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MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MONDAY

The City Council met in regular session Monday evening and the usual routine of business attended to.

The minutes of the regular session of June 7 were read and approved as were also those of the adjourned session of June 8. The reports of City Marshal Ben Walters and City Secretary G. W. Johnson were read, a number of accounts were allowed and the secretary was ordered to issue warrants on the treasury for payment of same.

On motion City Attorney C. D. Mims was directed to prepare an ordinance prohibiting persons occupying automobiles on the streets of Merkel without the permission of owners. Another ordinance that is now being prepared is one that will prohibit the hitching of teams to telephone poles or post that support the awnings of business houses. City Marshal Walters was directed to have a concrete floor placed in the rooms at the city fire station occupied by the firefighting apparatus.

ATTENDING PRESS CONGRESS AT FAIR

Editor Easterwood of the Mail left last Friday afternoon to attend the International Press Congress at San Francisco which met in that city July 5 and continues until the 15th inclusive.

While away the management of the Mail is under direction of the various members of the Mail shop force and we ask the readers to assist us in doing a good job while the editor-in-chief is out of the city. Merkel citizens can help by phoning in any news items you may know of and merchants can lend a helping hand by turning in their copy for advertisements at an early date for next week's Mail.

Help us get out a newsy paper. Respectfully,
The Force.

Attest: "The Devil."

NEW HOTEL NOW BEING ERECTED

J. A. Collins and son, Grady, have under construction the erection of a two-story hotel on property recently purchased by the former on South Front street just east of where the Collins House now stands.

The new building when complete will have twenty-five rooms and, according to the present plans, each room will be provided with running water and other conveniences. The framework of the structure has been erected and workmen are busy in bringing the construction to as speedy a finish as possible.

The owners hope to have the place complete for occupancy by the 15th of September.

GOOD CLUBBING OFFER

During the month of July the special rate of \$1.50 brings the Fort Worth Star Telegram, daily, and the Merkel Mail to any address until December 1, 1915.

As all orders will be dated December 1 the sooner you subscribe just that much more time you will get for your money

TICK ERADICATION FULLY EXPLAINED

Chairman J. H. Avery of the State Live stock Sanitary Commission has issued a general letter addressed to citizens of counties that are contemplating holding local option elections that will permit tick-eradication work to be carried on there. Of late many inquiries have been sent to his office from those who would be affected should such an election receive a majority vote in their counties, and in many cases it has been evidenced that methods followed by the commission in such work are not correctly known.

Elections are to be held in several counties this fall and efforts are being made by stockmen of other counties to have the question settled at the polls before spring. The letter is as follows:

Explains Method of Work

"With reference to the work of systematic tick eradication, as conducted by methods followed by the commission in the Live Stock Sanitary Commission in counties where the people express a desire by a majority vote at an official election to rid their county of the fever tick, I wish to explain as near as I can the manner in which such work is carried on by the commission, and just what is expected of each and every citizen in a county voting affirmatively on this question.

"As soon as possible after a tick-eradication election has been held in a county the votes are properly counted and the Live Stock Sanitary Commission officially notified of the result. If the returns show that the county carried in favor of tick eradication, a proclamation is issued declaring such county within what is termed the provisional quarantined area, and is protected in the matter of preventing tick-infested cattle and horses from entering that county. At the proper season, a corps of inspectors, both federal and state, are then detailed to make a thorough canvass of the county, to the end of locating all tick-infested animals and premises. After this canvass has been completed the inspectors go back over the same route and dip or spray all animals which on the previous trip were found to be infested with ticks, or which on the second round might show to be infested. This dipping or spraying, say it is commenced July 1, is repeated at regular intervals of about 21 days until the infestation has been entirely eradicated, which ordinarily will be about four months. With but slight infestation at the beginning it might not require that long.

Dipping and Spraying.

"With reference to the dipping or spraying of live stock. I wish to state that only such stock as are actually infested or which have mingled with infested animals are required to be so treated. Herds which on repeated inspections show to be absolutely free from tick infestation are not required to be dipped. The rule applies more especially to farmers' milch cows, as well as to such stock belonging to those residing in the cities and towns. It has never been found necessary to dip work stock. A bunch of stock horses running in a very ticky pasture with cattle may have to be dipped or sprayed. Also, it is not expected that each and every man shall install dipping facilities. Where it is convenient to do so, especially in communities

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND HOW WE SHOULD CONSIDER THE MERITS

Five Amendments and Good Roads Bond Election To be Voted on July 24 Present Unusual Conditions for Merkel Voters

San Francisco, Cal.)
July, 7, 1915)

To Readers of The Mail:

July 24th will be in the minds of Merkel voters be an unusually important day. In addition to voting on the \$150,000.00 road bond issue there are five constitutional amendments to be voted on.

In reference to the road bond issue the writer will refrain from making any comment at the present, devoting this space alone to a review of the proposed amendments. If any or all of these amendments are bad then just that number should be defeated, and if they are good every Merkel voter should act accordingly.

But one ultra-important phase of the coming election should be for every voter to acquaint himself with the merits of each and every amendment.

Before leaving Merkel for this city I chanced to hear a young voter say he was going to vote against all the amendments. When asked if he knew the proposed law corrections embodied in the five amendments he said he did not but was afraid to vote for a bunch of changes in our constitution such as he thought our legislative body might try to slip by the people. He further stated he had not read a one of the proposed amendments and did not think his doing so would effect the decision he had already arrived at.

Right here I want to say that the money spent by the state of Texas in publishing the amendments and having them posted over the state was absolutely useless in so far as this young voter is concerned. From the statement he made in regard to our legislative body he will not trust the action of the representative he helped to elect to that body of law-makers. This very man had confidence enough to vote for J. M. Wagstaff but now he absolutely refuses to allow the concerted action of Wagstaff and others to have any appreciable effect on him whatever.

Every Merkel citizen has ample time yet to acquaint himself with all these amendments before election day arrives. A limited number of these are on hand at the Mail office in back issues of The Merkel Mail and our readers are welcome to them as long as they last. In this way you can arrive at your own intelligent conclusion of which of them are worthy of your support and what number of them should be defeated.

The following extract taken from an address of Hon. Don H. Biggers of Lubbock seems to fit admirably well in reference to one of the amendments, and to my way of reasoning it should receive the unanimous support of our people.

This amendment simply gives traveling men, railroad men, and all citizens unavoidably absent from home on election day the right to vote by registration. It gives them the right to vote for congressmen, U. S. Senators, all state and district officers and on all matters submitted to the people of the entire state. No man can vote for a congressman or other district officer outside the

district in which he resides; nor can he vote for county or precinct officers, or on county or precinct matters out side the precinct in which he resides. Any one offering to vote by registration must be out side the county in which he resides, make affidavit that it is impossible for him to reach his home in time to vote and must deliver to the election managers his poll tax receipt or exemption certificate, and this is held by the election officers until the following day, and forwarded to any address the holder may designate. No more chance to violate the Terrell election law under the provisions of this amendment than under the present law. In fact, the very purpose of this law was to not deprive thousands of our very best citizens of the right to vote, as is now the case.

Thousands of traveling men in Texas are deprived of the right to vote simply because they are out hustling to make a living and keep business going.

These traveling men are among our very best, most honorable and intelligent citizens. They are high minded men of pride, and it is seldom that you find one of them that has not paid his poll tax, though when he paid it he realized that the chances for getting to vote were very slim. Most of them cover considerable territory, not a few of them covering the entire state and being on the road and away from home months at a time. Their territory, be it much or small, must be covered on schedule time. They cannot lay off, lose much valuable time and possibly their positions, to be at home on election day, though they are invariably men who take great interest in all public matters. If several miles from home on election day they can not afford to "quit the job," take several dollars from their own pockets and run home to vote. It is wrong to disfranchise a man because he will not make too great a sacrifice to vote; especially is it wrong when no good reason exists for requiring so much of him.

And there is another unjust feature in connection with his case. Under the present law all incorporated towns and cities have the right to assess a poll tax of not more than \$1 in addition to the state poll tax of \$1.75. The man who does not live in a city or town pays \$1.75 poll tax; almost without exception the man living in town pays \$2.75. The traveling men and railroad men almost without exception pay the additional tax, and yet they are the ones mostly deprived of the right to vote.

Thousands of railroad men in the state are deprived of their right to vote. They may be called out on their run before the polls open, or they may be unable to return home on election day. They are invariably honest, high-minded, hard-working men. No men work harder and no class of men are more vitally interested in the big issues of the country.

Many of our best citizens are unavoidably away from home on election day. Business or sickness has called them away or

MANY CONVERSIONS IN REVIVAL MEETING

The meeting now in progress in Merkel conducted by the Baptist church here is being attended by great crowds. The pastor, Rev. L. B. Owen, has with him Rev. R. A. Kimbrough of Abilene who is doing the preaching in the meeting at the tabernacle.

Up to Tuesday night there had been seventeen additions to the church and more than twenty public professions of faith and renewals. Many christian people are happy and enjoying their fellowship afresh with the Lord. The old time power has come upon some and conviction for sin is very manifest. Earnest prayers and great solicitation are both evident on the part of God's children. Sinners are turning their hearts to God in prayer. The Lord is with the people for salvation. Still others are asking for light.

The preaching is along the line of conviction for sin, repentance toward God, faith in Jesus, and obedience as a result of saving grace. This is a meeting with a happy response on the part of many and much good is being accomplished. The young and the old are enjoying this gracious revival.

We are glad to have Rev. Kimbrough in our midst and predict still more success in this meeting. The meeting will continue through Sunday, if not longer. The visiting preacher can stay with our people that long, when he then leaves for a meeting at Mt. Lebanon, La.

The people in and around Merkel will, we are sure, give the meetings their attention and presence even more during these closing days.

Everybody is very cordially invited to attend and lend their encouragement in every way possible to this gracious spiritual uplift that has come to Merkel.

misfortune has detained them. Surely because of this misfortune they should not be denied the right to vote for their state and district officers and on vital state issues. They cannot vote for local or county officers, on local or county matters and that is certainly misfortune enough.

No chance for the traveler, the drummer or the railroad man or any one else to do any wrong against the state when they vote by registration as the proposed amendment provides. Should the state go on committing a shameful wrong against these men by requiring the practically impossible of them or denying them the right to vote, though they have contributed in every way possible to their state's welfare, and paid dearly for the privilege of voting?

To show the readers of the Mail the popularity of this one amendment, only two votes out of a total of 142 were registered against it when it came up in the house for its final passage. Surely it is worthy of some consideration from voters over the state in general.

I will return home in ample time to vote in the election and will support the worthy amendments with my vote and oppose such as I may deem unworthy. Incidentally I will vote for our good roads bonds, but cheerfully grant any man the right to oppose me with his vote, for this is a free country and every man has a perfect right to vote as he sees fit. Respectfully
Homer L. Easterwood.

MERKEL'S NEW KEY RATE IS EFFECTIVE

The following article on the reduction in the rate of fire insurance was handed in to us by Chief Frank J. Ferrier of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department:

Merkel is now enjoying as low a Key Rate as any town of the same population in the State.

Since a recent inspection by the Chief Engineer of the State Fire Insurance Commission, we received a 2c credit on our water supply. This and the 7c credit we received by the City Council complying with certain recommendations from the Insurance Commission, gives a reduction totaling 9 cents.

Our new Key Rate of 46c went into effect May, 18, and means a saving of 90 cents a thousand on all mercantile policies and 45c on residential property that is effected by fire protection.

The mayor and council should be commended on the interest they have taken in trying to save the insurance payers of Merkel a percent of premiums.

WORK ON ELECTRIC LINE PROGRESSING

G. H. Caffrey, Manager for the Abilene Gas and Electric Co., was in Merkel Wednesday in the interest of his company which assumed control of the Merkel Electric Co. on July 1.

Workmen are now busy surveying the line from Abilene to Merkel and had reached Tye Wednesday. The surveying is under the direction of W. A. Riney, county surveyor, and rapid progress is being made.

A force of 25 men are at work putting up wires and poles and it is hoped to have this work completed in time to establish a full 24-hour service by August 5. When this work is in full swing the size of this force will be increased to 60 or 70.

W. A. McSpadden of Abilene has been appointed resident manager.

BOYS ARE POUNDED WITH \$10.00 CHECK

H. M. Rose, local agent for the Magnolia Petroleum Co., of Ft. Worth, received a check from that company Wednesday that was presented to Chief Frank Ferrier to show their appreciation of the work done by the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department in saving their warehouse from destruction by fire last week.

"Mack" Leaves for Chicago.

E. P. McMillen of the Behrens McMillen Co., left Wednesday night for Chicago, Ill., where he will attend the National Furniture display which is an annual event for Chicago. Mr. McMillen stated, just before leaving, that this display of all that's new in the furniture lines which is held each year in Chicago, was the biggest thing of its kind in the United States. The largest furniture manufacturing concerns throughout the United States participate in this display and all the new creations and designs of furniture are shown.

Mr. McMillen expects to be absent from Merkel some two or three weeks.

STATEMENT

**Farmers & Merchants
NATIONAL BANK**

Of Merkel, Texas

JUNE 23, 1915

RESOURCES

Loans	.....	\$113,860.67
Overdrafts	.....	None
U. S. Bonds—Par	.....	10,250.00
Stock in Federal Bank	.....	1,500.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	.....	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures	.....	3,600.00
Real Estate	.....	6,500.00
Cash and Sight Exchange	.....	101,024.51
Total	.....	\$237,047.68

LIABILITIES

Capital	.....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits—Net	.....	34,058.63
Circulation	.....	6,250.00
Bills Payable	.....	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	171,739.05
Total	\$237,047.68

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HANDLED DOWN FROM PAST

Queer Legacies That Remain to Remind Mankind of His Savage Ancestors.

Run your forefinger round the rim of each ear. You are almost sure to find in one of them, and quite possibly in both, a tiny hard lump.

It is only a relic of the days when, innumerable hundreds of centuries ago, man was only one of the animals of the wild, and had a pointed ear, like a wolf's or dog's.

What good is the little furrow that runs down from the nose to the middle of the upper lip? None. But it, too, has a history. It is a legacy from the time when the human upper lip was in two parts—a hare-lip, like that of the rat tribe. The split has healed up long ago, but the new skin is so recent in the history of the race that hair refuses to grow on that furrow, a writer in the Philadelphia North American observes.

When a fly settles on you anywhere can you serenely twitch that patch of skin and shake him off? Probably not; but once these old skin muscles, now almost dead after centuries of clothes wearing, were as active as those of a horse. A few—a very few people—can twitch their ears like a dog, and do so instinctively when startled, and cases do occasionally occur in which the scalp can be moved at will.

In one very interesting case mentioned in medical books the man could hurl books a couple of yards away simply by twitching the muscles on the top of his head. But, generally speaking, our skin muscles are even more dead nowadays than our ear muscles. We've neglected them. The only set still in use are those we employ when we want to raise our eyebrows.

The appendix is another thing we could do quite well without. It is a relic from old vegetarian days. It has been workless ever since mankind started meat eating and is apt to get in the way.

The large intestine, too, is a thing we really don't need nowadays. The many coils of this long tube are kind to the doctors, but are quite unnecessary, now mankind has become a flesh-eating animal, and merely provide a resting place for germs. We don't really need to carry a great intestine about with us.

Another thing we don't need much nowadays is the instinct to walk on hands and feet together. You think walking upright the only natural way for man? It isn't. If ever you have to make your way along some narrow plank or some narrow, dizzy mountain ledge, you will find the old instinct strong in you.

Why is it?

A man in an uptown side street saw what he thought was a cheap glass brooch lying in the gutter. He was not interested in cut glass so did not pick it up. Another man who was watching the actions of the first man picked up the pin and later tried to sell it for 50 cents. He tried in vain, notwithstanding, as this has recently become a cold, unfeeling world; and if, because of the war taxes, folks will not pay 90 cents for a perfectly good dollar bill, recently offered at that price, it is altogether unreasonable to expect them to pay 50 cents for a supposedly glass pin. The bargain sale was thus an utter failure. Subsequently the "glass" jewels, strange to say, turned out to be diamonds and rubies worth \$500. If it is so difficult to distinguish between a 50-cent and a \$500 bauble, wherein lies the advantage of having the expensive gem? Incidentally and curiously, the finder of the pin, who took a chance, was arrested. The query obtrudes itself, what for?—New York Sun.

Cossacks' Terrible Attack.

The Russian Cossacks owe their success mainly to a form of attack which is peculiarly their own. It is known as the lava. Cossack horses are specially trained to carry out the maneuver. The leading sotnia (squadron) spreads out to right and left, and the others, at full speed, form up on each side of it in a semicircle or half moon. Every man with a lance is attended by a man wearing a sword, and all the officers are in front of the men of each sotnia. The other squadrons do not wait for a special order, but at once adopt the same formation, endeavoring to surround the enemy from another side. With loud shouts reminiscent of the Indian warwhoop, the Cossacks rush down on the foe, and even though the first assault be repulsed, another lava pours down on the shaken enemy. This system of attack takes its name, of course, from the liquid products of volcanic activity.

New Fossil Bed.

Near Fargo, N. D., a bed of marine fossils has been uncovered. Scientists find evidence in the deposit to support the theory now and then advanced that the Dakotas at one time formed the bed of a great sea. The discovery was made by W. T. Stanton, paleontologist with the United States geological survey, and by him as well as by others is looked upon as putting an end to further debate on the subject. The presence of the fossil formations can be accounted for only on the basis that at one time water covered the area to a considerable depth.

Vigilance Prevents Forest Fires.

The Boise national forest in Idaho had 39 fires during the past summer, yet 28 were held down to less than ten acres, and of these 15 were less than one-quarter of an acre. The supervisor says this success was due to a lookout tower and to efficient telephone and heliograph service.

COST OF ARMING EUROPE

Forty Billion Dollars Has Been Spent for This Purpose in Twenty-Five Years.

There is no escaping taxation abroad. It is driven right into the vitals of the people, rich and poor alike. Like death, it has to be. In the last 25 years the six great military nations, England, France, Germany, Austria, Italy and Russia, have spent about forty billion dollars to get ready to fight one another. None of them has had a single war with any of its neighbors during that time.

Just stop and think what \$40,000,000,000 means, writes Albert W. Atwood in the Saturday Evening Post. The farms of the United States are worth only \$40,000,000,000. The total wealth of England is only about \$60,000,000,000. Forty billions is approximately three times all the money in the world. Yet every dollar has been spent merely getting ready for a war that good people really thought would never come. It did come more swiftly, suddenly and murderously than the wildest jingo had conceived possible, and it is going to cost something, too.

Now, you can't raise \$40,000,000,000 without going after it hard. A great statesman, describing the tax collectors of Europe to the French chamber of deputies, said: "They have been obliged to resort to an intolerable espionage and a degrading system of informers. They question caterers, neighbors, servants, children; they keep account of dinners that are given and the cigars that are offered to guests."

There is no limit to the financial resources of a European power, because there is no form of wealth that is left intact. It may be only a little annoying and mostly amusing to the American tourist to have a quarter of a cent added to his hotel bill to help out the government in whose boundaries he happens to be. But there is nothing funny about the burden of militarism to the very rich continental who in some cases pays more than a fifth of his income to the government.

If you had to live on an income of \$100 a year you would hardly care to pay taxes, and yet in Saxony, for example, an income of more than 400 marks is taxed.

True, the income tax is only one mark—23.8 cents—until your income exceeds \$125 a year; but when you have to live on less than \$2 a week and pay local taxes as well it is no droll or comic matter to pay 23.8 cents to the nation, especially as the government uses something like two-thirds of your mark either to pay interest on debts incurred for past wars—in which quite likely your grandfather was killed or to keep up an army which you will have to join in any case when your ruler decides to make you fight again—and perhaps be killed or wounded.

Old Claim Against Kaiser.

Some little time back there seemed a prospect of a lawsuit against the Kaiser with a view to making him disgorge some of his wealth. The plaintiff claimed to be the heir of Field Marshal von Muenich, and stated that in 1765 his ancestor submitted a feud respecting some property to the arbitration of Frederick the Great, depositing the sum of £45,800 as caution money. This was never returned to the field marshal, although the award went in his favor, and with compound interest was calculated at about two million pounds when steps were taken to reclaim it. The legal representative of the Kaiser admitted that Frederick had retained the money, but, as the claimant was unable to show documentary evidence of his descent from Von Muenich, the case did not go into court.

Soldiers and Spectacles.

The large number of territorialists with spectacles or eyeglasses has been noticed. On this point the late Mr. Eustace Balfour, brother of Mr. Arthur Balfour, wrote to the London Scottish during the Boer war: "Some members who have passed the medical tests on the assumption that they will shoot in spectacles do not do so. May I point out that spectacles are no humiliation? The Germans wear them in war. They are in some respects even a protection against dust. I personally, have been all my life a deer stalker, and have always had to wear glasses. I do not think I have ever lost a stag which I should otherwise have hit by having spectacles on. The prejudice against them is childish and artificial in my view."—London Chronicle.

A Hero of Wight.

Bonchurch, Isle of Wight, which is buying its ancient landslide as a public recreation ground, can claim association with one of the famous feats of the British navy, for it was the birthplace of Queen Anne's Admiral Hobson. Within a few days of Hobson's joining the navy as a ship's boy the fleet went into action, and his vessel was laid alongside that of the French admiral. The boy made his way to the enemy's ship unperceived, and struck and carried off the flag. The French, thrown into confusion, were successfully boarded, and the English crew, at the end of the fight was met by the ship's boy with the enemy's flag neatly draped over his arm.

Bound to Be Popular.

"Doppel has invented an automobile horn that is going to make him immensely rich."
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"A perfect imitation of a panther's scream."

Condensed Statement of Condition of

The Farmers State Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

As Reported June 23, 1915

RESOURCES

Loans	.....	\$138,209.95
Overdrafts	.....	None
Banking House	.....	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	.....	2,938.00
Furniture and Fixtures	.....	4,500.00
Interest in Gty. Fund	.....	1,083.86
Revenue Stamps	.....	55.37
Cash and Exchange	.....	45,461.42
Total	.....	\$201,748.60

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	.....	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	7,743.71
Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	159,004.89
Total	\$201,748.60

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R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Miss Cogee Murphy returned
to her home in Abilene Sunday.

Cake flour at the Bob Martin
Gro. Co.

Mrs. Susie Bennett visited her
aunt, Mrs. Claud Williams of Abi-
lene last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith of
Big Springs are here visiting the
family of G. W. Johnson.

Mrs. W. R. Grayson of Shiloh
visited Misses Maud and Minnie
Ferguson Sunday.

Alta Phillips of the Shiloh
community was a business vis-
itor in Abilene Monday.

Will S. Merritt was in Abilene
Monday attending the Fourth of
July celebration.

Master Boyd Meeks who has
been quite sick for several weeks
is slowly improving.

Cake flour at the Bob Martin
Gro. Co.

Mrs. T. H. Largent and chil-
dren are visiting friends and
relatives in Dallas.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen and little
son, Charles, were guests of Abi-
lene friends Sunday.

Mrs. A. H. Barnes is a visitor
in Tyler this week, the guest of
her son, Clifton Barnes.

Miss Maurine Angus is a vis-
itor in Fort Worth this week, a guest
of her uncle, L. Angus.

H. J. Brooks of Whitesboro
was among the many business
visitors in Merkel the first of
this week.

Verner B. Sublett is at home
after a months visit to relatives
at Alpine, Tahoka and other
points.

Miss Tommie Lou and Gladys
Coggin of El Paso are here vis-
iting Mrs. O. W. Williams and oth-
er relatives.

Among the births reported this
week was that of a daughter to
Mr. and Mrs. J. Cecil White on
Route 5.

Mrs. M. E. Baccus of Route 3
left Tuesday night for a visit to
her father, W. M. Duncan, at
Frisco, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Perkins of
the Canon country are in Mans-
field the guest of their daughter,
Mrs. G. C. Griffith.

J. D. Hogg left Tuesday night
for Palacios where he will visit
his son, E. B. Hogg. Mr. Hogg
expects to be absent for several
weeks.

Miss Gail McCarty of Sweet-
water spent Sunday and Monday
in Merkel visiting Mrs. W. H.
Dickson and Miss Elma Sheppard.

Messrs. J. D. Gaither and J.
L. Baker were among those who
attended the Fourth of July Cele-
bration at El Paso.

Misses Fannye Moore and
Eather Williams of Merkel were
in Abilene Monday and called at
The Reporter office. Miss Moore
is connected with The Merkel
Mail, one of the best weekly pa-
pers published in Central West
Texas.—Abilene Reporter.

Among those taking advantage
of the low excursion rate to El
Paso for the celebration of July
4 were Messrs. A. C. Rose, Jim
Black, J. C. Hamm, Robert
Hicks, Choc Jones, Floyd Dean
and possibly others whose names
we failed to get.

Miss Helen Jackson of Fort
Stockton was the guest of her
uncle, T. A. Johnson and family,
Sunday. Miss Jackson returned to
Abilene Monday where she is
taking a course in the Abilene
Normal.

Miss Juanita Thompson of
Anson, who is attending the
Abilene Normal, was a Sunday
guest of Misses Maude and Min-
nie Ferguson Sunday.

Miss Albertine Winters, who
is attending the Simmons Sum-
mer Normal at Abilene, returned
to take up her studies Monday
after a short visit with home-
folks.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Coppadge
who have been here visiting the
family of A. H. Barnes returned
to their home in Allan Reed
Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs,
Sr. Miss France Burroughs,
Charm and Billy Bob visited in
Westbrook and Roscoe last week.

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

Mrs. J. L. Yarborough of Fred-
ericksburg has returned home af-
ter visiting her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. L. B. Owen.

Miss Lurlyn Powell of An-
son is the guest of her cousin
Mrs. J. J. Stallings and Mrs.
Clyde McGee.

Miss Winter Dean Woodrum of
Abilene and brother, Oma, are
here visiting their grandmother,
Mrs. Emma Woodrum.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cross are
in Austin visiting their son,
Charley Cross.

Mrs. S. B. Mayberry of Shiloh
visited Mrs. J. S. Swann Tuesday.

J. P. Sublett returned Wednes-
day from Lampasas county
where he was called by the ill-
ness of his brother. Mr. Sublett
reports his brother well on the
road to recovery.

Miss Tommy Lou Coggin who
has been here visiting Mrs. O. W.
Williams, was visiting friends
in Abilene yesterday.

Messrs. C. B. Herring and Hugh
McMahan of Abilene were guests
of their aunt, Mrs. Jud Sheppard
Monday.

Wheat and oats wanted. See
me. E. W. Perminter.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—A large broad
mare, gentle. E. D. COATS. 4tf

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

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

FOR RENT—Four room house
in south Merkel, close in. See
S. F. Haynes.

FOR SALE—Good Jersey milch
cow, age 4 years for \$50.00. A
bargain. See Dr. McMaster.

WOOD FOR SALE—I will be
hauling good dry wood. Please
see me or leave orders at my
fathers office. Frank Armstrong.
9t2

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baker of
Canyon are visiting the latter's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Mer-
ritt, on Elm street. Mr. Baker
was principal of the Canyon pub-
lic schools the past school year
but has been elected principal of
the Canyon High School for the
next school year and will return
to assume his duties as soon as
he finishes his vacation here and
with his parents at Mineral
Wells.

J. S. French of Amity, Ark.,
who has been in the Merkel
country for the past ten days at-
tending to business affairs, re-
ceived a message Monday inform-
ing him of serious illness of his
wife in the state hospital at Lit-
tle Rock, Ark. Mr. French left
immediately for that point.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dalton
were visitors in the city Tuesday
from Dora. Mr. Dalton informed
a Mail reporter that he had pur-
chased the Shaffer farm situated
about one mile northwest of Mer-
kel and would move there the
first of the year.

J. L. Smith of Decaturville,
Tenn., who has been a guest in
the home of W. F. Rushing on
Route 2, left Saturday evening
for an extended visit in New
Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus,
Mr. and Mrs. Austin Boyd and
little son, Fred, motored to Min-
erals Wells where they will visit.
Before returning home they will
visit in Ft. Worth and Dallas.

O. W. Williams, district man-
ager of the Carey-Lombard, Young
& Co., with headquarters in Fort
Worth, was attending to business
matters in Merkel the first of
the week.

Mrs. J. T. Warren and daugh-
ters, Misses Winnie and Louise,
left for Fort Worth Sunday even-
ing where they will join a Radnor
party in a tour of the Pacific
coast country.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Brown,
after a pleasant visit in the home
of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harmon,
have returned to their home in
Mingus.

P. K. Cranford of El Paso is
in the city the guest of his par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Cran-
ford.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes and
son, Stuart, and J. A. Grimes of
Bronte, a brother of T. L., left
yesterday for an overland trip to
Meridian, Belton and Moody.

Misses Nettie, Ana and Clara
Oliphant, who have been here
visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. J.
Adcock, returned to their home
in Dallas Saturday.

Our line of Stationery is the
most complete of any to be found
in Merkel. Burroughs.

Cleanliness, Quality, and Ser-
vice are the essential builders of
our fountain trade. Burroughs.

Master Maurice and little Miss
Irene Justice are at home after a
pleasant two weeks' visit in Hico
and Stephenville with relatives.

Mrs. A. H. Thornton is a vis-
itor in Kerens, Navarro county,
the guest of her sister, Mrs. R.
A. Mabry.

Geo. C. Clark, commercial man-
ager of the American Public Ser-
vice Companies, was a business
visitor in Merkel Wednesday.

Miss Maggie Wheeler left this
week for El Paso on an extended
visit to her sister, Mrs. W. L.
Johnson.

Mrs. W. J. Campbell of Nubia
left Wednesday night for Chick-
asha, Okla., where she will visit
her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Norton.

Mrs. J. M. Provine who has
been visiting the family of R. J.
Hannah on Route 3 returned to
her home at Stephenville Wednes-
day.

The accuracy and competence
of our prescription department
has gained its own fame. Went
you place your next with us? Bur-
roughs.

Mrs. J. W. Cox, son and little
daughter, of Hamlin are here
visiting Rev. and Mrs. L. B.
Owen.

Miss Gladys Britton and fath-
er, A. H. Britton, of Abilene
visited Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Britton
the past week.

Mr. Lynn Stockford and sister,
Etoyle and Miss Louise Herring
of Hamlin motored over to visit
Miss Amy Gunn.

Mrs. A. C. Rose returned to
Sweetwater Wednesday where
she is taking treatment at the
Grogan Wells.

Mrs. Oscar Leamon of Eric,
Okla., came in Saturday night
to visit Mrs. W. Parten for a few
days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Britton of
Somerville were guests of their
parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brit-
ton.

Wheat and oats wanted. See
me. E. W. Perminter.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. M. Sowell is in Abilene
visiting Mrs. J. Stinchcomb.

Don't forget the market at
E. L. Rogers Saturday. It

Paul Wood of Abilene was a
Sunday guest of Merkel friends.

All the latest standard Periodi-
cals to be found at Burroughs.

Mrs. A. J. Leighty has as her
guest this week Mrs. Geo. Har-
rington of Mart.

We repair guns, shoes, light
repair work of all kinds. All work
guaranteed. J. T. Darsey. 9t2

Harry Woodrum was sight-see-
ing in the city of Fort Worth Fri-
day and Saturday.

Eat more Ice Cream, but be
sure that it is Alta Vista. Bur-
roughs.

Miss Alyce Mae Boyce of Abi-
lene was the guest of Miss Elma
Sheppard this week.

Fresh roasted Peaberry Coffee
at G. M. Sharps.

Mrs. Cynthia Hall and daugh-
ter, Miss Mollie, were visitors in
Abilene this week.

See the Methodist ladies cakes,
pies, dressed chicken etc., It

D. L. Gregory of the Noodle
Country was in Abilene Monday
attending to business matters.

Wheat and oats wanted. See
me. E. W. Perminter

B. F. Cox of San Angelo
passed through Merkel Friday en
route to his home.

Our drinks hit the spot. Makes
you wish you were a leopard.
Burroughs.

L. Brown of Arlington was in
the city Saturday shaking hands
with his many Merkel friends.

J. T. Darsey is still in the Sec-
ond Hand Business. Highest cash
prices paid. 9t2

Buy your Sunday dinner from
the Methodist ladies at E. L.
Rogers Saturday. It

Mrs. E. H. Nesbitt after a
pleasant visit in the home of Mrs.
L. T. Saddler has returned to her
home in Valley Mills.

All sorts of soap. Let me fig-
ure with you by the box. G. M.
Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett
were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.
H. Denton near Tye Monday and
incidentally attended a fish fry
on Little Elm.

Elder W. G. Cypert returned
Monday from Wills Point where
he has been conducting a very
successful meeting.

Geo. McDonald, J. F. Hold-
ridge and Clayton Brown were
among the business visitors in
Abilene from Merkel Saturday.

Miss Ruth Denton of Tye was
a week-end guest in the home of
her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs.
S. J. Roberts.

Miss Grace Moore is visiting in
Sweetwater.

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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.

DIAZ

Diaz was the wisest Mexican of his long day. He understood his people as no other man. He proclaimed the glory of liberty, but he ruled with an iron hand.

Diaz and Santa Ana filled a century in the life of Mexico.

Santa Ana, in spite of the wrong view we get of him from our school histories, was a remarkable man, but he did not have the stern constructive qualities of Diaz.

Diaz was half Indian and half Spaniard. His mother wanted him to be a priest. A Mexican bishop did not encourage the idea, but gave him an education which fitted him for the sterner duties of life.

Diaz fought in the Mexican war against the American soldiers. From 1848 to 1865 he was a soldier for the republic. Juarez and Diaz broke the power of Maximilian, and after the French had sailed away made short work of that royal adventurer, who was attempting to impress Hapsburg kultur on Mexico.

In these wars Diaz measured his military prowess against such worthies as Bazaine and Gallifet who later became infamous and famous in Europe. Diaz was a stern man. The pleadings of Carlotta, the petitions of the emperor of France and of the pope could not avert the end that fate, under the directing hand of Diaz, had decreed for Maximilian. Diaz is dead. Maximilian is a fading memory. Carlotta still lives, but she is an insane woman.

Diaz recreated Mexico. He unlocked its commerce and its mines to the world. Under his rule from 1876 to 1911 the wealth of Mexico enormously increased, and, though he was a dictator, the common people were happier in those times than ever before or since. If Diaz's rule was stern it was not that of a looter.

When 80 years old he came to cope with a revolution which 10 years earlier he would have stopped in its incipency. But the old fire and the old strength were no longer in his being. Diaz withdrew, and then we had Madero; then assassinations, and then revolutions and counter-revolutions; and now in Mexico we have chaos.

Anarchy rules in Mexico because we are attempting to fit the Mexicans to Anglo-Saxon ideals of liberty and constitutional liberty.

We have been attempting to encourage the Mexicans to set up a pure democracy, which even we have not yet reached.

Diaz understood what Mexico must have in order to have peace better than did the wisest man of Washington.

It is said that when Diaz was a boy in the seminary he read Cicero and Nepos and Caesar. He caught the old Roman view of the ideal republic, and he knew later in life that the Roman concept of a republic might survive in a Latin country as against Mr. Jefferson's ideal of government by the consent of all the governed. Time shows that Diaz was right. Madero failed because his democratic ideals were impossible.

Huerta had the Diaz idea, but we sympathized with men who called themselves patriots and who later turned out to be cut-throats. The result was that the only man who could have saved Mexico after Diaz had gone followed him into exile. Three years of Carranza, Villa and Zapata have turned Mexico into a waste where the centipede and the tarantula are the kindest either of insects or animals.

Diaz was a great man, and only under a man

of his character can Mexico exist in peace during the next hundred years.—Commercial Appeal.

YOUTHFUL DRUG VICTIMS

Forty youthful inmates of the reformatory on Hart's Island, N. Y., ranging in age from 8 to 18 offer fresh evidence of the effectiveness of the Harrison antinarcotic law.

In their craze for the drug, having become desperate, an assault was made on the hospital of the institution. In their search for morphine, cocaine and heroin, they carried away belladonna, aconite, atropin and other poisonous drugs. These were mixed together and divided among the colony of drug victims sent to the reformatory to be treated for the habit.

As a result 40 youthful addicts are now at the point of death.

It is sad enough to think of men and women of mature years who are drug sufferers. To think of children of eight and nine years being held by the authorities for treatment is tragic.

It shows the havoc the illicit drug trade has made among the youth of New York and Brooklyn.

A child who is addicted to the use of cocaine or morphine suffers as an adult when deprived of the drug. This was the cause of the desperate raid in the Hart's Island reformatory and the present condition of the inmates. It affords further evidence of how desperate the victim becomes when crazed for the want of the drug.

In the New York case a lesson may be learned. The treatment evidently was too drastic. The supply cannot be too suddenly cut off. The treatment must be gradual. The drug fiend, when deprived suddenly of his stimulant, is reduced to a state when he cannot be considered responsible.

When children of the country become, at tender age, crazed drug fiends it is time for the national government to step in and take a hand. The Harrison law may have its defects. Many have been discovered, and these can be rendered at the next session of congress. It is doing much good at present. If it does no more than protect children from becoming victims of these peddling poisoners, it will be a blessing to the country. It is possible to save a child, but almost impossible to wean a veteran morphine addict from the use of the drug.—Commercial Appeal.

WALT MASON ON HOME PATRONAGE

Kersmith & Kickshaw deal in wax, and chinese eggs and carpet tacks. They are good sports in every way; they cough up money every day to make the town a better place in which to live and push your face. They hire a couple clerks or who wait on patrons in the store.

Our cross-roads burg they would up-build, and see it with glad people filled. And to that end they blow their scads like truly patriotic lads. But when we need of eggs a few we send away to Timbuctoo, and when a carpet tack we wish, it's shipped from Ypsilanti, Mich. Each has the notion in his dome that things are best away from home; and so we order hods and hats and humming birds and maltese cats from strangers in some town remote, who wouldn't know us from a goat.

We ship away our hard earned kale, and get our fourth-rate junk by mail. Say, are we seers, or are we fools? Those strangers don't support our schools, or keep the peeler on his beat, or help to pave the muddy streets. They do not paint the village pump, or build a fence around the dump. If our old berg were blown away they wouldn't care a wisp of hay.

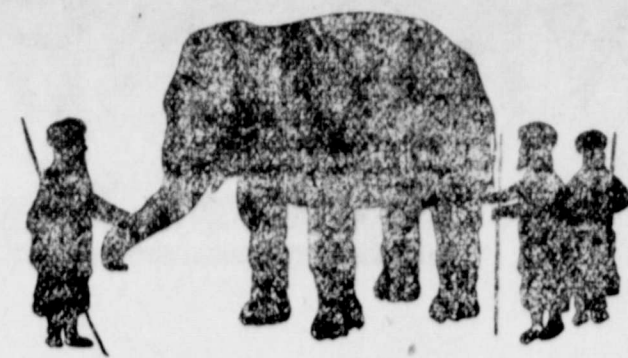
A bumper crop for Merkel country with what the Fannin County Favorite would term "with the bumps shaved off."

Just because the Russian Bear walked away like a man is no indication that it will not back-track.

Ever hunt any? Who knows but that the Russian bear is good at back-tracking.

We are able to again report conditions in Mexico as follows: —? *!\$:-—? * . *!† '\$*!':..

The man who would rather be right than rich is already rich.



The Three Blind Men and the Elephant

They were taken to "see" the elephant. The first one touched the trunk and said that the elephant was like a snake. The second one grasped a leg and said, "How like a tree!" The third passed his hand along the side of the huge beast and said, "Just like a wall." As is frequently the case, they didn't combine their knowledge.

Take three engineers and their lubricating problems. One has achieved perfect valve lubrication. Another has reduced wear and trouble on his guides. The third knows how to make gears last longer.

The combined knowledge of the three would increase the value of each one to himself, and to his employer. How can they exchange experiences?

By getting in touch with an organization which has worked out thousands of these lubricating problems. Such an organization is back of Texaco Lubricants. Unlimited experience in all parts of the country, plus the means for giving you the benefit of that experience, enables us to solve your particular lubricating problems.

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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. 1814

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The terrible itching and smarting incident to certain skin diseases, is almost instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Salve. Price 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

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

Advertised Letters.

Childress, Roy
Howard, Henry
Nichols, Jim
Simmons Jack
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office July 17.
H. C. Williams, P M
Merkel, Texas

For The Next Few Days

We offer a few interesting prices on goods that you will need for the hot days of July and August. In our store you find Dependable Goods, and the Price the Lowest

Dress Goods Department	
\$1.00 Foulard's special	65c
50c Crepes, special	38c
\$1.00 Organdies	70c
35c Flowered Lawns	22c
25c Flowered Lawns	18c
25c Piques	15c
35c Piques	20c
50c Piques	35c
25c Shadow Laces	12c
25c Egyptian Tissue	15c

Staples	Staples
Best grade Calico	3½c
Best grade 10c Gingham	7c
Best grade 10c Bleached Domestic	7c
Best grade 10c Brown Domestic	7c
Best grade 8½c Brown Domestic	6½c
Men's Dress Oxfords	
Men's \$4.00 black and tan oxfords	\$2.95
Men's 4.50 black and tan oxfords	3.25
Men's 5.00 black and tan oxfords	3.85

Ladies' Oxfords	
Ladies \$2.50 Oxfords, black and tan	\$1.75
Ladies 3.00 Oxfords, black and tan	1.95
Ladies 3.50 Oxfords, black and tan	2.75
Ladies 4.00 Oxfords, black and tan	3.15
Ladies 1.75 Oxfords, black and tan	1.25
Men's 50c Silk Hats	.39c
Men's \$3.00 Straw Hats	\$2.25
Men's \$2.50 Straw Hats	\$1.95
Men's Work Shirts	.40c

Children's Oxfords	
\$2.50 Children's Oxfords	\$1.75
\$2.00 Children's Oxfords	1.50
\$1.75 Children's Oxfords	1.35
\$1.50 Children's Oxfords	1.15
\$1.25 Children's Oxfords	1.00
\$1.00 Children's Oxfords	.85c
Men's best grade Overalls	.75c
Men's \$6.50 Palm Beach Suits	\$4.75
Men's \$8.50 Palm Beach Suits	\$6.75

Woodroof Brothers Merkel, Texas

TICK ERADICATION FULLY EXPLAINED

(Continued from page 1)

of small farms, if tick infestation is pretty general, we would recommend the installation of a neighborhood dipping vat, not necessarily expensive, where a large number of stock may be dipped with but little expense to any one individual. However, where such a method can not be successfully or conveniently adopted, small isolated infested herds will be sprayed with the help of the owner. In the event a county votes in favor of tick eradication during the latter part of the present year, and there are cattle on feed in that county which are intended for market before May, 1916, the Live Stock Sanitary Commission will not require such cattle to be dipped, provided they can be moved to the shipping point without exposing known noninfested herds or premises.

Claims Proposition Misrepresented.
"In a few instances where counties have voted on tick eradication, we regret to say that this proposition has been willfully and maliciously misrepresented to the citizens of those counties. It has been brought to our attention that the citizens in certain counties in this State, at a time when tick-eradication elections had been called in those counties, were informed that if the result of the elections was in favor of tick eradication, every milch cow, farm horse or mule, as well as every livery horse and other work stock in the little towns throughout the country would have to be dipped every few days and that the owners would have to provide elaborate dipping facilities at an enormous expense in which to dip such animals, regardless of whether or not a tick of any description was ever known to exist in the localities in which such stock were kept. Such statements are absolutely false, as may be well understood by any one if they will only take into consideration just what effect these elections would have on such persons that spread these falsehoods; and both sides of this question should be thoroughly investigated by every citizen before going to the polls to vote.

Cattle Values Enhanced.
"In conclusion, I wish to repeat the claim of this commission of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry and many prominent men whose ranches were once below the quarantine line, but have since been freed of that blood-sucking, life destroying pest, the fever tick, and placed above the line, that the very minute a county is declared free from tick infestation and placed above the quarantine line by both the State and Federal Governments the market value of every

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cow brute in such county is enhanced at least \$5 on account of the fact that they are eligible for shipment to any market in the United States for any purpose. They are no longer required to be dipped before they can enter the native pens at market centers or compelled to be shipped for 'immediate slaughter' only."

"Therefore, good people of this grand Lone Star State, I implore you to give this matter your earnest and impartial consideration. Think what it is really worth to you in dollars and cents, and then let us join hands in a determined fight to free the best state in this Union of the worst enemy the live stock industry has today."

Help for Those Who Have Stomach Trouble

After doctoring for about twelve years for a bad stomach trouble, and spending nearly five hundred dollars for medicine and doctors fees, I purchased my wife one box of Chamberlain's Tablets, which did her so much good that she continued to use them and they have done her more good than all of the medicine I bought before. Samuel Boyer, Folsom, Iowa. This medicine is for sale by all dealers.

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

Severe Attack of Colic Cured.
E. E. Cross, who travels in Virginia and other Southern States, was taken suddenly and severely ill with colic. At the first store he came to the merchant recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Two doses of it cured him. No one should leave home on a journey without a bottle of this preparation. For sale by all dealers.

GROCERY SPECIALS

For a few days we will make some very low cash prices on the following articles

Our Dollar Pail Coffee	80c
\$1.00 Deacon Brown bucket coffee, cup and saucer in each bucket	80c
Arbuckle Coffee, per pound	19c
6 pounds Peaberry Coffee	\$1.00
7½ pounds "1859" Coffee	\$1.00
10-lb. bucket Whiteflake Compound	95c

We also have one lot of Shoes and Slippers we are selling AT COST

When in need of anything in the grocery line see us. Next door to Behrens-McMillen furniture store.

J. L. JOHNSON

Mrs. Wiley Wilson Dead.
Mrs. Wiley Wilson died at the family home in this city Sunday July 4, of pellegra. At the time of her death Mrs. Wilson was about 40 years old. She is survived by four children. To them we extend our sympathies. It has only been a few weeks since their father's death occurred. Funeral services were conducted at Rose Hill cemetery Monday afternoon by Rev. C. P. Garvin.

Operation for Appendicitis.
Miss Lillie Ayers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ayers was carried to Abilene Thursday of last week for an operation for appendicitis. Miss Ayers was resting well at last report and it was thought she would be able to return to her home by Sunday. I sell groceries as cheap as anybody. Same grade. Try me with next bill. G. M. Sharp.

HOLT TRIES TO END OWN LIFE

Mineola, L. I., July 6.—Prof. Frank Holt, held in jail here for his attempt to assassinate J. Pierpoint Morgan, this morning attempted to kill himself. He was frustrated and his condition is not believed to be serious. No details of the attempt at suicide were given out.

The first report was that he tried to sever an artery in his wrist with a pencil which had been given him to write his wife in Dallas. This report was at first denied, but later admitted. It will be remembered that Holt after his arrest for an attempt to assassinate Mr. Morgan confessed to having placed the dynamite in the Capitol Building at Washington that caused the explosion on July 2, which came near wrecking the building.

It was considered significant that Holt tried suicide soon after learning of efforts to identify him as Mueuter.

From his wife in Dallas Holt received this telegram:

"Have best counsel here. Advised to rest and wait. You must do same. Loving greetings hourly. A beautiful tribute to you in both evening papers. I am tarrying for details of our finances. I will come when you need me. Don't be afraid. Rest.
"LEONE."

Glen Cove, N. Y., July 7.—Frank Holt leaped from the top of his cell door last night, striking the floor on his head, death resulting a short time after. Holt's skull was fractured by the fall. He had been moody since being placed in jail. Tuesday night Holt opened an artery in his left wrist, but an attendant discovered him writhing in pain on his cot, and saved his life by binding the injured member.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by druggists. Price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.—adv

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I have for sale a fine violin which is over 150 years old also a bicycle which will sell cheap.
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Thanks to Fireboys

In behalf of the Magnolia Petroleum Co., as well as myself I wish to thank each and every member of the Volunteer Fire Department for their services rendered in saving our stock of goods from the fire Wednesday night.

Sincerely yours,
H. M. Rose.

A TEXAS WONDER.

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



MRS. W. E. DICKSON, EDITOR

Sutphen-Swofford

Miss Locha Sutphen and Dr. E. A. Swofford were married last Wednesday at Caddo. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. L. Swofford. He has just finished a dental course at Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tenn. and will practice his profession at Rockdale. His many friends here extend congratulations and best wishes.

Daniel-Cordell

The many friends here of Miss Elinor Daniels and Mr. O. A. Cordell were surprised when the announcement of their marriage came Sunday. They were married at Big Springs and left immediately for their home in Midland where the groom is engaged in business.

Murphy-Dye

Sunday afternoon Mr. Ollye Dye of this place and Miss Eva May Murphy of Abilene accompanied by Miss Cegee Murphy and Parker Sharp motored from Abilene to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scott on Locust street where they were married by Rev. Kimbrough, who is holding a revival meeting at the Baptist church. Dr. Kimbrough was the bride's pastor in Abilene. She is a true christian and is highly respected in church and social circles in Abilene. The groom is associated with the Burton-Lingo Lumber Co. Mr. and Mrs. Dye are receiving the congratulations of their many friends.

The Womans Missionary Society met July 6 at the home of Mrs. C. P. Garvin. This being the regular business meeting the officers gave their reports. Two visitors were present and one member received. On the fourth Sunday in July there will be something of importance to all. Come and see.

A large crowd of the "Whats-Wat" boys attended the picnic at Abilene this week. They report a very enjoyable time, which is always with the bunch at any place they go. The members that couldn't leave their work, enjoyed the stories of the trip told by those that went. Monday being their regular meeting day they postponed a certain meeting place to enjoy the three days at Abilene. They will meet at the place mentioned in the paper last week, which was a special ring, as it is called, that has been prepared for them on Mulberry Creek.

Monday afternoon Miss Pearl Gilliland and brother, Lloyd, entertained with a Fourth of July party. The house and lawn were beautifully decorated in the National color. Many flags were used, thus adding charming touch to the color scheme. Dainty refreshments in the National colors were served to about twenty guests.

O'Briant-Faucett

Miss Jessie O'Briant and J. E. Faucett were happily married at Los Angeles, Calif., Sunday July 4. Miss O'Briant is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O'Briant of this city who spent several years at Berkeley, Cal. She is a charming young woman, talented and cultured, and has many Merkel friends. J. E. Faucett, the groom, was reared in Abilene, but spent several years here cashier of the First National Bank and Southern National Bank. At the present he resides in Los Angeles where he is connected with the Los Angeles Trust and Saving Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Faucett have many friends here who offer congratulations.

Miss Lottie Butman visited friends here Wednesday.

C. M. Largent was a business visitor in Fort Worth Wednesday. J. S. Barnes of Westbrook was transacting business in Merkel Wednesday.

Wheat and oats wanted. See me. E. W. Perminter

Miss Mamie Mann of Dallas is the guest of Miss France Burroughs.

Mrs. O. W. Williams and Miss Evelyn Williams motored to Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Brown were visitors in Fort Worth this week.

Just received fresh meal and flour. Wholesale and retail. G. M. Sharp.

Mrs. B. Jenkins is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jno. Bryson, near Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brabbins are at home from Cisco where they visited relatives.

Mrs. Claude Doan and grandmother of Nubia visited friends here Wednesday.

A cool place to drink and smoke at the Burroughs Drug Store.

Miss Ona Stanley spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stanley of Nubia.

Miss Mamie Ellis is in Abilene this week, a guest in the home of her brother, Lester Ellis.

Mrs. Frank Johnson of Stamford is the guest of her sisters, Misses Ona and Pauline Johnson.

I want your grocery business. G. M. Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Clay and children of Hawley visited friends here the first part of the week.

Mrs. D. M. Matthews of Nubia is in Knox City this week, a guest of her daughter, Allie McCormack.

Mrs. Emma Daniels is visiting her son at Sealy.

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, 2514 Taylor, County Texas.

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.

AUNT NANCY'S VICTORY

SITUATION CLEARED UP BY RAY OF TRUTH.

Absolute Proof That Even With the Beet of Intentions It Doesn't Pay to Deceive Is Here Made Manifest.

Alicia turned from the window, her eyes dancing. "Mrs. Frank Finney is just about to open the gate. She has a dish in her hands. I think," the laughter in her eyes bubbled over into her voice. "I think, Aunt Nancy, it contains lobster salad. I saw her buying a lobster this morning and I catch a gleam of lettuce under the napkin."

Aunt Nancy put down her work in distress. "My soul! and I never touch lobster, nor you, either! I had to throw away that she brought over a couple of weeks ago."

"But you know," Alicia hinted wickedly, "you told her it looked so delicious. And you thanked her for it so—so touchingly, Aunt Nancy. No wonder she's bringing you more when it gave you such pleasure!"

Aunt Nancy turned with the air of one goaded to desperation. "Nancy Alicia Dudley, you scatt! If I have to face this thing out I don't want any spectators." And Nancy Alicia, her eyes dancing more than ever, obeyed.

Half an hour later she returned and meekly asked permission to enter. Aunt Nancy gave it cheerfully. There was no lobster salad in sight, and Alicia had taken the pantry on her way.

"Do you mind telling me," she inquired respectfully, "where it is?"

Aunt Nancy scorned subterfuge. "At Mrs. Frank Finney's, I suppose," she said, calmly.

"Aunt Nancy! What did you do? How did it happen? Wasn't it lobster salad, really? Was she taking it to someone else?" Alicia was plainly excited.

"It was lobster salad," Aunt Nancy replied, "and she brought it to me. I told her the truth."

"There was a thrilling silence."

"The—truth?" Alicia inquired.

"I did. I told her I couldn't abide lobster, nor my niece, either. I told her we had to throw away the other, being afraid she'd discover it if we gave it away. I told her it had been on my conscience ever since—not only because it was a lie, but because I hated to see good food wasted. So I begged her to take it to someone else."

"What did she say?" asked Alicia.

"And I told her," Aunt Nancy pursued, "if ever she could send me a mite of her angel cake when she was making any, I'd be real pleased, because I never can make any to equal hers. And then she confessed that none of them care much for jellies (I sent her some mint, you know), but that Mr. Finney had been longing for some of my raised doughnuts. So I'm going to send him some tomorrow. We had the nicest talk we ever had in our lives."

"Efficiency in neighborliness," Alicia murmured. "Aunt Nancy, you're great. May I carry over the doughnuts?"—Youth's Companion.

Propose Aeroplane Landings.

Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, chairman of the aeronautical map committee of the Aero Club of America, has submitted to the club a plan to establish landing stations for aeroplanes throughout the United States, and he and Edwin Gould have offered lands owned by them in Maine and Georgia respectively for this purpose. The governors of the club have accepted the offers and have instructed Mr. Peary to accept any others that may be made. Mr. Peary's land is an island east of Portland, Me. Mr. Gould's a stretch of marsh land opposite Jekyl Island, Georgia.

Best When Married.

Dorothy Bentley, the dancer, and the wife of her erstwhile artistic associate, Carlos Sebastian, is a strong disciple of matrimony. Miss Bentley and Mr. Sebastian were recently arranging their extensive vaudeville tour, and the friends of the Newlyweds strove to embarrass her.

"It is great, this married life," she confessed to a friend. "Why don't you try it?"

"Because," replied the friend, "all the best men are married."

"True, quite true," Mrs. Sebastian confessed, "but they were not the best men until they were married."

Deadly Torpedo.

Under the direction of Commander John K. Robinson, U. S. N., commanding the naval torpedo station at Newport, R. I., a test was recently made which seems to prove that the torpedo net is no longer a secure defense against the torpedo. In the experiment a torpedo with a heavy charge of gun cotton was fired from the torpedo boat Morris while she was running at 18 knots at a steel net which was moored to protect the target. The torpedo went through the net, struck the target and exploded.

Her Idea.

Mr. Fester—If this isn't the most daring, outspoken play on the stage, I'd like to see the one that is! Mrs. Fester—Doubtless you would.—Brooklyn Eagle.

To Have and to Hold.

"Hubby, you haven't held my hand for a month." "How can I hold your hand," he demanded irritably, "when I gotta hold the baby?"

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The Cotton-Leaf Worm.

The time is at hand when the cotton grower should begin to watch his field for insect pests. In the meantime he should know what to do in case of attack, and where, on short notice, he can get the dope best to use.

The leaf-worm is most liable to make trouble, and paris green mixed with cheap flour, two pound of the poison well mixed with a 50 pound sack of flour, being about the right proportion.

Make a couple of bags of cheap cotton cloth, open enough to let the poison flour sift through. Fasten the sack to the two ends of a pole, long enough to reach to the middle of a cotton row on each side. Put a small boy on a horse, with the pole across in front of him, and give him a stick with which to tap the bags to make them "give down".

Twelve to twenty acres, according to size of stalk, may be covered in a day by this means, and unless a rain comes too soon and washes off, the application will get the worms. In case rain following the application, there is nothing to do except to apply again.

I have heard of loss of stock from pasturing on the poison field, but never had any trouble of this kind myself, or personal knowledge of such trouble. However, it is well to be careful, especially when heavy rains have not come prior to turning stock in the field.

Great care should be taken to prevent injury to the horse used for applying the poison. He should be protected front and sides, by heavy canvas shields, reaching to the knees. The first time I used this dope I nearly killed the best horse on the place and it is just as bad for the boy.

Arsonate of lead is a most effective remedy for the leaf work, but the Paris green is easier to procure, and will do the work. Last season we printed this warning and remedy in good time, but a great many seem not to have paid much attention to it until the worm attacked their fields, when they deluged this office with letters for the information we have given in this brief bulletin.

R. R. Claridge, Agricultural Agt., T. & P. Ry. Co. Longview, Texas.

RHEUMATISM ARRESTED

Many people suffer the tortures of lame muscles and stiffened joints because of impurities in the blood, and each succeeding attack seems more acute until rheumatism has invaded the whole system.

To arrest rheumatism it is quite as important to improve your general health as to purify your blood, and the cod liver oil in Scott's Emulsion is nature's great blood-maker, while its medicinal nourishment strengthens the organs to expel the impurities and rebuild your strength.

Scott's Emulsion is helping thousands every day who could not find other relief. Refuse the alcoholic substitutes.

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There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you.

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The Woman's Tonic

Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

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A TWICE-TOLD TALE

One of Interest to Our Readers

Good news bears repeating, and when it is confirmed after a long lapse of time, even if we hesitated to believe it at first hearing, we feel secure in accepting its truth now. The following experience of a Merkel man is confirmed after three years.

D. J. Dodd, Elm St., Merkel, says: "For a long time I suffered day and night from kidney trouble. The first symptom was an inability to control the kidney secretions and my rest was broken at night. About three months ago Doan's Kidney Pills came to my notice and after using them, my kidneys and bladder were restored to their natural condition." (Statement given January 15th, 1912).

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Purchasers of New Cars.

H. M. Warren, local agent for the Ford Motor Car Co., reports the sale of a five-passenger car to A. W. Wilson of Trent this week. R. H. Collins is also the owner of a new car having purchased a Dodge through Agents Boyd & McDonald.

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L. E. Martin will be glad to see you at the Kent Street Grocery Store and Wagon Yard. He wants your chickens and eggs. Will pay best prices.

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ZUDORA In the Twenty Million Dollar Mystery

By HAROLD MACGRATH

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SYNOPSIS.

Zudora is left an orphan at an early age. Her father is killed in a gold mine, and the fortune from the mine, which grows to be worth \$20,000,000, are left in the guardianship of Frank Keene, Zudora's mother's brother, who has set himself up as a Hindu mystic and is known as Hassam Ali. He 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.

"Well, well," says Hassam Ali, "solve my next twenty cases and you can marry him; fall in a single case and you must renounce him."

Zudora unravels a mystery and wins her first case—a case in which John Storm is saved from being convicted of a murder "staged by Hassam Ali himself."

Zudora and Hassam Ali visit Nabok Shan's house, where sleep overcomes every one whenever Nabok attempts to marry a princess. Storm, seeking Zudora, is made a prisoner. Zudora foils Nabok, Shan, restores the princess to her original lover and saves Storm from death.

A maker of diamonds tells Hassam Ali his secret. Storm informs Zudora that his life is being attempted frequently. Storm suspects Hassam Ali. Storm is arrested for stealing the diamond maker's gems, but Zudora discovers the real thieves—a pair of mice.

The negro help employed on Storm's father's farm are fleeing because a great pestilence has appeared at night upon a hill near by. Storm is baffled in his investigation, but Zudora learns that her uncle has employed Jimmy Bolton, a half-witted man, thus to annoy Storm's parents. Zudora finds Bolton operating a magic lantern and is attacked by him. Storm appears and saves her.

Hassam Ali asks Zudora to find a gem lost by two mysterious old men. Zudora gets a photograph of the gem and it burns in her hand. An old house is mined by Hassam Ali and the old men. Storm and Zudora are lured there and narrowly escape destruction when the house blows up.

John McWinter, endeavoring to trap and kill George Smith, is killed himself, and Smith is charged with murder. Hassam Ali conspires to have John Storm meet the same fate as McWinter, and he and Storm are overcome by powerful fumes. Zudora saves them, proves that McWinter's own dog trapped and killed him and saves Smith from a band of lynchers.

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 greater 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. This great 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 under the leadership of Mme. Du Val. They plan to frighten Zudora so that she will run away. Failing, they kidnap Zudora and Howard, the mine superintendent, and put them in a private insane asylum.

CHAPTER XIII.

A Raid on a Madhouse.

WHEN John Storm realized that Zudora was gone, abducted in her nightgown, with only a comfortable to shield her from the cold, he was stunned. And he had laughed at her for her forebodings, her talk about evil stars.

Who could have done it? Where could they have taken her? Were the diamond people back of it?

Was this move intended to frighten Zudora or really make away with her? He was in a state of collapse and of half a mind to start out and just hunt for the woman he loved, having neither direction nor plan of action.

He only sensed the feeling that she needed him and that he must go to her. Then his gaze happened to fall to the floor, where it rested upon an envelope.

Unthinkingly he stooped and picked it up, but without glancing at the superscription.

They might be hurting her; she might be dead. By and by he saw the name.

Who was J. W. Bruce? Idly he looked for the postmark—and became galvanized into life. Africa!

This envelope had been postmarked Africa. Hastily he drew out the contents and read it. It was signed by Henry Howard, the superintendent of the diamond mines.

In this letter Howard complained that he believed the rightful heir was being deprived of what was hers and that he demanded an understanding that would leave no further doubt in his mind.

That was sufficient for John. The smugglers had realized that they stood

on thin ice and had struck the first blow.

And what a blow! Gentle Zudora, a prisoner God alone knew where, subject to threats and possibly abuse! Oh, they should pay in blood! John swore as he pictured these things in his mind. Mrs. Ramsey came in.

"What is it?" she asked, noting the wild anger in his face.

"It's the diamond business. They've taken the first trick."

"But they didn't take the diamonds," said Mrs. Ramsey, opening her hands.

"They threw the flower pot to the floor, but did not look at the dirt. Where shall we put them? Wouldn't it be better if we deposited them at a bank?"

"We can't do that until we have established our right to them. I've got



He Was in a State of Collapse.

an idea. We'll hide them in the phonograph machine in one of the record files. It's the last place any one would look for them. Now, I'm off to see Hunt. You sleep in Zudora's room tonight. They may come back to have another look for the stones. If any one enters shoot. Don't feel any qualms. Shoot and shoot to kill."

"I may not shoot straight, but I'll shoot."

When Storm entered Hunt's office he found that individual calmly filing away at a key. He paid no attention to Storm until he had notched the key to his satisfaction.

"Well?"

"Zudora's been abducted?"

"I thought maybe she would be."

"And you made no effort to prevent it?"

"My boy, could I feel just where they'd start the game? Howard is also missing. They're no fools we are dealing with. At the start they get the real owner of the mine and the superintendent. Now, what's that you've got in your hand?"

"A letter I found on the floor in Zudora's room. Moreover, it's addressed to J. W. Bruce and signed Henry Howard."

"Ha! That's something like it. So Bruce himself was mixed up in it, eh? Must feel the pinch to take a risk like this."

Hunt read the letter.

"H'm! This man Howard seems to be a white man. He probably barked



Two Nurses Had Buffeted Zudora Without Success.

when he landed and they've boxed him up somewhere. And I shouldn't be surprised if Zudora was next door. Just keep your hair on, John. They won't hurt her to any extent. They won't dare until they know they are safe. Cheer up, Storm. We'll unwind

the snarl. Do you know what I'm going to do?"

"What?"

"Send Jim Baird to Africa to look over the whole business, old documents, the output, past and present, all the loose ends of the game. Mean-



"Try it," said Mme. Du Val.

time we'll prow around for Zudora. Wherever they have put her you can take my word for it they'll be mighty cautious for a week or so in going in that direction. Now, I know what you want to do.

"You want me to go and arrest Bruce. No, thank you. I want our friend Bruce free to come and go as he pleases. Sooner or later he'll gain courage enough to go and see how the fair captive is making out, and then we'll learn something."

"I know it's a tough job to have to sit still when the woman you love is in danger. But a single false move on our part might be fatal. These people are desperate. I've begun to get a glimmer of that fact."

"How long will we have to wait?"

"That's up in the air, my boy. You can't rush out and do the work in ten minutes. It may be weeks, even months. But in the end we'll come out on top. But I'm going to ask you on your oath not to make any move without consulting me. Promise?"

"I promise," said Storm reluctantly.

"My business is catching crooks, just as your is sending them over the route or getting them off, as the case may be. I look at this as a long game, to be played with the utmost care. Now we'll go and rout out Baird."



All the While Baird's Eyes Were at the Window.

We'll pay his expenses with a fat bonus, and he'll get a good Sunday special, as he calls them."

In Mme. Du Val's salon there was rather an animated scene.

It appeared that Zudora was not easily to be frightened by threats.

At the instigation of Dr. Munn two nurses had buffeted Zudora without success. The two women had seen tears form in the girl's eyes, but her lips had remained uncompromisingly firm.

Radcliffe suggested to his henchmen to use a little melodrama upon Zudora—threaten her with death by the knife.

"Try it," said Mme. Du Val. "If I know that girl she'll laugh in their faces."

"You never can tell when a spirit like that will break," said Radcliffe. "I'm for giving the idea a trial. As for Howard, let him rot where he is. I know that breed."

"My suggestion is a little hunger. It accomplishes far more than threats. Have you ever been hungry and thirsty, with these things almost within reach?"

"We'll try that later."

The henchmen came back later. To Mme. Du Val's surprise Zudora had yielded and confessed that the gems were in the flowerpot.

But none of them realized that Zudora had made this confession quite

confident that Storm or Mrs. Ramsey would secrete the gems elsewhere.

"You never can tell!" laughed Radcliffe.

"We haven't got the gems yet," said madame wisely.

"Africa?" cried Baird when Hunt outlined his plans. "That's a long way from home. A tea weeks' job at the least."

"It's a necessary job, my boy. Fifty a week and all your expenses and if everything turns out all right a handsome bonus. And think of the story you'll be able to put over!"

"I'll go. When do I start?"

"Tomorrow at noon. Liverpool. You'll be there one day; then you sail for Cape Town. Fast boat. A week or ten days will be sufficient to cover the work. Then hike home."

"Tomorrow? Wow! You're the little speed king, Hunt. All right. I'll be at the dock tomorrow noon. You bring along the tickets and money. No time for any letter of credit. I've always wanted to go to Africa, anyhow."

"That's the kind of talk. Facts; get facts. Storm here will furnish you with papers of authority. You will get them fixed up through the American consulate. Now, you, Storm, take a photograph of Zudora to police headquarters. Not that I expect anything from that quarter, but they'll come in handy when we play the grand slam. I'm going to take a look at our friend Bruce."

On the following day Baird sailed away, and Storm and Hunt settled down to the grim business of watching two men.

But these two men scented danger. They never went near the sanitarium.



A Fine Shindy Followed.

The telephone saved them the trouble.

Each day they knew just how Zudora had passed the day before. There was still no sign of weakening on her part. They dared not grow impatient. When they learned that the girl had tricked them regarding the hiding place of the diamonds they shifted her diet to bread and water twice a day.

They dared not go too far. As for Howard, the mine superintendent, they had set about to starve him gradually. They were not particular whether he died or not under the treatment.

Days passed, days became weeks.

Storm and Hunt worked with extraordinary care, but the hiding place the rogues had selected for Zudora was not to be found.

Hunt had not seen Bruce, the smuggler, in a long time. Upon investigation he learned that Bruce had also gone to Africa.

Would he recognize Baird if they ran across each other? Whatever happened Baird had the advantage of being first on the spot.

Meantime Baird arrived at the mines, and after his documents were shown was given the run of the office. It was all very novel and interesting to the late understudy to Hassam Ali.

He had always loved color. So he donned the habiliments of a boss miner, and when his books were made up he spent the balance of his time in the mines to see how it was done. One day he saw what is rarely given man to see, the finding of a big stone, the kind bankrupt empires and tottering kingdoms seem unable to do without.

It was as big as a hickory nut and worth twenty thousand in its uncut state. Baird was permitted to hold the stone, and to his eyes it did not seem possible that this dull crystal was of that precious type which sparkled and scintillated around women's throats and fingers.

Then came Bruce, and Baird recognized him at once. What was he doing here in the office?

Bruce was, in fact, going over the same books that he had already gone over.

The clerk was a good chap. Evidently he was not divulging Baird's presence to Bruce.

When the latter heard of the big stone he cabled Radcliffe the news. And Baird cabled Hunt that Bruce had it.

Legally the gem had to be turned over to Bruce. All Baird's papers called for was the right to look over the company books.

So Bruce pocketed the stone, already finding in his mind a future purchaser.

Some one was going to buy an unregistered stone for about \$15,000 less than he would pay, supposing the stone

came through the regular channels of trade.

That night Bruce went to the trouble of hiding the find. All the while Baird's eyes were at the window.

In other words, the smuggler was in danger of being smugged. Baird, having ascertained the exact hiding place of the precious lump of crystal, got into his traveling clothes, packed his cases, got a horse and carriage to carry him to the nearest railroad, then waited



A Pale, Wan, Hungry Girl Collapsed as Storm's Arms Flew Around Her.

until Bruce fell asleep, which was soon, having been generous with whisky "pegs" that night.

Baird knew all about raising windows; he had been taught in an expert school.

He entered Bruce's room, took the diamond from its hiding place and stumbled against a chair.

Bruce awoke. He saw the dim form and plunged toward it courageously.

Baird ducked and leaped out the window. A bullet sang past his ears.

He stowed away his "stolen goods" in the left side pocket of his trousers, climbed aboard the carriage and bade the kaffir to drive "like blazes" for the station.

Two days later Bruce booked for home on the same boat with Baird, who passed him on the promenade, sat near him in the dining saloon, exchanged ideas about the weather in the smoke room, and Bruce hadn't the slightest suspicion that this pleasant stranger had "done him up brown."

Before the final landing the two became quite chummy. And every night when he retired to his bunk Baird let go his chuckles. It was as good as a play.

On the other hand, Bruce never dropped the least word regarding his affairs.

And whisky and champagne acted as a clamp to his lips. It would all make a corking good special for the Sunday edition.

And now to smuggle the gem in himself.

He kept it in his pocket until his cases were examined, then with a bit of legerdemain slipped the stone into one of the cases.

And Bruce saw this play. And he saw many other things when Hunt and John Storm came up to greet Baird.

In the excitement of the meeting Baird stepped away from his belongings, and Bruce quietly appropriated the suit case.

It was the end of the suit case disappearing into a taxi that caught Baird's eye. Then he understood that



The Mine Superintendent Was Beyond Help.

he had been outplayed through a bit of carelessness.

Bruce's taxi whirled away.

Baird and Storm and Hunt piled into the next taxi and gave chase.

Bruce had a scheme. If he could have succeeded in putting it over it would have been a brilliant scheme.

To lure the three into the pleasant confines of Dr. Munn's sanitarium for the insane!

Once there they would leave only feet foremost—dead.

He reached the sanitarium. The pursuing taxi was but three minutes behind.

Bruce roused the men in the office,

explaining hurriedly what was going to happen.

Baird was first at the door. The attendant put up a fight.

Then the doctor and another attendant were in sight, and Baird was used roughly.

It is quite possible that he might have gone out feet foremost had not Hunt and Storm burst through a window which was not barred. A fine shindy followed, and presently Storm and Hunt had the affair in their hands.

From somewhere above came a piercing cry.

"A fake insane asylum, I'll bet you!" cried Hunt. "Come on! There goes the cry again."

They heard the sputter of a motor—Bruce flying back to town again—but they gave it no attention. Upstairs they ran.

"Help, help!"

"That voice!" murmured Storm, his heart threatening to leap from his breast.

They came to the door, smashed it in, and a pale, wan, hungry girl collapsed as Storm's arms flew around her.

Hunt found Henry Howard, but the mine superintendent was beyond help. They had really starved him to death, and he died in Hunt's arms while vainly trying to tell his story.

The end was not in sight yet.

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The Prince and the Bell.

When Edward VII. of England was Prince of Wales he was in Philadelphia in 1890, and he took great interest in the relics of the Revolutionary period, although his visit to Independence hall was projected purely in a spirit of mischief by his entertainers. In rummaging in the garret the party discovered the old cracked bell, which had been somewhat contemptuously hidden away, and this more than any other relic seemed to fascinate the prince, whose words have been thus reported:

"This old bell is the greatest relic this republic has today. Instead of being here, covered with this accumulated dirt, it should occupy the chief place in this hall of independence. It is to you what the Magna Charta is to England. It is cracked, but it is an inspiration. Believe me, my friends, it affects me more than anything I have been shown."

The good sense of this suggestion appeared immediately to the pride and sensibility of the custodians of the relics, and from that moment the Liberty bell took its "chief place in the hall of independence."

Heat Waves.

Heat waves, says Edwin C. Martin, author of "Our Own Weather," prove disastrous directly in proportion as hot nights are combined with hot days. For a number of days successively the heat may mount during the day to extraordinary heights, but if the intervening nights turn comparatively cool the number of prostrations and deaths will be much less than under a considerably lower temperature continuing with scant abatement through the day and night. Thus any situation that peculiarly favors cooling off at night has a clear advantage during the prevalence of a hot wave. It is also an advantage to be insured to heat. The same degree of it that would cause great suffering to the people of the north imposes nothing more than discomfort on the people of the south.

Uses For Seaweed.

The Japanese employ some 600,000 persons in the seaweed industries. These are mainly engaged in preparing edible products. China alone, it appears, consumes over \$500,000 worth of gelatinous articles made from seaweed every year. Furthermore, the Japanese use seaweed in the manufacture of such diverse objects as policemen's boots, picture frames, marbled floors and electric switchboards. In France seaweed finds utility as a stiffener for mattresses and as size for straw hats, while the native fishermen of South Australia make ropes and fishing nets from the local varieties.

Name of Phoenix Park.

The origin of the name of Phoenix park, Dublin, has puzzled many scholars unacquainted with the Irish language. The manor was called in the Irish vernacular Fionn-uise, pronounced finniske, which signifies clear or fair water, and which articulated in the brief English manner exactly resembled the word phoenix. The spring or well so called from which the park derives its name still exists close to the Dublin entrance of the vice regal lodge. It is situated in a glen beside the lower lake and is one of the romantic objects of the park.

Got No Autograph.

To an applicant for his autograph Mark Twain on one occasion sent a letter the substance of which was as follows:

"To ask a doctor or builder or sculptor for his autograph would be in no way rude. To ask one of these for a specimen of his work, however, is quite another thing, and the request might be justifiably refused. It would never be fair to ask a doctor for one of his corpses to remember him by."

There was no autograph to the letter, which was typewritten throughout.

In Literary Realms.

"Where have you been, my dear?" "To my literary club."

"And what did you discuss at your literary club?"

"Shakespeare and circular skirts, Emerson and perpendicular plumes, Browning and military collars. I think that's all."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

NOODLE

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hill returned to Hamilton Monday, after having spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Goode.

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

Mrs. F. A. Polly left Saturday morning for West Key to visit her father, Mr. Young, who was reported very low.

There was quite a number of people celebrated the 5th by spending the day on the river fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill and Mrs. T. E. Goode spent Thursday and Friday in Weinert with relatives.

Several young people attended the ice cream supper at Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winters at Shiloh last Saturday night.

Miss Arminta and Paul Wheeler left Saturday morning for Eastland to visit relatives.

R. W. Green made a business trip to Anson Monday.

Grandma Hall and Miss Iva Childress of Anson came in Wednesday of last week to visit their daughter and aunt, Mrs. R. W. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Herring gave the young people a singing Sunday night.

Misses Zelma Bicknell and Beulah Jones, Messrs. Homer Herring and Bruce Wheeler attended an all day singing at Sand Bur Sunday.

Misses Stella and Mabel Goode and brother, Leldon, of Abilene spent Sunday and Monday at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eoff were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. McCright of Shiloh Sunday.

Miss Helen Thompson returned to Sinclair Monday after having spent a week with her sister Mrs. A. C. Sosebee.

Cured of Indigestion

Mrs. Sadie P. Clawson, Indiana, Pa., was bothered with indigestion. "My stomach pained me night and day," she writes. "I would feel bloated and have headache and belching after eating. I also suffered from constipation. My daughter had used Chamberlain's Tablets and they did her so much good that she gave me a few doses of them and insisted upon my trying them. They have helped me as nothing else has done." For sale by all dealers.

SHILOH

J. D. Barnes and daughter, Mrs. H. Phillips, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Williams near Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilner Grayson spent Saturday night with friends near Stith.

Miss Edith Mayberry entertained the members of her music class Saturday night with an ice cream supper. All present report an enjoyable time.

There was a singing at J. H. Graysons Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winters entertained with an ice cream supper Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mattingley of the Noodle community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry attend services at Merkel Saturday.

Coleman Wasson and Miss Mollie Hardy of Noodle called on Miss Lyda Beavers Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago were visiting in Noodle Sunday afternoon. They were accompanied home by their grandmother, Mrs. Hall.

Miss Beulah Jones spent Sunday and Monday with friend in Noodle.

A number of young people spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Woods.

Best Diarrhoea Remedy.

If you have ever used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy you know that it is a success. Sam F. Guin, Whatley, Ala., writes, "I had measles and got caught out in the rain, and it settled in my stomach and bowels I had an awful time and had it not been for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, I could not possibly have lived but a few hours longer, but thanks to this remedy I am well and strong. For sale by all dealers

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"Dodson's Liver Tone" Will Clean Your Sluggish Liver Better Than Calomel and Can Not Salivate.

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Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal guarantee that it will clean your sluggish liver better than nasty calomel; it won't make you sick and you can eat anything you want without being salivated. Your druggist guarantees that each spoonful will start your liver, clean your bowels and straighten you up by morning or you get your money back. Children gladly take Dodson's Liver Tone because it is pleasant tasting and doesn't gripe or cramp or make them sick.

I am selling millions of bottles of Dodson's Liver Tone to people who have found that this pleasant, vegetable, liver medicine takes the place of dangerous calomel. Buy one bottle on my sound, reliable guarantee. Ask your druggist about me.



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Take a glass of Salts to flush Kidneys if Bladder bothers you—Drink lots of water.

Eating meat regularly eventually produces kidney trouble in some form or other, says a well-known authority, because the uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish; clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly backache and misery in the kidney region; rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, acid stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

The moment your back hurts or kidneys aren't acting right, or if bladder bothers you, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity; also to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

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Where the Blame Belonged.
Many veterans can recall the powerful and persuasive eloquence of Colonel Morrow of Detroit when he was calling for patriots to enlist in the Civil War. Just after the battle of Fredericksburg a deserter was brought before him. Nothing so roused the colonel's indignation as a willful desertion or cowardice, and he turned on the weak-kneed soldier in a towering rage and said: "What do you mean by deserting your post in the hour of your country's peril? Have you no feeling of patriotism? Why did you ever enlist if you are such a coward?" "Well, colonel," said the soldier, "if you want to know I'll tell you why I enlisted. It was that — speech of yours at Livonia."

His Liberal System.
"Yes, I give my boy a regular sum for spending money. I find it's the best way."
"How much?"
"Fifty cents a week. It seems plenty, doesn't it? He's sixteen."
"Why, yes, I suppose it's plenty. You give it to him every Monday, do you?"
"No, I deposit it for him every Saturday."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

But She Didn't Mean It That Way.
"Madam, I am visiting the rural districts in the interests of diversification. Have you a hog on the place?"
"You'll find my husband out in the barn."

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

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FAMOUS SOLDIER A SERVIAN

Alexander the Great Formed His Invincible Army of Natives of That Country.

The student of ancient history, reveling in the triumphs of Alexander the Great, never thinks of linking his mighty name with that of the little kingdom of Servia, the fires of whose internal troubles have set all the world ablaze. Yet it was from that small but explosive land that there once marched forth to the conquest of the world a little army of 40,000 men; and, having completed that conquest on schedule time, so to speak, their leader sighed because there were no more worlds to conquer.

Alexander the Great was a Servian—that is, he was a native of the country that is now Servia. His army was made up almost entirely of ancient Servians. His mother's family came from the region up around that turbulent but much-coveted district of Novi-Bazar, and it was from the mountains lying between the Mediterranean and the middle Danube, and the valleys on their northern slopes, that he drew the flower of that 40,000 who marched to the baricans of China and the sources of the Indus.

It is a stern, rock-bound country, this Servia, better fitted for growing soldiers than cereals. There has always remained just enough of the barbarian about the mountaineers of the country to make them ideal warriors. Philip of Macedon brought them down to the Mediterranean coast and routed the polished Greeks with them—including the eloquent but timid Demosthenes—and then, instilling just enough of Greek culture beneath their Berserk bosoms to make them fully appreciate what the conquest of the world meant, prepared the way for his son, Alexander.

That was the Servian of old, alike in many respects to his modern brother. The Servian of today a few years ago took up the sword against the might and millions of the Moslem empire as jauntily as his forefathers formed their phalanx and marched across the Hellespont to conquer the unknown and untold millions of Persia and the Indies, and more recently he took up his rifle against the Austrian Goliath, moved his government back into the hills out of range of fire, and went whistling to battle, never asking whether the odds were twenty or fifty to one.

The name Servia denotes that its people were sprung from slaves. Their broader name, Slav, denotes the same origin. But, when applied to a people who for countless centuries have fought against tremendous odds for their liberty, the term takes on a new and honorable meaning. Just as the term "whig" was first applied as a nickname of derision, but later became a mark of esteem and honor.

Military Portable Wireless.
Quick and effective communication between the tremendous forces of combatants with battle fronts of fifty to two hundred and fifty miles is no longer possible by scouts, couriers and heliographic devices. The long-range combat with terrible engines of destruction means radio or wireless communication, and everyone of the powers now at war is employing portable wireless telegraph plants carried on motor-truck chassis geared for speeds of twenty-five to thirty-five miles per hour. The truck motor drives an electrical dynamo which generates the primary current of the high-tension transformer necessary in radio transmission, and the complete paraphernalia of condensers, interrupters, collapsible antennae, etc., are carried on the truck which is generally fitted with a protecting shield for the driver and a special convertible body with sliding paneled sides which can be tightly closed in stormy weather. These motor-truck wireless outfits having an effective land range of two hundred to three hundred miles, have enabled the armies of the "dual alliance" and the "triple entente" to keep in communication with their base, wings and re-enforcements—a task impossible in modern warfare without the radio telegraph and—most important—the motor truck on which to move swiftly the instruments and their relatively large space-requiring auxiliaries from position to position.—Engineering Magazine.

Appropriate.
A wealthy but miserly baronet was celebrated for having a magnificently decorated dining room, while his viands were very few. A celebrated wit was invited to dine on a certain occasion, and the host asked him if he didn't think the room elegant.
"Yes," was the reply, "but it is not quite to my taste."
"And what change would you make?" asked the host.
"Well," answered the wit, "if this were my house, you know, I would have—looking at the ceiling—'less gilding and'—here he glanced furtively at the dining table—'more carving.'"

A Poser.
While instructing his class regarding the early days of the New England states a school teacher asked: "Do you know that the house of Burgesses in those days was so powerful that it controlled the clothes worn by the men? A man who earned \$13 a week and one whose salary was \$50 were compelled to show a distinction in the clothes they were wearing and not go beyond their means."
A bright scholar in the rear of the room piped up: "Teacher, what would a man do if he were out of work?"—New York Times.

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Mrs. G. W. Johnson Dead.

Mrs. Mary E. Johnson, wife of G. W. Johnson of this city, died at the family home on Saturday, July 3, 1915, at 9:45 a. m. after an illness of many years duration.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Rhea county, Tenn., March 4, 1853; was married to G. W. Johnson May 28, 1878; resided in the county of her birth until April, 1904, when she came to this city.

Mrs. Johnson was a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South for 47 years.

Surviving the deceased is the husband, two sons and three daughters, Stanton A. Johnson of Fort Worth; Frank R. Johnson of Stamford; Mrs. B. S. Smith of Big Springs; Misses Ona and Pauline Johnson of this city.

Funeral services were held from the residence Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment was made immediately thereafter in Rose Hill cemetery, Rev. C. P. Garvin conducting the services.

Mrs. I. N. Taylor Dead.

Monday morning T. J. Cross received a message from Austin announcing the death of his only daughter, Mrs. Cora Taylor wife of I. N. Taylor, at her home in that city. Mrs. Cross left the latter part of last week to be with her daughter who has been a semi-invalid for several years, having moved here from Cisco in 1905. She leaves besides her husband a son, Bernard Crain of San Antonio, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cross of this place a brother in Austin and one who lives near Temple. To these we extend our sympathy and commend them to the Great Comforter, the source of all comfort and help. Mrs. Taylor gave her heart to her savior early in life and united with the Methodist church. The interment took place in Austin Tuesday July 6.

For Sale

My home Edwards street. Will sell it as it stands or will cut off house with 75 feet front. Price for all \$750.00, \$15 down; \$100 per year. Price for house with 75 feet of lot \$600; \$100 down \$100 per year. This is the only price, no trade. Address me at Abilene, Texas, Box 57. R. A. McClain. It

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Struck by Auto.

In an automobile accident which occurred Saturday evening near the corner of Kent and Front streets E. D. Coats was struck by a car being driven by H. C. Burroughs, Sr. Mr. Coats was painfully bruised about the right arm and leg but was able to be down town Monday.

Your Votes Appreciated

I will appreciate your votes in the contest now on at E. L. Rogers Grocery. Miss Ada Woodrum.

COMPERE

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

We had a fine rain. Lots of stuff has been planted and it looked like for a few days we would have more rain.

Jack Pannell's father from Oklahoma is here visiting him. He is a good fiddler. They came to W. N. Moore's Saturday night and made some fine music. Henry Foster seconded on the guitar.

Rev. Dawson filled his regular appointment Sunday. Had good attendance.

The Baptist meeting begins next Sunday at eleven. Everyone is invited to attend and are especially requested to pray that we may have a great revival of religion at Compere. Rev. Dawson of Abilene will do the preaching.

Headaches and Nervousness Cured.

"Chamberlain's Tablets are entitled to all the praise I can give them," writes Mrs. Richard Oip, Spencerport, N. Y. They have cured me of headache and nervousness and me restored to my normal health." For sale by all dealers.

ROUTE 3

Health of this community is very good at this writing.

Rev. Penneron of Cisco will begin a protracted meeting at the Riney school house Friday night before the third Sunday in July. Everybody is invited to attend that can and will.

Quite a crowd of men and boys enjoyed a rat killing at A. H. Barnes Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro of Merkel visited the latters brother, Jno. Jones and wife Sunday.

Mrs. A. R. Toombs returned home from Cisco Saturday.

M. A. H. Barnes is visiting here on at Tyler this week.

Everyone is about up with their work for awhile.

Crops are looking fine at the present.

Quite a crowd enjoyed a picnic in W. O. Clinton's pasture.

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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

Little Girl is Stricken.

Reports from Tye state that little Miss Iva Holton has been stricken with paralysis and is not expected to live. It will be remembered that a party of Fort Worth business men took a great interest in the little girl while on a trip through this country, and through their efforts a fund was raised to purchase an artificial limb for her use.—Abilene Reporter.

SAGE AND SULPHUR DARKENS GRAY HAIR

Brush this through faded, lifeless locks and they become dark, glossy, youthful.

Hair that loses its color and lustre, or when it fades, turns gray, dull and lifeless, is caused by a lack of sulphur in the hair. Our grandmother made up a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur to keep her locks dark and beautiful, and thousands of women and men who value that even color, that beautiful dark shade of hair which is so attractive, use only this old-time recipe.

Nowadays we get this famous mixture by asking at any drug store for a 50 cent bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," which darkens the hair so naturally, so evenly, that nobody can possibly tell it has been applied. Besides, it takes off dandruff, stops scalp itching and falling hair. You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; but what delights the ladies with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after a few applications, it also brings back the gloss and lustre and gives it an appearance of abundance.

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. 115pd.