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KAFFIR AND MAIZE CALLS A MEETING

To all parties concerned in the Kaffir Corn and Maize Advertising and Educational Campaign recently originated by different commercial organizations in the Panhandle and South Plains Country:

We desire to say that having been appointed as a committee on organization at a meeting held in Amarillo on May 13, with instructions to formulate plans for a general organization and set a time for a meeting for this purpose. We have determined on Wednesday, July 28, at 2 p. m. as the date on which this general meeting is to be held, and have decided by reason of central location and railroad facilities that Amarillo is the logical place to hold this meeting.

We therefore respectfully call this meeting to be convened at Amarillo on July 28, and ask that every county in the kaffir and maize growing district be sure to send a strong delegation, and especially request all commercial organizations to see to it that their localities are fully represented. We also request that the grain dealers, bankers, hardware dealers, and all other merchants also be represented and do their best to interest the farmers in their respective localities in the importance of this meeting. There can be no doubt of the importance of this movement and we believe that all farmers' organizations should take this matter up and have representatives at the meeting.

It is the object of this movement to put on a general educational and advertising campaign in order to bring to the attention of consumers in other parts of the country the value of these grains and it is absolutely necessary that everyone who is interested in the prosperity of the Panhandle and Plains country be on hand and help to push the movement, and we therefore request your presence at this meeting.

Respectfully,
A. W. Read, Chairman,
Geo. W. Briggs,
D. L. McDonald,
R. S. Coon,
Hamlin Palmer,
Committee.

The above call speaks for itself. The following facts are given to show why this movement should be held:

Texas imports over forty million dollars worth of feed every year. Much of this is corn.

The Panhandle and South Plains country raises many millions of the kaffir grains annually.

While the feeding value of these grains is nearly equal to corn, yet the market price is approximately one-half that of corn.

Feeders who have made thorough tests, state they prefer the kaffirs for all kinds of stock.

Why then this difference in price and why is the market limited?

Because the feeding value of these grains is not generally known over a considerable part of Texas and other states.

Therefore, after some deliberation, the above committee have decided to make an effort to get together a body of representative men to formulate plans to advertise these grains, for the purpose of enlarging the market and placing the kaffirs where they belong before the world. Every community in West Texas should be represented.

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

FERGUSON'S VIEW ON GERMANY'S ACTION

Austin, Texas, July 10.—Governor Ferguson, in response to a request for his view on the latest answer of Germany to the note of President Wilson regarding the Lusitania tragedy said:

"I think the German reply to the American note is very liberal and fair. By all means it should not be the cause of any unusual procedure by our Government. America must not forget that there are two sides to the European war, and that both sides are the friends of the United States.

"The restrictions which England is putting upon American shipping will undoubtedly cause great loss and disaster to the Southern cotton raiser, and for this reason I hope our Government will not do anything to ruin our foreign markets, much less embroil us in a controversy based only upon imaginary wrongs."

COUNTY RENDITION GAINS \$200,000.00

The property valuation of Taylor county will be approximately \$14,275,000, according to an estimate made by Tax Assessor W. T. St. John.

The 1914 rendition was \$14,163,060 or \$111,940 less than for the present year.

"I hardly see where we got this increase," said Assessor St. John. "We lost one institution that had a rendition of \$75,000 and one man whose personal property was rendered at \$12,000. This would show an increase in 1915 of practically \$200,000. Of course, a great of it comes from autos.

The exact value of rendered property in Taylor county will be known in ten days or two weeks, when the assessor completes his roll.

RECEIVED PAINFUL INJURIES SUNDAY

In an accident that occurred just west of the city waterworks station on Elm street Sunday night, Ira, the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns, was painfully but not seriously injured.

Ira was riding a bicycle and had just passed a car but failed to see a car driven by John West following the other car until too late to avoid a collision. His injuries consist of a broken nose and a number of cuts and bruises on his left arm and leg. The force of the collision rendered him unconscious for several minutes.

A LETTER FROM HOMER

A letter received Thursday morning from our esteemed editor, Mr. Homer L. Easterwood, written in San Francisco July 11, tells of his departure from the Pacific coast. He says:

"The convention was completed yesterday afternoon and I will leave tomorrow evening, I suppose. I intend to stay until Tuesday but have given that out, for I can finish seeing the most interesting exhibits tomorrow. Will only stop one day on the road home, so should be there two days after this reaches you, Homer Easterwood."

All the latest standard Periodicals to be found at Burroughs.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS

R. M. Beasley of Trent is in Houston, Miss., visiting relatives.

H. Turner was transacting business in Abilene and Clyde Friday.

Mesdames Jno. and N. L. Meeks of Nubia were visiting in Abilene Monday.

J. A. Hamner left yesterday for an extended to relatives at Texico and Clovis, N. M.

Miss Beulah Burkett of Abilene returned home Monday after spending two weeks with friends.

Miss Beulah Burkett has returned to her home in Abilene after a visit to Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

W. H. Young and wife left Saturday evening for Merkel, returning Sunday evening.—Rotan Advance.

Mrs. G. W. Johnson and little daughter, Eva Mae, who have been here visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens, have returned to their home at Roscoe.

Miss Ruby Jones, J. C. Baker and wife, Ben T. Merritt and wife and the families of F. A. Sanders and H. T. Merritt spent three days this week on Mulberry fishing, hunting and having a genuine picnic time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst and son, Roy, left Monday for a visit of several weeks with relatives at a number of different points. Mr. Propst will go to Salisbury, N. C., and Mrs. Propst and Roy will visit in Fort Worth and Denton.

FARMERS' SHORT-COURSE MEETING

The executive Committee of the Farmers' Short-Course met in Buffalo Gap Saturday afternoon, July 3. The secretary, H. M. NeSmith, being out of town, C. R. Wofford was elected to act in his place.

The program as arranged by the A. & M. College was adopted and the heads of the different departments were elected as follows: Stock, D. F. Shillings, Buffalo Gap; poultry, J. W. Clark, Abilene Route No. 5; grain, W. F. Jones, Tuscola, (phone Ovalo); fruit, J. L. Groves, Ovalo; dairying, R. G. B. Fain, Caps; hogs and sheep, E. M. O'Kelly, Abilene, Route No. 5.

Chairman Booker, in an address, explained that farmers over the county are earnestly solicited to bring their stock, poultry, hogs, sheep, grain, fruit, etc., and place them upon exhibit. In making application for entrance of their stock or products, they should apply to the men whose names appear above as the heads of each department. Each man takes care of his own exhibit. Mr. Booker also said that it is expected that progressive farmers from over the county will bring their camping outfits with them and camp in the live oak groves, thus enabling themselves to be present and to enjoy all three of the days—August 16, 17 and 18.

O. J. Albrough will see that every convenience will be had on the grounds. Stock water will be plentiful.

Mrs. J. M. McElroy was elected secretary and Mrs. J. H. Deavers assistant secretary of the ladies department.

The committee adjourned subject to call from the chairman.

C. P. Booker, Chairman.
C. R. Wofford, Sec.

Q. Rust visited friends in Stanton the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning are at home from Silvan Springs, Ark.

Mrs. J. A. Woodard was the guest of her brother, Cal Hamner of Trent Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson left Monday for a visit with relatives in south Texas.

Little Miss Maurine Angus is at home from Fort Worth where she visited her uncle, L. Angus.

Mr. Comer Clay, after a pleasant visit with Mrs. Asa Sheppard, returned to her home in Hawley Friday.

W. R. Walker of the Grand Central hotel of Abilene was in our city Tuesday shaking hands with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Boles who have been making their home in Borden county stopped off here Friday for a short visit before going on to Eastland to visit the former's father, E. W. Boles.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sanders and Mr. and Mrs. J. Cleveland Baker spent two days last week beyond the mountains on the banks of Big Elm creek picnicing and fishing and report quite a pleasant time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel and daughter, Mrs. S. P. Miller of Panama, left Monday for Pecos where they will visit the families of Messrs Ed Collings and Ed Vickers. They will also visit Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Daniels at Del Rio.

LOCAL FARMERS TO GET EXHIBITS

H. L. Bentley of Abilene, Representative of the State Department of Agriculture, was in Merkel Tuesday in the interest of the department.

Mr. Bentley was here for the purpose of organizing a committee of the local farmers Institute to get up exhibits to be sent to Austin to the State Farmers Institute which meets in that city July 27, 28 and 29. After the institute adjourns the exhibits are to remain in Austin as a permanent advertisement of products grown in the Merkel country.

It is to be hoped that many of the Merkel country farmers will take advantage of this opportunity to show what is being done in this section of the State along agricultural lines. The exhibits may be sent C. O. D. to the State Department of Agriculture at Austin and no individual will be put to any financial trouble.

Mr. Bentley reported a very enthusiastic meeting of the Farmers Institute at Trent Tuesday morning. The Trent institute meets again Saturday to determine just when the exhibits will be shipped to Austin.

Farmer Badly Injured.

Henry Boyd, a farmer living near Nugent, Jones county, was badly injured in an accident that happened near that place Saturday. In some manner Mr. Boyd became entangled in a peanut thrasher and his left arm was almost torn from the shoulder.

Two bones were also broken. He was carried to an Abilene sanitarium for treatment.

A similar accident happened to Dr. H. F. Lewis, a physician of that community several months ago.

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

A CONFLAGRATION NARROWLY AVERTED

What came near being a disastrous fire occurred at the home of B. J. Rhodes in northwest Merkel Wednesday afternoon about 2 o'clock.

Mr. Rhodes and family were visiting relatives at Dora at the time but a relative of Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. A. G. Spain, was attending to things about the place and was canning fruit, using an oil stove. In some manner the wall paper became ignited and if it had not been for the quick action of parties who were passing, this home would have been destroyed.

The damage resulting from the blaze was slight, the paper being burned off one side of the room.

The local fire department made a record run to the scene of the flames which had been extinguished by the time they arrived.

TEXAS AND PACIFIC ABOLISHES PAY CAR

The Texas & Pacific railroad has abolished the pay car, according to orders received by local employees. Hereafter the agents at the various points will distribute the pay checks. In the case of trainmen, the checks in this district will be distributed at Ft. Worth, Baird, El Paso and Big Springs. An employee must be at his post of duty in order to receive pay, as there will be no more distributing at Ft. Worth and other points except to those who properly come under the jurisdiction of those division points. The "ghost walk" has been a monthly event with the Tee Pee employees but it is now a thing of the past.—Abilene Reporter.

REVIVAL BROUGHT TO CLOSE SUNDAY

The revival meeting of the Baptist church that has been in progress at the tabernacle in this city for the past two weeks was brought to a close with the Sunday night services.

Dr. R. A. Kimbrough of Abilene who conducted the services left Monday for Mt. Lebanon, La., where he will conduct a protracted meeting.

Much good was accomplished during the meeting. Thirty-five new members were added to the church and about thirty professions were made.

Cleanliness, Quality, and Service are the essential builders of our fountain trade. Burroughs.

PROGRAM TO BE RENDERED AT THE ROYAL JULY 16TH

Miss Alyce May Boyce, a well known pianist of Abilene, will render a classical program at the Royal Theater Friday evening, July 16, commencing at 8:30. Miss Boyce will be assisted by Misses Link and Clemens. Following is the program that will be rendered:

Miss Link.....Soloist.
Miss Clemens.....Reader.
Miss Boyce.....Pianist.

The usual picture program will be shown in connection. Admission, adults 25c, children 15c.

COUNTRY ROAD TAX RAISED TO 30 CENTS

Before it adjourned the July term Tuesday afternoon, the commissioners' court set the tax rate for Taylor county for the year at 56½ cents, an increase of fifteen cents over last year.

The general tax was placed at 18 cents, the courthouse bond rate at 8½ cents and the county road tax at 30 cents on the hundred dollars.

The county road tax was doubled, being raised from 15 cents to 30 cents. It was the unanimous opinion of the commissioners that this step was necessary in view of the increasing importance of maintaining the country's highways to a certain standard of excellence. The new rate will produce \$18,000 a year in the Abilene precinct No. 1, \$9,000 in precinct No. 2, \$4,000 in precinct No. 3 and \$5,000 in precinct No. 4.

If the bond elections to be held in precincts Nos. 2 and 3 carry, the extra 15 cent road tax can be used to create an interest and sinking fund on the bonds, stated Judge Overshiner. That is to say that the Merkel and Buffalo Gap precincts can use their own extra fifteen cents for this purpose.

It has been rumored that the state tax rate will be raised this year also, but nothing definite has been given out as yet. The rumor has it that the state rate will be 54 cents for the year.

The commissioners' court decided to advertise for bids for the renting of the county farm. The bids will be opened at the August term. The farm will be rented on a cash basis for a term of one or two years, the rent money being payable on the first of each January. The farm contains 320 acres, of which 200 acres are in cultivation.

Taylor county is one of the few in the state which does not use its farm for the care of paupers. There are some few paupers in the county, and the commissioners have found it more economical to give occasional assistance to them than to maintain a farm. This arrangement is said to be even more satisfactory to the indigent.

The commissioners assessed the usual 25 cent county poll tax. The court also fixed the rate on taxable occupations at one-half the amount charged by the state.

The results of the election held at Ovalo recently to determine whether or not the school tax should be increased from 45 cents to 50 cents were canvassed and the increase carried.—Abilene Reporter.

FIRE AT NOODLE DESTROYS A HOME

The home of A. C. Sosebee, rural route carrier out of Noodle, was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Sosebee and family had gone to a visit a neighbor and had only been absent a short time when the house was discovered on fire. Practically everything in the house was burned.

The cause of the fire was not definitely known, but it was thought to have been caused from a defective flue.

The accuracy and competence of our prescription department has gained its own fame. Want you place your next with us? Burroughs.

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

We Invite Good Business

J. T. Warren, Pres. Thos. Johnson, Cashier

LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS

Howell Brittain was in Trent Sunday visiting friends.

Miss Velma Clark is visiting home folks here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Robinson of Trent visited friends here Sunday.

Cecil Jobe and Adam Sibley visited in Big Springs Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. T. S. Wasson of the Noodle community is visiting her sister Mrs. W. T. Sibley of Abilene.

Just received another big lot of Tennis Slippers only 50c at J. A. Duckett's.

Lewis Swann and Ed Scott visited the latter's cousin Jamie Wilson of Abilene the first of the week.

The Price is The Thing.

H. S. Magness, formerly of this place, visited here Sunday and from here he left for Amarillo to attend to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Owens and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Brown of San Angelo.

Good people want good service. Call at the Star Store Tailor Shop.

Johnny and Council Greene came in Saturday to attend the bedside of their grandfather who is reported to be getting along nicely now.

Misses Flossie Cypert, Vivian Derington and Gladys Evans were among those who attended the meeting at Trent the first of the week.

Have you seen those late Kewpie Pumps at J. A. Duckett's? Special this week \$1.65.

Mrs. C. D. Mims and little daughter, Billie Burk, are at home from Nacogdoches where they visited relatives.

The Price is The Thing.

Miss Tennie Pope visited in Tye Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Dona Baker of Haskell is a guest of Miss Eather Williams this week.

J. T. Dennis made a business trip to Eastland the first of the week.

J. M. Ashley of Dallas has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Miss Norris of this place.

Hurry and get your suit cleaned and pressed and get a motor vote. Star Store Tailor Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Cotton of Abilene visited Carl Evans and family the first of the week.

Paul Cranford who visited home folks and friends here returned to his place of business in El Paso Sunday.

Harry Riney of the Noodle community who has been visiting relatives in Cisco returned home Sunday.

Miss Elva Payne and brother, Tom, were the guests of their many friends of this city the first of the week.

Berry Foster who has been visiting friends here left Saturday for Trent to attend the revival meeting going on in that place.

R. H. Brannon, Fred Woods, Jess Blanton, Virgil Bradley, Price Boyce, Joe Hoppe and Noel Cowden of Abilene were in this city Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ayers came in from Abilene Saturday where they attended the bedside of their daughter Miss Lillie who was operated on for appendicitis.

Miss Annis Burnett, formerly a milliner at the Parten Dry Goods store at this place, stopped off here Saturday night a few minutes enroute to Sulphur Springs from a month's tour in California.

**CALOMEL DYNAMITES YOUR LIVER!
MAKES YOU SICK AND SALIVATES**

"Dodson's Liver Tone" Starts Your Liver
Better Than Calomel and You Don't
Lose a Day's Work

Live up your sluggish liver! Feel fine and cheerful; make your work a pleasure; be vigorous and full of ambition. But take no nasty, dangerous calomel because it makes you sick and you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel crashes into your bile like dynamite, breaking it up. That's when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. Listen to me! If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver

Tone tonight. Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal money-back guarantee that each spoonful will clean your sluggish liver better than a dose of nasty calomel and that it won't make you sick.

Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working, headache and dizziness gone; stomach will be sweet and bowels regular.

Dodson's Liver Tone is entirely vegetable, therefore harmless and can not salivate. Give it to your children. Millions of people are using Dodson's Liver Tone instead of dangerous calomel now. Your druggist will tell you that the sale of Calomel is almost stopped entirely here.

**DODGE BROTHERS
MOTOR CAR**

You have read the specifications before but you can well afford to read them again as a reminder of how fine the car really is:

One-man top; Jiffy curtains; real leather upholstery; deep, soft tufting of natural curled hair; streamline steel body; oval moulded fenders; 30-35 h. p. bloc motor with removable head; full floating rear axle; Timken bearings throughout; imported Swiss ball bearings in clutch and transmission; waterproof Eisemann magneto; 12-volt Northeast motor generator for starting and lighting; self-lubricating Chrome Vanadium steel springs; drop forgings and drawn work instead of castings.

The wheelbase is 110 inches
The price of the car complete is \$785
(f. o. b. Detroit)

BOYD & McDONALD

**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

The above Statement is Correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier.

SAFETY AND SERVICE

One of the best indications of a bank's popularity is a consistent increase in its business. Year after year Farmers State customers have been spreading the story of Safety and Service.

Our facilities are at your command and every member of our force is ready to do something for you.

**Farmers State Bank
Merkel, Texas**

**A GUARANTY FUND
BANK**

Why Not Get The Habit?

Drink at The Elite and Meet Your Friends Here

Our Parlor and chairs are always reserved for the Ladies, and when you are down town and want to rest stop in, you are always welcome. **PANGBURNS ICE CREAM** and our line of Drinks will surely please you.

Quick Service and the Best of Everything is our Motto

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SHOP IN MERKEL

CITY BARBER SHOP

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Abilene, Texas Geo. C. Bishop, Mgr.

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Regular Lunch 25c
Short Orders

Service and Satisfaction

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SOME SPECIAL PRICES

ON

PENNSYLVANIA
DIAMOND and
GOOD YEAR Tires

FILTERED GASOLINE
and AUTO OILS my Speciality

HENRY M. RCSE

Whenever You Need a General Tonic
Take Grove's

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

RINGS DYSPEPSIA TABLETS
Relieve Indigestion and Stomach Troubles.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Roy Wilson visited friends here
Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd of
Trent were visiting in Merkel
Monday.

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

Miss Mae Stanley of Waco is a
visitor in the city, a guest in the
home of Capt. J. H. Oliver.

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

Mrs. Mollie Starkey is at home
after a visit with relatives in
Copperas Cove.

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

Mrs. M. R. Looney was a visit-
or in Tye Monday, the guest of
her sister, Mrs. H. E. Steyner.

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

Mrs. B. S. Smith of Big Springs
who has been here visiting G. W.
Johnson and family left Sunday
evening for her home.

H. A. Brackeen and wife of
Merkel, who have been visiting
relatives here, left Tuesday for
their home.—Rotan Advance.

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

W. P. Duckett left Saturday
for Ft. Worth in response to a
message stating that his daugh-
ter, Mrs. L. D. Smith, was quite
ill.

Miss Genevieve Rust, who is
attending the Simmons summer
normal at Abilene, was the week-
end guest of her mother, Mrs. E.
M. Rust.

W. D. Webb, who has been at
the bedside of his daughter, Mrs.
P. R. Demere, at her home in the
Canyon, returned to his home in
Dallas Saturday.

T. W. Webb of Rockwall re-
turned to his home Saturday after
a visit with relatives in the
Canon community.

Misses Mertice Saffie and Jose-
phine Goode who have been here
visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lar-
gent returned to Abilene Sunday
where they are attending college.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davis, en-
route from Kansas City to their
home at Winters, stopped over
here for a few days' visit with
Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church.

T. J. Blanton of Abilene who
is connected with the Home Ba-
kery, was here the first of the
week attending to business af-
fairs.

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

SAGE TEA PUTS LIFE AND COLOR IN HAIR

Don't stay gray! Sage Tea and Sul-
phur darkens hair so naturally
that nobody can tell.

You can turn gray, faded hair beau-
tifully dark and lustrous almost over-
night if you'll get a 50 cent bottle of
"Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy"
at any drug store. Millions of bottles of
this old, famous Sage Tea Recipe are sold
annually, says a well-known druggist
here, because it darkens the hair so
naturally and evenly that no one can
tell it has been applied.

Those whose hair is turning gray, be-
coming faded, dry, scraggly and thin
have a surprise awaiting them, because
after one or two applications the gray
hair vanishes and your locks become
luxuriantly dark and beautiful—all dan-
druff goes, scalp itching and falling hair
stops.

This is the age of youth. Gray-haired,
unattractive folks aren't wanted around,
so get busy with Wyeth's Sage and Sul-
phur to-night and you'll be delighted
with your dark, handsome hair and your
youthful appearance within a few days.

Mrs. M. M. Dubose and daugh-
ter, Miss Hortense, will spend
three or four weeks with Mrs.
Dubose's parents, Mr. and Mrs.
N. Roberts. Mrs. A. C. Roberts
and daughter, Miss Louise, of
Denison will also spend a week
or two with Mr. Roberts, Mrs.
Roberts' father-in-law.

Miss Lizzie Calvert was operat-
ed on for bone abscess last week.
She is now getting along nicely
at her home in the southeastern
part of town.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Swafford
and family of Yoakum are here
visiting the former's father, S.
H. L. Swafford, and other rela-
tives.

Leonard Abernathy 'of Trent
who has been here visiting his
uncle, J. B. Boden, left Monday
for an extended visit to relatives
in Dresden, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Campbell
and little daughters, Onida and
Mary, are visiting Mrs. James
Eoff at Coleman. They will join
a fishing party and go to the
Concho.

Miss Charlie Bell Thomas is at
home from Caps where she visit-
ed her sister, Mrs. Hugh Brew-
ster.



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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

FOR SALE OR TRADE—I
have 40 acres of good land near
Roby, 25 acres in cultivation.
Will sell or trade for Merkel pro-
perty. See J. C. Mason. 16t1.

FOR SALE—My registered
Jersey bull; 2 years old, no bad
habits; sure breeder. Also one
or two good milkers. See me at
once. J. B. Walton, Route 1.
16t1.

Notice

All persons owning or keeping
dogs within the city limits of the
city of Merkel, Texas, are re-
quired to pay tax on same. Pro-
cure tags from City Marshal B.
A. Walters. 16t2

Notice.

Hunting or fishing in my epa-
ture is strictly forbidden. Will
prosecute anyone to the full ex-
tent of the law. J. S. Swann. 1tpd

J. T. Simmons of Route 2 was
a pleasant caller at the Mail office
Tuesday. He reports his son,
Clarence, who has been very ill
with typhoid fever for the past
four weeks much improved.

GERMANIA

A 5-Reel World Feature

Sensational Drama

ALSO

A GOOD COMEDY

AT THE

Saturday
July 17th

COZY

5 and 10c

NOT ENOUGH CHILDREN

ever receive the proper balance of food
to sufficiently nourish both body and
brain during the growing period when
nature's demands are greater than in
mature life. This is shown in so many
pale faces, lean bodies, frequent colds,
and lack of ambition.

For all such children we say with
unmistakable earnestness: They need
Scott's Emulsion, and need it now. It
possesses in concentrated form the very
food elements to enrich their blood. It
changes weakness to strength; it makes
them sturdy and strong. No alcohol.
Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

Mr. Geo. B. Graves of Clyde
is associated with the drug firm
of H. C. Burroughs in the capac-
ity of prescription clerk. Mr.
Graves is a graduate of the school
of pharmacy, holds a state cer-
tificate and has had about five
years' experience since receiving
his diploma, two years of which
time he was connected with a
Galveston firm. We welcome Mr.
Graves to Merkel.

Mrs. J. W. Wilcox, son and
little daughter of Hamlin who
were guests of Rev. and Mrs. L.
B. Owen left Saturday to visit
their old home in Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. C. W. Knox of Trent
who has been has been here visit-
ing her son, Thomas Smith, re-
turned to her home Tuesday.

Mrs. Luther Swafford has re-
turned to her home in Dallas af-
ter visiting her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. C. M. Largent.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Bryson of
Noodle came in Sunday to visit
the latter's mother, Mrs. B.
Jinkens.

Miss Eva Holland of Waxaha-
chie is the guest of Mrs. E. L.
Woodroof.

Misses Georgia and Nettie
Harmon of Winter visited Mrs.
C. C. Harmon last week.

Mrs. W. B. Brady is in Plain-
view visiting her daughter, Mrs.
J. W. Saffie.

Mrs. Pearl Smith of Shawnee,
Okla., is here visiting her moth-
er, Mrs. N. E. Sandlin.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs
and children motored to Clyde
Monday.

Mrs. G. M. Williams is visit-
ing relatives in Rosebud, Troy
and Temple.

Miss Erah Brady left Thursday
evening to visit relatives in Plain-
view.

Mrs. E. M. Green of Abilene
visited her mother Mrs. N. E.
Sandlin this week.

Mrs. J. J. O'Mally of Abilene
is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R.
O. Anderson.

Miss Maude Jinkens visited
relatives near Dora the past
week.

A. B. Cranford of Dallas was
a business in Merkel Tuesday.

Notice.

The Methodist ladies will con-
tinue their Saturday market
at E. L. Rogers indefinitely. See
them for your Sunday dinner.
1t.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. L. D. Gaither was visiting
in Abilene Tuesday.

The price is the thing at J. A.
Duckett's Store.

A. C. Rose was a visitor in
Sweetwater Sunday.

Only 19c for a good four strand
Broom at J. A. Duckett's.

Rev. L. B. Owen and W. A.
Scott were visitors in Abilene
Tuesday.

Mrs. M. D. Angus and Miss
Jewel Toombs are in Cisco this
week.

Have you seen those \$5 Dresses
that J. A. Duckett is selling for
\$1.50.

Mrs. C. E. Stamps is a visitor
in Putnam a guest of her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Woods.

Lots of New goods received
this week at J. A. Duckett's.

W. O. Ash was a business vis-
itor in Fort Worth the first of
the week.

W. R. Walker of Abilene was
in the city Tuesday shaking hands
with his many Merkel friends.

15c Gingham only 10c at J. A.
Duckett's.

Mrs. J. A. Meeks is in Okemak,
Okla., this week the guest of her
father J. C. Horton.

Mrs. E. Hall was a visitor in
Abilene the first of the week the
guest of Mrs. R. A. Kimbrough.

Mrs. J. T. Petty has returned
to her home at Clyde after a short
visit with her son, W. E. Petty.

Mrs. G. G. Gunn of Troy, Bell
county, returned to her home
Tuesday after a pleasant visit in
the home of W. E. Petty.

Mrs. A. J. Hill of Sylvester left
Monday evening for a visit to her
sister, Mrs. Nancy Riddle at Sil-
verton.

Free motor vote with cleaning
and pressing. Star Store Tailor
Shop.

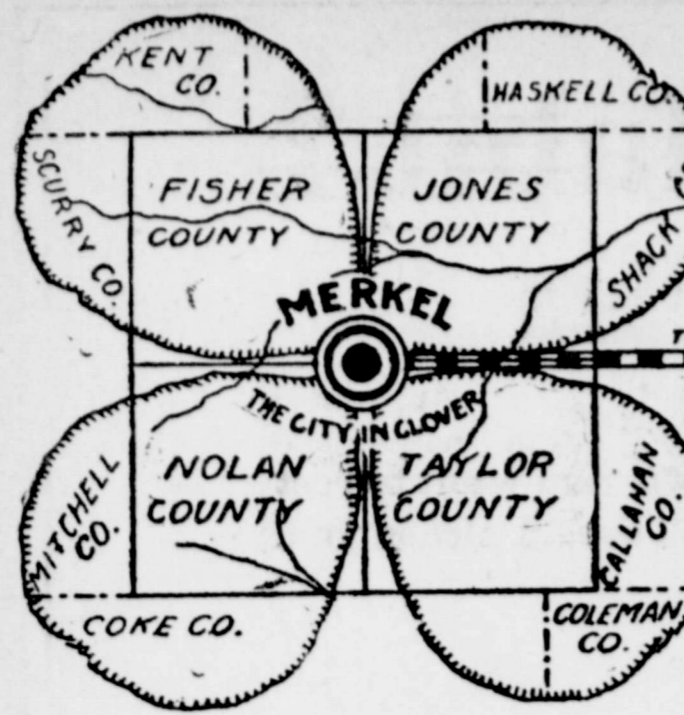
Mr. Johnson of Deport was
here this week prospecting. Mr.
Johnson expects to become a citi-
zen of the Merkel country in the
near future.

J. C. Mason is at home after a
two weeks vacation spent with
relatives at Deport and other
points in northeast Texas.

Mrs. A. L. Oxford who has
been visiting her sister-in-law,
Mrs. A. J. Hill, at Sylvester, left
Monday afternoon for a short
visit with relatives at Silverton
before returning to her home at
Stephenville.

Smith Gray of Deport was here
the first of the week and pur-
chased an interest in the farm of
J. C. Mason situated south of
town. Mr. Gray will move to
the Merkel country this fall.

Solon Braly of Appleton Tenn.,
is visiting his cousin, Grady Col-
lins. He will be here two or
three months.



MERKEL

GOOD HOMES, GOOD SCHOOLS,
GOOD CHURCHES, GOOD PEOPLE,
THE CITY TO LIVE IN,
THE CITY TO INVEST IN

THE MERKEL COUNTRY,
OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,
GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,
EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR MAN,
INVESTMENTS FOR THE RICH MAN,
PROSPERITY FOR ALL.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

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

THREE LESSONS WE SHOULD LEARN

We mention the facts now simply for three purposes:

1. To warn our people against being led astray by wild statements in time of panic. We know now that a law to prohibit cotton planting this year would have been absurd. We know that the men who said there would be no demand for half the crop simply jumped at conclusions without investigating the facts.

2. To point out the advantages, in all legislative matters, of asking not for what we should like to have but for what there is some chance of getting. We know that many leaders of our farmers honestly thought that the way for farmers to get what they wanted was to ask for ten times more than they expected. We believe now, however, that these leaders will admit that we hereby simply discredited our cause. It may be good policy among horse-swappers sometimes to ask \$375 for a horse you expect to get \$75 for but such methods hardly work in Washington.

3. The need for an adequate system of rural credits. A bale of cotton is the best security in the world. It doesn't rust, rot, wither, blight or canker; weevils don't eat it, moths do not corrupt it, and it is one of the most troublesome things in the world to steal. If there is anything in the world better security than cotton, it's land. And yet with both land and cotton—collateral that ought to give the southern farmer about the lowest interest rate in the world—the fact is that he pays about the highest rate in the world.

Something has to be done about this. The usury and immortality of crop liens and "time prices" must be attacked. We must have banking institutions that will serve our agricultural interests as adequately and cheaply as our city banks now serve our commercial interests. If we had had a proper rural credits system last fall this \$240,000,000 increase in 1914 crop values might have been largely saved to the man whose sweat made this crop.—Progressive Farmer.

WEEDS

As true as the old-world saying that "every tower has its doves" and the aphorism that "every garden has its weeds."

But it is not the actual weeds that do the greatest harm in the world. There are mental weeds that are a sharper menace to daily life and world-wide progress. These mental weeds are slothfulness, inattention, disrespect for rule and authority, selfishness, discourtesy, bad tempers, nagging, ill-natured gossip, disregard for the rights and comforts of others.

They make of any mind, no matter of what brilliant caliber it may be, an unproductive tangle and chaos. If there are weeds upon our lawns we grub them up quickly, impatient with their unsightliness. But the weeds in our hearts are too often allowed to grow until they have crowded out the flowers that should make life sweet.

The noisome weeds of vanity and selfishness choke the blossoms of content and happiness, and idleness and gossip leave their stains on the rose of love and the lilies of purity.

Look carefully into your daily life and read on the faces of those about you the record of your mental weeds. They are the victims of your tempers, your careless inattention, your selfish egotism.

Look at your mother; how much of that sad light have you put into her eyes? Look at your father; how many of those gray hairs have come through some mental weed you have flouted be-

fore him? And out in the world of business, are you playing the role of employer or employe, and playing it fair? If not, then look into your mind to see what weed is growing rank where a bright-petalled flower should be a bloom.

If you are diligent in your search you will find the weed, and if you are honest with yourself and the good God who made you, you will dig it up and cast it from you and begin a new life of "sweetness and light."

There can be no real happiness, no clean mentality, no genuine christianity in a nature where the weeds of bad habits and evil passions drip with the poison that is their sap.—Commercial Appeal.

THE COUNTRY EDITOR

There was an old geezer, and he had some head; he hadn't any money but a nerve instead; he borrowed ten dollars and an old hand press and he started up a paper called the Weekly Guess. 'Twas a very queer name I will admit, but the paper that he published it sure did fit, for it kept him guessin' and a sawin' wood to get it out as a weekly should. Some week he missed but more he hit, this old rooster he wouldn't quit, and he always managed to get a few bits to keep his family in their daily grits. He praised his friends and he skinned his foes and drew free passes to the vaudeville shows. He kept 'em all reading his newsy sheet though his best pair of trousers had a reinforced seat. And when at last a kindly fate sent him knocking at St. Peter's gate, they invited him to come inside and be editor-in-chief of the Heavenly Guide.—Ex.

I AM THE NEWSPAPER

Born of the deep, daily need of a nation—I am the Voice of Now—the incarnate spirit of the Times—Monarch of Things that are.

My "cold type" burns with the fireblood of human action. I am fed by arteries of wire that girdle the earth. I drink from the cup of every living joy and sorrow. I sleep not—rest not. I know not night nor day, nor season. I know no death, yet I am born again, with every morn—with every noon—with every twilight. I leap into fresh being with every new world's event.

Those who created me cease to be. The rains and hearts' blood that nourish me go the way of human dissolution. Yet I live on—and on.

I am majestic in my strength—sublime in my power—terrible in my potentialities—yet as democratic as the ragged boy who sells me for a penny.

I am a consort of kings—the partner of capital—the brother of toil. The inspiration of the hopeless—the right arm of the needy—the champion of the oppressed—the conscience of the criminal. I am the epitome of the world's Comedy and Tragedy.

My responsibility is indefinite. I speak, and the world stops to listen. I say the word and battle flames the horizon. I counsel peace and the war lords obey. I am greater than any individual—more powerful than any group. I am a Creator of Confidence. A builder of happiness in living. I am the teacher of Patriotism.

I am the hands of the clock of time—the clarion voice of Civilization.

I am the Newspaper.—Joseph H. Finn.

PASTED PARAGRAPHS

BETCSA!

This life would be a merry jaunt,
From woe we'd all be free,
Were we as honest as we want
All other men to be.
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

And all of us would now wear wings
Like birds that pierce the blue,
If we would only do the things
Our neighbors want us to.
—Nebraska State Journal.

This life would be a great surprise,
From vanity 'twould free us
If we could really see ourselves
As other people see us.
—Commercial Appeal.

Galveston beats New Orleans as a wheat exporting center by over a million bushels, the figures for the year ending June 30 being, Galveston 50,374,696 bushels; New Orleans 48,810,751 bushels.



The timid old lady asked the baggage master if her parcel would reach "Frisco intact."

Said that official, "Let's see."

Thereupon, he threw it on the floor. Once, "That's for Chicago." Twice, "That's for Kansas City." Third, "That's for Denver." The fourth time, he dashed it on the floor with extra violence. The box broke. The contents were scattered about.

"You see, mum, it wouldn't reach."

Fortunately, you are not in that position. You do not have to RISK the trial of the various things you need in your home or business. You can pick out a well-known article, one that has been tried and tested for years under actual working conditions in other places. Among such articles the trade mark "Texaco" has secured for Texaco Products the recognition to which their careful preparation and their suitability for the purpose entitles them.

Whether you use steam, electricity, or gas; whether you operate a farm, cotton gin, laundry, ice plant—anything.

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The Texas Company
General Offices, Houston, Texas

No. 45



Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

You are Hereby Commanded to summon G. F. Tasker by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 42nd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 42nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor county, to be held at the court house thereof, in Abilene on the 5th Monday in August, A. D. 1915, the same being the 30th day of August, A. D. 1915, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 10th day of July, A. D. 1915, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 3127, wherein Alphonse Kloh, Emil Baerwild and David Rumsey are plaintiffs, and G. F. Tasker is defendant, and said petition alleging

No. 3127

Alphonse Kloh, et als., vs. G. F. Tasker.

In the District Court of Taylor County, Texas—September Term, A. D. 1915. To the Honorable Thomas L. Blanton, Judge of Said Court:

1. Now comes Alphonse Kloh, Emil Baerwild and David Rumsey, hereinafter called plaintiffs, and files their first Amended Original Petition, in lieu of and as a substitute for their original petition filed in this court on July 10th, 1913, leave of the court first being had, complaining of G. F. Tasker, whose residence to these plaintiffs is unknown, and for cause of action plaintiffs represent to the court that heretofore to-wit: On or about the 19th day of March, 1909, the defendant G. F. Tasker, executed and delivered to Chas. J. Canda, Simeon J. Drake and Sigmund Neustadt his certain promissory note, for the sum of \$40.00, bearing date on the day and year aforesaid, due one year after date, payable to the order of said Charles J. Canda, Simeon J. Drake and Sigmund Neustadt, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, and providing for an attorney's fee of ten per cent on the amount of principal and interest then due as attorney's fees in case suit is brought on same, or if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection.

2. That said note and lien as herein described is now owned and held by Alphonse Kloh, Emil Baerwild and David Rumsey.

3. That the said G. F. Tasker became liable and bound and promised to pay plaintiffs the sum of money speci-

fied in said note, together with all interest and attorney's fees due thereon according to the tenor and effect thereof, said note being in words and figures substantially as follows: Dated March 19th, 1909, due one year after date, being Note No. 12115, payable to order of Charles J. Canda, Simeon J. Drake and Sigmund Neustadt, at Dallas, Texas, with interest thereon from date at the rate of six per cent per annum, said note reciting that same is given in part payment of Lots Nos. 8 and 9, in Block 13, in the town of Tye, Taylor county, Texas, and recites that a vendor's lien is retained on said property to secure the payment of said note and interest thereon, and that said note and lien is described in grantor's deed of even date with said deed, and being No. 2815, and that if said note is placed in the hands of an attorney or if suit is brought thereon, the maker agrees to pay an additional amount of ten per cent on the amount of principal and interest, as attorney's fees, signed by G. F. Tasker.

4. That said property was heretofore to-wit: On the 19th day of March 1909, conveyed to the defendant G. F. Tasker by Charles J. Canda, Simeon J. Drake and Sigmund Neustadt, by their deed of that date, in consideration among other things of the described herein and that in said deed of conveyance a lien was retained and reserved to secure the payment of said note, that said note now due and unpaid, and defendant though often requested has failed and refused to pay same or any part thereof, but the same still remains due and unpaid.

5. That said note has been placed in the hands of an attorney for collection and plaintiffs have contracted to pay him the ten per cent attorney's fee stipulated in said note, the same being the usual and customary fee.

6. Notice is hereby given to the defendant G. F. Tasker to produce the original deed, same being deed No. 2815, bearing date of March 19th, 1909, on the trial of this cause, or secondary evidence of its contents will be used.

7. Wherefore plaintiffs pray the court that defendant be cited in terms of law to appear and answer this petition, that they have judgment for their debt, interest, attorney's fee and all costs of suit, and for the foreclosure of their lien on the above and foregoing described lots and premises, and the same be decreed to be sold according to law, that the Sheriff or other officer executing said order of sale, shall place the purchaser of said property sold under said order of sale in possession within sixty days after the day of sale, and for such other and further relief, special and general in law and equity that they may be justly entitled to, etc.

J. Rupert Jackson,

Attorney for Plaintiffs.

Herein fail not, but have before said

court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Abilene this 10th day of July, A. D. 1915.
[Seal] J. Fuller, Clerk
1614 District Court, Taylor Co.

SALTS IF BACKACHE AND KIDNEYS HURT

Drink lots of water and stop eating meat for a while if your Bladder troubles you.

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it generally means you have been eating too much meat, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and laggard. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels, removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells; your stomach sour, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water seals and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithium and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is a life saver for regular meat eaters. It is inexpensive, cannot injure and makes a delightful, effervescent lithia-water drink.

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, regulate bladder troubles in children. If not cured 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, 2223 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure. The worst cases, no matter how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

WOODROOF BROTHERS

EVERYTHING TO WEAR

PRICES ARE RIGHT

Mrs. E. E. Hays Dead.

After an illness of several days of blood poison Mrs. E. E. Hays died at the home of her son, W. M. Hays, in the Salt Branch community Sunday, July 11.

Mrs. Hays was born in South Carolina February 27, 1838, and was married in Georgia to J. M. Hays May 25, 1865. To this union were born five girls and one boy. Three children survive, Mrs. C. C. Sargent of the Warren community, Mrs. Mollie Griffith of Goree, Haskell county, and W. M. Hays of the Salt Branch community.

The deceased was a consistent member of the Baptist church for over sixty years and was a charter member of the Salt Branch Baptist church which was organized by the Rev. S. H. Blair 23 years ago. Only one other member is now living that was a charter member when this church was first organized, E. W. Dennis of this city.

Funeral services were conducted at Rose Hill cemetery Sunday afternoon at 3:30 by Rev. L. B. Owen.

To the members of the bereaved family the Mail extends sincere sympathy.

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.

Carl Smith Dead.

After an illness of several years of tuberculosis, Carl Smith died at the home of his mother, Mrs. R. D. Allen, in the Stith community last Friday night.

The deceased was a young man nineteen years of age and leaves a number of relative and friends to mourn his untimely death.

Interment took place in Rose Hill cemetery Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Rev. L. B. Owen conducting the services.

The Mail extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

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.

Card of Thanks

We desire to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors who rendered us assistance during the illness and death of our dear mother.

W. M. Hays,
Mrs. G. C. Sargent,
Mrs. Mollie Griffith.

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

YOU HEAR IT EVERYWHERE

"SEE MACK"

For Rugs, Linoleum, Window Shades, Window Glass, Picture Frames
Paints, Linseed Oil, Wall Paper and Canvas

FURNITURE

For Every Room in Every Home

Behrens - McMillen Furniture Company

UNDERTAKING

MERKEL, TEXAS

Mrs. J. A. Baker Comes to Merkel.

Mrs. John A. Baker of Abilene will make her future home in Merkel with her son, Jno. T. Morgan, who is with the Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co., of this place. They will live in the northeastern part of town. John is a very prominent young man, having come here about three years ago. He worked with the Mail a little more than two years, being foreman a part of the time. He left the Mail to accept a position offered him by the above named firm.

Editor Dies.

Haskell, Texas, July 12.—Oscar Martin, formerly editor of the Haskell Free Press, was buried here Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Deceased was 55 years of age at the time of his death and is survived by a wife and two grown daughters. He established the first newspaper published in this county and was one of the first lawyers to locate at the town of Haskell. He died at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon from an attack of heart trouble. He was buried with Masonic honors.

For Sale.

My home on Edwards Street. Will sell it as it stands or will cut off house with 75 feet front. Price for all, \$750.00, \$150.00 down; \$100 per year. Price for house with 75 foot 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.

Farmers Institute Meets Saturday.

The Merkel Farmers Institute will hold a call meeting at the tabernacle Saturday afternoon at 3:30. We desire to have a full representation of the farmers of the Merkel country.

J. A. Pike, Pres.
D. I. Shelton, Sec.

Twenty-Five Cents is the Price of Peace

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.

New Grocery Firm.

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.

Your Votes Appreciated

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

Notice.

I will appreciate your votes in the piano contest now on at E. L. Rogers.
16t2 Mrs. Will Armstrong.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Prohibiting Certain Persons from sitting in, lounging in, upon or against automobiles and other vehicles standing upon or in any public street in the City of Merkel and fixing a penalty therefor. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Merkel:

Section 1. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to sit in, occupy, lounge in, upon or against any automobile or other vehicle standing upon or in any public street in the City of Merkel; and any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof be fined in any sum not exceeding Ten Dollars. Provided, that this ordinance shall not apply to the owner or any person in charge of any such vehicle, or to any person or persons invited by the owner or person in charge of any such vehicle to so sit in, occupy, lounge in, upon or against the same.

Passed the 9th day of July, 1915.

The foregoing ordinance is hereby approved and ordered published this 9th day of July, 1915. J. J. Stallings, Mayor.

Attest: G. W. Johnson,
City Secretary.

W. O. W.

Merkel Camp No. 719 meets second and fourth Friday nights of each month.

W. M. Elliott, C. C.
S. Hamilton, Clerk

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly

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



We Are on The Trail

of your business. We want it and you will find that we will appreciate it and will do our utmost to deserve it.

You will surely "HIT THE TRAIL" for our store if you will investigate.

E. L. ROGERS

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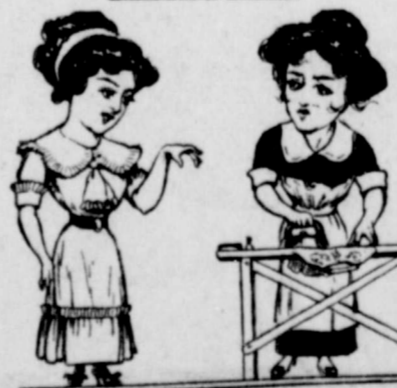
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AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Prohibiting the Hitching or tying of any beast of burden to any Telephone, Electric Light, Awning or Metal Light Post in certain boundaries in the City of Merkel; and fixing Penalty therefor:

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Merkel:

Section 1. That it shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to hitch or tie any horse or other beast of burden, or any team hitched to any vehicle, to any telephone, electric light, awning or metal light post on North Front street between the west line of Kent street and the east line of Lamar street, and on Edwards street between the north line of North Front street and the south line of Pecan street; and on Kent street between the north line of North Front street and the north line of Elm street, and on Elm street between the west line of Kent street and the east line of Lamar street, in the City of Merkel; and any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding Five Dollars.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Passed the 9th day of July, 1915.

The foregoing ordinance is hereby approved and ordered published, this 9th day of July, 1915. J. J. Stallings, Mayor.

Attest: G. W. Johnson,
City Secretary.

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Monday evening Misses Moores entertained a few friends at their home on Runnels street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Teaff entertained with a dinner at their home Friday. Their guests were Rev. Owen and Rev. Kimbrough.

Mrs. James Powell entertained a few of her young friends last Wednesday afternoon for little Miss Francis Hamm.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson gave a box party at the Cozy Tuesday evening to witness the pictures, "Who Pays?"

J. G. Jones is the man who knows how to make men think life is worth while after becoming tired playing croquet.

On a Pleasure Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain left Wednesday on an extended pleasure trip. They will first visit in Matador and from there will go to Colorado.

The Sheppard Reunion.

The home of S. W. Sheppard in North Merkel has been the meeting place for a family reunion. Saturday and Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard kept open house.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus, and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Boyd are at home from a motor trip to Mineral Wells, Dallas and Fort Worth.

Mrs. John D. Gaither gave a dinner party Wednesday noon at her home on Oak street in honor of Mrs. Jno. C. Hamm.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Anderson and little daughter, Miss Nina Loyce, of the Canyon left here on the evening train Sunday for Hermleigh.

Misses Essie and Bessie Tucker and the Miss Hogue who have been visiting the family of C. L. Tucker in the Canyon country returned to Abilene Tuesday.

Mrs. Oscar Leamon who has been visiting relatives in Merkel the past week left Saturday for Trent where she will visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Evans and daughter, Miss Sibyl, and Mrs. S. J. Roberts and niece, Miss Helen Roberts, attended the revival meeting at Trent Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald and the latter's daughters, Misses Nell and Lucy Tracy, are at home from a motor trip to Hillsboro.

Miss Leila Hill is soliciting pupils for the piano and violin. Six years' experience. Studio at Mrs. Bob Martin's.

Elder W. G. Cypert and daughter, Miss Artie, left Saturday for Trent where he will conduct a meeting at the Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McClain and son, Milton, of Abilene, formerly of this place, are visiting the family of her father Dr. J. M. C. King.

Mrs. Eva Mayfield who has been here visiting the family of J. C. Shankle near Hebron returned to her home at Clyde Tuesday.

Mrs. Clarence Coming and children were here from Hilton visiting their mother and grandmother, Mrs. M. F. Bradley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs, their daughter, France and Miss Mamie Mann of Dallas motored to Abilene and Buffalo Gap Sunday.

G. C. McDonald and family of Abilene were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harkrider.

Miss Vera Jinkens is at home from Dora where she visited her sister, Mrs. Jasper McCoy.

Miss Gladys Daniels of Sweetwater was here visiting her parents W. T. and Mrs. Emma Daniels.

Mrs. J. E. Wheat and family of Coleman are visiting the family of his sister, Mrs. W. J. Higgins.

G. W. Roach of Abilene was a business visitor in Merkel Monday.

Vic Tippett of Del Rio was the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider, the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Harrison visited relatives in Abilene this week.

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Roy Tucker of the Canyon country was a visitor in Abilene Tuesday.

Miss Ida Meek is visiting in West brook.

Miss Ruby Payne of Abilene visited Merkel friends Monday.

Miss Mona T. Christopher of Abilene is in the city, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Len Sublett.

J. L. Harris has as his guest Jno Biggs of Snyder.

Miss Homa Dupree is in Abilene visiting friends.

Miss Kate Ross of Dallas is a guest in the home of Mrs. E. Hall.

Miss Amy Gunn was visiting friends in Abilene Wednesday.

Rev. L. B. Owen was in Hamlin Wednesday visiting his father H. F. Owen.

Miss Velma King was in Abilene Wednesday the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. A. McClain.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scott and daughter, Louise, are visiting relatives in Abilene.

Miss Tina Watkins of Wichita Falls was a Merkel visitor this week, the guest of Miss Almada Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. H. Edwards of Midland are here visiting the former's mother, Mrs. West Edwards.

Mrs. I. R. Trent and Miss Della Byrd of Robert Lee were in the city Tuesday guests of Mrs. F. E. Allyn.

Boyd & McDonald, agents for the Dodge Bros. Motor Car, report the sale of a five-passenger Dodge to Bud Sears this week.

A. C. McGee of Detroit arrived yesterday to join his wife, who is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stallings.

Davis Beasley of Noodle, Route 1, purchased a five-passenger Ford from Will Evans the first of the week.

G. D. Clark who has been here attending to business matters returned to his home in Dallas Wednesday.

J. A. Green who has been here at the bedside of his father, J. P. Green, returned to his home at Mineral Wells Wednesday.

Mrs. J. E. Costephens and Annie Mae, are at home from Roscoe where they visited the former's daughter, Mrs. G. H. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Robinson of Route 5 are in Elmdale, having been called there by the illness of their daughter, Mrs. Mertie Burden.

Mrs. A. C. Griffith of Goree who was here to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. E. E. Hays, returned to her home Wednesday.

Mrs. West Edwards and little granddaughter, Miss Lucile Edwards, are at home from a visit to relatives in Oakland, Cal., and Portland, Ore. In Portland they visited Mrs. J. F. Gilmore.

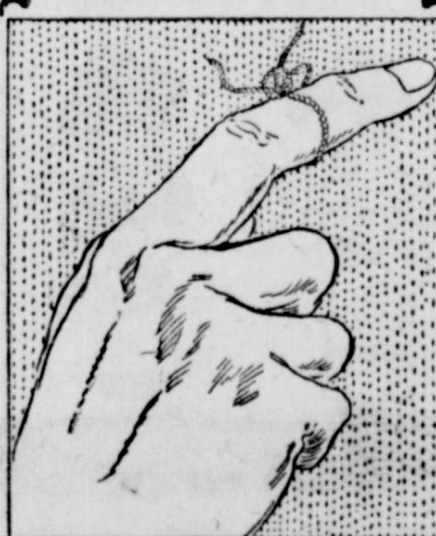
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Mrs. C. M. Elundell and daughter, Miss Mary, of Van Horn, are here visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mershon.

W. E. Smith of Trent was a business visitor in Merkel Wednesday.

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Came to Rescuer.

Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

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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.

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ZUDORA

In the Twenty Million Dollar Mystery

By HAROLD MACGRATH

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Zudora is left an orphan at an early age. Her father is killed in a gold mine. Zudora and the fortune from the mine, which grows to be worth \$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; fail 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 a prison consisting of a murder instigated 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 being because a great skeleton hand appears 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 big 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. 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 greatest mystery of all, which is the mystery of her own life, and the ambition to secure the vast fortune of \$20,000,000 left to her. This great photo serial is being shown in the leading moving picture theaters by the Thanhouser Film Corporation. Among those participating are Marguerite Show, 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 case, 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. Howard dies, but Zudora, nearly famished, is rescued by Storm and his friends.

the gold. They've got all the documents in the case. All right. For awhile we'll chuck the diamond end of it and see what can be done with the gold. Zudora can turn over her interests to Storm, and he can start the bombardment. Suppose I telephone him to meet us up there at her home at once? We can't lose anything by going to it at the drop of the hat." Baird called at once on Storm and explained his idea. "So you think these crooks are trying to put that deal over us also? The information came to Zudora unsolicited. Some clerk sent the information." "A frameup, no doubt. Mr. Storm, we've all got to move mighty smoothly to beat the crowd we're up against. Up to date we have no legal hold. If we go to court with half rights it is quite likely the litigation will run on for years. I don't think you could enjoy an African diamond mine from producing. We might be able to hold up the gold mine for a time, but these people have money, barrels of it, and they'll use it to fight. Now, we want to get the upper hand in this game without having to go to the courts. Suppose you write a letter to the Zudora mine to see where we stand. Ask for information about Trainor, Zudora's father; ask if there are any papers relating to the will, and so forth and so on. Feel them out. If they are crooks out there it's better to know it as soon as possible. Here's Miss Trainor now," wound up Baird as Zudora entered. She approved of the letter, but it was always money, money, money. She was beginning to hate the sound of it. Why not let the scoundrels have it? "That isn't the idea, my girl," said Storm. "It isn't the money so much;



"So you think these crooks are trying to put that deal over us also?"

It's the principle. I know you've just gone through a terrible ordeal, and it has put fear into you, but we can't let these people go scot free. Do you think I'll ever let up hunting them when I think what they did to you? No, thanks! This bunch of rogues is going to pay the piper for their fox trot." They all laughed, and then Storm made out his letter to Marcus Villiers, chairman of the board of trustees. And Mme. Du Val made up her mind to have a little masquerade for the benefit of this same Marcus Villiers. The chairman was coming east to see the real Zudora, supposing, of course, that the fortune was still under her control. There had been an unusually fine vein struck, and he was going east to suggest that she sell outright her holdings. Baird's idea that there might be an unfaithful clerk at the mines was a keen one. The superintendent of the mine was of a different caliber from the man who had taken charge of the diamond mine. Brown of the Zudora gold mine was not above doubling his income, and he was not particular how that doubling was brought about. The moment the new find was made he promptly wired Captain Radcliffe that Villiers was arranging to come east and that Detective Hunt, whom Radcliffe had warned him about, would be lured west and put out of business. When Storm's letter arrived Brown was first to read it. It is needless to say that it did not reach Villiers. Upon receipt of the wire from Brown Captain Radcliffe at once sought Mme. Du Val. "This Brown can be trusted?" "So long as we pay him well. My dear woman, with a little close sailing we'll have riches beyond our wildest dreams. Millions, and not a soul to step between! Howard is out of the way, and that diamond mine is practically ours, to do with as we please. With this man Villiers sent along aft-

er Howard, good night to Zudora and company. Brown will make an effort to get to Villiers' safe, where doubtless some good documents are in existence relative to the mine. Once we can destroy these—Europe, Monte Carlo or the inner palace at Peking if you say so." "It's not the money with me, Radcliffe; it's the sport of the game. I like to beat the law, to confuse it, to make it impotent. It twisted me once.



"This bunch of rogues is going to pay the piper for their fox trot."

But for an old man's folly they would have me still. I was pretty, Du Val had influence, and here I am, mistress of his fortune. It's the game with me. "And it's the cold lure, if you want my side of it. I like good things to wear, to eat. I like to spend money for the mere sake of spending it. I'd like to sit in a game of poker without feeling the necessity of slipping an ace from my sleeve." Radcliffe laughed. "And because I fumbled an ace once upon a time—oh, well, the past is the past, and a hand once played can't be played again. I suppose we'll have to put Villiers out of the way. Storm has written him, but Brown intercepted the letter. On my side, as Storm, I've requested him to bring east all his documents. And there's the real game—to get our hands upon those. But I would like to know where our pretty Zudora hid those diamonds. The loot was worth at least fifty thousand." "Who is this man Baird?" "Why, I thought you knew all about him." "I thought I did. Either he has turned over for leeches or he is playing a deeper game than we are." Madame mused for a moment. "I never could tell when it was Baird or the real Hassam. He was the cleverest make-up man I ever saw." "And you were just a little bit smitten with him, eh?" "Well, maybe I was. But I've got over it." "There's one thing we may be sure—he didn't get into Hassam Ali's trunks. That Hindu was a godsend to us. I suppose by this time he is back in India, with trained elephants to fight for him and slave girls to wait upon him. He got Hassam's hoarded gold, all right. The old boy was the shrewdest



"This Brown can be trusted?"

misner in the business. By the way, would you mind letting me have a couple of hundreds?" "Cards?" "Surely! I've got to have a little recreation for the risks I'm taking and about to take. But I'm going to give you some fine news for the money. It is worth ten thousand instead of two hundred."

"What is it?" "Munn committed suicide in the Tombs this morning, and the Howard case goes off the calendar with him. Sooner or later he'd have blown the game, and we'd have had to hike." "Munn dead! What a weight off my shoulders! I've been waiting for the police every day since he went to the Tombs. He overdid the Howard business. Of course he had only verbal evidence against us. But if he had broken down under the third degree it would have put us into hot water. More, it would have started the hawks looking me up. And then by-by. We must play a finer hand. No rough stuff from our side except in the case of Hunt. We'll slip Villiers to a spot he can't get back from. If we give him no chance to see the real Zudora it will be plain sailing. Once we have his papers in our possession we can laugh at him." "You're a wonder. Are you ever going to marry me?" "Marry you? Not the best man that ever lived! We'd tire of each other in a week. You know it, and I know it. Let us keep to the platonic scheme if you please, captain." Now, when Detective Hunt received the wire which was to lure him west he had an idea that it was a lure, but if he pretended to play into the hands of the enemy he would be likely at least to locate the exact spot the mine lay in. He had found the diamond mine under circumstances far more difficult. With the exact locations of the two properties, he would have gained half the fight. He was all ready to leave his office when Baird came in. "Where now?" Hunt showed him the wire. "Do you put any faith in it?" Hunt shrugged. "I want to find where that mine is. I don't care a hang whether this wire is a plant or not." "Would you like company?" suggested Baird. "I should say yes! Will you go?" "What kind of a yarn will I tell the office?" "Tell them you've got the mate to the South African story. Add, your expenses will be taken care of by the Trainor estate." Baird sat down to the telephone. Two minutes later he jumped up with a whoop. "All O. K.! I'll meet you at the Grand Central in one hour. I'm aching for a shindy." "You'll get it, I'm thinking, if you come with me," said Hunt grimly. Marcus Villiers was the son of John



Radcliffe and Brown Dashed Around the Break in the Road.

Villiers, the banker to whom Trainor had entrusted his mine originally. He was a lively individual, a shrewd business man, but something of a fop. He possessed the only valet in that part of the country, and he kept that valet, not because he needed help, but because it took courage to do so in face of the old timers who held all men-servants in contempt. Brown, the superintendent, after having read Storm's letter, doctored it so as to lure Villiers east, then remailed it. And Villiers was glad to get a good excuse to go east and show the effete metropolitans that he knew how to handle valets with the best of them. The day previous to Hunt and Baird's departure it was agreed that Captain Radcliffe himself should go west to see that Hunt was properly taken care of. He was three days later met at the little mining town station by two trusted men of Brown's. The trio went directly to the mine, and in the office, together with Brown, they mapped out the campaign against Detective Hunt, who was due to arrive on the morrow. When Hunt and Baird arrived it was natural that they should select the one automobile in sight. The chauffeur, who was the same man who had driven Radcliffe to the mine office the day before, asked the new arrivals where they wanted to go. "To the Zudora mine," said Hunt, studying the man closely. But the chauffeur knew that he would have to stand sharp scrutiny. So his bland countenance partly reassured the detective. "To the Zudora mine it is, sir. It's a bit rough going and about half an hour's ride." "Hit her up," said Baird jovially,

"and see how near you can come to dumping us over the cliff without losing the car." The chauffeur bent suddenly to his magnet to hide the surprise on his face. One of these men was Hunt, all right, but this other chap might force them to rearrange plans. However, he was under orders to take Hunt past a certain break in the mountain road, and so he forged ahead at a good clip. "What do you think?" whispered Baird. "In a game like this you've got to wait for the other man to move," returned Hunt, with his eye on the chauffeur's neck. The chauffeur turned. "See that ledge around the bend there? That's the mine." In their interest Hunt and Baird forgot the chauffeur, as he trusted they



Brown Arrived, but at the Point of Baird's Gun.

would. Instantly he stopped the car and whirled in his seat. When Hunt and Baird looked at him again they found themselves also looking into the barrels of two ugly, serviceable automatics. At the same time Radcliffe and Brown, both made up for the occasion, dashed around the break in the road. Quick as light Hunt's cane flashed through the air, striking the chauffeur on the wrist and sending one of the guns whirling down the ravine. Before the chauffeur recovered Hunt was upon him for the possession of the remaining weapon. But things did not go very well with Baird. Radcliffe and Brown got him foul, and he had his hands full. Hunt fought furiously and succeeded in getting the chauffeur at a disadvantage. He snapped the gun from his grasp and cracked him over the head with the butt, and like the miner in Bret Harte's poem, "the subsequent proceedings interested him no more." The detective threw on the power and sent the car whizzing ahead without realizing what had happened to Baird. They had succeeded in pulling him out of the car and knocking him senseless. The moment the car started Radcliffe jumped and caught hold of the side, managing with no small difficulty to crawl into the tonneau. And then Hunt's brave dash came to an abrupt end. Baird saved half the day by keeping still until he had recovered his breath. Then he reached for Brown's leg and threw him neatly. And that was the end of Brown's part for the present. Meantime Radcliffe got Hunt to a deserted wayside inn. The detective was not in an amiable frame of mind. Here he was nicely caught and Baird no one knew where. But all this while the reporter was forcing Brown ahead of him along the tire tracks. Within a quarter of an hour he came within sight of the inn. Radcliffe and the chauffeur were taking things easy.



Mme. Du Val as Zudora Proved Entangling to the Westerner.

doubtless waiting for the arrival of Brown. He arrived, but at the point of Baird's gun. There was another set-to, in which Hunt and Baird succeeded in getting free and in the open.

"They evidently don't care to see us out here," said Hunt dryly as he worked his hands out of the handcuffs which Radcliffe had snapped on his wrists. "No; our room is better than our company, and just now the more room the better. I'm not dead sure, but I've seen one of those chaps back in New York." "I've the same idea. Suppose we look around for a bite to eat and for some habitation where they won't take pot shots at us. Baird, this is going to be interesting." "Uhuh." When Villiers arrived in New York he went straight to a hotel instead of notifying Storm of his arrival. He had received on the train a wire from Zudora Trainor saying where to come for dinner that night. She was giving an informal dinner, and it would not be complete without the son of her father's old friend. Villiers stuffed his copied documents into his pocket and sallied forth. Mme. Du Val as Zudora proved entrancing to the westerner; but when, eventually, he missed his documents, he smiled a little. It seems that Mme. Du Val had played two ends of the game. At the moment she received Villiers, Zudora was the recipient of a message purporting to come from Villiers in which he declared that he had the documents she required, but that he was a prisoner at 121 Riggs street. A street urchin had brought the message. So Zudora and Storm set out for 121 Riggs street, and they were followed by two old friends, Hunt and Baird, who had returned upon the heels of Villiers. No. 121 Riggs street appeared rather familiar to Zudora's eyes. Storm remarked that he had seen this place before. The door was locked. As they turned a corner to seek a window two men sprang out upon them. And but for the timely arrival of Hunt and Baird, Mme. Du Val would have won at least one trick. It was a case of stalemate all around. [TO BE CONTINUED.]

"What a Partner He Was!" A man died the other day, and about the sincerest mourner was his partner, who said: "He was a great fellow. He was my partner. He stood by me in all my business deals. He helped me get the money. He shared the risks. He was a great man to talk things over and help with a word or two of timely advice. He was partner and I was business manager, and so he never dictated to me, but it was a great help just to have him around and get his opinions on things. Sometimes we made money, and then he was glad as well as I, and sometimes we lost in a deal, and then what a partner he was! He never put on a sour face or suggested that I ought to have done differently. He took his share of the loss and his share of the blame as well, even though the fault was all mine. We made money, he and I together. A man could not help it with such a partner as he." There—how would you like to have that said about you when you are dead? It sounds better than any sermon, does it not?—Breder's Gazette.

Napoleon and Vanity. Before Napoleon's coronation the marshals had newly created a few months before came to pay him a visit, all gorgeously arrayed. The splendor of their costume in contrast with his simple uniform made him smile. I was standing at a little distance from him, and as he saw that I smiled also he said to me in a low tone: "It is not every one who has the right to be plainly dressed." Presently the marshals of the army began disputing among themselves about the great question of precedence. Their pretensions were very well founded, each enumerated his victories. Bonaparte, while listening to them, again glanced at me. "I think," said I, "you must have stamped your foot on France and said, 'Let all the vanities arise from the soil!'" "That is true," he replied, "but it is fortunate that the French are to be ruled through their vanity."—Memoirs of Mme. de Remusat.

Watches Aboard Ship. What is a watch on a vessel? How long does a watch last? How many are there in a day? These are questions often asked by those not familiar with procedure aboard a vessel. A watch is that part of a ship's company which works her for an allotted time. The crew is generally divided into starboard and port watches, though on large vessels there is also a third, or foremen's watch. Watches are "set" at 8 o'clock each evening, the "first watch" lasting from 8 o'clock until midnight, the "middle watch" from midnight until 4 a. m., the "morning watch" from 4 till 8, the "forenoon watch" from 8 till 12, the "afternoon watch" from 12 to 4, the "first dog-watch" from 4 till 6, and the "second dog" from 6 till 8. The "dogwatches" are necessary for shifting the two watches in order to give each eight hours below at night.

The Welland Canal. The Welland canal, the history of which dates back to the early years of the nineteenth century, is one of the oldest and most important of the artificial waterways of Canada. It has been of great service as a channel of communication between Lakes Erie and Ontario and in the regulation of railway freight rates. It is west of the Niagara river, in Ontario, and follows a line from the village of Port Colborne, on Lake Erie, to Port Dalhousie, on Lake Ontario, a distance of twenty-five miles.

Important Announcement

Parten Dry Goods Co. will Continue Their Stupendous Cash-Raising Sale for One More Week, Commencing Monday, July 19

THE DOORS WILL SWING OPEN PROMPTLY AT 8:00 O'CLOCK

It has been acknowledged by the thousands of people who have taken advantage of our extraordinary low prices, on every article in the store, that this is

The Biggest Money-Saving Sale Ever Inaugurated

in Merkel, and in Taylor County

On top of all this, for the coming week we will quote prices even Still Lower Than the Former Sale Prices

Come One, Come All---Bring Your Friends

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SALES MANAGER

Double Votes During the Sale.
Automobile will be given away
September 1st
Take Advantage of the Double Votes

Come, Rain or Shine—Force us
to Make Good Our Claims
and get
The Middleman's Profits

SHILOH

Rev Horn filled his appointment at Shiloh Sunday. Singing was very well attended Sunday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs Sam Grayson and children left Tuesday to visit relatives in east Texas.

Mr and Mrs Walter Phillips visited friends in Anson Sunday. Mr and Mrs Frank Hale visited Mr and Mrs Pomroy on Sweetwater creek Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Beavers spent Saturday at the bedside of Grandma Hays of Salt Branch.

Miss Florence Cade who is attending school at Abilene is spending a few days with home-folks.

Miss Edith Mayberry is teaching a music school at Trent.

Milton Tiner is suffering with a felon on his finger.

We were sorry indeed to learn of the death of Carl Smith of Stith. We lived near Carl for a number of years and saw him grow up to young manhood. It is hard indeed to give up our loved ones just when life seems so promising to them, but God knows what is best for us. To Carl's dear sisters we would say look beyond the newly made grave to that bright home where Carl is sweetly resting in his Savior's arms and will never know another pain or sorrow. We extend our deepest sympathy to his sisters and relatives.

Ye scribe and family attended the burial of Grandma Hays at Merkel Sunday afternoon. We had lived neighbors to her ever since we moved to west Texas until we moved to Shiloh some fourteen years ago. During the years we lived near her we learned to love her almost as our own grandmother and we are sadly grieved at her demise. While we sat by her bedside the day before she died and held her dear old wrinkled hand and watched each pulse beat we

knew her life was fast ebbing away. As we gazed on her dear old face for the last time in life we resolved then and there to so live that we can meet dear old grandma in the "Sweet By-and-Bye." Her family have our heart-felt sympathy.

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

SALT BRANCH

A good rain is needed now on young feed. Some of the early feed will soon be ready for harvest.

J. E. Wheat and family of near Coleman City were visiting relatives here this week.

Floyd Allen of Sweetwater is visiting relatives in this community this week.

Willis Taylor left for Loraine Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Stone of Merkel were visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Higgins Saturday and Sunday.

J. P. Petty of near Clyde is visiting relatives and friends in this community.

L. E. Wheat left for Coleman City Sunday to visit relatives.

The Salt Branch second team was defeated Wednesday by Stith's second team 7 to 1.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Your druggist will refund money if PAIN OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 14 days. The first application gives ease and rest. 50c.

BUTMAN

Crops in this section are in fine condition. An exceptionally good feed crop is already insured. Several have planted their wheat and oat stubbles in maize, corn and cane. Cotton is in a healthy and thrifty condition. There is some talk of the boll weevils appearing this far this year, but so far there has been no complaint.

Aunt Dollie Matthews is visiting relatives at Knox City this week.

Several young folks of Butman attended the 4th of July exercises at Abilene last week.

Prof. Chas. Bankhead went to Trent Sunday where he will conduct a singing school.

Mrs. Jess Campbell left for Oklahoma last week where she will visit her daughter.

The baseball boys met again last Saturday at Mr. Latimers and played ball. The Dora boys were expected, but failed to show up. Come on Dora boys Nubia wants to try you out. Frank Whisenhunt the mighty twirler from Elm was present with a coterie of rooters.

The Protestant Methodist meeting begins at Butman next Friday night to be conducted by Bros. Sibley and Purser.

Several are aiming to go from here to the picnic at Bland's tank next Saturday.

We regret to report that little Jimmie Moore of Blair is very low. We trust that he is better now.

Watt Blair is visiting friends and relatives in Alabama.

Jim Casey is having his grain threshed this week. He has about 200 acres.

Headaches and Nervousness Cured.

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

BLAIR

Elder Price Bankhead closed his meeting here Sunday night.

The Baptist meeting will begin Friday night.

Mrs. Benson who has been quite sick with fever is now on the road to recovery.

Mrs. J. W. Moore returned home Saturday from Cisco with her son Jimmie who had been there for medical treatment. He is no better and reported very sick at this time.

Mr and Mrs H Blackburn of Knox county arrived here today, having been summoned to the bedside of their grandson Jimmie Moore.

O Lackey and family have gone to Kerr county to visit, making their trip in a wagon.

Farmers are getting up with their work and will soon be ready for picnics.

Chester Hall went to Abilene Saturday to visit his mother and sister.

The members of the Blair W O W camp and the ladies of the Circle met at the school house Friday evening in a social gathering. Refreshments were served and all present reported a good time.

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."

COMPERE

Health of the community in and around Compere is good.

Mrs M Addison of Blair came home with her father, W N Moore, Friday and stayed until Sunday. She was accompanied

home by her mother and brother.

Mr and Mrs Jack Pannell gave an entertainment Saturday night in honor of Miss Ruth Moore. Cream was served. All reported a good time.

The Baptist meeting commenced Sunday. Rev Williams is doing the preaching.

Mrs Palmer and son Ford left Sunday night to visit her son Jack at Stanton.

Several from Union Ridge attended church here Monday night.

We are needing rain badly.

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.

Stove Wood for Sale.

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

HOW "TIZ" HELPS SORE, TIRED FEET

Good-bye sore feet, burning feet, swollen feet, sweaty feet, smelling feet, tired feet.

Good-bye corns, callouses, bunions and raw spots. No more shoe tightness, no more limping with pain or drawing up your face in agony. "TIZ" is magical. acts right off. "TIZ" draws out all the poisonous exudations which puff up the feet. Use "TIZ" and forget your foot misery. Ah! how comfortable your feet feel. Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" now at any druggist or department store. Don't suffer. Have good feet, glad feet, feet that never swell, never hurt, never get tired. A year's foot comfort guaranteed or money refunded.



NOODLE

Mrs A C Sosebee is very sick at this writing. Miss Eula Johnson of Trent spent the week end with her, uncle E L Eason.

Clarence Eoff was a visitor in Roscoe last week the guest of his sister, Mrs Harkins.

A C Sosebee had the misfortune of getting his house burned Sunday morning. They were unable to tell just where the fire originated, no one being at home. It was thought it started from the flue. Very few things were saved.

Miss Arminta Wheeler and brother Paul returned Monday afternoon, having spent a few weeks with relatives in Eastland.

Quite a number of young people attended the singing at Shiloh Sunday.

Mrs Chas Jones and children of Anson are spending the week with Mr and Mrs W J Bicknell.

Mrs Thompson of Sinclair was called to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs A C Sosebee, Sunday.

Mrs W U Beene spent the past week with her daughter Mrs FE Church of Merkel.

Misses Mae, Ruby, Lela and Mary Wasson; Messrs Herman and Roy Wasson spent Sunday with friends in Sinclair.

Mrs T E Goode was a visitor in Abilene the past week.

Grandma Hall and Miss Irya Childress returned to Anson Thursday, after a pleasant visit with Mrs R W Green.

Mr and Mrs Otto Sosebee of Anson are visiting friends and relatives here.

Misses Maggie Horton and Lois Tweedy returned home last week from Hawley where they visited Mrs Camp.

Rucker Sibley who has been here for sometime returned to Abilene last week.