

ELDER J. W. CHISM NOW IN CHARGE OF MEETING AT TABERNACLE



Elder J. W. Chism

The Christian meeting under direction of J. W. Chism of Longview, opened Tuesday night at 8:20.

Elder Chism in his initial sermon said in part: "The Bible being accepted by all professed christians as the revelation of God's will to man, we shall maintain always that if man believes the gospel now as they did in the days of the apostles, the gospel as recorded in the New Testament, and if he accepts it in those very words and obeys it now as they did then it will make him now just what it made or him then. Hence, we ask all to join us who accepted this principle."

His sermon dealt with a discussion of bible belief in general connected with his outline of necessary things for the spiritual success of the present meeting. He again insisted on "Individual work and earnestly devoted prayer to God. Let every man speak to his neighbor about salvation. Don't be ashamed."

Services were announced for each day at 4 and 8 p. m., the length of the meeting to be announced August 6.

1.83 INCH RAIN IN MERKEL COUNTRY

A cold-soaker, gully-washer, drought-breaker, jim-dandy. Some shower it was that started in Friday afternoon of last week and before "Old Jupe" could stop the leak the Merkel country received an inch of rain.

Next morning the thing was to do over again and before the second stoppage took place the total for the wet spell figured 1.83 inches of rainfall. Enough to make 1915 equal to if not greater than 1914 was and that is stretching the comparison some but conditions justify the stretch. When we come to think of it there has already been over 125 cars of grain shipped from Merkel this season and the crop is not yet thrashed.

The Trent country did not receive a very heavy rain on Friday afternoon when Merkel got its share but on the following day nearly all West Texas country came in for a good soaking. The Stith country reports over two an one-half inches of rain.

County Officers Here.

County Judge E. M. Overshiner and Sheriff J. T. Dodson were here as visitors Wednesday.

Judge Overshiner came here to confer with Commissioner Cassiter in reference to fixing the roads in this section of the county and Sheriff Dodson was here on business, making the tip in his new Maxwell touring car.

Mrs. W. P. Duckett and daughter Miss Dorothy, are at home on Fort Worth. Mrs. Duckett brought her little orphan grand-children home with her.

BRUTAL TEMPLE MURDER EXPLAINED BY T. L. GRIMES WHO VISITED THE SCENE

More Graphic Than Press Reports Given Out Immediately Following the Triple Murder at Temple Last Thursday

T. L. Grimes of this city returned home Wednesday morning from Temple, going there to attend the triple funeral of the children of his cousin W. R. Grimes, a prominent farmer living about one mile from the town of Temple.

Nearly every Merkel citizen is already familiar with the brutal murder of the three Grimes children and all but fatal injuries inflicted by a brute negro upon Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Grimes at an early hour Thursday morning of last week, the affair which led to the burning of Will Stanley self confessed perpetrator of one of the most heinous crimes in the history of the State.

Mr. T. L. Grimes on returning home gives a statement which is much better connected than the many disagreeing press reports given out on the case. He arrived in Temple just after the negro had succumbed to the flames.

According to Mr. Grimes, who gets his information first-hand, the principal facts are as follows: Will Stanley, the negro who committed the murder or helped to commit it, arrived in Temple last Wednesday afternoon and soon met with two other negroes, namely Slim and the Yellow negro. Stanley after being captured, however, stated he reached Temple Thursday morning in a box car from Fort Worth but the two negroes, Slim and Yellow, both stated they were with him Wednesday afternoon and finally just as the flames of the funeral fire began to sing about the black's body he admitted his connection with the crime and thereby placing the lie upon many of his previous statements.

Contrary to the accounts first given of the murder, all eight members of the Grimes family occupied the same room, Mr. and Mrs. Grimes occupying separate beds in the same room. The murderer on entering the room by the bath room window, as shown by evidence, proceeded to the scene of the brutal work and evidently struck Mr. Grimes first, striking him with the blunt part of the three-pound iron railroad cleaver. This one blow rendered Mr. Grimes unconscious and the noise of the lick or the negro's movements awakened Mrs. Grimes who jumped to a sitting position in her bed and screamed for help. The negro struck her and she remembered nothing more until late Saturday when she regained consciousness in a Temple hospital. The 7-months-old twin babies sleeping in the same bed with Mrs. Grimes were found dead next morning, their faces beat into a pulp and their heads crushed. The condition of their mother was little different for the numerous licks rained upon her face by the sharp pointed cleaver literally chopped her face to pieces as the negro choked and beat her senseless.

Margurette, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grimes, was awakened and saw part of the brutal work. In describing what transpired she said: "A big man was standing over Daddy and Mamma cried for help. The big man spanked her and she hollered for help and he spanked her again and she laid down." This clear account of the murderous work as related by the five-year-old Margurette Grimes bears out a part of what Mrs. Grimes remembered up until the negro struck her, but the youthful mind failed to grasp the enormity of the heinous work going on under her own eyes and could only express the death-dealing licks in the words of "spanked." The little girl in giving account of why the "big man spanked" her little brother said:

"Brother jumped up while the man was standing over Mamma and said 'Daddy sees you he'll shoot you' and then the big man spanked him and he laid down and cried."

After the fiend had accomplished his murderous designs and ransacked the house as it was afterward shown, nothing more is known of the happenings in the death room until next morning when a neighbor, Mr. Bruner, came to the home about 8:30 o'clock to borrow some oil from the work house near the home. After getting the oil he noticed the cows had not been milked and thinking that Mr. Grimes might be sick, went to the back door and called. Getting no response he went around the house to the front and by way of the hall. As he entered he saw the five-year-old Margurette and asked her if her papa was sick. The child replied: "His eyes is hurt." It

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It is safe to say that a very small per cent of consumers are capable of accurately judging, by personal inspection, the quality and value of the many articles they buy and use.

Inferior materials and workmanship may be effectually concealed beneath veneers—a deception that can hardly be detected until the goods have been purchased, paid for and put to the use for which they were intended. In many cases—for example, in canned goods and other preserved edibles—consumers are frequently deceived or misled.

How many buyers of shoes are competent to judge for themselves the quality and actual value of a shoe? Paper, composition and other inferior materials may easily be substituted for leather and the unwary purchaser be none the wiser until too late for the information gained to be of possible benefit to them.

This same line of reasoning applies to clothes, hats, furniture, stoves, carpets, rugs, pianos, talking machines, watches, jewelry, breakfast foods—practically all of the almost countless articles in common use.

Manufacturers who have spent much time and large sums of money to establish favorable reputations for products bearing their names, or trade names, positively can not afford to misrepresent their goods to the public, or allow their lines to fall below the standards they have established. Goods upon which they place their names must come up to the claims they make for them and must render purchasers continuous, uniform service at a reasonable cost. Otherwise the demand for them will cease, thus destroying their greatest asset.

iving in Temple the negroes were carried to an upper room of a three-story building and the negroes separately cross-questioned.

Asked as to how he came in possession of the trousers bearing the name of Grimes the negro said he got them in Fort Worth. He also told his captors he arrived in Temple Thursday morning from Fort Worth, riding in a box car.

The other two negroes both stated they met Stanley the evening before and on being questioned alone the negro Slim said the three on meeting Wednesday afternoon went to the home of his half-brothers where they stayed for a short time, Stanley leaving soon after dark and the Yellow negro departed a few minutes later. Slim further stated he next saw the two when they came back together sometime after the Santa Fe train went north (meaning the Santa Fe passenger which was due about midnight or after.)

The investigation was continuing with all speed possible by attorneys aided by the sheriff and others and the questioning was carrying the work into Thursday night, and the Stanley negro was contending his innocence. Also the other two negroes were maintaining their innocence of any connection with the murder. Stanley contended he got the trousers from one of the other two negroes Thursday. However, he previously had said he got them in Fort Worth. The Slim negro said Stanley tried to swap the trousers to the Yellow negro for a pair of shoes. Slim contended this happened early Thursday morning while the three walking south toward Rogers.

During all the investigation the mob about the building began to grow larger and the mob spirit becoming more pronounced but Albert Nibling a brother of Mrs. Grimes held the mob back by his intreaties with them to let

the officers get all evidence possible on the case that no one connected with it might escape. It was at this time the negro Stanley told his captors of the implication of a low, heavy set white man with a dun pony and promised if given until next day he would point out the man. The negro was apparently stalling for time, from the fact that members of the mob had already told him that he was going to be burned. It is supposed that the negro realizing his near death and realizing the awfulness of it, hoped to save himself probably until reinforcements could come to the officers' aid.

As the hour of midnight drew on some member of the mob who claimed to have been to the telegraph station gave out the news that the State Militia would be there about 12 o'clock (this report however was untrue). This was oil for the fire and a crowd of men surged up the stairs of the building and into the room where Stanley was being examined. Some one grabbed the Sheriff and a pathway was made for the captor who fled to the street at which point he passed the sheriff over his head and to others in the mob, not allowing the officer to touch the ground until he was spirited far away from the building. In the scramble to get the sheriff away he allowed his pistol to become accidentally discharged toward the ground, and from this came the report that some one shot the negro.

During that time others who went after the negro placed a chain around his neck and headed for the square with him where a funeral pyre was being made. Chains were also fastened to the negro's feet and in this condition he was led and dragged through the streets and bodily into the fire already prepared to receive its victim. Reports of the burning show that the last words uttered by the black were "get the yellow negro." Contrary to the

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SID COATS IS A MERKEL BOOSTER

Sid Coats, delegate from Merkel to the Farmers Congress at Austin, returned home Sunday after a week's visit to various parts of the State during which time he took opportunity to investigate the farm conditions in comparison with the Merkel country and found all East Texas wanting in the comparison.

Mr. Coats stated that land in Dallas county valued at \$150.00 per acre was producing less than his own land valued at \$40.00 per acre. He also stated that at no place during the entire trip, even in Ellis county, did he find farm conditions that would equal those around the Merkel country while he found much of east Texas dry and badly in need of rain. Mr. Coats is a native of east Texas, having been born in Dallas county, and lived there until he was near thirty years of age and no doubt saw that portion of the country in some of its best and some of its worst conditions and stated that he found the ground cracked worse from dry weather now than he had ever seen it in that section of the black land belt.

High School Principal Elected.

The school board last Saturday afternoon elected Prof. B. A. Garrett of Merkel as principal of Roscoe High School. Mr. Garrett is a stranger here but he comes well recommended and made a good impression on those who met him. He is a graduate of the Sam Houston Normal Institute and has taught two years. Last year he was principal of a rural high school near Houston.—Roscoe Times.

MERKEL BUYERS IN EASTERN MARKETS

Nearly every Merkel buyer is in the markets or on his way toward the east to purchase new goods for the supply of Merkel during what will probably be the best crop year the Merkel country has ever seen.

E. L. Woodroof was the first buyer to depart, going east last week to purchase the fall and winter stock of goods for the Woodroof Bros. Co. Saturday noon W. Parten left for St. Louis and other easter points on a buying mission for his company, while A. C. Rose of the Anchor Mercantile Co. and W. L. Harkrider both left Wednesday night of this week for Chicago on a like mission. Mr. Rose contemplates extending his visit to New York as did both Messrs. Woodroof and Parten. The Merkel buyers will be away during most of this month.

2,000 Cans Fruit at Home.

In last week's issue of the Mail the figures of 500 were given as the amount C. L. McMeas placed on the number of cans of peaches and other fruits he would can in his home cannery this summer. These figures have been changed lately, however, and now Mr. McMeas has ordered 1500 more cans and will put up a total of 2000 cans of choice peaches, grapes and plums for market.

This is one of the best diversifying propositions yet started in the Merkel country and no doubt will be one of the most profitable.

Miss Sinna Humble of Abilene visited her cousin, Miss Ida Meeks, the past week.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. G. Barnett of Paris came in Tuesday afternoon to visit his sister, Mrs. J. P. Hutchins.

I. S. Allen of Denton is here shaking hands with friends and looking after business matters.

Misses Alice and Rena Reed of Winters are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Eoff.

Miss Charlie Bell Thomas visited her sister, Mrs. Walter Holt, of Trent, the latter part of last week.

Miss Ida Meeks is at home from a visit with relatives in Westbrook, Big Springs and Rotan.

Arthur Browning came in Monday from Dallas to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Miller of Barstow visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett, the past week.

C. T. Derriek departed last week for points in east Texas near the vicinity of his old stamping grounds.

Mrs. Mary Bernard enroute to her home in San Angelo from Dallas is visiting her daughter Mrs. W. L. Burns.

Misses Mattie and Velma Carey of Maryneal returned to their home Tuesday after visiting their uncle, Wm. Carey.

Miss Ruby Jones is visiting Mrs. J. C. Baker in Canyon and will visit points in New Mexico before returning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thomas and little daughter, Annie Bell are at home from Dallas where they visited Mrs. Tom King.

Mrs. E. V. White who has been here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin, has returned to her home at Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. El Angus of Fort Worth came in the first of the week to visit the former's brother, M. D. Angus and family.

Mesdames Davis and Claud Beasley who have been visiting in Brownsville for some time returned home Monday afternoon.

J. A. Buford and wife, J. D. Hogg and wife and Oscar Buford motored to Roscoe to see J. A. Buford's mother who is quite sick.

Rev. W. G. Cypert returned from Tuscola the first of the week where he has been conducting a meeting. He reports five conversions and additions to the church during the services.

A. Massey of Fannin county has been here visiting his brother of Route 1. The Mr Massey from Fannin county is more highly pleased with the Merkel country than ever and talked very favorable of moving to our midst.

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.

GROCERY SPECIALS

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

\$1.00 Deacon Brown bucket coffee, cup and saucer in each bucket	80c
Arbuckle Coffee, per pound	19c
6 pounds Peaberry Coffee	\$1.00
7½ pounds "1859" Coffee	\$1.00
Red Velva Syrup	60c
Green Velva Syrup	65c
Mary Jane Syrup	45c
Nice dried California Peaches, per lb.	7c
Extra High Patent Flour, the Big C.	\$1.55
High Patent Flour, only	\$1.45
7 spools Thread	25c

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

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

J. L. JOHNSON

Misses Ruth and Edith Mackey and sister, Mrs. L. Johnson of Durant, Okla. are here visiting their aunt, Mrs. W. A. Scott. Later their brother, Clifton Macky, will come here and together they will visit the Panama Exposition at San Francisco.

Rufus McNeas has returned from Austin where he has been spending the summer in school. He will remain with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McNeas until time his duties call him to Marshall where he is employed in the city schools.

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

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



W. F. Hamblet
Groceryman

MERKEL COUNTRY FAIR EXHIBITORS

Under present conditions it seems only justice to themselves that farmers of the Merkel country prepare exhibits for both the Central West Texas Fair at Abilene and the Texas State Fair at Dallas.

Especially important would be a good exhibit shown at Dallas for thousands of East Texas people are highly interested in this section of the country and a good exhibit from the Merkel country would be one of the best advertising methods our town could get up at the present time.

"Let's have a good exhibit at the Dallas Fair."

E. P. McMillen Returns
"Mack" E. P. McMillen manager of the Behrens-McMillen Fur Co., returned Sunday morning from a length stay in Chicago and Iowa.

To be exact Mr. McMillen was away a month attending furniture conventions and visiting the scene of his old home in the northern part of the country. Mr. McMillen is exceedingly jubilant over the continued good prospects of this section of the country and no doubt has bought nearly a train load of furniture for future delivery.

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

CO-OPERATIVE REVIVAL STARTS SUN.

The Co-operative Revival begins next Sunday morning.

A large tent that has been ordered will be raised today according to present plans and all work in getting everything ready for the meeting will progress rapidly. Dr. W. M. McIntosh will preach and Prof. Anderson will have charge of the choir. All announcements for the services will be made Sunday morning.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pill for constipation.

New Member Ford Club

The latest personage to become a member of the local Ford club was J. T. Dennis proprietor of the Dennis D. G. Store.

Mr. Dennis intends to spend some time out of the store with his family during the next few weeks and will use a five passenger Ford in his tours.



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does our laundry work, for nothing is turned out by us in any other way but the right one. Our facilities for thoroughly cleansing and properly ironing shirts, collars and cuffs for gentlemen are exceptional, while ladies cannot fail to be pleased with the skill we display in doing delicately trimmed underwear, shirts, etc.

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Eight West Texas Towns

Sweetwater has her water show, Ballinger gives a barbecue, Abilene, Angelo have their fairs, Most all the towns put on airs. McCauley has an annual picnic. Trent says we're something on a stick. Big Springs has a blow out yearly.

Merkel also blows out—nearly!
X. I. T.
Someone must have read our



Over Fifty Per Cent Saved

The lumber industry in the South represents many millions of dollars in the business of the States in which the lumber plants are situated.

Materials which were formerly regarded as waste are utilized for making many things of importance to the people of this country.

Paper, boxes, shingles, staves and other articles have been added to the products of the mill which formerly produced only planks, etc.

In the organization of this vast industry every available means for reducing waste has been studied with great care. It is natural to find that the largest lumber plants in these States with the most complete organization are using

TEXACO PRODUCTS

for their work. One lumber company of great importance found that it had effected a saving of over 50 per cent, in the lubricating oil consumed, by the use of Texaco Products.

Texaco Quality and Service have demonstrated their value to the manufacturers of lumber wherever they have been installed.

Texaco Products have justified the policy and work of the company by their success.

Texaco quality will do the same for you. Buy it. Use the "Made in Texas" Red-Star-Green-T oils manufactured by

The Texas Company
General Offices, Houston, Texas

article in a late issue of the Mail calling for expressions of sentiment toward the organization of an annual celebration for Merkel. The idea was a good one we believe and the above contributed verse is a stinging comparison. LETS HAVE AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION MOVEMENT STARTED.

TIME TO ACT

Don't Wait for the Fatal Stages of Kidney Illness. Profit By Merkel People's Experience

Occasional attacks of backache, irregular urination, headaches and dizzy spells are frequent symptom of kidney disorder. It's an error to neg-

lect these ills. The attacks may pass off for a time but generally returns with greater intensity. Don't delay a minute. Begins taking Doans Kidney Pills and keep up their use until the desired results are obtained. Doan's work in Merkel proves effectiveness of this great kidney remedy.

Mrs. J. M. Dry, Merkel, says: "I got down with my back and when I stooped over it was hard to straighten up again—Dizzy spells came on and I felt worn out and depressed all the time. I used but one box of Doan's Kidney Pills and the pains in my back left, the headaches disappeared and my kidneys were greatly strengthened. I have never had much need of a kidney medicine since."

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

ILLEGAL VOTING.
 The Reporter is keenly interested in the discussion which is going the rounds of the press of Texas on illegal voting. To one thinking there is no greater evil than election fraud and the fact that so many otherwise honorable and respectable people accept this evil is alarming. Think through the list and you will find that few of the lawless deeds of men cannot be traced to the protection afforded by election frauds. The abuses of the ballot and conspiracies connected therewith corrupt men who are high in the affairs of the church and state. Give Texas an honest ballot and thus cut out the illegal Mexican voter and other foreigners not entitled to vote and we will not be greatly concerned for the future. —Abilene Reporter.

GIVE THE HOME MERCHANT A CHANGE.
 Why should you send away for what you eat, what you wear and what you use in your home and about the place? What is your argument for so doing? What excuse do you offer for helping to build the big cities bigger, while you are sending money away for things you can buy at home for as little money, and most times, value considered, less money. Why do you buy at home when you have to have credit and send away your cash when the crops come in? These are plain, pertinent questions, and are asked sincerely, honestly and earnestly.

There are splendid stores in Cleburne in every line of business, carrying good stocks of reliable merchandise. The men who own these stores pay taxes to sustain the city and the county government. They help build your school houses and your churches, and they are the ones who help you when conditions are bad, crops are short and you need help to tide you over a bad year.

If these merchants do not carry what you want they will order it for you and it will come by parcel post to your door just like it comes from the big city stores, and the price will be no higher.

If the practices of violation of the statutes provided for the protection of the ballot from abuse and fraud have become so common as to be lightly regarded after the election results have been declared it is because the moral force to punish the offenders is lacking in the community. It is because the forces that have earnestly striven for clean elections and for good government have laid down their arms as soon as the contest at the polls was decided by the count of the ballots although they were firmly convinced that the decision was unfair and obtained through unfair means. Of course, the officers who have accepted the positions gained through such unfair means, even though they were not directly parties to the fraud, cannot be expected to set in motion the machinery of the law which would becloud their title at the same time that it would operate to bring the offenders to justice, but there are other ways in which the majesty of the law may be vindicated and the ballot purified. —San Antonio Express.

A NECESSITY EVIL.
 The person that stands on the street corner looking around for something to gossip about or to find fault with can always find what he is looking for. But what a life he lives. His soul shrivels and withers until it is shown in his manner and looks. For such a person life has lost its savor. He becomes sour, misanthropic, whining. He passes from bad to worse and sees no good in anybody. His taxes are always too high, no matter how low they may be and he curses his neighbors because his neighbor is prosperous and enjoys life. In fact, he hates himself, a foe to God and no good to the devil. These persons seem to be a necessary evil in every town. —Idabel (Okla.) Gazette.

The paragrapher on the Memphis Commercial Appeal offers to hang the city lathstring on the outside, to kill a chicken and churn if the Democratic convention will pass Dallas up and go to Memphis. That's no offer at all to draw conveners, for Dallas has promised an "All day dinner with singing on the ground." Look at them they even landed Billy Sunday a big job for 100 men.

The Semi-Weekly Enterprise of Cleburne contained more good sound judgment and advice in its 44 page edition last week than we have seen crammed together in one sheet in many a day, if ever. The Enterprise and every man connected with it did their work up to standard and down to now on their "Trade at Home Edition."

If Becker had left a confession of guilt Whitman would today be one of the most conspicuous figures in the presidential limelight. The dying police captain knew this, so the world can draw its own inference. —Commercial Appeal.

Villa seems to have the same idea of war that Sherman had. He recently said if the American people did not like his style they could go to hell, which is equivalent to saying they could go to war, so what is the difference?

One West Texas paper carried scary head lines last week announcing the burning of two negroes at Temple. Some of our news gathering agencies certainly scoop big ones sometimes.

The dove has been the most conspicuous bird of the late until the rain crow made its appearance last Friday.

French marines may find it easy to stop the Haiti rebellion but they will meet up with the real thing when they get home.

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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 holden 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 Baerwid 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 Baerwid and David Rumsey, hereinafter called plaintiffs, and files this 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 Baerwid and David Rumsey.

3. That the said G. F. Tasker became liable and bound and promised to pay plaintiffs the sum of money specified 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. 12116, 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
 164 District Court, Taylor Co.

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

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 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.



Mid-Summer Clearance Sale

ON JEWELRY SILVERWARE CUT GLASS

On Saturday, August 7th, my entire stock of Jewelry, Silverware and Cut Glass goes at a Sacrifice Price. I must make room for my big New Stock which will begin to come in early in the fall. There will not be a piece sold during this sale which is not worth double the price. Remember that my entire stock of \$3,000.00 worth of Jewelry, Cut Glass and Silverware

Will be Sold at One-Half Price

I have always marked my goods in plain figures, so just divide the price by two and take it. This is your opportunity to get and give birthday presents, wedding presents and friendship remembrances. Do not let this opportunity to get guaranteed goods at less than wholesale price slip. Below is only a partial list of what will be sold during this sale

NECK CHAINS Solid Gold Neck Chains with Cameos; each beautifully set with diamonds and pearls. \$39.00 at\$19.50 27.00 at 13.50 11.25 at 5.75 7.50 at 3.75	CAMEO BROOCHES \$27.00 at\$13.50 12.00 at 6.00 8.50 at 4.25 6.00 at 3.00 5.00 at 2.50 4.00 at 2.00	Tie Clasps \$3.00 Tie Clasps at\$1.50 \$1.50 at 75c 75c at 40c \$1.00 at 50c 50c at 25c	 Solid Gold Mounting Stick Pin \$8.00 at\$4.00 4.50 at 2.25 4.00 at 1.50 2.00 at 1.00 1.50 at 75c 1.00 at 50c .75 at 40c
 Pennant Neck Chains \$3.50 at\$1.75 3.00 at 1.50 2.00 at 1.00 1.50 at 75c	 Plain and Set Brooch Pins \$3.50 at\$1.75 3.00 at 1.50 2.00 at 1.00 1.50 at 75c 1.00 at 50c	Gents Gold Fobs All warranted—A chance of a lifetime—This time missed forever gone. \$7.00 at\$3.40 \$4.00 at\$2.00 \$6.00 at\$3.00 \$3.00 at\$1.50 \$2.00 at\$1.00	Gold Filled Cuff Links \$2.00 at\$1.00 75c at40c \$1.50 at 75c 60c at30c \$1.00 at 50c 50c at25c
CHAINS Vest Chains, with Drop for Charm. A real bargain. One half price \$6.00 at\$3.00 \$4.00 at\$2.00 \$2.00 at\$1.00	SILVERWARE Solid and Quadruple Plated. \$15.00 Chafing Dish at\$7.50 \$10 Chafing Dish at\$5.00 \$16 Coffee Percolator\$8.00 \$7 Casserole at\$3.50 Children's drinking cups at ½ price. Rogers and Alvin Knives and Forks. \$15.00 at\$7.50 \$12.50 at\$6.25 \$10.00 at\$5.00 Teaspoons, Tablespoons, Sugar Shells, Butter Knives, Soup Ladles all go. My Cut Glass is high grade goods but in this sale will be cheaper than the cheap. \$10.00 Bowls at\$5.00 \$6.00 Bowls at\$3.00 \$4.00 Bowls at\$2.00 Vases and odd prices ½ marked price.	SILVER FOBS Extra Quality Rolled gold Plate Trimmed silk Fobs \$4.00 at\$2.00 \$2.00 at\$1.00 \$1.5075 \$1.00 at50	FIDELITY LINK The Perfect Friendship Bracelet. The friendship bracelet is a measured gift because of the memory it brings. Let us order you one. SILVER CHEST Real Mahogany case, 26 pieces Community Silver \$35.00 at\$20.00 Carving Set \$6.00 at \$3.00 Ladies' and Gents' Gold head umbrellas \$15.00 at\$7.50 \$12.00 at\$6.00 \$10.00 at\$5.00 \$8.00 at\$4.00
SET RINGS-ANY SET \$15.00 at\$7.50 \$10.00 at\$5.00 \$6.00 at\$3.00 \$4.00 at\$2.00 \$2.00 at\$1.00	COLLAR BUTTONS One-piece collar buttons, good values, regular price. 200 of this 25c buttons for\$15c	SOLID GOLD CUFF LINKS \$4.50 at\$2.25 3.00 at 1.50 2.25 at 1.15 2.00 at 1.00	
RINGS Band Rings, Plains, Wedding Rings, Tiffany Wedding Rings,—all go. \$8.00 at\$4.00 \$6.00 at\$3.00 \$5.00 at\$2.50 \$2.00 at\$1.00			
WATCHES Waltham and Elgin works in 20 and 25 year cases \$30.00 at\$15.00 \$25.00 at\$12.50 \$20.00 at\$10.00 \$15.00 at\$ 7.50 \$12.50 at\$ 6.25 \$10.00 at\$ 5.00 \$ 8.40 at\$ 4.20			

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

On Friday evening Miss Mabel Laney entertained a few friends with a party. Tables were arranged for various games. Miss Rena Burns gave an informal musical program. Cream and cake were delightfully served to Misses Maxie Banned, Tennie Pope, Rena Burns, Vida and Mamie McNeese, Mattie Richie. Messrs. Paul Stamford, Gordon Hogue, Joe Yates of Abilene, Joe Bickley, Homer Laney, Albert Steele of Abilene and Ulyses McNeese.

On Thursday evening a moonlight picnic featured as a social attraction for the week. The crowd motored out to Warrens Lake and were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Woodroof and Mrs. E. L. Woodroof. A delicious and tempting luncheon was spread. Those present were Misses Eva Holland of Waxahachie, Almeda Harris, Elma Sheppard, France Burroughs, Jess Sutphen, Bessie Touchstone, Zora West, Myrtis Huffaker, Maude Jinkens, Maude Martin, Ruth Mims, Amy Gunn and Miss Sprague. Messrs. Jno West, Ernest Rogers, Dee, Luther, Emmett and Ennis Grimes, Billie and Luther Woodroof, Lytton Howard, Jack Graves, Parker Sharp, Little Miss Evelyn and Masters Don and William Woodroof.

Miss Ona Fay Bland entertained a few friends Friday night July 30 at her home on Oak street in honor of her guest Miss Uva Baxendale of Mingus. Promptly at six thirty the guests arrived. A beautifully appointed luncheon was served at 7 o'clock. Mr. Bland chaperoned the crowd to the "Cozy" Airdome. On the return home Mrs. Bland served delicious cream and cake. All retired at 11:30 to slumber (?) Oh! no for 'twas a slumberless night as the girls were all ready to say not a wink-but such a delightful time. At 6:30 P. M. all were ready for the tempting breakfast. Those present were Misses Lucy Tracy, Ruby Hamm, Pearl Toombs, Ina Mae Adams, Kate Ross of Dallas Uva Baxendale of Mingus and the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Woodroof entertained with a Theatre party at the Cozy Monday evening followed by a watermelon feast on the lawn at their home on Oak street. Those enjoying this were: Misses Eva Holland, Zora West, Erance Burroughs and Bessie Touchstone, Mrs. E. L. Woodroof. Messrs. Dee Grimes, Luther and Billie Woodroof, Jno. West and Luther Grimes, the host and hostess.

Granulated Sore Eyes Cured.
 "For twenty years I suffered from a bad case of granulated sore eyes," says Martin Boyd of Henrietta, Ky. "In February, 1903, a gentleman asked me to try Chamberlain's Salve. I bought one box and used about two-thirds of it and my eyes have not given me any trouble since." This salve is for sale by all dealers. adv

COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

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

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst.

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Write for: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for special instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Help Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. J-4

Big Cake Demonstration SATURDAY AUG. 7

We have secured one of the most Up-to-Date Lines of Cakes ever Displayed in Merkel.

ON NEXT SATURDAY

we will have over 25 varieties of American Style Cakes. Also a complete line of English Style Cakes, Merkel's first chance to see and taste these most highly appreciated delicacies.

Everybody are invited to come to our store Saturday to eat Cakes and drink Lemonade.

1000 Piano Votes will be given with each **25c SALE OF CAKES**

E. L. ROGERS, Groceries

Reduction Jewelry Sale

Mrs. E. M. Rust is inaugurating a clearance sale on her large jewelry stock in order to reduce same to make room for an extensive line of new goods she has purchased.

Whether you are in need of jewelry or not, look over the prices in her and on the fifth page of this issue. (adv)

Wood for Sale.

Good mesquite cord wood at \$1.50 per cord until September 1 only. On ground at my place 3 miles northeast of Stith. A. B. Cranston. 2313pd

New Delivery Service

General baggage transfer work and light hauling. Wagon ready at all times. Phone 252 Ash Bros. tf

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.

Have you got yours?—95c for shoes worth \$2.50 to \$3.00; small sizes, at J. A. Duckett's.

DRUGS EXCITE YOUR KIDNEYS, USE SALTS

If your Back is aching or Bladder bothers, drink lots of water and eat less meat.

When your kidneys hurt and your back feels sore, don't get scared and proceed to load your stomach with a lot of drugs that excite the kidneys and irritate the entire urinary tract. Keep your kidneys clean like you keep your bowels clean, by flushing them with a mild, harmless salt which removes the body's urinous waste and stimulates them to their normal activity. The function of the kidneys is to filter the blood. In 24 hours they strain from it 600 grains of acid and waste, so we can readily understand the vital importance of keeping the kidneys active.

Drink lots of water—you can't drink too much; also get from any pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast each morning for a few days and your kidneys will act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate clogged kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean and active. Try this, also keep up the water drinking, and no doubt you will wonder what became of your kidney trouble and backache.

W. M. Boring to Fort Worth.

W. M. Boring left Tuesday for Fort Worth in endeavor to recuperate from the effects of an operation he underwent in that city some months ago. On leaving Mr. Boring stated it might be necessary to have a slight operation performed.

He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Bertha Boring, who has been here from Fort Worth the past month visiting.

The Twenty Year Test.

Some twenty years ago I used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes Geo. W. Brock, publisher of the Enterprise, Aberdeen, Md. "I discovered that it was a quick and safe cure for diarrhoea. Since then no one can sell me anything said to be 'just as good.' During all these years I have used it and recommended it many times, and it has never disappointed anyone." For sale by all dealers. adv

Child Dies Of Congestion.

Maurine, the three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Simmons who lives north of town died very suddenly Monday afternoon.

The child was taken ill about 11 o'clock Sunday night with congestion of the stomach and never recovered from the first attack. Funeral services were held at the family home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Stewart conducting the services. Burial was then given the body in Rose Hill cemetery at this place.

Not So Strange After All

You may think it strange that so many people are cured of stomach trouble by Chamberlain's Tablets. You would not, however, if you should give them a trial. They strengthen and invigorate the stomach and enable it to perform its function naturally. Mrs. Rosie Kish, Wabash, Ind. writes, "Nothing did me the least good until I began using Chamberlain's Tablets. It is decidedly the best medicine for stomach trouble I have ever used. For sale by all dealers.

Back in Tennessee.

J. R. and T. J. Toombs are in Tennessee for a lengthy visit with relatives and friends near their old homes. During most of their stay there they will be at Paris and Nashville.

How to Cure a Sprain

A sprain may be cured in about one-third the time required by the usual treatment by applying Chamberlain's Liniment and observing the directions with each bottle. For sale by all dealers.

Notice.

My farm is no public park. All persons, whether fishermen or picnickers, should get permission before coming in. All trespassing will be prosecuted. J. B. Walton, at Warren Tank. 30t2

Hogs, Pigs and Shoats

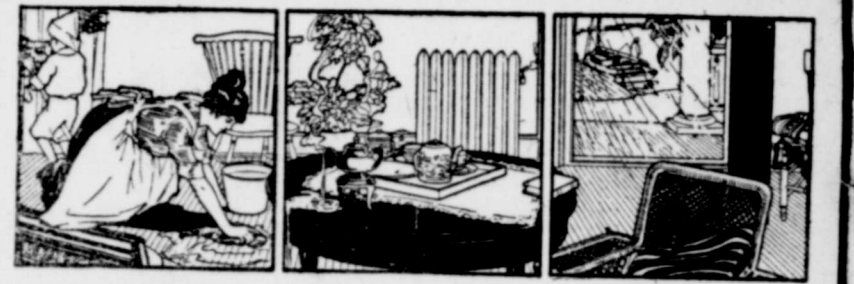
We have about 85 head of hogs, pigs and shoats for sale. Also 75 head of large hogs. See us for your porkers. Beasley Bros., Route 1.

Bandit Given 25 Years

Chandler, Okla., Aug. 3.—In an interview last night Henry Starr, noted bandit and bank robber, yesterday sentenced to a twenty-five year term in the penitentiary for the Stroud bank robbery, said:

"I positively will not appear on the witness stand against my pals who are going to trial here.

3 kinds of SHERWIN-WILLIAMS VARNISH for three kinds of surfaces



MAR-NOT For Floors
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 The King of Varnishes
 Whether exposed to rain and sleet or submerged indefinitely under water, Rexpap holds its lustre and never turns white.

What Do You Want to Varnish?

Different surfaces have different needs. There is no varnish made that will effectively meet all of them. Floors are walked on; tables have hot liquids spilled on them; outdoor surfaces get the sun and rain. To meet these three kinds of wear, The Sherwin-Williams Co. has specialized on three kinds of varnishes, and each is absolutely the best for its purpose. Tell us what you want to varnish and we will give you the kind of varnish that will serve you best in looks and wear.

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CALOMEL WHEN BILIOUS? NO! STOP! MAKES YOU SICK AND SALIVATES

"Dodson's Liver Tone" Is Harmless To Clean Your Sluggish Liver and Bowels.

Ugh! Calomel makes you sick. It's horrible! Take a dose of the dangerous drug tonight and tomorrow you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bowels. Calomel, when it comes into contact with sour bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish and "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour, just try a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone tonight on my guarantee.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't straighten your right up and make you feel fine and vigorous I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of Calomel because it is real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it can't salivate or make you sick.

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.

The world may regard me as a bad man, but I have not reached the point where I will betray a friend."

Sawyer as an accomplice of Henry Starr and Louis Estes was secured at 11 o'clock this morning and the state's first witness called.

The jury which is to try Claude

For The Next Few Days

We offer a few interesting prices on goods that you will need for the hot days of July and August. In our store you find Dependable GOODS, AND THE PRICE THE LOWEST

Dress Goods Department

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

Staples Staples

Best grade Calico..... 4c
Best grade 10c Gingham..... 7c
Best grade 10c Bleached Domestic..... 7c
Best grade 10c Brown Domestic..... 7c
Best grade 5c Brown Domestic..... 6c

Men's Dress Oxfords

Men's \$4.00 black and tan oxfords..... \$2.95
Men's \$4.50 black and tan oxfords..... \$3.25
Men's \$5.00 black and tan oxfords..... \$3.85

Ladies' Oxfords

Ladies \$2.50 Oxfords, black and tan..... \$1.75
Ladies 3.00 Oxfords, black and tan..... 1.95
Ladies 3.50 Oxfords, black and tan..... 2.75
Ladies 4.00 Oxfords, black and tan..... 3.15
Ladies 1.75 Oxfords, black and tan..... 1.25

Men's 50c Silk Hats..... 39c
Men's \$3.00 Straw Hats..... 2.25
Men's \$2.50 Straw Hats..... 1.95
Men's Work Shirts..... 40c

Children's Oxfords

\$2.50 Children's Oxfords..... \$1.75
\$2.00 Children's Oxfords..... 1.50
\$1.75 Children's Oxfords..... 1.35
\$1.50 Children's Oxfords..... 1.15
\$1.25 Children's Oxfords..... 1.00
\$1.00 Children's Oxfords..... 85c

Men's best grade Overalls..... 75c
Men's \$6.50 Palm Beach Suits..... \$4.75
Men's \$8.50 Palm Beach Suits..... \$6.75

Woodroof Brothers Merkel, Texas

THE BRUTAL TEMPLE MURDER

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mob spirit exhibited in other burnings that have occurred in recent years, this negro was not chained to an iron post but was fettered by three chains, one around his neck and one attached to each of his feet. In this condition eight men dragged him in the fire but his brute strength impelled by the terrifying heat misery was such that at times the men were almost dragged into the edges of the fire themselves and at one time managed to grab a person standing nearby only to be knocked loose from the white man and dragged back into the flames. According to eye witnesses who explained the burning to Mr. Grimes the negro developed strength almost unbelievable and kept up his struggles until the flames choked the last breath from his body.

Before the death of the negro a ring was taken from one of his fingers, the ring being broken in to on the underneath side. These broken parts when compared with the double scratches on Mr. Grimes neck showed that the ring ends and the scratches fitted exactly. Another small child's ring was found in the ashes where the negro was burned after the fire had died down that was identified as one having been taken from the Grimes home. This ring was supposed to have been secreted about the burned negro's clothing.

Evidence of the negro being the right one was also corroborated by the Sante Fe section foreman and a merchant at Rogers, the merchant identified a new cap Stanley was wearing as one he had sold him, the section foreman identified the old cap Stanley threw under a store at Rogers as the one he had seen Stanley wearing early Thursday morning before the three negroes reached Rodgers and a razor found rolled up in Stanley's old cap was identified by Mr. Grimes after here gained consciousness as one belonging to him and always kept in a dresser at his home.

The reports that the officers and members of the Grimes family believed no one except Stanley was connected with the murder is discredited. Mr. T. L. Grimes in a talk with the father of the injured Temple man was told that the family was positive that there were more than one connected with the brutal work, this theory is also advanced by Dr. Nibling, brother of Mrs. Grimes who hurried to the scene and made minute examinations of all facts and evidence.

While the burning of the negro was going on officers took the other two negroes away and up until Mr. Grimes left Temple Tuesday morning their whereabouts had not been given out by the officers and the statement that they had been liberated is taken as untrue. After the negro

had been burned his body was hanged in one of the principal business streets of Temple where it remained until late the next day. It was then cut from its hanging place and allowed to fall in a delivery wagon and conveyed thence to the city crematory and the remaining part of the negro's body burned to ashes.

T. L. Grimes expressed hope that W. R. Grimes would fully recover from the assault but stated that Mrs. Grimes, though she recovered, would never see owing to one of her eyes having been completely destroyed and the optic nerve of the other eye damaged to such an extent the doctors fear they cannot save the sight.

Disagreeable Calomel is Yielding to Pleasant Liv-Ver-Lax

Physicians generally agree that the nauseating, unpleasant effects of calomel are due to the undesirably violent action it has on the system. For a long while various substitutes have been tried, but it was only recently that the really wonderful remedy, LIV-VER-LAX, was prepared successfully by L. K. Grigsby.

LIV-VER-LAX has all the good, and none of the bad effects of calomel. It is a necessity in every home, always being ready to cleanse the sluggish liver and bile clogged system, with no unpleasant after-effects.

LIV-VER-LAX is guaranteed to give satisfaction, or your money will be immediately refunded. Insist on the original bearing the likeness of L. K. Grigsby. For sale in 50c and \$1 bottles at Mrs. E. M. Rust's Drug Store, Aug.

Advertised Letters.

Carver, Albert
Daniels, Jewel
Edgar, J. P.
Girdner, W. H.
Williams, Alpha
Mansola, Candido

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Aug. 14.
H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas.

Gored to Death by Bull.

F. M. Chenoweth, city night watchman, while off his official duties and looking after some cattle in the edge of the city, was attacked by an enraged Jersey bull Monday and so seriously gored and bruised up that death ensued on Tuesday evening.

He was gored in several places on the body. One wound pierced his bosom, going through to the lung.

Mr. Chenoweth was a member of the Woodmen of the World and had insurance in that order. The funeral took place Wednesday at 3 p. m., conducted by Rev. J. E. Stephens.—Snyder Signal.

What is Best for Indigestion?

Mr. A. Robinson of Dramquin, Ontario, has been troubled for years with indigestion and recommends Chamberlain's Tablets as "the best medicine I ever used." If troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial. They are certain to prove beneficial. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. For sale by all dealers.

13 YEARS AGO TODAY IN MERKEL

The following items were taken from the columns of the Mail published thirteen years ago today:

Terrell Winter was in after garden hose Monday.

W. W. Wheeler has purchased the insurance and real estate business of T. A. Johnson.

Geo. S. Berry went to Sweetwater Monday.

Hackney Richardson came in from Benson, Arizona, Friday.

No more fishing or hunting on my place.—J. T. Warren.

Burrongs & Mann sell good cheroots, etc.

Mrs. Fitts has been very sick the past week with asthma.

Miss Berdie Collins has returned from Carbon, where she attended the normal.

J. D. McGaughy of Stamford and Miss Lou Castles, one of Anson's popular young girls, were married last week. "Buff" is the last of the old T DIAMOND outfit, which worked the range of several adjacent counties, to assume the role of benedict.

E. M. Blackburn of Nubia was here Sunday.

Eli Cordell and family who went to the Plains some time ago have returned to their home in the Canyon.

H. H. Johnson of near Trent passed through here on his way to Abilene the first of the week.

P. Nobles returned Saturday from a three months' trip to South America.

19 pounds of sugar for a dollar at Chenault's.

Miss Prudence Allyn is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wallace, in Cisco.

I. S. Allen purloined the editor's hat a few nights ago.

Jud Sheppard went to Abilene after a pair of license.

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The Case of L. L. Cantelon

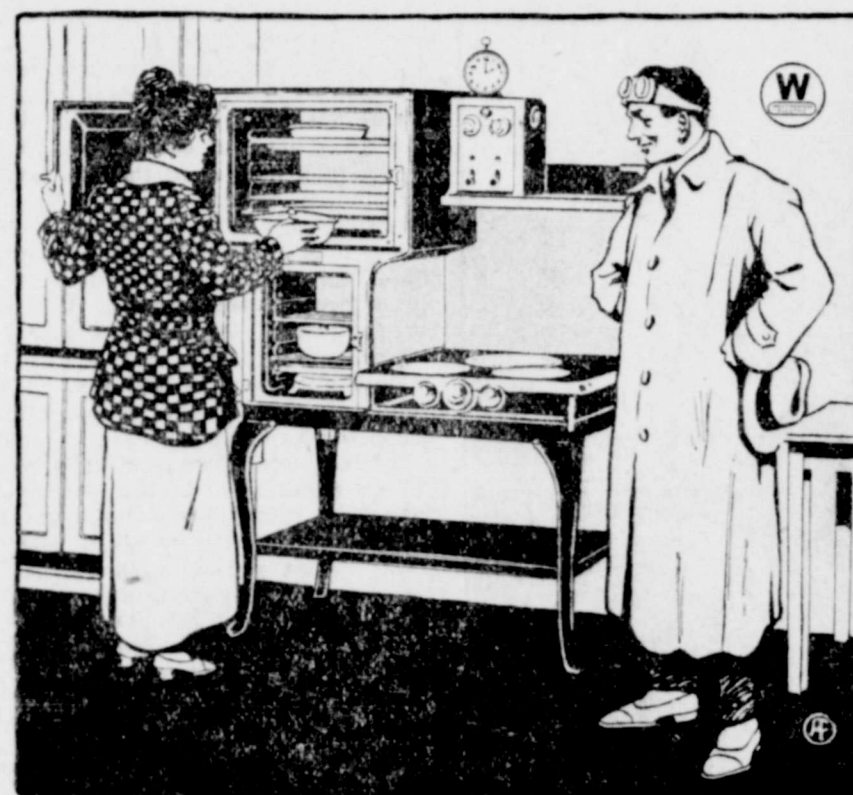
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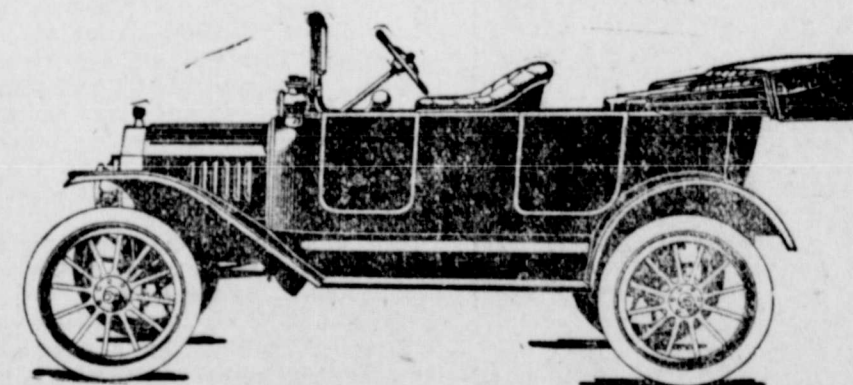
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MEXICANS KILLED IN BORDER FIGHT

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 3.—Twelve to fifteen Mexican bandits are reported killed in fighting today with United States cavalrymen and American possemen in the low thorny brush north of Brownsville. Private McGuire of the Twelfth cavalry was killed, Private Curtis possibly fatally injured and Private C. A. Saddle was wounded and Deputy Sheriff C. A. Monahan of Brownsville shot in the leg.

Appeals have been sent to Governor James E. Ferguson to ask for more United States troops to help guard this section of the border. The bandits are believed to be part of the same band which has been marauding in this section from twenty to sixty miles inside the American border for nearly three weeks. One American was killed two weeks ago by the bandits. The country is sparsely settled, the low brush with thick foliage affording unlimited hiding places, and at the same time enough clear ground for rapid maneuvering over long distances while under cover.

This particular body of bandits was discovered about 2 o'clock this morning near San Benito, Texas, about sixteen miles from the border, by Sam Robertson, president of the San Benito & Rio Grande Valley railway. He was returning from surveying. He reported that they seemed to have a stockade. Lieutenant Lutz ordered Troop A immediately into their saddles, twenty-six cavalrymen galloping out of San Benito in the moonlight, accompanied by several local officers. The Americans unexpectedly ran upon the Mexicans. A running fight began. For the remainder of the night and much of the morning there was continual rifle firing in the brush. About 300 farmers from near San Benito have joined in the bandit hunt.

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