

## ATTEMPT IS MADE TO WRECK TRAIN

The fifth or sixth known attempt in the past three months was made to wreck the Wichita Valley passenger train Sunday night, but the slow rate of speed maintained over the endangered strip of track prevented the designs of the train-wrecker.

Bolts were placed on the track about one mile this side of Elm creek bridge, located six miles north of Abilene. The passenger train due in Abilene at 9:30 p. m. was making slow progress under orders when the engine struck the bolts. The engine either crushed or pushed aside the obstructions and was brought to a stop in two car lengths. The passengers were not disturbed except by the loud noise made by the crushing weight of the engine on the bolts.

Whether the burning of the bridges on Elm creek Saturday night was a deliberate attempt to wreck the train is not known. It is possible that the bridge was set afire by a hot cinder, as a train had passed over it not very long before the fire was discovered. Some work had been done on the bridge recently and there were shavings and sawdust lying about, and it is possible that the fire might have resulted when a hot cinder fell among them. The damages were repaired and traffic resumed during Sunday. —Abilene Reporter.

## RABBIT DRIVES OVER COUNTRY

Thursday of last week men of the Noodle community met and started a rabbit drive that netted a larger kill than any reported this year. In all over six hundred rabbits were killed during the day and Saturday was selected for another big drive but we did not get the results of the Saturday's slaughter.

While the Noodle parties were out gunning, men of the Caps community were also in the field and twenty-two men brought down 241 rabbits during the day. John Abbot getting the largest number with a credit of twenty-eight while Sam Rister and Walter Hammonds broke even with one rabbit each. They did not bring up the rear however for W. P. Pylant captured the smallest score without having a kill to his credit during the afternoon.

S. D. McKinney of Tye, Route 1, is responsible for the Caps report, as he was in town Monday giving details of the hunt.

## ANDREW COGGIN DIES AT EL PASO

A telegram from T. J. Coggin of El Paso on Monday morning brought the first news of the death of his son, Andrew Coggin at that place early Monday morning.

No particulars were given in the message as to the cause of the death but later information showed that death was caused by pneumonia of very severe type. The deceased was about 36 years of age at the time of his death.

He previously lived in the Merkel country for a number of years, having numerous friends in this section who deeply regretted sad news.

Mrs. J. F. Turner of Clairette was a recent guest of Miss Mary Keny in the J. S. Hutson home just east of Merkel. Mrs. Turner was once a resident of Merkel and her visit was a pleasant one to many.

## MERKEL CATTLE SHIPPED TO SHOW

The Largest Blue Ribbon herd of cattle were shipped Tuesday to Oklahoma City where they will enter the Southwestern Live Stock Show, after which the herd will be returned to Fort Worth to enter in the National Feeders and Breeders Show.

In all, twenty-five show cattle were shipped Tuesday, and when the herd reaches Fort Worth another shipment will meet them there, making the herd at Fort Worth much larger than the one on show at Oklahoma City.

## PETROV WON TWO STRAIGHT FALLS

A. Petrov, Polish wrestler of 165 pounds, won from Harry Swoboda at the Cozy Theatre Monday evening in two straight falls.

The crowd which was some smaller than was anticipated witnessed one of the cleanest exhibitions of the grapplers game yet seen in this section of the state and was perfectly satisfied with the good fast sport indulged in during the evening. Petrov, a larger and more muscular fellow than Swoboda looked as if he ought to have pinned the Houston man's shoulders with ease but every time he attempted it the invincible Swoboda worked out of tight places and often turned the tables on his more powerful opponent, showing more speed and skill than the Chicago man. Through the first period of thirty minutes Swoboda worked three body scissors on the Pole but was unable to complete the fall, seeming to rely upon his wind to give him an opportunity later. At the beginning of the thirty-five minute period each man seemed to be working fast for fall and Petrov secured a terrible toe hold and Swoboda gave up. The time for the first fall going to Petrov at 38 minutes.

Returning to the mat after ten minutes, Petrov and Swoboda came together like game cocks but in the best of humor and the work for the first few seconds was fast and furious, each man trying for a toe hold and again Petrov was fortunate, securing the second fall in two minutes with a toe hold on the right foot, the identical hold with which he secured the first fall and Swoboda gave up, thus making Petrov winner of the match. Following the decision Swoboda came forward and challenged Petrov to a finish match, the toe hold barred. Petrov promptly accepted the challenge.

## CEMETERY WORK TO BE DONE MAR. 10

Next Wednesday has been selected as a day designated for cleaning and beautifying Rose Hill Cemetery.

All parties interested are asked to help in the work. Transfer men have agreed to haul trash away from the cemetery or such refuse matter as may be gotten together.

THE NEW BABY.



—Marcus in New York Times.

## OUTSIDE CAPITAL ASKS ABOUT AN OIL MILL AT MERKEL—WANTS A LOCATION

Would Also be Interested in Crushing Peanuts And Asks About This as an Inducement In Coming to Merkel; Company Wants Texas Location.

If local parties would build an oil mill at Merkel their early action might forestall an erection of a mill by incorporate interests. On February 28th, the Mail received a letter from parties at Dallas inquiring about Merkel and its inducements for an oil mill, also asking as to the added inducements of peanuts, as they were also interested in crushing them.

Without question our country is in position to abundantly supply an oil mill and the town deserves the erection of such a plant. The raising of peanuts however could not at present be taken into consideration for this diversified industry has not been taken up in the Merkel country. That it would be highly profitable is shown by the success gained in the cultivation of peanuts in other parts of the state. Towns no larger than Merkel have been shipping hundreds of cars of peanuts and one city has a record of one solid train load being shipped out in one day.

Let the Merkel people get together and dispose of the oil mill proposition in a business-like way, and at the same time take steps to encourage the raising of peanuts in our section. Peanuts and pigs go well together and the quicker our section gets away from ALTOGETHER COTTON as it seems to be coming to this season, the better off Merkel farmers will be, the better off Merkel merchants will be, and the town's possibilities greatly enhanced.

LET MERKEL HAVE CONCERTED ACTION IN THE OIL MILL AND PEANUT INDUSTRY PROPOSITIONS.

M. B. Patterson of Royston came in last week to visit his sister, Mrs. D. E. Compton of Route 2, and remained in the Merkel country until this week.

Elder W. G. Cypert returned from Stamford having preached there Sunday. During his stay in the city he was called upon to perform two marriages.

Mrs. J. M. Bishop and Miss Ethel Poole of Abilene were social visitors with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Sublett Sunday. Miss Poole returned to Abilene Sunday night but Mrs. Bishop remained for a longer visit.

## DEMONSTRATION HERE MARCH 10

County Demonstration Agent S. A. Manier will be here Friday, March 10, to give a demonstration in farm terracing on the S. A. Coats farm, one and one-half miles north of Merkel.

Assisting Agent Manier in the terracing work on the Coats farm will be a demonstration agent from the State Department. All parties interested are requested to be present in the afternoon of above date. At least one hundred Merkel farmers are urged to be present.

## REV. N. ROBERTS DIED MONDAY

Rev. Newton Roberts was born March 20th, 1850, in Bastrop county, death occurring Monday 2 a. m., at the family residence in this city.

At the age of fifteen Rev. Roberts was converted and immediately united with the Lexington Baptist church in Lee county. When 21 years of age he was licensed to preach and later attended Baylor University at Old Independence and at the age of 33 years was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry. His pastoral service was among several churches in the Little River Association, after which he served his association as a missionary for nine years. Following this he accepted pastoral work with McDade, Smithville and West Point churches, but owing to failing health of his wife was forced to give up further work and returned to his old home at Rockdale, from which he moved to Merkel 10 years ago the fourth day of last June.

He was married November 9th, 1878 to Miss Florida Ellen Frasure in Milam county near Rockdale and to this union three children were born, A. C. and F. K. Roberts of Temple and Oklahoma respectively and Mrs. Ethel Dubose now of Dubose. All children and his lifelong companion survive the deceased and were, with exception of his daughter, with him during his last moments.

Funeral services were conducted at the family residence Monday afternoon by Rev. L. B. Owen assisted by Revs. A. L. Jobe, D. J. Dodd, A. A. Baker and H. E. Bullock. Interment was given the body in Rose Hill Cemetery.

## DISTRICT COURT NOW IN SESSION

District court opened at Abilene Monday morning with Hon. W. P. Mahaffey acting as special judge. His election being made by the lawyers present when court opened, following which he took the oaths of office as required.

Merkel is well represented on the grand jury in this session, Andy Hunter, H. H. Toombs, J. F. Shaffer and T. A. Johnson being members of that honorable body and have been in Abilene all the week investigating the law breakers of Taylor county.

## HOGS ON THE J. S. TOUCHSTONE PLACE

J. S. Touchstone, who lives in the Compere community, has raised more hogs than any other farmer we know of in the entire Merkel country with possibly one exception.

While Mr. Touchstone was away last week we visited his country home, and incidentally we are jealous of him in the prosperity his home radiates with. Our attention was attracted toward the barnyard where a series of grunts and squeals were forthcoming and on investigation found more hogs in one bunch than we ever thought could be raised on one farm. It would have been impossible to have counted them for the stir and squirm they kept during the time kept our figures all jumbled up and we ended the attempt in a guess of something like one hundred and fifty porkers all of which no doubt would average 175 to 200 pounds each. Away from this pen were numerous other small pens, showing that hog raising on a large scale was one of the pastimes of the Touchstone home. Information received from members of the family were to the effect that Mr. Touchstone would ship the fattening hogs to market soon. When he does he no doubt will have a bank account that will make misdirected efforts of raising cotton look like a dime with a hole punched in it.

## 30 MINUTES AT C. T. DERRICK'S HOME

C. T. Derrick, better known to the old-timers from Red River county, as "Claud," which appendage he has possessed since he started out in life, lives north of Merkel on one of the best equipped farms we have seen in many a day.

Last Friday the writer, in company with friends, drove to the Derrick home on business, in which we were not personally interested as Mr. Derrick was already a subscriber to the Mail, but while there took opportunity to look around the home at the diversified conditions Mr. Derrick is living under. Good cattle and hogs are a hobby of this prosperous Merkel country citizen and he is going in for the best there is in the cattle industry. Grade cattle and registered stock can be found in abundance on his farm, the registered Herefords, in which he is specializing are of a quality not surpassed in the west. From the famous Fairfax strain of Hereford cattle Mr. Derrick has raised as fine stock as a person could wish to see and according to his own statement he expects to have cattle for show purposes within another year's time, and when he does we venture to say that he will make it interesting for those who enter in contests against him. "More cattle and better cattle and less cotton" will mark a new era in west Texas.

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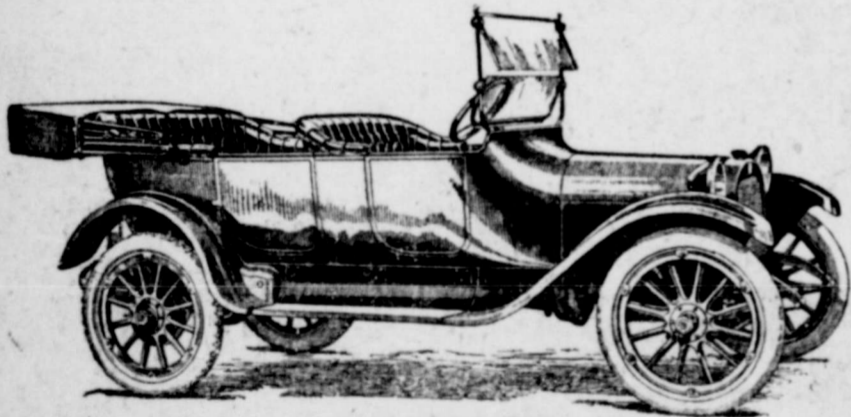
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### ROUTE 3

The people of route 3 are enjoying this sunshiny weather. A crowd of young people went to Castle Peak and took their dinner and made some kodaks. They all reported a nice time. Hoyt Horton has returned home from Oklahoma where he has been visiting his sister. Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Jones have been visiting the former's parents at Dora. J. B. Lilly spent the latter part of last week at Valley Creek. The singing at Mt. Pleasant last Sunday afternoon was attended by large crowd. Ira Thorton is the owner of a new buggy. It is reported that Walter Frazier and Miss Gertrude Pilot were married last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Barnes were in Merkel last Saturday.

### COMPERE

As no one has written from this place lately, I will send in a squib. Health in our community is fine, with the exception of the illness of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Moore. They seem to have little hope for Mr. Moore and have sent for a nurse to wait on him. We certainly feel sorry for these people as they are getting old and feeble. Mrs. Effie Demere and little Lena Lee returned home Saturday after a visit with her father and mother at this place. Farmers who have been at work are almost through plowing while some are very far behind. Mrs. Fannie Belle Moore from Plains county has been visiting her mother, Mrs. R. B. Rains. Several from our community attended the entertainment at Stith Wednesday night.

Miss Mollie Shannon is the proud owner of a fine piano given her by her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Dulin of Merkel spent the day by the bedside of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Moore.

Mrs. R. R. Spurgin spent Saturday in Merkel shopping.

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### SHILOH

Sunday school was very well attended Sunday, also prayer meeting Sunday night.

There was singing at the church Sunday evening.

W. L. Boyd of Trent spent Sunday afternoon with Terrell Winter and family.

Eliza Mayberry spent the week with his sister, Miss Edith Mayberry of Abilene.

Bud Brown and family spent Sunday with Will Bond and family near the Sweetwater creek.

There was a party at Will Johnson's Saturday night.

The Literary Society met Friday night and an interesting program was rendered which was enjoyed by all present.

Misses Letty and Beulah Jones visited friends in Noodle Sunday afternoon.

George Reeves and family spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends in the Newman community.

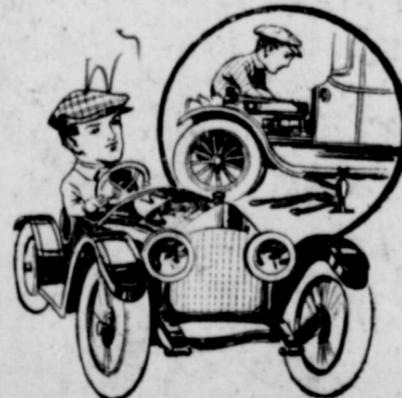
A jolly crowd of young folks spent Sunday with W. B. Beavers and family. Those present were Charles Seago and wife.



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Misses Effie Mayberry, Thelma Conder and Myrtle McDonald. Miss Maggie Wheeler who is attending high school at Noodle spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks here. Mrs. McDonald has returned to her home at Tennyson, after a visit here with relatives. There are several cases of whooping cough in our community at present. Prof. and Mrs. Thompson motored to Merkel Monday afternoon. Sam Rosson of Trent attended services here Sunday night. J. H. Grayson returned home Monday night from points out west. Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry visited

at the bedside of Rev. N. Roberts of Merkel who was very low Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Beavers were shopping in Merkel Wednesday. Mr. Callahan and son Volney and his wife visited friends in Merkel Saturday.

Will Barnes and family of Merkel visited relatives here last week.

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## A Singular Case of Resurrection

By F. A. MITCHEL

The investigators of the Rockefeller Institute may be very proud of themselves. Indeed, they have reason to be. They have substituted live parts of the human body for dead parts; they have set heart substance beating outside its proper place in a man's breast. If they keep on they may in time make a man out of parts of other men. But if the stories of what Indian fakirs have done in keeping persons alive in a comatose condition for many years is true these Rockefeller or scientific fellows or whatever they are have yet much to learn from an antique and apparently undeveloped civilization.

There is a story going the rounds among the undergraduates of a certain university which, if it can be substantiated, puts the modern scientific investigator to shame. Arnold Gereau, assistant professor of chemistry—he has charge of the laboratory—is one of these phenomena who spring up once in a century. He is very young, and it is well known that he was born with certain mental powers, a certain supernatural knowledge of things on which many a man has studied for a lifetime without making any progress whatever.

William Stockbridge, a member of the class of '15, so the story goes, one day went to Professor Gereau with a yellow bit of paper on which was written in old English style:

This is the body of William Arbuckle, private in his majesty's—30 foot. Captured in the parlot line with maps showing our fortifications on the upper part of Manhattan Island. He was condemned for a spy. An Indian serving with the same regiment—he had joined it at Singapore—persuaded General Washington to put the man to sleep for an indefinite period instead of executing him. The general, who was averse to the execution, consented, and Arbuckle was turned over to the Indians, who claim that any time after fifty or even a hundred years life will still be in the body. But not one man in many millions will be able to effect a resurrection.

Young Stockbridge told the professor that in excavating for building purposes on the upper part of Manhattan Island on property owned by his family a tomb had been discovered containing the body of a man in British uniform of a former period. The paper had been found in the lead coffin in which the body had been buried.

Gereau—mind you, I don't vouch for this—arranged with the student to bring the find to the laboratory, which at the time was closed on account of the spring recess and would therefore be at the professor's individual disposal. No one has attempted to give the process by which Gereau manipulated the remains of Private Arbuckle, but it is claimed that he effected a resurrection. The professor avers that he worked on lines which are being followed by modern scientific investigators. He must have had an inkling of the method by which animation was suspended by the Indian or he would not have been able to restore it by reverse action, which, he says, he applied. He gives as a fundamental principle that the Indian knew how to suspend—not kill—the action of the heart, and Gereau restored the pulsations, which are the basis of animal life.

Whether the story is true or false there is one part of it that fits in with modern scientific investigation. It is said that Gereau found that certain members of the body had suffered from the long suspension of their functions. The resurrected man showed signs of decay, and the professor feared that, though he had remained in an ordinary condition of health for more than 130 years, he would die within a few hours after resurrection. A test was begun of different organs, and the first tested—the kidneys—showed decay. Gereau at once telephoned to the College of Physicians and Surgeons for a pair of sound kidneys and, removing the ones affected, introduced the new ones. He supposed for some time that Arbuckle had died under the operation, but half a bottle of Irish whisky brought him round. The liver was next tackled, and half of it replaced. There were other parts to be substituted, but those mentioned were the principal replacements.

These operations required several hours, and another hour passed before Private Arbuckle spoke. Then he opened his eyes and cried out in a voice that seemed to come through dry leather:

"Corporal of the guard!" Gereau was delighted. It looked as if he might save his patient, for while the man had doubtless been deanimated in good health his being brought back to consciousness was not only a difficult matter, but a dangerous one.

There are several versions of the rest of the story. Some say that Arbuckle was sufficiently restored to remember and speak of his expected execution. Others aver that Gereau, finding his breathing defective, worked his efforts vigorously, but in spite of his efforts the man died.

It is said that at one time Arbuckle sat up and was given a stiff drink. Raising the glass he shouted in a horn-like voice:

"To his gracious majesty King George. God bless him and confound his rebellious subjects!"

Stockbridge and Gereau have both been asked to make a statement, but have refused either to affirm or deny the story. It is suspected that they are afraid of coming under the ban of the law, which might involve them in a charge of murder.

Sixty Years the Standard

# PRICES



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### RELIEF WORK SERMON

Rev. J. C. Templeton of Marshal, Mo., representing the Ministerial Relief and Sustentation branch of the Presbyterian church U. S. A., occupied the Presbyterian pulpit here Sunday morning. A splendid address was given by the speaker. The work is a movement for the pensioning of aged ministers, and churches throughout the country are responding in an unexpected way according to Rev. Templeton, and the work is a success.

### California Orange Day

Saturday, 18th, has been designated as "California Orange Day" and will be celebrated throughout the country by the hotels, restaurants, railroad dining cars and dining stations, boarding houses, housewives, etc., as well as by all lovers of this justly famed product. It is planned to have every individual in the land eat at least one orange that day, and to have California oranges served in a thousand and one appetizing ways.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the Democratic Primaries of July, 1916

For Legislature  
(Capt.) J. T. TUCKER

For District Judge  
JOE BURKETT, of Eastland  
W. P. MAHAFFEY  
D. K. SCOTT, of Cisco.

For District Clerk  
J. N. ROUTH  
H. O. DRUMMOND

For District Attorney  
N. N. ROSENQUEST  
(Re-election)

For County Clerk  
J. D. HILTON, Re-election

For County Attorney  
W. H. GRAHAM

For County Superintendent  
J. S. SMITH, Re-election

For Treasurer:  
J. A. BOYCE  
AUSTIN FITTS

For Tax Assessor:  
W. T. (TOM) ST. JOHN  
Re-election  
JOHN H. VANCE  
L. R. (ROY) PARMELLY  
J. S. PATTERSON

For Tax Collector:  
G. B. (BLUE) TITTLE  
W. F. DILLARD, Re-election

For Public Weigher at Merkel  
J. M. (Jim) TOOMBS  
Re-election

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2  
T. R. LASSITER (Re-election)

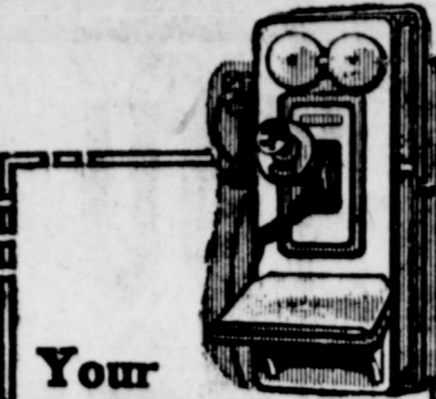
### Jones County Announcements

For County Attorney  
J. L. (Lee) CEARLEY  
Re-election

For County Clerk  
C. H. P'POOL, Re-election

For Tax Collector  
R. L. BARRETT, Re-election

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### NOTICE

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### Error in Announcement

In last week's issue of the Mail we erred in stating that Harry O. Drummond was a candidate for District Clerk.

The announcement should have read Herbert O. Drummond instead of Harry O. Drummond. The error was an oversight as the names were easily confused.

### Chickens and Eggs Wanted

A. L. Jobe will buy all your chickens and eggs at the highest possible prices. See him in his new store, first door east of the Merkel Garage.

## LOCAL NEWS

G. W. Roach left Wednesday afternoon for points on the Orient to visit relatives.

Ladies new spring military boots, nine and ten inch tops in bronze, white, grey and other colors. Woodroof's.

Mrs. C. M. Garvin who has been visiting her son, Rev. W. P. Garvin and family, returned Sunday to her home at Post.

Windmills, windmills; lots of them. See me before you buy your windmill and pipe fixtures. H. M. Rose.

Rose Comb Rhode Island white eggs \$1.00 per fifteen. Mrs. T. M. Pribble, Merkel, Texas. 254pd

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gafford of Centralia, Mo. are so adjourners in Merkel. These two are regular tourists to the south during the winter months and Merkel should feel honored to be chosen this year as their winter home.

Buy your furniture polish from A. L. Jobe. The Eureka is best.

Just received a large shipment of DOMO cream separators. See us before buying. The Anchor Mercantile Co.

Mrs. W. J. Largent left Tuesday for a months visit with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Saffle of Plainview.

We believe in quality. Eclipse windmills. The Anchor Merc. Company.

Mrs. Bristow of Van Horn returned home Saturday after a visit with Mrs. C. T. Mershon.

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Jno. W. Wheeler was in Sweet water Saturday.

A beautiful Chinese Book-mark or silk kimona, or Japanese Red-room slippers, imported direct from China, at Mrs. E. M. Rust's.

"Jake" Massey left Tuesday for Fort Worth and other points east.

Are you sick? Try Chiropractic and get well. A chiropractor adjusts the cause of all diseases. When the cause is removed nature restores your health. Consultation and analysis given free. Call and see me. Mrs. Battendorf Chiropractor. You will find me at Mrs. Alice Rose two blocks north of tabernacle. 3t1pd

The U. S. Model E Standard Star and Leader Mills, the very latest models ask to see them. H. M. Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Beal are the proud parents of a baby girl born Monday and W. I. Cogburn now a grandpa is rejoicing over the occasion.

### Piano Tuning.

At present with E. D. Coats, phone 36. Reference, any music teacher of Merkel. J. F. Harrison, Box 161. 1tpd

### Advertised Letters.

Coats, J. A.  
Foster, Mrs. Nora.  
Fray, Lillie.  
Miller, H. L.  
Perkins, Joe.  
Peterson, J.  
Reynolds, W. P.  
Teague, Mrs. A. J.  
Whitney, Mr.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office March 15, 1916.  
H. C. Williams, P. M.  
Merkel, Texas.

LOST—On Mulberry Canyon road a pair of buckskin, brown gauntlet gloves. Return to E. D. Coats for reward.

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The nearest thing to a specific against colds is a sleeping porch or open bed room and a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get up. Even then you will occasionally take a cold especially when colds are epidemic and when you do you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a great help in enabling you to get rid of it. Try it. For sale by all dealers.

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### ELEVEN DAYS TO TRAVEL 86 MILES; WAS THOUGHT LOST

Susanville, Cal., January 17—After having been gone since January 5th, Coroner A. K. Philbrook has returned from Grasshopper Valley, where he went to hold an inquest over the bodies of James Keith and W. Y. Curtis, who were burned to death in a fire that destroyed a bunkhouse at the Gerig ranch. Telephone communication has been cut off for two weeks, on account of heavy storms and traveling has been difficult and dangerous. Mrs. Philbrook several days ago became fearful that her husband had left the Gerig ranch and had failed to reach a point where the road was broken. She sent Tom Massey out on snow shoes to search for Philbrook. Massey met the coroner at Conklin's ranch on the return trip.

### Eleven Days on Road

Philbrook and Albert McNetton made the trip. The Gerig ranch is forty-three miles from this city. The out-going journey took four days and the return occupied seven days. The men started on horseback, but when the animals gave out they walked, breaking their own trail the greater part of the way. They managed to reach a ranch each night, going and coming.

"I hope I never have to make another trip like that," the cor-

oner said on his return trip.

### "Accidental Death"

A verdict of 'accidental death' was returned at the inquest, the evidence showing the fatal fire was started by the explosion of a lamp. The two men were together in the house about 8 o'clock. Curtis was in bed and Keith was reading. The limbs of both bodies were burned off, only the trunks being found.

The remains were temporarily interred at the ranch.

### Known in Merkel

W. Y. Curtis was for many years a resident of the Canyon country and was well known in that vicinity. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Salem Curtis of Sweetwater, and the body will eventually be interred there for its last resting place. Salem Curtis, Jr., went to California to investigate the death.

### Recent Auto Sales

H. M. Rainbolt, L. H. Burrus, E. W. Strickland, Oscar Buford, Brooks Patterson and W. Parten have each purchased new Fords, the latter placing an order for a Ford Sedan. A. C. Rose and J. G. Jones are the owners of Buick touring cars. E. H. Hail of Eskota new Regal touring car.

Have you placed your order for some of the beautiful Chinese articles at Mrs. E. M. Rust's.

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### GETTING OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT

This criticism has been placed against us in an explanatory way by the Abilene Reporter in describing an editorial in last week's Mail of the cattle industry in Taylor county.

When it comes to getting off on the wrong foot we are committed to the Abilene banker who criticised Taylor county cattle, without giving proper credit to the county's improved herds. After he has been placed at the head of the class we accept second place. That the conditions in general of the cattle industry in Taylor county should be improved is undisputed by the Mail. We would like to see every farm in this section the home of good cattle and indications point that we are fast coming to that improvement. The only bad side of the "Absolutely Disgusting" term applied to Taylor county cattle, is the fact that the interview with the Abilene banker, given space in the Reporter, has been published in papers in other parts of the state, and in sections of the country where people are not thoroughly conversant with true conditions in Taylor county. People reading such article would be unfavorably impressed with Taylor county as a stock country, and thus our county was given some bad advertising—advertising that it is not justly entitled to. A large portion of the so-called scrub cattle found in this section is due to shipments being made to this section by feeders who have found it profitable to bring eastern cattle here and feed them for market purposes. In this way the grade has seemingly been lowered but the home products in the cattle growing industry is being constantly improved and any interview that tends to criticise the scrub conditions without giving proper credit to our high grade cattle in the magnitude that it has assumed, does our county an injustice through advertising in newspapers wherever the criticism happens to be published.

### LET'S GO TOGETHER

A town in Georgia recently voted for saloons in a local option election and here is the way one Georgia newspaper explained the affair:

"If we are going to stand for our women folk wearing shadow and slit skirts and our girls learning to dance the boll weevil wobble, the Texas Tommy, the tango, the bunny hug, the bear dance, the half-canter, the turkey trot, the buzzard flop and so on down the line,—the men folk might just as well have their saloons and the whole push go to hell together.—Grapevine Sun.

The Sun is shooting at random and concentrates its aim on no particular object. When women wear shadow and slit skirts it is their own business fault; when they dance the bunny hug there is usually a man in the case and this has been true even as far back as the days of '49. But, all this the indiscretion would not justify the masculine sex lining up for a trip to eternal fire and brimstone. It would only be a case of "spite," with all contestants the losers.

### SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT

The Dallas News estimates the cash value of the greater part of the world to be \$558,639,071,090. The News may know what they are talking about, but we don't believe there is that much money.

### MAIL ORDER BUSINESS

A man from Abilene wrote to the Dallas News last week and asked who the Vice-President of the United States is. He also wanted to know if Spain was taking any part in the present European war and wound up his series of interrogatories by asking them what "preparedness" meant. The inquisitor signed his initials P. W. H. of Abilene. Now, if this Abilene man had been a patriot he would have asked the Abilene Reporter those questions, and we believe Frank Grimes could have answered every one of them.

### SAGE SAYINGS BY SOMEONE HERE

The following unsigned paragraphs found their way into our mail this week and believing that they contain material for much thought, we gladly give them space in our paper:

Isn't it strange that Merkel can raise \$30,000 for an oil mill but can't raise \$2,000 for a church? The trouble is we measure dividends in dollars and cents.

Did you ever stop to think that probably the reason why "they" do not clean up the town is because "you" have not made the start? Clean up!

Spring-time is almost here—the time for planting, painting and cleaning. Many are already but there are others yet who should join in. Lend a hand, Brother!

WANTED—An Oak Street that we can travel.

Personally, we are not trying to run the other fellow's affairs; but the man in town who puts his cow lot in his front yard, has little respect for his neighbor's property.

Mind your step! If Merkel is to be what we want Merkel to be, we, collectively and individually, have got to make it so. Are we doing our part?

Where's Merkel's civic league? A few prizes this year might make Merkel a city of civic attractiveness. Davenport, Iowa, approves the plan.

Editor Hill of the Roscoe Times is being urged to enter the race for Representative in his district, but he hasn't yielded.—Snyder Signal.

Better let a good man stay at home.

So far our dealings with Mexico have been largely made up of representatives and representations.—Bonham Favorite.

Interspersed with numerous misrepresentatives and many misrepresentations.

Can it be done? "An armless man seizes an opportunity."

The Germans are only fifteen miles east of Trent. Never touched Abilene.

### TO CLOSE AT 6:30

An agreement has been signed by practically every merchant in Merkel to close their business houses during the summer months at 6:30 each evening except on Saturdays. This agreement is binding, in that each man who signed the agreement gave his word to his fellow merchant that the 6:30 closing rule would be strictly observed.

Every man who has promised to assist in this movement should be very careful that his house closed each evening. In this way a friendly feeling will be maintained and clerks allowed a short time for recreation each day.

### COMMERCIALISMS

He will go down in history as Boatrocker Bryan.

Winter goes out, but does not bang the door behind it.

We have not heard of anybody complaining of the high cost of castor oil.

They can call her the "peace ship" if they want to, but lizzieford says she'll bust a tire whenever she pleases.

The Atlanta man who "stayed drunk a whole week on a dollar" might patent the process in the interest of economy.

Resignations are becoming epidemic.

# YOU HAD BETTER HURRY

Hundreds are taking advantage of our big offer, and our sales are CLIMBING DAILY

We are selling New Spring Goods at the OLD PRICE, saving to those who care 25 per cent to 75 per cent  
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### Foresight of Oslo.

King Victor was brought up by Colonel Oslo with a Spartan severity. As a boy he was subject to colds, and one pouring wet morning another tutor proposed that the usual ride should be abandoned. "And if there were a war," replied the martinet, "would the prince not mount because he had a cold?"—London Globe.

### 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.

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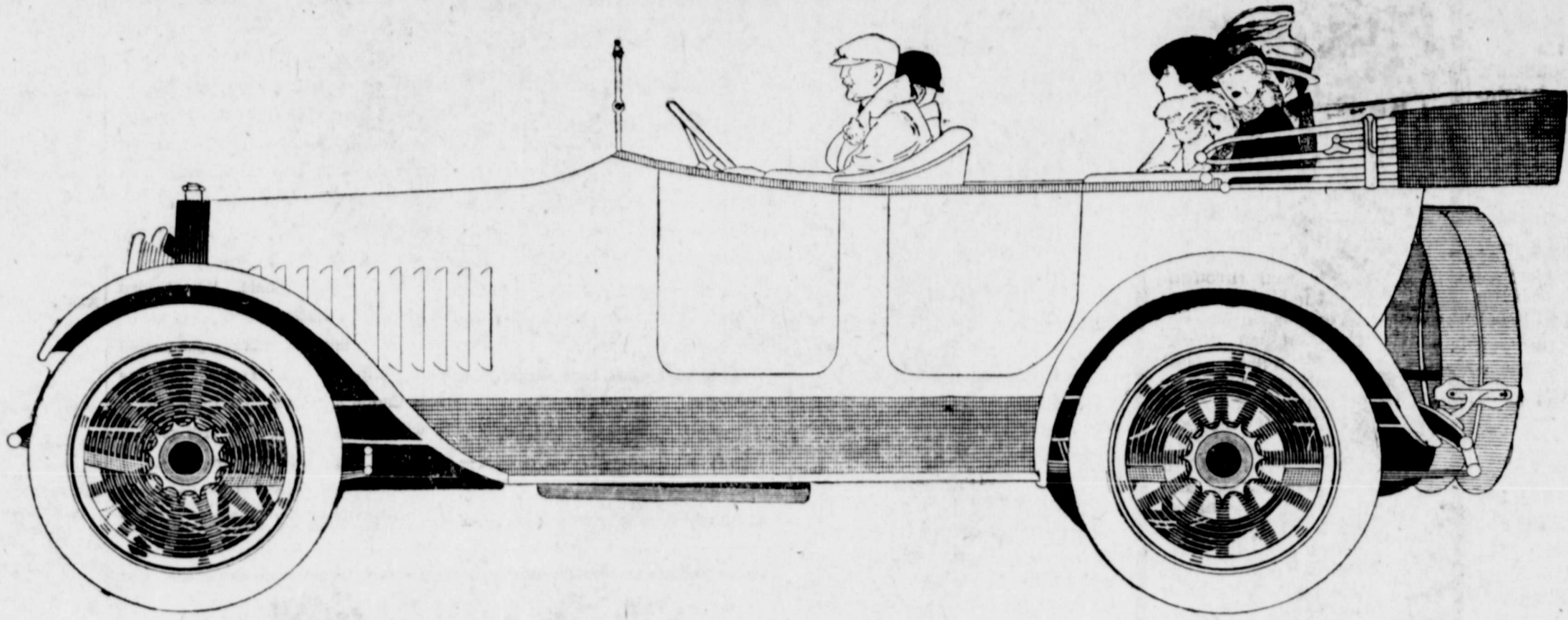
### Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly

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.

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The worst sores, no matter how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00





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When I sell you a Chalmers car, I am looking into the many tomorrows that stretch ahead.

The struggle of motor engineering does not end with the production of speed, power, safety, comfort, beauty.

It is a battle with time itself.

Just how many years the Six-30 3400 r. p. m. Chalmers I am selling today for \$1050 will stand up and obey your bidding, I don't know, Hugh Chalmers doesn't know. Nobody knows.

Time has not yet set an age limit upon this magnificent power beast.

The first Chalmers 30 was born back in 1909—seven years ago. And "Old Reliable," the first Chalmers 30 built, is still rolling up the mileage after over 300,000 miles of hardest road service.

The new Six-30 Chalmers with 3400 r. p. m. engine is a direct descendant of "Old Reliable."

But it is a greater and better car than its forefather. Into it has been bred and built a compact summary of motor eugenics.

This car delivers 45 H. P. at the former cost of 20 to 25 H. P. It gets twice the mileage per gallon of gasoline that many of its contemporaries get.

Here is high-speed, high power, high mileage, along with amazing fuel-thrift.

Engineering has taken a new, sharp turn. And Chalmers leads in wringing high speed and power from an engine without sacrifice of operating economy.

The great 3400 r. p. m. engine is an insurance policy against the rising trend of gasoline prices.

Its engine strength is reflected in its car strength—it meets the shocks of hardest usage without faltering or complaint. Every gram of material is selected from the raw with always an eye to its lasting qualities. An army of 226 inspectors watches over every detail of construction.

Chalmers cars are riveted to the future with all the skill known to science.

Like Tiffany, like Steinway, Hugh Chalmers has lashed his product securely to the requirements of tomorrow.



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**CROP CONDITIONS OVER THE STATE**

**Peanuts and Small Grain**

From Rockdale to Palestine, down the I. & G. N. to College Station and up the H. & T. C. to Hearne, nearly all of the farm land has been turned for another year. Much of it is too shallow and many have continued to plow up and down hill. A small area has been sown to small grain. There is much talk about a large increase of peanut acreage and some about more extensive swine raising, and there is much evidence of a largely increased truck-growing acreage. All sections traversed by this agent are in much better condition than this time last year.

**Medina County**

The oat acreage in the Northern half of Medina county has been increased about five per cent over last year. Recent cold weather damaged the crop to some extent and rain is needed.

The acreage of cotton will be increased about 25 per cent at the expense of corn and sorghum. Ninety-five per cent of the land is ploughed for the 1916 crop, and while it is dry, the early ploughed lands have sufficient moisture for planting. Corn planting began on the 21st. Pasture grass is scarce, and some stockmen are feeding prickly pear.

**Hill, Erath, Bosque and Hamilton**

Only slight damage was done to the grain crops in Hill, Erath and Bosque counties, and the most of the soil is being replanted. The damage was greater in Hamilton county. Wheat that was damaged is coming out nicely on the ground that was well prepared. Cotton acreage will be considerably reduced in the four counties, and the diversified area increased, grain and feed-stuffs being principal crops. There will be a large increase in the peanut acreage.

**Grimes and Montgomery**

There will be a small increase of the acreages in these two counties planted this year to peanuts, tomatoes and melons.

Normal crops of cotton and corn will be planted. Breaking and preparing land for planting is progressing nicely.

**Smith**

A large crop of sweet potatoes will be planted this season to supply the process houses being built to cure them. There will be a large acreage of corn, most of the ground being broken, and the heaviest crop of peanuts in the history of the county. Some of the oats thought to be lost are coming out, and the lost being replanted. The pea crop will be large in acreage, as will be home and truck gardens. Poultry and dairies are taking hold.

**Tarrant, Dallas, Denton and Wise**

Wheat looking better with about 5 per cent killed. All fall oats killed, but a much larger acreage will be sown to oats. Cotton acreage will cut, according to present indications, about 15 per cent. Corn and feed crops will be increased about 25 per cent; hogs, 10 per cent; cattle, 15 per cent; horses and mules, 10 per cent; chickens, 25 per cent. Farmers will do much

terracing.

**Sabinal Valley**

The oat acreage in the eastern part of Uvalde county has been increased about 10 per cent over last year's large acreage. Recent cold weather damaged that crop somewhat, but with ample rain that damage will be overcome. Cotton acreage was reduced last year 75 per cent, but will be restored this year about 50 per cent, bringing it up to about 60 per cent of normal. Cotton and oats are the money staple crops of this section, but diversification is becoming general.

**Washington**

In the Brenham and contiguous territory plowing is farther advanced than ever before at this season. All lands are in fine tilth and in most places farmers are getting their lands ready for corn planting. Business men and farmers are working well together in an effort to keep down the cotton acreage to about last year's planting. Peanuts and beans will take the place of cotton, and the peanut planting will be very large.

**Taylor and Surrounding Counties**

The farmers of Taylor, Jones, Callahan, Eastland and Shackelford counties are busy breaking the soil for the 1916 planting of feedstuffs. Grain crops need rain badly. Wheat, in spite of dry weather, is coming out well and even some of the oats thought to have been killed, are showing life. The cotton acreage as compared to that of last year, will be cut from 25 to 30 per cent. A few farmers will cut it 50 per cent.

**Grain Crop Losses**

Estimates are that the Texas wheat crop will be less than one-half that of last year, and that oats will show a decrease of quite three-fourths, with replanting going on in some sections. Crops were entirely killed in some sections. The damage occurs from freezing, excessive moisture and lack of moisture, and green bugs.

**Peanut Oil Mills**

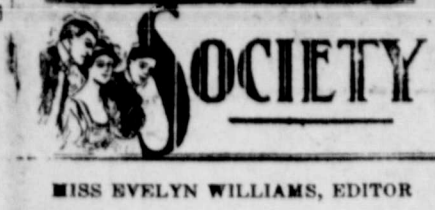
Reference to this and the last issue of the Weekly News Letter will show that present indications are that a vastly increased acreage of peanuts will be planted this year in various sections

of the state. The same sources of information foreshadow at least a substantial increase in the swine raising industry, as in the expansion of the livestock farming industry in all lines. Diversification of this character is most encouraging to this Department and of utmost importance to the farmers. In this connection the department would point out the opportunity for co-operation between the business men and farmers in the erection of peanut oil mills. As the basis of various by-products, the peanut has assumed a high importance as an article of commerce, and there are few counties that are not capable of an output adequate to keep a mill in active operation. It is advised that local institutes take this matter up and see what can be done in their communities.

**Keep You Bowels Regular**

As everyone knows, the bowels are the sewerage system of the body, and it is of the greatest importance that move once each day. If your bowels become constipated take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablet just after supper and they will correct the disorder. For sale by all dealers.





A diversion in social pleasures was afforded those who enjoy dancing on last Friday evening when the parlors of the Elite were closed for private dancing. Those present report a delightfully spent evening and it will no doubt be a repeated pleasure.

On last Friday evening the Freshman class of the Merkel High school chaperoned by their teacher, J. L. Williams, enjoyed a tally-ho ride to Abilene on Foster's auto-truck. The enjoyment awaiting them at the end of their ride was a play given by the Abilene High School at Auditorium.

**Dennis-McCoy**

Among the marriage licenses issued for last week appear the names of Si Dennis and Mrs Iva McCoy both of Dora. Both bride and groom are well known here. The former having made her home here for sometime a few years back and the latter being often a business visitor here. Congratulations and best wishes are, of course, extended from the friends here.

**Frazier-Plyant**

On Wednesday afternoon February 23 Mr. Walter Frazier of Merkel and Miss Gertrude Plyant of the Caps community were married in Abilene. Mr. Frazier is a son of J. R. Frazier of Merkel and it is here that these young people will make their home having already established their household in our town. We give them a hearty welcome and wish for them happiness together in their life.

**Farmer-Doan**

The marriage of Mr. A. L. Farmer and Miss Essie Doan was solemnized at the home of Rev. A. A. Baker Sunday afternoon, February 27th. Both the contracting parties are members of prominent families and have numerous friends in the Blair community where they will reside.

**Birthday Party**

At her home Saturday afternoon, February 19th, Miss Geneva May Tipton celebrated her thirteenth birthday. No other birthday seems more important to the girl than the one entering her teens, so several of Geneva's friends gathered to enjoy with her this occasion. At the close of the afternoon's fun, refreshments of lemonade, popcorn-balls and pineapple with whip-cream and cake were served. Geneva's friends with her for the afternoon were Lilly Pratt and Mary Eula Sears, Maurine Cobb, Gyrle Howard, Lucille Duckett, Myrtle McDonald, Nellie Swann and Lucille Whitaker.

**Higgins-Taylor**

Mr. Ollie Higgins, of Merkel Route 4, and Miss Ida Taylor, of Loraine, were married at the latter place on last Sunday morning. Both contracting parties are widely known in the country north of Merkel. The groom being a son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Higgins, has lived in the Salt Branch neighborhood for years. And here Mr Higgins will bring his bride to start with her their own home life. The old, old wish, but yet new to each couple—of happiness and prosperity is extended to these two.

On Monday afternoon, February 21st the Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church enjoyed a social meeting with Rev. and Mrs. Bullick. The instruction and self improvement for the afternoon came from a program of readings and papers, the pleasure from an exchange of ideas through social conversation.

Another Testimonial for

**Calumet Baking Powder**

**The President's Wedding Cake**

was prepared by Mrs Marion Cole Fisher and Miss Pansy Bowen, both of whom are known throughout the United States as experts in Domestic Science work. This Wilson-Galt Wedding Cake was worthy of the occasion in every respect. Calumet Baking Powder was used in its preparation and both the above named ladies heartily recommend Calumet Baking Powder for its purity, wholesomeness, economy and never-failing results. These ladies use Calumet exclusively in all their work.

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The hostess served a salad course at the close of the afternoon.

**Entertained**

Naming Miss Cora Cooper of Colorado as honoree, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pitzer, Jr., entertained a few friends at their residence Tuesday evening. Those present were Misses Mamie and Fanny Moore, Ruth Mims, Ruby Jones, Mesdames Goode, Largent and the hostess. And Messrs. Dee, Emmett and Ennis Grimes, Nat Anderson, T. H. Largent, Minor Goods, Archie Anderson, Sam D. Swann and the host. Delicious refreshments were served.



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**Ladies Aid Social.**

The Methodist ladies on last Monday afternoon held a social meeting of their Aid Society in the east room of the church. Things unexpected prevented the attendance of some members but a fairly good sized audience enjoyed the program which was:

- Song No. 25—Higher Ground.
- Scripture Reading—Mrs. J. L. Harris.
- Prayer—Mrs. Chas. Beard.
- Piano Solo—Miss Leila Hill.
- Reading—Mrs. C. L. Evans.
- The Bank of Heaven—Mrs. R. A. Martin.
- How We Should Use Our Talents—Mrs. H. C. Williams.
- Financial Plans to Use Our Talents—Mrs. H. C. Burroughs.
- Leader—Mrs. J. J. Shelton.

**W. P. Mahaffy, Not J. W.**

In our announcement columns we entered the name of Judge Mahaffy of Abilene with the initials of J. W. when they should have been W. P. Judge Mahaffy is now presiding over the district court at Abilene in the absence of Judge Blanton and is filling the position to the entire satisfaction of all court attendants.

**T. D. Compton is Improved**

T. D. Compton, who has been ill for the past two months, is reported to be greatly improved. Mr. Compton has been at Sweetwater for the past two weeks and will remain there at the Grogan Mineral Wells under treatment for some time.

**YOUR MISSION.**

When once you have conceived and determined your mission let naught arrest your steps. Fulfill it with all your strength; fulfill it whether blest by love or visited by hate, whether strengthened by association with others or in that sad solitude that almost always surrounds the martyrs of thought.

**Inspiration.**

"Now, son, take this message quick by, will you?" "Sure, boss," said the messenger boy. "Just imagine you are a dauntless hero on the villain's trail."—Pittsburgh Post.

**Lucky.**

"I hear that Jones is up to his ears in debt." "Yes, but luckily he isn't very tall."—Boston Transcript.

**Japanese Dogs.**

Japanese dogs are almost destitute of noses, having the nostrils set directly in the head.

**Well Framed.**

"You're the very picture of health." "Yes, and I'm in a contented frame of mind."—Chicago Tribune.

**Auto Suggestion.**

"We've just bought a Rembrandt." "How many cylinders?"—Boston Transcript.

**Gold Leaf.**

A floor fourteen feet square might be covered with a single ounce of gold leaf.

**Largest Meteorite.**

The largest meteorite stone actually known to have fallen to earth weighed 437 pounds.

**He Went.**

He—Be candid and tell me when you want me to go. She—It's a couple of hours too late for that.

**A Definition.**

Little Elmer—Papa, what is hope? Professor Broadhead—Hope, my son, is what we have left.—Exchange.

**A Ball on the Window Shade.**

It frequently occurs in adjusting spring roller blinds that the cord slips through the hand and the blind not only winds up to the top, but continues until the spring has spent its force and the blind and cord are rolled up out of reach. It is then necessary to use a chair or a stepladder to reach just it. All this trouble and annoyance can be avoided if a small hollow rubber ball is obtained and holes punched through so it may be threaded on the curtain string and tied close to the stick. Should the blind slip away with this attachment the ball will jam up against the window frame, preventing further winding up.—Popular Mechanics.

**Inevitable.**

Husband—Why do you ask Mr. Hobson to every one of your dinners? Wife—The cook. He is the only friend of ours whom she likes.—St Louis Republic.

**Of Course They Did.**

Tom—You say the bride and bridegroom looked nice. What about the guests? Will—Oh, they took the cake!

**TODAY'S LIFE.**

Disraeli once said that the most evil one has to endure is the anticipation of calamities that do not happen. The thing to aim at is to live, as far as possible, in the day and for the day.

**HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE**

**After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.**

Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side. The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good."

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair. At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its tiring me, and am doing all my work." If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

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If you take your harness anywhere else other than here to be repaired. No where else can you get your harness repaired so skillfully at the price we charge. Harness repaired by us will wear just as long as new harness, if not longer. Let us repair yours.  
**J. A. BROWN**  
Crowded too soon. It seems, indisputably, that Anson has a wrestler who can't be thrown, and a horse that can't be rode. — Anson Enterprise.  
The Anson editor published this just two days too soon for within two days following the publication of the above their wrestler had met his Waterloo and their "Blue Jay" horse was given a good setting by one "Montana Earl."  
Buggies --- Buggies, 2 cars just received. Anchor Mercantile Company.

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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 & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

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told us a trade secret how to reduce the cost of manufacture. It meant an additional profit to us, but we spurned the suggestion. Why? Because we resolved always to give the public only pure candy, up to the highest possible standard. That is the kind we sell you.  
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Judge D. K. Scott of Cisco announces to the readers of the Mail as a candidate to the position of District Judge of this district, subject to the coming primaries. Judge Scott, a senior member of the law firm of Scott and Brelsford of Cisco has been actively engaged in the practice of law for the past twenty-five years and has served four years as county Judge of Eastland county and on many occasions has occupied the district judge's bench in special sessions. Judge Scott is no doubt admirably qualified to the position which he aspires and we commend him to your consideration.



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5 pair men's 25c hose.....	<b>\$1.00</b>
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3 heavyweight undershirts for men, regular 50c garments, for.....	<b>\$1.20</b>
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### ORDERED SUITS FOR MEN

All ordered suits for men taken Saturday from our noted Julian Ray tailor made line will be subject to a 10 per cent discount. This discount is for Saturday only. Order your suit now.

### SHOES FOR WOMEN

Ladies, the most exquisite, up-to-date showing of spring shoes is now open for your approval. The high-top boots are the very newest and are a most sensible shoe. Get a fit in the new grey, blue, white or bronze. Try the Selby shoe for ease and comfort, and style as well.

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Whitman Special shoes and oxfords for men—a comfortable, genuine, glazed kangaroo, the kind you pay \$6.00 for, only **\$5.00**  
 Get a new pair of spring kicks from our line of oxfords. We can fit the Hard to Fit when it comes to fitting shoes.

### Hart Schaffner & Marx

Celebrate spring by buying a suit of the celebrated Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes—the best clothes in the world for men. Every garment guaranteed. Let us measure you now.

### Spring Line Boys' Clothes Saturday Only

We will give absolutely free one 50c boys' sport shirt in beautiful patterns with every boys' suit sold at or above \$4.50.

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### THE NEW KID WAIST SETS

Collar and Cuff sets in red, blue, oriental burnt colors and all the new shades. Don't fail to see them while our stock is complete.  
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Let's forget about all the disagreeable and painful part of sickness, and ask ourselves if it PAYS to be sick.

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### TICK QUARANTINE IN EFFECT HERE

Abilene, Texas, March 1.—Taylor County is now in the list of progressive counties of the state. A full-fledged quarantine went into effect today—March 1—against the shipping into the county of cattle without the fulfillment of the regular quarantine requirements.

Judge J. F. Cunningham returned from Fort Worth Wednesday morning and gave out the following in an interview:

"I went to Fort Worth to see the State Sanitary Livestock commission at the instance of some of the cattlemen. I can report that the commission gave definite and unqualified assurances that while the special quarantine goes into effect today, yet the railroads and inspectors are instructed that cattle from below the line may be shipped to Abilene and unloaded in the pens, but must be dipped and inspected at least once before going to the pasture or other points in the county. This rule will be observed until later in the summer, when it may be necessary to change it."

"Members of the commission will be here March 13th for the purpose of conferring with citizens and commissioners' court regarding the building of dipping vats and other matters pertaining to the tick clean up."

Judge Cunningham gave the reporter the following call for a meeting to be held here next Monday:

"All citizens of Taylor county are requested to meet in mass at the courthouse next Monday march 6, at 2 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of selecting a citizens' committee to assist the Federal, state and county officials in eradicating tick from Taylor county."

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and every neighborhood in the county, and the committee would appreciate a large attendance.

- "TOM WARREN.
- "C. M. LARGENT.
- "C. W. MERCHANT.
- "NEWT FERGUSON.
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Miss Ora Bryson entertained the young people last Friday night.

Elder Dan Simpson of Trent preached at the Christian church Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. T. E. Goode spent Friday and Saturday with relatives in Abilene.

The young people enjoyed a singing at the Methodist church Sunday night.

Miss Allene Barbee spent Saturday in Abilene with friends.

E. L. Eason attended singing at Trent Sunday afternoon.

R. W. Green and daughter, Hallie, spent Saturday in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ely motored to Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell spent Monday and Tuesday at

Shiloh with the latter's uncle, J. E. Jones and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Beene were visitors in Merkel Saturday and Sunday.

Claud Rosson left Tuesday for Waco and other points east.

Dellis Greene and Jake Eason spent Sunday in Abilene with the former's mother and little sister, who is at the sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Witt of Merkel were guests of the former's brother, W. C. Witt and family Sunday.

Rev. W. K. Horn of Abilene was in our community Tuesday visiting relatives.

Mr. Jap Rogers sustained a broken collar bone and two ribs last Friday in a runaway. He is improving very slowly.

Miss Maud Ferguson was the guest of friends and homefolks Saturday and Sunday.

J. W. Ely was a visitor in Abilene Saturday.

A number from here attended the wrestling match at Merkel Monday night.

### MARVIN SMITH IS UNCONSCIOUS YET

At 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon Marvin Smith had not regained consciousness to such an extent that he could describe any of the conditions which led to his injury in an affray Wednesday with one, F. Edgar Smith, workman at the depot.

In a talk with Mrs. Marvin Smith at their home Thursday morning she stated that during a few short intervals throughout the night her husband seemed to be able to collect his mind to a small degree. Early in the morning his physician called on him and in questioning Mr. Smith as to what seemed to bother him he replied that his head hurt but when asked what he supposed caused it he said "I don't know."

When his brother, O. W. Smith of Trent, tried to learn some of the facts from his lips, he utterly failed further than to get Marvin to say that he had gone to town Wednesday and this seemed to be the only incident of Wednesday that was impressed upon his mind. Throughout the night he had been restless and sick, and from the right ear blood gradually escaped. The only interest the injured man manifested in his injuries, from the time of the accident Wednesday evening which was about 5 o'clock up until the time this was prepared, was to enquire what scratched his head and what made his head hurt so bad.

Edgar Smith who is alleged to have struck Marvin Smith over the head with some instrument, said to have been a shovel is of no relations to the injured man. F. E. Smith formerly lived in a house that he rented from Marvin Smith and it is alleged that matters pertaining to the rent on the place led up to the trouble.



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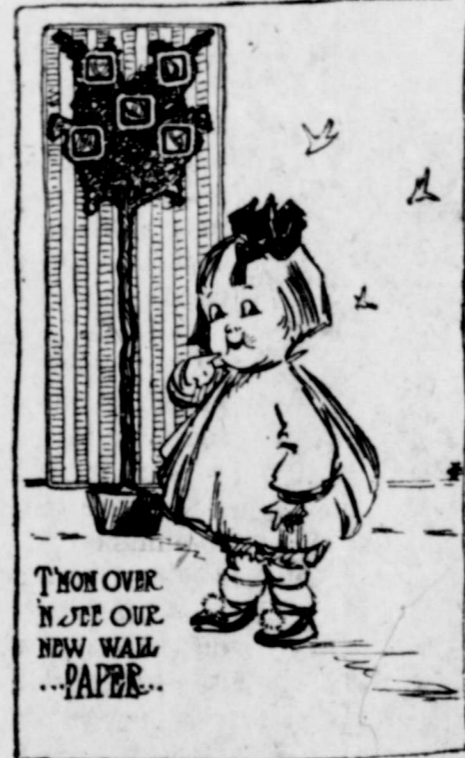
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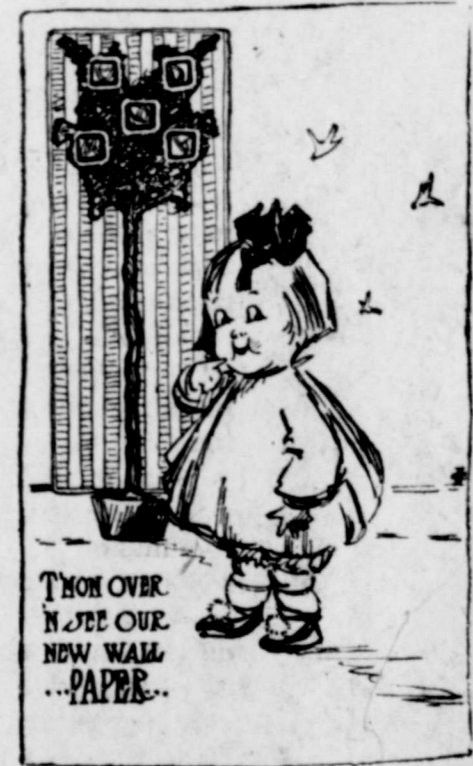
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