, etc. **17c**
 Our 20c lawn, voiles, organdies, tissues, etc..... **13c**
 Our 10c lawns, organdies, crepes, etc..... **7c**

STAPLES IN BLEACHINGS

Bleached and Brown Full-Width Sheetings at The Lowest Price Possible

Our regular 30s grade 10-4 full-width peppereled bleached sheeting now..... **23c**
 Our regular 27 1/2c 9-4 full-width peppereled bleached sheeting now..... **20c**
 10 yards good yard-wide bleached domestic for only..... **69c**
 25 yards 36-inch brown LL domestic for only..... **\$1.00**
 7 spools good sewing thread..... **25c**
 All 10c and 12 1/2c dress ginghams, chevots, bleaching and domestics..... **8 1/2c**
 New shipment fresh pattern ginghams just received all go in this sale

STAPLE NOTIONS DEPT.

Take Advantage of These Prices and Stock up for Sometime, as it will be a saving for sometime to come

Our regular 10c pearl buttons now..... **7c**
 Our regular 5c pearl buttons now..... **3c**
 Our regular 5c paper pins now 2 for..... **5c**
 Our regular 5c paper safety pins now 2 for..... **5c**
 Our regular 5c ladies handkerchiefs now 2 for..... **5c**
 Our regular 5c mens handkerchiefs now 2 for..... **5c**
 Our regular 50c hair brushes now..... **39c**
 Our regular 50c and 65c clothes brushes now..... **39c**
 One lot regular 25c huck and bath towels, full size, special low price of **6 1/2c** each, or per pair..... **13c**

DOUBLE VOTES GIVEN ON THE PIANO CONTEST DURING THIS SALE ON PURCHASES

LADIES SUIT DEPARTMENT

Big Reductions in Ladies' Dress Silk, Taffetas Poplin and Serge Suits

Our regular \$10.00 taffetas and poplin skirts in black, open, sand and navy colors now..... **\$6.95**
 Our regular \$7.50 and \$8.50 poplin and taffeta skirts in black, open, navy and sand now..... **\$5.95**
 Our \$5.00, \$5.50 and \$6.00 serge and poplin skirts in black, blue and tan now..... **\$3.55**

One Fourth Off

One-fourth off in everything in the way of ladies Silk Waists, House Dresses, Aprons and Gowns

Oxfords

Mens, womens and childrens oxfords in patent, gunmetal, kangaroo and viol at prices to move stock

MEN AND BOYS CLOTHING

Our regular \$25.00 serge and worsted suits in blue, gray and brown..... **\$17.95**
 Our regular \$20.00 serge and worsted suits in blue, brown and gray now..... **\$13.95**
 Our regular \$15.00 serge, worsted and cassimere suits in brown, gray, blue and mixed colors now..... **\$8.95**
 Our regular \$12.50 and \$10.00 worsted and serge suits now..... **\$7.95**
 Our regular \$7.50 boys suits in brown, gray, tan or blue now..... **\$5.73**
 Our regular \$6.50 boys suits in blue, brown, mixed..... **\$4.85**
 Regular \$5 boys suits in brown, gray, or blue mixed..... **\$3.75**
 Our regular \$4.00 boys suits in mixed colors..... **\$3.00**
 Our regular \$3.00 boys suits in mixed Scotch colors..... **\$2.25**
 Our regular \$1.50 mens kakhai work pants now..... **\$1.20**
 Our regular \$1.25 mens kakhai pants now..... **89c**

OUR SHIRT DEPARTMENT

Men's Dress and Work Shirts—Shirts in All The New Up-to-Date Patterns

Our regular \$2.50 mens arrow brand shirts in figures, stripes and solid colors now..... **\$1.89**
 Our regular \$2.00 mens arrow brand shirts in figures, stripes and solid colors now..... **\$1.35**
 Our regular \$1.50 mens arrow brand shirts in figures, stripes and solid colors now..... **\$1.20**
 Our regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 mens Monarch shirts now..... **89c**
 Our regular 75c mens shirts now..... **53c**
 One special job lot shirts, your choice..... **49c**

Blue Demin Overalls

Our regular \$1.00 grade..... **79c**
 Also jumpers to match at same price

Grocery Specials in This Sale, and For Cash Only

100 lbs. extra High Patent flour \$3.50	5 pounds Arbuckle Coffee . . \$1.00	7 pounds Good Coffee, bulk . . \$1.00
100 lbs. Granulated Sugar . . 6.50	10-pound bucket Lard Compound 95c	1 doz. 1/2 gallon Fruit Jars . . . 85c
25-pound box Dried Peaches . . 1.75	35-pound sack best Pearl Meal . 75c	1 doz. 1/4 gallon Fruit Jars . . . 75c

Special in 4-burner Perfection Oil Stove, now..... **\$12.95**

See our special on the new Auto-Seat Rubber-Tire Top Buggy for the extremely low price of **\$95**

Our Hardware Department is complete and you will find some extremely good Bargains in Buggies and Stoves for the next 20 days. :: Just received Car New Buggies

The prices and facts are submitted for your approval. Look them over and you will find the best possible savings to be made. Don't forget to look over our shipment of New Buggies

The Anchor Mercantile Co.

What You Can Buy for a Dollar

SATURDAY IS DOLLAR DAY WITH US

Three 50c men's undershirts for.....	\$1.00	Thirteen yards 10c gingham for.....	\$1.00
Three 50c men's drawers for.....	1.00	Five pair ladies' 25c hose.....	1.00
\$1.50 men's gloves.....	1.00	Twelve pair ladies' 10c hose.....	1.00
Five pair men's 25c hose.....	1.00	Three 65c ladies' lace chemisettes.....	1.00
Three pair elastic-seam drawers.....	1.00	\$1.50 ladies' shirt waists.....	1.00
Ladies' Hats, regular \$2.50 and \$3.50 Hats, for only.....			\$1.00

THESE PRICES FOR SATURDAY ONLY

Woodroof Brothers Merkel, Texas



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

On Tuesday evening Edward Hughes Scott entertained a number of his friends at his home on South Locust street. Games and music afforded pleasant diversions. The attractive rooms of this home were made more so by the use of fragrant cut flowers. The host's mother, Mrs. W. A. Scott, assisted by his little sister, Mary Louise, served a dainty refreshment plate of brick cream and block cake to Misses Jewel and Pearl Toombs, Ina Mae Adams, Nell Brittain, Ona Faye Bland, Myrtle Dupree, Madge Dean, Winnie Sharp, Messrs. DeVerle Johnson, Roy Holmes, Stuart Grimes, Will S. Merritt, Frank Armstrong, Minor Burns, Merle Burroughs and Ed Scott.

On Friday evening the Fidelis class of the First Baptist church met the Berean class at the parsonage and the classes went together for a moonlight picnic. The Bereans having provided buggies, an auto and a float to transfer the crowd to Warren's Lake where a delightful supper was served. Those who enjoyed the outing were Misses Carroll and Mamie Rister, Lillian Dean, Callie Lou Owen, Louise Scott, Faye Allen of Denton, Myrtice Saffle of Plainview, Irene and Willie Swann, Sadie and Annie Collins, Selina and Olive Teaff, Zora West, Misses Reeves of Terrell, Miss Goode of Plainview, Mrs. W. A. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Largent, Messrs. Grady Collins, Holland and Nim Teaff, Will Merritt, Boothe Warren, Wilbur Whitaker, Rufus and Rex McLean, Barney Garrett, Lewis Swann, Ed Scott and Bertice Dean.

Mrs. J. S. Swann entertained the Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church and a few friends at her hospitable home in north Merkel Monday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock. An excellent program was rendered. The most enjoyable feature was a talk on social customs in China by Miss Blanche Walker. A very pleasant social hour was spent after which the hostess' daughters, Misses Irene and Willie, served delicious ice cream and cake to Mesdames W. V. Cranford, C. E. Whitaker, Ben Pilcher, Victor Harris, W. H. SoRelle, E. Hall, J. T. Warren, Amy Sears, Nan Thompson, J. M. Meeks, J. M. Garrett, J. P. Hamm, Lassiter, Moore, W.

COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst. I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off.

I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I firmly

believe I would have died if I hadn't taken it.

After I began taking Cardui, I was greatly helped, and all three bottles relieved me entirely.

I fattened up, and grew so much stronger in three months, I felt like another person altogether."

Cardui is purely vegetable and gentle-acting. Its ingredients have a mild, tonic effect, on the womanly constitution.

Cardui makes for increased strength, improves the appetite, tones up the nervous system, and helps to make pale, sallow cheeks, fresh and rosy.

Cardui has helped more than a million weak women, during the past 50 years. It will surely do for you, what it has done for them. Try Cardui today.

Write for: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. **Just**

A. Scott, A. L. Jobe, Dowdy, L. B. Owen, Yarborough of Fredricksburg, Miss Walker and the hostess.

On last Thursday evening a merry crowd of picnickers enjoyed an outing at the Warren Lake. A feast was spread in the light of the automobiles. The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Black, Mesdames Ben Walter, H. L. Propst and H. R. Hick. The crowd included Misses Bessie Touchstone, Eva Walters, Carrol Rister, Faye Allen and Laura Winters. Messrs. John West, Robert Hicks, Floyd Dean, and Guy Bradley.

On Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burrough's home on Rose street was the scene of a beautifully planned church affair. The parlor, porch and lawn were all most attractive. A splendid program was rendered. The Ladies' Missionary society of the Methodist church are well known entertainers. This time was a real red letter day with them. A delicious ice cream course was served. A penny for each year was the admission charged. Some must have been rather old for there were 2650 pennies left for the ladies.

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.

Money! Money!

Plenty of money to loan on farm and ranch land at 8 per cent interest. My Company has plenty of funds, regardless of the War, so if you are going to need a loan this fall prepare for it now. V. E. Muir, Abilene, Texas. 1874



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Knowing that this engine would attract great attention, the builders took particular pains to secure the best possible accessories for the production of maximum efficiency. Their choice of

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Though the Diesel Engine is a new prime mover, it has received so much attention and study from the Lubricating Engineers of the Texas Company that we are able to lubricate it efficiently and economically, and we hold the leadership in this particular class of lubrication.

This is a fair example of Texaco Service, the service which means that we can give you an oil exactly suited to any condition of speed, heat, or pressure, for steam engines, gas engines, turbines, ice machines—anywhere a piston moves or a wheel revolves.

We invite you to get in communication with our nearest office and let one of our representatives show you the Red-Star-Green-T products of quality.

The Texas Company
General Offices, Houston, Texas

No. 42

WHAT CATARRH IS

It has been said that every third person has catarrh in some form. Science has shown that nasal catarrh often indicates a general weakness of the body; and local treatments in the form of snuffs and vapors do little, if any good.

To correct catarrh you should treat its cause by enriching your blood with the oil-food in Scott's Emulsion which is a medicinal food and a building-tonic, free from alcohol or any harmful drugs. Try it. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

Before you buy your furniture see us. The Home Furniture Co. 1st. 14th Walter Clark.

Cheap Groceries.

Pay cash for your groceries and keep out of the hole. Buy them and see if I can't save you money.

Best Flour in town \$3.65
Good Flour 3.40
Meal 75c
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SYNOPSIS.

Zudora is left an orphan at an early age. Her father is killed in a gold mine, which grows to be worth \$20,000,000, are left in the guardianship of Frank Keene, Zudora's mother's brother. Zudora, living 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 to 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.

that he was your evil star, if you had one." "John!" "I know—one shouldn't speak ill of the dead. I never could get the idea out of my head that he was in some way connected with your narrow escapes. What he had in mind I don't know, nor can I figure out what he had in view. You won't marry me, then?" "Not while I feel as I do, John."

"I suppose I'll have to grin and bear it," he said with an assumption of cheerfulness.



Mme. Du Val Sat in the Salon Playing the Harp.

"Now this burnt scrap of paper comes back, like the cat. Lots of letters weren't touched, but this one particular piece had to be damaged by fire. A mine of diamonds, but in heaven's name, where?"

"Perhaps I'd better put the whole thing out of my thoughts. It does look impossible. But never doubt that I love you, John."

"I don't doubt it. What I doubt is the wisdom of your trying to go this thing alone."

"It is written," lightly. "After all, I'm something of an orientalist. What will be will be. Now talk to me about how you first came to love me. There are some things a woman never gets tired of, and that's one of them."

"That was an easy matter for John. And Captain Radcliffe was making love, too, but not so successfully that he could hear any wedding bells in fancy."

Mme. Du Val sat in the salon playing the harp. She had a cynical humor. She believed that she might better play the harp here on earth than risk the chance of not playing one in the hereafter.

The captain crept up behind her softly and sprinkled a handful of rose leaves over her handsome head. She simply shrugged and went on with her playing.

Some cats like to be fondled. Mme. Du Val belonged to that category which did not.

"You've spoiled a rose." "It was well wasted," he said, trying to take her hands from the strings.

"All right, cap. Th' light blinds me when I comes in here, an' I forget. Well, we're ready."

Mme. Du Val shrugged and crossed over to the gem vault. She despised these tools, but in crime one has to take what tools one can.

And there was always the possibility of these low brutes speaking incautiously during some drinking bout.

She brought the little box of gems back. Then Radcliffe drew the sign on a piece of paper—a heart with a dagger running through it.

This was a kind of key that would open a certain door. The initials of each were then written within the heart, which was surrendered to Gyp.

This sort of business was after his own heart. He did not like directness except when he struck, after the fashion of his prototype, the rattlesnake.

About that same hour, half after 8, Detective Hunt was going carefully over a package of partly burnt letters, those rescued from Hassam Ali's house before the fire got beyond control.

He was studying each bit of paper with scrupulous care. The door opened. He looked up impatiently.

"Oh, Storm! Come in; interesting work here, but I haven't found anything worth a wooden toothpick."

"I want you to look at this, Hunt," said Storm, producing the burnt piece he had shown Zudora that afternoon.

"Hum! Where did you find it?" "In the cellar of the burnt house."

"Uhuh. He searched it thoroughly under his magnifying glass. 'Haven't come across any mate to it. Come! Dig into these and see what you can find.'

By and by he came upon a half burnt letter that made him sit up with a jerk. Then he laughed shortly. "Mme. Du."

"John, did Hassam Ali know a woman by the name of Mme. Du?" "Mme. Du? Not that I'm aware of, but he knew a Mme. Du Val."

"Ah, I see!" Then the detective stacked those letters he had gone through and picked up his pipe. "Queer old codger, that Hassam Ali. These scraps of paper prove to me that crooks are the most credulous people in the world."

"What do you mean by that?" "Well, he seemed to know some of the biggest in the country, and they always went to him when in doubt. Evidently thought he could look into the future and tell them whether they'd go to jail or not. Crooks are peculiar people, believe me, boy. Now let's go out and get a bite somewhere. I've been cramped up in this caboose since 3 this afternoon."

"Nothing about the diamonds?" "Not an eyelash. But there's a vague mention of a couple of tons of gold."

"What?" "Gold. But whose it is or where it is, nix. Shop's closed for the night. But there's one thing. There's some fancy diamond smuggling going on and some fancy diamond cutting besides. And your Uncle Dudley's going to nail em one of these days."

And that fancy diamond cutter himself was wondering how long this soft snap was going to last.

down and smoked his pipe in the attitude of waiting for some one. At 9 three men arrived at the door of the tenement. They stood idly in the doorway for a minute, then ducked inside.

But Jim Baird, who had been following them steadily for an hour or more, was quite confident that somewhere in yonder tenement was the wonderful crook diamond cutter he had so often heard about during his masquerade as Hassam Ali.

What a chance there had been for real honest money in that old inventor of diamonds whose shop had been back of the cheese maker's! But he had to go and die.

Baird did not thrill pleasantly at the sight of the gun man called Gyp. He had already in his capacity as reporter run up against that murderous scoundrel, and Gyp had sworn he'd "get him."

He loitered about, wishing to give the rogues plenty of time. What he wanted was a good look at the diamond cutter's shop.

He had no interest in the three crooks who had shown him the way here. Two of them had beaten him up not more than a fortnight gone, so he was perfectly willing to keep out of their way.

The crooks climbed the three flights of rickety, creaking stairs until they came to the lapidary's door. The gun man used the knocker. With his machine humming the cutter could not hear the sound of ordinary knuckles.

Gyp rapped three times and then shoved aside the knocker, revealing a small hole. He passed through a slip of paper—



Jim Baird Has Been Following Them Steadily For an Hour.

the same Mme. Du Val had given him—and waited.

Presently the door opened—after a slithering of steel bars and clinking of chains.

"Got some candy for yuh, ol' gamon!" said Gyp cheerfully. "You know who sent 'em. Seven shirt lamps, mazda power. Take a tenth of a carat off o' each. Them's th' orders."

"An' I keeps th' chips." "Sure! Gimme a receipt. They love me, but they don't trust me, an' I ain't wantin' t' make th' tide any higher in East river when she rolls in t'morrow."

"Then there's some one you're afraid of?" "Surest thing, bo."

"Hand 'em over. An', say, start 'er up. I never seen a diamond nicked down."

"Jus' to please the ladies!" cried the lapidary, going to his machine.

It took a long time for his friends to come down, thought Baird. Finally he determined to risk meeting them.

He entered the building and tiptoed up the stairs. The burr of machinery caught his ear, and he knew that he need not go any farther.

There was one thing. Zudora must never, never know the role he played. When Hassam Ali died his double had gone with him.

"Say, Baird, you're just the chap I want to see. Did you ever do any corresponding in that Hassam Ali game?" asked Hunt.

"How do you mean?" returned Baird, rather disheartened. Here was Hunt resurrecting the dead!



He Hunted Around For the Scuttle Ladder and Crept Up on to the Roof.

letters addressed to him when he was too ill to attend to them?" "Yes."

"What was the nature of his acquaintance with Mme. Du Val?" "Rather formal, so far as I know. 'Nothing between them?'"

"There may have been. You see, Hunt, it was only toward the last that I really did any Hassam Ali stunts. And I wish to heaven you'd forget that part of my past. I'm trying hard enough."

Hunt put his hand on the young man's shoulder. "Cheer up. I shan't mention it again."

"Thanks. Now I've a bit of good news for you. I've seen the man who does that mysterious cutting. I know where his shop is, and I have seen him at work."

"Fine! Wait a minute." Hunt took down a fat volume and turned the pages rapidly. "Here, did he look anything like this?"

"Line for line!" "I thought so. He's been lying low. If you know where he lives you might take me around there and give me the lay of the land for future use, mind you."

"Come along, then." "At half past 10 Zudora sat before the fireplace in her room twirling the bracelet and vaguely wondering why she felt this presage of evil. If she told Storm about the gold he might believe that that stood between them and the altar. So she must still keep that a secret. What was that? She started up with a repressed shriek. Before the window appeared the ghostly form of a woman. It seemed to dissolve into nothing even as she looked. Zudora's cry, however, brought in Mrs. Ramsey, the landlady.

"What has happened, child?" "I don't know, but either I've seen a ghost or some one is playing a sorry trick on me."

The two examined the window, drew back the curtains and peered outside. There was nothing to be seen.

"Perhaps you were dreaming," suggested Mrs. Ramsey. "I never dream with my eyes open, not that kind of a dream," declared Zudora stoutly. "Some one has attempted to frighten me, and perhaps the best thing I can do is to make believe that he or she has succeeded. It's t'morrow."

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called up the detective, who replied that he would await their coming. When Zudora told him about the vision he did not laugh, as she expected he would. He began pacing the office. After awhile he spoke.

"Do you want my honest opinion?" "Surely!" "Well, some one wants to get you to run away. And what some one would this be?"

Zudora thought for a moment. "Some one who knows about the diamonds!" with sudden excitement.

"Right-o! At least that's my opinion. We're getting warm. Africa is farther away than New York. The secret may be right here in this little old burg itself. Play up to it. Some one will be watching you, and your game will be to let them believe they've got you scared. Confidence in crooks always breeds carelessness."

"That is my opinion," said Zudora. "You ought to know. Why don't you set yourself to the job yourself?" asked the detective curiously.

"The truth is, Mr. Hunt, I've really lost my grip since my uncle died. I seem to be oppressed all the time. I jump when I hear unexpected noises; I find I'm always looking over my shoulder."

"If I knew that I could face it without the least difficulty. It's the unknown that rasps on the nerves. I, who until recently never knew what nerves were."

"Well, whatever game your enemies are playing you fessce your cards and see what they've got. They've surely got the ace of trumps; make no doubt of that. Our game is to draw that out on a worthless card. And now you'll have to excuse me. Got to go down to the Red line pier. More diamonds are due. They'll pull the wool over my eyes for awhile, but sooner or later I'll get a little hole to peek through."

Zudora's enemies did hold the ace, but they did not intend to waste it as Detective Hunt hoped they would. Self preservation forbade them to let go of it until the last trick.

Said Mme. Du Val that afternoon: "She looked frightened, and she was frightened."

frightened, but it will take a series of frights to make her feel like running away."

"Well," advised Captain Radcliffe, "plant a series of frights. Keep her guessing. What's the matter with shipping her a 'heart' once a week with warnings to leave town or suffer the consequences? Send it by mail. Leave it under her door. Waylay dry goods bundles and slip one in there. If you keep at a thing like that it always wears them down in the end. She may be just as clever as you say she is, but nerves are nerves. Her uncle had a whacking lot of gold in that house. Do you think that Hindu servant got away with it?"

"I rather believe so. If Zudora had that gold she would not be living so modestly. A woman who is used to runabouts and Paris gowns isn't going to give them up unless she has to."

So Zudora began to receive the mysterious heart. She found it in her laundry, stuck in her dressing mirror, on the floor in the hall, in boxes of fruits and candy, and always with the warning: "Beware! Save your life! Leave the country!" And it did wear down her nerves.

But in the meantime Hunt ran down two of his quarries, Ike and Bill. One has to work up to land the chief crooks.

You never, or rarely, begin with them. You lop off this tentacle and that, and each operation weakens them. The final presentation of the mysterious heart made Zudora nearly break down. It seemed to her that her uncle must have had some deadly enemies and that she had inherited their vengeance.

But they did not succeed in their endeavor to frighten her to the extent of driving her away. The "heart" failed in its purpose, but the evil star still sailed clearly across the heavens.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Inside Criticism. "So you are going to be married, Mary?" "Yes, ma'am, and I'll be leaving you next Tuesday."

An inventor blows up a submarine with a powerful heat ray which he sends through water. Hassam Ali sends Zudora to a photographer directly beneath the inventor's laboratory and orders the inventor to kill her. Zudora gets a warning, and her life is saved. The heat ray machine is destroyed, and the photographer, after a quarrel with Hassam Ali, is found dead in the river.

Wu Chang prevents Zudora's elopement with John Storm by hypnotizing her, and he and Hassam Ali attempt to smuggle her out of the country. This plot is frustrated by Storm.

Baird, Hassam Ali's double, falls in love with Zudora. Baird and Mme. Du Val kidnap Zudora and the Van Wick child. Storm rescues them, and Hassam Ali dies.

With Hassam Ali dead Zudora is released of her pledge to solve twenty cases. She confronts, however, the greatest mystery of all, which is the mystery of her own life, and the ambition to secure the vast fortune of \$20,000,000 left to her. Her remarkable adventures will be portrayed by Harold MacGrath in the succeeding chapters. This photo serial is being shown in the leading moving picture theaters by the Thanhouser Film Corporation. Among those participating are Marguerite Snow, Mary Elizabeth Forbes, James Cruze, in the new role of reporter-hero, Sidney Bracey and Frank Farrington.

On looking through her uncle's papers Zudora finds that her father left her an interest in a diamond mine, and Storm and Baird both lend assistance in trying to regain for her possession of this estate which is being appropriated by rogues.

CHAPTER XI.

A Message From the Heart. STORM was deeply concerned over the diamond affair. Some one had cheated and was still cheating Zudora. He was also puzzled why Hassam Ali's papers contained so much of his.

He made a journey to all the banks, but at none of them did he find that the uncle had had an account or a lock box.

There was no doubt in his mind that the villainous servant Amed had made off with what money Hassam Ali had around the house.

But there was this diamond mine. Who was manipulating it and pocketing the profits? He was in a blind alley.

To find out where this diamond mine was would be like hunting the proverbial needle in the haystack. Hunt was working all the wires he could, but to date he had not discovered anything.

"Zudora," said Storm, "I've got something to cheer you up a bit."

"News?" "No. That's an article as elusive as a New Jersey mosquito." He took from his pocket a small box and opened it.

"Oh, how pretty!" she exclaimed. "It's an engagement bracelet."

"I wish it was a wedding ring. Why not?" impulsively. "You are all alone now. You haven't any bargain to fulfill. Why can't you marry me right away, Zudora? I'm not rich, but I have a little, enough for our needs. I'll buy some pretty little bungalow around Long Island, and we'll live like a couple of fairy story people."

"No, John. There seems to be an evil star of some sort hanging over me. Look what I've gone through!"

"But you've gone through it, and if you had what you call an evil star I don't think you would be here. Let's get married."

"No. I don't want to hurt you, John. But I feel oppressed. I feel as if some danger were hovering near me. I've lost some of that confidence I had when Uncle Frank was alive. And, dear, I don't want to drag you into it."

"That's nonsense. When a man loves a woman as I love you, why shouldn't he share trouble and happiness alike? I never liked your uncle, Zudora. And I still hold to this old



Radcliffe Was a Persistent Wooer.

did not care what his tenant's business was so long as the rent was paid in advance.

All about was the expert cutter's machinery and paraphernalia. The door had a heavy bar and churl lock. Hidden in the wall was a small safe. Here he kept his gems and "chips," for a diamond cutter knows the value of "chips."

The cutter himself was rather a frowsy looking old chap. He wore a greasy old broadie dressing gown and eyeglasses which resembled the chauffeur's goggles.

He finished polishing a stone, locked it up and left the room. In the hall outside this den was a dumb waiter. From this he took a can of oil and returned.

He filled the lamp and lit it, then sat



Before the Window Appeared the Ghostly Form of a Woman.

have Mr. Storm come over in the morning, and we'll let him think that I have been badly frightened. He'll go hunting around; he'll tell Detective Hunt, and maybe I'll find out who did it and why they did it."

Storm, however, appeared rather skeptical about the ghost proposition. "Some one's been hoaxing you."

"For what purpose?" "That remains to be found out. Suppose we run down to Hunt's office and see what he has to say. He's a sensible chap."

Zudora readily agreed to this. Storm

SHILOH

Rev. G. W. Scott filled his appointment at Shiloh school house Sunday afternoon.

A number from Shiloh attended the picnic at Trent Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Grayson spent Saturday night and Sunday with friends near Anson.

W. L. Boyd of Trent attended services at Shiloh Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago spent Saturday night and Sunday with friends in Anson.

Rev. W. A. Scott and daughters, Misses Mattie and Cora, of Trent, spent Saturday with Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of East Texas are here visiting relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Scott are the proud parents of a fine boy which made its arrival Sunday, June 13.

Mrs. J. H. Grayson and daughter, Vennie, spent Sunday, with Mr. and Mrs. Ubric Wheeler near Sweetwater creek.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Wright attended services at Noodle Sunday and were guests of friends.

Misses Beulah and Myrtice Jones spent Saturday with friends at Noodle.

Miss Altha McCright who has been here visiting her uncle, Archie McCright, left Sunday to visit relatives elsewhere.

There are a few cases of mumps in this community.

Ye scribe and "better half" were marketing chickens and trading some at Trent Saturday. There had been many changes since we were there about eight years ago. We like the looks of things over that way and think we shall go back again soon.

J. H. Grayson has several hands employed helping him haul and stack his grain this week.

There was a musical entertainment at Mr. McDonalds Saturday night.

Mrs. Brown and children were visiting Mrs. Hawley BeSears of the Golan community Monday.

Mrs. Mae Seago spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Ruby Hayhurst of the Noodle community.

The farmers of this community are getting anxious to see a good rain as the crops will soon be suffering if it does not rain.

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NOODLE

Eld. Price Bankhead of Merkel filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson of Paducah are visiting friends and relatives of this place.

Joe Callaway left Wednesday of last week for the wheat fields in Kansas.

Mrs. W. L. Barclay and little son, Louis, of Matador are visiting their parents and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee.

Otto Sosebee of Paducah is visiting his brother, A. C. Sosebee.

Rev. W. K. Horn returned to Abilene Monday after a two weeks visit.

There was a number of Noodle people attended the picnic at Trent last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walker of Kale attended services here Sunday.

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BUTMAN

Lucky Tull's Dog and Pony show was well attended by a large number of people here Saturday night.

Jno. Wheeler and family of Merkel spent Sunday afternoon with his brother, B. N. Wheeler and family.

They are repairing the old gin at this place with newer and better machinery. We are certainly glad of it for we surely do need it.

Oliver Ely is on the sick list this week.

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This community is getting dryer and dryer. The wish for rain is the consensus of desire here. Some feed, especially early maize, will make very well without any more rain, but corn, without exception hardly, will be a failure. Some real good wheat and oats were raised by the farmers in the Canyon. Hurley Toombs made 23 1/2 bushels of wheat per acre and 53 1/2 bushels of oats per acre. Mr. Latimer and Mr. Blair each made 50 bushels of oats per acre. J. T. Lewis and E. H. Cordill made 22 and 20 bushels of wheat per acre respectively.

Eld. W. E. Speck of Merkel preached at Cross Roads Saturday night and Sunday morning.

The Nubia baseball team was organized last Saturday afternoon. They will meet and play again next Saturday at 4 o'clock on their regular ground near Mr. Latimers.

Mr. Dowdy and daughter, Gertrude, of Trent were here visiting friends Saturday and Sunday.

Did you know that last Monday was the longest day in the year?

Some of the boys from here are preparing to attend the convention of the Farmers Congress of Texas which meets next July.

Uncle Bill Perry is due public-

ty and limelight for having killed the Trojan of rattle snakes. It had sixteen rattlers and was five feet and three inches long.

Cotton blooms are beginning to make their appearance here.

Mr. Randolph and daughter, Blanche, of Trent visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Singing and Sunday School were well attended at Nubia Sunday afternoon.

The people of Nubia are trying to get a singing school taught there this summer.

Ernest Moore of Blair attended preaching at Cross Roads Sunday.

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SALT BRANCH

Rev. J. P. Dodd of Merkel preached for us Sunday.

Feed is suffering some for rain. Cotton is doing very well.

Mrs. W. E. Petty spent the past week near Clyde with her father and mother.

W. L. Barker was in the Hawley community on business Tuesday.

W. B. Robertson and wife were visiting relatives in the Mt. Pleasant community Saturday.

Several from this community attended the picnic at Trent Thursday. All report a nice time.

J. L. Barker and wife spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler.

Several attended singing at Mulberry from this community Sunday afternoon.

Laura and Monia Stone of Merkel were visiting Will Higgins and family Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a crowd took dinner with W. M. Hays and family Sunday. Those present were Misses Lula, Annie and Gertude Higgins, Lester Wheat, Ed Shipley, Ardeen and Ollie Higgins. All report an excellent time and a good dinner.

The singing at W. B. Robertsons Saturday night was very well attended.

The Stith first team defeated Salt Branch Second team last Saturday, the score being 18 to 5.

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We are still having dry weather. The corn crop and the early feed will not make so well as if we could have had rain.

Grain is about all threshed. Made good crops and got a real good price.

People are dry planting feed. It is too late for cotton planting.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Childers gave the young people a singing.

Mrs. H. L. Thurston and two daughters, Ruth Beba, who have been here visiting relatives have gone to Blair where they will take the Santa Fe Thursday night for New Mexico.

Several of our neighbors went fishing the past week. They caught a good many fish.

W. N. Moore and Billie made a business trip to Merkel yesterday.

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BLAIR

Rev. Farris filled his regular appointment here Sunday and will begin his protracted meeting one month from this date.

Prof. Stevens of Abilene will teach a class here in vocal music beginning the first Monday in July.

The weather is fine for threshing. Wheat and oats are making a fair yield.

Quite a number from Blair attended the Trent picnic Thursday. All report a nice time.

Jimmie Moore, Jr. has been very sick but is reported better at this time.

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