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Located in Mrs. DRY'S RACKET STORE.

We have a bargain in all kinds of Groceries, wash tubs, wash Boards, Soap, Blueing and Clothes Pins. Come see J. D. Porter and Mr. Conner. 1tp

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Merkel, Texas

SHILOH HAPPENINGS

Farmers of this community are about up with their farming.

Mr. Rapp Green of Floydada has been visiting Mrs. Greene and Mr. Hudspeth the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Howell of Trent and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Green spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Hudspeth.

J. H. Grayson, wife and H. R. Grayson spent Sunday with S. L. Grayson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. B. L. James.

The party at W. R. Graysons was attended by a large crowd and all spent a good time.

Mr. H. E. Seago, wife and baby stopped over a few days with C. W. Seago. They were enroute to Gorman where they will make their future home.

W. R. and E. H. Grayson and families visited C. W. Seago on Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Gordon Howell spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Pheobie Greene.

Miss Bessie James spent Saturday night with Miss Bernice Brown.

Mrs. Henry Naron and wife visited his father and mother Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Naron, Saturday night and Sunday.

Bro. Humphries of Trent will preach at Shiloh Sunday afternoon at three. Everybody is invited. Come and give him a hearty welcome.

There will be a singing at J. H. Graysons Sunday night if the weather is pretty. Everybody come and bring some one with you. Mr. Lee Eason will be present and he doesn't need to be introduced. Brownie.

Mrs. Stella Bernard of California, was here this week the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. L. Burns.

Mr. J. L. Tabor, Trent, route two, was here one day recently and has our thanks for his subscription to the Mail for the next year.



Stop the children's coughs at once!

DON'T let them run on until dangerous complications set in. Nothing so quickly stops coughing as Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey. It combines just the medicines your doctor prescribes with the old-time remedy, pine-tar honey. Hard packed phlegm loosens and clears away—the inflammation is reduced—normal breathing is restored. Excellent for young and old. It's the best good, too. Keep Dr. Bell's on hand for all the family.

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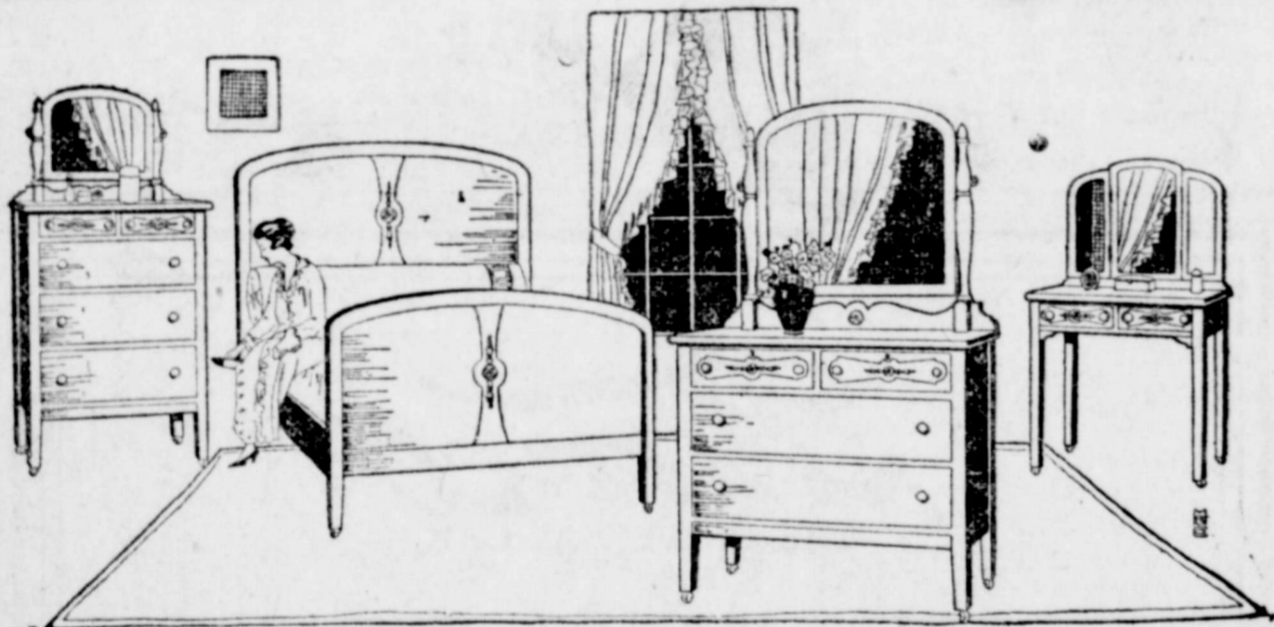
Since we live in the day, that such serviceable and comfortable household devices, as the telephone, electric light and iron, vacuum cleaner, etc., are available and may be had reasonably, the house-wife of this "ELECTRIC AGE" may rightly demand the efficiency and practical convenience of the Electric Range.

Almost every woman recognizes the advantages and superiorities of the electric range. The kitchen is cool and clean. The utensils are unspotted and unsooted. The air is pure. There is absolute safety. There is economy in operation, times and labor.

We have never seen a woman who contemplated the practical betterment of the home and who tested the electric range who has not enthusiastically placed electric cooking above all other methods.

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY

Bed Room Week At Barrows



We want to close out a few bed room suits to make room for new arrivals, for one week will make the following rock bottom prices, good for one week only:

4 Piece Walnut suit, consisting Vanity Chiffonier Red and Black Regular Price \$125.00 Sale Price - - - **\$88.00**

5 Piece genuine walnut two tone finish, consists of Bed Dresser, Chiffonier, Rocker and Chair. Regular Price \$160.00 Sale Price - - - **\$122.50**

5 Piece Birds Eye Maple consists of vanity four posts Red Night Stand, Rocker and Bench Regular Price \$250.00 Sale Price - - - **\$222.50**

5 Piece Old Ivory suit with Bed, Dresser, Chiffonier, Rocker and Chair Regular Price \$150.00 Sale Price - - - **\$117.50**

These suits are all genuine bargains at these prices. Come and see for yourself.

BARROW FURNITURE CO.

WHITE CHURCH NEWS

After twenty-two years spent in West Texas, I thought I had observed all kinds of weather, but not so—for the last week the atmospheric conditions have been very peculiar. However, its very damp this morning and indications are that there is some real winter weather brewing.

Mr. Frazier Demere's family are quite sick of the measles.

Mr. Z. E. Snow and family from Brownfield are visiting relatives here.

Mr. D. Wilson is building a nice sleeping porch this week.

Dr. Miller was called out Sunday to see Mrs. Chambliss who had an attack of appendicitis.

Miss Ethyl Tye of Burleson returned home Saturday after a three weeks visit with Miss Bell Shuff.

Mr. William Snow, Miss Viola and Z. E. Snow's family left this morning for a few days visit with Mr. F. A. Irvin's family at Rule.

Mr. Melvin Dulin and wife have moved to the new residence on Frank Demere's farm.

Special low prices on all goods every day at A. L. Jobe's store. Come and see. 15t2.



T. J. R. SWAFFORD South Side Phone 44

Car of Dawson Fancy eggs Coal on track. 13.00 per ton at car.

The B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: Sailing Southern Sea. Leader, Fannie Belle Boaz.

The Southern Seas: boe Ashby. Our Work in Cuba: Clyde Mayfield. Our work in Panama: Lila Mae Bird. Memory Verse: Agnes Sonders.

A hearty welcome is extended to all at 6:30 p.m.

Classified ads get the result.

Dallas Man Recovers From Paralysis

"I was stricken with general paralysis, followed by impact bowels on April 16th. Hiccoughs set up, which continued for seven days. I tried every remedy suggested to me without results. I started taking FERRASAL and the first dose stopped the hiccoughs for two hours. I repeated the doses and the hiccoughs had entirely stopped by morning and I have not had them since. I kept taking FERRASAL night and morning and was able to be up in two weeks and had regained the use of all my facilities in one month. I have had no trouble with my stomach or bowels since and my general health is improving daily. D. Hardie Cox, -R. 8-Box 640, Dallas, Texas.

Acid Stomach and Constipation caused Mr. Cox's trouble. They are health's greatest enemies. FERRASAL gets at the source of the trouble by neutralizing the excess acid in the stomach and expelling it from the system. TAKE FERRASAL NOW. 50c per box. It will help you or your money will be refunded.



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ALL ADVERTISEMENTS MUST BE IN THIS OFFICE BY SIX O'CLOCK P. M. WEDNESDAY FOR INSERTION IN THAT WEEK'S ISSUE OF THE MAIL

The little town of Munday recently built a new and handsome \$40,000.00 school building, a splendid water system and beautiful "White Way", and just last week voted bonds with which to pave the entire business section.

Ambition and pride with a desire to really be somebody is indeed commendable of any one, but there certainly is some difference in the manner and conduct of some people who mainly have the desire of just being popular and make a lot of fuss and show in the community.

Over at Hamlin according to reports of the press and otherwise, that little city is enjoying a rapid and substantial growth, likewise Anson, Stamford, Munday and Haskell, are each witnessing many new residences and business houses going up. In fact every town where the citizenship is showing cooperation and alive there is building and progress to be found.

Mrs. E. A. Birchitt and daughter, Trentie, of Throckmorton, Texas, left for home yesterday, after a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Pribble, their parents and grandparents, of Merkel, also the Dowdys of Trent, their other relatives.

12 INDICTMENTS ARE RETURNED BY GRAND JURY

Twelve indictments were returned by the grand jury during its session here Tuesday. Following its report to District Judge W. R. Ely shortly after four o'clock the grand jury was excused, having been in session only about 6 hours.

The twelve indictments were returned against persons that have been taken into custody recently by representatives of the sheriff's and police departments. All of the persons involved are now held.

The indictments returned include: three against Lonnie Hornsby on charges of burglary; three each against Jake Landers and Brownie Johnson on charges of burglary; two against V. E. Vandye on charges of forgery. An indictment charging assault to murder was returned against Charlie Franklin of Bradshaw in connection with the wounding of Jim Pearle in a shooting there recently.

Jake Landers and Brownie Johnson were taken into custody in Los Angeles, Calif., recently on charges of burglary. They with another prisoner from San Francisco, Cal., are now being transported to Abilene by Deputy Sheriff J. H. Beard.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO INCOME TAXPAYERS

A Deputy Collector, Internal Revenue Service, will be at the Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas, March 12, 1924 for the purpose of assisting individuals income taxpayers in preparing their returns for the year 1923, no charge being made for such services. 1tp

Mr. W. C. Baker of Trent, was here recently on business and while here made this office a pleasant and appreciated call.

DANCE WITH DORIS

By DOROTHY DOUGLAS

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TOMMY WEBSTER called himself every known kind of an idiot, but it didn't help matters in the least.

He was in love with a girl whom he had not met and never expected to meet, for she was a girl who danced in one of the famous "Revue's." It was called dancing, but it was in reality just floating about the stage like an exquisite bit of thistledown.

Tommy hated the audience for their wild and noisy applause that clamored for Doris until she slipped out time and time again to bow her pretty thanks and kiss her snow-white fingers. He knew she must be weary and it annoyed Tommy that she must stand there with that sparkling smile on her lips and in her eyes the joy of great conquest for that noisy public to admire.

If Doris Deene had been a little momently on the stage he might have made an effort to become acquainted with her and win her away from her profession, but to one who seemed destined to reach the height of her profession Tommy felt the odds too much against him.

So he had decided that the best thing for him to do was to forget Doris.

It was not going to be easy. Tommy was not the kind of man who loves often and lightly. And Doris, the fluff bit of white thistledown, with her fair curls and laughing blue eyes, drifted through all his dreams, clinging, beautifully appealing.

So, before taking up his office career in the great steel business of his father, Tommy started on a six months' travel cure and made up his mind that he would return to New York heart and fancy free.

Tommy reached England during the month of June. The days were a bit dull, but the change to glorious sunshine made Ascot, the Derby and the river life a thing of joy. He learned to punt up and down the river quite like an old hand and met many a charming, early-decked damsel with whom he passed sundry and varied hours.

It was Ethel Danvers who, while reclining gracefully among various hued cushions at the other end of his punt, who asked him if he was going to the theatrical garden party.

"Sure, I have to see everything I can in the next month and then work, endless, but interesting, work for me. I'll take you and we'll do all the stunts they have to offer. Is it a go?"

"Sure" laughed Ethel, mocking his American expression.

So it was that Tommy found himself in the Royal hospital grounds at Chelsea enjoying himself immensely. Every type of girl, in every type of garb, from modern Eve to ancient Turkey and all the stars and minor constellations of the stage were there.

Ethel was beginning to think she might spend the rest of her days at Tommy's side, when, standing in front of a dance club which they were about to enter, she felt his arm tighten against his side.

He was reading over the list of stage favorites with whom one could have a fox trot for half a crown, but only one name stood out to Tommy in bold relief—Doris Deene.

He tried to make his voice sound natural as he turned to Ethel.

"Are these names all famous over here? I—I don't know many of your English stars by name."

Ethel read the list. "All pretty much in the public eye. That Doris Deene is from your part of the world and has taken us quite by storm with her dancing. Come on, let's go in. I'd just love to dance once with Jack Buchanan and you try for Doris. I fancy she'd love to chat with some one from home."

So together they went in. Ethel was out on the floor with the tall Jack before Tommy could make his way to Doris.

It was she who began to talk.

"I am from New York," said Tommy, feeling like a first-class fool for the shake in his voice. "I used to watch you dance nearly three nights out of the week—a bit soft, wasn't it?"

Doris looked up and smiled straight into Tommy's eyes.

"Oh, I am glad to meet you," she said wistfully. "I'm so homesick for New York and home folks that I could just cry about it." She shyly glanced again at the big, honest boy and knew she liked him—liked him very, very much. "I wonder—I wonder if you would come out to see me some time and just take me out on a bus or up the river or—just say place away from theaters? I don't like dancing, but I have to earn my living some way. Could you?"

"Doris Deene," said Tommy, softly, with all his awkwardness gone, "I could do anything on the face of the earth that you ask. We'll have a picnic up the river Sunday—all to ourselves, and every day that you spare me we will lunch together. I am sailing for home on the 27th, and if I can manage to tell you heaps of things that I have wanted to tell you long before this—perhaps you will sail back too."

Tommy Webster had never expected to have his picture in the London papers, but when he sailed away with the famous little dancer—Doris Deene—as his wife it was no wonder that the newspaper photographers were busy while the happy couple stood on deck.

NEW DODGE BROTHERS CAR

Below is a statement of facts and figures of the Most Popular cars of the United States Texas. Down to January 15th, 1924 we find that there are in use in the GREAT STATE OF TEXAS:

1st, FORDS	397,220
2nd, DODGE BROS.	37,209
3rd, BUICKS	33,685
4th, CHEVROLETTS	31,172
5th, OVERLANDS	23,023
6th, STUDEBAKER	14,561
7th, MAXWELL	9,015

There are in use in TAYLOR COUNTY:

1st, FORDS	3118
2nd, DODGE BROS.	439
3rd, BUICKS	332
4th, CHEVROLETTE	307
5th, OVERLAND	220
6th, STUDEBAKER	199
7th, MAXWELL	152

The Price of DODGE BROS. 1924 Model Touring Car is \$1039.00. For any further information Dodge Bros. Car and Parts, see us at the

Merkel Garage

Ross Ferrier Phone 1-2-3; H. L. Propst

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30 HEAD OF GOOD YOUNG MULES

To the Highest bidder at the
Adams Wagon Yard
 MERKEL, TEXAS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY, 23rd. Beginning at 1:30 P. M.

These mules are all broke to work; all young and good size. A number of fine Jersey milk cows, some horses; and other things will be offered. It will be the **BIGGEST SALE** ever held in Merkel.

OWNERS

LYNN & FUSON

C. T. LYNN of Sweetwater and BEN FUSON of Woodard, Oklahoma.

Auctioneer: **JOHN YOUNT**

FORT WORTH.

TEXAS

We can furnish you with baby chicks or Eggs for setting from the following: White Leghorns, S. C. Rhode Island Reds, also Barred Rocks. Take off chicks every Tuesday. We are agents for the Simplex Brooders Stove, Higgins Poultry Farm, Merkel, Texas. 1t

Mr. N. C. Joyner of Abilene, formerly of Merkel, route two, was here this week and had us change the address of his paper to Potosi, from Abilene, he having traded his Abilene property for a fine farm in the Potosi country.



Exasperating COUGHS—

NOT only you—but all those around you are annoyed by the constant hacking of a persistent cough. Dr. King's New Discovery breaks coughs quickly by stimulating the mucous membranes to throw off the clogging secretions. Has a pleasant taste. At all druggists.

DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY

Read the Classified Column.

TUTT'S PILLS
 Advice to the Aged
 Are bringing infirmities, such as sluggish bowels, weak kidneys, torpid liver, stimulate the bowels, give nature action, and impart vigor to the system.

Have your clothes made to measure by the Cash Tailor Shop, and get full value for the money you spend. It makes no difference what price you select, you get in return an all-wool fabric of a quality exceeding any bought elsewhere at a similar cost. 115



Buy Your Ford Now

WITH spring almost here thousands of families, anticipating the demand that is certain to exist for Ford Cars and Trucks are placing their orders for immediate delivery.

Sales now are far ahead of sales at this time last year. Advance orders calling for delivery under the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan have already reached a total of 255,758 Cars and Trucks.

The prospect of securing prompt delivery is daily becoming more uncertain. We cannot urge too strongly, therefore, the necessity for placing your order immediately, if you are planning to drive a Ford Car this spring.

See the nearest Authorized Ford Dealer



It is not necessary to pay for your car in full in order to secure delivery. You can get on the preferred list for early delivery by making a small payment down. Or, if you wish, you can arrange for delivery under the terms of the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan.

GIVEN

A BIG PRACTICAL
"HOME COURSE IN"
CANDY MAKING

Boys, Girls and Women now is your opportunity Secure this large valuable "COURSE IN CANDY MAKING AT HOME"

Its going to mean a real future for every person who will secure this "COURSE" and start working at once. All Articles, Degrees and Formulas are guaranteed to be given in plain English, and to be correct. It will teach you quickly to make over 30 different kinds of PURE and DELICIOUS CANDIES, and to make at a very large PROFIT for you. Just to get this Course advertised I am going to give away a limited number of this \$15.00 Course to every person who will sell only 10 miniature courses in candy making at only 50c each and return the \$5.00 collected. Write for the 10 miniature courses Today...

NOW!

ERNEST M. MTMS
BOX 11
LUDERS, TEXAS

Jerome Hutcheson and sister Miss Mary, spent last Sunday in Lamesa visiting their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hutcheson.

Classified ads get the result.

Friendship Club Notes

On last Friday, February 15, Mrs. Vernon Sublett very hospitably entertained the Friendship Club. Eight members were present. Music, games and a Valentine content featured the social hour. After some business was transacted, a delicious plate of fruit salad topped with whipped cream and cherries, and hot chocolate was passed. The evening passed too swiftly as each guest began to depart, they expressed as having had a delightful time.

Our next meeting will be with Mrs. Jasper McCoy, February 29. Let every member be present as there is some important business to be put over.
Reporter.

W.M.S. Notes

The Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist church will meet on Monday evening at 2:30 when the following program will be given.

Hymn 41 "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee". Roll Call, answered with some item about Mexico. Bible Lesson: Luke XIV Chapter by Mrs. Sandefer.

Hymn 408 "Lead On O King Eternal" Prayer by Mrs. Rainbolt. Mexico as it is today, by Mrs. Bailey. What Centenary has done for Mexico, by Mrs. Thompson.

Hymn. Prayer by Mrs. Rea. The call of the forgotten man by Mrs. Butman. Stewardship by Mrs. Bob Martin.

The women are planning an Easter Bazaar. It will be the place to get your Spring Aprons and Bonnets. Reporter.

HIGH TOP'S WITCH

By JANE GORDON

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"DEED it is a witch, Mr. King, sir; I done seer with my own eyes. Last night when we's in the cabin playing cayrds something brushed past the window. Sam, he says, 'I bet that's High Top's witch.' Which? I usks, and Sam tells us. She roams the mountains, and its bad luck for the man that sees or tries to catch her. Joe, he once give chase, when the witch come prowlin' around the messhouse, and she throws a laugh at him and gets quick behind a tree, and when Joe looked all about she wasn't there; an' next day Joe lost his job, diggin' on High Top."

Glen King laughed, but the golden-haired child on his knee warned:

"It is true what Jim says. I saw the witch one evening just as I was going off to sleep. Sister Monna had tucked me into bed and kissed me good-night. She threw a rose from the edge right through my window and into my bed—and first she kissed the rose—so I wasn't afraid at all. Maybe its only bad men that she punishes, Mr. King; Joe was a bad nigger, Mary Murphy says. He gambled money and took all poor Tim Murphy had."

"Information bureau," Glen King remarked, and pinched the little girl's cheek.

"So you have seen the witch, and are not afraid of her, Angel—and Monna says that red roses mean love?" Glen King was quite unruffled in the ways of John Kirkwood's daughter. And the chief engineer was.

Glen was torn with jealousy at times by the sight of Monna, walking the sweet mountain trails at the side of Bob Whitely. Bob, a New Yorker like himself, had come with the engineering commission, as secretary to Mr. Kirkwood, and Glen could not get over his dislike and suspicion regarding the ingratiating stranger. Monna appeared not to share this dislike. Sighing now, he put the child down from his knee and left the cabin; Angel walked at his side.

"And if you don't believe in the witch, Mr. King," she continued her favorite topic, "you just watch for her some evening on High Top."

Glen sat long in the moonlight at his cabin door that night; Jim, as usual was absent. As he sat across the moonlit path fled a shadow. He got to his feet, interested—the witch, beyond a doubt. He saw a dark enveloping cape, a peaked hood rolled low.

The witch eluded him; but moonlight showed a touch of scarlet lining, where the person's arm had tightened for a moment the cape about her—or him.

Next day Glen King astonishingly received notice that his services on the great engineering commission were dispensed with. When he sought out his chief John Kirkwood received him coldly.

"This grieves me more than it can possibly grieve you," he said. "If I had not undoubted authority, I would not find it possible to believe you guilty of the very fault you have apparently been eager to help me to subdue. You were an active gambler at last night's disgraceful meeting on High Top."

Stunned, indignant, Glen King spoke but one word. "Mistaken," he said brusquely, and went to pack his things.

Black Jim brought him coffee. "Dat rascal call himself Bob Whitely, tell Mr. Kirkwood lies 'bout you, Mr. King," Jim said. "Pretendin' to look up the gamblers when he's one of 'em. Dressed up like you last night. Went to the whites' cabin. Got out so no one could catch him, an' den made the detective believe it was yo'self. I know it. An' it's Miss Monna Kirkwood that rascal wants, an' maybe'll get her, on account of his smooth ways."

"But to think," Glen murmured brokenly, "that after all our association Mr. Kirkwood would disbelieve in me—"

"Dat Bob," Jim confirmed, "is mighty smooth, Mr. King." Glen bowed his head in his head—toward him a slender figure came. The negro flew. "The witch" the disheartened man heard him cry. Glen raised his head. Monna stood before him. A dark cape wrapped about her, its lining showed scarlet. She held out to him a wide black ribbon. "The peaked hood," she said and smiled.

"I have been High Top witch, Glen." She came to sit beside him. "After Angel was put to bed for the night I roamed the Top; really it was fun, but I had an object. Bob Whitely had whispered things about you—had insinuated to father. I had to know. So, I peeked in the cabin windows where games were played. How did I know where to go? I followed Mary Murphy's Tim one night, secretly. She had bewailed the fact of his nightly visits. And last night, Glen, I saw through a cabin door, left open but for a moment to admit a man—that man dressed as you might be dressed—but it was not you. I have told my father who the man was. And here I saw you, solitary, on your own doorstep—until you went in to bar for the night your cabin door. I have told my father that, too. Tomorrow it will be Bob Whitely who will leave the High Top commission—and not you, my Glen, dear!"

His longing arm was around the slender figure in the dark cape. "It was love for you," said Monna.

All Set

Avery Week Starts

February 21st.

LIBERTY Hardware CO.

The Avery men are here. The prizes have been selected and are on display at the store. The store force is on its toes ready to make you comfortable. The whole store is a display room for

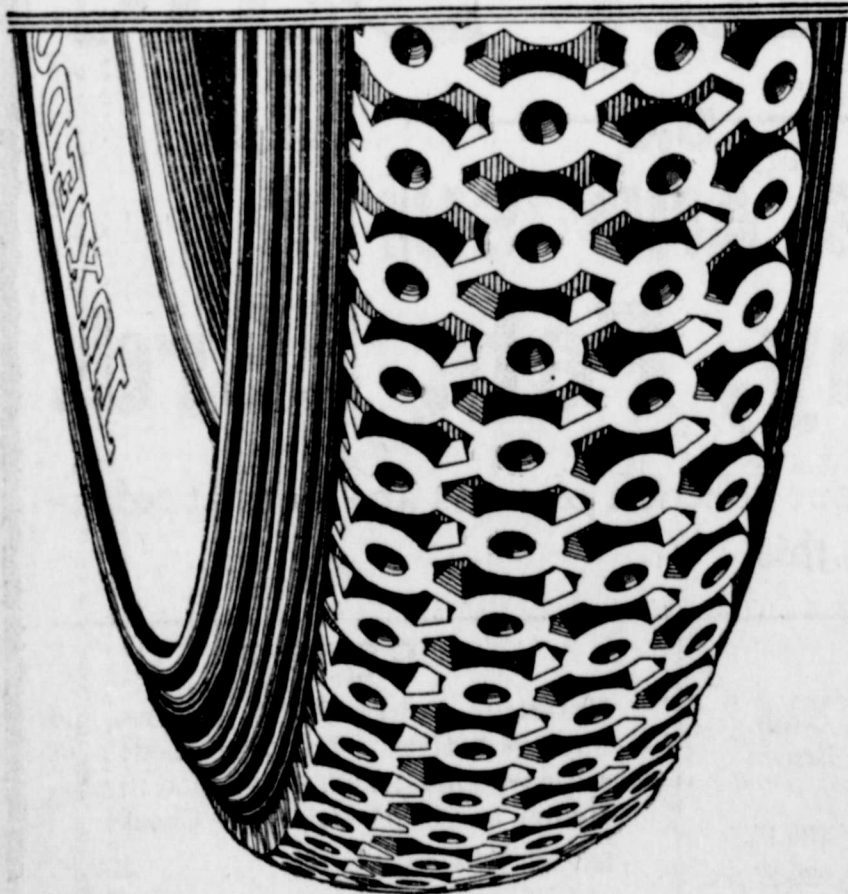
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We Are Expecting You

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PENNSYLVANIA RUBBER COMPANY OF AMERICA, INC., PRESENTS---

TUXEDO VACUUM CUP TIRES



The Aristocrats of Tiredom

---in quality, safety, service and design, five years ahead in the art of tire craftsmanship!

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"Merkel's Complete Accessory Store"

ESTIMATED WEALTH OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Washington, D.C., Feb. 19—The Department of Commerce announces for the state of Texas, its preliminary estimate of the value, December 31, 1922, of the principal forms of wealth the total amounting to \$9,850,896,000, as compared with \$6,298,246,000 in 1912, an increase of 56.4 per cent. Per capita values increased from \$1,541 to \$2,010, or 30.4 per cent.

All classes of property increased in value from 1912 to 1922, except live stock, which decreased from \$394,904,000 to \$327,807,000, or 17.0 per cent. The estimated value of taxed real estate and improvements increased from \$3,300,397,000 to \$5,564,437,000, or 68.6 per cent; exempt real property from \$307,667,000 to \$398,169,000, or 29.4 per cent; farm implements and machinery from \$62,123,000 to \$105,892,000, or 70.5 per cent; manufacturing machinery, tools, and implements from \$109,869,000 to \$208,339,000, or 89.6 per cent; and railroads and their equipment from \$519,764,000 to \$640,968,000, or 23.3 per cent. Privately owned transportation and transmission enterprises, other than railroads, increased in value from \$171,954,000 to \$385,085,000, or 123.9 per cent; and stocks of goods, vehicles other than motor, furniture, and clothing from \$1,431,568,000 to \$2,030,468,000, or 41.8 per cent. No comparison is possible for the value of motor vehicles, which was estimated in 1922 at \$189,731,000, because no separate estimate was made in 1912.

In making these estimates the Department followed the methods employed in making the estimates for 1912, though it is believed that in some respects the work in 1922 has been more thorough. It should be borne in mind that the increase in money values are to a large extent due to the rise in prices which has taken place in recent years, and so far as that is the case they

do not represent corresponding increases in the quantity of wealth.

The estimated values of gold and silver coin and bullion, the vessels of the Navy, and privately owned waterworks will appear only in totals for the United States.

METHODISTS PLANNING A BIG DAY AT UNION RIDGE

Sunday morning, Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. promptly. At eleven the pastor will preach.

Three-thirty in the afternoon, Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the Methodist church at Merkel, will bring us a message. Everyone is urged to be present at this hour, and hear this good man with his message from God.

Services again in the evening at 7:30. Be prompt and let us rejoice through the day with our saviour.
M. R. Pike.

Read the Classified Column.

PILES CURED

No knife—No Pain—No Detention from work. See Dr. E. E. Cockrell, Abilene, Texas, Phone number 359.

Will be in your town at the office at Collins Hotel, Monday afternoon from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. for purpose of treating piles and skin diseases. Free consultation.

PLAY AT KALE ON FRIDAY, FEB. 29TH.

The Mail is requested to announce that on Friday, February the 29th, there will be a Play and splendid program given at the Kale School, the proceeds of same to be used for the benefit of the school.

The play, "For The Old Flag" is made up in three acts, and is said to be very interesting. The public is cordially invited to attend the evening's entertainment

Severe Pains in Side

"I HAD had quite a bad spell and sickness," writes Mrs. Emma Patrick, of Caney, Ky., "and it was an effort for me to go about my home. I had a very severe pain in my left side that almost took my breath at times. I lost my appetite. I grew thin, pale and lifeless. I fell off till I only weighed about 115 pounds."

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LOST—On the streets of Merkel
a twelve size, open face, white
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ver dial, Elgin make, with yel-
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Baker Meat Market and receive
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Miss Willie Stalls, of Cumby,
Texas, who spent some time here
the guest of her sister, Mrs. L.
L. Murry, left last week for her
home.

FORTUNE HUNTERS

By H. IRVING KING

EVERYBODY said the match was a most suitable one. His comfortable little fortune, added to her comfortable little fortune, would be beneficial to both. The parties concerned in the case were Clarissa Maxwell and Madison James. James belonged to an exclusive, but rather inexpensive, club where he appeared regularly once a day. He accepted invitations to dinner and to take yachting trips.

Miss Maxwell was active in various charitable and "uplift" organizations. She called great society leaders by their first names and by them was called "Clarissa dear" in return.

That Madison James and Clarissa Maxwell should be brought together was inevitable. They moved in the same social orbit. That they should attract each other was considered quite natural.

Clarissa was thirty and Madison was thirty-five. Not knowing the reason of their having remained single so long their friends invented reasons to suit themselves. Clarissa, it was decided, had remained unwed because of an early love affair. The young man had married somebody else or had died; the majority voted in favor of death. Madison had not married because if he did so without the approval of an extremely aged and extremely wealthy great-uncle he forfeited his chance to a large fortune. These reasons for celibacy were entirely satisfactory to their inventors but in point of fact were without the slightest foundation.

Clarissa had had no early love affair and Madison was possessed of no wealthy great-uncle of extreme age, or, in fact, of any great-uncle of any sort. But now, everybody said, the end of their bachelorhood and spinsterhood was approaching. Madison's antediluvian great-uncle had approved and Clarissa had locked up the memory of her youthful lover in the closet of forgetfulness.

The engagement was announced; it only remained to fix the wedding day. It was agreed by the parties most concerned that this should be done on a certain night when Madison and Clarissa were to go out to dinner alone and talk it over. They went to a quiet restaurant and took possession of a quiet corner. For the first time since their engagement something intangible seemed to have risen between them. Both were strangely silent and preoccupied. They got through dinner by talking forced platitudes with each other.

At last Madison leaned back in his chair and said: "Well, Clarissa, when is it to be?" She hesitated; her eyes were misty. But she quickly recovered herself and said in an even voice: "Madison, before we go any further, I have a confession to make. You think that I am possessed of a comfortable fortune. As a matter of fact, I haven't a cent. I have been living on an allowance made me by my Aunt Martha, who is in the enjoyment of a large income from the estate of her deceased husband. This income is only for her life, and she is now aged and in feeble health. If you marry me, you take a penniless bride."

It was a full minute before he spoke and then without looking up he said: "I knew all that long ago. I looked you up before I proposed."

"And yet you did propose!" gasped Clarissa eagerly.

"Yes," said he. "And I also have a confession to make. I have hardly a dollar to my name. Ten years ago, after being graduated from the school of mines, which I had entered after completing my college course, I found myself, by the sudden death of my father, who had suffered large financial losses, possessed of an expensive and extensive wardrobe and \$10,000. I came to New York. How I managed to string out that \$10,000 for ten years it would take too long to tell you. It was a truly marvelous exploit at which I am rather amazed myself. But I am at the end of my rope now, and if you marry me you will take a penniless husband."

"Oh, I knew all that some time ago," replied Clarissa. "I looked you up before I accepted you."

"And yet you did accept me!" cried Madison.

"Yes," said Clarissa, "I couldn't help it. I confessed you would—"

"And," interrupted Madison, "I was so afraid that when I confessed you would—"

"But we didn't, either of us," laughed Clarissa.

"I guess the truth is that at first we both intended to marry for money," said Madison.

"And we both found that there was something better than money to marry for," added Clarissa.

"That's about it," said Madison, "and now, Clarissa, when shall it be? Benoni Lockwood asked me yesterday to select a man for him to go down and look after his mining interests in Mexico. I shall tell him tomorrow that I will take the job myself. What do you say if we get married quietly day after tomorrow and go for a wedding trip to the halls of the Montezumas?"

"Day after tomorrow will be Wednesday," mused Clarissa. "Make it Thursday and I will be all ready."

No Evidence.

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In pagan times this divination was accomplished by placing the finger at random on a passage of Homer, Virgil, or some other great author. Virgil was a particular favorite, and the practice of consulting him continued down to modern times, though the Bible is the book now generally used.

During the Middle ages Virgil became so enveloped in a mist of tradition and superstition that he was alluded to by the uneducated as "Virgil the Wizard"; and the popular estimation of the chief value of the "Aeneid" was as an oracle.

As late as the time of Charles I the Bible had not entirely supplanted the "Aeneid" for purposes of divination, as is evidenced by the well known story of how that monarch learned his fate by the "Sortes Virgilianae," as it was called.

This practice of divination by books is said to have originated in the respect and veneration of certain books arising from their wisdom and reputation; and it is easy to understand the psychology which induced people of the Middle ages to consult "Virgil the Wizard," and leads men of a superstitious trend of mind today to turn the Bible into an oracle.

The beginning of the idea dates back to the first introduction of letters, when, to the common mind, there was something supernatural in the power of a few marks made in a certain way to convey from one person to another not merely words but whole speeches word for word.

The feeling is displayed today by remote tribes of savages when they see for the first time the use of the printed or written word in communication.—London Tit-Bits.

MANX CAT WITHOUT TAIL

Animal is Native to the Isle of Man—Jumps Forward Like a Rabbit.

The Manx cat, which is native to the Isle of Man, a British island in the Irish sea, is noted because of its absence of a tail, and a formation of body that distinguishes it from cats of other breeds. The origin of the Manx cat is attributed to the arrival on the Isle of Man of ships belonging to the Spanish armada that were wrecked there. It is said that these cats were most probably previously brought from Japan or other parts of eastern Asia.

In the true Manx cat the forelegs are short and the rump arises as abruptly as possible, making the hind legs longer than the forelegs, so that the cat seems to jump forward like a rabbit and is therefore sometimes called a rabbit cat. The Manx cat may be of any of the recognized colors.

All of the cats of the islands in the East, the Malay peninsula, Japan, China and lands contiguous, and even those of Siam, seem to have curious formations of the tail, whether cut short, forked, kinked or otherwise. But these cats are smaller than the Manx cat and there are differences in the call or language and ways and character.—Detroit News.

London Lawyers Hard Hit

"The worst legal year on record," is given as the London lawyer's opinion of the last twelvemonths and more barristers than ever are said to be looking for a livelihood elsewhere than in the courts. General hard times lead the potential plaintiffs and defendants to settle their differences without the assistance of wigs and gowns, or, if they cannot settle it, they let the difference lie.

In spite of a common and old opinion that money flies as naturally to a lawyer's pockets as steel filings do to a magnet, the "flowing fees" of the bar at all times direct themselves chiefly to certain larger and more notable pools.

The emoluments of the great majority of barristers would raise no great envy even in normal times; when a slump comes (and the big pools must still be fed) the smaller receptacles are in danger of running dry, indeed.—Manchester Guardian.

Hard Times

Montagu Collet Norman, governor of the Bank of England, was talking at a dinner in Washington, about hard times.

"I heard a story the other day," he said, "about a slum landlord who was going around one morning collecting his rents. At a certain house a boy handed him half a crown.

"Half a crown!" said the landlord reproachfully. "Here you are, over five quid in arrears, and you only give me half a crown!"

"Oh, go on about your business," said the boy. "You wouldn't have got that if the old man hadn't been and sold the kitchen door."

An Age of Specialists

"Tis an age of specialists," remarked Mr. Tenspot from his back porch. "Of concentration, so to speak. Even the vegetable kingdom seems to be aware of this tendency of the times."

His neighbors sent him an inquiring glance which he accepted as a signal to continue.

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Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt is spending the week in Dallas, the guest of her son and other relatives. Judge E. S. Cummings made a rush trip to Sweetwater first of the week on legal business.

Mr. C. C. Foster, Merkel, route two, is another new reader of the Mail, and which continues to add to our already large circulation, thus making the Mail the best advertising medium for the Merkel country.

Mr. T. E. Pribble of near Wichita Falls, left for home yesterday after a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Pribble, of Merkel, and his brother, Jessie Pribble, of Mulberry Canyon neighborhood.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MRS. E. YATES BROWN

Why should we weep that she is gone a little time before us? Lo, all is well. Oh, let us hear through faith that Angel Chorus Why should we grieve that rest has come with shadows of the evening?

Why should we mourn that she has found the meadow-lands of Heaven?

Oh how we miss her smiling face.

And yet our stricken hearts will mourn—we cannot stay the grieving.

We loved her so, we miss her so, so hard is the bereaving.

We know our Fatherland it all, and sweetest consolation Comes with the thought that he is near in all our desolation.

This little journey on before is but the end of sorrow,

The little shadow way that leads to some glad, bright tomorrow.

From clouds cold and gray, tears in torrents were shed,

For they whispered so sadly so softly, she's dead.

But we wandered away where her feet used to golden,

So gladly and brightly gleamed the straight and narrow way.

'Twas not weary worn, but a path clear and bright,

For his yoke is ever easy and his burden is light.

Oh who'll bind our broken hearts? Why the same hand of love that was her guide

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SANDBURR NEWS

There has been quite a bit of sickness in our community but we are glad to state that few cases have proved serious.

The people of Sandburr were saddened by the death of an old friend, an acquaintance, Mr. John Berry of Stith, who passed away Sunday night. We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family and loved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jones and Mr. Clyde Jones were called to Spur last week to attend the funeral of an uncle, Mr. E. B. McLawlis.

Mrs. Williard West has been quite sick for the past two days but we are glad to learn that she is improving.

Mr. John Lighty has been on the plains for the past ten days where he is improving his farms which he has recently purchased.

Miss Ruth Wells attended the birthday dinner given last Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Allen at their home near Salt Branch.

Our school is progressing nicely even though both teachers and pupils are getting impatient with staying fixed up waiting for the inspector.

Intermediate League Program

Subject: The Gospel in Korea. Song Service. Leader: Anna Lou Russell. Scripture lesson, by leader, John 17:6-11.

Korean Christians, by Stella Wilson. Beginning of the work, by Orpah Patterson. Results last year, Marza Chaney. Epworth League in Korea, W. L. Harkrider. Prayer.

Working their way through the school, Gladys Milliken. The thought of the future, Mary Ellen Smith. Announcements League Benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bobo are the happy parents of twin boys, born on February 13th. Mr. Bobo is Principal of Blair school.

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