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## WILL BE A MOVE TO RESTORE "BAT"

Austin, Aug. 16.—Recommendations looking to the restoration of corporeal punishment at the state penitentiaries are practically certain to be made to the next session of the legislature by the special Penitentiary committee appointed by the thirty-fourth legislature. The committee has completed its investigation and is now compiling its report to the Governor.

This will be a move to restore the "bat" as a means of punishment and is believed to be a precursor of another violent penitentiary fight in the legislature. The investigation disclosed that no amount of persuasion will induce certain of the lazy and worthless prisoners to work. Even solitary confinement on bread and water has no terrors for them. It was also learned that at times convicts openly rebelled because they could not be flogged into consent to work. It is the opinion of certain members of the special investigation committee that greater efficiency could be realized by a more rigorous discipline of convicts.

## SMALL BLAZE SAT. IN WEST BUILDING

Fire that originated in the offices of Drs. McMaster and Gilliland on the second floor of the West Building, Saturday created quite an excitement but did little damage.

Quick work on the part of those near put the fire out and while the fire department made a quick response their services were not needed and their turnout was only a main street demonstration of the alertness and enthusiastic way in which the local boys respond when an alarm is sounded.

## NUBIA GETS GOOD RAIN SUNDAY P. M.

The Nubia and upper Canyon countries were recipients of a good rain Sunday afternoon.

The fall was heaviest north of Nubia and near Castle Peak according to the Mail Correspondent at Nubia who gives an interesting report from his section of the country this week. The Nubia items will be found in other columns of the paper.

### Returns From Dublin

Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Merritt returned home Sunday afternoon from Dublin where they went to visit the latter's parents and to enjoy a weeks vacation Ben was taking from his duties as assistant cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

Fresh car of Peacemaker flour expected to arrive today at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

### HOW MANY?

Mail order houses  
Pay taxes in Merkel.  
Donate to Merkel charity.  
Help build Merkel country schools.  
And how many Merkel laborers ever get a cent from a mail order houses.

### THINK ABOUT IT.

## GALVESTON VISITED BY WORST STORM SINCE CITY WAS DESTROYED 15 YEARS AGO

Numerous Frame Buildings Along Gulf Front at Sea Wall Destroyed and Much Damage Reported Done to Causeway extending from Mainland to Island

Galveston, Aug. 17.—(Via Wireless to San Antonio)—No loss of life has been reported in the storm and flood which has beset this city for the past twenty-four hours. All houses along the seawall have been destroyed. Boats are taking people from the buildings on the main streets of the city to the United States transport Buford.

Only meager information was available at noon Tuesday concerning the terrific tropical storm that Monday struck the Texas coast, flooding Galveston and then swept inland, doing heavy damage to crops and farm property.

So far as is known no lives were lost. Galveston, Houston and Beaumont still cut off from wire communication. A brief wireless dispatch to San Antonio stating that Galveston, after weathering one of the worst storms in fifteen years, was under water, brought the only definite information in many hours concerning the fate of the city.

The Galveston dispatch said five feet of water was in the streets and that fires, started probably as a result of flood damage, had been placed under control. The dispatched said also that the United States transport McClellan had broken from her moorings and drifted half a mile seaward. Wireless stations at Port Arthur and Fort Crockett were also said to be out of commission.

## LEO. M. FRANK TAKEN 100 MILES BY GEORGIA MOB AND HANGED TO A TREE

A Mob of About 25 Men Stormed State Prison Farm, Overpowering the Officers and Guard and Rushed Frank Away

Marietta, Ga., Aug. 17.—A small but well organized mob took Leo M. Frank from the state prison farm at Milledgeville late last night, brought him 100 miles to almost within sight of the former home of Mary Phagan, the girl he was charged with killing, and hanged him to a tree. No shots were fired.

The body, barefooted and clothed only in prison trousers and shirt, was found two miles from Marietta at 8:30 this morning. It is believed the lynching occurred about daylight.

While officers are searching the country about Milledgeville early today, local officials view as significant the fact that several automobiles well loaded had left this town in the direction of Milledgeville last night. After the return of some of these machines today, officers started out on the road which they believed the automobiles had traveled. They had gone only two miles when they saw the body of Frank not more than 150 yards from the roadside.

News that the body had been found spread rapidly in the town and surrounding country. Within a short time hundreds of persons crowded the Roswell road on their way to the scene. At 9:15 o'clock no effort had been made to cut down the body, but at 10:30 it was taken down.

## WORLD-WIDE NEWS OF INTEREST TODAY

a meeting of Americans held here last night.

Marlin, Aug. 16.—H. E. Wren today made the first export cotton shipment of the season, shipping fifty bales to Japan via Seattle, the cotton being this year's crop.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 17.—Two hundred persons, mostly women and children campers, are marooned on an island of the Marsh Island group on the coast about 150 miles southwest of here and more than 100 persons, many of them prominent residents of New Orleans, are marooned on Grand Island, about eighty miles northwest of Port Eads, as a result of a tidal wave which accompanied the tropical hurricane when it reached the Louisiana coast Sunday night.

### Card of Thanks.

I take this method of thanking contributors to second and third bale premiums. It was highly appreciated by me. E. M. Dean.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Two American marines were washed overboard from the battleship New Hampshire and drowned yesterday while the ship was sailing through the Gulf hurricane, somewhere south of the Florida Coast.

San Angelo, Aug. 16.—Ranchmen living north of here today reported that they had also seen two aeroplanes that many here saw Sunday night. People are wondering what the aeroplanes were flying at night for. No trace of the machines or the aviators could be found all of today.

London, Aug. 16, 3:35 a. m.—"There are no fewer than 2,000 Americans in the ranks of the Canadian Military contingent," said Major General Sam Hughes, Canadian Minister of Militia, at

## COAST TOWNS DEAD MAY REACH INTO HUNDREDS—PROPERTY LOSS MILLIONS

Galveston, Texas City, La Porte, Many Other Texas Coast Town are Said to Have Experienced the Worst Storm in the History of the State.

Reports from Galveston sent out by the U. S. Transport Buford Wednesday afternoon gave the graphic account of the storm which reached its zenith in Galveston Monday and cut nearly every Texas sea coast town out of communication with the balance of the world. Water, light and gas were put out of commission and no street car service could be operated owing to the power plants being shut down. The sea wall for the second time since its construction has probably saved the city from complete destruction as hurricane waves large enough to pass over the wall and destroy all buildings along the gulf front would easily have washed the town into the bay had not this protection been afforded. The large draw bridge connecting the causeway was destroyed according to reports and a small portion of the bridge torn up.

The following reports given out through wireless and telegraphic connections to Dallas explain the damage done by the storm.

Dallas, August 18.—Galveston and the coast country are prostrate after the hurricane which has caused millions of dollars property loss and caused an unknown number of deaths. It is impossible in the light of existing circumstances to determine the number of those who have lost their lives in the storm.

Each bulletin from the storm center shows the gravity of the situation, and conditions at Galveston are believed to be getting continually worse today. Reports are meager and exact details of the loss of property and life cannot be learned.

It is believed in Houston, whence the refugees are arriving today, that the Galveston property loss is greater than in 1900.

Eight bodies of women reported washed up at Texas City are believed to be from Galveston.

Thousands of dead animals were seen by a representative of the Galveston and Houston papers, who made his way from Houston to the middle of the causeway yesterday. The correspondent also says that he could see the water front of Galveston denuded of the big grain elevators.

Several lives have been lost at Port Arthur, the coast resort south of here, and the property loss is estimated at \$500,000. The buildings along the bay shore have virtually all been demolished, according to a message received here today.

The bodies of seven drowned persons have been recovered at Hitchcock, Texas, fourteen miles north of Galveston.

Dallas, Aug. 18.—2:20 P. M.—Eighteen soldiers are said to be dead in Texas City. Thirty to forty civilians are also dead there, according to reports. Six dead at LaPorte, eight at Morgan Point, three at Sylvan Beach, three at Seabrook are also reported. Eight of the dead soldiers were killed when the three-story brick Thompson building collapsed. The others were drowned. Military rule has been established at Texas City.

The Houston Chronicle estimates the damage in that city to be one million dollars.

It is estimated that a fourth of the cotton area in the storm was destroyed, or fifteen to twenty-five per cent of the entire cotton crop of Texas.

Seabrook is claimed by the papers to be entirely annihilated. Two deaths by accident occurred at Houston. "Waves splashed over interurban car when leaving Galveston Monday," said a refugee. "Citizens of Galveston were more frightened than tourists. They crowded the depots and were practically panic stricken. It was reported Monday that water was running over the sea wall. We went to see, but it was not running over, but splashing over."

### 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'Brian Tin Shop.

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

## WEST TEXAS AND N. M. ARE THE BEST

W. L. Harkrider on returning from market the first of the week where he went in company with A. C. Rose, gave out a statement concerning the condition of central and west Texas as seen in St. Louis.

Mr. Harkrider said in part that the wholesale people who were scared one year ago and would barely consider extending credit to a merchant from any section of Texas were seeming glad now to extend all courtesies possible to the retail dealer from this section of Texas and from New Mexico. Condition in the eastern states are much different owing to the absence of buyers from that section in the markets. The wholesalers giving out the information that credit the retail dealer was very limited more or less in all section of the country except in central and western Texas and New Mexico where conditions justified more liberal treatment.

W. Parten was another buyer to return, too, the first of the week who spoke highly enthused with the prospects of west Texas and the advertising our country is getting in the east.

L. H. Penney a fine watch maker of twenty eight years experience is here to stay. Take your watches to him. All work guaranteed. Located in the Coats building. 20tf

## TEXAS & PACIFIC ISSUE NEW CARD

Beginning last Sunday morning the Tee and Pee inaugurated a new passenger train schedule which may or may not help or hurt Merkel but at least will make travel more crowded than during the past when at times and on nearly every west bound train standing room was somewhat of a premium.

The following schedule is now in effect:

Eastbound—No. 4 due at 11:21 A. M. No. 6 due at 10:30 P. M. West Bound—No. 3 due at 6:37 P. M., No. 5 due at 5:58 A. M.

Trains Nos. 21 and 22, commonly known as the "Short Train" from Fort Worth to Sweetwater has been eliminated from the schedule and there only remains the Abilene plug which arrives in that city at 3:48 to suffer no change. With proper cooperation on the part of Sweetwater and Merkel it should be possible to get this service extended to Sweetwater, thereby rendering a far better schedule to the Santa Fe and Orient city.

## AN APPEAL TO THE TEXAS & PACIFIC

Within the next few weeks train service promises to become unusually heavy and condition seem to justify that Merkel and Sweetwater ask for an extension of the "ABILENE PLUG" to Sweetwater and in that way rendered a far better service to west Texas people.

Would it not be well for Merkel and Sweetwater to send representatives to Dallas to appeal for this extension alone? If for no other reason the delivery of mail at Merkel and Sweetwater some three hours earlier every evening would justify the change.

### Were From Red River County

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Cook and family of Clarksville arrived here Tuesday morning to visit Mr. Cook's sister Mrs. A. N. Pike and family.

Mr. Cook made the trip overland, coming through in his Ford car.

### Leaves For Market

J. P. Sharp left Tuesday night for points east to purchase a fall and winter line of goods for his establishment here.

Mr. Sharp was accompanied by Mrs. O. M. Sharp who will assist him in the market.

### Notice.

All those who have votes on the Piano Contest at the Anchor Mercantile and have not promised same if they will turn them in for Pearl Thornton, whose number is 102, they will be highly appreciated.

A Friend 20t2pd

### WHO PAYS THE BILLS?

Who gives you a salary,  
Who buys your cotton,  
Who buys your grain,  
Who buys your produce,  
And who do you buy from when you have purchases to make?

THINK ABOUT IT.



**If you want a Dependable Connection, where Safety is the  
First Consideration, open an account with this Bank  
Every member of our force wants to do some-  
thing for you      Call on us  
GUARANTY FUND BANK**

# Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas

## CHRISTIAN MEETING TO CONTINUE

Daily services at the tabernacle will continue throughout this week and probably until Sunday week as no definite time for the closing has yet been discussed by the members of the Church of Christ.

Elder Chism has throughout the meeting, daily delivered some of the most interesting and literal translations of biblical history in connections with his sermons than has probably any preacher who has yet visited our city. Being a deep student of ancient and foreign languages and a man highly adapted in quoting and translating ancient historical events in connection with the bible, Elder Chism never fails to keep his audience deeply interested in the subject he is discussing. He is quick spoke and has a rapid fire of words, making it necessary for his audience to pay strict attention at all times or else they temporarily lose track of the subject, but his art of bringing special stress on the most interesting points he discusses gives ample time to every one to get the full meaning of all the many illustrations he is continually advancing in bearing out some proposition he has stated.

Subjects to be discussed until Sunday are as follows according to Elder Chism who handed us the program. Friday 4 p. m. Christian Economics; 8 p. m. Gospel-God's Power to Save; Saturday 8 p. m. Responsibility; Sunday 11 a. m. Sin and Eden, its remedy applied; Sunday 4 p. m. Why we do not use Instrumental Music in the Worship; Sunday 8 p. m. Hear ye the conclusion of the whole matter.

### Blacksmith Notice.

General blacksmithing, practical horseshoeing and expert wagon work. Come see me. A. F. Parks, the blacksmith. 6t4



**W. F. Hamblet**  
Groceryman

## SALTS IS FINE FOR KIDNEYS, QUIT MEAT

Flush the Kidneys at once when Back hurts or Bladder bothers—Meat forms uric acid.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which clogs the kidney pores so they sluggishly filter or strain only part of the waste and poisons from the blood, then you get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, constipation, dizziness, sleeplessness, bladder disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any reliable pharmacy and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which all regular meat eaters should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.

### Quail Season Made Shorter

It will interest, even if it does not please, our hunters to know the quail season has been cut one month instead of November 1st, and the bag limit to be killed by one hunter in a single day has been cut down from 25 to 15.

The dove season has been made three months longer, running from September 1st, to March 1st, instead of November 1st, to February 1st, as formerly.

### Has Narrow Escape.

Jno. Dodd, one of the best known bronco-busters in this section of the country had a very narrow escape from serious injury if not death Saturday when he was thrown from a bad horse in the stock pens.

While in the act of making his unintentional dismount from the hurrican deck of this bucking broncho Mr. Dodd had the misfortune to get his foot caught in the stirrup and was dragged a short distance when the stirrup leather broke. Had it not been for this the riding contest would no doubt resulted seriously for the horse was doing his best to kick the swinging rider loose. As a record of the broncho, it is said that he has only been ridden once and that was an unfair contest in favor of the rider.

### 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.

## M'INTOSH-ANDERSON REVIVAL---LARGE CROWDS---STORES CLOSE---174 CONVERTS



DR. W. M. McINTOSH



MR. L. J. ANDERSON

The second week of the great revival now in progress has resulted in the making of many happy homes. Old scores have been wiped out, men and women who have been enemies for years have met and buried the hatchet. Religion is the chief subject of conversation in the homes of Merkel and the surrounding country for a radius of many miles, and never before in the history of the town has the subject been so generally discussed in the stores and offices and on the streets. Record breaking crowds are in attendance which fully demonstrate the great interest that prevails over the entire community.



**W. F. Hamblet**  
Groceryman

Dr. McIntosh is preaching with unusual power and fervor. The attractiveness of his messages and appeals is fully attested by the wonderful audiences in attendance regardless of the wind and rain. Dr. McIntosh has filled a number of the leading pulpits as pastor and was President of Grenada Female College and the Oxford female college of Mississippi for years. He is small of stature but with a strong brain and big heart he is chuck full of energy. He has seen about 40,000 converted and brought into the different churches during his ministry. His earnestness catches the attention of the most careless, his consecration draws men to him as if by magic, while his soul stirring sermons move men to God and the right.

The business houses, offices and banks are closing for the morning service.

One feature of the meeting that will long be remembered is the music Mr. Anderson, with the assistance of the music committee, has organized a mammoth choir and orchestra. He is a cultured, talented, christian, gentlemen. Whether singing in tender pathos in the street meeting or a solo at the tent services, or leading the great chorus with every ounce of his vitality thrown into his leadership, one is always impressed with the fact that the singer is a big souled, happy christian. He and Dr. McIntosh have made hundreds of worm friends here, and eternity only can tell their impress for good in this community, and our earnest prayer to God is that his richest blessings may rest and abide upon these faithful ambassadors of the King of Kings in their labor wherever they may chance to be in the future.

Hundred and seventy-four conversions have been reported up to Wednesday night.

Reporter for the Meeting.

**BEE'S LAXATIVE COUGH SYRUP**  
RELIEVES COUGHS AND COLDS

## IF HAIR IS TURNING GRAY, USE SAGE TEA

Don't look old! Try Grandmother's recipe to darken and beautify faded, lifeless hair.

That beautiful, even shade of dark, glossy hair can only be had by brewing a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Your hair is your charm. It makes or mars the face. When it fades, turns gray, streaked and looks dry, wispy and scraggly, just an application or two of Sage and Sulphur enhances its appearance a hundredfold.

Don't bother to prepare the tonic; you can get from any drug store a 50 cent bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," ready to use. This can always be depended upon to bring back the natural color, thickness and lustre of your hair and remove dandruff, stop scalp itching and falling hair.

Everybody uses "Wyeth's" Sage and Sulphur because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied. You simply dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through the hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair has disappeared, and after another application it becomes beautifully dark and appears glossy, lustrous and abundant.

### W. O. W.

Merkel Camp No. 719 meet's second and fourth Friday nights of each month.

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

### 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.

### instructing the Cub.

When Fred Heiskel was city editor of the Arkansas Gazette a cub reporter turned in a "story" that ran like this: "Buck Seymour was seen with a two-inch auger going down the river road this morning. Wonder what Buck is after now?"

"Here, young man," called out the city editor, "this story is incomplete. We don't print that kind of items in the Gazette. Tell what Buck was doing with the auger."

"I—I didn't find out," the cub stammered.

"Well, I'll tell you this one time. Plainly, he was going after grease fish. You catch 'em by boring a hole in the water and baiting the surface with dried prunes. The grease fish comes out, eats the prunes and swells up so he can't get back in the hole."—New York Mail.

## "TIZ" GLADDENS SORE, TIRED FEET

"TIZ" makes sore, burning, tired feet fairly dance with delight. Away go the aches and pains, the corns, callouses, blisters and bunions.

"TIZ" draws out the acids and poisons that puff your feet. No matter how hard you work, how long you dance, how far you walk, or how long you remain on your feet, "TIZ" brings restful feet comfort. "TIZ" is wonderful for tired, aching, swollen, smarting feet. Your feet just tingle for joy; shoes never hurt or seem tight.

Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" now from any druggist or department store. End foot torture forever—wear smaller shoes, keep your feet fresh, sweet and happy.





## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. A. Duckett sells it for less.

Miss Olive Garroute is in Marlin Wells for a few weeks.

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

Miss Girlie Howard is visiting Mrs. W. R. Walker in Abilene.

Miss Genevieve Rust is visiting Mrs. Knox Pittard in Anson this week.

We are ready to serve your feet with the latest fashions in footwear. W. L. Harkrider.

Mrs. Chris Fletcher of Arnett, Okla., is visiting her mother Mrs. L. I. Valentine.

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

Miss Jackie Jennings of Abilene is visiting her sister Mr. Westley Edwards.

Fine brown sugar for making preserves and sweet pickles. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Miss Sophia Howard is visiting her brother Dr. George Howard and wife in Dallas.

We are expecting our first shipment of ladies tailor made suits in a very few days. W. L. Harkrider.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Orr of Putnam came in Friday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Henry Orr and the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lamar of Route 5.

We have received a shipment of popular priced buggies. Call and inspect them before buying a buggy. Crown Hardware Co.

Misses Maude Jenkins, Elma Sheppard, Jess Sutphen, Maud Martin and Myrtis Huffaker motored to Abilene Monday.

Have Penny & Son vulcanize your tubes and casings. They know how and will treat you right. 20tf

Miss Beulah Reidenbach is at home from a visit with her twin sister Mrs. N. N. Porter of Loraine.

We are receiving daily shipments by express and freight of our new fall goods for every department in our store. W. L. Harkrider.

B. A. Clark a former Merkel citizen who has been making his home in Fort Worth during the last few years returned the first of the week and will again take up his residence here.

We will be glad to show you our new stock of ladies sport shirts and shirt waists and new style middies. W. L. Harkrider.

Dr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Howard of Dalls returned to their home the first of the week after a short visit with the former's father J. T. Howard of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

Penny & Son are opening a new Vulcanizing Shop in the Coats building. Have them to vulcanize your auto tubes and casings. Satisfaction guaranteed. 20tf

Miss Beulah Kent and mother have been here during the week visiting friends and attending the revival meeting at the tabernacle. Mrs. Kent drove through the country in her Ford car.

We are now showing the very newest styles in ladies Peggy-Tams and felt hats. W. L. Harkrider.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis and children motored to Mineral Wells, enroute to Dallas the first of the week. While in Dallas Mr. Dennis will purchase new goods for his business here and the family will spend several weeks traveling through north Texas and Oklahoma before returning home.

Miss Fannye Moore, our courteous stenographer who has been spending a ten days vacation with friends near Stamford returned Tuesday.

# Last Call OF THIS SEASON

Our Ladies' Oxfords and Pumps will be sold for less than wholesale price the next few days. It will pay you to buy even if you will not need them until next season.

\$4.00—One lot ladies pumps and oxfords ..... \$1.95  
3.50—One lot ladies pumps and oxfords ..... 1.79  
3.00—One lot ladies pumps and oxfords ..... 1.65  
2.50—One lot ladies pumps and oxfords ..... 1.65

\$4.00 Ladies pumps & oxfords, regular stock \$2.85  
3.50 Ladies pumps and oxfords " " 2.49  
3.00 Ladies pumps and oxfords " " 1.95  
2.50 Ladies pumps and oxfords " " 1.65

\$5.00 Mens tan and gunmetal oxfords ..... \$3.49  
4.50 Mens tan and gunmetal oxfords ..... 3.49  
4.00 Mens tan and gunmetal oxfords ..... 2.95  
3.50 Mens tan and gunmetal oxfords ..... 2.65

\$2.50 Misses oxfords ..... \$1.65  
2.00 and \$1.75 Misses oxfords ..... 1.45  
1.50 Misses oxfords ..... 1.10  
1.25 Misses oxfords ..... 85c  
1.00 Misses oxfords ..... 75c

## NEW Fall Styles

are arriving daily by express and freight. All departments are looming up with new fall goods. Some of the new things that should attract

**You For Early Wear**

New Fall Skirts  
New Fall Coat Suits  
New Fall Sport Coats  
New Fall Shirt Waists  
New Fall Woolens  
New Fall Dress Goods  
New Fall Gingham  
New Fall Shoes

# Woodroof Bros.

THE QUALITY STORE

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR SALE—Good milch cows. Chas. Orr, two miles southeast of Merkel. Oct20pd.

FOR SALE:—New Crop Sorghum Molasses. D. L. Boyd, Nubia, Texas.

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. 13t3-55.

FOR SALE OR TRADE:—One stationary power wood saw; one Dudley plow. Will trade for Double Disc plow or stock. W. T. Duncan, Trent, Texas. 1t

C. E. Cordill of Dora was in town Monday on business.

J. V. Tye of the Canyon country was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Woodroof are in Mineral Wells this week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Porter of Loraine are here visiting her mother Mrs. N. E. Reidenbach.

Mrs. E. M. Britain of Fort Worth came in Monday to visit Mrs. B. A. Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith of Fort Worth came in Sunday afternoon to visit friends.

Mrs. Rufus Grisham of Hamlin is here visiting her father J. T. Howard and family.

Mrs. J. A. Adkisson of Beaumont is in the city the guest of friends and relatives.

Fine brown sugar for making preserves and sweet pickles. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Mrs. Robert Godwin is here from Trent visiting Miss Lizzie Mae Freeman.

Mrs. W. M. Haynes of Abilene returned to her home Monday after a short visit with Mrs. Nelson.

Phone H. H. Long for town and country painting and paper hanging. Phone No. 184. 20t3p

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Martin of Chaffee, Mo., were here during the past week visiting the family of J. O. Joplin of Route 2.

Mrs. Alex Harris and children of Stamford are visiting their parents and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Russell.

Mrs. J. H. Bland of Crawford who has been here visiting the family of J. W. Bland of route 5 returned to her home Monday.

Mrs. M. R. Woodrum and son Harry are at home from Winfield where they visited their sister and aunt Mrs. Mary E. Traylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leach are at home from an extended trip. Mrs. Leach visiting relatives in Kentucky while Mr. Leach went to New York.

Mr. George Hawkins of Dora has returned home from a visit to Cleburne, Midlothian and other places. He was accompanied home by his son, Rev. Jno. Hawkins president of the Stanton College.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Magness who have been making their home here for the past few months, left for Dallas the first of the week where they will reside in the future. Mrs. Jim Carrigan, Mrs. Magness' mother accompanied them.

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

## WHAT MAKES A BANK STRONG?

The things that contribute to a Bank's Strength are

### LARGE RESOURCES

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.

### AMPLE CASH RESERVES

At its last published statement over One Hundred Thousand Dollars in Cash was shown, enabling us to take care of the demands of our customers and friends and this we are glad to do at all times.

### ADEQUATE CAPITAL

Our Capital and Surplus is over \$50,000. A substantial amount of our earnings are yearly left in the surplus fund until at this time this fund is larger than the Capital Stock or over \$30,000. This is an element of strength of which we are justly proud.

### CAPABLE MANAGEMENT

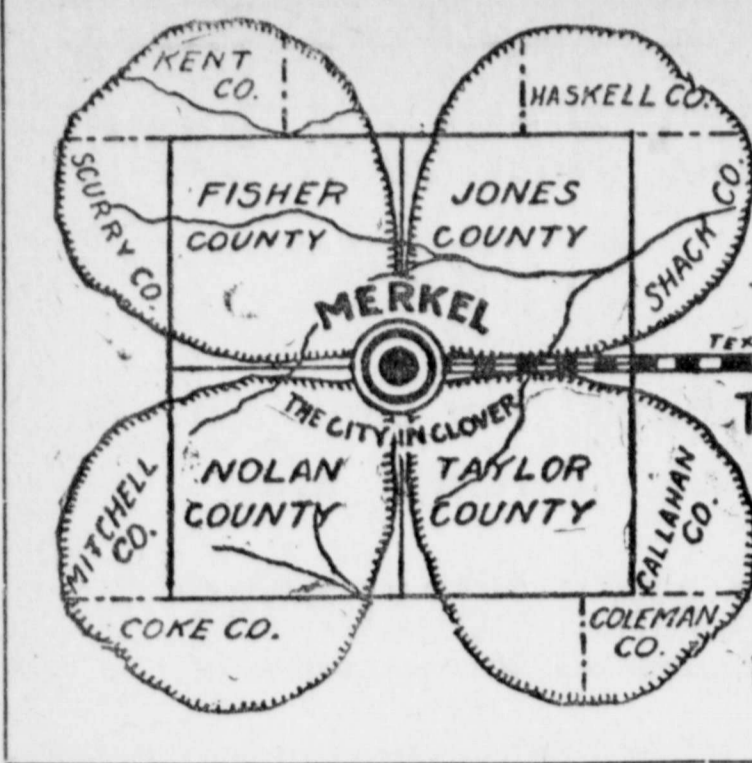
Since organization, nearly eleven years ago, the management has never changed. The same executive officers are in charge today that were here when the Bank was organized. Your financial affairs are handled here by men who know the needs and conditions of this country.

We Appreciate your business—invite new accounts and will grant every consistent favor.

## F. & M. National Bank

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier





## MERKEL

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

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

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### CAFETERIAS IN MERKEL

A new word sounding like "Cafeterra" and presumably spelled in this way is meant to signify an eating house or confectionery store where you wait on your self, where you exercise your own judgement in reaching out over the table and getting more than you have bargained for.

These places are new in the western part of the country, especially on the Pacific coast, but their origin has been known of for years in Merkel, though the owners of the establishments have failed to see the up-to-date-ness of our past living and thusly have missed a lot of good advertising. A cafeterra is one of the newest and down-to-now places where you wait on yourself for your eats and drinks.

With the small town it is much the same for it is not at all uncommon to see a person walk into a drug store or confectionery in our city and by taking advantage of the momentarily busy clerk, the customer takes his position behind the soda fountain and immediately becomes a full fledged soda-dispenser, the regular dispenser may arrive at his station about this time but he is afraid to let it be known that he has been employed to serve all the drinks given out over that fountain but "kinder" stands back until the self-appointed dispenser has entirely satisfied himself with making drinks for his crowd. The new dispenser who may be a hostler-in-hog-pen would feel peeved if told that he was on the wrong side of the counter and through friendship alone he is allowed to continue to abuse the freedom he is allowed in the other man's house. This cafeterra business is not confined to drug stores and confectioneries but we can find self appointed waiters in restaurants, grocery stores and in nearly every business in the town. They even go to the depot and stand over the operator in their endeavor to help the man at the key send a message, they will talk to him through all the performance and while he is yet busy at his desk they will pull a chair in place and for a few moments will read the agent's paper. If the agent is busy they will drop into the newspaper office and run through the exchanges and tear up all the papers you have arranged in order for your perusal and will wind up their visit in the print shop by clumsily taking hold of some setup type and it certainly is pie for the printers, this cafeterra-man will visit his banker then and not satisfied with looking in through the bars he walks around inside and peeps out, all the time keeping up a conversation with the man on the books who is trying to ascertain just how near someone is coming to the overdraft route. By the time our man has made all these rounds it is drawing near the dinner hour and he goes homeward, stopping at a grocery store to make sufficient purchases for the noon meal, he asks for a can of Van-Camps and while the clerk is bringing up the order our inquisitive friend spies the cheese and decides to help himself again. He cuts off about half a dollars worth of new cheese and asks the clerk to weigh it. It herewith develops that our friend's eyes were bigger than his pocketbook for he only intended to get a dimes worth, and the clerk just to be friendly cut off forty cents worth of cheese and completes the bargain, thanking our friend for his patronage and assuring him that there will be no loss at all on the forty cent piece of cheese thrown back to dry up and go to waste for want of a buyer. Friend Wait-on-himself having spent an enjoyable morning and helped nearly every business man in town now arrives at home and hands wifey the morsel for the noon-day-

meal. But does he go into the kitchen to help her cook dinner? Not much, he takes a chair and bothers one of the best women in the world by complaining of the wretched and unkept condition of many places he has visited during his morning rounds, but he absolutely refuses to assist Mrs. Wait-on-herself in preparing the "ham-and" for it is here he notices the unkept condition of his hands and clothing, a thing more than repulsive to the appetite.

### HOUSTON A SEAPORT

The City of Houston, Texas, will, during the coming week, celebrate the installation of a steamship line from Houston to New York.

The advanced story states that this is the first time where the federal government and a city co-operated in an enterprise which made Houston a harbor.

We hope that Houston will be a better seaport than Manchester is. Manchester spent millions of dollars in building a ship canal from Liverpool to that city. The hope of Manchester was to make that city the great cotton market, as it is nearer the spinning industry than Liverpool. Liverpool continued to hold its supremacy and the Manchester Ship Canal is not a conspicuous success.

Houston aspires to become a great Texas port. Much of the traffic that is now transhipped at Galveston is funneled by the railroads through Houston.

The Commercial Appeal congratulates Houston upon its enterprise, but other forces have co-operated with the federal government in the work of general improvement. Many people away from the Mississippi River have an idea that the federal government paid for and constructed the vast system of levees that is now between Cairo and New Orleans. For every dollar the federal government has spent in levees private citizens have put up in two. Around \$100,000,000 have been spent in the levees since the federal government began to give aid of any sort. Over \$60,000,000 were contributed by levee districts.

Feminine bathers at the summer beaches are discarding their stockings as being superfluous and unsanitary. And by next summer we presume—ahem! And a few more ahems! We refuse even to guess at the future.

It is said that next years crop of Ford automobiles will be painted yellow and they will come in bunches like bananas. It is also said that they will have no doors, but a can opener will be furnished to each purchaser.

There are 1,500,000 automobile fans, 10,000,000 base ball fans, 20,000,000 movie fans, and a few palm leaf fans—the latter, incidentally, of some practical use in the world.

Every person does some good some time. For illustration—occasionally the grouch leaves town for a few days.

Remember the home merchant in prosperity, and if adversity comes he will feel more inclined to remember you.

Every automobile not having a self starter has to be wound by a crank, and some are worked by two cranks.

The latest method of preventing chickens from scratching up the garden is to eat the chickens.

For purposes of "safety first", always look a mule in the face, and drive to the right.

The heart and the mind make the man, but the pocketbook greases his way through life.

Keep right on smiling. It looks good to us, so do you—when you smile.

When you can think of nothing else to do, just smile and let it stick.

Still alive! And that's one on many a poor cuss across the pond.

Some men are always grunting—and so is a hog.

# Scientific Progress

# Firestone

You are entitled to all that science and skill have done to improve tire quality and reduce tire cost.

## Tire Builders

Colossus of Roads



have raised the standard of quality to the highest point that science and practical experience have made possible. And they have developed production and selling methods to a point of scientific efficiency that keeps price down.

Every Firestone designer, engineer, foreman or craftsman is a past-master—a finished specialist in his particular line.

All are backed by every mechanical assistance that the world's research and skill can bring to bear on tires.

Their efficiency is your advantage—not only in that quality which means supreme service, but in the efficiency and economy of production which means extraordinary service at ordinary price.

Specify Firestones. Your dealer has them or can get them for you.

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## Why Not Paint and Paper YOUR HOME

It can be made as attractive as the best at a small cost. We can paint it so artistically that people will unconsciously stop and admire it. Good paint not only makes your home clean, healthful, cheerful and inviting in appearance, but by keeping it well painted you actually save money as it is a well known fact that good paint properly applied adds many years to the life of a building. It's like an insurance policy against decay.

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**J. W. POWELL, The Painter and Paper Hanger**

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### Hefner Endorsements

Alvarado, Texas.  
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 got-

ten 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.

Dr Hefner now has associated with him at Sweetwater Dr. N.A. Brown. Come to this Sanatorium and be healed. adv

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If anyone tells you that they have just as good tires as the FIRESTONE that is positive evidence that they recognize the superiority of the FIRESTONE. Do not be deceived get the best. The genuine FIRESTONE. G. F. West Co. 13t2

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

### 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

### To Drive Out Malaria

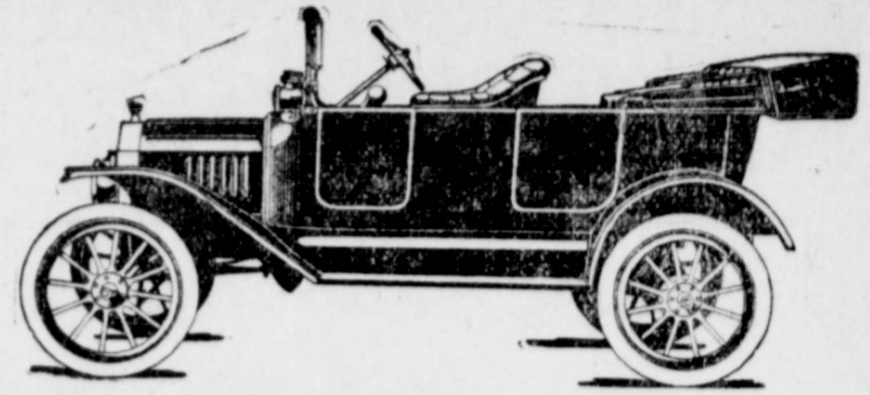
And Build Up The System  
Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents



**SPOT CASH --- BUYING AND SELLING --- DOES IT**

# ONLY ONE MORE WEEK

and then we will give this beautiful Automobile away, absolutely FREE to someone of our good customers. Who this lucky one will be we do not know and can not be determined until the close of business Wednesday, September 1st at 4:30 o'clock



## WE ARE GOING TO MAKE IT INTERESTING FOR ALL FROM NOW UNTIL THEN

Beginning Friday morning, August 20th, we will give 1000 votes free with every dollar's worth you buy of us until 4:30 Wed., September 1st. No votes less than 1000 will be given. You have the opportunity to win the Automobile though you have not traded with us before. Those having traded with us before have a still better opportunity.

### Announcement Extraordinary

It was our real desire to merely shake up the tickets thoroughly and draw from the whole amount deposited only one and give the "AUTO" to the person whose name appeared on this ticket, but we have recently investigated this matter thoroughly and find that it is not only against the State laws but is also against the Federal laws of the U. S. to distribute property in the above manner. FOR THIS REASON we shall COUNT THE VOTES and give the "Auto" to the person who has deposited the GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES in the black box that we have had in our store for this purpose at all times since the beginning of this contest. This was our original plan as announced at the beginning but preferred the drawing if it was not against the laws. The voting, however, is the next fairest, if not the fairest way, and have conducted this contest in the fairest way possible, and are sure all will be satisfied and pleased when this "AUTO" is given away.

## BIG SALE OF ALL SUMMER GOODS STILL IN FULL FORCE

NEW FALL GOODS ARRIVING EVERY DAY WHICH WE ARE SHOWING AT REMARKABLY LOW PRICES

Thus during the last days of the contest you will be able to supply your Fall and Winter's wants, as well as finish buying your Summer's supply at CUT-THROAT PRICES

**REMEMBER** 1000 VOTES free with every dollar's purchase beginning Friday morning, August 20th. You know they will count up fast. This is your opportunity. You can get this "AUTO" yet, by concentrating and figuring out your want list for now and for fall and winter.

Only One More Week--Then Someone Will Ride in a Free "Auto"

# Parten Dry Goods Company

Everything at the Lowest Prices Possible.

Big \$30,000 Stock to Select From

### NOODLE

Health of our community is good at this writing.

Miss Lucile Beene spent last week in Merkel, the guest of her sister Mrs. F. E. Church.

The singing at the Methodist church was enjoyed by a number of young people Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church spent Sunday at Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee are visiting relatives in Paducah.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church spent Sunday with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Beene.

T. J. Coggin of El Paso spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee.

E. L. Eason and family attended services at Merkel Sunday.

W. L. Barbee and T. J. Coggin spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill in the Golan community.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Winters and Evelyn Barbee spent Saturday and Sunday at Golan with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Calloway once more enjoyed the gathering of their children at their home here. The children present were: Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sosebee of Paducah, Mrs. A. J. Barbee of Guthrie, Okla., Oscar Calloway of Matador, Mr. and Mrs. Otho Calloway of Whitney and Mr. and Mrs. Calloway of this place.

#### Back in Tinners 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,

1312 Wm. O'Briant.

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

2 P. M.



We Reserve Your Order for an Electric Wall Cabinet

3 P. M.



Workmen Installs an Electric Wall Cabinet

3:15 P. M.



Linemen Connects Cabinet With Service

3:30 P. M.



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With an Electric Wall Cabinet Furnished ABSOLUTELY FREE

If Your Home is not Wired, Our "House-Wired-in-a-Minute Cabinet" will Solve Your Difficulties

Any household Electric appliance can be attached to this and you can extend the wiring to any other room at your convenience. We are offering Special Prices on Combination Sets of Electric Irons, Lamps, Fans, Percolators, Grills and Toasters. You can burn a 25-watt lamp giving you 20-candle power for 40 hours for 15c. Can you get the same candle power and the same burning hours from a coal oil lamp for the same money? We would be glad to have one of our representatives call and explain.

Yours to please

# Merkel Power Co.

### SHILOH

There was Sunday School at Shiloh Sunday for the first time in quite awhile.

The infant son of Chas. Williams is seriously ill.

Mrs. Pearl Dupree and children of O'Brien are visiting relatives and friends in this community.

Prayer meeting was very well attended Sunday night.

Miss Clara Martin and brother Roy returned to their home in Howard county Sunday after a few days visit with their sister, Mrs. Wilner Grayson.

Mr. Tyner returned to his home in Wichita Falls Saturday after a two weeks visit with his mother and brothers.

Mr. Davis of Comanche county is here visiting his son.

J. H. Grayson lost a fine horse one day last week.

Bud Brown had a horse badly hurt in a runaway Friday.

Messrs. Mayberry and Woods went to the Shinery Saturday after fruit and watermelons.

The thrasher is in this community this week. Mr. Blassingame is having his grain thrashed at the present.

Rev. G. W. Scott is conducting a meeting at Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler of Sweetwater Creek visited Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Sunday.

Miss Lena Pomroy has been visiting her aunt, Ellen Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers were visiting Jap Rogers and family near Noodle Sunday.

Miss Nina Beavers spent Sunday with Miss Effie Mayberry.

#### 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



# Saturday August 28th Marks the Close OF OUR GRAND \$400.00 PIANO CONTEST

Beginning Saturday, August 21, we will give Double Votes on all Purchases Throughout the House --- Also on Collections

Only one week in which to do your work, girls, and as we have some specials to offer you we would please ask that each and every contestant call at the office for special instructions. 1000 votes given Extra on each \$1.00 purchase of Clothing, Dress Goods, Shoes, Wagons, Buggies, Implements, Stoves and all farm machinery. A little extra effort on your part might be the means of your winning this grand Piano. We appreciate very much the large increase in our business during this campaign and the most hearty co-operation of the contestants, and we have endeavored from the very first to see that each and every contestant has had a fair and equal showing for the Grand Prize. We feel sure that all will say we have handled the contest in a most fair and impartial manner. Remember those failing to win the grand prize still have a showing for one of the other prizes as follows

2nd---One Gold-Filled lady's size, \$25 Watch  
3rd---One Gold-Filled lady's size, \$20 Watch  
4th---One Gold-Filled lady's size, \$20 Watch

5th---One Gold-Filled lady's size, \$20 Watch  
6th---One Gold-Filled lady's size, \$20 Watch  
7th---One German Sterling Silver Dinner Set

FULL VOTES will be allowed on all books sold during this and next week at the time of book purchases by having your books so stamped at the office. Have your friends buy books and trade them out at a later date, thereby receiving the same amount of votes had they traded them out during the campaign.

All votes must be in by 4 o'clock Saturday, August 28, as the box will be closed and votes counted later in the afternoon. Winning contestant number will be announced as soon thereafter as possible

## Anchor Mercantile Company

### Special for a Few Days.

See me before you buy your groceries and I will save you money. You will always find cheaper groceries here than anywhere else.

100 lbs. Bouquet Flour.....\$3.15  
Meal......75  
25 lb. sack Sugar.....1.65  
Smoke Meat......15  
Dry Salt......14  
10 lbs. Lard......90  
10 lbs. Cottolene.....1.25  
Cooking Oil......75  
Irish Potatoes, per peck....35  
Irish Potatoes, per bushel..1.25

You will always find us with the goods and the prices right. Come to see us when you are in town and see for yourself what we are doing. Walter Clark.

### How's This?

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

F. J. Cheney & Co. Toledo, Ohio. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

National Bank of Commerce, Toledo, Ohio.

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.

### Notice

Located at my old stands weighing cotton and wagons also buying seed. With accurate weights and highest market price for seed I ask a continuance of your patronage.

G. R. Gazzaway

For a high grade buggy see our Velie and Reliance line of buggies, but if you want a cheaper buggy we desire to say that we have received a large shipment that will please when a moderately priced buggy is wanted. Crown Hardware Co.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

### Butman-Latimer

Mr. Sam Butman and Miss Lillie Latimer of the Nubia country were united in the sacred bonds of wedlock Sunday afternoon.

The Bride is the popular daughter of Mr and Mrs. M. P. Latimer of Nubia while the groom is one of the most progressive young farmers of the Merkel country and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman of near Nubia. We trust that happiness and union shall accompany them through this life to its ultimate end, and that the contents of their cup of joy shall never wane. A friend.

### What is Best for Indigestion?

Mr. A. Robinson of Drumquinn, 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.

### Has Fine Peaches

Jno S. Hughes of the Blair country was in the latter part of last week and left a sample of Merkel county peaches on exhibit here. The cluster which covered a small space contained twenty four peaches.

### OLDER BUT STRONGER

To be healthy at seventy, prepare at forty, is sound advice, because in the strength of middle life we too often forget that neglected colds, or careless treatment of slight aches and pains, simply undermine strength and bring chronic weakness for later years.

To be stronger when older, keep your blood pure and rich and active with the strength-building and blood-nourishing properties of Scott's Emulsion which is a food, a tonic and a medicine to keep your blood rich, alleviate rheumatism and avoid sickness. No alcohol in Scott's. Scott & Bowse, Bloomfield, N. J.

### You Need a Tonic

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

You can't make a mistake in taking  
**GARDUI**  
The Woman's Tonic

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

Has Helped Thousands.

### SOME SPECIAL PRICES

ON

PENNSYLVANIA  
DIAMOND and  
GOOD YEAR Tires

FILTERED GASOLINE  
and AUTO OILS my Specialty

HENRY M. ROSE

### 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 Rish, 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."

### ABSTRACTS

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when in Abilene.

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in the city that delivers the "Goods." It's a pleasure to us to please you.

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### Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives ease and rest. 25c.

### HOW TO KEEP COOL ON A HOT DAY

Take a few minutes off,  
Come to Grimes' Drug Store,  
Look pleasant,  
Try to Smile.

Take a seat at any table,  
Crook your finger at the waiter,  
He'll be right with you.

Tell him to bring you a dish of cream,  
The best frozen cream on earth—  
Flavored to suit you.

Eat the cream leisurely,  
Enjoy ever mouthful—  
Keep on smiling.

(You ought to be cool by then)

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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.



# 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 Ali. He decides that Zudora must die before she can have a chance to come into possession of her money, so that it may be left to him, the next of kin. Hassam Ali sees an obstacle to his scheme in the person of John Storm, a young lawyer, for whom Zudora has taken a fancy, and he commands the girl to put the man out of her mind. Zudora insists that if she cannot marry Storm she will marry no one.

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

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

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

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

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

Hassam Ali asks Zudora to find a gem set by two mysterious old men. Zudora sets a photograph of the gem and it burns in her hand. An old house is mined by Hassam Ali and the old men. Storm and Zudora are lured there and narrowly escape destruction when the house blows up. John McWinter, endeavoring to trap and kill George Smith, is killed himself, and Smith is charged with murder. Hassam Ali conspires to have John Storm meet the same fate as McWinter, and he and Storm are overcome by powerful fumes. Zudora saves them, proves that McWinter's own dog trapped and killed him and saves Smith from a band of lynchers.

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

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

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

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

On looking through her uncle's papers Zudora finds that her father left her an interest in a diamond mine, and Storm and Baird both lend assistance in trying to regain for her possession of this estate which is being appropriated by rogues under the leadership of Mme. Du Val. They plan to frighten Zudora so that she will run away. Failing they kidnap Zudora and Howard, the mine superintendent, and put them in a private insane asylum. 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 kidnapped and held prisoner. Storm rescues her, but the thieves escape with the diamonds.

## CHAPTER XIX.

### The Prisoner in the Plothouse.

"CAN we make them?" asked Baird of Hunt, as their motorboat sped up the river in pursuit of the smugglers.

"I can't tell just yet. Think of them yanking that water bottle out of my hand! I'll bet it had a hundred gems inside. Well, well; that's what comes by being overconfident. Hey, engineer, what speed are we making?"

"About eighteen miles."

"Is that a higher powered boat than ours?"

"Don't know nothing about her, sir."

"She's pulling away from us slightly," growled Baird.

"But you can take it from me, mister, that she won't pull so far away that we can't tell where and when she's going to land. I got plenty of oil," said the engineer.

"Well, keep her right where she is and duck for shore when she do," commanded Hunt.

"They're making for the Jersey shore a few points. I guess she goes about twenty-three. It'll take her an hour to lose us entirely."

"Since we can't overhaul her, keeping her in sight is the next best thing," replied Hunt. "Think of filling a water bottle with diamonds and accidentally dropping it overboard into the hands of confederates! Some head that man Radcliffe has got. And they'd have got away with it completely but for the stumbling on to that code message.

That was luck on our part. They certainly are leaving us behind. I can just see that man Bruce's face. And, hang it, I know there are diamonds in that bag and yet I couldn't prove it in court. They'll probably take them all out before we can land on them. I wish you'd kick me when we get ashore. Why didn't I draw my revolver and cover them while I picked up the bag?"

"Search me," said Baird, smiling. "Now, don't get a grouch before dinner. At least we got Zudora out of their clutches, and that's worth a bag of diamonds any day in the week."

"And poor Storm went to the same but never smelled a rat. Well, if they get her again I'll give the job to



Mme. Du Val and the Diamonds.

you. I've warned those two enough about keeping their eyes open. She and Mme. Du Val were both made prisoners, but evidently madame escaped days ago. Peculiar, huh?"

"Could you arrest her?"

"Not on this deal. Oh, they're slippery citizens. They don't take the turnips out of the pot until they are cooked. Still gaining on us. Well, we'll have to take our chances on land. I'll do the work. You stay by the boat. I don't propose to walk back to Jersey City. We wouldn't get into New York until midnight. Ha! There they go! Jersey shore it is, engineer. If you go across lots you can cut down a bit of their gain."

In the other boat they seemed to be enjoying the voyage.

"Right from under Hunt's nose. That's what pleases me," said Bruce.



The Two Smugglers Went Directly to the Kitchen.

"Like, when we land you slip behind the warehouse. Gyp and I will scout for the old house on the hill. If one alone follows, let him be, but if the two of them start on the trail muss 'em up a bit. We've got to get these stones out of the water bottle in a hurry."

"Any gun play?" asked the man called Ike.

"Not if you can avoid it," said Bruce. "Make that landing by the old sailboat engineer."

"They had six minutes' lead when they landed. Ike slipped behind the warehouse, while Bruce and Gyp ran toward the road. Through his field-glasses Hunt watched them, carefully

noting the direction of their flight. But in his eagerness he did not notice that only two men came into focus. The minute the boat made a landing he jumped out and began running toward the spot where he had seen the two men last. Baird occupied himself with the painter. The engineer knelt before his cylinders and hunted for a possible bit of damage.

The man Ike thought that he might just as well dispose of Baird. In that event the detective would be between two fires, and they might be able to put him out of his misery. Baird was in the act of tying the painter when Ike struck him a violent but fortunately a glancing blow on the head. Baird stumbled and fell, and Ike drew his knife with murderous intentions. But Baird turned in time, caught the wrist and fought savagely for all that his head was ringing like discordant chimes. He succeeded in making his assailant drop the knife; then he stepped back and began to spar. As Ike stooped to recover the knife Baird caught him fairly on the chin. Baird did not wait to learn whether the man was senseless or not. He took to his heels, confident that Hunt would presently have urgent need of him.

Hunt was a famous runner, and he reached the house on the hill just as Bruce and Gyp entered it.

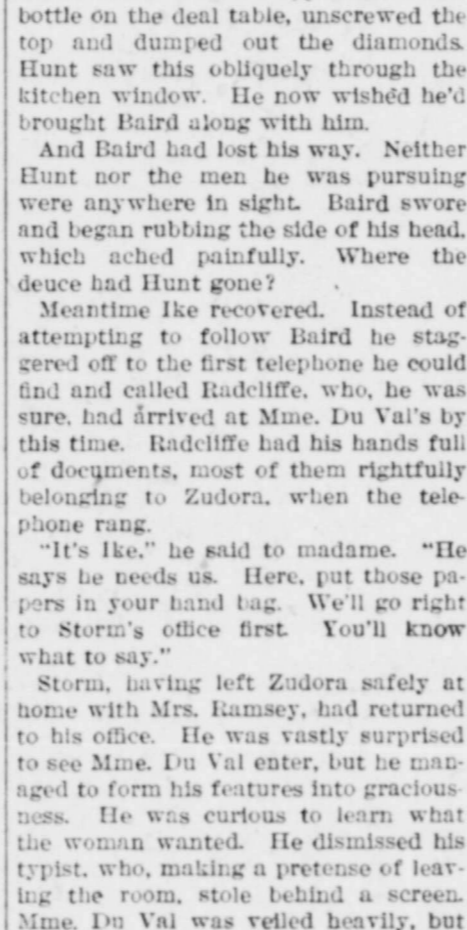
The two smugglers went directly to the kitchen. Bruce dropped the water bottle on the deal table, unscrewed the top and dumped out the diamonds. Hunt saw this obliquely through the kitchen window. He now wished he'd brought Baird along with him.

And Baird had lost his way. Neither Hunt nor the men he was pursuing were anywhere in sight. Baird swore and began rubbing the side of his head, which ached painfully. Where the deuce had Hunt gone?

Meantime Ike recovered. Instead of attempting to follow Baird he staggered off to the first telephone he could find and called Radcliffe, who, he was sure, had arrived at Mme. Du Val's by this time. Radcliffe had his hands full of documents, most of them rightfully belonging to Zudora, when the telephone rang.

"It's Ike," he said to madame. "He says he needs us. Here, put those papers in your hand bag. We'll go right to Storm's office first. You'll know what to say."

Storm, having left Zudora safely at home with Mrs. Ramsey, had returned to his office. He was vastly surprised to see Mme. Du Val enter, but he managed to turn his features into graciousness. He was curious to learn what the woman wanted. He dismissed his typist, who, making a pretense of leaving the room, stole behind a screen. Mme. Du Val was veiled heavily, but



John, I'll marry you inside of three months.

definite. But he saw them put the diamonds back into the water bottle. Then they drew out of the range of his vision. What now? he wondered.

Bruce opened up a plank in the floor and hid the bag. Then he and Gyp left the kitchen. Hunt came down from the porch, waited until Bruce and Gyp left the house, then crawled in at the window. He saw the loose plank and straightway investigated. He chuckled. Here were the goods, all right. He was surely a lucky man, and Bruce was becoming a careless one. A fine day's work; Zudora freed and the smuggled diamonds under his vest. As he came out of the house he espied Baird hot-footing it up the path.

"Hello! Where did you come from?" cried Hunt.

"Got lost. Saw Bruce and his man leaving and concluded that they had done for you," answered Baird, rather breathlessly.

"Not so you'd notice it. Jim, I've got the diamonds."

"By George, that's great work! Suppose we like after Mr. Bruce and nail him while the nailing's good."

"My idea."

They ran down the path to the road, but the quarry had disappeared. They hunted thoroughly, but for a long time failed to make any headway.

"They'll be around the boat landing. Hustle!"

Near the dock where they had landed was an old steamer. They arrived

Storm readily discovered her identity. What did the woman want?

She wanted advice about some papers. When she brought them out of her hand bag Storm felt a flurry of excitement. But they were only some insurance papers regarding madame's property. Storm managed to read them over carefully. He returned them with the remark that they were perfectly in good order. He named a nominal fee for his investigation. It was paid and Mme. Du Val left the office.

"Well, hang me, if that isn't a funny game. What the dickens can she want? Or was she just getting the lay of the office for some future work?"

As he could not solve the enigma, he went back to his own work. Zudora would be along presently.

On going out of the office madame had set the latch so that it would close but not lock the door. When she saw Zudora coming in at the entrance of the building she hid herself and followed the girl back upstairs. The typist was leaving.

Zudora ran into the office, threw her arms around John's neck and hugged him.

"And to think this morning I was a prisoner, wanting to die and be free of it all. Oh, I've gone through so much that I never want to tear the word adventure again."

"And I don't blame you."

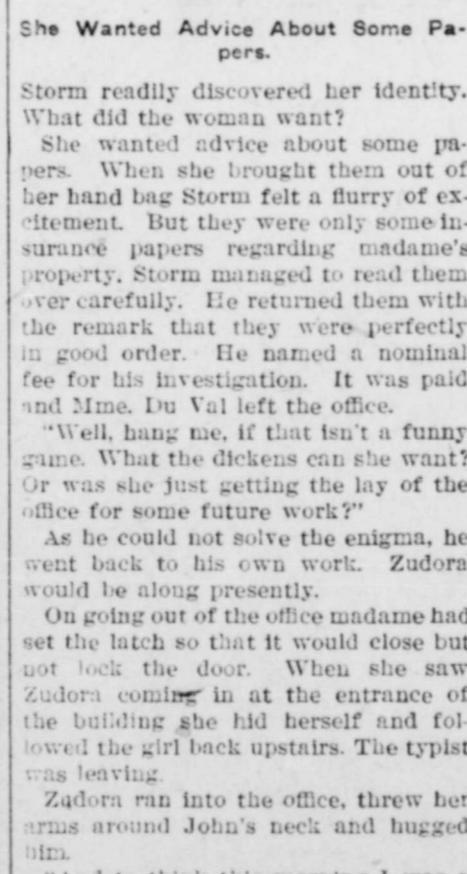
Mme. Du Val stole in noiselessly and tiptoed behind the screen.

"Do you believe that Mme. Du Val was really made a prisoner too?"

"Temporarily, yes. But it all looks a bit fishy to me. Here's the postman. Let's see what he brings." He opened up the letters one by one. "Why, here's a letter from that man Marcus Villiers, who is managing your mines in Montana."

"Read it."

"I failed in my last effort to deliver to you some valuable papers concerning your late father's estate. I am now sending them by express and trust they



She Wanted Advice About Some Papers.

will reach you safely. I hope to heaven these papers will show us some light. We need it, girl."

"Oh, let's bother no more about money. It's only brought misfortune. I'd have been married to you long ago but for a stupid pride. John, I'll marry you inside of three months, no matter what happens."

"Will you, honestly?"

"Honest Injun!"

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Radcliffe Coolly Searched Him.

Nero knew his business, all right. Burn 'em up when you don't like 'em, says he."

Baird struggled.

Gyp, the gun man, lit a cigarette and carelessly tossed the match into the excelsior.

At this moment Hunt came to his senses. He reached for the water bottle. It was gone. Then he sought his automatic. That was gone also. He got up. Three to one. He realized that he must go quickly for help. The motorboat engineer would help.

Ike and Gyp had no real intention of setting fire to the old steamer. They had made the threat merely to add a little more torture to their victim's predicament. But excelsior is very inflammable. The flames swept up gustily. The two rogues began stamping on them, but to no avail.

"For Gawd's sake, Ike!" screamed Gyp.

"We got t' cut for it. We can't do nothing. What did you throw that match there for, y' fool?"

The two turned heel and ran. They wanted to be far away when the flames attracted outside attention. It was one thing to smuggle, to pick pockets, crack



Hunt to the Rescue.

safes; it was entirely another to tie up a man and roast him to death. They ran and did not stop running until their legs began to give out.

Hunt dashed to the landing and was speeding toward the motorboat when he saw a policeman.

"Officer, quick! That steamer is on fire and there's a man tied up in the pilothouse!"

It was about the nearest squeeze Jim Baird, alias Hassam Ali, ever had. He was badly burned about the hands and throat.

"Hunt, I'm going to run those fellows down if it takes ten years of my life," he declared, as the policeman and Hunt assisted him into the motorboat. "I know the whole bunch now."

"So do I, Jim. But you won't have to wait ten years; take it from me," replied Hunt sardonically.

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Laura and Petrarch.

The Poet's Ideal and a Sad Case of Hopeless Love.

Petrarch was one of the unfortunate poet lovers. One day in the Church of St. Clair, in Avignon, he met Mme. de Sade, better known as "Laura," a delightful blond, whose soft, dark eyes contrasted strangely, yet coquetishly, with the pale golden hair that rippled in ringlets over her white forehead. This dainty dame was of noble birth, enjoyed a high social standing and was considered the belle of the entire sunny south of those days.

The Italian poet fell helplessly and hopelessly in love with the French beauty. He wrote in her honor hundreds of sonnets full of the choicest tenderness, in which he described his sweetheart's mental and physical charms, and vowed that never lived a fairer woman than she. Yet she was obdurate to his suit, though she confessed herself pleased with his society. She was by nature fond of admiration, and she felt proud of the fact that she had won the devotion of one of the greatest poets of the age. Wherever she promenaded, whether in the parks or streets, she heard the gossips murmur as she passed, "There goes the beloved of Petrarch."

Laura was platonically fond of her poet, but no amount of poetry could induce her to bestow a warmer affection upon him. She died of the plague in 1348. Her death was a rude shock to Petrarch, who still loved her and mourned her loss for the remaining twenty-six years of his life.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

A Hopeless Case.

Jake Gyp, who was notoriously bad pay, took advantage of a new storekeeper in the town and managed to get a dollar's worth of horse feed on credit. Finally, when the money was not forthcoming, the storekeeper set out to collect.

"I came to see you about that dollar for horse feed," said he, approaching Jake in a field some distance from the house. "Do you think you can pay me today?"

"How's that?" returned Jake, putting a hand to his ear and speaking in a highly pitched voice. "What did ye say?"

"I said," returned the storekeeper, going close and shouting like a glee club, "that it's time you paid me that dollar."

"Can't hear a word ye say," declared Jake. "Ye'll have ter speak up a bit louder."

"Just wait a minute," cried the storekeeper, feeling in his pocket for a lead pencil. "I will write it down."

"Tain't no use, mister," returned Jake, with a hopeless shake of his head. "Can't see to read without my specs."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

He Was Relieved.

The other day a person dropped down in an apoplectic fit immediately in front of a police station and was carried inside. A moment after a woman forced her way in through the crowd gathered around the door, exclaiming:

"My husband! My poor husband! Clear the way and let us in the air!"

She then bustled herself by taking off the man's cravat and performing other little offices until a surgeon arrived, when the patient gradually recovered his senses. On this the sergeant in charge observed that it was a happy relief for his distressed wife as well as for himself.

"My wife!" exclaimed the man. "Why, I am a bachelor!"

On seeking for the woman it was found that she had disappeared and with her the watch and purse of the patient, which she had adroitly abstracted under the very eyes of the police.—London Tit-Bits.



Natives of southern Arabia believed that Christians wore hats only to hide their horns.

Japanese Tapestry.

For centuries Japanese weavers in silk have been famed for their exquisite tapestry work, or tsuzurenishiki, as it is known in the native tongue. Nowhere are more artistic productions wrought, and along certain lines the Japanese workman, with his tiny handloom, creates a tapestry which no other race has so far equaled. How long Japan has been cultivating the art of weaving pictures from silk and gold in this manner is not accurately known, but some of the national specimens of silk brocade are very old, and it is altogether likely that the art has been known since Japan's first acquaintance with China in the very remote past.

The Secret.

"Now, this is a secret, and you must not tell anybody."

"Rest assured that I won't tell that secret to anybody, dear. I have no desire to figure as a female Rip Van Winkle. That secret is at least three weeks old."—Louisville Courier-Journal.



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## U. S. TROOPS ON THE BORDER INCREASED

Brownsville, Aug. 16.—A detachment of the United States cavalry patrol was fired on last night from the Mexican side of the Rio Grande near Mercedes, about thirty miles up the Rio Grande from here. The firing occurred at Progresso. The cavalrymen returned the fire and the shooting from the Mexican side stopped. There were no casualties among the American troopers.

Reports of renewed attempts by Mexican bandits to re-organize in the lower Rio Grande valley were brought here today by Captain of Texas rangers J. J. Sanders.

He said he had received reports that Mexicans are crossing in and twos into Texas and that they are attempting to gather again in Hidalgo county, west of Brownsville. He said that a band estimated at ten or a dozen approach a ranch house Sunday near San Benito, sending two of its members to the house. The rancher's wife was at home alone.

The Mexicans told her they did not want to hurt her. They asked where her husband was and where his horses were. After satisfying themselves that both rancher and his horses were away the Mexicans left. Rangers are searching for these Mexicans today.

The Twenty-sixth infantry from Texas City went on duty here today. About seventy-five men of the twenty-sixth were left at Kingsville, 115 miles north of Brownsville, and more than two companies went on patrol at Harlingen, between here and Kingsville.

Rangers and peace officers are disarming all Mexicans outside of the larger towns throughout Brownsville section. Fire arms discovered in the procession of Mexico in the rural communities are virtually equivalent to a death warrant unless the Mexican is well known to the Americans as being peaceful. Even with such a record the firearms are confiscated and a warning given not to obtain any more.

There is a state law against pistol carrying, but Mexicans in the country about here have avoided the penalties of this law by carrying rifles, claiming that the law did not apply to such large and unconcealed weapons. The embargo on arms and ammunition that the rangers have

put on Mexicans on the American side is the most effective munitions embargo on record in this valley. The penalty for smuggling through this ranger embargo is death.

## BUTMAN

All present seemed to enjoy the singing at Dr. Martins Sunday night.

Miss Carrie Davenport of Oklahoma is visiting friends and relatives at Nubia and Merkel.

A large crowd enjoyed the refreshments served at Mr. and Mrs. Wood Turners Saturday night. The occasion was not without music, as violinists were there galore.

Cotton is beginning to open here and picking will commence next week. The yield is expected to be as large as it was last year.

T. J. Lewis who is visiting in Mississippi and Tennessee writes back that he would not give the semblances in west Texas for the substances there. We heartily accord with him.

Maize heading is nearly over. The crop is unusually good, and the farmers are heading considerably more of it than usual. In this way it can be cared for better. Mr. Burchell, who lives on Mr. Butman's place, expects to head fifty tons of maize.

Messrs Charlie Lewis and Lewis Butman bummed a ride on the coupling pole of a mans wagon to Merkel last Saturday week with the calculation of riding that motorcycle back. Needless to say they clung to a forlorn and lost hope for they had to walk back home. Believe your part of this account.

The Christian meeting which is to be held at Cross Roads and conducted by Elder Phillips of Winters will begin Saturday night of the 28.

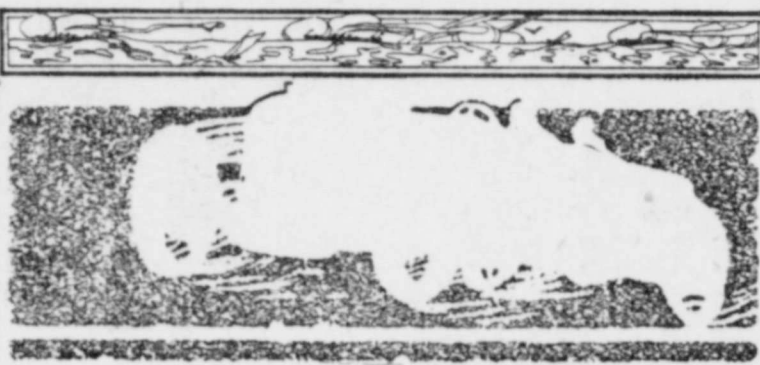
Mrs. T. Lewis returned last Monday from a three weeks visit to Alabama.

It has been observed that the number of quails in this country this year is far in excess of the usual number. It is supposed that the quick vegetation and undergrowth caused by the fine rains of last year and this is the cause of it. The dense undergrowth affords good cover and protection for them.

Ernest Moore and sister, Halie, of Blair attended the singing at Dr. Martins Sunday night.

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Bruner, A. C. H.  
Brown, Mrs. D. M.  
Haynes, Joe  
Bruner, Lonie  
Garcia, Ordis D. M.  
Moncallo, Francisco  
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Aug. 28.  
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## NEW SCHOOL BLDG. WORK IS DELAYED

Up until Monday morning of this week it was not possible for work on the new school building to begin, the construction steel to be used in re-inforcing the concrete foundation of the building had not arrived but the shippers notified Messrs. Dalton and Wafford that the shipment had left Fort Worth and would reach Merkel early Monday.

Under the agreement the contractors cannot begin work on the foundation unless the architect employed by the school board is present to see the work properly done. Architect Leinbach was in Merkel the latter part of last week and was apprised of the proposed steel shipment being on the way and promised to return Monday in order to allow the work to proceed. Mr. Leinbach did not arrive Monday, he also failed to get here Tuesday and Wednesday saw him still out of town, yet he must have known that his absence was delaying the game to a great extent. Architect Leinbach is drawing a good salary for the work he has been employed to do and he should not allow his actions to delay the work of having the school building ready at the earliest possible moment.

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## Late Birth Reports

Friday the 13th, was not such an unlucky day for Merkel families.

To Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dean the birth of a girl is reported. To Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Dickey the birth of a boy was reported.

## Card of Thanks

We wish to thank those who were mindful of our troubles and sorrows during the illness and at the death of our baby boy.

Respectfully,  
Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Jones.