

## BIG REVIVAL AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

As per announcement previously made in these columns, the revival meeting at the Methodist church began last Sunday; the pastor doing the preaching until the arrival Tuesday night of Rev. Watts, of Lockney, who has since and will continue to occupy the pulpit throughout the remainder of the meeting.

On last Sunday night all the other churches of the city gave way for the revival, and at the service that night the building was filled to overflowing; in fact many were turned away because they could not get in, and at every service since, there has been large attendance.

Rev. Watts, although a young man, is eloquent, forceful and logical in the deliverance of his Gospel messages and without doubt interesting in the meeting is growing with each service. and, with the continued cooperation of the Christians from the other churches it may be expected that before the meeting shall have come to a close there will be much good accomplished and many new converts added to the various churches.

Pastor Murrell announces that there will be two services each day; at ten o'clock in the morning and seven-thirty in the evening and extends a cordial welcome to one and all to come, take part in the meeting and lend their assistance to the cause as far as they can.

Every evening the ladies are holding prayer-meeting in the Sunday School rooms at seven o'clock and to which every old and young lady as well, are invited. We also learn that the young people will hold prayer-meetings at the same hour in the Young Peoples Sunday School rooms and to which all are welcomed and urged to attend.

### A RABBIT DRIVE NEXT THURSDAY

The Mail has been requested to announce that there will be a rabbit drive in the Noodle community next Thursday March 17 and that the place of meeting will be the Collins Pens, about five miles north of Merkel.

Everybody is invited and urged to go out and take part in fun of exterminating the rabbit pest. It is rumored that a nice lunch will likely be served at noon, and to which all will be invited to participate. It is also said that the rabbits are much more plentiful and even larger in this community, so it may be possible that the contemplated drive will net even a larger number than has been killed on some of the prior big chases.

### POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED

At the home of the bride in this city on the 3rd day of March Mr. Howell Britan and Miss Bernice Rainbolt, two of Merkel's most popular and excellent young people were happily united in marriage. Rev. W. M. Murrell pronouncing the words that made them man and wife.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, and has a host of friends and admirers, with whom we join in extending congratulations and good wishes.

The groom is a well known young man of this city with sterling character, honest and energetic. who numbers his friends by his acquaintances, and with whom we also join in extending to him and his bride sincere congratulations and good wishes.

Gold Plume Coffee at Bradshaw & Sublett's.

### METHODIST WOMENS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

A very interesting and profitable meeting of the Womens Missionary Society was held at the church on last Monday afternoon. This was regular business meeting day but we also had our first lesson in our new Mission Study book, The Bible and Missions.

Our president Mrs. Brown conducted the business meeting. A pretty good report was had from all the different offices of the society. Our corresponding secretary Mrs. Will Smith informed us of the District meeting of the Womens Missionary Society which is to be held at Baird on March 24th. Then came the election of delegates to this meeting. Since our last District meeting which was in December, our membership has grown to the extent that now we are entitled to 4 delegates instead of one. The following ladies were elected as delegates to go to Baird. Mesdames Brown, Murrell, Martin and Durham. This closed the business for the afternoon and the president turned the meeting over to Mrs. Martin who is teacher of the Mission study Class. This being our first lesson in the new book it is needless to say it was indeed an enjoyable one. This is the most interesting mission study book we have ever had and we would like to urge every member of the Missionary Society to meet with us and enjoy these lessons. We have an excellent teacher in the person of Mrs. Martin and you will find this book well worth your time and study. We had an excellent meeting from start to finish and a goodly number present. There were 21 present but this is hardly half of our membership and we would be greatly pleased to have the entire membership at these meetings.

Next Monday afternoon we have our regular Bible study and will also spend one hour on the Mission Study book. Reporter.

### RETURNS FROM TRIP NORTH

L. R. Thompson, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, on his return from Kansas City, stopped at Pratt, Kansas and had a visit with Mr. Thos. A. Johnson. Mr. Thompson reports that Mr. Johnson has a fine business and has made a host of friends in his new home who regard him as a fine banker and a gentleman.

The family have purchased a nice home and are well pleased with their surroundings. Pratt is a town of more than five thousand people and the Peoples bank is the largest bank in the city.

Mr. Thompson said that the five hours with Mr. Johnson and family were spent in discussing their mutual friends in Merkel for whom Mr. Johnson entertains a very high regard and to all of whom, he wished to be kindly remembered.

### PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

On last Monday evening the society met with Mrs. S. F. Haynes. Bible topics were studied and discussed; then a nice social chat. Lord's prayer as dismissal.

Next meeting will be held with Mrs. William Elliot, Monday afternoon, March 14.

Oh! Yes that Bazaar on the 19th of March don't forget it, and have a sandwich please.

### NORTH SIDE CHURCH

R. C. Bell of Abilene Christian College will preach at the North Side Church Sunday at 11 o'clock a.m. and 7:45 o'clock p.m. Come out to hear him if you can.

## BASKET BALL GIRLS PLAY SWEETWATER

Last Friday afternoon the girls' basket ball team and the boys tennis team went to Sweetwater. The boys played especially good tennis to have had such a short period of practice. Then followed a hard fought game of basket ball. The Sweetwater team did some good playing but they did not surpass the Merkel team. When one side scored the other side quickly followed suit, landing a score also. At the end of the first half the score stood 11 to 12 in favor of Sweetwater. At the end of the second half the Sweetwater team had only beaten Merkel by the score of 7, the score being 20-27. Sweetwater played two girls that had played on a college team, one of which had played ball for 13 years. She also played three players who were not passing in their work. All of the Merkel players were certified eligible players. Hence the game has to be counted merely as a practice game and does not count as any championship game. Our home team has a better chance than ever of winning the championship and the "loving cup" for Merkel.

## A COMPARISON IN BANK STATEMENTS

That our country has been hit hard, and many are hard pressed, no man will dispute, but when we come to think about it the people of this country have at this time many thousand dollars more money than they did a few years ago, say seven years back 1914, and we venture that there is a louder cry from every source than then. For an example of conditions then and now, we take the bank statements of the two Merkel banks made in March 1914 and those of the two banks, one published last week and the other in this issue. The combined individual deposits of the two banks in 1914 was \$230,314.13, whereas the combined individual deposits of the two banks at this time is \$1,022,688.32. And we are pleased to say that there has been many compliments from the financial centers and men of affairs, on the splendid showings of our two banks, and which reflect the splendid condition of our people as a whole, as well as the splendid and safe condition of our banks.

And yet with the great showing of increased wealth in our community, there is a heavy demand for money every day. And yet our bankers are optimistic, and equal to the occasion as is evidenced by the answer given us some days ago when we inquired of our friend R. O. Anderson of the Farmers State Bank, "how was financial conditions?" and to which he replied, "we are taking care of our friends and customers."

### MERKEL COUPLE GET MARRIED AT FORT WORTH

According to reports, Miss Vivian Hutcheson, one of Merkel's most beautiful and charming young ladies, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hutcheson of this city, and Mr. Will Stewart, also of this city, were united in marriage at Fort Worth last Tuesday afternoon, much to the surprise of friends and relatives here.

The Merkel Mail joins a host of friends in wishing for them much happiness and prosperity throughout their married career.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE CITY OFFICES

Friends of Messrs H. C. West W. O. Boney and A. T. Sheppard request the Merkel Mail to announce them as candidates for the following offices:

Mr. H. C. West is named as a candidate for the office of Mayor, and as he is so well and favorably known by practically every man, woman and child in this city, it would be useless for us to make comment on his splendid qualifications to fill the position. But we will say that, Mr. West has resided in Merkel practically all his life, is progressive, wideawake, honest and thoroughly familiar with the needs of our city in every particular and more especially is he qualified to fill the position his friends are seeking for him, with satisfaction to the citizenship and honor to himself.

For Aldermen, Messrs W. O. Boney and A. T. Sheppard are announced by their friends as candidates for the two places on the board to be filled at this election. And they to are well known, liked and esteemed by the entire citizenship, and without doubt highly qualified to make the most efficient Aldermen.

## METHODIST BISHOP VISITS THIS CITY

Many of Merkel's church-going people and citizens enjoyed a great treat at the Methodist church here Wednesday morning when they heard Bishop William F. McMurray of Louisville, Ky., deliver one of his great sermons. Bishop McMurray had been called to Abilene, where he went to see after some matters connected with the establishing of the proposed Methodist College in that city, and at a meeting there Tuesday which was attended by Presiding Elder Ministers and laymen from all over West Texas, he very graciously accepted an invitation from pastor Murrell of this city, to come to Merkel Wednesday for an address. And while his coming had but little advertising, a fairly large audience was present to hear this one of the greatest Methodist ministers throughout the south, and those of our citizens who failed to hear him missed a rare treat indeed.

### MONEY TO LOAN

My inspector will be in Merkel March 14. If you need a loan on your farm see me if possible Friday or Saturday so that we may inspect same Monday 14. Most of the loan companies have quit business, so get busy and get your loan while you can. W. O. Boney. 1tp

### MARRIED

On Monday of this week Mr. Geo. L. Harrison of Jayton, Texas and Mrs. Lucile Ponder of near Stith Texas, widowed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Broughton, motored to Merkel and were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony. A. L. Jobe officiating.

On Saturday, March 19 call at the Presbyterian Ladies Bazaar and see the many nice things they have to offer. 11t2

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### CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COM. ANNOUNCEMENT

At a meeting of Civic Improvement Committee it was decided to put on a drive for funds to keep a Sexton at the Cemetery and other expenses and the following were appointed captains, and were asked to meet at the City Hall March 24th, at three o'clock to make plans for the drive.

Mrs. Amy Sears, Oak street south. Mrs. John Sears, Oak street east. Mrs. Frank McFarland, Mrs. Dr. Miller and Mrs. H. F. Groene, north Merkel. Miss Mossey Sears and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, Business Section. Mr. A. M. Whimberley, Stith and Vicinity. Mr. John Hughes Blair and Vicinity. Mr. E. H. Cordell, Nubia and Vicinity. Mr. J. W. Teaff, Salt Branch and Vicinity. Miss Essie Hale, Shilo and Vicinity. Mr. W. D. Haynes Tye. Mr. D. I. Shelton Union Ridge. Mr. Walter Witt Noodle. Please all Captains meet as above requested. CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

### BIG RATTLERS ARE GETTING NUMEROUS

One day recently the Editor and our good friend and splendid citizen, Mr. Sam Butman Sr. were talking about the success of the big rabbit drives going on over the country, and that gentleman, who has been ranching in this country for many years, remarked that the fact that the deadly rattle snake which has been found in this country more or less ever since man has inhabited same, was getting more plentiful the last few years, and presents the following suggestions to our readers as a means of thinning this much dreaded and dangerous pest out. Mr. Butman's letter follows:

There is a question that should be put before the people of our country, that is the dreaded rattle snake. The warm days of this time of year is the time to hunt their dens and kill them by the dozens.

Why not recommend to our people that each man take two or three days of their time this early spring and hunt this dreaded pest. One snake may cause a death in your family or the loss of a good work mule or a cow.

There is a certain rattle snake den in one of my pastures that for many years snakes have been killed in large quantities every spring. Will Butman and Joe Alexander made a wholesale killing at this den but a short time ago and after killing a large number that was on the out side sunning, said that snakes rattling on the inside sounded like bumble bees.

I do not recommend that the snakes den be destroyed but kept for future housing of these pest, and that we go back to these places every spring and make our snake killing. I recommend that every one who kills snakes this spring report to the Merkel Mail office the amount of snakes killed and have a record kept to this effect. Yours truly, Sam Butman.

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### RABBIT DRIVE

There will be a rabbit drive Friday, March 11, starting at the Robbison place and go east to the Mulberry School house. Come as early as possible.

Read the Merkel Mail everyday

## COMMUNITY CLUB TO MEET AT AUDITORIUM

At the High School Auditorium the Merkel Community Club will meet tonight (Friday) in regular session. Chairman Mason announces that, besides the regular routine of business which may come before the meeting, he is expecting some interesting reports of plans which have been worked out by the various committees, he has appointed, announcement of which was made in these columns last week and which committees we learn have already gotten down to work, as will be seen in the announcement elsewhere in this paper by the Civic Committee.

That is the thing that will make the Community Club a profitable organization for all the people of Merkel and surrounding country. For when the Chairman of each committee calls their co-workers together and they get down to business and formulate plans and bring them before the whole organization things will begin to move in a way that will prove beneficial and pleasing to our citizenship.

And, since this is an organization of and by the people, whose purpose it is to build up our little city in many ways, we feel that it should have the unstinted and wholehearted support of all the people. In fact, every town or city is just what its citizenship makes it, and Merkel although it is now one of the very best and cleanest little cities in all the West, it can be made better in many ways, so let everybody put a shoulder to the wheel and help this organization to serve the town fully 100 per cent in every purpose for which it has been organized.

### BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday school 10 a.m. with places for all. Our goal Sunday is 325. Come and help us go over. 314 last Sunday needs only 11 new ones to make the 325 if all the old ones come back. But some may be sick and one or two may use Sunday as a day to go visiting, so we need about 25 new ones to make sure of our goal. Let each one be on hand Sunday and in the mean time try to get to get some one not now in Sunday School to promise to me there Sunday.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 o'clock a.m. B.Y.P.U. at 5 p.m. Training Classes 7 p.m. again this week so as to permit all who wish to attend Methodist meeting.

Ladies Social meeting Tuesday 2:30 p.m. at home of Mrs. Merritt.

No evening preaching or prayer meeting on account of Methodist meeting. A cordial welcome awaits you at any or all these services. Ira L. Parrark, pastor.

### GIRLS BASKET BALL GAME

Tomorrow, Friday March 11, the Merkel Girls Basket ball team will play Abilene's basket ball team on Merkel grounds at 4:00 o'clock. This is the championship game of this season, since Merkel is winner of District 3 and Abilene is winner of District 1. Everybody come to Merkel High School grounds to see this game. Give the girls, who are so close to winning the "Silver Cup", your loudest yells and backing.

### AUCTION SALE

On Saturday March 12, will sell to the highest bidder, 8 head of stock, wagons, harness and household goods. The sale will take place near the depot. Sam Ross owner. 1tp

Condensed Statement of Condition

# THE FARMERS STATE BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business Feb. 21, 1921

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$586,855.56
Overdrafts.....	590.45
Banking House.....	7,850.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	5,200.00
Stocks, Bonds and W. S. S.....	5,428.64
Assessment and Int. Guaranty Fund...	4,078.79
CASH AND EXCHANGE.....	125,436.09
Total.....	\$735,439.53
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock.....	\$ 50,000.00
Furplus Funds.....	50,000.00
Undivided Profits.....	4,701.64
Reserved for Taxes.....	86.23
DEPOSITS.....	575,651.66
Bills Payable.....	55,000.00
Rediscounts.....	None
Other Borrowed Money.....	None
Total.....	\$735,439.53

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that is fast pushing Mt. Pleasant to the front. All are cordially invited to attend our Sunday school in the evening, prayermeeting and B.Y.P.U. Sunday night.

### NOODLE ITEMS

We are sorry to say that the little six months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Cook died at 10:25 Friday morning. The family has the sympathy of the entire community.

Henry and Lena Rape and Craig Elemore of Sweetwater were visitors here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Herring entertained the young people with a fruit supper Saturday night. There was a good crowd present and ever body reports a very enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Nicholson and Modell Bicknell spent Sunday with N. V. Nicholson and family.

Miss Ona Tatum of Merkel visited her sister Mrs. John Browning the latter part of the week.

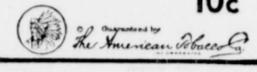
Miss Ruby Ferguson of Abilene is visiting her sister Mrs. Jim McKee.

Miss Ona Tatum spent Sunday with Miss Ruby Reagan.

Quite a number from Noodle attended the singing at Shiloh Sunday.



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Miss Hallie Green took dinner with Stella Ely Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claddie Meeks gave a singing Sunday night. Everyone reported a splendid time.

Our program Thursday night was well attended and all seemed to enjoy the program.

The Noodle School spent Friday with the Stith school and we wish to say that the Washington and Lincoln program at Stith was a grand success, and the dinner was still a greater success.

The basket ball games were the most interesting features of the day and program. The Junior Boys of Stith defeated the Junior boys of Noodle 14 to 0, but The Noodle High School won the game over the Stith High School girls, 20 to 4, and the game between Stith High and Noodle High boys were 13 to 12 in favor of Noodle. The Salt Branch girls and Noodle girls also played, but our girls were defeated by a score of 1.

Luther Richards of Abilene visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Richards, Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox have

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returned home after an absence of two months.

Mr. E. M. Nicholson visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Nicholson of Merkel Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Janes of Paducah is visiting her sister Mrs. O. H. Herring.

Bro. Horn of Post City was here the latter part of last week.

Quite a number from here attended the program at Horn Friday night. The program rendered

ed was splendid.

Bro. Northcut, pastor of the Methodist church, announced that he would hold a meeting at Noodle beginning Thursday night and extending to Sunday night. Every body come and help make it a success.

There will be singing at Noodle Sunday afternoon. Come be with us.

The Salt Branch basket ball team will play the Noodle team on Noodle Grounds Friday.

### MT. PLEASANT NEWS

In spite of the cold changeable weather we have been having, the health of the community is exceptionally good at this writing. Miss Mabel Kell who was seriously ill at the last, is doing nicely now.

Rev. Hughes filled his regular appointment Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night delivering some really interesting sermons.

Mr. Jim Chandler and cousin Mr. Will Henslee of Abilene visited their Uncle, Mr. E. M. Massey Saturday night and Sunday.

Quite a crowd of young people were the guests of Miss Jessie Belle Sargent Sunday at dinner some twelve or fifteen in all. Kodaking and music filling the day with enjoyment.

The B.Y.P.U. program rendered by the Nubiaites here Sunday afternoon was really a treat. We extend to you a hearty invitation and beg of you to favor us with another in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Horton of Salt Branch visited the latter's parents Mr. John Campbell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Carter of the Warren Community drove over for preaching Sunday morning taking dinner with Miss Ruth Gray.

Miss Zetta Jones took supper with Miss Gray Sunday night.

There has been a B.Y.P.U. organized at this place, their first program being rendered Sunday night. If you belong in this community and are interested in this work let us not fail to get your membership and cooperation in making this a real lively wholesome Union for our young people.

We were really proud of the large number of visitors Sunday afternoon, there being some from almost all the surrounding communities.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Logan visited in Abilene Saturday night and Sunday.

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## BARBARA-BABS

By AGNES G. BROGAN.

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Barbara Bainbridge sometimes felt that she had two personalities, and whether the one adopted with the abbreviation of her name was her true personality, or the other of the dignified Miss Barbara, the girl herself, could not determine. It all came of being born into a wealthy, aristocratic family on your father's side, and one of sweet simplicity on your mother's side. So Babs decided the matter of her dual nature.

The Bainbridges left nothing undone that might further their granddaughter's natural advantage, while old Gran'ma Burnie instructed her in homely tasks and gave to her homely pleasures. Barbara's mother died at her child's birth, while the father, who had truly loved his young wife, passed most of his later years in one of the foreign offices connected with his vast business interest. Barbara in her girlhood had looked forward with secret joyful anticipation to the weeks of summer which would take her out to Gran'ma Burnie's farm. It was there, in ruffled pink gingham frocks, that she became immediately "Babs," leaving the cultured young person behind.

There was a little attic room at the farm cottage that Babs occupied, where a rambler rose peeped its fragrant head through the casement window, and where across sun-steeped meadows she could hear the first soft stirrings of early morning. Babs had loved to be lazily awake in the lavender-scented bed, listening to those sounds and planning the freedom of her day. Usually, as she rested and as a part of the program awaited, came a boy's happy song:

"If a body, meet a body,  
Coming through the eye,  
If a body, kiss a body—  
Need a body, cry?"

Sometimes the air was half whistled, the whistler departing for the moment with the departure of unruly Holstein's from their directed path. And once, Babs looking down at the big boy from her rose-screened window, had dressed hurriedly, and in an adventurous spirit forestalled him upon his return. As though by mere chance she met him in the path that led through the meadow; she was busily picking buttercups and she daintily sang his song. And the boy, at her saucy smile bent suddenly and unbelievably, and turning back the pink ruffle of her smocked, kissed her. Laughing, he had hummed back as he went on his way.

"Need a body cry?"

Babs had not cried; she had been angry. Oh! so very angry! And, a summer passed thereafter, before the incident was forgotten.

To "Jim Evans' boy," Babs was Gran'ma Burnie's granddaughter, that was all; while to the girl, young Jim was the son of a departed and beloved country doctor, whom Gran'ma had known in his youth. Jim's mother was gone now, too, and the boy's ambitious planning seemed to have small foundation in his present. But the time of Babs' presentation to society sounded, and the little sleeping princess of country lanes went back, with eyes opened to new duties. Miss Barbara Bainbridge proved a success socially; gratified, her grandparents realized that they were rewarded for their effort. She was lovely, too, with the sweet freshness of the departed Burnie's, and with their true look in her eyes. Grandfather thought that Barbara should marry an earl. And so he sent her to join her father abroad, and though no earl offered his heart and hand, a young lordling and a good count did; and Miss Bainbridge refused both disdainfully.

"If Carlton Lainsley was not an earl, he was at least the only son of a capitalist, and he was, and ever had been, in love with Barbara.

So she went quite alone out to old Gran'ma Burnie's. Gran'ma was embarrassed and apologetic concerning the attic bedroom, but Babs' again with a grateful sigh, placed her weary head on the lavender-scented pillow. And in the morning when the rambler tapped its summons at the casement window, Babs arose hurriedly, and with a thrill of excitement no foreign land had brought, she investigated the tiny closet for the old gingham frock that she knew Gran'ma's sentiment would keep there, and found it. The dress was still big enough for her petite figure and then—across the meadows, Babs saw him coming; the boy Jim, a man now big and fine, and yet recognizable in spite of his proper cut clothing. As Babs flew down the stair his old song came to her.

"If a body meet a body,  
Coming through the eye,  
If a body, kiss a body,  
Need a body cry?"

She was in his pathway, the old saucy smile on her lips.

"Jim," she cried, "Oh! where have you been?"

And when James Evans could stop staring he answered her.

"Around the world civil engineering. And always, everywhere, thinking of you Babs. For of course," he added sadly, "when I learned who you really were, there was no use in hoping for you."

"Jim," said Babs, shakily, "when you were a boy, you were much more daring than now, Jim dear—a body wouldn't cry—"

Then he kissed her.

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at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 21st day of Feb. 1921, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 11th day of Mar. 1921.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$574,455.26
Loans, real estate	12,490.00
Overdrafts	590.45
Bonds and Stocks W. S. Stamp	5,428.94
Real Estate (banking house)	7,850.00
Other Real Estate	—
Furniture and Fixtures	5,290.00
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	21,097.06
Interest on Depositors' Gly. Fund	3,569.37
Asst. Depositors, Gly. Fund	79.42
Acceptances and Bills of Ex. Cotton	102,538.43
Other Resources	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$736,439.53</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	59,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	4,701.44
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	18,311.41
Individual Deposits sub. to check	\$15,148.26
Time Certificates of Deposit	36,701.24
Cashier's checks	5,467.72
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	55,000.00
Other liabilities, Reserved for taxes	96.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$736,439.53</b>

State of Texas, County of Taylor:  
We, F. J. Toombs, as president, and H. O. Anderson, as cashier of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

F. J. Toombs, president.  
H. O. Anderson, cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of Mar. A. D. 1921. W. O. R. Notary  
(SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas

Correct—Attest:  
John Sears, R. L. Beard, H. L. Prop t } Directors

## IS YOUR HEALTH GRADUALLY SLIPPING?

Interesting Experience of a Texas Lady Who Declares That if More Women Knew About Cardui They Would Be Spared Much Sickness and Worry.

Navasota, Texas.—Mrs. W. M. Peden, of this place, relates the following interesting account of how she recovered her strength, having realized that she was actually losing her health:

"Health is the greatest thing in the world, and when you feel that gradually slipping away from you, you certainly sit up and take notice. That is what I did some time ago when I found myself in a very nervous, run-down condition of health. I was so tired and felt so lifeless I could hardly go at all.

"I was just no account for work. I would get a bucket of water and would feel so weak I would have to set it down before I felt like I could lift it to the shelf. In this condition, of course, to do even my housework was a task almost impossible to accomplish.

"I was . . . nervous and easily upset.

### SHILOH DOTS

Little Audrey Phillips has been real sick for the past week. But seems to be improving now. Out side of that the health of the community is fairly good.

Bro. Grover Tiner preached at Shiloh Sunday. There will also be preaching Saturday, Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday afternoon. All are invited.

Quite a lot of the Shiloh people attended singing at Noodle Sunday afternoon.

The party at Sinclair Phillips Saturday night was enjoyed by all present.

Burma Howell of Trent and Alice James were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Barnes visited Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Phillips Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Rapp Greene were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Abb Vassels of Trent Saturday night.

Sinclair Phillips and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips Sunday.

There was a singing at Joe Winters Sunday night. Several attended.

Shiloh has begun now to come to the front. Come and listen to our good singers. Everybody seems to be taking a part. We have preaching twice a month. Claude Rosson left for Abilene Monday where he will work.

I couldn't rest well at night and was . . . just lifeless.

"I heard of Cardui and after reading I decided I had some female trouble that was pulling me down. I sent for Cardui and began it . . .

"In a very short while after I began the Cardui Home Treatment I saw an improvement and it wasn't long until I was all right—good appetite, splendid rest, and much stronger so that I easily did my house work.

"Later I took a bottle of Cardui as a tonic. I can recommend Cardui and gladly do so, for if more women knew, it would save a great deal of worry and sickness."

The enthusiastic praise of thousands of other women who have found Cardui helpful should convince you that it is worth trying. All druggists sell it.

## DO YOU KNOW THAT--

Life is what you make it?  
If you are well you should be happy.  
If your health is less than normal you should be interested in your local Masseur.

Consultation costs nothing, and it may result in Health to you.

GUY E. LONGBOTHAM, Dc.  
MASSEUR

Miss Mattie Jones went to Lubbock Thursday night. Little Velma Rutledge accompanied her. Kandy-Kid.

### MULBERRY LEAVES

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Horton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore are having their beautiful new home papered this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thomas, of Merkel, are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh, and other relatives and friends of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Martin spent Sunday in Tye with the former's sisters, Mrs. Mack Herod and Mrs. Ben Reese.

Mr. and Mrs. Calloway Chaney, of the Warren community, recently visited Misses Frankie and Maggie Lee Chaney.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Walsh and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Guin visited Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smart last Sunday.

Misses Thelma and Florine Smart spent Saturday night with the Misses Lowry, the

whole party spending Sunday with Miss Ethel Bird.

The farmers are busy plowing and also busy figuring how to buy high priced necessities with low priced cotton. Just one thing bothers the farmers not at all—the income tax. Zelda

### Report of the Condition of THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on Feb. 21, 1921

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts	\$298,075.84
Overdrafts, secured, \$308.85; Unsecured, \$250.00	558.85
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)	\$6,250.00
Pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value)	3,500.00
Owned and unpledged	6,370.94
Total bonds, Securities etc., other than U. S.	8,501.37
Stocks, other than Fed. Res. Bank stock, Fed. Inter. Bnk. Co.	500.00
Stock of Federal Reserve bank (50 per cent of Subscription)	1,950.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	3,000.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	44,164.61
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	149,826.55
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	216.75
Total of Items 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16	\$150,043.30
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	1,388.52
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	316.16
Interest earned but not collected—approximate—on Notes and Bills Receivable not past due	328.92
Other assets, if any; this is cash collection mailed direct	136.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$529,585.26</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits	\$8,227.25
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	1,957.87
Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate)	5,000.00
Circulating notes outstanding	5,950.00
Cashiers checks on-own bank outstanding	269.29
Total of items 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32	\$269.29
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	383,282.39
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	17,989.00
Other demand deposits	
Total demand deposits subject to Reserve	\$401,271.39
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	10,012.00
Postal savings deposits	
Other time Deposits	35,484.28
Total of time dep. sub. to Res., Items 39, 40, 41, and 42	\$45,496.28
Liabilities other than those above stated	328.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$529,585.26</b>

Aggregate amount of salaries or compensation paid by this bank to Chairman of Board (if any), President, Vice Presidents, Cashier, and Assistant Cashiers for month of January, 1921, \$597.50; annual pay of all these officers at January, 1921 rate of pay, \$7170; number of these officers on date of this report was 5.

Aggregate amount of salaries or compensation paid to all other employees of the bank for month of January, 1921, \$262.50; Annual pay of these employees on basis of the January, 1921, rate of pay, \$3150; number of these employees on date of this report was 4.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:  
I, L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of Feb. 1921.  
J. T. HOWARD, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:—G. F. WEST,  
J. T. WARREN,  
BOOTH WARREN, Directors

## FRONT AND REAR

By JANE DARLINGTON.

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Ethel watched her piano being hoisted to the fourth floor with eyes that sparkled their joy. For two years the precious instrument had been in the storage house while its owner worked for sufficient money to get it out and insure a year's study.

Now with a clear year ahead and a small part in a musical comedy as well as a lease on the quiet if small room on the fourth floor rear, Ethel felt a security she had not known for many a long day.

Her piano, because it could not be carried up the stairs, had to be hoisted into the front room and thence to her back one through a more or less complex arrangement of doors. After futile struggle these doors balked firmly at further progress of the piano. It was then Ethel felt the tragedy of her position.

There was her piano in a stranger's room and refusing to go into her own. Either it must stay where it was or go back to storage.

Ethel did the only thing a woman can do when she is driven quite beyond her strength of endurance.

She sat down on her piano stool and wept.

It was at that psychological moment that the stranger and owner of the room appeared upon the scene.

He viewed the picture with apprehensive eyes, then asked what it was all about.

The information was volunteered by one of the movers.

"The young lady's piano ain't goin' into her room through them doors. It wouldn't go up the stairs, and we had to hoist it through this here room. She feels kinda sore about it."

"I would say she did," sympathized Tom Cheney, and the fellow-feeling softening in his voice brought on a heavier set of sobs. But Ethel looked up through the well of tears and Tom found himself gazing into a most wonderful pair of eyes.

Tom motioned the men that he would take charge of this beauty in distress and they fled out.

"Now," said Tom cheerily, "when the showers are over let's have a chat about it and see what can be done."

Ethel vouchsafed him the rarest of smiles.

"There's n-nothing to b-be d-done," she affirmed, trying to bring the shower to a stop.

"Oh, yes, there is," said Tom, "you might drape your furniture around the piano here and shift my junk into the other room, or you can just leave the piano here and use it as your own room. I travel a lot and my room is vacant sometimes six days out of the week."

"Oh, that wouldn't be decent." Ethel opened wide but hopeful eyes full on Tom so that he nearly lost his breath. "And I can't possibly pay the rent for the front room, good as it is of you to offer to change."

"Decent nothing!" scolded Tom. "I will telephone you every time I expect to burden this room with my presence and you can skip to that we need never come in the slightest contact with one another."

"My entire future is at stake," she told him. "I have worked to get my piano out of storage and have secured a small part in a musical comedy, but I absolutely must keep my voice up. The manager has promised me a splendid part with exquisite songs if I will just bring out certain tones in my voice. You see—there was a reason for—the showers."

"I should just say there was," Tom agreed heartily.

"Well—since I cannot possibly pay the highest rent for the front room, and if you were perfectly sure my piano won't be in your way—"

Ethel laughed happily straight into Tom's eyes. "And you will always telephone me to go to my own room—when you are coming home?"

"Unless I want you to go somewhere else," said Tom.

Ethel dropped the heavy fringe of lashes that were soon to know the weight of cosmetics.

"Then we can consider everything settled?" she questioned, rising.

"Pretty near everything," Tom said, then boldly, "I would like it settled that I am to see you safely away from the stage door every night—that is, unless there is some one else."

A flush stole into Ethel's cheeks. "I would appreciate that fully as much as your letting my piano remain here," she told him.

That, too, was settled then and in his mind's eye Tom could also see the front and rear rooms being a most delightful little honeymoon flat.

### Early Egyptian Customs.

The earliest race of Egyptians lived in the Nile valley about 4000-3700 B. C. Men have found their cemeteries in numbers, although most traces of their villages and their art have disappeared. In that era mummies had not yet come into fashion, although some idea of a hereafter was theirs, as it is every primitive people's.

Their earliest burials are reminiscent of Indian finds in our own country. The dead were laid in a contracted position in the grave with pottery and stone vessels containing (obviously) food and drink, and flint and stone implements of the chase; they are found upon the left side, with head toward the south and knees drawn up—"in an embryonic position ready to be born into a new world."

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A city election for April 5, has been ordered by the Mayor. At this election a Mayor, two Aldermen and a City Secretary are to be elected. The qualified voters within the city have the privilege of selecting these officers.

Over at Lubbock the three young men who attempted to hold-up the local Sante Fe Railway Station, and shot and killed the Telegraph operator because he could not open the safe, were given sentences in the state prison. The two leaders were given ninety-nine years each and the accomplice 50 years. Undoubtedly a just punishment. But it is high time jurors in Texas were awakening to their duty as law-abiding citizens.

The Merkel Mail is the home paper of all the people in and around Merkel. It is not published in the special interest of any one man, firm, business or institution. Hence if it does not boost you and yours as you think it should, it's your fault. However it does propose to stand on the right side of every moral issue and for the progressive up-building of our fair little city. We beg the cooperation of all our citizens in our effort to make the paper what it should be. "A paper for all the people"

If you would increase your happiness and prolong your life forget your neighbor's faults. Forget all the slander you have ever heard. Forget the temptations. Forget the fault-finding and give a little thought to the cause which provoked it. Forget the peculiarities of your friends, and only remember the good points which make you fond of them. Forget all personal quarrels or histories you may have heard by accident, and which if repeated, would seem a thousand times worse than they are. Blot out as far as possible all the disagreeables of life. They will come, but will only grow larger when you remember them, and the constant thought of the acts of meanness—or, worse, still, malice—will only tend to make you more familiar with them. Obliterate everything disagreeable from yesterday, start out with a clean sheet today, and write upon it only those things which are lovely and lovable.—Claremont Herald.

**NOTICE FARMERS**

We want your chickens, and Eggs to fill our Old Field orders. We will pay you all the market will stand. W. W. Wood Cash Grocery. Phone 230. 2t

Safety and Service are the watch words of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank 4% interest paid on our savings deposits. Start an account today. tf

C. W. Post will buy your chickens and Eggs at my Grocery Store. W. F. Hamblett. It

Just received a fresh car of Kimbell's Extra High Patent Flour. Bradshaw & Sublett tf

**REAL ART PICTURES**

**PARAMOUNT PROGRAMS**

**COZY THEATRE**

Special Matinee Saturday Afternoon 2:00 to 5:30

Friday	March 11	Wm. S. Hart in "John Petticoats"	"Bride 13" Episode No. 8 Bray Comies	Saturday	March 12	Shirley Mason in "Merely Mary Ann"	Buster Keaton in "One Week"
Monday	March 14	Enid Bennett in "What Every Woman Learns"	Fox News	Tuesday	March 15	Bert Lytell in "Lombardy Limited"	Tu Sun Comedy Pathe Review
Wednesday	March 16	Bebe Daniels in "You Never Can Tell"	Torchy Comedy Ill.ograms	Thursday	March 17	Taylor Holmes in "Nothing but Lies"	Pollard Comedy Bray Comies

NEXT WEEK  
 Buck Jones, Wallace Reid, Irene Castle, Marguerette Clark, and William Russell

**FOX ENTERTAINMENTS**

**METRO PRODUCTIONS**

**THURSDAY CLUB**

The Thursday Club had a delightful meeting this week with Mrs. Tom Largent at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. P. Sutphen. After several interesting games of hearts were played, the hostess passed papers for a "sting" contest which caused much thinking for every one Mrs. Robert Grimes was awarded for her ability to think of the most works ending in sting, with a beautiful potted fern. Mrs. Lytton Howard was presented the consolation, a glass of grape Jelly. Mesdames Scott and Howard gave several beautiful vocal selections which were enjoyed by every one.

Mrs. Largent assisted by her sister Miss Sutphen served a very lovely plate of whipped fruit jelatine with ice cream and nut cake, with plate favors of violets, to the following members: Mesdames Gaither, Robt. Grimes, Howard, Ferrier, Handcock, Lassiter, Miller, Scott, West, Winter, Jones. Visitors Mrs. L. R. Thompson and Mesdames C. M. Landy and Lester Ellis of Abilene.

**SPECIAL SALE**

For the next week we are pleased to quote the following special low prices on Groceries.  
 Pinto Beans, 15 lbs. for...\$1.00  
 6 lb Can Crisco for...\$1.25  
 8 cans Standard Corn...\$1.00  
 6 cans 25¢ Health Club Baking Powder for...\$1.00  
 80 cent Can K. C. Baking Powder for...70¢  
 50 cent Can K. C. Baking Powder for...45¢  
 10 lbs Mary Jane Syrup...65¢  
 100 lbs of Peace Maker Flour for only...\$5.75  
 5 lbs Best Peaberry Coffee \$1.00  
 5 lbs of good Coffee...\$1.00  
 My stock must be reduced on some lines. Yours for low prices, G. M. SHARP. We will buy your Eggs.

D. W. Ashby, a splendid farmer from route one, was in the city one day this week and dropped in and had the Mail sent to himself and a friend in New Mexico for the next year.

Ladies Coat Suits, Kid gloves, plush or fur goods cleaned right by people who know the business. Satisfaction positively guaranteed. Quick service, no gas odor. L. P. Ligon, phone number 218. It

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On March the 19th the Presbyterian Ladies have their Bazaar.

**HEBRON NEWS**

We are getting a cool breeze this morning which is enjoyed rather than so much warm weather. The farmers have begun to plant some feed. W. M. Carey planted some corn Tuesday. Carrol Wortham has about finished breaking his land.

John Davis and family visited W. M. Carey and family Sunday afternoon.

The singing at Hebron Sunday night was enjoyed by all present.

There will be preaching at Hebron Sunday and Sunday night, to which all are invited. Hebron is coming alive again, let the good work go on.

The little infant of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Gazzaway died and was quietly laid to rest in the Rose Hill Cemetery Monday afternoon. Heartfelt sympathy is extended the family.

John Davis and sons Robert and Jessie, attended church at Merkel Sunday morning.

In the rabbit drive last Thursday more than four hundred were filled. There will be another drive next Thursday the 10th and we hope several hundred more will be killed this time.

Mrs. Len Sublett visited Saturday and Sunday in Abilene with her mother.

Will Dunn and family, Homer Dunn and wife, attended Singing at Hebron Sunday.

R. A. Reagan and family attended singing at Hebron Sunday night.

Give me your cleaning and pressing by 9 a.m. Saturday morning, and I will return it by 5 p.m. Saturday evening. No gas odor. L. P. Ligon, phone number 218. It

Mrs. H. T. Merritt returned yesterday from a visit to her sons Ben T. Merritt at Handley, Will at Fort Worth and Harry at Arlington. She also attended the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth.

Plenty of feed such as Bran, Chops etc. at Bradshaw & Sublett's. tf

The Presbyterian Ladies will give a Bazaar on March 18th., and will appreciate your patronage. 11t2

**CULL COTTON SEED**

I will cull Cotton Seed Tuesdays and Fridays at my place, four miles east of Merkel. J. E. Higgins. 11t4p

Mrs. J. S. Swann returned this week from a visit to relatives at Tulia.

**NOTICE**

To the people of Merkel and community: I have been with you now 12 years, and have tried hard to treat everybody right. I have no business except the produce business. Now if you want me to stay in Merkel and handle your produce, you must give me a chance to buy it. If you don't want a produce house in your town, you carry your produce to the grocery merchant and let me starve out, and I can go to some place or engage in something else. Please give this a thought.

I thank you for past favors and will appreciate any future business you will give me. I will pay you the highest market price for all the produce you bring me, and will pay the cash for same. Yours sincerely, W. P. Duckett.

Mr. J. T. Warren, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, accompanied by J. S. Swann, left Tuesday for Fort Worth to visit the Fat Stock Show.

Plenty of Fresh Vegetables every Saturday morning at Bradshaw & Sublett's. Call early before it is all gone. tf

Preston Guthrie, after avisit of several days between terms returned Thursday morning to Midland, where he is attending Midland College. Preston is a fine young man and is making good in his studies.

Messrs J. S. Swann and J. T. Warren are among those of our city attending the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard went down to Abilene yesterday for the purpose of having their little son's tonsils removed, and which for some time have been giving the little fellow much trouble.

Mrs. J. M. Garrett is in Austin this week as a delegate to the Woodmen Circle State Convention.

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Messrs Seth Hamilton and T. F. Compton left first of the week for Houston, where they went as delegates to the State Convention of the Woodmen of the world.

J. B. King a prominent citizen of Bells, Texas was here this week to look after his farming interest near here.

**REALLY NO CAUSE FOR ALARM**

Crowd That Feared Tragedy Had Not Reckoned With Resourcefulness of Child's Mother.

A large crowd had halted and all were looking up at a fourth-story window. The lower sash was open and a child leaned far out over the sill, trying to catch a sparrow.

Exclamations of horror broke out as the infant reached further and further over the sill.

At length a woman spectator cried out:

"What idiots you men are! Why don't you go and tell the child's mother?"

Three or four started, but they had not crossed the street before the child lost its balance and pitched out head first.

There was a shriek, which was suddenly checked, as the child stopped short in his headlong drop and hung squalling two feet below the window, with a stout cord tied round his waist. His howls brought a woman to the window. She pulled him up into the room again and then shouted to the gasping crowd below:

"Think I don't know my business, eh? Well, I just do; and you can move on, please!"

**POPULAR WITH THE ESKIMOS**

Square Dealing of Peary Made Him a Favorite—Was Looked Upon as a Great Chief.

A happy picture of the Eskimo is given by Donald B. MacMillan in his recollections of Peary's journey to the North Pole. "Finally that day arrived when we passed in under the big hills of Meteorite island and heard the glad cry of those Far North natives upon beholding 'Peary-ark-suah' (Big Peary) back again. Let there be no doubt as to Peary's popularity in the Far North. Absolutely honest and square in all his dealings with these black-haired children of the Arctic, firm but ever just and kind in all his relations, he remains to them as the great 'Nalegak,' a leader or chief among men. We can never forget this reception at Cape York—kayaks darting about the ship, the shouts of his former dog-drivers, men who had starved with him on the Polar sea, others on the shore standing at the water's edge ready to grasp the bow of our boat, women laughing, babies crying, and half-grown children with that look of mingled fear and animal curiosity. How happy they were to see him back!"

W. O. Boney of the Merkel Realty Company made a business trip to Fort Worth first of this week.

Mrs. J. E. Boaz left last week for a visit to relatives in East Texas.

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

**WREN VISIONED GREAT CITY**

Architect Had Ambitious Project for English Capital, Which Fellow Countrymen Turned Down.

London today, might have been one of the model cities of the world, had certain plans still in existence been carried out. No sooner had the great fire of London, in 1666, destroyed the city than Sir Christopher Wren, the famous architect of St. Paul's, prepared a set of plans for the rebuilding of the city on an undreamed scale of grandeur and utility. Wren proposed to build a main thoroughfare 90 feet wide, to insulate all the churches in conspicuous positions, as the two churches in the center of the Strand are insulated today, form large piazzas on and under which the public could walk in sunshine and shower, and group all the stately city halls of the companies and guilds in a handsome square annexed to the Guildhall. Finally, a fine quay was to occupy the bank of the river from Blackfriars to the Tower—the first idea of a Thames embankment—to be flanked by noble buildings, and crowned with the cathedral. Perhaps this was too ambitious for the times; but it is hard for Londoners to forgive their ancestors for preferring to muddle through anyhow.

**SEE BEAUTY IN LONG NECK**

"Attractiveness" of Burmese Women Enhanced by Peculiar Collar They Are Forced to Wear.

People of collar-wearing lands might find it worth while to adopt the prevalent style among the Burmese women of the Padung tribe.

The Burmese girl's collar, made of brass rings, should be more durable than our starched collars, and require practically no attention from the laundry, and by adding or dropping a ring or two it would always be in the prevailing style. Of course, it would not be the ideal of comfort, but what stiff collar is?

The debutante of the Padung tribe wears her collar not for decoration but as a neck stretcher, beauty among the Padungs being measured by the length of the neck. The Padung girl begins adding a ring to her collar every little while when she is very young, until when she is fifteen and ready to go into society her neck is nearly a foot long. She is then regarded a rare beauty and has many suitors.

**LIKE TO TRAVEL IN OPEN.**

London folks prefer omnibuses to subways and street cars. Subways, however, are twice as popular as street cars. The stage lines are frequented by travelers in the proportion of nearly three to one, says the New York Tribune. According to statistics on city traffic furnished to the commerce department in consulate reports, 10,160,358,968 persons traveled on London's subways, omnibuses and street cars in the last ten years. In the London subways 2,881,254,160 passengers traveled in the last decade. On street cars the number was 1,560,720,397, and on omnibuses 5,818,374,141 traveled. London folks apparently prefer the open—the fogs, rain and wind.

**SECOND NATURE.**

A weary wayfarer to whose back clung the remains of an O. D. blouse decorated with a rusty red chevron, flopped down under a tree in a tight-fisted farmer's yard and proceeded to go to sleep.

"Git out of there," yelled the farmer, coming to the door with a shotgun in his hand. "Git, now, or I'll shoot."

The wayfarer stirred slightly in his slumbers and a beatific smile spread over his features.

"Shoot," he murmured happily. "You're faded."—American Legion Weekly.

**IN THE MOVIES ONCE.**

"The fair plaintiff lost her breach-of-promise suit?"

"Yes, the defendant's lawyer was too smart for her lawyer."

"How so?"

"He brought out the fact that she was a retired 'vamp.'"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

**STILL WORSE.**

First Girl—What can be more aggravating than a man who tells you of his love and never mentions matrimony?

Second Girl—A man who tells you of his money and never mentions matrimony.

### PUZZLE; DISCOVER THE OXEN

Little of Poor Carabao Is Left When Philippine Islanders Have Concluded Their Feast.

In the Philippine islands, when a rich Hugao wishes to give a very important feast he presents a carabao or two to his friends. The carabao are a species of oxen with long straight horns. The friends—and their friends—gather in the plaza of the village, and the poor carabao is led out and turned loose. Every man has a bolo, a long knife, and the mob starts running at the same moment the ox does. Every one that can get close enough takes a swing at the poor beast, and in a very few minutes it is down, bleeding from hundreds of cuts.

Once down, the chance-swung blows are changed to deft slicing and every man grabs what he can. The entrails are a favorite tid-bit, and a man getting one tries to make off with it, but another native grabs the trailing end, and a tug-of-war begins that ends in the breaking of the coveted morsel and each man making off with half. Fifteen minutes after the ox is started there is not a scrap of him left except some partially digested fodder from his stomach, and small boys poke about that with sticks in the hope of finding a bit of meat.—Detroit News.

### BONDS OF MATRIMONY



First Club Member—If I could get a wife like he's got I would marry myself.

Second Club Member—Then some women have good points?

First Club Member—Yes; she let's him buy his own cigars and neckties.

### NOVEL PENKNIFE

A new knife described and illustrated in Popular Mechanics Magazine, is made in various types, from the long, heavy hunting knife to the tiny watch-chain knife. It may be best described as a device wherein the blade, when in use, is held rigidly in position, and when not in use, is completely concealed. When closed, the knife is dustproof, and can be made waterproof if desired. An important improvement, from the angles of utility and manufacture, is the elimination of the steel backspring, which constitutes a large part of the cost of the ordinary pocketknife. Also, blades are interchangeable. By the simple method of unscrewing the pin holding the blade, another blade can be quickly substituted. Thus a hunter can, in a moment, substitute a skinning blade for the ordinary blade in his knife.

### FRESH AIR IN COLD WEATHER

In cold weather it sometimes is difficult to keep a house well ventilated. Fresh air is just as essential even if it is cold. A window opened an inch or two from the top draws out the heated stale air in a room. Another window should be opened from the bottom to allow fresh air to enter. In a house with rooms opening out of each other one window may be opened in one room and one in another. This keeps the air circulating and fresh all the time.

### SOUNDS LEGITIMATE

"The daughter of a rich bootlegger has entered a fashionable girls' school."

"Now, if somebody were to ask her how her father made his money what do you suppose would be the answer?"

"If she's a smart girl she might reply that he made it operating in the 'street.'"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

### CONFUSION

"We ought to bring sunshine into the lives of our fellowmen."

"Yes," replied Uncle Bill Bottle-top. "The trouble is that too many people mistake moonshine for sunshine."

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOR SALE**—My farm on Big Elm creek. Will make low price to anyone interested. I want to sell. Write me at Waco Texas, 728 North Twelfth. E. W. Permynter. 25t3p

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**FOR RENT**—60 acres land to rent on the shares. Sam Butman Sr. 4t2p

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**FOR SALE**—5 room house, 3 lots. See me at the Gem Confectionary. 11tf

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—Good Hupmobile. Will trade for Merkel property. W. H. Reese. 11tf

**FOR RENT**—5 room house. Possession on the 18th. W. H. Reese. 11tf

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**FOR SALE**—Six extra grade red and red-baldface yearlings. See C. E. Jacobs. tf

**LOST**—A pair of eye glasses in case, some where in the city of Merkel. Finder return to W. M. Elliott, at Bob Martin Grocery Company. 1tp

### BY NO MEANS UNWELCOME

Bride-to-be—I hope, dear, we won't get any duplicate wedding presents.

Groom-to-be—Oh, I don't know. Dad's promised us a \$5,000 check, and I wouldn't mind getting a duplicate from your father.—Boston Transcript.

### WISE, BUT NOT PLAIN

"Of course, you put your faith in the wisdom of the plain people." "I dunno," replied Senator Sorghum. "I used to. But there are so many lady voters out my way at present that I don't know as it's tactful to speak about plain people in politics?"

### ALL HE OWNED

"I wonder will Smithers always allude to his wife so lovingly as 'my own'?"

"Well, she is his own. Everything else in the house he is paying for on the installment plan."—Pearson's Weekly.

### PUNISHMENT

"Pop!" "Yes, my son." "In olden times a woman who was a common scold was punished, wasn't she?" "Yes, my boy. So was the man she married."

### MAYBE SO

"I think it's a shame for a woman to leave her husband for three months while she cuts a dash at the seashore."

"Oh, I don't know. The old man may be getting a vacation."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Bring your chickens and Eggs to A. L. Jobe. 4t2

### WILLING TO HELP HIM OUT

But Physician Evidently Had Peculiar Ideas as to the Present Mental Status of Caller.

Dr. George T. Harding, the father of the President, said in an interview in Marion:

"I am old-fashioned, and I reared Warren to be old-fashioned, too. We believe in old-fashioned things—religion, industry, savings banks, early marriages."

Dr. Harding chuckled. Then he went on:

"We are not like Dr. Exe, the New York psychoanalyst. There was a rich young man who called on Dr. Exe and said:

"Yielding to the seduction of a moonlit beach, doc, I got engaged last month. I've done everything to break off the darn engagement. I told the girl's father I was a forger, a bank robber, a card cheat, a rake and a drunkard. Nothing, though, did any good. They hold me to my word. So now I come to you. I want you to examine me, doc, and certify that I'm incurably insane."

"'Hm,' said Dr. Exe. 'So you don't want to get married?'"

"'Gosh, no; I certainly don't.'"

"'In that case,' said Dr. Exe, 'I can't do what you ask. You are a perfectly sane man. But when you do want to get married call again and I'll give you your certificate.'"

### HIGH COST OF LOVING



She—John, darling, you don't love me as dearly as you used to.

He (absently)—Sorry, m'dear, can't afford to these days.

### JAPANESE VITAL STATISTICS

Japan leads the world in proportion of divorces to marriages, it is asserted here. Unofficial reports say the divorces in 1918 numbered 56,471, and the marriages 503,236, a ratio of 12.8 divorces to each 1,000 marriages.

This is contrasted with the German rate of 21.6 per thousand, which is said to be the highest divorce rate in Europe.

Unofficial figures indicate that Japan's increase in population was cut about half in 1919 by influenza and high cost of living. The yearly increase of population has generally been estimated at 800,000.

### EASILY PUFFED UP

"It doesn't take much to give some people an exaggerated idea of their own importance."

"No?"

"There's Dorling, for instance. As soon as he learned how to operate his flivver in a traffic jam he began to consider himself a 'master mind.'"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

### NATURALLY

"What is your name?"

"Stock. S-t-o-c-k. Stock."

"What you been working at?"

"Just got out of the army?"

"In what capacity?"

"Serving as a private soldier?"

"Private Stock! Why aren't you in somebody's cellar?"—Farm Life.

### HER DELUSION

Homely Spinster—You know, doctor, I am always thinking that a man is following me. Do you think I suffer from hallucinations?

Dr. Blunt—Not the shadow of a doubt about it, madam.—Boston Transcript.

### CHANGE OF COLOR

"Have you any blue laws out this way?"

"We did have some," answered Uncle Bill Bottletop, "but it begins to look as if the bootleggers had succeeded in paintin' 'em red."—Washington Star.

### HEAVY CARRY-OVER OF COTTON

The American Cotton Association recently issued some cotton statistics which should deter every farmer from planting over half of his normal cotton acreage. In 1914-15 the world carry-over was 8,835,000 bales, which was then the largest carry-over of record. Recent complications point to a carry-over of 9,700,000 bales of American cotton alone and to this is to be added 1,880,000 bales of foreign cotton.

The world's estimated supply of cotton July 31, 1920, was 5,846,000 bales. The world's production, 1920-21, was 19,778,000 bales, which, added to the supply on hand, made a total of 25,624,000 bales. Consumption has been 20 per cent below normal and it is believed that requirements of all existing spindles will be filled with 14,044,000 bales, leaving a total of 11,580,000 bales to be consumed in 1922.

Cotton growers can readily understand that if a normal acreage is planted and America produces another 12,000,000 bale and other countries make a normal production there will be a world supply of more than 30,000,000 bales of cotton, whereas normal consumption is less than 20,000,000.

It is said that figures do not lie but that men lie about figures but it seems to be the consensus of opinion that even a half crop will be more than enough to supply the demand for cotton for another year.—Farm and Ranch

### DO YOU KNOW

Lincoln, Garfield, and McKinley were assassinated.

Until the retirement of Woodrow Wilson, William Howard Taft was the only living ex-president following the death of Roosevelt.

Arthur was considered the handsomest of all the Presidents Van Buren, trained and fitted as a man of fashion, was the most faultlessly dressed of the nation's executives.

Lincoln was the tallest of the Presidents, Madison the shortest, Polk the leanest, Cleveland the stoutest and Taft the largest. Harrison was the oldest man elected to the presidency and Roosevelt the youngest.

Buchanan and Cleveland were bachelors when they entered the White House; Cleveland married during his first term.

Washington was the only American whose birthday was publicly celebrated while he lived. This day, February 22, is a national holiday.

Lincoln was the first President who wore a full beard and Grant the first who wore a mustache.

Adams and Jefferson were signers of the Declaration of Independence and Washington and Madison of the Constitution.

Washington died at the beginning of the last hour of the day, of the last day of the week, of the last month of the year, of the last year in the century.

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### MAN'S BIRTHPLACE THE SEA?

French Scientist Advances Theory Which He Supports With Arguments of Seeming Weight.

At a recent meeting of the French Association for the Advancement of Science, a curious argument was brought forward in support of the theory that life, as we know it, had its origin in the sea.

It was pointed out that at four o'clock in the afternoon the temperature of the normal human body is about 99.3 degrees. At four o'clock in the morning it is about 97.2 degrees, a variation of more than two degrees. There is an exact parallel in the temperature of the sea, which also has its maximum at 4 p. m. and its minimum at 4 a. m. Moreover, it is estimated that the prehistoric ocean, known to have been warmer than today, had at the period when life began to appear temperatures equivalent to those of the human body. The degree of warmth of our bodies is in no way influenced by either climate, foods, sleep or activity, or any other conditions of the individual in normal circumstances. Accordingly it is suggested that we have inherited that unvarying temperature from the protoplasmic cell out of which we were evolved, and which had to adjust itself to the physical conditions of the waters in which it lived.

### WASTED TALENTS



Visitor—Have you a good lawyer, my poor friend?

Prisoner—The very best. Honest, he oughta been a burglar!

### UGLY REPTILES

A horrible family of eight ceratophrys frogs from South America has just gone into residence at the London Zoo's reptile house. To describe the ceratophrys as kindly as possible, one must say that his general coloring is a poisonous green mottled with livid brown blotches and disfigured with lines of bilious yellow. Gashed with a gigantic mouth in front, his shape is squat, hunched, and bloated, and when annoyed he inflates his skin with a pair of further unsightly bulges. He has hornlike excrescences over his cruel eyes. His temper is extremely fierce. Naturalists say he will attack a man on the slightest excuse. He will grip a lead pencil and hang on like a bulldog, deeply denting the wood. He has a doglike bark, and eats mice whole, and other frogs, too, if they come his way.

### SEEMED OUT OF PLACE

Betty lived on a farm but was spending the winter with grandma in the city. One day they stepped into a fruit store. Betty suddenly uttered an exclamation of astonishment. Failing to attract grandma's attention she tugged at her skirt, and an awed, but delighted: "Oh, look, grandma!" caused her to turn around. Betty was eagerly pointing out some fruit.

"Why, that's a box of strawberries. You've seen strawberries before. Don't you have them at home?" asked grandma. "Of course, we do," gleefully replied Betty, "but we never have them born in winter!"

### OVERCOME

"What is your excuse for speeding?"

"I was in a hurry, your honor." The judge was so overcome by the reply that he only fined the motorist ten pieces of silver and entirely omitted the customary lecture.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### FRIENDLY COMMENT

"He says he sleeps like a log."

"I don't doubt that."

"Eh?"

"He's a wooden head."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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## WORKED HARD TO GET START

Cornelius Vanderbilt Certainly Earned Money With Which He Laid Foundation of Fortune.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, head of the famous family of that name, made his first hundred dollars by the hardest sort of work. He was seventeen years old at the time and was anxious to own a boat that he might join the ranks of the watermen that swarmed New York harbor, and carried everything from passengers to vegetables. His mother was opposed to his hopes, but at last agreed that she would give him the sum demanded, \$100, with which to buy a boat if he would plow, harrow and plant with corn a ten-acre lot. The lot was the worst on the Vanderbilt farm, covered with stones, stumps and debris, and of a most uneven topography.

Cornelius went to work with a will, and at the end of an appointed time completed the job. He received his money and rushed out to buy a boat. He found one at a neighboring village, and started for home in his new purchase. He had not gone a mile before he struck a hidden reef, and the boat was sunk. He managed to raise it, and in the next three months he had made a thousand dollars, and the start of the fortune that was to amount to many millions.

## NO ONE ELSE DOING IT



He—Another new dress, Ethel? I say, we must try to live within our income.

She—What, and be cut by every one else in our set for being eccentric!—London Opinion.

## INVOKED PRECEDENT.

My little niece, four, strayed from home one Sunday afternoon and was found in a nearby lot, where excavating had been done for building.

When discovered she was industriously filling her shoes and stockings, which she had taken off, with sand.

As she was led home the thought of punishment was evidently disturbing her but presently she looked up with her most winning smile and said: "Auntie, people don't ever punish little girls on Sunday."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## THE WORLD'S GREATEST.

It is a topic of endless interest that underlies the question put to a class in biography at the University of Indiana: "Who was the greatest person in human history? Name the 50 greatest in their order of greatness."

Forty-five students gave a composite ranking that accorded Shakespeare, Aristotle, Lincoln, Caesar and Washington the first five places, while the last five, according to the available report, are "James, Florence Nightingale, Dickens, Rockefeller and Joan of Arc."

## CAUSES OF FLYING SICKNESS.

Two curiously different theories of the cause of flying sickness are reported. While French experimenters explain it as due to shortage of oxygen, Professor Mosso, in Italy, contends that at best this is not a complete explanation, and that deficiency of carbonic acid in the blood at great heights is the chief cause. Above 30,000 feet, carbon dioxide must be added to the oxygen application that at lower altitudes overcomes the sickness.

## OPPOSING TENDENCIES.

"Our cook is not logical nor consistent."

"What does she do?"

"She beats steak to make it tender, and eggs to make them stiff."—Baltimore American.

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### MT. PLEASANT MESSAGES

Well here we come again after a silence of two weeks. We do not know why our headlight did not shine last week but perhaps our editor does.

Mr. Milton Henslee and family visited the former's sister, Mrs. E. M. Massey Sunday, the young folks driving over to Wash Magonnigalls in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Street of Iberis visited home folks Sunday night and Sunday.

A large crowd and a great time was enjoyed at the party at Mr. Guthrie Richie's Saturday night, there being great fun in watching the boys taking the long and short in sewing. Mr. Elsa Roland and Loid Alexander taking off the prize as being the best seamsters.

Mr. G. C. Sargent and family spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson and mother of Salt Branch spent Sunday with Mr. Jim Ingram.

Miss Essie May Wright happened to a very sad accident Saturday night when she stepped in a hole and lost her shoe heel.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Logan were the guests of Misses Etta and Zetta Jones Sunday night at supper.

Our B. Y. P. U. is really doing nicely, the young folks taking great interest, backed by the words of encouragement and smiles of approval from the older people. Come all you who are waiting for a later time to join and in that later time let it be said that you were one of its pioneer members. Thanks awful to Nubia for helping us organize.

Misses Jessie Belle Sargent and Zetta Jones took Sunday dinner with Mrs. William Bell, returning to Sunday school in the afternoon.

Sunday seemed such an alluring day for visiting that our

Sunday school attendance was quite small, visiting is all right but let us not forget our school, which is community life.

Quite a few of our young ladies were school visitors Friday afternoon. They reported school doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sargent and Mr. and Mrs. Dow Jones spent Sunday with Mr. Dave Anderson and family.

Some of our people drove over to Nubia Sunday morning and listened to a very interesting sermon delivered by our missionary

Rev. Tyson.

Our prayermeeting was omitted on account of the B. Y. P. U. Sunday night but we hope to make other arrangements soon.

Clyde Sargent and wife spent Sunday night with the former's parents Mr. G. C. Sargent.

# Spring Demands

Spring Time causes us to make a close survey of our premises and see just what needs to be done in order to make our home more attractive and home-like. There is always something—A piece of Furniture, or a floor that needs Repainting or Varnishing, or perhaps the house is in need of Paint.

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## CHECKERBERRIES

By RUBY DOUGLAS.

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Olive MacFarland had succeeded in eluding the other members of the party with whom she had motored up the Mohawk trail and into the old Vermont town in which they had decided to spend a few days. She had stolen out of her room early in the morning, begged the old cook in the kitchen of the tea-house in which they were staying, a cup of coffee and a sandwich, an extra bite to take in her pocket, and had escaped across the river alone, on foot, into New Hampshire.

She was so tired of the small talk of the others. She wanted to be alone to enjoy the wonders and the beauty of the Vermont and New Hampshire hills.

Enjoying every moment of the morning, she had climbed up, up the narrow trail and not encountered a human soul. She had sung aloud, she had gathered blueberries, she had sat down on the soft, tufted soil of pine needles. Her every nerve was alive; she was happy—almost.

At last she sat down beneath three friendly white birch trees and unwrapped her meager lunch. How often, back in her school days, she had sat beneath birch trees and eaten her midday meal together with the girls in her botany class and—the teacher.

George Darling had taught botany, among other branches, in the preparatory school in the Middle West to which Olive had been sent before entering college. Every girl in the class had fancied herself in love with the big, handsome, kindly professor, but he treated them all alike, as little girls, and was interested in teaching them of all the growing things.

Olive had always been a student of nature, and perhaps in her George Darling found a particularly companionable mind. At least, Olive felt that he liked her, though she dared not believe that he thought of her in any way save as a pupil among the others.

Today, as she sat dreaming of him—for in perspective he had grown more truly to be her ideal man—her eye caught a leaf growing near by that seemed to recall memories of him. She reached out to pick the little cluster of shiny green leaves and found the white berries, once so familiar to her, growing on the stem.

"Checkerberries!" she cried aloud. "I have not gathered any for years." "I wonder if he would remember me if I should send him a specimen and ask him for a description of it?" she soliloquized.

She stopped at the postoffice on her way back to join the others that night and when her friends scolded her roundly for having taken the lonely trail alone, she did not seem to mind.

"It was wonderful!" she told them. "You are mad," they said.

"And perhaps I am," she admitted, ambiguously.

It took only time for a return post to reach her before Olive had a letter in a hand once familiar to her.

"Dear Olive," it ran, "I taste not only the wintergreens as I bite into the little cluster of leaves you have sent me from your mountains. I sense our romance, dear, in their fragrance. I have been wondering, day after day, if you would ever recall me. When you were in school, I dared not let you know I loved you; it would not have been fair to you. I wanted you to see the world, know other men, before asking you to join your beautiful young life to my old, moth-eaten, cobwebby existence. But—this little cluster of leaves brings you back so poignantly to my life that I must tell you of my love. Have you remembered? Do you care? May I come and tell you?"

There was more, but Olive could read it with difficulty. Her heart was full to overflowing.

When she wrote to him again, it was to tell him where he might find her on her return to town.

She wore a little cluster of checkerberries on her coat and he pulled a pressed leaf from his pocket when they met.

"Such a little thing on which to hang our romance, dear," he said.

"Little—yes, George, but the fragrance of it will permeate the whole sweet distance into which you and I are to walk together. Will it not?"

### National Forests Appreciated.

That the use of the national forests for recreational purposes is increasing rapidly and bids fair to rank third among the major services performed by the national forests, with only timber production and stream-flow regulation taking precedence over it, is the statement made by Col. W. B. Greeley, head of the forest service, in his annual report. Many summer homes are being erected on the national forests by private individuals, and the use of forests for other forms of out of door recreation was greater during the past year than ever before.

### Pump in Abraham's Wells.

Abraham's wells are now equipped with modern pumping machinery and are supplying water to the town.

According to ancient tradition, there were seven wells at Beersheba, but at present only three are known, which from time immemorial have been used by the Bedouins to water the flocks. The original "Well of the Oath" was dug by Abraham, as described in the Book of Genesis.

## THE TIGER GIRL

By JACK LAWTON.

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The girl who was about to enter the room stood poised on the stair at sound of voices below. She heard her own name mentioned and waited. Her hair shone tawny in the window light, and her face was soft-tinted as a flower. The golden lashes veiling her yellow-black eyes glistened like sunny dewdrops. She stood calm, expectant.

"I call her the tiger-cat," her hostess was saying. "We had one once just like her, subtle, ever ready to stab with her hidden claws. Greedy for that which was—or was not her own. Claiming, by cunning or force, if might be. And yet, we could not part from the thing. It had an endearing manner of cuddling up to one, caressing with its yellow head or begging pardon with cushioned outstretched paws. That is Pauline. When I lose patience with her completely," Marion Dale smiled her confession, "Pauline is sure to come it over me one way or another. She can charm and conciliate women as well as men on those occasions when it suits her purpose."

The small person on the window seat turned so that the listener could see her face.

"Aren't you bitter, Marion?" she re-pressed.

"Bitter!" Mrs. Dale's tone expressed exasperation.

"It is you who should be bitter, Nell, with that woman taking Paul from you before your very eyes. And only for a passing whim to show her powers, not that a public exhibition is necessary, mercy knows; for the men follow her about for a smile or a frown."

"I do not think," Nell said slowly, "that Pauline will throw Paul over."

Nell paused between the door draperies.

"Maybe," she suggested, "it might be better, Marion, to try to tame the tiger."

The golden-haired girl on the stair seemed to move as the one whose favor she had taken, came wide-eyed toward her.

"You heard?" Nell asked in consternation. Pauline nodded. She held out her white fingers amusedly to the sunlight and studied their shining nails. "The tiger's claws," she quoted.

The hall was silent and deserted. Nell sinking down upon a lower step smiled bravely up at the girl.

"Pauline," she said, "tell me something of your earlier life in that far-away West. I think that you must have been brought up with people different from us. People living by a different code. To be so cynical one must be unhappy. It hurt me to hear you mock at sincerity. Now I believe in the good in every one."

The tiger-girl gazed through her half-closed lids. "Even yet?" she asked insolently.

"Even yet," answered Nell.

Pauline leaned forward.

"And I could take your lover from you tomorrow," she declared.

"Take him, and keep him forever."

She laughed, impishly touching her pink finger tips to Nell's arm. "With my claws," she taunted.

"Unless," Nell quietly replied, "I think it best to clip your claws. I could—do that."

The golden girl's smile was incredulous.

"You?" she mocked.

"Knowing Paul," Nell went on calmly, "do you believe that he would still care for you if he knew that you had deceived not only himself but others more cruelly? Paul is not that kind. His sense of honor is strong and he must believe beyond all question in the woman he loves. Or else love would leave him."

"When the maid brought up our letters this morning one wrongly addressed was tossed into my lap. She had mistaken the name, and I, thinking of other things, tore open the envelope absently and began to read. There was no other beginning to the letter than the word "Dear." It was from a broken-hearted man, whom it seems you had long ago charmed for your school girl diversion. But when you had carried the episode to the point of a runaway marriage merely to prove your triumph, you returned immediately after the secret ceremony to your parents, with a desire that the marriage be annulled."

"This they were able to accomplish, because of your minority. But the man, it seems, continued true to his love and sends now a further plea after all the years. Some men might overlook such a letter, but to Paul it would be the condemning revelation of your nature."

"And you are going to show it to him?" Pauline asked fiercely. From the pocket of her gray frock little Nell drew the letter. With firm hands, she folded it into the hands of her rival. "No," she said, "I'm going to give the letter to you. I happen to believe, you see, in good in others. So I shall leave it to yourself to be true. You will have to find your own way."

The clock on the landing ticked loudly; then the tawny girl spoke. "You have tamed your tiger, my dear," she said, "and you shall have your precious Paul. I never wanted him, anyway." But when she reached the top of the stair she stood, her finger tips pressed to her eyes; when she looked at the shining nails they were wet with tears. Pauline smiled tremulously. "Clipped Miss Tiger," she whispered, "and clipped—forever."

# Bank With a Strong Bank

Strong banks have never proved of more crucial worth to America than during the past few months. Among the very strongest Country Banks, as revealed by the last call of the Comptroller of Currency under date of February 21, is the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel.

This sound condition is due to abundant reserves, exceeding the maximum demands of law or the requirements of merely ordinary banking standards. Owing to adequate reserves there has never been a time in its history of sixteen years when the Farmers & Merchants National has not been in a position to fulfill the three cardinal duties of a bank:

FIRST—To return to every depositor his full deposit on demand.

SECOND—To use the bank's funds and credit in serving the legitimate financial needs of the community by means of well secured loans and conservative investments.

THIRD—To yield a reasonable profit to the stockholders.

The last-named function, at the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, has always been entirely subordinate to the first two. The most elemental text book on banking teaches that the greater the reserve the smaller the profits.

Prevailing economic conditions impart emphasis to the importance of these brief facts concerning The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel. They merit your thoughtful consideration in seeking a bank where your money will be ABSOLUTELY SAFE.

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### CONDENSED STATEMENT

## Farmers & Merchants National Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business February 21st, 1921.

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$298,075.84	Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
U. S. Securities	16,120.94	Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	8,501.37	Undivided Profits	11,289.38
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00	Circulation Acct.	5,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	500.00	BORROWED MONEY	NONE
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00	REDISCOUNTS	NONE
Other Real Estate	3,000.00	BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
Five per cent Red. Fund	316.16	OTHER LIABILITIES	NONE
CASH & SIGHT EX	196,292.03	DEPOSITS	447,036.96
Total	\$529,256.34	Total	\$529,256.34

J. T. WARREN, President L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier.

### DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren, Geo. F. West, L. R. Thompson, Booth Warren, Henry James

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

(By Mabel McNeese)

School is on the homeward stretch and there seems to be a general desire to make these last days count.

The grades are trying to beautify the school grounds. The High School grades have each put out a tree near the water source, while the primaries are putting out flowers. Our vision is a beautiful campus with enough means of play.

#### A Psalm of a Freshman

Tell me in words so wise, a Freshman's life is full of fun; for we work as if our lives would be forever one long run.

We must study we must labor and we know we must not cry. If we do not get reported we'll be Juniors bye and bye.

Not on Algebra, not on History; will we camp so long today for we'll learn them all to start with, and no more they'll block our way.

Life is short and school days shorter, and our tasks, though heavy now, may grow lighter, and they ought to lift the shadow from our brow.

In these four long years of schooling that we have to face we know there is no time for fooling if we win the race.

Trust no other, do your own work, let them fail who do; study and never shirk your duties that fall to you.

The work of others show us, we can do it; you and I; when the teachers come to know us, we'll not fail at M. H. S.

Failure is only for the lazy, who do naught but play; if your mind's a little lazy, brish the haze away.

Let us then be up and doing, with our heart on triumph set; still achieving, still pursuing, until we all, diplomas get.

The Senior and Sophomore debate Friday on the "Open and Closed Shop" was interesting and exciting. Everyone seemed to enjoy it. The Sophomores are all rejoicing over their victory.

The Abilene Christian College gave a musical program at the High School Auditorium last Friday evening. The Glee Club and the violinist perhaps gave the most enjoyable parts of the program. And yet wasn't that a "nifty" play? Especially did the men's Glee Club please the audience by its last numbers. The school gets the benefit of a part of the proceeds of this splendid entertainment.

The Girls basket ball players and the boys tennis team did good work at Sweetwater Friday. Especially should the tennis players be commended because it was their first try-out. The High School enjoyed a very interesting as well as helpful talk from Rev. Parrack Monday morning.

On Tuesday morning the ninth grade Physiology Class witnessed a very serious but very successful operation when Dr. Grimes "Bisected" a cat. The cat was chloroformed and when it refused to die was struck over the head with a pair of pliers. Even then it refused to die so it was decided, not by common consent, that the cat should live since it was unrousious.

An incision was made just beneath the abdomen. The positions of the organs in the abdominal cavity were noted, the complex circulation of the small intestine being of especial interest. Then the diaphragm, the thick wall separating the abdominal and thoracic cavities was cut open and the heart, still beating, and the lungs were displayed.

After the eighth grade had finished with "Tom" the heart, lungs, spleen and liver were preserved and the remains were laid to rest between the eighth and the ninth grade trees.

#### Farewell Advice (Don't)

Don't lie—in bed all day Sunday. Don't use profanity when you receive zero—you don't deserve it but it is the lowest grade given. Don't cut more than five classes each day. Don't say anything while Miss

Whorton is looking. Don't be surprised if you get 98 in deportment.

Don't be with your girl more than eight times a week—you will lose your "rep" with the faculty. Don't think you know anything be sure or be seated.

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### NEWS FROM NOODLE

Health of the community very good at this writing. Farmers are busy putting up their land.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wheeler of Tullia were visitors in Noodle this week.

The singing was well attended Sunday afternoon, also some good singing. Thanks to the singers from Shiloh and other communities.

Church was well attended Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Meeks were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. U. H. Herring Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jaynes and Mrs. Edna McClain of Salt Branch attended church Sunday. Bertha Ely is visiting relatives in Anson and Hamlin.

Seymour Cozen, of Tullia, was here the latter part of the week. He returned home Saturday night accompanied by his sister-in-law Mrs. R. C. Goodle and children.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eason motored to Abilene Monday evening to see Mrs. L. T. Goodle who is at the Sanitarium.

W.K. Horn and family of Post City was here last of the week. Z. E. Womack and J. J. Boyd are at the Fat Stock Show this week. Black Eyes.

Read the Merkel Mail everyday

### GOLAN ITEMS

Misses Vida Williams, and Clonnie StClair were guests of Miss Mencil Hill Sunday.

Miss Birdie Jeffrey was guest of Miss Esther Heron.

Misses Viola Cook, Bulah Heron and Edith Thompson spent Sunday with the latter's sister Mrs. Byron Lane.

Mrs. Boughter, our primary teacher, spent the week end in her home near Rotan, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill visited Mrs. D. M. Hill Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stribling spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Stribling's brother, Mr. Chester Duncan.

Miss Birdie Jeffrey was in Merkel Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. D. M. Hill.

Several of Golan's young people attended singing at Newman Sunday afternoon.

Carl StClair was Rollie Hill's guest Sunday.

Prayermeeting of this community is rendering much satisfaction among our people on Sunday nights. Everyone is invited to come. Zoe.

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We are showing the people of Merkel that we appreciate their laundry work, cleaning and pressing, dye and hat work, by giving them good service at a reasonable charge. Try us. L. P. Ligon, phone 218.

### FEW HAVE BELIEF IN GOD

Atheism Seemingly Possesses Extraordinary Hold on the People of South America.

Out of five thousand students in the University of Buenos Aires, only four men reported any belief in God.

Of the 1,666,000 people in Buenos Aires it is doubtful if there are more than 300 men on any given Sunday at service.

"Religion!" the South American leader will say. "The sooner we are rid of it entirely, the better. Religion has blocked our progress, bred our revolutions and been the cause of the illiteracy of more than half of our people. In the name of progress, deliver us from religion!"

"God is a myth," said a South American university professor in the course of a lecture to his class. "He has no reality, he is not an object of science. Astronomy, with Laplace, has invaded the heavenly fields and in all celestial space there has not been found a kingdom of God. We are in the realm of realism."—Willard Price, in the Christian Herald.

### DECRY SLAUGHTER OF LIONS

South African Farmers Say the Animals Keep Down Pests Which Are Scourge to Fields.

According to some of the farmers of East Africa, the lion should be protected as a useful animal, notwithstanding the fact that once in a while he kills a man. The lion, they maintain, is a great destroyer of noxious herbivorous animals, such as zebras and antelopes, which are a scourge to the fields.

In one district, they say, no less than 346 lions were killed in one season by hunters, and they estimate that this represents the saving of 35,000 to 40,000 zebras and antelopes, which would otherwise have fallen a prey to the lions that were destroyed. Of course the hunters shoot zebras and antelopes also, but this fact, they think, does not counterbalance the destruction of those animals that would have been faced by the slain lions.

### BURDOCK SPREADS RAPIDLY.

One of our weeds which is well equipped for long journeyings is the burdock, known in both the old world and the new. Its original home was Europe, but it early migrated to North America, perhaps in the hair or wool of animals, the garments of immigrants or in some other material to which its barbed heads of fruits easily clung. Its seeds germinated in the soil of the new continents, and the young plants, making the most of their natural ability to adapt themselves to changed conditions, established colonies which, in turn, sent out explorers to regions beyond the frontiers. Thus it spread, until at present there is scarcely a section of our country where it is not commonly found, according to an article in the Portland Oregonian by Helen M. Gilkey of the Oregon Agricultural college.

### SEAMEN'S NEW MENU.

The changes which have taken place in the demands of seamen as compared to the times when "salt horse" was the chief food in the fore-castle, are shown by a new set of requests just formulated by the Australian Federated Seamen's union. They ask that their menu should include canned fruits, condensed milk, Worcestershire and tomato sauces, rolls and scones, bacon and eggs, boiled eggs, steak and onions, soup, Irish stew, roast beef, mutton, veal, assorted salads, cakes, plum pudding with sauce, custards, jellies. "Salt horse" was not on the list. Enameled utensils and clean tablecloths three times a week are insisted upon.

### OBSERVANT YOUTH:

Robert was walking with his grandmother. An elderly woman was coming toward them.

"See, grandma! There is another grandmother," said Robert.

"How do you know she is a grandmother?" he was asked.

"Because I cannot see her stockings," he answered.

### THE WORST HE WISHES HER.

"Agnes always finds something to harp on."

"Yes; I only hope she'll be as fortunate in the next world."—Boston Transcript.

**DAUGHTERS CLASS MEETING**

On last Tuesday afternoon the King's Daughters Class meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Bob Martin, with Mrs. Will Smith and Mrs. Case assistant hostesses.

Each member was met at the door by one of these smiling hostesses and extended the hand of welcome. This hand of welcome was cut from white paper and on each was written a verse of scripture together with the book, chapter and verse where found. Each of these verses contained one or more times the word "hand" and many of us were surprised to know that this word occurred so often in the Bible. Mrs. Brown conducted the meeting and after a song, scripture lesson and prayer the roll was called and each member answered by reading the verse of scripture on the hand she had been given. Business was next taken up and the Secretary and Treasury reported the amount of funds on hand and was ordered by the class to pay this amount on the new seats for the choir.

The Class is still anxious to be doing something to make funds so as a large number of people had asked that we give our "Old Fashioned Tea Party" again it was decided by the class to give it again, with variations, about April the first. The Class is also going to make a quilt and ask every member of the Methodist church Sunday School to give one dime to have their name embroidered on one of the pieces. The quilt is to be pieced of pink and green, the class colors, and embroidered in pink and green.

The class extended a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Dennis, Mr. Cox and Mrs. Walker for their assistance in the "Old Tea Party."

The program committee then took charge and after blank slips of paper told us to write the words "open door" and to make a real good sensible word from these two, using every letter, but none of them twice. This was too much brain work for most of us. After a few minutes of fun over this contest we were given some very excellent select readings. "The Weaver", by Mrs. Bailey. "Cheer up" by Mrs. Russell. "Opportunity" by Mrs. Beene. "Thinking of Others" by Mrs. Hale. These were choice selections and very much enjoyed.

This closed the program for the afternoon and our excellent hostess served us an elegant plate of sandwiches, pickles, olives and ice tea.

We were glad to have as a new member of our class, Mrs. Vaughn. We heartily welcome her as member to our class and to our class meetings. The class will meet with Mrs. Lee Cox next month with Mrs. Hale as assistant hostess. Reporter.

**SCHOOL CENSUS**

All school children living in the Merkel Independent School district any time during the month of March, and who will be seven or over, and under eighteen on next September 1st should be enumerated in the census in Merkel. If you know of any children not enumerated, please notify J. M. Dry at the Racket Store or Roger A. Burgess at the school building where blanks may be secured for the purpose. Important. Attend to this at once. 4t3

I want and need your Eggs. W. F. Hamblett. 1t

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**SCHOOL BOND ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the Fire Station in the town of Merkel within the Merkel Independent School District, on the second day of April, 1921 to determine whether the bonds of said district shall be issued to the amount of \$2,500.00 payable 10 years from their date, and bearing interest at the rate of 5% per annum, for the purpose of constructing a sanitary toilet system of metallic or concrete material in the school building of said district and equipping said school building, and whether there shall be annually levied, assessed and collected on all taxable property in said district for the current year and annually thereafter while such bonds, or any of them, are outstanding, a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity.

B. C. Gaither is hereby appointed manager of said election which shall be held as nearly as possible in conformity with the general election laws of the state of Texas.

No person shall vote in said election unless he be a qualified voter under the constitution and laws this state, and a taxpayer in said Merkel Independent school District.

Those in favor of the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax shall write or print on their ballots "For the Bonds and the Tax" and those against the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax shall write or print on their ballots "Against the Bonds and the Tax."

Said election was ordered by the board of trustees of said Merkel Independent School District by order passed on the 2nd day of March, 1921, and this notice is issued pursuant to said order. Dated this 2nd day of March, 1921. R. O. Anderson, President of Board of Trustees of said District and J. M. Dry, Secretary of the Board of Trustees. 11t4

**TOMATO PLANTS**

Leading varieties. 100 for 35c 250 for 75c, 500 for \$1.25. Sweet potatoes, Porto Rico and Nancy Hall, 250 for \$1.50, 500 for \$2. 1,000 for \$3. Sweet pepper, 100 for 75c, 250 for \$2 prepaid. Carey Deavers, route 2, box 75, Merkel, Texas. 4t3p

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L. R. Thompson, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank returned from Kansas City, last Tuesday and reports a delightful visit with friends there and at Williamsburg, and Pratt Kansas. Mr. Thompson says that Merkel is to be congratulated on the fine showing of its banks and says that he knows of no community that has been better cared for

financially, nor one in which the banks have worked more pleasantly together. Mr. Thompson goes on the theory that there is room for two good banks in Merkel and that competition does not imply unfriendliness, but on the contrary the welfare of the community as a whole should be considered above the individual success of any firm or business. We are glad to see our bankers

workin so harmoniously in the interest of the community they serve.

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Full line of Shelf and Builders Hardware, Bath Tubs, Kitchen Sinks Pipe and Plumbing Supplies.

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**HONOR ROLL**

The following pupils of the Merkel Public School have made 90% in Department, have been neither tardy nor absent, and have made a general average of 90% or more for the six weeks period just ending:—

First Grade—Fred A. Baker, 91, Alvin Parrack 91, Ray Pitcock 91, Louise Booth 91, Mattie Lou Largent 91, Bill Comegy 90, Harry Dickerson 90, Terrell Mashburn 90, Byron Patterson 90, Ben Sheppard 90.

First Grade (High)—Norma Fay Sublett 93, Beatrice Porter 93, Leo Tucker 91, Celia Henry 91, Oleta Moore 91, Colon Johnson 90, Ola Smith 90.

Second Grade (Miss Coats)—Weldon Coats 92, J. T. Darsey 91, Tracy Campbell 90, Fred Guitar 90, Milton Case 90, Lula May Harris 90, Hazel Leslie 90.

Second Grade (Miss Smith)—Edith Smith 95, Viola Smith 93, Leona Rose 93, Julia Martinez 90.

Third Grade: Raymond Earthman 92, Selma Lee Russell 91, William Sheppard 91, Ethel Hamilton 91, Thelma Horton 90.

Fourth Grade—Annie Marie Brown 94, Flora F. Anderson 93, Elizabeth Harkrider 93, Mildred Holloway 93, Eunice Byrd 92, Lois Dixon 91, Agnes Sanders 90, Ruby Walton 90.

Fourth-Fifth Grade—Orpha Patterson 99, Aileen Childress 95, John Dee Coats 95, Fred Yandell 94, Lois Curb 93, Christine Russell 92, Alfred Tittle 92.

Fifth Grade—Clyde Mayfield 95, Joe Bray Cypert 95, Monetta Adcock 94, Hoyt Wills 94, Claude Wills 94, Joe Ben Ashby 94, Hazel Coats 94, Nina Belle Russell 93, Delphine Moore 93, A. V. Dye 92, Darence Vick 92, Mary Ellen Smith 92, Gladys Milliken 92, Ona Lee Jackson 92, Inice Brown 91, Clifford Orr 91, Charlie Largent 90, Lela Brown 90, Mildred Smith 90.

Sixth Grade—Ona Tatum 95, Opal Patterson 95, Ruth Jenkins 95, Foster Watts 94, Emma Toombs 93, Lila May Byrd 93, Hazel Belle 93, Edith Baker 92, Ethel Hunter 92.

Seventh Grade—W. L. Harkrider 94, Mary Parrack 93, Stella Wilson 93, Ray Garrett 93, Lucille Guitar 92, Velma Holloway 92, Burnett Orr 91, Floyd Hutchenson 90.

Eighth Grade—Johnny Sears 97, Dorothy Sanders 96, Beryl Tucker 95, Lois Swafford 91, Minnie M. Lamar 91, Homer Williams 91, Willard Reeves 90, Tom Cooper 90.

Ninth Grade—Elba Cox 96, Vennie Heizer 95, Ora Porter 91

Tenth Grade—None.

Eleventh Grade—Sewell Harvell 93, Lurille Russell 92, Hazel Harkrider 91.

The above pupils for their punctual and regular attendance good department, and high scholarship deserve this place on the honor roll of the school. Respectfully, Roger A. Burgess, Superintendent.

**ANOTHER MERKEL CASE**

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