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JUST HOME FROM PARIS—RETIREATED

Messrs. T. J. and J. R. Toombs returned home Wednesday morning from a lengthy visit with relatives at Paris, Tenn., in the vicinity of their old home.

Conditions of that section of the country according to T. J. Toombs is not as prosperous as that country often sees due to dry weather, the spell of which he stated was broken by extended rains over much of the country just before his return. Uncle John Toombs did not express himself on the crop conditions but said he was here-after-and-forever in favor of good roads in order that a person could make fast time when emergencies necessitated.

Many friends of Uncle John will remember his vain attempt to speak to what he thought was a very beautiful woman in Woodroof's store a few years ago, but discovered it was a dressed up dummy for display only, and yet in so short a time we find him the victim of his mis-apprehension again.

R. R. MEEKS GETS 1ST BALE COTTON

R. R. Meeks drove into Merkel Tuesday at high noon, his team bringing in a bale of cotton at a gallop that would have done justice to a busy Saturday when turns at the gin is a premium, but on this occasion Mr. Meeks was making a race to get the first bale of cotton to Merkel.

The first bale weighed 495 and sold to G. M. Sharp for 9 cents per pound. As a first premium he received \$25.00 made up among merchants and business men of Merkel. Closely following Mr. Meeks came Elbert Dean who lives north of town and claimed second prize to the amount of \$12.50 premium money offered. Mr. Dean ginned his cotton only a few hours after Mr. Meeks marketed his bale.

VISITS BROTHER ON COAST OF MAINE

Sam Butman a well known cattleman of the Canyon country but a sailor before he left his native state of Maine has just returned from that country where he visited his brother and two sisters.

Mr. Butman is what a person would term a full fledged booster for west Texas and on arrival home Saturday evening expressed himself as confident that this section of Texas surpassed any country through which he passed in going from here to the state of Maine. According to Mr. Butman, much of the country east of the Mississippi river has suffered for want of rain during the present year.

If every Dollar that goes out of Merkel, for Things that might be Bought in Merkel, were spent in Merkel every man in Merkel would have a job.

THINK ABOUT IT

CHRISTIAN MEETING



Elder J. W. Chism

Elder Chism, evangelist conducting the meeting at the tabernacle is one of the most thorough biblical historians and preachers yet to visit our town and his sermons have been highly interesting each afternoon and night.

The results of the meeting up until Wednesday night was five additions to the church through baptism. Announcement has been made that no services will be held Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock owing to the day being the busiest one during the week.

Prof. Mark D. Ussery in charge of the song service at the tabernacle is one of the best known singers in West Texas and needs no introduction whatever to the Merkel people, the song service under his direction being a complete success.

Themes for the meeting at the tabernacle for the remainder of the week are as follows: Thursday night, August 12, "Heart-felt Religion;" Friday night, "What Church Must I Join, or Can a Man be Saved and Not Join the Church?" Saturday night, "Prayer;" Sunday, 11 a. m., "Rebuilding the Temple and Jerusalem;" Sunday, 4 p. m., "Battle of Armageddon and the Second Coming of Christ;" Sunday, 8:20 p. m., "The Three Ways, or There is a Way That Seemeth Right Unto a Man But the End Thereof are the Ways of Death."—Solomon.

GETS SECOND AND 3RD BALES COTTON

Elbert Dean who brought in the second bale of cotton for the present season returned Thursday morning early and brought the third bale to Merkel markets.

As a premium for the third bale Mr. Dean was given \$7.50, bringing his total premium money to \$20.00 for the second and third bales. He was also paid a premium on his first bale of cotton in the purchase price by Woodroof Bros., who paid 9.15 for the fleecy staple and G. R. Gazzaway advanced the seed price of the second bale to \$20.00 per ton. The third bale sold on the market at 8.65.

Important Notice School Trustees.

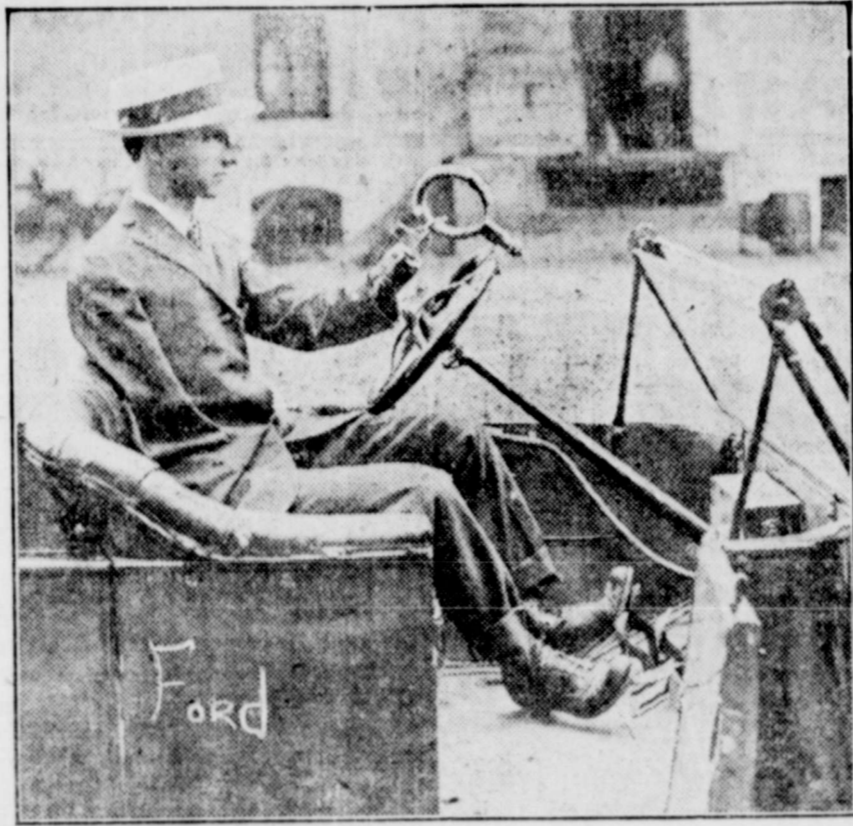
In accordance with the law, a joint meeting of the County and District Trustees of Jones county, Texas, is hereby called to meet in Anson in the Court House at 10:30 a. m., Saturday, August 21, 1915, for the purpose of classifying the schools of the county and for the discussion and transaction of such other important matters as may come before said meeting.

We are assured of the presence of a representative from the State Department of Education at Austin, who will discuss recent school legislation, and give district trustees definite information as to how to proceed to obtain for schools a portion of the Million-Dollar Appropriation for country schools.

Every county and district trustee should attend this important meeting.

E. I. Hall, President County Board School Trustees, Jones County, Texas.

HON. QUENTIN D. CORLEY OF DALLAS



Will speak at the Tabernacle at 2:30 next Thursday afternoon in a free lecture entitled "Overcoming Difficulties."

Realizing his deficiencies for business occupation, Judge Corley began studying law and working at a better hand for use of his left arm. He started in 1906, in November, and by November, 1907, he had obtained his license. He became Justice of the Peace in 1908, in November again, and in November, 1912, he qualified as County Judge. In 1910 he perfected and obtained letters patent upon the hand that he now uses, an extremely ingenious device with which he writes, eats, handles the heavy dockets of his court, buttons his clothes, ties his shoelaces and does anything else done by any other man, including his latest accomplishment as a motorist.

The following press report is of much interest in regard to Judge Corley.

If you were deprived of both arms by an accident, what would you do—sit down and repine over what might have been? Most probably, for that is what the average person would do under such circumstances. However, that is not what Judge Quentin D. Corley of Dallas did when that same accident came to him. In place of grieving over his great handicap he began thinking out

a solution for his difficulties and thought so hard and so well that he found a solution for his problem. Using his misfortune as a stepping stone to greater things, he made difficulties but rounds in a ladder by which he rose. Quentin D. Corley surmounted what others would have called difficulties that could never be overcome, and today stands out as a type of the highest citizenship.

An impressive feature of the demonstration given is that there is in the address of the Judge not a note of bitterness, nothing of the complaining, and in fact there is even a touch of humor showing that his trouble has not had the effect of embittering him or of making him the least bit gloomy in his outlook on life.

Judge Corley divided difficulties into three classes—moral, intellectual and physical, drawing at length on the latter.

The speaker was introduced by Superintendent Marrs of the city schools, who paid a high tribute to Judge Corley and called attention to the fact that the Baraca Glass of the Baptist Church had brought Judge Corley to Terrell and contemplated more work of this kind.—Terrell Daily Transcript.

HAULS GRAIN IN AUTOS

During harvest time high-power automobile trucks maintained a double daily service between Sweetwater and Nolan and other points on the divide, about twenty miles south of Sweetwater, in order to take care of the immense grain crop harvested in that section this year.

This transportation system is made possible by the macadamized roads built in Nolan county during the last few years.—(Published in the Big Springs Herald August 6th, 1915.)

Reprinted in the Merkel Mail for the benefit of two thirds of our voters.

Good Road Work Being Done

Commissioner T. R. Lassiter says that road work in this precinct seems to be taking a new phase especially in the Mount Pleasant country where the farmers in general have been co-operating with the road hands in grading roads in their section of the country.

Mr. Lassiter stated that much interest was being manifested in having better roads and a co-operative spirit easily maintained.

Sell Your Cream.

For best results try the Merkel Cream Station. Service and satisfaction given and we want all the cream you have to sell at 20 cents per pound.

Merkel Cream Station at the O'Briant Tin Shop.

Vol Martin Back From West

Vol Martin who has been in the Pacific northwest for the last three months returned to Merkel Thursday noon, having visited his daughter Mrs. Eva Perkins in Huntington, Ore., for some time. He also made length visits at the San Francisco and San Diego fairs and visited numerous points of interest in the Pacific coast country.

Birth Announcements Mailed

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferguson are in receipt of the announcements of the birth of a daughter, Helen Carissima, August 7th, 1915.

Mrs. Sam Woodard of Roscoe was in the city Saturday visiting Mrs. J. A. Woodard.

M'INTOSH MEETING



REV. W. M. McINTOSH

The Union Meeting in progress under the large canvas tent one block south of the depot is progressing with great results under the leadership of W. M. McIntosh who is preaching and L. J. Anderson the director of the song service.

Rev. McIntosh is meeting with much success and his work is only explained by the rapt interest and large crowds who have been attending the services.

The number of professions and conversions up until Thursday amounted to fifty-two. The song service, which is led by Mr. Anderson, rapidly increases the interest manifested in the work.

Rev. McIntosh adds special stress to the special services for Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock which will be a heart to heart talk with the men in a "Men's Meeting." Other sermons for the week ending are: Friday morning, "The Good, the Enemy of the Best;" Sunday at 11 a. m., "The Lordship of Jesus Christ," and Sunday night, "Crossing the Dead Line."

Services are held each morning and evening with announcements tonight for Saturday services.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McClain of Abilene were the guests of the latter parents Dr. and Mrs. J. M. C. King, Sunday.

RABBIT SCALPS ARE WANTED MONTHLY

The county Commissioners and Janitor of the County Court house were all but swamped with rabbit scalps when they met Monday morning to transact the regular routine of county business.

In order that the work of handling the rabbit scalps be made as pleasant as possible the Commissioners ask that the farmers who have rabbit or wolf scalps to dispose of, they bring them only on the opening day of Commissioners Court which is the second Monday of each month. The accumulation of scalps at the building during the month creates a smell at the building not at all pleasant to those who are compelled to stay there.

Carl Pribble Dead.

Carl, the seventeen-year-old son of Lee Pribble of Trent, died near Snyder Tuesday after a very short illness of what was thought to be blood poisoning.

Carl had been sick previous to a recent trip to Snyder and his father sent him there hoping to benefit his son by the outing. The entire Trent country was greatly shocked when they they learned of the serious illness of the young man and with sadness learned of his untimely death, for he had a host of friends both at Trent and at Merkel who deeply regret his demise.

Burial services were held here Wednesday afternoon as soon as the funeral casket could drive from Blair to this place, the body having been brought to that place on the 6 o'clock Santa Fe passenger.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder W. G. Cypert.

FIRE DOES SMALL DAMAGE TO HOME

Fire that started in the residence of Mrs. M. A. Dowdy, Friday morning at 11:20 looked as if it would destroy the home but nearly every article of household goods and the greater portion of the building were saved from the flames by the local fireboys. The home belonged to A. S. Walker of Bremond.

The extent of damage to the house was covered by insurance so we were informed. The fire which started in the ceiling and roof of the kitchen spread over the roof of the dining room and started eating its way through the ceiling of the dining room, but just got started and that was all, for the fireboys reached the scene about that time and the fire was in history and a greater part of the home saved from any damage whatever. Mrs. Dowdy suffers a small loss from things left in the kitchen and some small damages done to the household goods in removing them from the house by the fireboys.

SOME SNAKES—YES 29 KILLED SUNDAY

F. A. Sanders, R. F. D. Carrier from this place carries off the prize for killing snakes in this section of the country.

While walking across a pasture just south of town Sunday Mr. Sanders in company with Masters Ray Adkisson and Harry Merritt saw a large rattlesnake coiled in a hole. With sticks and gravel Mr. Sanders managed to get the large snake to run from the hiding place and killed it as it emerged only to find that his work had just started for there were twenty-eight more and he had a rattling good time exterminating the entire nest. The snake which emerged first was very large, according to Mr. Sanders, and while the others were all smaller they were old enough to be dangerous.

MEETING CLOSES AT SHILOH SUNDAY

The Revival Meeting at Shiloh closed Sunday afternoon at the water's edge. There were 18 additions to the church, twelve by baptism, four by letter and two were reclaimed.

Rev. Dick of Abilene assisted Rev. Horn in the meeting and the good they both did will long be felt in the years to come. It was one of the best meetings this writer has attended, we had fine preaching, good attendance and some good old shouting times and we felt that it was good to be there.—Shiloh Correspondent.

The song service was under the direction of Mr. Dutton of Newman while Mrs. Chas. Seago acted as organist during the meeting.

If I spend my Dollars out of Merkel and you spend your Dollars out of Merkel, and all the people spend their Dollars out of Merkel, what in the thunder will become of Merkel?

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J. P. Sharp	1.00
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G. M. Sharp	1.00
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V. B. Sublett, Jeweler	.50
Walter Clark	.50
A. C. Boney Drug Store	.50
J. A. Duckett	.50
J. T. Dennis	.50
W. E. Douglass	.50
E. M. McDonald	.50
W. F. Hamblet	.50
W. W. Wheeler	.50
Ed Turner	.25
H. C. Burroughs	.25
Percy Jones - Hair Cut and Shave	.25
L. E. Sanders, Two square meals for second and third bale owners.	

In addition to the monied consideration Percy Jones contributed a hair cut and shave to the man who brought in the first bale while L. E. Sanders, proprietor of the Owl Cafe, promised a good square meal to each of the men who brought in the second and third bales.



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Hefner Endorsements.

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To Whom it May Concern:
This is to certify that I have been associated with Dr. A. Hefner of Sweetwater in this practice for the past fourteen months, and do not hesitate to say that this is a scientific method of treatment and has cured many cases which medicine absolutely would not benefit, and I do not hesitate to recommend this treatment to all suffering humanity.
Yours respectfully,
W. J. Cummings, M. D.

Trent, Texas, Oct. 2, 1912.
To Whom It May Concern:
This is to certify that I had been in bad health for three years with asthma and rheumatism had been treated by the best M. Ds that we have in Dallas and West Texas both, had spent several days at Mineral Wells and never got any relief. I have been taking treatment from Dr. Hefner and have gotten great relief. The first relief I have ever gotten and I heartily recommend Dr. Hefner to all that are suffering with any disease.
Respectfully yours,
James Baker.

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

Dr. and Mrs. George Howard of Dallas visited the former's father, J. T. Howard and family this week. They motored through the country.

TEXAS TICK FEVER

Notes taken from lectures given by Dr. Francis of the A. & M. College.

This disease is caused by protozoa that are carried only by *Bouphilus Annulatus* (cow tick) and to control this disease one must control this tick.

This protozoa enters the blood of the cow from the tick and begins to destroy the red corpuscles and when the animal loses a large per cent of these corpuscles they die. Young cattle stand a much better chance to recover than old ones because they produce red corpuscles faster than the older cattle do.

The life history of the tick starting with male and female tick on cow: They copulate and when the female (slightly larger than the male) fills her body with blood infected with the fever protozoa she drops to the ground, crawls to dark places and in 24 hours begins to lay eggs. These eggs are infected with the protozoa before the shell is put on. Each female may lay more than a thousand eggs. These eggs hatch if conditions are favorable (a moist place with temperature at 75 degrees best). The larvae crawls upon stem of grass and waits for cow. The time he can wait is determined by conditions. In cold weather they can live three months without food but not so long in warm weather. This may be taken advantage of in summer in controlling by starving if cattle are changed from from infected pastures a few months in summer. This is much better than dipping. If dipping is resorted to it should be done every two weeks if cows are kept in infected pastures as a new generation comes on about that often. Larvae have 6 legs, nymph 8 and adult 8.

To bring susceptible cattle in tick area: Bring young cattle (very dangerous to bring old) in winter time and put in clean patch. From a healthy animal, preferably a steer, that has been infected with ticks, draw some blood from large vein in neck through needle into clean bottle or syringe after neck is thoroughly cleaned. Inject into each of the young animals 1 c. c. of this blood and keep in clean patch where they may be watched. Look for rise in temperature in about 10 days. It may not be noticeable until the 20th day. Do not risk another dose inside of 60 days. In two months calves may be turned in pasture but should not be allowed to become too ticky and as soon as pasture begins to get dry should be put on clean dry patch with plenty of shade and water and fed if necessary, green feed if possible. Ninety-five-ninety-eight per cent may be saved in this way. The next winter these animals may be turned on pasture and allowed to remain with other cattle throughout the year.



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This is for handling valuable animals brought in from tick free territory but one should look after calves at home in Taylor county for they may grow to maturity without getting ticks on them and be as liable to die with fever as imported cattle. Calves destined for ticky areas should be inoculated with blood from healthy ticky cattle or ticks themselves as soon as possible.

Treatment: If animal has fever induce them to eat all the green or succulent feed possible and give Epsom salts liberally; keep in shade and furnish fresh water; keep quiet.

I. B. Duck, Farm Demonstrator, Taylor County.

Advertised letters.
Burwick, Jim
Manscill, Anna
McLaughlin, E. B.
Martines, Apolinaria
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Aug. 21.
H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas.

Birth Announcement.
Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Miller report the birth of a baby girl, born Thursday afternoon of this week.

Baby Child Dies.

O. B., the eight-months-old baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Jones died Thursday morning early following an illness of several months. The child was thought to be on the road to recovery, however, and only a few days prior to its death was seemingly much improved.

Funeral and burial services were not completely arranged when this was consigned to the paper.

Notice of Removal.

After Monday, August 16, I will be located in the old Sears building north of the Pilcher shop where I will be better equipped to do work and will be glad for all my old customers as well as new ones to call on me when in need of blacksmithing.
R. L. Porter.

Ben T. Merritt is spending a week's vacation with his wife who has been visiting her parents near Dublin for some time.

When you want good flour, buy Seymores Best. G. M. Sharp.

ART SMITH TO FLY AT DALLAS FAIR

Dallas, Aug. 9.—"That youth and courage are practically synonymous terms is simply demonstrated in the person of Art Smith, the young man who is startling the civilized world by his fearlessness and extraordinary work of aerial navigation," said President W. I. Yopp of the State Fair of Texas. "There have been some remarkable men before the public of recent years, but none to compare with young Smith. He is the wonder of the times."

"Last year visitors to the State Fair of Texas were thrilled and delighted beyond expression by the work of the late Lincoln Beachey, but they were almost tame alongside the stunts that Smith is doing."

"Smith's contract with the Fair management calls for a long list of sensational performances that no other aviator before the public today dares even attempt. For instance, he agrees to fly straight up to the height of 2,500 feet, looping the loop ten times in succession on the way up; he agrees to do what he calls the roll-over loop, finishing within three hundred feet of the ground. In this act the machine is turned over along side-wise, a sort of side-wise somersault. He will do a vertical drop of anywhere from 1,000 to 3,000 feet; he will fly with the machine upside-down, his hands free from the steering wheel and arms outstretched; he is to fly at night, looping the loop no less than three times in succession with fireworks display of fifty pieces attached to the aeroplane."

Editors note:—Art Smith will do all claimed of him in the above and will give them some thrillers not mentioned herein, all of which we personally vouch for. This young man, just out of his teens is known as the "Bird Boy" at San Francisco where he is now employed to give daily flights.

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You are hereby commanded to sum-

mon Maud Huddleston by making pub-

lication of this citation once in each

week for four successive weeks pre-

vious 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 pub-

lished in the 42nd Judicial District; but

if there be no newspaper published in

said Judicial District, then in a news-

paper published in the nearest District

to said 42nd Judicial District, to appear

at the next regular term of the Dis-

trict 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 14th day of July A. D.

1915, in a suit, numbered on the docket

of said Court No. 3480, wherein F. B.

Huddleston is plaintiff, and Maud Hud-

dleston is defendant, and said petition

alleging, Plaintiff F. B. Huddleston

sues for divorce on the grounds of

abandonment, alleging that more than

three years ago defendant left the bed

and board of this plaintiff with the in-

tervention of permanently abandoning plain-

iff, since which time they have not

lived together as man and wife.

Plaintiff asks for judgment of the

court dissolving the marriage relation

now existing between Plaintiff and De-

fendant and for general relief.

Herein fail not, but have before said

Court, at its aforesaid next regular

term, this writ with your return there-

on, showing how you have executed

the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of

said Court, at office in Abilene this,

the 15th day of July A. D. 1915.

J. Fuller, Clerk,

District Court Taylor County.

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J. C. Mason is in Mineral Wells

this week.

See me before you buy your

groceries. G. M. Sharp.

Mrs. H. B. Wheeler of Abilene

is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Austin Boyd visited her

parents in Abilene last week.

Miss Beulah Burkett of Abi-

lene is visiting friends here this

week.

Misses Nell and Lucy Tracy

are the guests of Mrs. Jno. Ens-

minger at Nubia this week.

Cow feed and cotton seed at

G. M. Sharp's.

Fresh car of Peacemaker flour

expected to arrive today at the

Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Miss Libby Patton of New

Mexico is visiting Miss Maud

Martin.

Mrs. J. W. Jennings is visiting

her daughter, Mrs. Wesley Ed-

wards.

Miss Wi Leeman of Duncan,

Okla., is visiting her aunt, Mrs.

Jud Sheppard.

We expect plenty fruit jars by

Saturday. G. M. Sharp.

Miss Bertie Diltz of Van Horn

is visiting her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. W. L. Diltz.

Have you got yours?—95c for

shoes worth \$2.50 to \$3.00; small

sizes, at J. A. Duckett's.

Miss Uva Baxendale has re-

turned home to Mingus after a

visit here with friends.

Miss Lois Rogers is visiting

Mrs. H. C. West during the

present week.

Mrs. W. A. Riney and children

of Abilene are guests of their

sister and aunt, Mrs. Asa Shep-

pard.

Misses Kathleen and Dorthy

Allen of Honey Grove are here

visiting their aunt Mrs. Alice

Templeton.

Mrs. Y. F. Walker and child-

ren of Nugent were the guests

of Mrs. E. Hall the first of the

week.

Mrs. C. V. Bigham and little

daughter, Alice, were visiting

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allyn Satur-

day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Eoff of

Coleman have been here this

week visiting the former's par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. John Eoff.

Miss Bernice Rainbolt visited

in Abilene the first of the week,

the guest of her sister, Mrs.

Chas. Fryar.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pickle of

Abilene motored here Sunday to

visit the family of Mayor Stall-

ings.

Miss Faye Allen of Denton,

who is the guest of her aunt,

Mrs. W. Parten, is spending a

few days in Trent with Mrs.

Edgar Massey.

Mrs. Lulu Cole of Bowling

Green, Ky., visited Mrs. J. M.

Meeks last week. Mrs. Cole was

en route home from the Pacific

coast.

Mesdames Davis and RobBeas-

ley are at home after a lengthy

stay in Brownsville and other

points, where they visited friends

and relatives.

Miss Ona Johnson is at home

from a visit with her sister, Mrs.

Bartley Smith, in Big Springs.

She also visited friends in Mid-

land and Barstow.

Mrs. J. A. Meeks and children

and her nephew, Fred Horton,

are at home from Okemah, Okla.,

where they visited J. C. Horton,

father of Mrs. Meeks.

Misses Mattie and Uvonne

Murphy were in the city Monday

afternoon visiting their sister,

Mrs. Ollie Dye.

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and country painting and paper

hanging. Phone No. 134. 3tpd.

EXPLAINS CONFLICT OF TWO MEETINGS

Elder Chism asks that the public understand his position of not lending a hand to the conflicting appointments for meetings now being held in Merkel from the fact that he was booked for this place in September of 1914 with the date of August 3rd, as the beginning of the Merkel meeting.

On being informed a few months ago by member of the Church of Christ here that the church had been requested to change the date in order not to conflict with the proposed Methodist meeting, he stated he attempted to do this by commencing his meeting here on July 21st instead of Aug. 3rd, and going to Bend, Texas to begin a meeting on August 3rd, the date set nearly a year ago for the Merkel meeting to begin but found that to go to Bend, Texas for a meeting beginning August, 3rd, it would conflict with a Methodist meeting in progress at that place and rather than to conflict with the Methodist at Bend who had previously arranged for their meeting he necessarily was compelled to keep the Merkel date intact, thereby allowing the Methodist meeting now in progress here to bring conflicting date, for which he was in no way responsible.

L. R. Hogg, formerly of this city, passed through here Tuesday occupying a position in the private car of the General Superintendent of the Texas & Pacific Railway. Mr. Hogg has been connected with the Texas and Pacific Company for several years and has gradually advanced to a lucrative position.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Morris came in Thursday noon after an extended vacation. Mr. Morris, having been re-elected superintendent of the schools will no doubt have various duties demanding his attention from now until the school term opens, which will be unusually late owing to delay in construction of the new school building.

J. B. Deavenport returned home Thursday morning from Duncan, Okla., where he has been visiting his father, John Deavenport, formerly of this place. Miss Carrie Deavenport accompanied her brother on his return to Merkel and will visit relatives here during this month.

Misses Tommie Louise and Gladys Coggin who have visited relatives and friends here for the past month returned home Monday afternoon, Miss Gladys Coggin visiting relatives in Post City, having stopped off there on her return.

Mr. and Mrs. El Angus of Fort Worth left Wednesday for El Paso on a short visit. They have been here visiting the former's brother, M. D. Angus and family.

Arch Anderson of Dallas, brother of Cashier R. O. Anderson of the Farmers State Bank, is here on a visit with his brother and family.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Keith and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Holdridge returned Monday from a visit at Cottonwood, Fort Worth and other points, making the trip in the former's Maxwell touring car.

Ernest Moore and W. A. Campbell were among those who visited Abilene Tuesday, the latter having business with the County Clerk.

Misses Willie B., Irene, Pauline and Master Jack Sublett of Sweetwater are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sublett.

Mrs. C. H. Robinson is in Elmdale visiting her daughter, Mrs. Burden.

G. B. Wasson returned to Abilene Tuesday after a short stay here.

CLASSIFIED ADS

COOK WANTED—Woman wanted to assist with cooking and to do washing and ironing for family of five. Middle aged woman preferred. Apply at once. R. H. Collins.

WANTED—One or more lady boarders, rates reasonable. Mrs. Alice Rose. 6t4p

WANTED:—Nursing of sick by good practiced women or will take house keeping during August. Yours to please, Phone 73, Mrs. Hall.

FOR SALE:—At a bargain, Majestic range stove and four burner New Perfection oil stove, both practically new. W. A. Scott. 13t3.

FOR SALE:—Walking plows, different sizes and makes, all new, have never been used, will sell from \$2.50 to \$8.50. Also one new Cassidy sulky for sale at a bargain and a good mare well broke. W. A. Scott. 13t3.

FOR SALE:—5 room house, 3 porches, well and windmill, 2 acre orchard of plums, peaches, apricots, grapes and berries, in south Merkel. A. L. Jobe. 12t3-55.

FOR SALE:—New Crop Sorghum Syrup. Will be at Merkel with syrup next Saturday. D. L. Boyd, Nubia Texas.

COTTON SEED WANTED.—See me or phone No. 27 for loading days. Will pay \$15.00 for old seed. G. R. Gazzaway.

Miss Agnes Hall who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Clifton, at Monrovia, Cal., is at home with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. E. Hall. Miss Hall visited in El Paso on her return home, being the guests of friends and relatives while there.

S. P. Miller formerly of this city but now connected with the U. S. Canal Service on the Panama Canal arrived Wednesday afternoon to join Mrs. Miller who is here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel and to visit his sister Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

John Ralph Adams of Texarkana came in Wednesday afternoon to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Adams and to recuperate from a very near case of fever.

We have just received Twenty Five brand new patterns of 25 and 50 cent pocket knives suitable for heading maize. Get yours now. G. F. West Co. 13t2

Miss Gail McCarty of Sweetwater visited Mrs. W. H. Dickson and other friends here Sunday.

Mrs. A. H. Thornton and little son, Don, are at home from Kerens and Blooming Grove where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and children and G. E. Comegys motored to Haskell Thursday to visit the family of J. P. C. Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis drove to Sweetwater in their car Sunday where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Cox.

Miss Stella Martin of Anson was the guest of Mrs. J. W. Briggs the first of the week.

Miss Susie Penn visited Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Walker in Abilene the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Woodroof were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Walker in Abilene Sunday.

Miss Ruby Hemby of Sweetwater visited Misses Lizzie and Eva Calvert Sunday.

Miss Sallie Toombs has accepted a position with the W. L. Harkrider Dry Goods firm.

Miss Ona Stanley and mother, Mrs. A. L. Stanley, of Nubia, visited relatives here Friday.

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The things that contribute to a Bank's Strength are

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This Bank has total resources of nearly a Quarter Million Dollars made up of Cash and Good Investments. These investments are approved by the Board of Directors and the Examiners appointed by the Federal Government.

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THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

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the increase of degeneracy. No one can exactly explain the cause, but the fact stands boldly out that there has been a marked increase of crime, because of its brutality, due to degeneracy.

The degenerate is a continual menace to society. He is more dangerous than the recognized lunatic, for the reason it does not appear possible to take adequate precautions against his murderous outbreaks save, perhaps, sometimes in the case of women whose natural protective instincts ought to be sufficiently acute to save them from associating with moral perverts.

Suspected degenerates should be watched. They at any time may develop into dangerous criminals.—Commercial Appeal.

THE MENACE OF DEGENERACY.

The summer of 1915 thus far has been exceedingly tragic. For once forgetting war in Europe we may consider our own tragedies. The sinking of the Eastland will go down in history as a disaster of peculiar horror. It was due to criminal carelessness. The cloudburst in Erie, Pa., and the tornado which swept through Ohio, leaving a path of ruin in its wake, will also be added to the long list of calamities of the summer not yet ended.

These disasters, with the exception of the Eastland, could not be prevented. God sends storms and floods when it pleases Him. Men cannot go counter to the Divine will. Men can, however, prevent wrecks such as the Eastland, which caused the death of nearly a thousand men, women and children.

The summer of 1915 has been tragic in other respects. The crime record is one of peculiar brutality. Scarcely a day has passed without the newspapers of the country carrying a story of crime. In most instances these crimes were not the result of the heat of passion, but bore evidence of degenerate minds. This brings the fact closely to home that degeneracy is increasing. Many of these murders have been too revolting to publish in full detail, and the victims have been mere children, girls not over eight and ten years of age. Stranger still, the murderers have but in few instances been caught.

The police are powerless to protect young girls who expose themselves to such attacks. Mothers should be very careful where their children go, where they play, who they meet and, above all things, their girls should be cautioned against talking to strange men.

In the more populous sections of the city there is no great danger, but it is in the less populated communities that these tragedies have occurred. Our expert students of criminology have attempted with more or less success to account for

THE DEMAGOGUE.

A demagogue is a man whose mouth is for the people and whose thoughts are of himself. The demagogue has flourished for thousands of years, and in ancient Greece played almost as prominent a part in the affairs of the government as he does in America at this time. We mention this in order to show, in the second place, that this type of politician has fooled the people in all ages, and to show, in the first place, that we are familiar with Grecian history. If you had been on the streets of Athens a little more than 2,000 years ago you would have seen a great number of men walking around with bed sheets wrapped around them. The bed sheet was worn by the very best citizens, and in that day there was not a pair of breeches in all Athens. In the market place many engaged in selling grape juice, English peas, flowers, Texas onions and other produce. But a vast number discussed ways and means of saving the country. These men were great friends of the people, and each one of them was a wholesale and retail dealer in remedies for all public ills. The women folks took very little interest in politics. They remained at home and spanked little Athenians. Now, as then, the heart of the demagogue is on fire for the people. His one ambition is to rescue his countrymen from the terrible fate which awaits them unless he is elected to some office that pays a good salary. He can propose measures that will enrich indolence, overcome misfortune and pull even the married man out of debt. It is as easy for him to overcome the laws of nature as it is for an ordinary mortal to get behind with his accounts. But after the demagogue is elected things go on just as they did before. Under any form of government many people will be very wealthy, more will do fairly well, and the rest of us will remain at the bottom. Unjust laws may injure us somewhat, and just laws may help us to a certain extent, but for the most part our condition depends upon our intelligence and upon the economy of our wives.—Claud Callan, in Star-Telegram.

Return From Pacific Coast.

Mrs. J. T. Warren and daughters, Misses Winnie and Louise, are at home from a month's trip over the Pacific coast country, through Yellowstone Park and at both the Pacific Coast Fairs.

Mrs. Warren and daughters and members of the party they accompanied reached the Yellowstone Park only a few days after a lone highwayman relieved the members of six Park coaches of all their valuables. From Yellowstone they went to San Francisco for a lengthy stay and on their return home visited the Exposition at San Diego.

Cuts Artery and Nearly Dies.

Mr. R. E. Sellers who resides near Trent came near losing his life Tuesday night when he severed an artery in one of his limbs to relieve blood pressure.

Mr. Sellers has for some time suffered with rheumatism in his leg and had been unable to sleep. It seems he conceived the idea that to cut an artery in this limb would relieve the blood pressure which would enable him to sleep, and shortly after dark he took a

razor and made a slight incision in an artery and as a natural consequence the blood flowed freely. He was on the front porch and soon went to sleep and as he had requested the family not to disturb him he was left alone until his breathing became heavy and attracted members of the family. By this time his hands and feet were cold and his circulation poorly. The wound was bandaged and Dr. Watkins was called to attend him and after heart stimulants were administered he began to rally and at last reports was out of danger.—Trent Enterprise.

Merkel Man Disturbed.

One venerable Merkel gentleman who reposes on the shady sides of our main business streets nearly every afternoon, and who, by the way, gets his Dallas News and hurries home every afternoon to see if "it has or hasn't," is very indignant over the little respect that peddlers and agents have been showing him during the last few weeks.

It is a habit of this good man to sleep about two hours each afternoon. He was awakened from these peaceful slumbers (if it were possible for him to have that kind) on so many different occasions by agents ringing his door bell until he tore the bell from his door and threw it into the back yard. This did not stop the peddlers, however, and they now get him aroused by knocking on his door just after dinner every day in a way described by the victim as "highly monitinous." This good friend of ours requests that we serve notice on all persons who enter his yard immediately after dinner each day, that they do so at their own peril.

This article is free advertising. The man referred to as the victim of the obnoxious peddlers does not take the Merkel Mail and never has so far as our memory is able to ascertain further than to borrow a copy occasionally. His reasons for so doing no doubt are good ones.

Truman Youngblood of Weatherford came in Wednesday morning to visit his aunt Mrs. Austin Fitts.

LOOK -- STOP AND LISTEN

We have just received a large shipment of Box Stationery. The Right Kind at the Right Price. Glad to show you, whether you buy or not

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Firestone 30 x 3 inch Tire costs 40 cents more than ordinary tires. Why?

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	Fast Road Tread	Super Road	Grey Tread	Red Tread
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34x4	23.75	25.30	3.90	4.40
34x4 1/2	27.20	28.55	4.80	5.40
36x4	33.20	34.75	5.00	5.65
36x4 1/2	39.50	41.10	5.95	6.70
38x4 1/2	45.00	47.10	6.75	7.55

At these prices you can't afford to use any other tire or tube.

Here Are the Extras You Get in Firestone

30x3 tire and NOT in ordinary 30x3 tires

The same relative values apply in all sizes. Note the detailed specifications. Then ask any neutral repair man which manufacturer gives the most in quality. He cuts into all makes of tires. He knows.

Fig. 1. One more ply of fabric in Firestone—4 plies instead of 3 as in ordinary.

Fig. 2. Extra coating of finest rubber between fabric layers in Firestone—not in the ordinary.

Fig. 3. 1-16 inch finest rubber cushion layer in Firestone—not in the ordinary.

Fig. 4. 1-16 inch breaker strip of high-grade fabric and high-grade rubber in Firestone—same quantity in others.

Fig. 5. 1-16 inch more tread—1-4 inch tough tread, resilient in Firestone—only 3-16 inch in ordinary.

Fig. 6. 1-16 inch side wall of strongest rubber in Firestone.

Fig. 7. Accurately shaped bead of extra cohesive strength, insuring perfect seating tire to rim.

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The Voice of Now

It is the present, the today, the NOW in which we are interested. Shakespeare wisely says: "Tomorrow never yet On any living mortal rose or set."

It is the printed page which deals most intimately and with the greatest detail in the movements of the present. It is THE VOICE OF NOW proclaiming to the world the things that are happening today. The Government of the United States is NOW gravely concerned in certain aspects of the war in Europe and has had thrust on it several serious international problems which are NOW in process of solution. The American farmer is NOW interested in this titanic struggle, for his his interests are being affected by it today and will be tomorrow, and he wants to keep in close touch with it NOW.

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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.

What He Would Say.

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

The Case of L. L. Cantelon

The case of L. L. Cantelon, Clarendon, Texas, is similar to that of many others who have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He says: "After trying a doctor for several months, and using different kinds of medicine for my wife who had been troubled with severe bowel complaint for several months, I bought a 25c bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using the second bottle she was entirely cured." For sale by all dealers.

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

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East Texas. I have never seen Timothy growing in Texas, but it would probably do it if it had a chance.

But suppose it would not do well in Texas, we have so many better hay-crops, that we should be able to worry though without timothy. For instance, to say nothing of the many other hay-crops which are so abundantly grown here, sheaf-oats has timothy beaten, especially if it is cut in tough dough stage.

Their feed value, as indicated by chemical analysis, shows that in a ton of timothy hay, there are 56 pounds protein, 848 lbs. carbohydrates and 26 pounds fat; while in sheaf-oats, the protein content is 86 pounds, carbohydrates 867 pounds, and fat 44 pounds.

It will be observed that carbohydrates, the "fillin" part of feed timothy crowds sheaf-oats a little close. But in the "satisfyin'" elements namely: protein and fat, sheaf-oats has the lead by several laps.

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

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

Timothy Not so Much Any Way.

It really seems that in the matter of feed crops, our Southern States may have about everything grown North, and then some. For instance, in the rain-belt of Texas, if we had nothing but Bermuda grass, cow-peas and cotton-meal, we should have some stock country.

Some one from the North, said to the writer not long ago "If you could only raise timothy and red-clover down here, you might talk about having a stock country." Well, I have seen red-clover make two crops in a season, on a Bermuda sod, in

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New Fall Gingham Redfern Suits for Ladies Redfern Skirts for Ladies
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W.O.W. LOG ROLLING

Eleventh Annual Meeting to be Held at Colorado, Texas, August 19 and 20.

President, Hon. H. Rob Keeble, Abilene.
 Vice-President, Mrs. A. H. Goldsticker, Stamford.
 Secretary, Miss Isla Tilley, Colorado.
 Treasurer, Sov. W. R. Purser, Big Springs.
 Chaplain, Mrs. Ella Hicks, Abilene.
 Managers, Mrs. Ed Williamson, Abilene, Mrs. Cunningham, Anson, Sov. J. R. Black, Baird.
First Day, August 19, 1915.

10:00 a. m.—Meet at Union Tabernacle, Dr. T. J. Ratliff, master of ceremonies.

Opening song, led by Mr. J. E. Stowe.

Invocation, by Rev. W. L. Williamson, pastor of the First Baptist church.

Welcome address in behalf of Mitchell county, by Judge J. H. Bullock, 10 minutes.

Music.
 Welcome address in behalf of Colorado City, by Mayor C. M. Adams, 10 minutes.

Response in behalf of the West Texas Log Rolling Association, by Hon. H. Rob Keeble of Abilene, 15 minutes.

Music.
 Welcome address in behalf of Mesquite Camp No. 244, by Hon. W. P. Leslie, 10 minutes.

Response, by Dr. J. Butler, Eastland, 10 minutes.

Welcome address in behalf of Magnolia Grove No. 236, Colorado, by Mrs. N. J. Phenix, 10 minutes.

Response, by Mrs. J. D. Alexander, Cisco, 10 minutes.

Music.
 Appointment of committees by President H. Rob Keeble.

Adjourn to 2:30 p. m.

2:30 p. m. August 19, 1915.

Music.
 Invocation by chaplain, Mrs. Lena Hicks, Abilene.

Regular order of business.

Impromptu talks for the good of the order.

Adjourn until 8:00 p. m.

8 p. m., August 19, 1915.

Everybody, both citizens and visitors, meet on the court house lawn in a get-acquainted-meeting.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist church will render a program similar to the one recently rendered for the benefit of the Phenix Sanitarium.

Hon. W. R. Smith, our member of congress, will deliver a 30-minute address on Woodcraft.

Mrs. H. A. Thomas, Fort Worth, district manager of the Woodmen Circle, will address us for 20 minutes.

The drill teams will have their work on the vacant lots just west of the court house lawn.

Adjourned to 9 a. m., August 20.

9:30 a. m., August 20, 1915.

All meet at the Union Tabernacle and from there take an auto ride over the city.

9:45 a. m.—Leave the tabernacle for the I.O.O.F. cemetery and have unveiling ceremonies.

2:30 p. m., August 20, 1915.

Music.
 Invocation by chaplain.

Attend to unfinished business.

Election and installation of officers.

8:00 p. m., August 20, 1915.

Woodmen Circle initiation in the I. O. O. F. hall.
 W. O. W. initiation in their hall.

10:30 p. m.—W. O. W. and W. C. members and visitors meet at headquarters where refreshments will be served and toasts rendered, with T. H. Roe, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, as toastmaster.

Adjourn sine die.

W. L. Doss,
 J. T. Davis,
 E. Keathley,
 Mrs. Katie Doss,
 Miss Annie Gardner,
 Committee.

W. O. W. and W. C. headquarters will be at the Glisson store, in front of the Colorado National Bank, where the home committee and the credential committees may be found. Committee will meet all trains. Ask your ticket agent for reduced rates to the West Texas Log Rolling Association. We have asked for reduced rates on the T. & P. railroad from Ranger to Pecos; on R. S. & P. from Fluvanna to Roscoe; on the Abilene and Southern from Hamlin to Ballinger; on the Mexico and Orient from Rule to San Angelo; on the Santa Fe from Lubbock to Brownwood; on the Texas Central from Spur to Dublin, and on the Wichita Valley from Stamford to Abilene.

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 neglect these ills. The attacks may pass off for a time but generally return with greater intensity. Don't delay a minute. Begins taking Doan's Kidney Pills and keep up their use until the desired results are obtained. Good 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 me 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 strenghtend. I have never had much need of a kidney medicine since."

Price 50¢ c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Dry had. Foster—Milburn Co., Props. Buffalo, N. Y. 6t2

T. J. Coggin of El Paso was in town Tuesday and Wednesday looking after business matters.

Miss Martha Ellis of Athens, Ga., is the guest of her friend, Mrs. J. J. Shelton.

A LETTER FROM CHICAGO

TO THE MERKEL PEOPLE

Chicago, August 9, 1915

Am in Chicago making purchases of the best stock of Ladies' Coats, Coat Suits, Dress Goods, Men and Boys' Clothing---

In fact, we will, on my return home, have the largest and most complete line of merchandise ever brought to Merkel.

With best wishes from

THE BUYER FOR

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JUDGE QUENTIN D. CORLEY.

Judge Quentin D. Corley will deliver his interesting and illustrated lecture, "Overcoming Difficulties".

This interesting lecture has been arranged for by fifteen business firms of Merkel and the general public is invited to be present at the tabernacle at 2:30 Thursday afternoon August 19th. Especially are the young people requested to be present for Judge Corley's address deals mainly with conditions surmounted by the young man. No admission will be charged.

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

Unique Sale Method

"Mack" the well known manager of the Behrens-McMillen Fur Co., has devised a weekly auction of new furniture that seems new and novel.

Each week some article of furniture is placed on sale and any person can make a bid of what they give for that special article. On Saturday the bids are opened and the article goes to the highest bidder regardless of what the value or the bid may be.

W. G. Leach in New York.

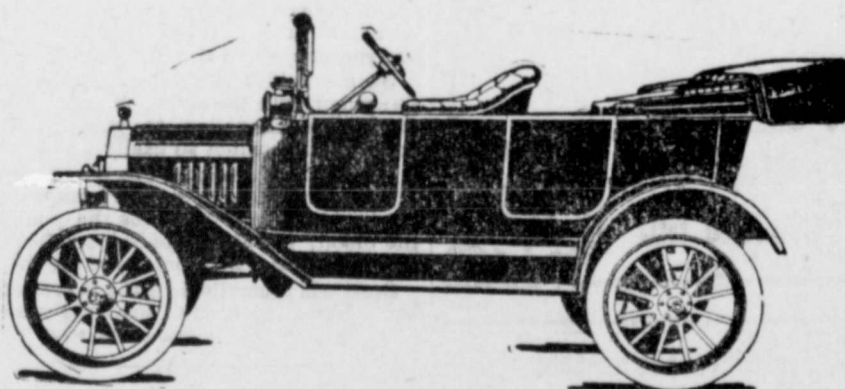
W. G. Leach operator for the Western Union at this place writes a card to the Mail force dated from New York August 5th, on which he advises us that he is having a good time in the great metropolis.

Mrs. Leach is with her husband and together with Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter they are touring the north.

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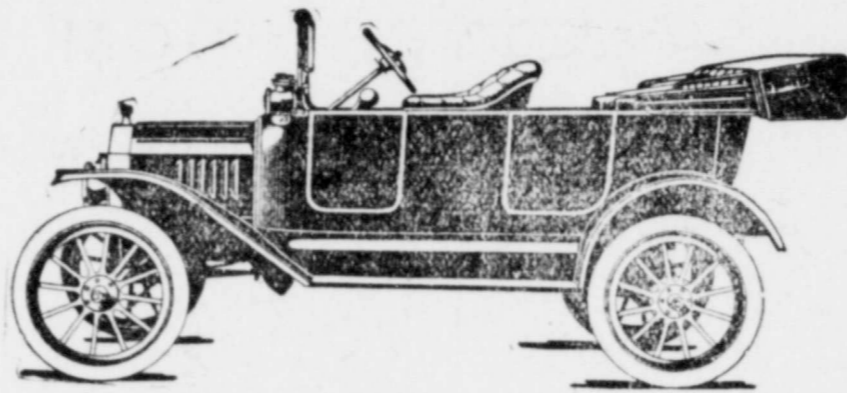
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SOCIETY
 MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

At 6:30 p. m. Thursday a crowd of young people met at Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland's on Oak street ready to go to a picnic at the Bland tank, but owing to the late arrival of the jitney (float) did not leave until 7:30. Well filled lunch baskets were carried. Those who enjoyed the spread and drive were Misses Jewel Toombs, Winnie Sharp, Kate Ross, Pearl Toombs, Uva Baxendale, Ina Mae Adams, Ona Fae Bland, Runb Harris, Ruth Mackey; Messrs. DeVerle Johnson, Stewart Grimes, Lewis Milligan, Frank Armstrong, Roy Holmes, Elbert Touchstone, Lloyd Dry, Minor Burns, Ed Scott, Will Merritt. Mesdames T. L. Grimes and R. L. Bland were chaperones.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Dupree entertained Wednesday afternoon at their home in honor of Mr. Ed Jones of Virginia who was here visiting his brother, G. J. Jones. Dinner was served to Mr. and Mrs. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton, G. H. Adams, G. J. Jones, E. D. Jones, the guest, and the host and hostess.

Miss Myrtle Dupree entertained Friday evening with a box party at the Cozy, followed by a water melon feast at the Dupree home.

A Slumber-less Party.

A delightful slumber party was given Friday night by Mrs. Ernest Woodroof, honoring her guest Miss Holland.

At seven-thirty, eleven "mid-dy" girls found their places around the table laden with such tempting dishes as only Mrs. Woodroof can prepare. After

this much enjoyed repast was over Mr. and Mrs. Will Woodroof joined the hostess in escorting the guests to the movies for the evening after which the party enjoyed a water melon feast at the Elite where Mr. Dunakin of Kansas City entertained with a number of musical selections which were highly enjoyed. On reaching home the real fun began and continued throughout the entire night and it was not until five o'clock the next morning that each retired for at least as much as a "beauty nap".

Breakfast was served at nine o'clock and the remainder of the morning spent in kodaking after which each guest departed regretting that such a happy occasion had drawn to a close. Those present were Misses Pet Sears, Mary Garvin, Winnie Warren, Zora West, Elma Sheppard, Mabel Collins, Maude Martin, Jessie Sutphen, Fannie Burroughs, Ruth Mims, and Eva Holland.

Campbell Hall.

The first information of the marriage of W. A. Campbell and Miss Sallie Hall, both popular residents of the Blair community, was given out when the former obtained marriage license Wednesday afternoon at Abilene.

Later announcements made of the wedding gave the place and time at the home of the bride's parents at Blair at 2:30 Thursday afternoon of this week. Immediately following the ceremony which was conducted by Rev. A. A. Baker of this place, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell departed for the groom's home two and one-half miles west of Blair where they will reside in the future.

The Mail joins the many friends of both the contracting parties in extending the heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy wedded life.

The Price is the Thing. J. A. Duckett.



Bell Connection
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It was a blustery March evening, but inside the cozy sitting-room of the Brown's all was cheery and bright.

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Plenty bran and cow feed at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Wedding Party Here

M. A. Dunn and Miss Anna Pee of Merkel were married at the bride's home at 6 p.m. Thursday. The wedding party, consisting of the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Woodroof and Luther Woodroof of Merkel, were guests at the Grand Central Hotel Thursday night. The young couple left at 11:20 Friday morning for a honeymoon at Fort Worth and other points. Both are members of prominent families in the Merkel community and have many friends who will wish them happiness.—Abilene Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn are among the most well known and popular young people of the Merkel country and have a host of friends who are extending congratulations.

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I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good.

I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I would die. He advised me to try Theford's Black-Draught, and quit

taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it.

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ZUDORA In the Twenty Million Dollar Mystery

By HAROLD MACGRATH

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SYNOPSIS.

Zudora is left an orphan at an early age. Her father is killed in a gold mine. 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 All. 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 All 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 All, "solve my next twenty cases and you can marry him; fall in a single case and you must renounce him."

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

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

The negro help employed on Storm's father's farm are fleeing because a great 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 All asks Zudora to find a gem lost by a mysterious old man. Zudora gets a trap of the gem and it burns in her.

An old house is mined by Hassam All. Storm and Zudora are in there and narrowly escape destruction when the house blows up.

John McWinter, endeavoring to trap and kill George Smith, is killed himself, and Smith is charged with murder. Hassam All 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 All 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 All, is found dead in the river.

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

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

With Hassam All 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 Snow, Mary Elizabeth Forbes, James Cruze, in the new role of reporter-hero, Sidney Bracey and Frank Rapperton.

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

Mrs. Copeland's jewels are stolen, but recovered through the cleverness of Hunt and Baird. They investigate the mysteries of Mme. Du Val's house. A map of a mine is stolen from Zudora, who later is kidnaped and held prisoner.

CHAPTER XVIII.

The Cipher Code.

BUT Storm found no one at Craig Island, for the simple reason that his approach was seen and Zudora and all things belonging to her were nicely hidden out of sight. He returned to the city disconsolate. He let work go and haunted the office of Hunt for the greater part of each day. But Hunt was still in Africa or was on the high seas.

And when Baird and Hunt did return, as recounted in the preceding chapter, they learned that they had been nicely fooled. Radcliffe had not left Africa at all, but had decided to remain at the mines until he had fully recovered from his injuries in the wreck. And a fine idea came into his head while convalescing.

The idea was this: The man Hunt was sailing close to the wind. He was getting nearer and nearer. Why not gather all the stones possible as a move against Hunt's winning out in the last phase of the game? No half a dozen fine stones, but the last six months' total output, something princely, like that? He, Radcliffe, was not needed in New York. The banging up he had received at the hands of Baird and subsequent wreck had left him in a shaky way. The voyage to Africa and back would put him firmly upon his feet once more.

On the voyage Radcliffe took particularly good care of himself, drank nothing and moderated his smoking, forswore cards and went to bed early. By the time he reached Cape Town he

was something like himself again—that is to say, ready for any deviltry. During these hours of loneliness he thought a good deal. Much as he loved Mme. Du Val, she had an iron hand, and the fact was beginning to irk him. Why couldn't she accept his idea to quit now and go away while the going was good, to use the parlance of the day? Money? They had plenty. The game, the game; that was her eternal cry; the sport of it, the excitement. She went out of her way dozens of



Ready For Any Deviltry.

times to court danger, and there was danger, real and menacing. They had all kinds of documents to substantiate their claims to Zudora's fortune, but there was many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip. She was like a gambler who had played for high stakes. She never again could find zest in a friendly game. Perhaps she was only playing with him, having need of him as a chessman in her dangerous game. If that was the case, she would indeed find it a dangerous game. No woman had ever yet made a fool of Captain Radcliffe.

The next boat sailed in two weeks. So, instead of going down to Cape Town, he idled about the mine, picking up odd bits of information which he stored away for future use. There was no excess lumber in Captain Radcliffe's brain. Where was that other find? Neither his side nor the other could as yet locate that mysterious bed of crystals. He started out to do some exploring on his own hook, but nothing important came of it.

But he was tired of the incessant war against Hunt and Baird. He wanted a fling, a month or two of princely gambling, ten or twenty thousand to do with as he pleased. For weeks he had crushed down the instinct, but this enforced inactivity had given it renewed life. He must have his fling.

When he stepped on board the ship which was to carry him back to America it was the happiest moment he had known in months. Back to little old New York, with its confusion, its noise, its lights, its excitement! No more Africa for him if he could prevent it.

When the ship stood off Nantucket light he sought the wireless office and



He Idled About the Mine, Picking Up Odd Bits of Information.

dispatched a code message to Bruce, which read as follows:

W. Bruce, New York; Sibbad X. Y. Z. Suntop Aurenla, Loskyde Turner Rispah Mecca Zib Lover. RADCLIFFE

"Going to blow up the city hall?" asked the operator as he studied the message.

"No; just the Brooklyn bridge." Radcliffe laughed, paying for the message

and giving a generous tip. Then he returned to the smoke room and played Canfield until dinner. He won two games out of twenty and felt quite satisfied with himself.

Bruce was busily engaged in work when the wireless arrived. He smiled and spread it out on the blotter and with pen and ink began to decipher it. When he completed the translation he was highly elated. He would not have been, however, had he known that every move he made was being watched, that nearly every move he had made since his return from Africa had been watched either by Baird or by Hunt. It was Baird who was watching him at this particular moment from rather a perilous position outside the office window.

Bruce thrust the cipher between the two blotters of his writing pad, picked up his hat and coat and hurried away. He must see Mme. Du Val at once.

No sooner was he gone than Baird entered quietly. He tiptoed to the desk, watching the door as he did so. Bruce might return unexpectedly. From out of the blotters he drew the wireless cipher and the translation. He rubbed his chin and smiled. He had begun to feel rather bored watching Mr. Bruce day in and day out, with no definite results. If Bruce knew anything regarding the whereabouts of Zudora he kept this knowledge most carefully to himself. Hunt would enjoy reading this dispatch. It was really the smashing proof he had been seeking for months. Here was his smuggler, all nicely done up in a package, ready for delivery.

Arrive New York steamer Aurenla. Will throw rubber bag of diamonds overboard before landing. RADCLIFFE

Both of them! All depended upon getting hold of that bag of diamonds. Uncle Sam would do the rest with pleasure. Baird made a copy of the wireless and its translation. The Marconi company would back him up in case Radcliffe denied sending such a cipher. It was all as easy as falling off a log. He would have taken the originals but for the fear that Bruce would return and find them gone and warn Radcliffe. So he had to content himself with copies.

He immediately sought out Hunt, with whom he found Storm, pale and thin through worry and anxiety regarding his sweetheart.

"I've got them, Hunt!"

"Zudora?" cried Storm.

"No, my friend. But I've got two men red handed in the smuggling



"Zudora?" cried Storm.

game. I have followed Bruce for days, but if he knows anything about Zudora's prison he's keeping it to himself. I've seen him with no suspicious characters. Here, Hunt, read these and cheer up."

"Fine work, Baird; fine work! You drop your newspaper business and hang your shingle up with mine. And the best comes in this afternoon. Let's get down to the dock. Will you go along, Storm?"

"Heaven knows I haven't anything else to do. That note in the bottle took me nowhere. I couldn't find anything at the island. Well, there is this much to say—I'll kill with my own hands any man who has harmed or offered indignities to Zudora."

"And we'll help you, boy," agreed Hunt. "But let us first trap two precious rogues. Who knows? We may by taking them into custody find ourselves pretty near Zudora."

"What do you mean?"

"Keep your hair on and follow me."

"Have you found out something?" cried Baird.

"That remains to be seen," answered the detective noncommittally.

So the three of them started off for the water front in various degrees of excitement. In the meantime Zudora waited and watched the sea from her window. Time after time she saw motorboats headed for the island; time after time she saw them change their course and go chugging past, too far out of range for a call. She dared not call out unless she was absolutely assured that the motorboat contained rescuers. She was in truth greatly afraid of the terrible old hag who acted as her jailer. Several times during drunken spells she had pinched Zudora's arms cruelly and jeered at her. Money alone would win over such a beast, and she had

nothing; even her clothes were falling in tatters.

One day she spoke to the old woman. "Can you get me some warmer clothes?"

"Oh, it's warmer clothes, is it? Any kind o' furs you'd prefer? Black fox is fash'n'able jest now."

"But I am cold. I will give you a thousand dollars if you will free me!"

"All right. Fork over th' thousand an' I'll land yuh home tonight."

Zudora turned away so that the miserable old woman would not have the satisfaction of witnessing her tears.

"Write a note, dearie, an' I'll see if I can't get yuh some fresh togs. But



"Fork over th' thousand an' I'll land yuh home tonight."

mind, no tricks; plain English and no cipher stuff, or it don't git off th' island."

"You mean it?" cried Zudora, with wild excitement.

"Yes. Hurry up. I'm goin' t' have visitors inside of an hour."

Zudora found a magazine, ripped off a page and scribbled on the margin: Mrs. Ramsey, 16 Willow Grove Avenue; I am not permitted to tell place of my imprisonment. But please give bearer a change of clothing for me. ZUDORA.

The bag carried out the note and locked the door.

By and by Zudora heard the rumble of a motorboat. It landed at the dock. Later she heard a low murmur of voices and once the bag's raucous laughter. They had fooled her a dozen times. Maybe they would fool her again.

The visitor was Mme. Du Val. She read the note carefully and signified that there could be no danger in letting Zudora have some fresh clothes. She would have Gyp take the note, and Gyp was the hardest young man in New York to follow. Things had gone so smoothly for Mme. Du Val that she had begun to crave a little excitement.

There certainly was excitement when Mrs. Ramsey received that tattered note.

"It will take me about five minutes," she said as calmly as she could. "Would \$1,000 be of any use to you?"

Gyp smiled. "Nothing doing in that line, madam. Just get me the clothes. That's what I'm here for."

As Mrs. Ramsey went up to Zudora's room another idea occurred to her. She telephoned Hunt what was taking place, and that was the shrewdest thing she could have done.

"What's the chap look like?" asked Hunt over the telephone.

Mrs. Ramsey described Gyp accurately. "Good work! That will be Gyp the gun man. I'll keep watch. Don't worry, and don't attempt anything on your own hook."

Mrs. Ramsey got together some of Zudora's winter clothing. From one of the skirts she ripped a hem, and inside this she placed a little note of cheer and courage, sewing it up with white thread in order to attract Zudora's attention. She managed to stretch out the promised five minutes into nearly half an hour. After that she



In Less Than a Moment She Had the Note in Her Trembling Hands.

dared not wait any longer. The messenger might become suspicious and leave. She went downstairs and put the bundle in Gyp's arms.

"You took your time," he growled.

"I had trouble in getting into her trunk. You are not to be bribed, then?"

"If I was sure they wouldn't cut my throat. So long!" he jeered as he turned down the steps.

Hunt worked diligently the rest of that day, but when he saw Storm that

night he kept silent. When the proper time came he would have a surprise for the young lawyer.

When the clothes came to Zudora she experienced the first bit of pleasure since her imprisonment. Clean clothes to a dainty woman such as she was meant pleasure under any circumstance. She came upon the white thread and eyed it wonderingly. There had been no tear in that skirt the last time she had worn it. And Mrs. Ramsey certainly would not have used white thread. Her heart bounded. She felt the crinkle of paper under her fingers. In less than a moment she had the note in her trembling hands. She read it, then destroyed it and hid the bits of paper in the four corners of the room. Hunt would find her. The reaction caused her to break down and weep.

The old hag heard the sound, but accredited it to a bit of sentimentality.

Hunt did not go directly to the ship dock. Instead he engaged a motorboat and a dinghy. Even Baird was curious to learn what was going to happen.

"I'm not saying a word; just wait. There may be trouble, but I want the biggest trouble out of the way first."

"You know where Zudora is, and we are going for her!" cried Storm.

Hunt shrugged and gave the engineer orders. They left the motorboat about a quarter of a mile off the island and rowed toward shore in the dinghy. Zudora was always looking out of the window, and when she espied the dinghy and a moment later recognized a familiar head she almost fainted with joy.

Storm laid his finger against his lips and tossed up a rope's end, which she caught. She drew it inside and made it fast. Then Storm went up the rope sailor fashion. At the bottom of the rope was a slip noose. Into this Zudora put her foot, and Storm lowered



Storm Lowered Her Down to Baird and Hunt.

her down to Baird and Hunt, following her quickly. They pushed off and began to row.

"My girl, my girl!" murmured Storm. Zudora laid her head against his shoulder. She wanted nothing else in the world.

Baird sighed. He wondered if there was in all the world a woman for him. "Where now?" he asked of Hunt.

"Why, I thought that we'd run alongside the Aurenla. If there's a bag of diamonds going overboard I'd like to be on hand. Well, Miss Zudora, it took a long time to locate you, but we did it. Your wanting fresh clothing was a good idea. Now, Storm, when Baird and I reach the motorboat you row to the old dock. There'll be a taxi near by. You two get into it and hike for home."

"God bless you, Hunt!" said Storm.

"Don't let that worry you. Nothing pleases me better than to trip up a precious crook when he thinks he's got the better of me. Go home and good luck with you. And, Storm, if you let any one steal her away from you this trip I'll take no hand in bringing her back to you. There you go!"

Hunt and Baird climbed into the motorboat and waved their hands. Storm took up the oars again.

"I'm so tired. John, so tired!"

"I've had no sleep for weeks. I've traveled a thousand miles and followed ten thousand clews. And I'd not have you in this boat, girl, but for a streak of luck and a bit of foresight on the part of Mrs. Ramsey, who called up Hunt on the telephone when the fellow came for your clothes. Thank God, I have you back. We'll get the color back into your cheeks again, and by the way Hunt talks there'll be a round-up of these precious rogues before another month is gone."

It was a long row to the main shore, but Storm was so happy that he took no note of time. There were a good deal of embracing and kissing when at length Zudora flung herself into the arms of the motherly Mrs. Ramsey.

As Baird and Hunt neared the steamship Aurenla they saw another motorboat bobbing in the shadow of the

liner. They both recognized the occupants of this launch, and it behooved them to act quickly.

"Look!" exclaimed Hunt. "There's that man Radcliffe leaning over the rail. By George! A hot water bottle filled with gobs and air tight! It's sport to be on a case like this, Baird. When he drops it I'll make for it, only catch good hold of my leg when I lean over. There it comes!"

The bag struck the water with a plop and after a moment bobbed up al-



Storm Followed Zudora Quickly.

most under Hunt's hand. He reached down and grabbed it. Baird shouted something which he could not hear. As he strove to right himself a boat-hook from the other boat knocked the bag from his grasp. A dozen seconds later the bag was in the boat Radcliffe had aimed at.

Then began a stern chase up the broad, shining Hudson. And more depended upon this chase than any of the six dreamed.

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URIC ACID IN MEAT CLOGS THE KIDNEYS

Take a glass of Salts if your Back hurts or Bladder bothers you—Drink more water.

If you must have your meat every day, eat it, but flush your kidneys with salts occasionally, says a noted authority who tells us that meat forms uric acid which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken, then you suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sour, tongue is coated and when the sears is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

To neutralize these irritating acids, to cleanse the kidneys and flush out the body's urinous waste get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink.



UP-TO-DATE LAUNDRY WORK

No matter how fine domestic laundry is done, it will never compare with the perfect method that gives the linen done up here such an exquisite finish and beautiful color, that renders it irreproachable and just like new. Bring your shirts, collars and cuffs to us and we will guarantee satisfaction.

SWEETWATER STEAM LAUNDRY
M. B. BELL, Agent, Merkel.
Phone No. 133

Purchases Millinery Stock.

Miss Lora Sprague milliner for the Woodroof Bros. Co., of this place returned Sunday morning from St. Louis, having purchased the fall and winter line of millinery for that firm.

Miss Sprague expects the advanced shipments of ready made hats and other millinery to reach here in time for Saturday's display.

TO BE SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER

Each week we will place in our window some article needed in every home—such as **Beds, Rocking Chairs, Dining Tables, Kitchen Cabinets, etc.** which we will sell to the highest bidder

This Week it is a 2-Inch Continuous-Post Iron Bed What Will You Give for It?

You are under no obligations to buy anything in order to make a bid; just come in and look the article over and make your bid. Write the amount you will give on a piece of paper, place it in an envelope with your address and deposit it in a box at our store. **The bids will be opened at 2:00 o'clock on Saturday, but you can bid any day,** and if no person bids more than you, then the bed is yours at your own price.

SEE THE BED IN OUR WINDOW---MAKE YOUR BID

It is a full-size bed, with 2-inch continuous post, in white enamel and weighs 130 pounds

Next week we will offer an "OLD HICKORY" Porch Rocking Chair.
What will it be worth to you, and what are you willing to pay for it?

If two persons bid the same on any one article each of them have the right to raise their bid until it exceeds the bid of the other

Come in any day and bid. Something on display at all times—and at your own price. See our window display

Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company "MACK"

SHILOH NEWS

Mr. Tiner of Wichita Falls is here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson and family returned home Thursday from a visit with relatives in Kent county.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Grayson and children returned home Thursday afternoon from a three weeks' visit with relatives in Montague county.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Grayson and J. D. Barnes and son, Floyd, went to Anson Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Chas. Williams who died Sunday night. The family have the sympathy of this entire community in the loss of their loved one.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Grayson returned Sunday afternoon from a visit with relatives in Howard county. They were accompanied home by the latter's brother and sister.

The neighbors of J. D. Barnes are helping him to erect a new house on the ground where his home was recently destroyed by fire.

Miss Edith Mayberry left Friday afternoon for McCauley to teach music.

Prof. and Mrs. R. A. Rollins attended the meeting here and visited his sister, Mrs. Mayberry.

What is Best for Indigestion?

Mr. A. Robinson of Drumquhn, 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. Price 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.



W. F. Hamblet
Groceryman

A CARD

TO THE FARMERS WHO GIN AT MERKEL:

This is to notify you that we are doing business at the old stand, with new machinery and everything as up-to-date as money and men can make a plant.

Our stands have all been remodeled at the factory, electric power and machinery installed, and we shall be ready, day or night, at a moment's notice to serve you when you drive under the chute.

We have served you three years, and those of you who have been our most constant customers, we believe know that during that time we have done our work well and have paid at all times the top price for seed that the market would justify.

NO MAN OWNS US AND WE HAVE NO STRINGS TIED TO US EXCEPT THOSE OF FRIENDSHIP AND FAIRNESS THAT YOU EXPECT US TO PULL WHEN YOU COME TO DO BUSINESS.

We hope that you will give us a fair share of your cotton to gin this season, and promise as good service as men and machinery can give.

Respectfully

McDONALD & STITH

"THE FARMERS FRIENDS"

SALT BRANCH ITEMS

Everything looking fine since the rain. Several have been heading maize; cotton is opening some.

Austin Robertson and wife returned from Loraine Saturday where they have been visiting relatives for the past week.

J. E. Wheat and family of Coleman passed through here Monday on their way to New Mexico.

Lester Wheat returned from Coleman Monday.

Several of this community attended the meeting at Mulberry this week.

Annie Petty is visiting relatives near Clyde this week.

Ervin Allen of near Anson was in this community on business one day this week.

J. L. Barker and family spent Monday and Tuesday with relatives near Truby.

Mrs. S. S. Woodard of near Roscoe was visiting here this week.

John Mobley returned from Louisiana Saturday where he has been visiting relatives and friends for the past three weeks.

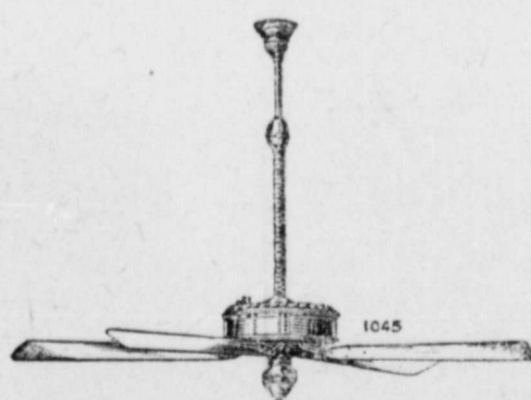
Plenty bran and cow feed at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Homer Jobe who has been at Saunderson on the Mexico border during the past year returned home Wednesday morning to visit his parents Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe. He stated that the depredations of the outlaws and bandits was drawing nearer the town of Saunderson and only a few days before his departure

warning had been sent advising the people that a raid would be made upon their town soon.

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.

Electric Special



Let us install Electric Fans in your dining room in the next 30 days. We will make a special inducement. Let us explain.

Merkel Power Comp'ny

BLAIR NEWS

Maize heading is the order of the day.

N. S. Dickey of Giles county was here this week prospecting and visiting. Having left this country 23 years ago he notes considerable changes in the country since then.

Mrs. Addison and daughter, Miss Maggie, of Coleman county were visitors last week at the home of F. D. and J. E. Addison.

T. O. Lackey and family returned Tuesday from an extended visit in south Texas.

T. M. Clinton from Slaton is here visiting his children and old friends in Mulberry Canyon.

Little Jimmie Moore is very sick at this writing.

Mrs. Will Mitchell is reported very sick at the home of her father, Jim Mitchell.

Back in Tinnors Business.

This is to notify my friends and customers that I am again engaged in the tin business in Merkel and to invite them to call on me for their needs in my line.

I am established at my old stand at rear of Crown Hdw., and ask my friends to call on me here.

Respectfully,

1342 Wm. O'Briant.

NOODLE ITEMS

Revs. Gaddis and Caldwell closed the meeting at the Methodist church Sunday night, having spent a week preaching at this place.

Miss Ora Fogleman of Anson is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ernest Horton, this week.

Miss Vera Jinkens of Merkel spent the past week with her sister, Mrs. John Bryson, of this place.

Several from here attended the baptizing at Shiloh Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Horton spent Sunday in Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Green, Misses Ina Fae, Evelyn and Allene Barbee and Clarence Eoff attended services at Truby Sunday.

A. L. Ely and little daughter, Katherine, spent Sunday with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ely.

Grandma Newson is visiting in Abilene this week, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. K. Horn.

Garland Beene returned to his home in Oklahoma last Friday after a pleasant visit with his aunt, Mrs. T. E. Goode.

Miss Winnie Waldrop returned to Anson last week after spending several days with relatives.

Jno. Cook and daughter, Misses Inez and Gustie, returned home last Wednesday after spending two weeks with relatives and friends in Matador.

Mrs. Dock Thompson and family of Sinclair have moved to this place to make their home.

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

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.